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# PREFACE

More than ever before, our language and our ideas about language are changing as rapidly as the world around us. Our Information Age has been made possible, of course, by the ever-expanding technology of computers and the extraordinary explosion of information from the Internet and World Wide Web. We are receiving more information than we had ever imagined possible.

But how do we process this information—and articulate it in speech and writing? With expanded research and development of artificial intelligence systems, we have been able to examine more closely the complex cognitive relationships human beings form between their ideas and the words they choose. We now know more about how this process works, and how it can be re-created. Learning from this, current lexicographical research must go beyond traditional methods and techniques to develop effective and contemporary reference materials for students, linguists, and writers.

Most people learn a new word by guessing, based on context, what that word means. Recent studies on students' ability to develop reference skills bear this out. Combining this proven pattern with the advanced theories of language gained through electronic media, we have arrived at an "onomasiological" approach to understanding American English. That is, we are capable of traveling successfully from a meaning to a word instead of the straightforward dictionary approach of going from word to meaning. Onomasiologically, readers move from the concepts of "yellow" and "flower" to a selection of words that describe the combination, or from the notion of a "positive state of mind" to its qualities, actions, and conditions.

We have searched for a method of presenting this lexical theory in a format that provides diversified access to words within one resource. In *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition*, the text is designed to do just that: allowing users to search both from word to meaning and from meaning to word. The dictionary format is familiar to use, and the Concept Index provides helpful links between words as it illustrates the language's semantic structure. The A-to-Z listings further amplify the resonances between words with their parts of speech and different sense divisions.

This third edition of *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus* has been greatly expanded with the addition of antonyms and several hundred new headwords reflecting the dynamic changes in our language and the fabric of our lives. It is the most complete and comprehensive selection of synonyms and antonyms published today.

—Barbara Ann Kipfer, Ph.D.





# INTRODUCTION

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The history of *Roget's Thesaurus* is a long and fascinating one. It began in 1805, when P. M. Roget, a British surgeon and inventor, took up a peculiar hobby: the classification of words according to ideas. He hoped to create a kind of verbal catalogue that would assist writers and linguists in their search for the right expression. His work was perhaps inspired by two earlier texts: the ancient Sanskrit *Amarakosha*, arguably the first arrangement of words by subject, and the French *Pasigraphie* (published in 1797), which was an attempt to order words so they could be understood universally, without translation. Roget called his own work a “thesaurus”—a Latin word meaning “treasury” or “storehouse of knowledge.”

Gradually, Roget's casual pastime became his lifelong passion. In 1852, some forty-seven years of work culminated in the publication of Roget's *Thesaurus of English Words and Phrases, Classified and Arranged so as to Facilitate the Expression of Ideas and Assist in Literary Composition*. This new reference book (published when Roget was seventy-three) became enormously popular, and a second edition was published only a year after the first. By the time of his death in 1869, there had been twenty-eight editions and printings. Today, his name is literally “synonymous” with the thesaurus.

## RENOVATING THE ORIGINAL THESAURUS

Although Roget's original idea was brilliant, his thesaurus assumed that all users shared the compiler's ideas about language. Its classifications and indexes presented a labyrinth of possibilities in which each route could end in a disappointing or inappropriate selection of synonyms. The classification of terms made the text almost impenetrable and forced the reader to rely on the index, which did not even include every synonym. All too often, the right word remained elusive, or the thesaurus remained on the shelf. And today, Roget's nineteenth-century thesaurus is difficult for many twenty-first-century readers to use or even understand.

For over a century, thesaurus editors have strived to redefine the nature and function of the thesaurus. Essentially, their goal has been to present accurate information in a highly usable format. Attempts to improve Roget's thesaurus began with Roget's own son, John Lewis, who expanded the selection of synonyms. Later, Thomas Y. Crowell acquired publishing rights to the thesaurus. His 1886 edition of *Roget's* provided a clearer page design and format that enhanced the book's readability. Subsequent generations of Crowells have added Americanisms, foreign expressions, slang and nonstandard speech, prefixes, suffixes, and

quotations. Although these changes were indeed improvements, *Roget's* original structure of categories, cross-references, and indexes actually became *more* complicated by the addition of an elaborately conceived type design, boldface entries, numbered paragraphs, and a decimal system that required an explanatory diagram.

One of the most important breakthroughs in the evolution of the thesaurus came in the early twentieth century when C. O. Sylvester Mawson attempted to simplify and reorganize *Roget's Thesaurus* into a dictionary-like format. *Roget's* original work and the early revisions had not been arranged alphabetically. In 1911, Mawson radically changed the book's organization by issuing his alphabetical presentation of the famous *Roget* system. Twentieth-century editors quickly followed his lead, eager to find an easier method for frustrated thesaurus users.

Even with this improvement, the thesaurus still lacked something, for it did not suggest any relationships between words beyond the simple group of synonyms listed with a main entry. Although it did offer a more straightforward presentation than the index-reliant *Roget's*, it neither helped users organize thoughts nor provided broad conceptual links between ideas as expressed through language in words.

## A THESAURUS FOR TODAY'S WORLD

*Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus* achieved what no other thesaurus has been able to do: combine the simplicity of the dictionary format with the utility of arranging words according to ideas. This revolutionary design has become the new standard for thesaurus users. It is, simultaneously, a fast and efficient handbook for writers and a medium to facilitate the expression of ideas—both of *Roget's* original objectives brought forward and reinterpreted for the twenty-first-century user.

This third edition of *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus* has been electronically compiled using state-of-the-art techniques. It lists over 20,000 main entries, or headwords, in alphabetical order. These generate over 500,000 synonyms—more than any other thesaurus in dictionary form.

Reflecting the most recent changes in language, *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition* is the most contemporary and useful thesaurus in history. The final selection of main entry words and synonyms was derived with today's practices of speaking and writing in mind. Reflecting contemporary usage, obsolete terms have been replaced by timely words and phrases. You will find terms from all areas of our experience, particularly the high-tech world of computers (such as "artificial intelligence," "computerese," "hacker," and "on-line"), the Internet and World Wide Web ("bootleg," "chat room," "cyberpunk"), video and multimedia ("digital library," "telecast," "TV"), medicine ("additive," "AIDS,"

“attention deficit disorder,” “facelift”), political and civil spheres (“affirmative action,” “out of the closet,” “politically correct,” “right-wing”), the environment (“ecosystem,” “recycle”), and money and business (“desk jockey,” “mutual fund,” “shopping center,” “white-collar”). A nonsexist, nonracist approach to language replaces outmoded epithets. Foreign words and phrases that reflect our global consciousness have been included (“au pair,” “éclat,” “kibosh,” “schlemiel”), as well as hundreds of Americanisms (“foodie,” “pot belly,” “psyched,” “puke,” “rubberneck”). Synonyms that represent colloquial or slang terms are marked with an asterisk.

*Roget’s 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition* is not just ultra-contemporary but also eminently usable. Drawing upon computer technology and recent innovations in typesetting and design, the pages are printed in a highly readable and contemporary format so the reader can make quick and effective choices. The synonym lists are not littered with cross-references, usage labels, or abbreviations, all of which can come between the user and the words themselves. Like main entries, the synonym lists are arranged in alphabetical order, completely objective, and not prescriptive, leaving the user to choose from the wealth of synonym choices available.

## **USING ROGET’S 21ST CENTURY THESAURUS, THIRD EDITION**

The book’s sensible format ensures swift access to the right alternatives. For quick identification, each headword in the A-to-Z listing is printed in boldface; its part of speech follows in bracketed italics. Some headwords have more than one listing; separate entries are included for each different part of speech—adjectives, nouns, and verbs, as well as adverbs, conjunctions, and prepositions. “Pass,” for example, has thirteen entries—four noun forms and nine verb forms. Each sense of the word “pass” is treated individually to help writers pinpoint the precise sense of the word desired.

Concise definitions accompany the headwords, supplying users with a basic reference point and helping them to evaluate synonym choices. Semicolons sometimes appear within definitions to denote fine points of sense for a word’s particular usage when the differences are too subtle to warrant a separate entry.

Remember that no two words mean exactly the same thing. No two words are directly interchangeable. It is the subtle nuance and flavor of particular words that give the English language its rich and varied texture. We turn to a thesaurus to find different, more expressive ways of speaking and writing, but we must turn to a dictionary, a sophisticated semantic tool, to determine meaning. Always consider synonyms in their desired context and consult a dictionary if you have any doubt about the application of a word or phrase.

## USING THE CONCEPT INDEX

The entries in *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition* are enriched by directing users to related concepts in the Concept Index. This unique index offers users an up-to-the-minute language hierarchy that bridges the gap between thought and expression. The Concept Index actually helps writers organize their thoughts by generating possibilities for millions of word choices—far beyond the capabilities of a traditional thesaurus.

Each of the book's approximately 20,000 headwords is referenced to at least one of the 837 individually numbered concepts in the index. The words "CONCEPT(S)" appear in small caps at the end of a main entry, followed by the numbers for all relevant concepts for that word. When an initial search does not yield the desired results, the Concept Index automatically provides users with alternative places to look.

For example, if none of the synonyms listed with the word "scintillating" seems appropriate, the Concept Index directs the writer to concepts #401, "attributes of behavior"; #529, "cognitive qualities"; and #617, "visual brightness." Each concept gathers together scores of headwords that share the same characteristics. Persistent writers or linguists can turn back to the A-to-Z listing to find the synonyms for any of these headwords, allowing them to locate even more word choices.

The Concept Index follows the alphabetical listing of headwords and begins with a reference key. The concepts appear in the index in numerical order and are divided into ten overarching categories of interest: Actions, Causes, Fields of Human Activity, Life Forms, Objects, The Planet, Qualities, Senses, States, and Weights and Measures. All headwords grouped under a specific concept are ordered alphabetically and by different parts of speech, if applicable.

The most advanced theories of communication and learning available have been used to determine concept names and classifications. The word hierarchies in *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition* have been streamlined into categories that reflect contemporary ways of thinking. It is clear what concepts mean and how they are organized. Whether performing a speedy search through the concepts or entering the index with just a vague notion in mind, users will find the Concept Index to be a fast and reliable research tool.

## A CLASSIC FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW

In the minds of writers and linguists, Roget has always been the trademark of a dependable thesaurus. As we are in an era unimagined by P. M. Roget two hundred years ago, *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus, Third Edition* upholds that reputation. Adapting Roget's thesaurus to reflect today's concerns, this new text represents a fresh and vital reference of American English.

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## A

**aback** [adv] *taken unawares* confused, surprised, thrown off, thrown off guard\*; CONCEPT 403

**abaft** [adj] *to the rear* stern, back, behind, rearward; CONCEPTS 586,820

**abandon** [n] *careless disregard for consequences* disregard, freedom, impulse, licentiousness, recklessness, spontaneity, thoughtlessness, uninhibitedness, unrestraint, wantonness, wildness; CONCEPTS 633,645  
—*Ant.* restraint, self-restraint

**abandon** [v1] *leave behind, relinquish* abdicate, back out, bail out\*, bow out\*, chicken out\*, cop out\*, cut loose\*, desert, discard, discontinue, ditch\*, drop, drop out, duck\*, dump\*, dust\*, flake out\*, fly the coop\*, give up the ship\*, kiss goodbye\*, leave, leg it\*, let go, opt out, pull out, quit, run out on, screw\*, ship out, stop, storm out\*, surrender, take a powder\*, take a walk\*, throw over\*, vacate, walk out on, wash hands of\*; withdraw, yield; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* cherish, defend, keep, pursue, retain, support

**abandon** [v2] *leave in troubled state* back out, desert, disown, forsake, jilt, leave, leave behind, quit, reject, renounce, throw over\*, walk out on; CONCEPTS 7,19,195 —*Ant.* adopt, assert, favor, uphold

**abandoned** [adj1] *left alone, deserted* alone, cast aside, cast away, deserted, discarded, dissipated, dropped, dumped, eighty-sixed\*, eliminated, empty, forgotten, forsaken, given up, godforsaken\*, jilted, left, left in the cold\*, left in the lurch\*, neglected, on the rocks\*, out-cast, passed up\*, pigeon-holed\*, rejected, relinquished, shunned, sidelined\*, side-tracked\*, unoccupied, vacant, vacated; CONCEPT 577  
—*Ant.* adopted, cherished, defended, maintained, supported

**abandoned** [adj2] *free from moral restraint; uninhibited* corrupt, depraved, dissolute, immoral, incontinent, incorrigible, licentious, profligate, shameless, sinful, uncontrolled, unprincipled, unrestrained, wanton, wicked, wild; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* chaste, innocent, moral, pure, restrained, virtuous

**abase** [v] *deprive of self-esteem, confidence* belittle, debase, degrade, demean, diminish, disgrace, dishonor, humble, humiliate, lower, mortify, reduce, shame; CONCEPTS 7,19  
—*Ant.* cherish, dignify, exalt, extol, honor, respect

**abatement** [n] *disgrace* degradation, dishonor, downgrade, humiliation, shame; CONCEPT 388

**abashed** [adj] *exhibiting mental discomfort, ill at ease* ashamed, bewildered, bugged\*, chagrined, confounded, confused, crushed, discommodulated\*, disconcerted, embarrassed, fazed\*, fuddled, humbled, humiliated, in a tizzy\*, mortified, rattled, shamed, taken aback; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* at ease, composed, emboldened, proud, reassured

**abate** [v] *lessen, grow or cause to grow less* allay, chill out\*, coast\*, cool, cool it\*, decline, decrease, diminish, dull, dwindle, ebb, go with the flow\*, hang easy\*, hang loose\*, lay back\*, let go, let it all hang out\*, let up, mellow out\*, moderate, quell, recede, reduce, slacken, slow, subdue, subside, take it easy\*, taper, taper

off, unlux\*, wane; CONCEPTS 240,698 —*Ant.* amplify, enhance, enlarge, extend, increase, intensify, magnify, prolong, revive, rise

**abbey** [n] *building that houses monks, nuns, or priests; church* cloister, convent, friary, ministry, monastery, nunnery, priory, temple; CONCEPTS 368,439

**abbreviate** [v1] *shorten* abridge, abstract, boil down\*, clip, compress, condense, contract, cut, cut back, cut down, cut off, cut out, digest, encapsulate, get to the meat\*, pare, prune, put in a nutshell\*, reduce, summarize, take out, trim; CONCEPTS 236,247 —*Ant.* amplify, enlarge, expand, extend, increase, lengthen

**abbreviate** [v2] *cut short an activity* abort, curtail, restrict, stop short, truncate; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* expand, extend, increase, lengthen

**abbreviation** [n] *something shortened* abridgement, abstract, abstraction, clipping, compendium, compression, condensation, contraction, digest, outline, precis, reduction, sketch, summary, syllabus, synopsis; CONCEPTS 283,652 —*Ant.* augmentation, enlargement, expansion, extension, increase

**abdicate** [v] *give up a right, position, or power* abandon, abjure, abnegate, bag it\*, bail out\*, cede, demit, drop, forgo, give up, leave, leave high and dry\*, leave holding the bag\*, leave in the lurch\*, opt out\*, quit, quitclaim, relinquish, renounce, resign, retire, sell out\*, step down, surrender, vacate, waive, withdraw, yield; CONCEPTS 133,298 —*Ant.* assert, assume, challenge, claim, defend, defy, hold, maintain, remain, retain, treasure, usurp

**abdomen** [n] *the stomach and area directly below in an animate being* bay window\*, belly, bowels, breadbasket\*, corporation, gut\*, guts, intestines, middle, midriff, midsection, paunch, pot\*, potbelly\*, spare tire\*, tummy, venter, viscera; CONCEPT 393

**abdominal** [adj] *concerning the stomach and the area below it* belly, duodenal, gastric, intestinal, stomachic, ventral, visceral; CONCEPT 393

**abduct** [v] *take by force and without permission* carry off, dognap\*, grab, kidnap, make off with, put the snatch on\*, remove, seize, shanghai\*, snatch, sneeze\*, spirit away\*; CONCEPT 139  
—*Ant.* give up, let go, release

**abducted** [adj] *taken away by force* appropriated, kidnapped, seized, snatched, stolen; CONCEPTS 90,139

**abduction** [n] *taking away by force* appropriation, kidnapping, rape, seizure, theft; CONCEPTS 90,139

**abend** [n] *abnormal end of task* abort, crash, loss; CONCEPTS 658,674

**aberrant** [adj] *not normal; varying from the usual* abnormal, atypical, bizarre, deviant, different, flaky\*, mental\*, nonstandard, odd, off-base, off-color, out of line\*, peculiar, psycho\*, strange, unusual, weird; CONCEPT 547  
—*Ant.* normal, same, true

**aberration** [n1] *state of abnormality* delusion, eccentricity, oddity, peculiarity, quirk, strangeness, weirdness; CONCEPT 647 —*Ant.* conformity, normality, regularity, soundness

**aberration** [n2] *different from that expected* departure, deviation, difference, distortion, divergence, diversion, irregularity, lapse,



straying, wandering; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* conformity, sameness

**abet** [v] *assist, help in wrongdoing* advocate, back, condone, egg on\*, encourage, endorse, goad, incite, instigate, prod, promote, provoke, sanction, spur, support, urge; CONCEPTS 14,110 —*Ant.* counter, deter, discourage, frustrate, hinder, hurt, impede, obstruct, resist

**abettor** [n] *assistant accessory, accomplice, co-conspirator, confederate, cooperator, helper, partner in crime\**, second, supporter; CONCEPT 348

**abeyance** [n] *being inactive or suspended temporarily* deferral, discontinuation, dormancy, inactivity, intermission, latency, postponement, quiescence, recess, remission, suspension, waiting; CONCEPTS 681,705 —*Ant.* action, activity, continuance, continuation, operation, renewal, revival

**abhor** [v] *regard with contempt or disgust* abominate, be allergic to\*, be down on\*, be grossed out by\*, despise, detest, hate, have no use for\*, loathe, scorn; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* admire, adore, approve, cherish, desire, enjoy, like, love, relish

**abhorrence** [n] *disgust* detestation, enmity, hate, hatred, horror, loathing, malice, odium, repugnance, revulsion; CONCEPTS 410,720

**abhorrent** [adj] *disgusting* despicable, detestable, execrable, loathsome, offensive, repulsive, revolting; CONCEPTS 485,548

**abide** [v1] *submit to, put up with* accept, acknowledge, bear, bear with\*, be big about\*, concede, consent, defer, endure, hang in\*, hang in there\*, hang tough\*, live with\*, put up with\*, receive, sit tight\*, stand, stand for, stomach, suffer, swallow, take, tolerate, withstand; CONCEPTS 23,35 —*Ant.* despise, dispute, pass, quit, reject, resist, shun

**abide** [v2] *live in a certain place* bide, bunk\*, bunk out\*, crash\*, dwell, hang out\*, inhabit, lodge, nest, perch, reside, room, roost, settle, squat, stay; CONCEPT 226 —*Ant.* depart, go, leave, migrate, move, reject, resist

**abide** [v3] *remain or continue in a state* continue, endure, keep on, last, persevere, persist, remain, survive; CONCEPTS 23,239 —*Ant.* leave, quit, refuse, stop

**abide** [v4] *stop temporarily and wait for* anticipate, bide, expect, linger, pause, remain, rest, sojourn, stay, stick around\*, stop, tarry, wait; CONCEPT 119,681 —*Ant.* carry on, continue, go, move

**abiding** [adj] *continuing or existing for an indefinite time* constant, continuing, enduring, eternal, everlasting, fast, indissoluble, lasting, permanent, perpetual, persistent, persisting, steadfast, steady; CONCEPT 551 —*Ant.* ephemeral, fleeting, transient

**ability** [n1] *power to act, perform* aptitude, capability, capacity, competence, competency, comprehension, dexterity, endowment, facility, faculty, intelligence, might, potentiality, qualification, resourcefulness, skill, strength, talent, understanding; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* impotence, inability, limitation, paralysis

**ability** [n2] *natural or acquired power in a particular activity* adeptness, adroitness, bent, capability, cleverness, command, craft, deftness,

expertise, expertness, finesse, flair, genius, gift, handiness, ingenuity, knack, know-how, mastery, mind for, proficiency, savvy, skill, skillfulness, strength, talent, the goods\*, the right stuff\*, what it takes\*; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* clumsiness, ignorance, inability, inadequacy, inanity, incompetence, stupidity, weakness

**abject** [adj] *hopeless and downtrodden* base, contemptible, degraded, dejected, deplorable, dishonorable, fawning, forlorn, groveling, hang-dog, humiliated, low, miserable, outcast, pitiable, servile, submissive, worthless, wretched; CONCEPT 571 —*Ant.* commendable, exalted, excellent, magnificent, noble, proud, worthy

**abjure** [v] *give up* abstain from, forswear, recant, renege, renounce, retract, take back, withdraw; CONCEPTS 30,54,195

**ablate** [v] *wear away* erode, evaporate, melt, vaporize; CONCEPTS 252,469

**ablaze** [adj1] *on fire* afire, aflame, alight, blazing, burning, conflagrant, fiery, flaming, flaring, ignited, lighted; CONCEPTS 485,605

**ablaze** [adj2] *very excited* afire, angry, aroused, enthusiastic, fervent, frenzied, fuming, furious, heated, impassioned, incensed, intense, on fire, passionate, raging, stimulated, vehement; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* dull, unexcited

**ablaze** [adj3] *brightly illuminated* aflame, aglow, brilliant, flashing, gleaming, glowing, incandescent, luminous, radiant, refulgent, sparkling; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* dark, dim

**able** [adj1] *capable of performing; having an innate capacity* adept, adequate, adroit, agile, alert, apt, bright, capable, competent, cunning, deft, dexterous, easy, effortless, endowed, equipped, facile, fitted, good, intelligent, knowing, powerful, ready, smart, strong, worthy; CONCEPTS 402,527 —*Ant.* ineffective, inept, infirm, powerless, unable, useless

**able** [adj2] *able to perform well; having a proven capacity* accomplished, adroit, agile, artful, au fait, brilliant, capable, clever, deft, dexterous, effective, effectual, efficient, equal to, experienced, expert, facile, gifted, ingenious, intelligent, keen, know backwards and forwards\*, know one's onions\*, know the ropes\*, learned, masterful, masterly, powerful, practiced, prepared, proficient, qualified, responsible, savvy, sharp, skilled, skillful, smart, talented, there\*, trained, up to it\*, up to snuff\*, up to speed\*, with it\*; CONCEPTS 402,528 —*Ant.* delicate, feeble, inept, stupid, weak

**able-bodied** [adj] *physically strong and capable* firm, fit, hale, hardy, healthy, hearty, lusty, powerful, robust, staunch, stout, strapping\*, sturdy, vigorous; CONCEPTS 314,489 —*Ant.* delicate, infirm, weak

**ablution** [n] *washing* bath, cleansing, decontamination, lavation, purification, shower, showering; CONCEPTS 161,165

**ably** [adv] *capably* adroitly, capably, competently; CONCEPT 527

**abnegate** [v] *renounce* abstain, decline, forbear, forgo, give up, refrain, reject; CONCEPTS 30,54,195

**abnegation** [n] *denial, renouncement of something* abandonment, abstinence, eschewal, forbearance, giving up, nixing, refusal, rejection, relinquishment, renunciation, sacrifice, self-

denial, stonewall\*, surrender, temperance;  
CONCEPTS 18,25 —*Ant.* acquiescence,  
admittance, surrender, yielding

**abnormal** [*adj*] *different from standard or norm*  
aberrant, anomalistic, anomalous, atypical,  
bizarre, curious, deviant, deviate, deviating,  
divergent, eccentric, exceptional, extraordinary,  
fantastic, funny, grody\*, gross, heteroclitic, het-  
erodox, heteromorphic, irregular, odd, off-base,  
off-color, out of line, peculiar, preternatural,  
queer, screwy\*, spastic\*, strange, uncommon,  
unexpected, unnatural, unorthodox, unusual,  
weird; CONCEPT 547 —*Ant.* customary, normal,  
standard, straight, usual

**abnormality** [*n*] *being different from standard*  
*or norm* aberrancy, aberration, anomalism,  
anomaly, atypicalness, bizarreness, deformity,  
deviance, deviancy, deviation, eccentricity,  
exception, extraordinariness, flaw, irregularity,  
oddy, peculiarity, preternaturalness, singularity,  
strangeness, uncommonness, unnaturalness,  
unusualness, weirdness; CONCEPT 647 —*Ant.*  
normality, normalness, sameness, standard

**aboard** [*adj*] *on or in a transportation object*  
boarded, consigned, embarked, en route,  
in transit, loaded, on, on board, traveling;  
CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* not on, off

**abode** [*n*] *building or place where one resides*  
address, apartment, base, casa, condo, co-op,  
crash pad\*, crib\*, den, digs\*, domicile,  
dwelling, flat, flop\*, habitat, haunt, headquar-  
ters, hearth, hole\*, home, homestead, house,  
joint\*, lodging, pad, quarters, residence, roost\*,  
sanctuary, seat; CONCEPT 515

**abolish** [*v*] *do away with or put an end to* abate,  
abrogate, annihilate, annul, call off, cancel,  
destroy, disestablish, dissolve, end, eradicate,  
erase, expunge, extinguish, extirpate, finish, in-  
hibit, invalidate, kill, negate, nix, nullify, oblit-  
erate, overthrow, overturn, prohibit, put an end  
to, put kibosh on\*, put the kibosh on\*, quash,  
repeal, repudiate, rescind, revoke, scrub\*, set  
aside, squelch, stamp out, subvert, supersede,  
suppress, terminate, undo, vacate, vitiate, void,  
wipe out, zap\*; CONCEPTS 121,252,298 —*Ant.*  
confirm, continue, enact, establish, institute,  
legalize, promote, ratify, support, uphold

**abolition** [*n*] *formal act of putting an end to*,  
*annulling* abolishment, abrogation, annihilation,  
annulment, cancellation, destruction, dissolution,  
elimination, end, ending, eradication,  
extirpation, invalidation, negation, nullification,  
obliteration, overthrow, overturning, quashing,  
repeal, repudiation, rescinding, rescindment,  
rescission, revocation, subversion, suppression,  
termination, voiding, wiping out, withdrawal;  
CONCEPTS 121,252,298 —*Ant.* confirmation,  
establishment, establishment, institution,  
legalization, promotion

**abolitionist** [*n*] *person wanting something*  
*ended* activist, advocate, opponent, revolution-  
ary; CONCEPT 366

**A-bomb** [*n*] *atomic bomb* nuclear bomb,  
nuclear weapon, physics package\*,  
thermonuclear bomb; CONCEPT 500

**abominable** [*adj*] *awful, detestable* abhorrent,  
atrocious, awful, bad, base, beastly, con-  
temptible, cursed, despicable, disgusting, foul,  
grim, grody\*, gross\*, hairy\*, hateful, heinous,

hellish, horrible, horrid, loathsome, lousy, nau-  
seating, obnoxious, odious, offensive, repellent,  
reprehensible, repugnant, repulsive, revolting,  
rotten, sleazy\*, stinking, terrible, vile,  
wretched; CONCEPTS 29,544,571 —*Ant.* allur-  
ing, appealing, delightful, desirable, enjoyable,  
likeable, lovable, pleasant, sweet, wonderful

**abominate** [*v*] *detest* abhor, despise, dislike,  
hate, loathe; CONCEPT 29

**abomination** [*n*] *object of extreme dislike*,  
*hate* anathema, aversion, bother, curse, detesta-  
tion, evil, horror, nuisance, plague, shame,  
torment; CONCEPTS 29,666 —*Ant.* beauty,  
blessing, delight, enjoyment, esteem, joy,  
love, treat

**abomination** [*n*] *wrongdoing* crime, offense,  
wrong; CONCEPT 691 —*Ant.* benefit, right

**aboriginal** [*adj*] *belonging to one, existing in*  
*a place since prehistory* ancient, earliest,  
endemic, first, indigenous, native, original,  
primary, primeval, primitive, primordial;  
CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* foreign

**aborigine** [*n*] *first inhabitant* aboriginal,  
autochthon, bushman\*, indigene, native,  
primitive; CONCEPT 413

**abort** [*v*1] *stop or cancel something* arrest,  
break off, call it quits\*, call off, check, cut off,  
drop, end, fail, halt, interrupt, knock it off\*, lay  
off\*, nullify, scrap, scratch, scrub\*, terminate;  
CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* continue, keep

**abort** [*v*2] *terminate or fail to complete*  
*pregnancy* miscarry; CONCEPTS 121,304,308  
—*Ant.* carry to term, keep

**abortion** [*n*1] *expulsion of fetus* aborticide,  
feticide, misbirth, miscarriage, termination;  
CONCEPTS 230,699

**abortion** [*n*2] *failure* disappointment, disaster,  
fiasco, misadventure, premature delivery;  
CONCEPTS 304,308,674 —*Ant.* continuation,  
success

**abortive** [*adj*] *failing to achieve a goal* failed,  
failing, fruitless, futile, ineffective, ineffectual,  
miscarried, unavailing, unproductive, unsuc-  
cessful, useless, vain, worthless; CONCEPT 528  
—*Ant.* complete, consummated, effectual,  
efficient, fruitful, productive, successful

**abound** [*v*] *exist in abundance* be alive with, be  
all over the place\*, be knee deep in\*, be no end  
to\*, be plentiful, be thick with\*, be up to one's  
ears in\*, crawl with\*, crowd, flourish, flow,  
have a full plate\*, infest, overflow, proliferate,  
swarm, swell, teem, thrive; CONCEPT 141

—*Ant.* deficient, fail, lack, need, short, want  
**abounding** [*adj*] *plentiful* abundant, bountiful,  
copious, filled, flush, plenteous, prodigal, pro-  
fuse, prolific, replete, teeming; CONCEPTS  
762,781

**about** [*adv*1] *in an opposite direction* around,  
back, backward, in reverse, round;  
CONCEPT 581

**about** [*adv*2] *lying anywhere without order*,  
*arrangement* anyhow, any which way\*, around,  
here and there; CONCEPT 583

**about** [*prep*1] *near an amount, quantity* almost,  
approximately, in general, in the ball park\*, in  
the neighborhood\*, nearly, practically, pretty  
nearly, roughly; CONCEPT 771

**about** [*prep*2] *concerning, relating to* apropos,  
as concerns, as respects, dealing with, in

connection with, in relation to, in respect to, referring to, regarding, relative to, touching, touching on; CONCEPT 532

**about** [prep3] *near or close to in position* adjacent, beside, nearby; CONCEPTS 586,778 —*Ant.* afar, away, distant, far, remote

**about** [prep4] *on every side, in every direction* around, encircling, round, surrounding, through, throughout; CONCEPT 586

**about-face** [n] *change in direction* change-about, double, doubleback, reversal, reverse, turn, turnaround, volte-face; CONCEPT 697

**above** [prep1] *higher in position* aloft, atop, beyond, high, on high, on top of, over, overhead, raised, superior, upon; CONCEPT 752 —*Ant.* below, under

**above** [prep2] *more, higher in amount, degree* beyond, exceeding, greater than, larger than, over; CONCEPT 793 —*Ant.* below, deficient, fewer, less

**above** [prep3] *superior to* before, beyond, exceeding, prior to, superior to, surpassing; CONCEPT 567 —*Ant.* inferior, under

**aboveboard** [adj] *candid* forthright, frank, honest, open, overt, right on\*, square, straight, straightforward, straight from shoulder\*, true, trustworthy, truthful, up front\*, veracious; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* deceitful, devious, lying, shady, underhanded

**aboveboard** [adv] *candidly* frankly, honestly, on the up and up\*, openly, overtly, truly, truthfully, veraciously; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* deceitful, devious, lying, shady, underhanded

**above suspicion** [adj] *innocent* above reproach, blameless, guiltless, having clean hands\*, inculpable, irreproachable, scrupulous, sinless; CONCEPT 545

**abracadabra** [n] *magic word* hocus-pocus, incantation, invocation, mumbo jumbo, open sesame, spell; CONCEPTS 370,673,689

**abrade** [v] *scrape* chafe, erode, grate, rub, rub off, scuff, triturate, wear, wear down; CONCEPTS 165,186,215

**abrasion** [n1] *scraped area* chafe, injury, scrape, scratch, scuff; CONCEPT 309

**abrasion** [n2] *scraping or wearing down by friction* abrading, chafing, erosion, grating, rubbing, scratching, scuffing; CONCEPT 186

**abrasive** [adj1] *irritating in manner* annoying, biting, caustic, cutting, galling, hard to take\*, hateful, hurtful, nasty, rough, rubbing the wrong way\*, sharp, spiky\*, unpleasant; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* likeable, pleasant, pleasing

**abrasive** [adj2] *scraping or wearing* cutting, erosive, grinding, polishing, rough, scratching, scratchy, scuffing, sharpening, smoothing; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* smooth, soft

**abreast** [adv1] *next to, alongside* beside, equal, in alignment, in line, level, opposite, shoulder to shoulder, side by side; CONCEPT 586

**abreast** [adv2] *up-to-date* acquainted, au courant, au fait, contemporary, familiar, informed, in touch, knowledgeable, up\*, versed; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* lost, out of touch, unaware

**abridge** [v] *shorten* abbreviate, abstract, blue pencil\*, chop, clip, compress, concentrate, condense, contract, curtail, cut, decrease, digest, diminish, downsize, lessen, limit, narrow, put in

nutshell\*, reduce, restrict, slash, snip\*, summarize, trim, truncate; CONCEPTS 236,247 —*Ant.* add, enlarge, expand, extend, increase, lengthen

**abridgement** [n] *shortening, summary* abbreviation, abstract, brief, compendium, condensation, conspectus, contraction, curtailment, cutting, decrease, digest, diminishment, diminution, lessening, outline, precis, reducing, reduction, synopsis; CONCEPTS 283,652 —*Ant.* addition, enlargement, expansion, extension, increase, lengthening, padding

**abroad** [adj] *in a foreign country* away, elsewhere, in foreign lands, in foreign parts, out of the country, overseas, touring, traveling; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* at home

**abrogate** [v] *formally put an end to* abate, abolish, annul, cancel, dissolve, do in\*, end, finish off\*, invalidate, knock out\*, negate, nix, nullify, quash, reject, renege, repeal, retract, revoke, scrub\*, torpedo\*, undo, vacate, vitiating, void; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* approve, establish, fix, institute, legalize, ratify, sanction, support

**abrogation** [n] *cancellation* annulment, discontinuation, ending, invalidation, quashing, repudiation, rescission, retraction, reversal, voiding, withdrawal; CONCEPT 119

**abrupt** [adj1] *rude or brief in manner* blunt, brusque, crude, crusty, curt, direct, discourteous, gruff, impetuous, impolite, matter-of-fact, rough, short, snappy, snippy, uncivil, ungracious; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* calm, kind, nice

**abrupt** [adj2] *happening suddenly and unexpectedly* hasty, hurried, jerky, precipitate, precipitous, quick, rushing, sudden, surprising, unanticipated, unceremonious, unexpected, unforeseen; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* at ease, deliberate, expansive, gradual, leisurely

**abscess** [n] *swelling* boil, carbuncle, pustule, ulcer; CONCEPT 306,309

**abscond** [v] *run away, depart secretly* beat it\*, bolt\*, break, clear out\*, cut and run\*, decamp, disappear, dog it\*, duck out, escape, fade\*, flee, fly the coop\*, get, go AWOL\*, go south\*, high-tail\*, jump\*, leave, make a break\*, make off, make scarce\*, pull out, quit, run off, scam\*, skedaddle\*, skip out\*, slip, sneak away, split\*, steal away, take off\*, vamoose\*, vanish; CONCEPTS 102,195 —*Ant.* abide, continue, endure, give up, remain, stay, stop, yield

**absconder** [n] *person who escapes* abscontee, bolter, escapee, quitter, truant; CONCEPTS 403,583

**absence** [n1] *state of not being present* absenteeism, AWOL\*, cut\*, French leave\*, hooky\*, nonappearance, nonattendance, no show\*, truancy, vacancy; CONCEPT 746 —*Ant.* existence, presence

**absence** [n2] *state of lacking something needed or usual* dearth, deficiency, drought, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, need, omission, privation, unavailability, void, want; CONCEPT 646 —*Ant.* abundance, enough, plenty

**absent** [adj1] *not present* astray, away, AWOL\*, elsewhere, ghost, gone, hooky\*, missing, nobody home\*, no-show\*, removed, vanished; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* attending, existing, present

**absent** [adj2] *deficient in something needed or usual* bare, blank, devoid, empty, hollow,

lacking, minus, missing, nonexistent, omitted, unavailable, vacant, vacuous, wanting; CONCEPT 546 —**Ant.** sufficient

**absentee** [adj] *not being present* absent, distant, oblivious, remote; CONCEPTS 403, 583

**absenteeism** [n] *state of not being present* absence, defection, desertion, skipping, truancy; CONCEPT 746 —**Ant.** attendance, presence

**absent-minded** [adj] *unaware of events, surroundings* absent, absorbed, abstracted, airheaded\*, bemused, daydreaming, distracted, distraught, dreaming, dreamy, engrossed, faraway, forgetful, goofing off\*, heedless, inattentive, inconsiderate, lost, mooning\*, moony\*, oblivious, out to lunch\*, pipe dreaming\*, preoccupied, remote, removed, space cadet\*, spacey\*, unconscious, unheeding, unmindful, unobservant, unthinking, withdrawn, woolgathering\*; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** alert, attentive, aware, aware

**absent-mindedness** [n] *preoccupation* absorption, abstraction, distraction, dreaminess, forgetfulness, heedlessness, inattention; CONCEPTS 293, 410, 532, 690

**absolute** [adj1] *without limit* complete, consummate, downright, entire, flat out\*, free, full, infinite, no catch\*, no ifs ands or buts\*, no holds barred\*, no ifs ands or buts\*, no joke\*, no strings attached\*, outright, plenary, pure, sheer, simple, straight out, supreme, thorough, total, unabridged, unadulterated, unconditional, unlimited, unqualified, unrestricted, utter; CONCEPT 554 —**Ant.** accountable, circumscribed, limited, restricted, tractable

**absolute** [adj2] *in control or complete authority* absolutist, arbitrary, authoritarian, autocratic, autonomous, despotic, dictatorial, full, monocratic, preeminent, sovereign, supreme, totalitarian, tyrannical, tyrannous; CONCEPT 536 —**Ant.** accountable, complaisant, compliant, restricted, submissive, yielding

**absolute** [adj3] *certain actual, categorical, conclusive, consummate, decided, decisive, definite, exact, factual, fixed, genuine, infallible, positive, precise, sure, unambiguous, undeniable, unequivocal, unmitigated, unquestionable*; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** conditional, dependent, limited, partial

**absolute** [adj4] *excellent, perfect* categorical, complete, faultless, flawless, ideal, impeccable, thorough, ultimate, unblemished, unflawed, untarnished; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** flawed, imperfect

**absolutely** [adv1] *certainly, without question* actually, categorically, come hell or high water\*, conclusively, decidedly, decisively, definitely, doubtless, easily, exactly, for sure\*, no ifs ands or buts\*, no strings attached\*, on the button\*, on the money\*, on the nose\*, positively, precisely, really, right on\*, straight out\*, sure as can be\*, sure as hell\*, sure enough\*, surely, sure thing\*, the very thing\*, truly, unambiguously, unconditionally, unquestionably; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** doubtful, indefinite, not certain, not sure, questionable

**absolutely** [adv2] *in a complete manner, degree* completely, consummately, entirely, fully, thoroughly, utterly, wholly; CONCEPT 531 —**Ant.** incomplete, partially

**absolution** [n] *forgiveness* acquittal, amnesty, compurgation, exculpation, forgiveness, mercy, pardon, release; CONCEPTS 685, 689

**absolve** [v] *free from responsibility, duty* acquit, bleach, blink at, clear, discharge, exculpate, excuse, exempt, exonerate, forgive, free, go easy on, launder\*, let off\*, let off easy\*, let off the hook\*, let up on\*, liberate, lifeboat\*, loose, pardon, release, relieve, sanitize\*, set free, spare, spring\*, vindicate, whitewash, wink at\*, wipe it off\*, wipe the slate clean\*, write off\*; CONCEPTS 83, 317 —**Ant.** bind, blame, charge, condemn, convict, hold, impeach, incriminate, obligate, punish, sentence

**absorb** [v1] *physically take in a liquid* blot, consume, devour, drink in, imbibe, ingest, ingurgitate, osmose, soak up, sop up\*, sponge up\*, suck in\*, swallow, take in; CONCEPT 256 —**Ant.** disperse, dissipate, eject, emit, exude, spew, vomit

**absorb** [v2] *mentally take in information* assimilate, comprehend, digest, follow, get, get into\*, grasp, incorporate, latch onto, learn, sense, soak up, take in, understand; CONCEPT 31 —**Ant.** misunderstand, not get

**absorb** [v3] *occupy complete attention* captivate, concern, consume, employ, engage, engross, fascinate, fill, hold, immerse, involve, monopolize, obsess, preoccupy, rivet; CONCEPT 17 —**Ant.** distract

**absorbed** [adj] *being completely occupied mentally* captivated, consumed, deep in thought, engaged, engrossed, fascinated, fixed, gone\*, head over heels\*, held, immersed, intent, involved, lost, preoccupied, rapt, really into\*, up to here\*, wrapped up\*; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** bored, disinterested, distracted, indifferent, uninterested

**absorbent** [adj] *capable of physically taking in a liquid* absorptive, bibulous, dry, imbibing, penetrable, permeable, porous, pregnable, retentive, spongy, thirsty; CONCEPT 603 —**Ant.** impermeable

**absorbing** [adj] *holding one's attention* arresting, captivating, consuming, engrossing, enthralling, exciting, fascinating, gripping, interesting, intriguing, monopolizing, preoccupying, riveting, spellbinding; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** boring, irksome

**absorption** [n1] *assimilation, incorporation* consumption, digestion, drinking in, exhaustion, fusion, imbibing, impregnation, ingestion, inhalation, intake, osmosis, penetration, reception, retention, saturation, soaking up, suction, taking in; CONCEPTS 169, 256

**absorption** [n2] *total attention toward something* captivity, concentration, engagement, engrossment, enthrallment, fascination, hang-up\*, holding, immersion, intentness, involvement, occupation, preoccupation, raptness; CONCEPT 410 —**Ant.** boredom, distraction

**abstain** [v] *hold back from doing* abjure, abnegate, avoid, cease, constrain, curb, decline, deny oneself, do without, eschew, evade, fast, fence-sit\*, forbear, forgo, give the go by\*, give up, go on the wagon\*, keep from, pass, pass up, quit, refrain, refuse, renounce, shun, sit on one's hands\*, sit on the fence\*, sit out, spurn, starve, stop, take the cure\*, take the pledge\*, withhold; CONCEPTS 25, 121 —**Ant.** indulge, use

**abstemious** [*adj*] *restraining behavior or appetite* abstinent, ascetic, austere, continent, frugal, moderate, moderating, restrained, self-denying, self-restrained, sober, sparing, temperate; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* gluttonous, greedy, hungry

**abstention** [*n*] *refraining* abstaining, abstinence, avoidance, non-indulgence, self-control, self-denial, self-restraint, sobriety; CONCEPT 633

**abstinence** [*n*] *restraint from desires, especially physical desires* abnegation, abstaining, abstemiousness, asceticism, avoidance, chastity, continence, fasting, forbearance, frugality, moderation, refraining, renunciation, self-control, self-denial, self-restraint, soberness, sobriety, teetotalism, temperance; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* drunkenness, excess, indulgence, intemperance, intoxication, revelry, self-indulgence

**abstract** [*adj*] *conceptual, theoretical* abstruse, complex, deep, hypothetical, ideal, indefinite, intellectual, nonconcrete, philosophical, recondite, transcendent, transcendental, unreal; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* actual, concrete, factual, material, objective, physical, real

**abstract** [*n*] *short document prepared from a longer one* abridgment, brief, compendium, condensation, conspectus, digest, outline, précis, résumé, summary, synopsis; CONCEPT 283 —*Ant.* document, manuscript

**abstract** [*v1*] *take away from* detach, disconnect, disengage, dissociate, extract, isolate, part, remove, separate, steal, take out, uncouple, withdraw; CONCEPTS 135,211 —*Ant.* add, combine, fill, insert, introduce, unite

**abstract** [*v2*] *prepare short document from longer one* abbreviate, abridge, condense, digest, outline, review, shorten, summarize; CONCEPTS 79,236,247 —*Ant.* complete, expand, insert, lengthen, strengthen

**abstracted** [*adj*] *preoccupied* absent-minded, daydreaming, inattentive, lost in thought, out in space\*, out to lunch\*, remote, withdrawn; CONCEPT 403

**abstraction** [*n*] *state of being lost in thought* absorption, aloofness, brooding, cogitation, consideration, contemplation, daydreaming, detachment, engrossment, entrancement, musing, pensiveness, pondering, preoccupation, reflecting, reflection, remoteness, reverie, ruminating, thinking, trance; CONCEPT 410

**abstruse** [*adj*] *difficult to understand* abstract, clear as dishwater\*, complex, complicated, deep, enigmatic, esoteric, Greek to me\*, heavy\*, hidden, incomprehensible, intricate, involved, muddy, obscure, perplexing, profound, puzzling, recondite, subtle, unfathomable, vague; CONCEPTS 402,562 —*Ant.* clear, concrete, easy, lucid, obvious, plain, simple

**absurd** [*adj*] *ridiculous, senseless* batty, campy, crazy, daffy, dippy\*, flaky\*, fooling around, foolish, for grins\*, freaky, gagged up\*, goofy\*, idiotic, illogical, inane, incongruous, irrational, jokey, joshing, laughable, loony, ludicrous, nonsensical, nutty, off the wall\*, preposterous, sappy\*, screwy\*, silly, stupid, tomfool, unreasonable, wacky; CONCEPTS 544,552,558 —*Ant.* certain, logical, rational, reasonable, sensible, wise

**absurdity** [*n*] *ridiculous situation or behavior*

applesauce\*, BS\*, bull\*, crap\*, craziness, farce, flapdoodle\*, folly, foolishness, hot air\*, idiocy, illogicality, illogicalness, improbability, inanity, incongruity, insanity, irrationality, jazz\*, jive\*, ludicrousness, ridiculousness, senselessness, silliness, stupidity, unreasonable-ness; CONCEPTS 650,656 —*Ant.* logic, reason, reasonableness, sense

**abundance** [*n*] *great amount or supply* affluence, ampleness, bounty, copiousness, fortune, myriad, opulence, plenitude, plenty, plethora, profusion, prosperity, prosperousness, riches, thriving, wealth; CONCEPTS 710,767 —*Ant.* dearth, deficiency, inadequacy, lack

**abundant** [*adj*] *plentiful, large in number* abounding, ample, bounteous, bountiful, copious, crawling with\*, cup runs over with\*, eco-rich, exuberant, filled, full, generous, heavy, lavish, liberal, lousy with\*, luxuriant, much\*, no end of\*, overflowing, plate is full of\*, plenteous, plenty, profuse, rich, rolling in\*, stinking with\*, sufficient, teeming; CONCEPT 781 —*Ant.* lacking, rare, scarce, sparse

**abuse** [*n1*] *wrong use* corruption, crime, debasement, delinquency, desecration, exploitation, fault, injustice, misapplication, misconduct, misdeed, mishandling, mismanage, misuse, offense, perversion, prostitution, sin, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPT 156

**abuse** [*n2*] *physical hurting, injuring* crime, damage, defilement, harm, hurt, impairment, injury, malevolence, maltreatment, manhandling, misdeed, offense, pollution, violation, wrongdoing; CONCEPT 246 —*Ant.* aid, help, preservation, respect

**abuse** [*n3*] *verbal attack* bad-mouthing\*, blame, castigation, censure, curse, curses\*, defamation, derision, hosing\*, insults, invective, kicking around\*, knifing\*, libel, obloquy, opprobrium, pushing around\*, put-down, quinine\*, reproach, revilement, scolding, signifying, slander, swearing, tirade, upbraiding, vilification, vituperation; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* acclamation, adulation, approval, commendation, plaudit, praise

**abuse** [*v1*] *physically hurt or injure* bang up\*, beat up, bung up\*, corrupt, cut up\*, damage, defile, deprave, desecrate, harm, hose\*, ill-treat, impair, maltreat, mar, mess up\*, mishandle, mistreat, misuse, molest, oppress, persecute, pollute\*, roughhouse, rough up, ruin, shake up\*, spoil, taint, total\*, victimize, violate, wax\*; CONCEPT 246 —*Ant.* cherish, defend, help, preserve, protect, respect

**abuse** [*v2*] *use wrongly* dissipate, exhaust, misemploy, mishandle, misuse, overburden, overtax, overwork, prostitute, spoil, squander, taint, waste; CONCEPT 156 —*Ant.* benefit, care for, esteem, prize, respect, revere

**abuse** [*v3*] *attack with words* backbite, bad-mouth, bash, belittle, berate, blow off\*, calumniate, cap\*, castigate, cuss out\*, cut down\*, cut to the quick\*, decry, defame, derogate, discount, do a number on\*, dump on\*, give a black eye\*, hurl brickbat\*, insult, knock\*, minimize, nag, offend, oppress, persecute, pick on, put down\*, rag on\*, reproach, revile, ride\*, rip up\*, run down\*, scold, signify, slam\*, slap\*, sling mud\*, smear\*, sound\*, swear at\*, tear apart\*, trash\*, upbraid, vilify, vituperate,

zing\*; CONCEPTS 52,54 —**Ant.** acclaim, adulate, approve, commend, compliment, praise

**abuse** [v4] *take advantage of* do an injustice to, exploit, impose on, use, wrong; CONCEPTS 156,384 —**Ant.** cherish, esteem, honor, respect, revere, treasure

**abusive** [adj] *exhibiting unkind behavior or words* calumniating, castigating, censorious, contumelious, defamatory, derisive, disparaging, insolent, insulting, invective, libelous, maligning, obloquious, offensive, opprobrious, reproachful, reviling, rude, sarcastic, scathing, scolding, scurrilous, sharp-tongued, slanderous, traducing, upbraiding, vilifying, vituperative; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** complimentary, kind, respectful

**abut** [v] *touch or be next to something* adjoin, be adjacent to, border on, butt against, join, neighbor; CONCEPT 749

**abutment** [n] *masonry mass* arch end, bridge end, end piece, jutting piece, support, vault end; CONCEPTS 745,827,833

**abysmal** [adj1] *great extent; immeasurable* bottomless, boundless, complete, deep, endless, extreme, illimitable, incalculable, infinite, profound, thorough, unending, unfathomable, vast; CONCEPTS 772,793 —**Ant.** infinite

**abysmal** [adj2] *extending deeply* bottomless, fathomless, plumbless, plummetless; CONCEPT 777 —**Ant.** low

**abyss** [n] *something very deep, usually a feature of land* abyss, chasm, crevasse, depth, fissure, gorge, gulf, hole, pit, void; CONCEPTS 509,514

**academia** [n] *scholarly world* academe, academic community, academicians, college, savants, school; CONCEPTS 287,288,289

**academic** [adj1] *relating to schooling, learning* bookish, book-learned, college, collegiate, erudite, intellectual, learned, pedantic, scholarly, scholastic, studious, university; CONCEPT 536 —**Ant.** ignorant, untaught

**academic** [adj2] *relating to theories, philosophy* abstract, closet, conjectural, formalistic, hypothetical, notional, speculative, theoretical; CONCEPTS 402,529 —**Ant.** ordinary, plain, practical, simple

**academic** [n] *scholar or university/college teacher* academician, lecturer, professor, pupil, scholar, scholastic, student, tutor; CONCEPT 350 —**Ant.** ignoramus

**academy** [n1] *school, especially for higher education* boarding school, brainery\*, finishing school, halls of ivy\*, institute, military school, preparatory school, prep school, secondary school, seminary; CONCEPT 289

**academy** [n2] *society or institution interested in learning* alliance, association, circle, council, federation, foundation, fraternity, institute, league; CONCEPT 288

**accede** [v] *agree or consent* accept, acquiesce, admit, allow, assent, be game for\*, cave in\*, comply, concede, concur, cooperate, cry uncle\*, endorse, enter into, fold, give the go-ahead\*, give the green light\*, go along with, grant, let, okay, permit, play ball\*, roll over and play dead\*, subscribe, throw in the towel\*, yield; CONCEPTS 8,50,82,88 —**Ant.** condemn, demur, denounce, denounce, deny, protest, refuse

**accelerate** [v] *increase speed, timing* advance,

drive, dust\*, expedite, fire up\*, forward, further, gun\*, hammer on\*, hasten, hurry, impel, lay a patch\*, lay rubber\*, make tracks\*, nail it\*, open up\*, peel rubber\*, precipitate, put on afterburners\*, put pedal to metal\*, quicken, railroad\*, rev, rev up, roll\*, speed up, spur, step on gas\*, step up, stimulate, tool\*; CONCEPTS 234,242 —**Ant.** decelerate, defer, hinder, impede, postpone, retard, slow down

**acceleration** [n] *increasing speed, timing* dispatch, expedition, hastening, hurrying, quickening, speeding up, spurting, stepping up, stimulation; CONCEPT 234 —**Ant.** deceleration, deferral, hindrance, retardation, slowing down

**accent** [n1] *importance, emphasis* significance, stress, weight; CONCEPT 668 —**Ant.** unimportance

**accent** [n2] *stress or pitch in pronunciation* accentuation, articulation, beat, cadence, emphasis, enunciation, force, inflection, intonation, meter, modulation, pronunciation, rhythm, stroke, timbre, tonality, tone; CONCEPT 77

**accent** [v] *place emphasis, importance* accentuate, draw attention to, emphasize, highlight, intensify, stress, underline, underscore; CONCEPTS 69,243 —**Ant.** disacknowledge, minimize

**accentuate** [v] *focus attention on* accent, bring attention to, call attention to, draw attention to, emphasize, feature, give prominence to, highlight, point up, spotlight, stress, underline, underscore; CONCEPT 77 —**Ant.** divert attention from, mask

**accept** [v1] *receive something given physically* acquire, gain, get, obtain, secure, take, welcome; CONCEPT 124 —**Ant.** deny, discard, refuse, reject

**accept** [v2] *allow into group* admit, receive, welcome; CONCEPT 384 —**Ant.** blackball, decline, deny, reject

**accept** [v3] *believe the goodness, realness of something* acknowledge, affirm, appraise, approve, buy\*, countenance, fancy, favor, go for\*, hold, hold with, like, recognize, relish, swallow\*, take as gospel truth\*, take stock in\*, trust; CONCEPT 12 —**Ant.** disagree, dispute, reject, renounce, repudiate

**accept** [v4] *put up with* acknowledge, acquiesce, agree, assent, bear, bear with, bow, capitulate, defer to, don't make waves\*, don't rock the boat\*, endure, fit in, go along with, live with, play the game\*, recognize, respect, sit still for\*, stand, stand for, stomach, submit to, suffer, swallow, take, tolerate, yield to; CONCEPT 23 —**Ant.** demur, disallow, reject

**accept** [v5] *receive by agreeing, consenting* accede, acknowledge, acquiesce, admit, adopt, affirm, agree to, approve, assent, assume, avow, bear, buy, check out\*, comply, concur with, cooperate with, give stamp of approval\*, give the go-ahead\*, give the green light\*, give the nod\*, go for\*, lap up\*, okay, recognize, rubber-stamp\*, set store by\*, sign, sign off on\*, take on\*, take one up on\*, thumbs up\*, undertake; CONCEPTS 8,82 —**Ant.** decline, disagree, refuse

**acceptable** [adj] *satisfactory, agreeable* adequate, admissible, all right, A-OK\*, average, big\*, common, cooking with gas\*, cool\*, copacetic, decent, delightful, fair, hep\*, hip\*, hunky-dory\*, in the swim\*, kosher\*, large,

okay, on the ball\*, on the beam\*, passable, peachy keen\*, pleasant, pleasing, respectable, right on\*, standard, sufficient, swell\*, tolerable, trendy, nonexceptional, unobjectionable, up to code\*, up to snuff\*, welcome; CONCEPTS 533,558 —**Ant.** disagreeable, disturbing, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, unwelcome

**acceptance** [n1] *agreement, taking* accepting, acknowledgment, acquiring, admission, approval, assent, compliance, consent, cooperation, gaining, getting, go-ahead\*, green light\*, nod\*, obtaining, okay, permission, receipt, receiving, reception, recognition, securing, taking on, undertaking, yes; CONCEPTS 8,124 —**Ant.** disagreement, dissent, refusal

**acceptance** [n2] *belief in goodness of something* accedence, accession, acknowledgment, acquiescence, admission, adoption, affirmation, agreement, approbation, approval, assent, concession, concurrence, favor, recognition, seal of approval; CONCEPTS 12,32 —**Ant.** disbelief

**accepted** [adj] *generally agreed upon* accustomed, acknowledged, allowed, approved, arrived at, authorized, card-carrying\*, chosen, confirmed, conventional, credited, current, customary, endorsed, established, fashionable, in vogue, kosher\*, legit\*, normal, okayed, orthodox, passed, popular, preferred, received, recognized, regular, sanctioned, standard, straight\*, time-honored, touted, universal, unopposed, usual, welcomed; CONCEPTS 547,558 —**Ant.** irregular, questionable, unconventional, unorthodox

**access** [n] *admission, means of entry, approach* admittance, approach, avenue, connection, contact, course, door, entrance, entree, entry, in, ingress, introduction, key, open arms\*, open door\*, passage, path, road, route, way; CONCEPTS 501,631 —**Ant.** egress, outlet

**accessible** [adj] *approachable; ready for use* attainable, available, door's always open\*, employable, exposed, getatable, handy, near, obtainable, open, operative, possible, practicable, public, reachable, susceptible, unrestricted, usable; CONCEPT 576 —**Ant.** inaccessible, limited, restricted

**accession** [n1] *something that augments, adds to* accretion, addition, augmentation, enlargement, extension, increase, increment, raise, rise; CONCEPTS 700,775

**accession** [n2] *coming to power* assumption, attainment, inauguration, induction, investment, succession, taking on, taking over; CONCEPTS 133,298 —**Ant.** decline, fall

**accession** [n3] *agreement* accedence, acceptance, acquiescence, assent, concurrence, consent; CONCEPTS 8,410 —**Ant.** disagreement, dispute, repudiation

**accessorize** [v] *add ornament* accent, add on, adorn, equip, supplement; CONCEPTS 162,177

**accessory** [n1] *ornament; accompanying item; supplementary part* accent, addition, adjunct, adornment, appendage, appendix, appliance, appurtenance, attachment, component, decoration, extension, extra, frill, help, supplement, trim, trimming; CONCEPT 834 —**Ant.** principal

**accessory** [n2] *person peripherally involved in illegal activity* abettor, accomplice, aid, aide, assistant, associate, co-conspirator, colleague,

confederate, conspirator, helper, insider, partner, plant\*, ringer\*, shill\*, stall\*, subordinate; CONCEPT 412

**accident** [n1] *unexpected, undesirable event; often physically injurious* blow, calamity, casualty, collision, crack-up\*, disaster, fender-bender\*, fluke\*, hazard, misadventure, misfortune, mishap, pileup\*, rear ender\*, setback, smash\*, smashup\*, stack-up\*, total\*, wrack-up\*; CONCEPT 674 —**Ant.** intent, intention, necessity, plan, provision

**accident** [n2] *chance event* adventure, circumstance, contingency, fate, fluke\*, fortuity, fortune, happening, luck, occasion, occurrence, turn; CONCEPT 679 —**Ant.** calculation, decision, decree, plan

**accidental** [adj] *happening unexpectedly* adventitious, casual, chance, coincidental, contingent, fluky\*, fortuitous, inadvertent, incidental, random, uncalculated, unexpected, unforeseen, unintended, unintentional, unplanned; CONCEPTS 530,552 —**Ant.** decided, designed, essential, intended, intentional, planned, premeditated

**accidentally** [adj] *by chance* by mistake, fortuitously, haphazardly, unintentionally, unwittingly; CONCEPTS 548,552

**accident-prone** [adj] *clumsy* all thumbs\*, bungling, inept, klutzy\*, two left feet\*; CONCEPTS 401,402,584

**acclaim** [n] *expression of approval* acclamation, acknowledgment, applause, approbation, celebration, cheering, clapping, commendation, eulogizing, exaltation, honor, kudos, pat on the back\*, pat on the head\*, plaudits, PR, praise, puff, pumping up\*, rave, recognition, strokes\*, stroking\*; CONCEPT 69 —**Ant.** beratement, criticism, disapproval, jeering, vituperation

**acclaim** [v] *give approval* applaud, approve, blow horn\*, boost, celebrate, cheer, clap, commend, compliment, eulogize, exalt, extol, give a bouquet\*, give a posy\*, give kudos\*, hail, hand it to\*, hear it for\*, honor, laud, praise, puff up\*, push\*, rave, recommend, root, salute, stroke\*; CONCEPT 69 —**Ant.** berate, censure, damn, denounce, disapprove, dishonor, vituperate

**acclaimed** [adj] *praised* cheered, extolled, hailed, lauded, renowned; CONCEPTS 568,574

**acclamation** [n] *enthusiastic expression of approval* acclaim, adulation, applause, approbation, big hand\*, cheer, cheering, cheers, hand, honor, jubilation, laudation, ovation, plaudits, salutation, standing O\*, tribute; CONCEPTS 69,377 —**Ant.** disapproval

**acclimate** [v] *make or become adjusted, adapted* acclimatize, accommodate, acculture, accustom, climatize, conform, get used to, habituate, harden, season, toughen; CONCEPTS 202,701

**accolade** [n] *strong praise, recognition of achievement* approval, award, badge, decoration, distinction, honor, kudos\*, laurels; CONCEPT 69

**accommodate** [v1] *make room, lodging available* board, contain, domicile, entertain, furnish, harbor, hold, house, put up\*, quarter, receive, rent, shelter, supply, take in, welcome; CONCEPT 226 —**Ant.** turn away, turn out

**accommodate** [v2] *make, become suitable for*

*something* accord, accustom, adapt, adjust, agree, attune, bend over backwards\*, comply, compose, conform, coordinate, correspond, don't make waves\*, don't rock the boat\*, fit, go by the book\*, go with the flow\*, harmonize, integrate, make consistent, modify, play the game\*, proportion, reconcile, settle, shape up, suit, tailor, tailor-make, tune; CONCEPTS 23, 126  
—*Ant.* disarrange, unsuit

**accommodate** [v3] *perform service* afford, aid, arrange, assist, avail, benefit, bow, comfort, convenience, defer, favor, furnish, gratify, help, humor, indulge, oblige, pamper, please, provide, serve, settle, submit, suit, supply, support, sustain, yield; CONCEPT 136 —*Ant.* bar, block, frustrate, hinder, impede, limit, obstruct, prevent, stop

**accommodating** [adj] *willing to help* considerate, cooperative, friendly, generous, handy, helpful, hospitable, kind, neighborly, obliging, on deck\*, on tap\*, polite, unselfish, user friendly\*; CONCEPTS 542, 555 —*Ant.* alienating, disobliging, estranged

**accommodation** [n] *adjustment for different situation, circumstances* adaptation, compliance, composition, compromise, conformity, fifty-fifty deal\*, fitting, modification, reconciliation, settlement; CONCEPT 697

**accommodations** [n] *place of residence, usually temporary* apartment, board, boarding-house, crash pad\*, crib\*, digs\*, hotel, house, housing, lodging, motel, pad\*, quarters, roof, room and board, rooming house, rooms, shelter; CONCEPT 516

**accompaniment** [n1] *necessary part or embellishment* accessory, adjunct, appendage, appurtenance, attachment, attendant, attribute, augmentation, complement, concomitant, enhancement, enrichment, supplement; CONCEPTS 834, 835

**accompaniment** [n2] *music that supports a theme or performer in a composition* back, background, backing, back-up, harmony, instrument, part; CONCEPT 262

**accompany** [v1] *go or be with something* associate with, attend, chaperon, come along, conduct, consort, convoy, date, dog\*, draft\*, drag\*, escort, follow, go along, guard, guide, hang around with\*, hang out\*, keep company, lead, look after, shadow, shlep along\*, show about, show around, spook, squire, stick to\*, string along\*, tag along\*, tailgate\*, take out, usher; CONCEPTS 113, 224 —*Ant.* abandon, desert, leave, withdraw

**accompany** [v2] *occur with something* add, appear with, append, be connected, belong to, characterize, coexist, coincide with, come with, complete, co-occur, follow, go together, happen with, join with, occur with, supplement, take place with; CONCEPT 643

**accomplice** [n] *helper, especially in committing a crime* abettor, accessory, aid, aide, ally, assistant, associate, co-conspirator, collaborator, colleague, confederate, conspirator, insider, partner, plant\*, stall\*; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* adversary, enemy, opponent

**accomplish** [v] *succeed in doing* achieve, arrive, attain, bring about, bring off, carry out, conclude, consummate, do, do a bang-up job\*, do

justice\*, do one proud\*, do the trick\*, effect, finish, fulfill, gain, get someplace\*, get there\*, hit\*, make hay\*, make it, manage, nail it\*, perform, produce, pull off\*, put it over\*, rack up\*, reach, realize, score\*, sew up\*, take care of, win; CONCEPTS 91, 706 —*Ant.* abandon, fail, give up, not finish, nullify, relinquish

**accomplished** [adj] *skilled in activity* able, adept, brainy, consummate, cool\*, cultivated, expert, gifted, hep\*, hip\*, masterly, polished, practiced, proficient, savvy, sharp, skillful, talented, wised up\*, with it\*; CONCEPTS 326, 528 —*Ant.* inept, inexperienced, unable

**accomplishment** [n] *something successfully done, completed* ability, achievement, act, art, attainment, bringing about, capability, carrying out, completion, conclusion, consummation, coup, deed, effecting, effort, execution, exploit, feat, finish, fulfillment, performance, production, proficiency, realization, skill, stroke, talent, triumph; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* defeat, failure, frustration, nullification

**accord** [n] *agreement, mutual understanding (often written)* 10-4\*, accordance, concert, concord, concurrence, conformity, congruence, correspondence, deal, good vibes\*, good vibrations\*, harmony, okay, pact, rapport, reconciliation, sympathy, treaty, unanimity; CONCEPT 684 —*Ant.* antagonism, denial, disagreement, dissension, opposition, refusal

**accord** [v1] *give approval, grant* accede, acquiesce, admit, allow, award, bestow, concede, confer, endow, give, present, render, tender, vouchsafe; CONCEPTS 50, 83, 88 —*Ant.* argue, challenge, deny, disallow, disapprove, oppose, question, refuse, withhold

**accord** [v2] *come to agreement* affirm, agree, assent, be in tune, concur, conform, correspond, fit, harmonize, jibe, match, square, suit, tally; CONCEPTS 8, 664 —*Ant.* contest, deny, disagree, withhold

**accordant** [adj] *in agreement* agreeing, conforming, congruous, harmonious, in concert; CONCEPTS 558, 563

**accordingly** [adv] *in an appropriate, suitable way* appropriately, as a consequence, as a result, consequently, correspondingly, duly, equally, ergo, fitly, hence, in consequence, in respect to, in that event, properly, proportionately, respectively, resultantly, so, subsequently, suitably, then, therefore, thus, under the circumstances; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inappropriately, unsuitably

**accordion** [n] *musical instrument* concertina, groanbox\*, melodeon, squeezebox\*, stomach Steinway\*, windbox\*; CONCEPTS 463, 499

**accost** [v] *approach for conversation or solicitation* address, annoy, bother, brace\*, buttonhole\*, call, challenge, confront, cross, dare, entice, face, flag, greet, hail, proposition, run into, salute, welcome, whistle for\*; CONCEPTS 48, 51 —*Ant.* avoid, dodge, evade, ignore, scorn, shun

**account** [n1] *written description of past events* ABCs\*, annual, blow by blow\*, bulletin, chronicle, detail, explanation, history, low-down\*, make\*, narration, narrative, play by play\*, recital, report, run-down, score, story, tab, take, tale, the picture\*, the whole picture\*, version; CONCEPT 282



**account** [n2] *record of finances, fees, or charges* bad news\*, balance, bill, book, books, charge, check, computation, cuff\*, grunt\*, inventory, invoice, IOU\*, ledger, reckoning, record, register, report, score, statement, tab, tally; CONCEPTS 331,332

**account** [n3] *basis or consideration for action* cause, ground, grounds, interest, justification, motive, rationale, rationalization, reason, regard, sake; CONCEPT 229

**accountability** [n] *responsibility* answerability, blameworthiness, liability; CONCEPT 645

**accountable** [adj] *responsible for having done* answerable, charged with, culpable, liable, obligated, obliged, on the hook\*; CONCEPT 527 —**Ant.** blameless, innocent, irresponsible, unaccountable, unreliable, untrustworthy

**accountant** [n] *person who maintains financial accounts of a business* actuary, analyst, auditor, bookkeeper, calculator, cashier, clerk, comptroller, CPA, examiner, public accountant, reckoner, teller; CONCEPTS 348,353

**account for** [v] *offer reason, explanation* answer for, clarify, elucidate, explain, illuminate, justify, rationalize, resolve; CONCEPT 57 —**Ant.** underestimate

**accounting** [n] *keeping financial accounts* auditing, balancing the books\*, bookkeeping, calculating, computing, reckoning; CONCEPTS 28,764

**accredit** [v1] *attribute responsibility or achievement* ascribe, assign, charge, credit, refer; CONCEPTS 49,69

**accredit** [v2] *give authorization or control* appoint, approve, authorize, certify, commission, empower, enable, endorse, entrust, guarantee, license, okay, recognize, sanction, vouch for; CONCEPTS 50,88 —**Ant.** deny, disapprove, reject

**accretion** [n] *gradual growth, addition* accession, accumulation, augmentation, build-up, increase, increment, raise, rise; CONCEPT 780 —**Ant.** decrease, deduction, shrinkage

**accrual** [n] *growth* accumulation, amassing, amassment, buildup, increase; CONCEPTS 432,780

**accrue** [v] *increase by addition or growth, often financial* accumulate, amass, build up, collect, enlarge, flow, gather, grow, increase; CONCEPTS 763,780 —**Ant.** decrease, lose

**acculturation** [n] *adjustment to culture* acclimatization, assimilation, culture shock, nationalization, naturalization; CONCEPTS 202,701

**accumulate** [v] *gather or amass something* accrue, acquire, add to, agglomerate, aggregate, amalgamate, assemble, bring together, cache, clean up\*, collect, collocate, compile, concentrate, cumulate, draw together, expand, gain, gather, grow, heap, heap together, hoard, incorporate, increase, load up\*, lump\*, make a bundle\*, make a killing\*, mass, pile\*, pile up\*, procure, profit, rack up\*, roll up\*, round up\*, scare up\*, stack up, stockpile, store, store up, swell, unite; CONCEPTS 236,245 —**Ant.** disperse, dissipate, dwindle, lessen, lose, spend, squander, waste

**accumulation** [n] *gathering or amassing* accession, accretion, addition, agglomeration, aggrandizement, aggregation, amassment, augmentation, build-up, chunk, collecting,

collection, conglomeration, enlargement, gob, growth, heap, hoarding, hunk, increase, inflation, intensification, mass, multiplication, pile, quantity, stack, stock, store, trove, up, upping; CONCEPTS 432,780 —**Ant.** dispersal, dispersion, dissipation, scattering

**accuracy** [n] *precision or correctness* accurate-ness, carefulness, certainty, closeness, definiteness, definitiveness, definitude, efficiency, exactitude, exactness, faultlessness, incisiveness, mastery, meticulousness, preciseness, sharpness, skill, skillfulness, strictness, sureness, truthfulness, veracity, verity; CONCEPTS 638,654 —**Ant.** erroneousness, falsehood, inaccuracy, mistake

**accurate** [adj1] *precise* authentic, careful, close, concrete, correct, defined, definite, deft, detailed, discriminating, discriminative, distinct, exact, explicit, factual, faithful, genuine, judicious, just, literal, matter-of-fact, methodical, meticulous, on the button\*, on the money\*, on the nose\*, particular, proper, punctilious, punctual, regular, right, rigid, rigorous, scientific, scrupulous, severe, sharp, skillful, solid, specific, strict, systematic, true, ultraprecise, unerring, unmistakable, veracious; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** careless, faulty, inaccurate, lax, vague

**accurate** [adj2] *correct, without error* absolute, actual, authentic, authoritative, certain, conclusive, definite, definitive, errorless, exact, factual, faultless, final, flawless, genuine, infallible, irrefutable, official, perfect, right, straight, strict, true, truthful, undeniable, undisputed, unimpeachable, unquestionable, unrefuted, valid, veracious; CONCEPT 557 —**Ant.** doubtful, erroneous, false, inaccurate, misleading, mistaken, questionable, untruthful, wrong

**accurately** [adv] *correctly* exactly, flawlessly, meticulously, precisely, scrupulously, veraciously; CONCEPTS 535,557

**accursed** [adj] *curled* bedeviled, condemned, damned, done for\*, doomed, hexed, ill-fated, star-crossed, unfortunate; CONCEPTS 548,571

**accusation** [n] *charge of wrongdoing, fault* allegation, arraignment, attribution, beef\*, blast\*, bum rap\*, censure, citation, complaint, denunciation, dido, exposé, gripe, impeachment, imputation, incrimination, indictment, insinuation, recrimination, roar\*, rumble\*, slur, squawk\*, stink\*; CONCEPT 54 —**Ant.** exculpation, praise

**accuse** [v] *place blame for wrongdoing, fault* allege, apprehend, arraign, arrest, attack, attribute, betray, blame, blow the whistle\*, brand, bring charges, censure, charge, cite, complain, criminate, denounce, file claim, finger\*, frame, hang something on\*, hold accountable, impeach, implicate, impute, incriminate, inculpate, indict, lay at door\*, let have it\*, libel, litigate, lodge complaint, name, pin on\*, point finger at\*, prosecute, recriminate, serve summons, slander, slur, sue, summon, tax; CONCEPT 44 —**Ant.** absolve, exculpate, exonerate, praise, vindicate

**accuser** [n] *person laying blame* indicter, informer, prosecutor, rat\*, tattletale\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**accustom** [v] *get used to* acclimatize, acculturate, acquaint, adapt, familiarize, habituate, season; CONCEPTS 35,202

**accustomed** [adj1] *be or become prepared,*

used to acclimatized, acquainted, adapted, addicted, confirmed, disciplined, familiar, familiarized, given to, grooved\*, habituated, habituated in, in the habit, inured, seasoned, settled in, trained; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* unaccustomed

**accustomed** [adj2] *normal, usual* accepted, chronic, common, conventional, customary, established, everyday, expected, general, habitual, ordinary, orthodox, regular, routine, set, traditional, typical; CONCEPT 547 —*Ant.* abnormal, unaccustomed, unusual

**AC-DC** [adj] *bisexual* ambidextrous, androgynous, bi\*, double-gaited, epicene, gay, gynandrous, hermaphroditic, hits both ways\*, intersexual, monoclinal, swings both ways\*, switch-hitting\*; CONCEPT 372

**ace** [adj] *exhibiting expertise in some activity* brilliant, champion, distinguished, excellent, expert, first-rate, great, master, outstanding, superb, virtuoso; CONCEPT 528 —*Ant.* inept, unskilled

**ace** [n] *expert in some activity* champion, genius, master, pro, star, virtuoso, winner, wizard; CONCEPT 416 —*Ant.* clod, ignoramus

**ace in the hole** [n] *secret weapon* card up one's sleeve, reserve; CONCEPTS 274,340

**acerbate** [v] *exasperate* aggravate, annoy, disturb, perturb, provoke, rattle one's cage\*; CONCEPTS 7,19

**acerbic** [adj] *bitter, sharp, or sour* acidic, acrid, astringent, caustic, harsh, sharp, tart; CONCEPT 613

**acerbity** [n1] *bitterness of taste* acidity, asperity, astringency, mordancy, sourness, tartness; CONCEPTS 462,613 —*Ant.* mellowness, mildness, sweetness

**acerbity** [n2] *harsh speech, behavior* acrimony, acrimony, causticity, ill temper, irritability, rancor, rudeness, sarcasm, sarcasticness, vitriolicism; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* kindness, sweetness

**aces** [adj] *great* excellent, fabulous, peachy, wonderful; CONCEPTS 527,528,574

**ache** [n] *sore feeling; dull pain* anguish, hurt, misery, pang, pounding, smarting, soreness, spasm, suffering, throb, throbbing, throe, twinge; CONCEPTS 316,410,728 —*Ant.* comfort, ease, health, relief

**ache** [v] *feeling soreness or dull pain, often physical* be sore, hurt, pain, pound, smart, suffer, throb, twinge; CONCEPTS 13,17,303,308,313

**achievable** [adj] *doable* attainable, feasible, obtainable; CONCEPTS 528,552,558

**achieve** [v] *bring to successful conclusion; reach a goal* accomplish, acquire, actualize, attain, bring about, bring off\*, bring to pass, cap, carry out, carry through, close, complete, conclude, consummate, deliver, discharge, dispatch, do, earn, earn wings\*, effect, effectuate, enact, end, execute, finish, follow through, fulfill, gain, get, get done, manage, negotiate, obtain, perfect, perform, procure, produce, rack up\*, reach, realize, resolve, score, seal, see through, settle, sign, solve, win, wind up, work out; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* fail, lose, miss

**achievement** [n] *something completed successfully; goal reached* accomplishment, acquirement, acquisition, act, actualization, attainment, completion, conquest, consummation, con-

trivance, creation, deed, effectuation, effort, enactment, encompassment, execution, exploit, feat, fulfillment, hit, masterpiece, performance, production, realization, stroke, success, tour de force, triumph, victory; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* defeat, failure, forfeit, injury, miscue, misfortune, neglect, negligence

**Achilles' heel** [n] *vulnerability* chink in the armor\*, deficiency, frailty, handicap, soft underbelly\*, susceptibility, weakness; CONCEPTS 101,230,411,580

**acid** [adj1] *bitter, sour in taste* acerbic, acidulous, biting, piquant, pungent, sharp, tart, vinegarish, vinegary; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* bland, sweet

**acid** [adj2] *having acidic, corrosive properties* acerbic, acidulous, acrid, anti-alkaline, biting, bleaching, corroding, disintegrative, dissolvent, eating away, eroding, erosive, oxidizing, rusting; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* basic

**acid** [adj3] *bitter in words or behavior* acerbic, biting, caustic, cutting, dry, harsh, hateful, hurtful, mordant, nasty, offensive, sarcastic, sharp, stinging, trenchant, vitriolic; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* kind, nice

**acid** [n] *lysergic acid diethylamide, LSD* black tabs\*, blotter\*, blue acid\*, blue dot\*, blue Owsley\*, California sunshine\*, candy\*, cubes\*, dot\*, electric Kool Aid\*, green dragon\*, hallucinogen, instant Zen\*, Lucy in the sky with diamonds\*, magic mushrooms, mescalin, microdots\*, mushrooms, orange sunshine\*, Owsley's acid\*, peyote, purple haze\*, strawberry fields\*, sugar cubes\*, yellow sunshine\*; CONCEPT 307

**acidity** [n] *bitterness* acerbity, acridness, astringency, causticity, pungency, sourness, tartness; CONCEPT 614

**acid test** [n] *test of value, genuineness* proof, proving ground, substantiation, trial, verification; CONCEPTS 87,290,291

**acidulous** [adj1] *bitter, sour* acerb, acerbic, acetose, dry, piquant, sharp, tart; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* sugary, sweet

**acidulous** [adj2] *bitter in speech* biting, cutting, ironical, mocking, sarcastic; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* kind, nice, sweet

**acknowledge** [v1] *verbally recognize authority* accede, accept, acquiesce, agree, allow, approve, attest to, certify, defend, defer to, endorse, grant, own, ratify, recognize, subscribe to, support, take an oath, uphold, yield; CONCEPTS 8,50,88 —*Ant.* forswear, ignore, refuse, renounce, repudiate

**acknowledge** [v2] *admit truth or reality of something* accede, accept, acquiesce, allow, avow, come clean\*, come out of closet\*, concede, confess, cop a plea\*, crack\*, declare, fess up\*, get off chest\*, grant, let on\*, open up\*, own, profess, recognize, yield; CONCEPTS 12,49 —*Ant.* abjure, contradict, disavow, renounce

**acknowledge** [v3] *verbally recognize receipt of something* address, answer, greet, hail, notice, react, remark, reply, respond, return, salute, thank; CONCEPTS 38,45,51,60 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore

**acknowledgment** [n1] *act of recognizing authority or truth of something* acceptance, accession, acquiescence, admission, admitting,

affirmation, allowance, allowing, assent, assertion, asservation, avowal, compliance, conceding, concession, concurrence, confession, confirmation, corroboration, declaration, profession, ratification, realization, recognition, yielding; CONCEPTS 8,50,88

**acknowledgment** [n2] *physical symbol of recognition* acclamation, addressing, answer, apology, applause, appreciation, bestowal, bow, card, confession, contract, credit, gift, gratitude, greeting, guarantee, hail, hailing, letter, nod, notice, reaction, receipt, reply, response, return, salutation, salute, signature, statement, support, thanks, token; CONCEPTS 595,628

**acme** [n] *pinnacle of achievement or physical object* apogee, capstone, climax, culmination, height, highest point, high point, meridian, optimum, peak, summit, top, ultimate, vertex, zenith; CONCEPTS 706,836 —*Ant.* nadir

**acne** [n] *blemishes* blackheads, pimples, pizza-face\*, pustules, rosacea, skin inflammation, whiteheads, zits\*; CONCEPT 580

**acolyte** [n] *attendant, usually in a church* aid, assistant, follower, helper; CONCEPT 361

**acoustic** [adj] *sound* audible, audio, auditory, aural, hearing, phonic; CONCEPTS 591,594

**acoustics** [n] *sound quality* echo, noise, sound, sound properties, sound transmission; CONCEPT 595

**acquaint** [v] *inform oneself or another about something new* accustom, advise, apprise, bring out, clue, come out with\*, disclose, divulge, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, fix up\*, get together\*, habituate, inform, intro\*, introduce, knock down\*, let know, make familiar, notify, post, present, reveal, tell, warn; CONCEPTS 31,60 —*Ant.* conceal, deceive, falsify, hide, hold back, mislead, misrepresent, withhold

**acquaintance** [n1] *a person known informally* associate, association, colleague, companion, contact, friend, neighbor; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* stranger

**acquaintance** [n2] *knowledge of something through experience* awareness, cognizance, conversance, familiarity, fellowship, grasp, intimacy, ken, relationship, understanding; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* ignorance, strangeness, unfamiliarity

**acquainted** [adj] *aware* abreast, advised, apprised of, clued in\*, conversant, enlightened, familiarized, familiar with, informed, in the know\*, versed in; CONCEPT 402

**acquiesce** [v] *agree with some reluctance* accede, accept, accommodate, adapt, adjust, agree, allow, approve, bow to, buy, cave in\*, come across, come around, comply, concur, conform, consent, cry uncle\*, cut a deal\*, ditto\*, give in, give out, go along, jibe\*, okay, pass, play ball\*, reconcile, roll over and play dead\*, say uncle\*, set, shake on, submit, subscribe, yes, yield; CONCEPTS 8,10,23,82 —*Ant.* disagree, dissent, object, protest

**acquiescence** [n] *reluctant agreement* acceptance, accession, approval, assent, compliance, concurrence, conformity, consent, giving in, obedience, permission, resignation, submission, submissiveness, yielding; CONCEPTS 8,10 —*Ant.* disagreement, insubordination, rebellion

**acquire** [v] *obtain or receive* access, achieve,

amass, annex, attain, bring in, buy, catch, collect, cop\*, corral\*, earn, gain, gather, get, get hands on, get hold of, grab, have, hustle, land, latch onto, lock up, pick up, procure, promote, rack up\*, scare up\*, secure, snag\*, take, take possession of\*, wangle\*, win; CONCEPTS 120,124,142 —*Ant.* fail, forfeit, forgo, lose, relinquish, surrender, yield

**acquisition** [n1] *obtaining or receiving* accretion, achievement, acquirement, acquiring, addition, attainment, buy, gain, gaining, learning, obtainment, possession, prize, procurement, procurement, procuring, property, purchase, pursuit, recovery, redemption, retrieval, salvage, winning; CONCEPTS 120,124,142 —*Ant.* dearth, lack, loss, need, want

**acquisition** [n2] *something obtained, received* accomplishment, achievement, allowance, annuity, award, benefit, bonus, commission, dividend, donation, earnings, fortune, gain, gift, grant, income, increment, inheritance, net, premium, prize, proceeds, profit, remuneration, return, reward, riches, salary, security, wages, wealth, winnings; CONCEPTS 120,337,710

**acquisitive** [adj] *eager to obtain knowledge or things* avaricious, avid, covetous, demanding, desirous, grabbing, grabby, grasping, greedily, predatory, prehensile, rapacious; CONCEPT 542

**acquit** [v1] *announce removal of blame* absolve, blink at\*, clear, deliver, discharge, disculpate, exculpate, excuse, exonerate, free, let go, let off, let off the hook\*, liberate, release, relieve, vindicate, whitewash\*, wink at\*, wipe off\*; CONCEPTS 50,83,88,317 —*Ant.* blame, censure, condemn, convict, damn, denounce, doom, sentence

**acquit** [v2] *behave* some way act, bear, carry, comport, conduct, deport, perform; CONCEPT 633

**acquittal** [n] *declaration removing blame* absolution, acquitting, amnesty, clearance, deliverance, discharge, discharging, dismissal, dismissing, exculpation, exemption, exonerated, freeing, letting off, liberation, pardon, release, releasing, relief from, reprieve, vindication; CONCEPTS 127,317,318 —*Ant.* blame, censure, conviction, denunciation, doom, sentence

**acre** [n] *piece of land, unit of area* acreage, bit, estate, grounds, manor, plot, property; CONCEPT 792

**acreage** [n] *land* back forty\*, expanse, holding, parcel, plot, property, real estate; CONCEPT 509

**acrid** [adj1] *bitter, sour to taste* acid, amaroidal, astringent, biting, burning, caustic, harsh, irritating, pungent, sharp, stinging; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* delicious, savory, sweet

**acrid** [adj2] *nasty in behavior or words* acrimonious, austere, biting, bitter, caustic, cutting, harsh, mordant, sarcastic, sharp, trenchant, vitriolic; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* complimentary, kind, nice

**acrimonious** [adj] *nasty in behavior, speech* acerbic, acid, angry, astringent, belligerent, biting, bitter, caustic, censorious, churlish, crabby, cranky, cross, cutting, indignant, irascible, irate, ireful, mad, mordant, peevish, petulant, rancorous, sarcastic, sharp, spiteful, splenetic, tart, testy, trenchant, wrathful; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* kind, kindly, peaceable

**acrimony** [*n*] *nasty behavior, speech* acerbity, animosity, antipathy, asperity, astringency, belligerence, bitterness, churlishness, crankiness, harshness, ill will, irascibility, malevolence, malice, mordancy, peevishness, rancor, rudeness, sarcasm, spite, tartness, unkindness, virulence; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* civility, courtesy, diplomacy, flattery, kindness, politeness, sweetness

**acrobat** [*n*] *performer who does tricks, physical feats* aerialist, artist, athlete, balancer, clown, contortionist, dancer, funambulist, gymnast, performer, stunt person, trapezist, tumbler; CONCEPT 352 —*Ant.* clod

**acrobatics** [*n*] *athletic floor exercises* balancing, feats, gymnastics, somersaults, stunts, tumbling; CONCEPT 363

**across** [*prep*] *traversing a space, side to side* athwart, beyond, cross, crossed, crosswise, opposite, over, transversely; CONCEPT 581

**across-the-board** [*adj*] *all all-inclusive, blanket, complete, comprehensive, everything, sweeping, total*; CONCEPTS 513,772

**act** [*n1*] *something done* accomplishment, achievement, action, deed, doing, execution, exploit, feat, move, operation, performance, step, thing, undertaking; CONCEPT 1 —*Ant.* cessation, idleness, inactivity, inertia, quiet, quiet, repose, rest, stoppage, suspension

**act** [*n2*] *legislative document* amendment, announcement, bill, clause, code, commitment, decree, edict, enactment, judgment, law, measure, order, ordinance, resolution, statute, subpoena, summons, verdict, warrant, writ; CONCEPTS 271,318

**act** [*n3*] *part of a performance* bit\*, curtain, epilogue, gag\*, introduction, number, piece, prologue, routine, scene, schtick\*, show, sketch, spot, turn; CONCEPT 264

**act** [*n4*] *pretended behavior* affectation, attitude, bit\*, chaser\*, dissimulation, fake, false front\*, feigning, front, performance, phony, pose, posture, pretense, put-on, sham, show, shuck and jive\*, simulation, soft soap\*, stall, stance, stunt, sweet talk\*; CONCEPT 633

**act** [*v1*] *do something* accomplish, achieve, begin, carry on, carry out, consummate, cook, create, develop, do, do a number\*, do one's thing\*, enforce, execute, function, get in there\*, go about, go for broke\*, go for it\*, go in for\*, go that route\*, go to town\*, intrude, knock off\*, labor, make progress, maneuver, move, officiate, operate, percolate\*, perk\*, perpetrate, persevere, persist, practice, preside, pursue, respond, serve, take effect, take part, take steps, take up, transort, undertake, work out; CONCEPTS 1,4 —*Ant.* abstain, cease, discontinue, give up, halt, hesitate, idle, refrain, stop

**act** [*v2*] *behave in a certain way* appear, behave, carry, carry oneself, carry out, comport, conduct, do, enact, execute, exert, function, give the appearance, go about, impress as, operate, perform, play part, react, represent oneself, seem, serve, strike, take on; CONCEPT 633

**act** [*v3*] *entertain by playing a role* be on\*, bring down the house\*, burlesque, characterize, do a turn\*, dramatize, emote, enact, feign, go on, go over, ham\*, ham it up\*, impersonate, lay an

egg\*, make debut, mime, mimic, mug, parody, perform, personate, personify, play, play act, play gig, play part, play role, portray, pretend, put it over\*, rehearse, represent, say one's piece\*, simulate, star, stooze\*, strut\*, take part, tread the boards\*; CONCEPT 292

**acting** [*adj*] *substituting in a role* ad interim, adjutant, alternate, assistant, delegated, deputy, interim, pro tem, pro tempore, provisional, surrogate, temporary; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* permanent

**acting** [*n*] *entertaining, performing* assuming, characterization, depiction, dramatics, dramatizing, enacting, enactment, feigning, hamming\*, histrionics, imitating, imitation, impersonation, improvisation, mime, mimicry, pantomime, performance, play acting, playing, portrayal, portraying, posing, posturing, pretending, pretense, putting, rendition, seeming, showing off, simulating, stagecraft, stoozing\*, theatre, theatricals; CONCEPT 292

**action** [*n1*] *something done* activity, agility, alacrity, alertness, animation, bag\*, ballgame\*, big idea\*, bit\*, business, bustle, commotion, dash, deal, energy, enterprise, flurry, force, functioning, game, going, happening, haste, hoopla\*, hopper\*, industry, in the works, life, liveliness, motion, movement, occupation, operation, plan, power, process, proposition, racket\*, reaction, response, rush, scene, spirit, stir, stunt, trip, turmoil, vigor, vim, vitality, vivacity; CONCEPT 1 —*Ant.* cessation, idleness, inaction, inactivity, inertia, repose, rest, stoppage

**action** [*n2*] *individual deed* accomplishment, achievement, act, blow, commission, dealings, doing, effort, enterprise, execution, exercise, exertion, exploit, feat, handiwork, maneuver, manipulation, move, operation, performance, procedure, step, stroke, thrust, transaction, undertaking; CONCEPTS 91,706

**action** [*n3*] *a legal process* case, cause, claim, lawsuit, litigation, proceeding, prosecution, suit; CONCEPT 317

**action** [*n4*] *an aggressive military deed* battle, combat, conflict, contest, encounter, engagement, fight, fighting, fray, skirmish, warfare; CONCEPT 320

**activate** [*v*] *initiate something; start a function* actify, actuate, arouse, call up, energize, impel, mobilize, motivate, move, prompt, propel, rouse, set in motion, start, stimulate, stir, switch on, take out of mothballs\*, trigger, turn on; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* arrest, stop

**active** [*adj1*] *having movement* alive, astir, at work, bustling, effective, efficacious, exertive, flowing, functioning, going, hasty, impelling, in force, in play, in process, mobile, movable, moving, operating, operative, progressive, pushing, rapid, restless, rolling, running, rushing, rustling, shifting, simmering, speeding, speedy, streaming, swarming, traveling, turning, walking, working; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* abeyant, dormant, immobile, inactive, inert, lazy, sluggish

**active** [*adj2*] *very involved in activity* aggressive, agile, alert, alive, animated, assiduous, bold, brisk, bustling, busy, chipper, daring, dashing, determined, dexterous, diligent,

dynamic, eager, energetic, engaged, enlivened, enterprising, enthusiastic, eventful, fireball\*, forceful, forcible, fresh, frisky, hard-working, high-spirited, lively\*, industrious, intense, inventive, jumping, keen, lively, nimble, on the move, perky, persevering, purposeful, pushing, quick, rapid, ready, resolute, sharp, sprightly, spry, whiz\*, zealous; CONCEPTS 401, 542

—*Ant.* disinterested, idle, indifferent, lazy, quiescent, quiet

**activism** [*n*] *action for change* advocacy, boycotting, championing, effecting change, influence peddling, involvement, logrolling, militancy, moving and shaking\*, picketing, striking; CONCEPT 689

**activity** [*n*] *state of being active* action, activeness, animation, bustle, enterprise, exercise, exertion, hustle, labor, life, liveliness, motion, movement; CONCEPTS 1, 748 —*Ant.* idleness, immobility, inactivity, indolence, inertia, laziness, sluggishness

**activity** [*n*] *special interest or pursuit* act, avocation, bag\*, ballgame\*, bit\*, deed, endeavor, enterprise, entertainment, game, hobby, job, labor, occupation, pastime, project, racket, scene\*, scheme, stunt, task, trip, undertaking, venture, work, zoo\*; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* hate

**act of God** [*n*] *natural disaster* accident, earthquake, freak accident, hurricane, tornado, unforeseen event; CONCEPTS 674, 675

**actor** [*n*] *person who performs, entertains by role-playing* amateur, artist, barnstormer, bit player, character, clown, comedian, entertainer, extra, foil, ham\*, hambone\*, headliner, idol, impersonator, ingénue, lead, mime, mimic, pantomimist, performer, play-actor, player, soubrette, stand-in, star, stooge\*, straight person, thesp\*, thespian, trouper, understudy, ventriloquist, villain, walk-on; CONCEPT 352 —*Ant.* audience, fan

**actress** [*n*] *woman actor* diva, ingenue, leading lady, prima donna, starlet; CONCEPT 352

**actual** [*adj*1] *truly existing, real* absolute, authentic, categorical, certain, concrete, confirmed, definite, factual, for real\*, genuine, hard, honest injun\*, honest to God\*, indisputable, indubitable, kosher\*, physical, positive, realistic, substantial, substantive, sure enough\*, tangible, true, truthful, undeniable, unquestionable, verified; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* counterfeit, false, fictitious, imaginary, legendary, pretended, unreal

**actual** [*adj*2] *existing at the present time* current, exact, existent, extant, live, living, original, prevailing; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* hypothetical, imaginary, nominal, past, reputed, theoretical, unreal

**actuality** [*n*] *something that truly exists, is real* achievement, actualization, attainment, brass tacks\*, fact, materiality, materialization, reality, real world\*, straight stuff\*, substance, substantiality, truth, what it is\*; CONCEPT 725

**actualize** [*v*] *make real* accomplish, bring about, engineer, produce, realize; CONCEPT 91

**actually** [*adj*] *truly real, existent* absolutely, as a matter of fact, de facto, genuinely, indeed, in fact, in point of fact, in reality, in truth, literally, really, veritably, very; CONCEPT 582

**actuate** [*v*] *start a function or action, motivate*

activate, animate, arouse, cause, drive, egg on\*, energize, excite, fire up\*, impel, incite, induce, influence, inspire, instigate, key up\*, mobilize, motivate, move, prompt, propel, put up to\*, quicken, rouse, spur, stimulate, turn on\*, work into lather\*, work up\*; CONCEPTS 221, 234 —*Ant.* impede, stop

**act up** [*v*] *misbehave* act out\*, carry on, raise hell\*, rebel, sow one's wild oats\*; CONCEPTS 106, 633

**acumen** [*n*] *ability to understand and reason* acuity, acuteness, astuteness, awareness, brains, brilliance, cleverness, comprehension, cunning, discernment, discrimination, farsightedness, good taste, grasp, guile, ingenuity, insight, intellect, intelligence, intuition, judgment, keenness, perception, perspicience, perspicacity, perspicuity, refinement, sagacity, sensitivity, sharpness, shrewdness, smartness, smarts\*, understanding, vision, wisdom, wit; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* denseness, ignorance, inability, ineptness, obtuseness, stupidity

**acute** [*adj*1] *deeply perceptive* astute, canny, clever, discerning, discriminating, incisive, ingenious, insightful, intense, intuitive, judicious, keen, observant, penetrating, perspicacious, piercing, quick-witted, sensitive, sharp, smart, subtle; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* dense, imperceptive, insensitive, obtuse, slow, stupid

**acute** [*adj*2] *very important* afflictive, critical, crucial, dangerous, decisive, desperate, dire, essential, grave, serious, severe, sudden, urgent, vital; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* not serious, unimportant

**acute** [*adj*3] *severe, intense* cutting, distressing, excruciating, exquisite, fierce, keen, overpowering, overwhelming, piercing, poignant, powerful, racking, severe, sharp, shooting, stabbing, sudden, violent; CONCEPT 569

**acute** [*adj*4] *having a sharp end or point* acicular, aciculate, acuminate, acuminous, cusped, cuspidate, knifelike, needle-shaped, peaked, piked, pointed, sharpened, spiked; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* blunt, dull

**adage** [*n*] *saying or proverb* aphorism, apothegm, axiom, byword, dictum, maxim, motto, precept, saw; CONCEPT 276

**adamant** [*adj*1] *unyielding* determined, firm, fixed, hanging tough\*, hard-nosed, immovable, inexorable, inflexible, insistent, intransigent, obdurate, pat\*, relentless, resolute, rigid, set, set in stone\*, standing pat\*, stiff, stubborn, unbendable, unbending, uncompromising, unrelenting, unshakable, unswayable; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* flexible, pliant, submissive, yielding

**adamant** [*adj*2] *hard like rock* adamantite, flinty, impenetrable, indestructible, rock-hard, tough, unbreakable; CONCEPT 604 —*Ant.* flexible, soft, supple

**adapt** [*v*] *adjust to a different situation or condition* acclimate, accommodate, accustom, alter, change, come around, comply, conform, familiarize, fashion, fit, get act together\*, get used to, grow used to, habituate, harmonize, make, match, modify, play the game\*, prepare, qualify, readjust, reconcile, remodel, revise, roll with punches\*, shape, shape up\*, square, suit, tailor; CONCEPTS 232, 697 —*Ant.* disarrange, dislocate, disorder, disturb, unfit

**adaptable** [adj] *able and usually willing to change* AC-DC\*, adjustable, all around, alterable, can-do\*, changeable, compliant, conformable, convertible, ductile, easy-going, flexible, hanging loose\*, malleable, modifiable, moldable, plastic, pliable, pliant, resilient, supple, switch-hitting, tractable, variable, versatile; CONCEPTS 550,576 —**Ant.** inflexible, intractable, nonconforming, unadaptable

**adaptation** [n1] *act of adapting* adjustment, adoption, alteration, conversion, modification, refitting, remodeling, reworking, shift, transformation, variation; CONCEPT 697

**adaptation** [n2] *condition of something resulting from change* acclimatization, accustomedness, agreement, compliance, correspondence, familiarization, habituation, naturalization; CONCEPT 230

**adaptive** [adj] *adjusting* flexible, modifying, robust; CONCEPTS 314,489,613

**add** [v1] *simple arithmetical process of increase; accumulation* calculate, cast, compute, count, count up, do addition, enumerate, figure, reckon, reckon up, sum, summate, tally, tot\*, total, tote\*, tot up\*; CONCEPT 764 —**Ant.** subtract

**add** [v2] *adjoin, increase; make further comment* affix, annex, ante, append, augment, beef up\*, boost, build up, charge up, continue, cue in\*, figure in, flesh out\*, heat up\*, hike, hike up\*, hitch on\*, hook on\*, hook up with\*, include, jack up\*, jazz up\*, join together, pad, parlay, piggyback\*, plug into\*, pour it on\*, reply, run up\*, say further, slap on\*, snowball\*, soup up\*, speed up, spike, step up, supplement, sweeten\*, tack on\*, tag; CONCEPTS 51,113,236,245 —**Ant.** decrease, deduct, diminish, lessen, reduce, remove, withdraw

**addendum** [n] *something conjoined, added* addition, adjunct, appendage, appendix, attachment, augmentation, codicil, extension, extra, postscript, rider, supplement; CONCEPTS 270,827

**addict** [n] *person who has compulsion toward activity, often injurious* aficionado, buff, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fiend, follower, freak\*, habitué, hound\*, junkie\*, nut, practitioner, zealot; CONCEPTS 412,423

**addicted** [adj] *dependent on something, compulsive* absorbed, accustomed, attached, dependent, devoted, disposed, fanatic, fond, given over to, given to, habituated, hooked, hyped\*, imbued, inclined, obsessed, predisposed, prone to, spaced out\*, strung out\*, under the influence, used to, wedded to; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** disinclined, independent, opposed, unaccustomed

**addiction** [n] *a habit of activity, often injurious* bag\*, bent, craving, dependence, enslavement, fixation, hang-up\*, hook, inclination, jones\*, kick\*, monkey\*, monkey on back\*, obsession, shot\*, sweet tooth\*, thing\*; CONCEPTS 20,316,709

**addictive** [adj] *habit-forming* enslaving, hooking, obsessive; CONCEPTS 530,547

**addition** [n1] *process of conjoining, adding* accession, adding, adjoining, affixing, annexation, attachment, augmentation, enlargement, extension, inclusion, increasing; CONCEPTS 236,245 —**Ant.** decrease, deduction, lessening, loss, reduction, shrinkage, subtraction, withdrawal

**addition** [n2] *something conjoined to or enlargement of something* accession, accessory, accretion, accrual, addendum, additive, adjunct, aggrandizement, annex, appendage, appendix, attachment, augmentation, bonus, boost, commission, dividend, enhancement, enlargement, expansion, extension, extra, gain, hike, increase, increment, option, profit, raise, reinforcement, rise, supplement, wing; CONCEPTS 640,835

**addition** [n3] *arithmetical process of augmentation* accretion, accruing, adding, computing, counting, enlarging, expanding, increasing, reckoning, summation, summing, tabulating, totaling, toting\*; CONCEPT 764 —**Ant.** subtraction

**additional** [adj] *extra, supplementary* added, affixed, appended, further, increased, more, new, on the side, option, other, over-and-above, padding, perk, spare, supplementary; CONCEPT 771 —**Ant.** necessary

**additive** [n] *added ingredient* accompaniment, addition, add-on, extra, flavor enhancer, preservative, supplement; CONCEPTS 640,835

**addled** [adj] *confused* balled up\*, befuddled, bewildered, fouled up\*, gone\*, mixed up, out of it, punchy, rattled, shaken, shook, shook up, slap-happy, thrown, unglued\*, woozy\*; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** clear, understanding

**address** [n1] *place of residence or business where one can be contacted* abode, box number, direction, domicile, dwelling, headquarters, home, house, living quarters, location, lodging, number, place of business, place of residence, street, whereabouts, zip code; CONCEPT 516

**address** [n2] *speech given to formal gathering* chalk talk\*, discourse, dissertation, lecture, oration, pep talk\*, pitch, sermon, soapbox\*, spiel\*, talk; CONCEPT 278

**address** [v1] *write directions for delivery* consign, dispatch, forward, inscribe, label, mark, postmark, remit, route, send, ship, superscribe, transmit; CONCEPTS 60,79

**address** [v2] *speak to a formal gathering* approach, bespeak, call, deliver speech, deliver talk, discourse, discuss, get on a soapbox\*, give speech, give talk, greet, hail, lecture, memorialize, orate, pitch, pontificate, root for, sermonize, spiel\*, spout, stump\*, take the floor, talk; CONCEPTS 60,266,285

**address** [v3] *devote effort to something* apply oneself to, attend to, concentrate on, devote oneself to, dig, direct, engage in, focus on, give, go at\*, go for\*, hammer away\*, have a go at\*, have at\*, knuckle down to\*, peg away\*, pitch into\*, plug away at\*, take care of, take up, throw oneself into, try, turn, turn to, undertake; CONCEPT 100 —**Ant.** avoid, cut, disregard, ignore, overlook, pass, shun, slight

**adduce** [v] *affirm* cite, illustrate, point out, prove, show; CONCEPTS 49,50,88

**adept** [adj] *very able* accomplished, ace\*, adroit, brainy, capable, clean\*, crack\*, cracker-jack\*, deft, dexterous, expert, hot\*, hotshot\*, know stuff\*, masterful, masterly, nobody's fool\*, no dummy\*, no slouch\*, on the ball\*, on the beam\*, practiced, proficient, quick, savvy, sharp, sharp as a tack\*, skilled, skillful, slick, smooth, there's up to speed\*, versed, whiz\*, wizard; CONCEPTS 402,527 —**Ant.** awkward, clumsy, incompetent, inept, unskilled

**adequacy** [*n*] *ability, competency in some action* capability, capacity, commensurateness, competence, enough, fairness, plenty, requisiteness, satisfactoriness, sufficiency, suitability, tolerableness; CONCEPTS 636,656 —**Ant.** inadequacy, inadequateness, insufficiency

**adequate** [*adj*] *enough, able* acceptable, all right, capable, comfortable, commensurate, competent, decent, equal, fair, passable, requisite, satisfactory, sufficient, sufficing, suitable, tolerable, unexceptional, unobjectionable; CONCEPTS 533,558 —**Ant.** inadequate, inferior, insufficient, unequal, unfit, unqualified, unsuitable, useless

**adequately** [*adv*] *sufficiently* abundantly, acceptably, appropriately, capably, competently, copiously, decently, fairly well, fittingly, modestly, pleasantly enough, presentably, satisfactorily, sufficiently, suitably, to an acceptable degree, tolerably, well enough; CONCEPTS 558,560 —**Ant.** inadequately, insufficiently, unequally, unsatisfactorily, unsuitably

**adhere** [*v*] *conform to or follow rules exactly* abide by, be attached, be constant, be devoted, be devoted to, be faithful, be loyal, be true, cleave to, comply, follow, fulfill, heed, keep, maintain, mind, obey, observe, practice, respect, stand by, support; CONCEPTS 87,636 —**Ant.** disjoin, not conform

**adhere** [*v*2] *stick or become stuck to, either physically or mentally* attach, cement, cleave, cling like ivy\*, cohere, fasten, fix, freeze to\*, glue, hold fast, hold on like bulldog\*, paste, stay put, stick like a barnacle\*, stick like glue\*, unite; CONCEPTS 85,113,160 —**Ant.** loose, loosen, separate, unfasten

**adherent** [*n*] *supporter or follower* advocate, aficionado, backer, believer, card-carrying member\*, devotee, disciple, enthusiast, fan, hanger-on; CONCEPTS 352,366,423

**adhesion** [*n*] *holding fast* adherence, adhesiveness, attachment, bond, cling, grip, stickiness, sticking; CONCEPTS 85,160

**adhesive** [*adj*] *sticking* adherent, adhering, agglutinant, attaching, clinging, clingy, gelatinous, glutinous, gooey, gummed, gummy, holding, hugging, mucilaginous, pasty, resinous, sticky, tenacious, viscid, viscous, waxy; CONCEPTS 488,606 —**Ant.** inadhesive, loose, open, separated, unattachable

**ad hoc** [*adj*] *for a specific purpose* impromptu, provisional, special, specific, specified; CONCEPTS 535,557,564

**adieu** [*n*] *parting remark or action* adios\*, congé, farewell, goodbye, leave-taking, parting, so long, valediction; CONCEPT 276 —**Ant.** greeting, hello

**ad infinitum** [*adj*] *neverending* ceaselessly, endlessly, forever, perpetually; CONCEPT 798

**adjacent** [*adj*] *next to, abutting* adjoining, alongside, beside, bordering, close, close by, contiguous, near, neighboring, next door, touching; CONCEPT 586 —**Ant.** apart, away, detached, disconnected, distant, far, faraway, nonadjacent, remote, separate

**adjective** [*n*] *word that modifies a noun* accessory, additional, adjunct, adnoun, attribute, attributive, dependent, descriptive, identifier, modifier, qualifier; CONCEPT 275

**adjoin** [*v*1] *be next to* abut, approximate, be adjacent to, border, butt, communicate, connect, join, lie, lie beside, link, neighbor, touch, verge; CONCEPT 747

**adjoin** [*v*2] *attach* add, affix, annex, append, combine, connect, couple, interconnect, join, link, unite; CONCEPTS 85,113,160 —**Ant.** detach

**adjoining** [*adj*] *being next to* abutting, adjacent, approximal, bordering on, connecting, contermious, contiguous, coterminous, impinging, interconnecting, joined, joining, juxtaposed, near, neighboring, next door, touching, verging; CONCEPT 586 —**Ant.** detached, divided, separate

**adjourn** [*v*] *stop a proceeding* curb, defer, delay, discontinue, hold off, hold over, hold up, postpone, prorogue, put off, recess, restrain, shelve, stay, suspend; CONCEPTS 121,234 —**Ant.** begin, convene, convoke, encourage, further, keep on, open, rally, stimulate, urge

**adjournment** [*n*] *discontinuation or delay of a proceeding* break, deferment, deferral, intermission, interruption, pause, postponement, prorogation, putting off, recess, stay, suspension; CONCEPTS 121,703 —**Ant.** beginning, commencement, continuance

**adjudicate** [*v*] *formally judge* adjudge, arbitrate, decide, determine, mediate, referee, settle, umpire; CONCEPTS 18,317 —**Ant.** defer, dodge, ignore, not judge

**adjudication** [*n*] *judgment* conclusion, decision, determination, finding, pronouncement, ruling, settlement, verdict; CONCEPTS 103,689

**adjunct** [*n*] *addition; help* accessory, addendum, appendage, appendix, appurtenance, associate, auxiliary, complement, detail, partner, subordinate, supplement; CONCEPTS 484,835 —**Ant.** detriment, lessening, subtraction

**ajure** [*v*] *command* beseech, charge, entreat, implore, obligate, order, require, supplicate; CONCEPT 53

**adjust** [*v*1] *become or make prepared, adapted* acclimatize, accommodate, accustom, adapt, alter, arrange, compose, conform, dispose, do as Romans do\*, doctor\*, fiddle with\*, fine-tune, fit, fix, fix up, get act together\*, get it together\*, grin and bear it\*, habituate, harmonize, make conform, modify, order, quadrate, reconcile, rectify, redress, regulate, remodel, settle, suit, swim with the tide\*, tailor, tailor-make, tune; CONCEPTS 35,232,697 —**Ant.** confuse, derange, disarrange, disorder, disorganize, upset

**adjust** [*v*2] *mechanically alter, especially to improve* accommodate, align, balance, bring into line, calibrate, connect, correct, fine-tune, fit, fix, focus, grind, improve, mend, overhaul, polish, put in working order, readjust, rectify, regulate, renovate, repair, service, set, sharpen, square, tighten, troubleshoot, tune up; CONCEPTS 202,212 —**Ant.** derange, disarrange, unsuit

**adjust** [*v*3] *bring into agreement or to a standard* accord, allocate, arrange, clarify, conclude, conform, coordinate, doctor\*, fiddle with\*, fine-tune, fix up, grade, methodize, modify, organize, reconcile, regulate, settle, sort, standardize, straighten, systematize, tally; CONCEPTS 84,117 —**Ant.** confuse, derange, unfit, unsuit

**adjustable** [*adj*] *alterable* accommodating, adaptable, changeable, conformable, flexible,

malleable, modifiable, pliable, tractable;

CONCEPT 534

**adjustment** [n1] *adaptation* acclimation, acclimatization, alteration, arrangement, balancing, conformance, correcting, fitting, fixing, improvement, mending, modification, ordering, organization, organizing, orientation, readjustment, redress, regulating, regulation, repairing, setting, shaping, standardization, turning;

CONCEPT 697

**adjustment** [n2] *financial retribution, payment of claim* agreement, allotment, apportionment, benefit, compensation, compromise, pay, reconciliation, reimbursement, remuneration, settlement, share, stake, stipulation; CONCEPT 332

**adjutant** [n] *assistant aide, auxiliary, helper*;

CONCEPT 348

**ad-lib** [adj] *improvised* extemporaneous, extempore, extemporized, impromptu, made-up, off-the-cuff\*, spontaneous, unprepared, unrehearsed; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* deliberate, planned, prepared, rehearsed, written

**ad-lib** [adv] *in an improvised manner* extemporaneously, extempore, impromptu, off the cuff\*, off the top of one's head\*, spontaneously, without preparation, without rehearsal; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* deliberately, planned, prepared, rehearsed, written

**ad-lib** [v] *improvise speech* extemporize, invent, make up, speak extemporaneously, speak impromptu, speak off the cuff\*; CONCEPT 266

—*Ant.* plan, prepare, rehearse, write

**administer** [v1] *manage an organization or effort* administrate, be in the driver's seat\*, be in the saddle\*, boss\*, carry out, conduct, control, crack the whip\*, direct, execute, govern, head, head up\*, hold the reins\*, oversee, pull the strings\*, pull the wires\*, render, ride herd on\*, run, run the show\*, sit on top of\*, superintend, supervise; CONCEPTS 117,298 —*Ant.* forego, mismanage, neglect

**administer** [v2] *dispense something needed* apply, apportion, authorize, bring, contribute, deal, deliver, disburse, distribute, dole out, execute, extend, furnish, give, impose, inflict, issue, measure out, mete out, offer, perform, portion, proffer, provide, regulate, serve, supply, tender; CONCEPTS 108,136 —*Ant.* deny, frustrate, refuse, withhold

**administration** [n1] *management of an organization or effort* administering, agency, application, authority, charge, command, conduct, conducting, control, directing, direction, dispensation, disposition, distribution, enforcement, execution, governing, government, guidance, handling, jurisdiction, legislation, order, organization, overseeing, oversight, performance, policy, power, provision, regulation, rule, running, strategy, superintendence, supervision, surveillance; CONCEPTS 117,298

**administration** [n2] *human or group who manages effort of an organization* admiral, advisers, board, bureau, cabinet, chair, chairperson, chargé d'affaires, command, commander, committee, consulate, department, directors, embassy, executive, executives, feds\*, front office\*, general, governing body, headquarters, legislature, management, ministry, officers, officials, powers, presidency, president,

presidium, stewards, superintendents, supervisors, top brass\*, upstairs\*; CONCEPT 299

**administration** [n3] *period during which a particular human group is in power* dynasty, incumbency, presidency, regime, reign, stay, tenure, term; CONCEPTS 298,816

**administrative** [adj] *involved in managing or using power* authoritative, bureaucratic, central, commanding, controlling, deciding, decisive, departmental, directing, directive, directorial, executive, governing, governmental, in charge, in control, jurisdictional, legislative, managerial, official, organizational, policy-making, presiding, regulative, regulatory, ruling, superintending, supervising, supervisory; CONCEPTS 319,536

**administrator** [n] *person who manages organization* ambassador, authority, boss, bureaucrat, captain, CEO, chair, chairperson, chief, commander, consul, controller, custodian, dean, director, exec\*, executive, front office\*, governor, head, head honcho\*, head person\*, inspector, judge, leader, manager, mayor, minister, officer, official, organizer, overseer, person upstairs\*, premier, president, prez\*, producer, superintendent, supervisor; CONCEPTS 347,354 —*Ant.* employee, worker

**admirable** [adj] *held in great respect* A-1\*, ace\*, A-OK\*, attractive, best ever, cat's pajamas\*, choice, commendable, cool\*, copacetic\*, crackerjack\*, deserving, dream\*, estimable, excellent, exquisite, fine, good, great, greatest, hunky dory\*, keen\*, laudable, meritable, meritorious, neat\*, out of sight\*, out of this world\*, peachy\*, praiseworthy, rare, solid, super, superduper\*, superior, unreal\*, valuable, wicked\*, wonderful, worthy, zero cool\*; CONCEPTS 572,574 —*Ant.* contemptible, despicable, detestable, hateful, loathsome, repugnant, repulsive, shameful, unworthy

**admiration** [n] *great respect* account, adoration, affection, applause, appreciation, approbation, approval, deference, delight, esteem, estimation, favor, fondness, glorification, homage, honor, idolatry, idolization, liking, love, marveling, obeisance, pleasure, praise, prizing, recognition, regard, reverence, valuing, veneration, wonder, wonderment, worship; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* aversion, contempt, disapproval, disgust, dislike, disregard, hate, hatred, loathing

**admire** [v] *hold in high regard* adore, applaud, appreciate, approve, be crazy about\*, be crazy for\*, be crazy over\*, be mad about\*, be nuts about\*, be stuck on\*, be sweet on\*, be wild about\*, cherish, commend, credit, delight in, esteem, eulogize, extol, fall for\*, get high on\*, glorify, go for\*, groove on\*, hail, hold in respect, honor, idolize, laud, look up to, marvel at, moon over\*, pay homage to, praise, prize, rate highly, respect, revere, take pleasure in, think highly of, treasure, value, venerate, wonder at, worship; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* abhor, condemn, despise, detest, dislike, execrate, hate, scorn

**admirer** [n] *person who holds someone in high regard* adherent, beau, believer, booster, boyfriend, buff, bug\*, cat\*, devotee, disciple, enthusiast, fan, fancier, fiend\*, follower, freak\*, girlfriend, groupie\*, hound\*, junkie\*, lover, nut\*, partisan, patron, rooter\*, suitor, supporter,



swain, sweetheart, wooer, worshiper; CONCEPT 423 —**Ant.** critic, enemy, opponent

**admissible** [adj] *able or deserving of consideration; allowable* acceptable, allowed, applicable, appropriate, concedable, fair, fitting, just, justifiable, lawful, legal, legitimate, licit, likely, logical, not impossible, not unlikely, okay, passable, permissible, permitted, pertinent, possible, probable, proper, rational, reasonable, relevant, right, suitable, tolerable, tolerated, warranted, worthy; CONCEPT 533 —**Ant.** illegitimate, inadmissible, inapplicable, irrelevant, unfair, unjust, unsuitable, wrong

**admission** [n1] *entering or allowing entry* acceptance, access, admittance, certification, confirmation, designation, door, entrance, entree, ingress, initiation, introduction, permission, reception, recognition, way, welcome; CONCEPT 83 —**Ant.** denial, exclusion, expulsion, refusal

**admission** [n2] *confession or acknowledgment* accession, admittance, affidavit, affirmation, allowance, assent, assertion, attestation, averment, avowal, concession, confirmation, declaration, deposition, disclosure, divulgence, profession, revelation, statement, testimonial, testimony; CONCEPT 57 —**Ant.** denial, disallowance, refusal, repudiation

**admit** [v1] *allow entry or use* accept, be big on\*, bless, buy, concede, enter, entertain, give access, give the nod\*, give thumbs up\*, grant, harbor, house, initiate, introduce, let, let in, lodge, okay, permit, receive, shelter, sign\*, sign off on\*, suffer, take, take in; CONCEPT 83 —**Ant.** debar, deny, dismiss, eject, exclude, expel, oust, refuse, reject, repel, shut

**admit** [v2] *confess, acknowledge* accept, accord, acquiesce, adopt, affirm, agree, allow, approve, avow, bare, bring to light\*, communicate, concede, concur, confide, confirm, consent, cop a plea\*, credit, declare, disclose, divulge, enumerate, expose, go into details\*, grant, indicate, let, let on, make known, narrate, number, open up, own, own up\*, permit, proclaim, profess, recite, recognize, relate, reveal, spill\*, subscribe to, talk, tell, tolerate, uncover, unveil, yield; CONCEPT 57 —**Ant.** confute, deny, dispute, dissent, gainsay, refuse

**admittance** [n] *permission to enter* access, entrance, entrée, entry, ingress, pass, passage, reception; CONCEPTS 388,685

**admixture** [n] *blending* amalgamation, blend, combination, commixture, compound, fusion, mélange, mingling, mixture; CONCEPT 432

**admonish** [v] *warn, strongly criticize* advise, berate, call down, call on the carpet\*, censure, check, chide, come down hard on\*, counsel, ding\*, draw the line\*, enjoin, exhort, forewarn, give a going over\*, give a piece of one's mind\*, glue\*, growl\*, hoist\*, jack up\*, notice, rap\*, rap on knuckles\*, rebuke, reprimand, reprove, scold, sit on, slap on wrist\*, speak to, talk to, tell a thing or two\*, tell off\*, upbraid, warn; CONCEPTS 52,78 —**Ant.** applaud, approve, commend, compliment, extol, flatter, laud, praise

**admonition** [n1] *caution* advice, appraisal, counsel, forewarning, warning; CONCEPTS 78,274

**admonition** [n2] *scolding* berating, dressing down\*, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reproof, talking to\*, upbraiding; CONCEPTS 44,52

**ad nauseum** [adv] *to the point of illness* more than one can stomach, to a sickening degree, too much; CONCEPTS 529,571

**ado** [n] *fuss* bother, confusion, excitement, flurry, hubbub, to-do\*, travail, trouble, turmoil; CONCEPTS 46,106,388,633

**adolescence** [n] *state of puberty, preadulthood* boyhood, girlhood, greenness, juvenility, minority, pubescence, spring, teens, youth, youthfulness; CONCEPT 817 —**Ant.** adulthood, infancy

**adolescent** [adj] *preadult or immature* boyish, girlish, growing, juvenile, pubescent, puerile, teen, teenage, young, youthful; CONCEPTS 401,578,797 —**Ant.** adult, infant

**adolescent** [n] *person in puberty, preadulthood* juvenile, minor, stripling, sweet sixteen\*, teen, teenager, teenybopper\*, youngster, youth; CONCEPT 424 —**Ant.** adult, infant

**adopt** [v1] *choose or take something as one's own* accept, adapt, affiliate, affirm, appropriate, approve, assent, assume, borrow, embrace, endorse, espouse, follow, go down the line\*, go in for\*, imitate, maintain, mimic, opt, ratify, seize, select, support, take on, take over, take up, tap, use, utilize; CONCEPT 18 —**Ant.** disown, leave alone, reject, repudiate, repulse

**adopt** [v2] *legally care for another's child* choose, foster, naturalize, pick, raise, select, take in; CONCEPT 317

**adoption** [n1] *choosing or taking something as one's own* acceptance, approbation, appropriation, approval, assumption, choice, confirmation, embracement, embracing, enactment, endorsement, espousal, following, maintenance, ratification, selection, support, taking on, taking over, taking up; CONCEPT 18 —**Ant.** pass, rejection, repudiation

**adoption** [n2] *legal taking of another's child* adopting, fosterage, fostering, naturalizing, raising, taking in; CONCEPT 317

**adorable** [adj] *cute, lovable* ambrosial, appealing, attractive, captivating, charming, cute, darling, dear, delectable, delicious, delightful, dishy\*, dreamy\*, fetching, heavenly, hot\*, luscious, pleasing, precious, sexy, suave; CONCEPTS 579,589 —**Ant.** cursed, despicable, detestable, hateable, hateful

**adoration** [n] *intense love* admiration, amore, ardor, attachment, crush, devotion, esteem, estimation, exaltation, glorification, hankering, honor, idolatry, idolization, infatuation, pash\*, passion, puppy love\*, reverence, shine\*, veneration, weakness\*, worship, worshipping, yen\*; CONCEPT 32 —**Ant.** abhorrence, detestation, disrespect, hate

**adore** [v] *love intensely* admire, be crazy about\*, be gone on\*, be mad for\*, be nuts about\*, be serious about\*, be smitten with\*, be stuck on\*, be sweet on\*, be wild about\*, cherish, delight in, dig\*, dote on, esteem, exalt, fall for, flip over\*, glorify, go for\*, honor, idolize, prize, revere, reverence, treasure, venerate, worship; CONCEPT 32 —**Ant.** abhor, condemn, despise, detest, hate

**adorn** [v] *decorate* array, beautify, bedeck, deck, doll up\*, dress up, embellish, enhance, enrich, fix up, furbish, garnish, grace, gussy up\*, ornament, spruce up, trim; CONCEPTS 162,

177 —*Ant.* damage, deform, hurt, leave plain, mar

**adornment** [*n1*] *decorating, enhancing beautification, decoration, embellishment, gilding, ornamentation, trimming; CONCEPTS 162,177*  
—*Ant.* plainness

**adornment** [*n2*] *a decoration accessory, ding-bat, doodad, embellishment, fandangle\*, floss\*, frill, frippery, furbelow\*, gewgaw\*, jazz\*, ornament, thing, trimming; CONCEPTS 446,484*

**adrift** [*adv1*] *floating out of control afloat, drifting, loose, unanchored, unmoored; CONCEPT 488* —*Ant.* anchored, stable, tied down

**adrift** [*adv2*] *without purpose aimless, directionless, goalless, purposeless; CONCEPT 542*  
—*Ant.* determined, purposeful

**adrift** [*adv3*] *off course amiss, astray, erring, wrong; CONCEPT 581* —*Ant.* on course, on target

**adroit** [*adj*] *very able or skilled adept, apt, artful, clean, clever, crack\*, crackerjack\*, cunning, cute, deft, dexterous, expert, foxy\*, good, handy, hot tamale\*, ingenious, masterful, neat\*, nifty\*, nimble, on the ball\*, on the beam\*, proficient, quick on the trigger\*, quick on the uptake\*, quick-witted, savvy, sharp, skillful, slick, smart, up\*, up to speed\*, whiz\*, wizard; CONCEPT 527* —*Ant.* awkward, clumsy, dense, inept, stupid, unskilled

**adulate** [*v*] *flatter apple polish\*, brown-nose\*, fall all over\*, fawn, gush, kiss feet\*, praise, worship; CONCEPTS 59,69*

**adulation** [*n*] *overenthusiastic praise applause, audation, blandishment, bootlicking\*, commendation, fawning, flattery, sycophancy, worship; CONCEPTS 32,69* —*Ant.* abuse, criticism

**adult** [*adj*] *being mature, fully grown developed, grown, grown-up, of age, ripe, ripened; CONCEPT 406* —*Ant.* adolescent, infant

**adult** [*n*] *a mature, fully grown person gentleman, grownup, man, person, woman; CONCEPTS 394,424* —*Ant.* adolescent, infant

**adulterate** [*v*] *alter or debase, often for profit alloy, amalgamate, attenuate, blend, cheapen, commingle, contaminate, cook, corrupt, cut\*, defile, degrade, denature, depreciate, deteriorate, devalue, dilute, dissolve, doctor\*, doctor up\*, falsify, impair, infiltrate, intermix, irrigate, lace\*, make impure, mingle, mix, phony up\*, plant\*, pollute, shave\*, spike\*, taint, thin, trans-fuse, vitiate, water down\*, weaken; CONCEPTS 240,254* —*Ant.* clarify, clean, cleanse, distill, filter, free, purify, refine

**adulterated** [*adj*] *debased or dirty attenuated, blended, contaminated, corrupt, defiled, degraded, depreciated, deteriorated, devalued, diluted, dissolved, impaired, mixed, polluted, tainted, thinned, vitiated, watered down, weakened; CONCEPT 485* —*Ant.* clean, moral, virtuous

**adulterous** [*adj*] *unfaithful cheating, double-crossing\*, extracurricular\*, fast and loose\*, illicit, immoral, moonlighting\*, speedy\*, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, unchaste; CONCEPT 372* —*Ant.* chaste, clean, pure, virginal

**adultery** [*n*] *extramarital affair affair, carrying on\*, cheating, extracurricular activity\*, fling, fornication, hanky-panky\*, immorality, infidelity, matinee\*, playing around\*, relationship,*

*thing\*, two-timing\*; CONCEPT 633* —*Ant.* faithfulness

**advance** [*adj*] *ahead in position or time beforehand, earlier, early, first, foremost, forward, in front, in the forefront, in the lead, leading, previously, prior; CONCEPTS 583,585,799*  
—*Ant.* after, behind

**advance** [*n1*] *forward movement advancement, headway, impetus, motion, progress, progression; CONCEPTS 152,208* —*Ant.* halt, hesitation, recession, stop, withdrawal

**advance** [*n2*] *improvement, progress in development advancement, amelioration, betterment, boost, break\*, breakthrough, buildup, development, enrichment, furtherance, gain, go-ahead\*, growth, headway, increase, progress, promotion, rise, step, up, upgrade, upping; CONCEPTS 700,704* —*Ant.* block, failure, impediment, recession, stagnation

**advance** [*n3*] *money given beforehand accommodation, allowance, bite\*, credit, deposit, down payment, floater\*, front money\*, hike, increase, loan, prepayment, retainer, rise\*, score, stake, take\*, touch\*; CONCEPTS 340,344*

**advance** [*v1*] *move something forward, often quickly accelerate, achieve, bring forward, come forward, conquer, continue ahead, continue on, dispatch, drive, elevate, forge ahead, gain ground, get ahead, get green light\*, get there\*, get with it\*, go ahead, go forth, go forward, go great guns\*, go places\*, go to town\*, hasten, launch, make headway, make the scene\*, march, move on, move onward, move up, press on, proceed, progress, promote, propel, push ahead, push on, quicken, send forward, skyrocket\*, speed, step forward, storm; CONCEPTS 152,208,704* —*Ant.* back down, halt, hesitate, recede, retreat, retrogress, stop, turn, withdraw, yield

**advance** [*v2*] *promote or propose an idea adduce, allege, ballyhoo, beat the drum for, benefit, boost, cite, encourage, foster, further, get ink for\*, hype\*, introduce, lay forward, make a pitch for\*, offer, plug\*, present, proffer, puff\*, push, put forward, put on the map\*, serve, set forth, splash, spot, submit, suggest, throw spotlight on\*, urge; CONCEPTS 49,60,68*  
—*Ant.* hesitate, stop, withdraw

**advance** [*v3*] *give money beforehand furnish, lend, loan, pay, provide; CONCEPT 341*

**advance** [*v4*] *increase in amount, number, or position boost, break the bank\*, develop, elevate, enlarge, get fat\*, get rich\*, grade, grow, hit pay dirt\*, hit the jackpot\*, improve, magnify, make a killing\*, make out\*, multiply, pan out\*, prefer, prosper, raise, strike gold\*, strike it rich\*, thrive, up, upgrade, uplift; CONCEPTS 236,244,245* —*Ant.* decrease, take back, withdraw

**advanced** [*adj*] *ahead in position, time, manner avant-garde, breakthrough, cutting-edge\*, excellent, exceptional, extreme, first, foremost, forward, higher, late, leading, leading-edge\*, liberal, precocious, progressive, radical, state-of-the-art\*, unconventional; CONCEPTS 574,578,585,797* —*Ant.* after, behind  
**advancement** [*n1*] *promotion, progress advance, amelioration, betterment, elevation, gain, growth, headway, improvement, prefer-*

ence, preferment, prelation, rise, upgrading; CONCEPTS 700,704 —*Ant.* cessation, decline, descent, downfall, regression, retreat, retrogression, stoppage

**advancement** [n2] *forward movement* advance, anabasis, gain, headway, march, progress, progression; CONCEPTS 152,208

—*Ant.* cessation, decline, descent, halt, retreat, retrogression, return, reversion, stop, stoppage

**advance(s)** [n4] *desirous pursuit of someone* approach, move, overture, proposal, proposition, suggestion; CONCEPTS 20,384 —*Ant.* disinterest, ignorance

**advantage** [n] *benefit, favored position or circumstance* aid, ascendancy, asset, assistance, authority, avail, blessing, boon, break, choice, comfort, convenience, dominance, edge, eminence, expediency, favor, gain, good, gratification, help, hold, improvement, influence, interest, lead, leeway, leg-up\*, leverage, luck, mastery, odds, position, power, precedence, pre-eminence, preference, prestige, prevalence, profit, protection, recognition, resources, return, sanction, starting, superiority, support, supremacy, upper hand\*, utility, wealth; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* disadvantage, drawback, handicap, hindrance, loss, obstacle, restriction

**advantageous** [adj] *favorable* auspicious, beneficial, expedient, for the best, fortunate, helpful, opportune, profitable, propitious, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 537,558,572

**advent** [n] *beginning or arrival of something anticipated* appearance, approach, arrival, coming, entrance, occurrence, onset, visitation; CONCEPTS 119,159 —*Ant.* departure, end

**adventure** [n] *risky or unexpected undertaking* chance, contingency, emprise, endangerment, enterprise, experience, exploit, feat, happening, hazard, incident, jeopardy, occurrence, peril, scene, speculation, trip, undertaking, venture; CONCEPTS 384,386 —*Ant.* avoidance, inaction, inactivity, inertia, latency, passiveness, stillness

**adventurer** [n] *person who takes risks* charlatan, daredevil, entrepreneur, explorer, fortune-hunter, gambler, globetrotter, hero, heroine, madcap, mercenary, opportunist, pioneer, pirate, romantic, speculator, stunt person, swashbuckler, traveler, venturer, voyager, wanderer; CONCEPT 423

**adventurous** [adj] *daring, risk-taking* adventuresome, audacious, bold, brave, courageous, dangerous, daredevil, enterprising, foolhardy, hazardous, headstrong, intrepid, rash, reckless, risky, temerarious, venturesome, venturous; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, prudent, unadventurous

**adverb** [n] *word modifying a verb* limiter, modifier, qualifier; CONCEPT 275

**adversary** [n] *opponent* antagonist, attacker, bad person, bandit, competitor, contestant, enemy, foe, match, opposer, opposite number\*, oppugner, rival; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* ally, assistant, backer, friend, helper, helpmate, supporter

**adverse** [adj] *unfavorable, antagonistic* allergic to\*, conflicting, contrary, detrimental, disadvantageous, down on\*, down side\*, have no use for\*, inimical, injurious, inopportune, negative, opposed, opposing, opposite, oppugning,

ornery\*, reluctant, repugnant, stuffy\*, unfortunate, unfriendly, unlucky, unpropitious, unwilling; CONCEPT 570 —*Ant.* advantageous, aiding, auspicious, favorable, fortunate, helpful, lucky, propitious

**adversity** [n] *bad luck, situation* affliction, bad break\*, bummer\*, calamity, can of worms\*, catastrophe, clutch, contretemps, crunch\*, difficulty, disaster, distress, downer\*, drag\*, evil eye\*, hard knocks\*, hardship, hard times, hurting, ill fortune, jam, jinx, kiss of death\*, misery, misfortune, mishap, on the skids\*, pain in the neck\*, poison\*, reverse, sorrow, suffering, the worst\*, tough luck\*, trial, trouble; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* aid, encouragement, favor, fortune, good luck, help, prosperity

**advertise** [v] *publicize for the purpose of selling or causing one to want* acquaint, advance, advise, announce, apprise, ballyhoo\*, beat the drum for\*, bill, blazon, boost\*, build up, circularize, communicate, declare, disclose, display, divulge, drum\*, endorse, exhibit, expose, flaunt, get on soapbox for\*, hard sell, herald, hype\*, inform, make a pitch\*, make known, notify, pitch, plug, press agent\*, proclaim, promote, promulgate, puff\*, push, put on the map\*, reveal, show, soft sell, splash\*, sponsor, spot, tout, uncover, unmask; CONCEPTS 60,324 —*Ant.* hide, keep secret

**advertisement** [n] *public notice of sale* ad, announcement, bill, blurb, broadcast, circular, classified ad, commercial, communication, declaration, display, endorsement, exhibit, exhibition, flyer, literature, notice, notification, placard, plug, poster, proclamation, promotion, promulgation, propaganda, publication, publicity, squib, throwaway, want ad; CONCEPTS 270,277,278,280

**advertising** [n] *public notice of sale; notices to increase consumer desire* announcement, announcing, ballyhoo\*, billing, blasting\*, broadcasting, buildup, displaying, exhibiting, exhibition, exposition, hard sell, hoopla\*, hype\*, pitch, plug, posting, PR, proclamation, promo\*, promoting, promotion, publicity, puff\*, screamer\*, spread, squib; CONCEPTS 97,138,324

**advice** [n] *recommendation* admonition, advisement, advocacy, aid, bum steer\*, caution, charge, consultation, counsel, directions, discussion, encouragement, exhortation, forewarning, guidance, help, information, injunction, input, instruction, judgment, lesson, news, opinion, persuasion, prescription, proposal, proposition, recommendation, steer, suggestion, teaching, telltale, tidings, tip, tip-off\*, two cents' worth\*, view, warning, word, word to the wise\*; CONCEPTS 75,274 —*Ant.* betrayal, deceit, deception, falsehood, lie, misinformation, misrepresentation

**advisable** [adj] *recommended, wise* appropriate, apt, commendable, desirable, expedient, fit, fitting, judicious, politic, prudent, seemly, sensible, sound, suggested, suitable, tactical; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* improper, imprudent, inadvisable, inappropriate, injudicious, incorrect, unwise

**advise** [v1] *offer recommendation* admonish, advocate, caution, charge, commend, counsel,

direct, dissuade, encourage, enjoin, exhort, forewarn, give a pointer\*, give a tip\*, guide, instruct, kibitz\*, level with\*, move, opine, point out, preach, prepare, prescribe, prompt, put bug in ear\*, put in two cents\*, recommend, steer, suggest, tout, update, urge, warn; CONCEPT 75 —**Ant.** betray, deceive, delude, fool, lie, pretend, trick

**advise** [v2] *offer information* acquaint, apprise, clue\*, clue in\*, fill in, give the word\*, inform, keep posted\*, lay it out\*, let in on\*, make known, notify, post\*, put next to\*, put on the line\*, put on to\*, report, show, tell, tip off\*, update, warn; CONCEPT 60 —**Ant.** keep mum, keep quiet, keep secret

**advisedly** [adv] *with due consideration* carefully, cautiously, consciously, deliberately, discreetly, intentionally, prudently, thoughtfully; CONCEPT 544

**adviser/advisor** [n] *person who recommends, teaches, or otherwise helps* aide, attorney, authority, backseat driver\*, buttinski\*, clubhouse lawyer\*, coach, confidant, consultant, counsel, counselor, director, doctor, Dutch uncle\*, expert, friend, guide, helper, instructor, judge, kibitzer\*, lawyer, mentor, monitor, partner, priest, quarterback\*, referee, righthand person, second-guesser, teacher, tutor; CONCEPTS 348,350

**advisory** [adj] *able, authorized to recommend* advising, consultative, consultive, counseling, helping, recommending; CONCEPT 537

**advocacy** [n] *support for an idea or cause* advancement, aid, assistance, backing, campaigning for, championing, defense, encouragement, justification, pleading for, promotion, promulgation, propagation, proposal, recommendation, upholding, urging; CONCEPT 689 —**Ant.** attack, opposition, protest

**advocate** [n] *person supporting an idea or cause publicly* apostle, attorney, backer, campaigner, champion, counsel, defender, exponent, expounder, lawyer, pleader, promoter, proponent, proposer, speaker, spokesperson, supporter, upholder; CONCEPTS 359,423 —**Ant.** antagonist, assailant, enemy, opposition, protestor

**advocate** [v] *support idea or cause publicly* advance, advise, argue for, back, be in corner\*, bless, bolster, boost\*, brace up\*, build up, campaign for, champion, countenance, defend, encourage, favor, further, get on bandwagon\*, give a leg up\*, give a lift\*, go for, go to bat for\*, go with, hold with, justify, plead for, plug\*, plump for\*, press for, promote, propose, push, recommend, ride shotgun for\*, root for\*, run interference for\*, say so\*, side, speak for, spread around\*, stump for\*, support, tout, uphold, urge, vindicate; CONCEPTS 10,49,75 —**Ant.** assail, attack, criticize, impugn, oppose, protest

**aegis** [n] *protection* auspices, backing, patronage, shelter, sponsorship, wing\*; CONCEPTS 94,376

**aerial** [adj] *occurring in the air* aeriform, aeronautical, airy, atmospheric, birdlike, ethereal, flying, lofty, pneumatic, up above, vaporous; CONCEPT 583 —**Ant.** ground

**aerobics/aerobic** [n/adj] *exercise regime designed to increase heart and lung activity while*

*toning muscles* aquarobics, dance workout, drill, exercise, high impact, low impact, slim-nastics, step, warm-up, workout; CONCEPT 363

**aesthetic/esthetic** [adj] *beautiful or artful* artistic, creative, gorgeous, inventive; CONCEPTS 485,579 —**Ant.** displeasing, ugly

**afar** [adv] *a great distance away* distant, far away, far off, remote; CONCEPT 778 —**Ant.** close, near

**affable** [adj] *friendly* amiable, amicable, approachable, benevolent, benign, breezy, civil, clubby\*, congenial, cordial, courteous, genial, gentle, good-humored, good-natured, gracious, kindly, mild, nice, obliging, pleasant, polite, sociable, urbane, warm; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** complaining, disdainful, grouchy, grumbling, impolite, miserable, reserved, surly, unfriendly

**affair** [n1] *matter or business to be taken care of; happening activity* assignment, avocation, calling, case, circumstance, concern, duty, employment, episode, event, hap, happening, incident, interest, job, mission, obligation, occupation, occurrence, office function, proceeding, profession, project, province, pursuit, question, realm, responsibility, subject, task, thing\*, topic, transaction, undertaking; CONCEPTS 2,349,362

**affair** [n2] *illicit sexual relationship* affaire, amour, carrying on\*, extracurricular activity\*, fling, goings-on\*, hanky-panky\*, intimacy, intrigue, liaison, love, playing around\*, relationship, rendezvous, romance, thing together\*, two-timing\*; CONCEPTS 32,375

**affair** [n3] *party or celebration* do, entertainment, function, gathering, reception, shindig, soiree; CONCEPTS 377,383

**affect** [v1] *influence, affect emotionally* act on, alter, change, disturb, impinge, impress, induce, influence, inspire, interest, involve, modify, move, overcome, perturb, prevail, regard, relate, stir, sway, touch, transform, upset; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,228

**affect** [v2] *pretend, imitate* act, adopt, aspire to, assume, bluff, contrive, counterfeit, do a bit\*, fake, feign, lay it on thick, make out like\*, playact, put on, put up a front\*, sham\*, simulate, take on; CONCEPT 59

**affectation** [n] *pretended behavior to make an impression* air, airs, appearance, artificiality, facade, false front\*, front, going Hollywood\*, imitation, insincerity, mannerism, pose, pretense, pretension, pretentiousness, put-on, putting on airs\*, sham\*, show, showing off, simulation; CONCEPT 633 —**Ant.** naturalness, simplicity

**affected** [adj1] *deeply moved or hurt emotionally* afflicted, altered, changed, compassionate, concerned, damaged, distressed, excited, grieved, impaired, impressed, influenced, injured, overwhelmed, impressed, sorry, stimulated, stirred, sympathetic, tender, touched, troubled, upset; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** calm, unmoved, unperturbed, unswayed, untroubled

**affected** [adj2] *changed in a bad or artificial way* apish, artificial, assumed, awkward, campy\*, chichi\*, conceited, contrived, counterfeit, counterfeited, faked, false, feigned, fraud\*, gone Hollywood\*, ham\*, hammy\*, high falutin'\*, hollow, imitated, insincere, melodra-

matic, ostentatious, overdone, pedantic, phony, playacting, pompous, precious, pretended, pretentious, put-on\*, schmaltzy\*, self-conscious, shallow, sham\*, simulated, spurious, stiff, stilted, studied, superficial, theatrical, unnatural; CONCEPTS 401,570 —**Ant.** ok, unchanged, unhurt, unimpaired, uninjured

**affection** [*n*] *strong fondness* amore, ardor, attachment, care, case\*, closeness, concern, crush, desire, devotion, emotion, endearment, feeling, friendliness, friendship, good will, hankering\*, heart, inclination, itch\*, kindness, liking, love, passion, predilection, propensity, puppy love\*, regard, sentiment, shine\*, soft spot\*, solicitude, tenderness, warmth, weakness\*, yen\*; CONCEPT 32 —**Ant.** animosity, antipathy, dislike, enmity, hate, hatred, ill will

**affectionate** [*adj*] *having or showing fondness* all over\*, attached, caring, crazy over\*, dear, devoted, doting, fond, friendly, huggy\*, kind, lovey-dovey\*, loving, mushy\*, nutty about\*, partial, soft on\*, sympathetic, tender, warm, warmhearted; CONCEPTS 401,403 —**Ant.** antagonistic, cold, cool, disliking, undemonstrative

**affective** [*adj*] *concerning feelings and intuition* emotional, emotive, feeling, intuitive, noncognitive, perceptual, visceral; CONCEPT 529

**affidavit** [*n*] *written legal declaration* affirmation, oath, sworn statement, testimony; CONCEPTS 271,318

**affiliate** [*n*] *organization that is associated with another* affil\*, associate, branch, offshoot, partner, sibling; CONCEPT 381

**affiliate** [*v*] *associate or be associated with a larger organization* ally, amalgamate, annex, associate, band together, combine, come aboard, confederate, connect, form connection, go partners\*, hook up\*, incorporate, join, line up\*, plug into\*, relate\*, team up, throw in with\*, tie up, unite; CONCEPTS 113,114 —**Ant.** disjoin, separate, stay away

**affiliation** [*n*] *association with an organization* alliance, amalgamation, banding together, bunch, cahoots\*, clan, coalition, combination, confederation, conjunction, connection, crew, crowd, gang, hookup\*, incorporation, joining, league, merging, mob, outfit, partnership, relationship, ring, syndicate, tie-in, union; CONCEPT 381

**affinity** [*n*] *liking or inclination toward something* affection, attraction, closeness, compatibility, cotton\*, cup of tea\*, druthers\*, fondness, good vibrations\*, leaning, partiality, rapport, same wavelength, simpatico, sympathy, thing\*, weakness\*; CONCEPTS 20,32,709 —**Ant.** dislike, hatred

**affinity** [*n*2] *similarity* alikeness, alliance, analogy, association, closeness, connection, correspondence, kinship, likeness, relation, relationship, resemblance, similarity, similitude; CONCEPT 670 —**Ant.** dissimilarity

**affirm** [*v*] *declare the truth of something* assert, asseverate, attest, aver, avouch, avow, certify, clinch, clinch confirm, cross heart, declare, guarantee, have a lock on\*, ice\*, insist, lock up\*, maintain, nail down\*, okay, predicate, profess, pronounce, put on ice\*, ratify, repeat, rubber-stamp\*, say so, set, state, swear, swear on bible\*, swear up and down\*, testify, vouch,

witness; CONCEPTS 49,50,88 —**Ant.** deny, negate, nullify, veto

**affirmation** [*n*] *declaration of the truth of something* affidavit, assertion, asseveration, attestation, averment, avouchment, avowal, certification, confirmation, declaration, green light\*, oath, okay, pronouncement, ratification, stamp of approval\*, statement, sworn statement, testimonial, testimony; CONCEPT 49 —**Ant.** denial, negation, nullification, veto

**affirmative** [*adj*] *being agreeable or assenting* acknowledging, acquiescent, affirmatory, affirming, approving, complying, concurring, confirmative, confirmatory, confirming, consenting, corroborative, endorsing, favorable, positive, ratifying, supporting; CONCEPTS 542,572 —**Ant.** dissenting, negative

**affirmative action** [*n*] *equal rights policy* anti-discrimination, equal opportunity, fair hiring, fair treatment, quota system, reverse discrimination; CONCEPTS 388,645,667

**affix** [*v*] *attach or stick* add, annex, append, bind, fasten, glue, hitch on\*, join, paste, put on, rivet, slap on\*, subjoin, tack, tack on\*, tag, tag on\*; CONCEPTS 85,113,160 —**Ant.** detach, let go, loosen

**afflict** [*v*] *cause or become hurt* agonize, annoy, beset, bother, burden, crucify, distress, grieve, harass, harrow, harry, irk, lacerate, martyr, oppress, pain, pester, plague, press, rack, smite, strike, torment, torture, trouble, try, vex, worry, wound; CONCEPTS 7,19,246,313 —**Ant.** aid, comfort, help, solace, stay away from, take care of

**affliction** [*n*] *hurt condition; something that causes hurt* adversity, anguish, calamity, cross, crux, depression, difficulty, disease, disorder, distress, grief, hardship, illness, infirmity, misery, misfortune, ordeal, pain, plague, plight, scourge, sickness, sorrow, suffering, torment, trial, tribulation, trouble, woe; CONCEPTS 306,309,674,728 —**Ant.** aid, comfort, consolation, health, help, relief

**affluence** [*n*] *wealth* abundance, fortune, luxury, opulence, plenty, prosperity, riches, wealthiness; CONCEPTS 340,710

**affluent** [*adj*1] *wealthy* flush\*, loaded\*, moneyed\*, opulent, prosperous, rich, stinking rich\*, upper class, upscale, well-off, well-to-do; CONCEPT 334 —**Ant.** destitute, impoverished, needy, penniless, poor

**affluent** [*adj*2] *plentiful* abundant, bountiful, copious, full, plenteous; CONCEPT 771 —**Ant.** insufficient, lacking, needy, suffering, wanting

**afford** [*v*1] *able to have or do; within financial means* allow, be able to, bear, be disposed to, have enough for, have the means for, incur, manage, spare, stand, support, sustain; CONCEPTS 335,713

**afford** [*v*2] *give, produce* bestow, furnish, grant, impart, offer, provide, render, supply, yield; CONCEPTS 108,143 —**Ant.** take away

**affront** [*n*] *an insult* abuse, backhanded compliment\*, brickbat\*, dirty deed\*, indignity, injury, left-handed compliment\*, offense, outrage, provocation, put-down\*, slap\*, slap in the face\*, slight, slur, vexation, wrong; CONCEPTS 7,19,44,54 —**Ant.** appeasement, compliment, pleasantry

**affront** [*v*] *insult or involve in entanglement* abuse, anger, annoy, confront, criticize, displease, dispraise, dump on\*, encounter, face, give a zinger\*, give the cold shoulder\*, hit where one lives\*, meet, offend, outrage, pique, provoke, put down\*, slander, slight, taunt, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19,44,54 —*Ant.* appease, assuage, compliment, gratify, mollify, placate, please, satisfy, soothe

**aficionado** [*n*] *fan connoisseur, devotee, enthusiast, fanatic*; CONCEPTS 352,366,423

**afraid** [*adj*1] *fearful* abashed, aghast, alarmed, anxious, apprehensive, aroused, blanched, cowardly, cowed, daunted, discouraged, disheartened, dismayed, distressed, disturbed, faint-hearted, frightened, frozen, have cold feet\*, horrified, in awe, intimidated, nervous, panic-stricken, perplexed, perturbed, petrified, rattled, run scared\*, scared, scared stiff\*, scared to death\*, shocked, spooked, startled, stunned, suspicious, terrified, terror-stricken, timid, timorous, trembling, upset, worried; CONCEPTS 403,690 —*Ant.* bold, brave, composed, confident, cool, courageous, fearless, heroic, intrepid, unafraid, undaunted, valiant

**afraid** [*adj*2] *reluctant, regretful* averse, backward, disinclined, hesitant, indisposed, loath, reluctant, sorry, uneager, unhappy, unwilling; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* confident, eager, happy, undismayed, venturesome

**afresh** [*adj*] *new or repeated* again, anew, de novo, lately, newly, of late, once again, once more, over, over again, recently; CONCEPTS 578,797

**Afro** [*n*] *frizzy hairstyle* curly hair, fro; CONCEPT 718

**after** [*adj*] *following in position or time* afterwards, back, back of, behind, below, ensuing, hind, hindmost, in the rear, later, next, posterior, postliminary, rear, subsequent, subsequently, succeeding, thereafter; CONCEPTS 586,820 —*Ant.* before

**after-effect** [*n*] *repercussion* aftermath, aftershock, consequence, followup, hangover\*, offshoot, trail, wake; CONCEPT 230

**afterlife** [*n*] *life after death* eternity, heaven, hereafter, immortality, the great beyond\*; CONCEPTS 370,410,435

**aftermath** [*n*] *situation following an event, occurrence* after-effects, causatum, chain reaction\*, consequences, end, eventuality, flak\*, impact, issue, outcome, payoff\*, remainder, residual, residuum, results, upshot, waves\*; CONCEPT 230

**afternoon** [*n*] *period after 12 noon and before sunset* cocktail hour, P.M., post meridian, siesta, teatime; CONCEPTS 801,806,810

**afterthought** [*n*] *idea that occurs after it is timely* reconsideration, review, second thought; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* forethought

**afterward/afterwards** [*adv*] *following a time, event* after, another time, at a later time, a while later, behind, by and by, ensuingly, eventually, in a while, intra, late, later, latterly, next, on the next day, soon, subsequently, then, thereafter, thereon, ultimately; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* beforehand

**again** [*adv*1] *another time; repeated* afresh, anew, anon, bis, come again, encore, freshly,

newly, once more, one more time, over, over and over, recurrently, reiteratively, repeatedly; CONCEPTS 553,799

**again** [*adv*2] *in addition* additionally, also, besides, further, furthermore, moreover, on the contrary, on the other hand, then; CONCEPT 577

**against** [*prep*] *opposite* to across, adjacent, contra, contrary to, counter to, facing, in contrast to, in opposition to, opposed to, opposing, versus; CONCEPT 564

**age** [*n*1] *period of animate existence* adolescence, adulthood, boyhood, childhood, dotage, elderliness, girlhood, infancy, life, lifetime, majority, maturity, middle age, milestone, old age, senility, seniority, wear and tear\*, youth; CONCEPTS 816,817

**age** [*n*2] *a period of time* aeon, blue moon\*, century, date, day, duration, epoch, era, generation, interim, interval, life, lifetime, millennium, span; CONCEPT 807

**age** [*v*] *become older* decline, deteriorate, develop, get along, grow, grow feeble, grow old, grow up, mature, mellow, push, put mileage on\*, ripen, wane; CONCEPT 105

**aged** [*adj*] *old* age-old, ancient, antediluvian, antiquated, antique, been around\*, creaky\*, elderly, getting on\*, gray, moth-eaten\*, oldie\*, over the hill\*, passé\*, rusty\*, senescent, senior citizen, shot\*, timeworn, venerable, worn, worse for wear\*; CONCEPTS 578,797 —*Ant.* new, unripe, young, youthful

**ageism** [*n*] *age-based discrimination* age bias, generation gap; CONCEPT 689

**agency** [*n*1] *organization, often business-related* bureau, company, department, firm, office; CONCEPTS 325,381,441

**agency** [*n*2] *power, instrumentality* action, activity, auspices, channel, efficiency, force, influence, instrument, instrumentality, intercession, intervention, means, mechanism, mediation, medium, operation, organ, vehicle, work; CONCEPTS 376,658

**agenda** [*n*] *list of things to do* calendar, card, diary, docket, lineup, plan, program, schedule, timetable; CONCEPT 283

**agent** [*n*1] *person representing an organization or person in business* abettor, actor, advocate, ambassador, assignee, assistant, attorney, broker, commissioner, delegate, deputy, doer, emissary, envoy, executor, factor, factotum, functional, go-between, handler, intermediary, lawyer, mediator, middleperson, minister, mover, negotiator, officer, operative, operator, principal, proctor, promoter, proxy, representative, salesperson, servant, steward, substitute, surrogate, ten percenter\*, worker; CONCEPT 348

**agent** [*n*2] *power, instrument for achievement* cause, channel, factor, force, means, medium, organ, power, vehicle; CONCEPTS 376,658

**agent provocateur** [*n*] *instigator* agitator, goad, incendiary, rabble-rouser, troublemaker; CONCEPT 412

**agglomeration** [*n*] *collection* cluster, heap, jumble, load, mass, pile; CONCEPTS 432,786

**aggrandize** [*v*] *cause something to seem or be greater, bigger* acclaim, applaud, augment, beef up\*, boost, commend, dignify, distinguish, enlarge, ennoble, expand, extend, glorify, heighten, hike, hike up\*, honor, hype, increase,

intensify, jack up\*, jump, magnify, multiply, parlay, praise; CONCEPTS 50,69,88,236,245 —*Ant.* belittle, debase, degrade, depress, disgrace, humble, lower

**aggravate** [*v1*] annoy be at\*, be on the back of\*, bother, bug, bum\*, dog, drive up the wall\*, exasperate, gall, get, get on one's nerves, get to, give a hard time, grate, hack, irk, irritate, nag, needle, nettle, peeve, pester, pick on, pique, provoke, tease, vex, wig\*; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* appease, gladden, make happy, mollify, soften

**aggravate** [*v2*] cause to become worse complicate, deepen, enhance, exacerbate, exaggerate, heighten, increase, inflame, intensify, magnify, mount, rise, rouse, worsen; CONCEPT 240 —*Ant.* alleviate, help, improve, relieve, soothe

**aggravation** [*n1*] annoyance affliction, aggro\*, bother, botheration\*, difficulty, distress, exasperation, hang-up\*, headache\*, irksomeness, irritation, pain, pain in the neck\*, pet peeve\*, provocation, teasing, vexation, worry; CONCEPT 410

**aggravation** [*n2*] worsening of a situation, condition deepening, exacerbation, exaggeration, heightening, increase, inflaming, inflammation, intensification, magnification, sharpening, strengthening, worsening; CONCEPT 240

**aggregate** [*adj*] forming a collection from separate parts accumulated, added, amassed, assembled, collected, collective, combined, composite, corporate, cumulative, heaped, mixed, piled, total; CONCEPT 781 —*Ant.* individual, part, particular

**aggregate** [*n*] collection accumulation, agglomerate, agglomeration, all, amount, assemblage, body, bulk, combination, conglomerate, conglomeration, gross, heap, lump, mass, mixture, pile, quantity, sum, the works\*, total, totality, whole, whole ball of wax\*, whole enchilada\*, whole schmeer\*, whole shooting match\*; CONCEPT 432 —*Ant.* individual, one, part

**aggregate** [*v*] combine into a collection accumulate, add up, amass, amount, assemble, collect, combine, come, heap, mix, number, pile, sum, total; CONCEPT 109 —*Ant.* break up, disperse, divide

**aggression** [*n1*] attack, often military assaultment, assault, blitz, blitzkrieg, encroachment, injury, invasion, offense, offensive, onset, onslaught, push, raid; CONCEPTS 86,320

**aggression** [*n2*] hostile or forceful behavior, attitude aggressiveness, antagonism, belligerence, blitz, combativeness, destructiveness, fight, hostility, pugnacity, push; CONCEPTS 29,411

**aggressive** [*adj1*] belligerent, hostile advancing, antipathetic, assailing, attacking, barbaric, bellicose, combative, contentious, destructive, disruptive, disturbing, encroaching, hawkish, intruding, intrusive, invading, martial, militant, offensive, pugnacious, quarrelsome, rapacious, threatening, warlike; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* calm, easy-going, laid-back

**aggressive** [*adj2*] assertive assertory, bold, brassy\*, cheeky\*, cocky\*, come on\*, domineering, dynamic, energetic, enterprising, flip\*, forceful, fresh\*, get up and go\*, go after, hard sell, imperious, masterful, militant, nervy\*, pushing, pushy, sassy, shooting from the hip\*, smart\*, smart alecky\*, strenuous, tough, vigor-

ous, zealous; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* complaisant, laid-back

**aggressor** [*n*] attacker assailant, initiator, instigator, intruder, invader, provoker, reader, trespasser; CONCEPT 412

**aggrieved** [*adj*] very distressed afflicted, depressed, disturbed, grieving, harmed, hurt, injured, oppressed, pained, peeved, persecuted, saddened, unhappy, woeful, wronged; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* happy, pleased

**aghost** [*adj*] horrified; very surprised afraid, agape, agog, alarmed, amazed, anxious, appalled, astonished, astounded, awestruck, confounded, dismayed, dumbfounded, frightened, horror-struck, overwhelmed, shocked, startled, stunned, terrified, thunderstruck; CONCEPTS 403,690 —*Ant.* unsurprised

**agile** [*adj*] physically or mentally nimble, deft active, acute, alert, athletic, brisk, buoyant, bustling, clever, dexterous, easy-moving, energetic, fleet, frisky, limber, lithe, lively, mercurial, prompt, quick, quick on the draw\*, quick on the trigger\*, quick-witted, rapid, ready, sharp, spirited, sportive, spright, sprightly, spry, stirring, supple, swift, twinkle toes\*, vigorous, vivacious, winged, zippy; CONCEPTS 485,527, 588 —*Ant.* brittle, clumsy, stiff

**agility** [*n*] physical or mental nimbleness, deftness activity, acuteness, adroitness, alacrity, alertness, briskness, celerity, cleverness, dexterity, dispatch, expedition, fleetness, friskiness, liteness, liveliness, promptitude, promptness, quickness, quickwittedness, sharpness, sprightliness, spryness, suppleness, swiftness; CONCEPTS 410,630,748 —*Ant.* clumsiness, stiffness

**aging** [*n*] becoming older crumbling, declining, developing, fading, fermenting, getting along\*, getting on\*, maturing, mellowing, senescent, slumping, stale, waning, wearing out\*; CONCEPT 701

**agitate** [*v1*] shake physically beat, churn, concuss, convulse, disturb, rock, rouse, stir, toss; CONCEPT 152 —*Ant.* calm, lull, quiet, soothe, tranquilize

**agitate** [*v2*] disturb, trouble someone alarm, argue, arouse, bug\*, bug up\*, burn up\*, confuse, craze\*, debate, discompose, disconnect, discuss, dispute, disquiet, distract, disturb, egg on\*, examine, excite, ferment, flurry, fluster, get to\*, incite, inflame, make flip\*, move, perturb, psych\*, push buttons\*, rouse, ruffle, spook, stimulate, stir, trouble, turn on\*, unhinge\*, upset, ventilate\*, work up\*, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19,46 —*Ant.* calm, not bother, quiet, soothe

**agitation** [*n*] shaking, mixing churning, commotion, discomposure, disturbance, rocking, stirring, tizzy, tossing, turbulence, turmoil, unrest, upheaval; CONCEPTS 158,170

**agitator** [*n*] person who disturbs, causes trouble adj., advocate, agent, anarchist, champion, demagogue, disrupter, dissident, dogmatist, fighter, firebrand\*, fomentor, heretic, incendiary, inciter, instigator, leftist, malcontent, mover, partisan, propagandist, provocateur, pusher, rabble-rouser, radical, reactionary, rebel, reformer, revisionist, revolutionary, ringleader, sparkplug\*, troublemaker, wave maker\*, zealot; CONCEPT 412

**agnostic** [*n*] *person unsure that God exists* doubter, freethinker, materialist, skeptic, unbeliever; CONCEPT 361 —*Ant.* believer

**ago** [*adv*] *in the past ages ago, back, back when, before, from way back, from year one\**, gone, since, since God knows when\*, time was; CONCEPT 820

**agog** [*adj*] *enthralled* anxious, avid, breathless, eager, enthusiastic, excited, expectant, impatient, in suspense, on tenterhooks; CONCEPTS 401,542

**agonize** [*v*] *suffer or cause another to suffer* afflict, bleed, carry on, crucify, distress, disturb, eat heart out\*, excruciate, harrow, hurt, labor, lament, martyr, pain, rack, sing the blues\*, squirm, stew over, strain, strive, struggle, take it badly\*, torment, torture, try, wince, worry, writhe; CONCEPTS 7,19,410 —*Ant.* not worry

**agonizing** [*adj*] *difficult and painful, suffering* disturbing, excruciating, extreme, fierce, harrowing, intense, racking, struggling, tearing, tormenting, tortuous, torturing, vehement, violent; CONCEPTS 403,565

**agony** [*n*] *suffering, pain* affliction, anguish, distress, dolor, misery, pangs, passion, throes, torment, torture, woe; CONCEPTS 410,728 —*Ant.* comfort, happiness, health, peace, success

**agrarian** [*adj*] *concerning land, farming* agricultural, natural, peasant, rural, rustic, uncultivated, undomesticated; CONCEPT 536

**agree** [*v1*] *be in unison, assent with another* accede, acknowledge, acquiesce, admit, allow, be of the same mind\*, bury the hatchet\*, buy into\*, check, clinch the deal\*, come to terms, comply, concede, concur, consent, cut a deal\*, engage, give blessing\*, give carte blanche\*, give green light\*, give the go-ahead\*, go along with, grant, make a deal\*, okay, pass on, permit, play ball\*, recognize, see eye to eye\*, set, settle, shake on\*, side with, sign\*, subscribe, take one up on\*, yes\*; CONCEPTS 8,10,45,235 —*Ant.* contend, contradict, decline, disagree, dispute, dissent, oppose, protest, refuse

**agree** [*v2*] *be similar or consistent* accord, answer, attune, be in harmony, blend, click, cohere, coincide, concert, concord, concur, conform, consort, correspond, equal, fall in with\*, fit, get along with, go hand in hand\*, go together, go well with, harmonize, jibe, match, parallel, square, suit, synchronize, tally; CONCEPTS 118,656,670 —*Ant.* differ

**agreeable** [*adj1*] *pleasing* acceptable, dandy, delicious, delightful, enjoyable, fair, fine, gratifying, hunky-dory\*, mild, nice, peach\*, peachy\*, pleasant, pleasurable, pleasurable, pussycat\*, ready, satisfying, spiffy\*, swell\*, to one's liking, to one's taste, welcome; CONCEPT 572 —*Ant.* disagreeable, discordant, distasteful, harsh, hateful, mean, nasty, offensive, unpleasant

**agreeable** [*adj2*] *appropriate, in keeping* befitting, compatible, congruous, consistent, consonant, fitting, proper; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* disagreeable, discordant, incompatible, incongruous, unsuitable

**agreeable** [*adj3*] *willing to be in unison, assent* acquiescent, amenable, approving, complying, concurring, congenial, consenting, favorable, grateful, in accord, responsive, sympathetic,

well-disposed, willing; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* disagreeable, incongruous, repugnant, unwilling

**agreeably** [*adv*] *willingly, assenting; pleasantly; in keeping* affably, affirmatively, amiably, amicably, appropriately, benevolently, charmingly, cheerfully, convivially, favorably, genially, good-humoredly, good-naturedly, graciously, happily, kindly, mutually, obligingly, peacefully, pleasingly, politely, satisfactorily, sympathetically, well, wonderfully; CONCEPTS 401,572 —*Ant.* dissenting, unpleasantly, unwillingly

**agreement** [*n1*] *concurrence* acceding, accession, accommodation, accord, accordance, acknowledging, adjustment, affiliation, affinity, alliance, amity, approving, arbitration, arrangement, assenting, authorizing, bargaining, compatibility, compliance, complying, compromise, concert, concession, concord, concordance, concurring, conformity, congruity, consistency, correspondence, endorsing, granting, harmony, mediation, ratifying, reconciliation, similarity, suitability, sympathy, understanding, union, unison, verification, verifying; CONCEPT 684 —*Ant.* disagreement

**agreement** [*n2*] *document of concurrence, contract* acknowledgment, adjudication, affidavit, approval, arrangement, assent, avowal, bargain, bond, cartel, charter, codicil, compact, compromise, confirmation, covenant, deal, indenture, lease, negotiation, note, oath, okay, pact, piece of paper\*, protocol, recognition, settlement, stipulation, the nod\*, transaction, treaty, understanding, writ; CONCEPTS 271,331

**agricultural** [*adj*] *concerning farming, land* aggie\*, agronomy, arboricultural, floricultural, gardening, horticultural, ranch, rural, rustic; CONCEPTS 536,583

**agriculture** [*n*] *farming, crop production* agronomics, agronomy, cultivation, culture, horticulture, husbandry, tillage; CONCEPTS 205,257

**aground** [*adv*] *on the bottom of* ashore, beached, disabled, foundered, grounded, high and dry\*, marooned, reefed, shipwrecked, stranded, stuck, swamped, wrecked; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* afloat

**ahead** [*adv*] *in front or advance of* advanced, advancing, ahead, along, ante, antecedently, at an advantage, at the head, before, beforehand, earlier, first, fore, foremost, forward, forwards, in the foreground, in the lead, leading, on, onward, onwards, precedent, precedently, preceding, previous, progressing, to the fore; CONCEPTS 586,632,820 —*Ant.* behind

**aid** [*n1*] *help, support* advancement, advice, advocacy, alleviation, allowance, assist, assistance, attention, backing, backup, benefaction, benefit, benevolence, bounty, care, charity, comfort, compensation, cooperation, deliverance, encouragement, endowment, favor, furtherance, gift, giving, guidance, hand, handout, leg up\*, lift, ministrations, ministry, patronage, promotion, reinforcement, relief, rescue, reward, salvation, service, shot in the arm\*, subsidy, sustenance, treatment; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* blockage, hindrance, impeding, injury, obstruction

**aid** [*v*] *help, support* abet, alleviate, assist, bail



out, befriend, benefact, encourage, favor, go to bat for\*, go with\*, lend a hand\*, lighten, mitigate, open doors for\*, promote, relieve, serve, stick up for\*, straighten out\*, subsidize, sustain; CONCEPT 110 —**Ant.** block, hinder, hurt, impede, injure, obstruct

**aid/aide** [n2] *person who helps* abettor, adjutant, aide-de-camp, assistant, attendant, coadjutor, coadjutor, crew, deputy, helper, lieutenant, second, supporter; CONCEPT 348

**AIDS** [n] *immunological disorder* acquired immune deficiency syndrome, HIV, HIV-positive, sexually transmitted disease, STD, virus; CONCEPT 306

**ail** [v] *hurt* afflict, annoy, bother, distress, pain, sicken, trouble, upset; CONCEPTS 14,246

**ailing** [adj] *not feeling well* below par, debilitated, diseased, down, down with, enfeebled, feeble, feeling awful, ill, indisposed, rocky\*, run down\*, sick, sick as a dog\*, sickly, under the weather\*, unwell, wasting, weak; CONCEPT 314 —**Ant.** healthy

**ailment** [n] *mild sickness* ache, bug, complaint, condition, disease, disorder, dose\*, flu, illness, indisposition, infirmity, malady, syndrome; CONCEPTS 306,316 —**Ant.** health

**aim** [n] *goal* ambition, aspiration, course, desideratum, design, desire, direction, end, intent, intention, mark, object, objective, plan, purpose, scheme, target, where one is heading\*, wish; CONCEPT 659 —**Ant.** aimlessness, avoidance, neglect, purposelessness, thoughtlessness

**aim** [v] *point or direct at a goal* address, angle, aspire, attempt, cast, concentrate, contemplate, covet, design, direct, endeavor, essay, fix, focus, intend, level, mean, plan, propose, purpose, set one's sights on\*, sight, slant, steer, strive, target, train, try, want, wish, zero in on, zoom in; CONCEPTS 20,41,201

**aimless** [adj] *having no goal* accidental, any which way\*, bits-and-pieces\*, blind, capricious, careless, casual, chance, desultory, directionless, drifting, erratic, fanciful, fickle, fits and starts\*, flighty, fortuitous, frivolous, goalless, haphazard, heedless, hit-or-miss\*, indecisive, indiscriminate, irresolute, objectless, pointless, purposeless, random, shiftless, stray, thoughtless, unavailing, undirected, unguided, unplanned, unpredictable, vagrant, wandering, wanton, wayward; CONCEPTS 401,535,544

—**Ant.** determined, directed, goal-oriented, motivated, pointed, purposeful, resolute

**air** [n1] *gases forming the atmosphere* blast, breath, breeze, draft, heavens, ozone, puff, sky, stratosphere, troposphere, ventilation, waft, whiff, wind, zephyr; CONCEPT 437

**air** [n2] *distinctive quality or character; style* address, affectation, ambience, appearance, atmosphere, aura, bearing, comportment, demeanor, deportment, effect, feel, feeling, flavor, impression, look, manner, mannerism, mien, mood, pose, presence, property, quality, semblance, tone; CONCEPTS 644,673

**air** [n3] *musical tune* aria, descant, lay, melody, song, strain, theme; CONCEPTS 77,595

**air** [v1] *put into the atmosphere; freshen* aerate, aerify, air-condition, circulate, cool, eject, expel, expose, fan, open, oxygenate, purify, refresh, ventilate; CONCEPT 255 —**Ant.** close up, hide

**air** [v2] *express opinion publicly* broadcast, circulate, communicate, declare, disclose, display, disseminate, divulge, exhibit, expose, make known, make public, proclaim, publicize, publish, put, reveal, speak, state, tell, utter, ventilate, voice; CONCEPTS 51,52 —**Ant.** be quiet, suppress

**aircraft** [n] *airplane* airliner, airship, balloon, blimp, chopper\*, dirigible, flying machine, flying saucer, helicopter, jet, UFO, zeppelin; CONCEPT 504

**airplane** [n] *vehicle that transports cargo or passengers through the air* aeroplane, airbus, aircraft, airliner, airship, cab\*, crate\*, jet, kite\*, plane, ramjet\*, ship\*; CONCEPT 504

**airport** [n] *center for transportation by air* aerodrome, airfield, airfield, airstrip, hangar, helipad, heliport, home plate\*, installation, landing strip, runway, strip; CONCEPTS 325,439

**airs** [n] *affectation; pretended behavior* affectation, arrogance, false front, front, haughtiness, hauteur, mannerism, ostentation, pomposity, pose, pretense, pretension, pretentiousness, put-on\*, show, superciliousness; CONCEPT 633 —**Ant.** personality, realism, truthfulness

**airtight** [adj1] *sealed* closed, impenetrable, impermeable, shut; CONCEPTS 483,490 —**Ant.** loose, open, penetrable, permeable, unclosed, unsealed

**airtight** [adj2] *certain* incontestable, indisputable, invulnerable, irrefutable, unassailable; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** possible, questionable, uncertain

**airy** [adj1] *open to the atmosphere* aerial, atmospheric, blowy, breezy, drafty, exposed, fluttering, fresh, gaseous, gusty, light, lofty, out-of-doors, uncluttered, vaporous, ventilated, well-ventilated, windy; CONCEPT 583 —**Ant.** close, closed, oppressive, stuffy

**airy** [adj2] *delicate or ethereal* dainty, diaphanous, flimsy, fragile, frail, frivolous, illusory, imaginary, immaterial, intangible, light, rare, rarefied, tenuous, thin, vaporous, visionary, volatile, weightless, wispy; CONCEPTS 490,582 —**Ant.** heavy

**airy** [adj3] *buoyant, light, or lively in nature* animated, blithe, bouncy, cheerful, cheery, effervescent, elastic, fanciful, flippant, frolicsome, gay, graceful, happy, high-spirited, jaunty, light, light-hearted, merry, nonchalant, resilient, sprightly, volatile, whimsical; CONCEPTS 404,550 —**Ant.** burdensome, heavy

**aisle** [n] *passageway dividing something* alley, artery, avenue, clearing, corridor, course, egress, gangway, hallway, ingress, lane, opening, passage, path, walk, way; CONCEPTS 440,513,830

**ajar** [adj/adv] *slightly open* open, unclosed, unlatched, unshut; CONCEPT 586 —**Ant.** closed

**akin** [adj] *related or connected* affiliated, agnate, alike, allied, analogous, cognated, comparable, connate, consonant, corresponding, incident, kindred, like, parallel, similar; CONCEPTS 487,563,573 —**Ant.** alien, disconnected, unconnected, unrelated

**alacrity** [n] *liveliness; unprepared alertness*, avidity, briskness, cheerfulness, dispatch, eagerness, enthusiasm, expedition, fervor,

gaiety, hilarity, joyousness, promptitude, quickness, readiness, speed, sprightliness, will-  
ingness, zeal; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* apathy,  
aversion, disinclination, dullness, indifference,  
reluctance, slowness, unwillingness

**alarm** [*n*] *feeling of sudden fear* anxiety, ap-  
prehension, cold feet\*, consternation, dismay,  
distress, dread, fright, horror, nervousness,  
panic, scare, strain, stress, tension, terror, trepi-  
dation, unease, uneasiness; CONCEPTS 410,690  
—*Ant.* assurance, calmness, composure, confi-  
dence, peace, quietness, repose, security

**alarm** [*n*2] *warning, signaling device* alert, bell,  
blast, buzzer, call, caution, clock, cry, drum,  
flap\*, flash\*, forewarning, gong, high sign\*,  
horn, Mayday\*, nod\*, scramble\*, scream,  
shout, sign, signal, siren, SOS, squeal, tip, tip  
off\*, tocsin, trumpet, warning, whistle, wink\*,  
yell; CONCEPTS 269,463

**alarm** [*v*] *upset* amaze, astonish, chill, daunt,  
dismay, distress, frighten, give a turn\*, make  
jump\*, panic, scare, scare silly\*, scare stiff\*,  
scare to death\*, spook, startle, surprise, terrify,  
unnerve; CONCEPTS 7,14,19,42 —*Ant.* assure,  
calm, gladden, reassure, repose, soothe

**alarmist** [*n*] *person who spreads alarm* Cassan-  
dra, Chicken Little\*, pessimist, scaremonger,  
voice of doom\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**albatross** [*n*] *burden* cross to bear, disgrace,  
load, millstone, misery, woe; CONCEPTS 532,690

**album** [*n*] *blank book for collecting; holder* antho-  
logy, collection, depository, index, memento,  
memory book, miscellany, notebook, portfolio,  
register, registry, scrapbook; CONCEPTS 271,446

**alchemy** [*n*] *medieval science* black arts, black  
magic, hermetics, magic, pseudo science,  
sorcery, thaumaturgy, witchcraft, wizardry;  
CONCEPTS 367,370,689

**alcohol** [*n*] *intoxicating, flammable liquid*  
alky\*, booze\*, canned heat\*, cocktail, drink,  
ethanol, firewater\*, hard stuff\*, hootch\*, intoxi-  
cant, liquor, methanol, moonshine\*, palliative\*,  
red-eye\*, rotgut\*, sauce\*, smoke\*, spirits, tip-  
ple\*, toddy\*; CONCEPTS 454,467

**alcoholic** [*adj*] *intoxicating* brewed, distilled,  
fermented, hard, inebriant, inebriating, spritu-  
ous, vinous; CONCEPT 462 —*Ant.* non-alcoholic

**alcoholic** [*n*] *drunk* bar fly\*, boozier\*, dipsoma-  
niac, hard drinker, inebriate, lush\*, problem  
drinker, sot, sousé, substance abuser, tippler,  
wino; CONCEPT 423

**alcoholism** [*n*] *alcohol abuse* addiction, alcohol  
addiction, alcohol dependence, crapulence, dip-  
somania, drunkenness, methomania, problem  
drinking, substance abuse, vinosity; CONCEPTS  
20,316,709

**alcove** [*n*] *nook, secluded spot* anteroom, bay,  
bower, compartment, corner, cubbyhole, cubi-  
cle, niche, recess, study; CONCEPTS 440,448,513

**ale** [*n*] *intoxicating, fermented beverage* beer,  
brew, hops, malt, suds\*; CONCEPT 454

**alert** [*adj*] *attentive, lively* active, all ears\*,  
bright, cagey\*, careful, circumspect, clever, fast  
on the draw\*, good hands\*, heads up\*, heedful,  
hip, intelligent, jazzed\*, observant, on guard\*,  
on one's toes\*, on the ball\*, on the job\*, on the  
lookout\*, on the qui vive\*, perceptive, psyched  
up\*, quick, ready, sharp, spirited, switched on\*,  
vigilant, wary, watchful, wide-awake, wired\*,

wise, with it\*; CONCEPTS 402,403 —*Ant.*  
asleep, drowsy, inattentive, lethargic, sluggish,  
unobservant, weary

**alert** [*n*] *warning* admonition, alarm, flap\*,  
high sign\*, Mayday\*, sign, signal, siren, SOS,  
tip off, wink\*; CONCEPTS 78,278,595,628

**alert** [*v*] *warn* alarm, flag, forewarn, give the  
high sign\*, inform, notify, put on guard, signal,  
tip, tip off, wave flag\*; CONCEPT 78

**algae** [*n*] *rootless, leafless plants living in water*  
dulse, kelp, scum, seaweed; CONCEPT 429

**alias** [*adv*] *otherwise known as* also called, also  
known as, otherwise; CONCEPT 582

**alias** [*n*] *false name* AKA, anonyim, assumed  
name, handle\*, moniker, nickname, nom de  
guerre, nom de plume, pen name, pseudonym,  
stage name, summer name\*; CONCEPT 683  
—*Ant.* name

**alibi** [*n*] *defense against charges of wrongdoing;*  
*evidence of absence* account, affirmation,  
airtight case\*, allegation, answer, assertion,  
assurance, avowal, case, cop-out\*, cover, decla-  
ration, excuse, explanation, fish story\*, justifi-  
cation, plea, pretext, profession, proof, reason,  
reply, retort, song and dance\*, stall, statement,  
vindication; CONCEPT 661

**alien** [*adj*] *foreign* conflicting, contrary,  
estranged, exotic, extraneous, extrinsic, inap-  
propriate, incompatible, incongruous, opposed,  
remote, separate, unusual; CONCEPT 564

—*Ant.* akin, appropriate, native, proper

**alien** [*n*] *foreign being* blow in\*, floater\*,  
foreigner, greenhorn\*, guest, immigrant, in-  
comer\*, interloper, intruder, invader, migrant,  
newcomer, noncitizen, outsider, refugee, settler,  
squatter, stranger, visitor, weed\*; CONCEPT 423  
—*Ant.* citizen, countryman, national, native,  
settler

**alienate** [*v*] *cause unfriendliness, hostility*  
break off, come between, disaffect, disunite,  
divide, divorce, estrange, make indifferent,  
part, separate, set against, turn away, turn off,  
wean, withdraw the affections of; CONCEPTS  
7,19,231 —*Ant.* be friendly, disarm

**alienation** [*n*] *unfriendliness* breach, breaking  
off, coolness, disaffection, diverting, division,  
divorce, estrangement, indifference, remoteness,  
rupture, separation, setting against, turning  
away, variance, withdrawal; CONCEPT 410

—*Ant.* charm, endearment, friendliness

**alight** [*v*] *land* come down, debark, descend,  
disembark, dismount, get off, light, perch,  
settle, touch down; CONCEPTS 159,181

**align** [*v*1] *line up, arrange next to* adjust,  
allineate, coordinate, even, even up, fix, make  
parallel, order, range, regulate, straighten;  
CONCEPT 158 —*Ant.* divide, mess up, separate

**align** [*v*2] *join; bring to agreement* affiliate,  
agree, ally, associate, cooperate, enlist, follow,  
join sides, sympathize; CONCEPTS 8,114  
—*Ant.* disjoin

**alignment** [*n*] *lining up* adjustment, arrange-  
ment, calibration, order, positioning, sequence,  
sighting; CONCEPTS 721,727

**alike** [*adj*] *similar* akin, allied, analogous,  
approximate, associated, carbon copy\*, cog-  
nate, comparable, concurrent, correspondent,  
corresponding, dead ringer\*, ditto\*, double,  
duplicate, equal, equivalent, even, facsimile,

identical, indistinguishable, kindred, like, look-alike, matched, matching, mated, parallel, proportionate, related, resembling, same, same difference\*, similar, spitting image\*, undifferentiated, uniform, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 487,566, 573 —*Ant.* different, dissimilar, distinct, diverse, opposite, unlike

**alike** [*adv*] *similarly* analogously, comparably, comparatively, consonantly, correspondingly, equally, equivalently, evenly, identically, in accordance with, in common, in the same degree, in the same manner, likewise, similarly, the same way, uniformly; CONCEPTS 487,566, 573 —*Ant.* differently, dissimilarly, unequally, unevenly

**alimentary** [*adj*] *digestive* comestible, dietary, digestible, nourishing, nutrient, nutritional, nutritious, nutritive, peptic, salutary, sustaining, sustentative; CONCEPTS 406,485

**alimony** [*n*] *money paid in support of a former spouse* keep, livelihood, living, maintenance, provision, remittance, subsistence, sustenance, upkeep; CONCEPT 344

**alive** [*adj*1] *being animately existent* animate, around, awake, breathing, cognizant, conscious, dynamic, existing, extant, functioning, growing, knowing, live, living, mortal, operative, running, subsisting, viable, vital, working, zoetic; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* dead, deceased, inanimate, lifeless

**alive** [*adj*2] *being active, full of life* abounding, alert, animated, awake, brisk, bustling, cheerful, dynamic, eager, energetic, lively, overflowing, quick, ready, replete, rife, sharp, spirited, sprightly, spry, stirring, swarming, teeming, vigorous, vital, vivacious, zestful; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* dispirited, dull, lifeless, morose, sluggish, spiritless

**alkali** [*n*] *soluble base; opposite of an acid* antacid, caustic soda, salt; CONCEPT 472

**alkaline** [*adj*] *being basic, not acid (chemically)* acrid, alkalinescent, alkali, antacid, bitter, caustic, neutralizing, salty, soluble; CONCEPT 472

**all** [*adj*1] *whole quantity* complete, entire, full, greatest, gross, outright, perfect, total, utter; CONCEPT 771 —*Ant.* none, zero

**all** [*adj*2] *each; every one of a class* any, bar none\*, barring no one, complete, each and every, entire, every, every bit of, every single, sum, total, totality, whole; CONCEPT 772

**all** [*adj*3] *exclusively alone, nothing but, only, solely*; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* incompletely

**all** [*adv*] *completely, without exception* all in all, altogether, entirely, exactly, fully, just, purely, quite, totally, utterly, wholly; CONCEPTS 771, 772 —*Ant.* incompletely

**all** [*n*] *whole; totality* accumulation, across the board, aggregate, aggregation, collection, ensemble, entirety, everyone, everything, gross, group, integer, jackpot\*, lock stock and barrel\*, mass, quantity, sum, sum total, total, unit, utmost, wall to wall\*, whole ball of wax\*, whole enchilada\*, whole nine yards\*, whole schmeer\*, whole shooting match\*, whole show\*, works; CONCEPTS 787,837 —*Ant.* none, zero, zilch, zip

**all-around** [*adj*] *multifaceted* comprehensive, diverse, inclusive, versatile; CONCEPTS 527,542

**allay** [*v*] *reduce something, usually a pain or a problem* abate, alleviate, assuage, calm,

compose, cool out\*, decrease, ease, lessen, lighten, make nice\*, mitigate, moderate, mollify, pacify, play up to\*, pour oil on\*, quiet, square, take the bite out\*, take the sting out\*; CONCEPTS 7,22,244 —*Ant.* intensify, provoke, stir, worsen

**allegation** [*n*] *assertion placing blame* accusation, affirmation, assertion, avowal, charge, claim, declaration, deposition, overment, plea, profession, statement; CONCEPT 49

**allege** [*v*] *assert; claim* adduce, advance, affirm, assertive, aver, avouch, avow, charge, cite, declare, depose, lay, maintain, offer, plead, present, profess, put forward, recite, recount, state, testify; CONCEPT 49 —*Ant.* contradict, deny, disagree, dissent, object, protest, repudiate

**alleged** [*adj*] *asserted, often doubtful* averred, declared, described, dubious, ostensible, pretended, professed, purported, questionable, so-called, stated, supposed, suspect, suspicious; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* certain, definite, sure

**allegiance** [*n*] *loyalty* adherence, ardor, consecration, constancy, dedication, deference, devotion, duty, faithfulness, fealty, fidelity, homage, honor, obedience, obligation, piety; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* disloyalty, enmity, sedition, treachery, treason

**allegorical** [*adj*] *symbolic* emblematic, figurative, illustrative, metaphorical, parabolic, symbolizing, typifying; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* not representative, untypical

**allegory** [*n*] *indirect representation, storytelling* apologue, emblem, fable, figuration, moral, myth, parable, story, symbol, symbolism, symbolization, tale, typification; CONCEPT 282

**allergen** [*n*] *irritant* antigen, dander, dust mite, foreign substance, immune trigger, irritant, pollen, ragweed; CONCEPT 478

**allergic** [*adj*] *having a reaction to food, material, etc.* affected, averse to, dyspathetic, hypersensitive, immune sensitive, sensitive, sensitized, susceptible; CONCEPTS 403,542

**allergy** [*n*] *reaction to certain food, material, etc.* allergic reaction, aversion, hay fever, hypersensitivity, sensitivity, susceptibility, vulnerability; CONCEPTS 405,410

**alleviate** [*v*] *relieve; lessen* allay, assuage, ease, lighten, mitigate, mollify, pacify, pour oil on\*, soft-pedal\*, take the bite out\*, take the edge off\*, take the sting out\*; CONCEPTS 7,22,110,236,247 —*Ant.* aggravate, heighten, increase, intensify, magnify

**alley** [*n*] *narrow passage* alleyway, back street, lane, passageway, path, pathway, walk; CONCEPT 501

**alliance** [*n*] *friendly association, agreement* accord, affiliation, affinity, betrothal, bond, coalition, coherence, collaboration, collusion, combination, communion, compact, concord, concurrence, confederacy, confederation, congruity, conjunction, connection, consanguinity, cooperation, engagement, entente, federation, fraternization, friendship, interrelation, kinship, league, marriage, matrimony, membership, mutuality, pact, participation, partnership, relation, support, tie, treaty, union; CONCEPTS 301,423,684 —*Ant.* antagonism, discord, disunion, divorce, estrangement, hostility, rebellion, separation, war

**allied** [*adj*] *friendly; united* affiliated, agnate, akin, amalgamated, associated, bound, cognate, combined, confederate, connate, connected, incident, in league, joined, joint, kindred, linked, married, related, unified, wed; CONCEPTS 555,563 —**Ant.** disunited, estranged, unfriendly

**allocate** [*v*] *assign; divide among* admeasure, allot, apportion, appropriate, budget, cut, designate, dish out\*, divvy\*, earmark, give, mete, set aside, share, slice; CONCEPTS 41,98,108,129 —**Ant.** keep, keep together

**allocation** [*n*] *distribution* allotment, apportionment, appropriation, portion, quota, ration, share; CONCEPT 835

**allot** [*v*] *assign; give portion* admeasure, allocate, appoint, apportion, appropriate, assign, budget, cut, cut the pie\*, designate, distribute, divvy\*, dole, earmark, mete, set aside, share, shell out\*, slice, split up; CONCEPTS 41,108 —**Ant.** disallow, keep, retain, withhold

**allotment** [*n*] *portion assigned or given* allocation, allowance, apportionment, appropriation, bite, chunk, cut, cut of pie\*, end, grant, lot, measure, part, piece, piece of the action\*, quota,rake off\*, ration, share, slice, split, stint\*; CONCEPT 835

**all-out** [*adj*] *complete* absolute, determined, entire, exhaustive, full, full-blown, full-fledged, full-scale, maximum, optimum, resolute, supreme, thorough, total, undivided, unlimited, utmost, utter; CONCEPTS 531,772 —**Ant.** half-hearted, halfway

**allow** [*v1*] *admit; acknowledge* acquiesce, avow, concede, confess, grant, let on, own; CONCEPTS 60,82 —**Ant.** deny, refuse, reject

**allow** [*v2*] *permit an action* accord, accredit, admit, approve, authorize, bear, be big\*, be game for\*, brook, certify, commission, consent, empower, endorse, endure, favor, free up\*, give a blank check\*, give carte blanche, give leave, give permission, give the go-ahead, give the green light\*, go along with, grant permission, hear of, hold with, indulge, let, license, live with\*, oblige, okay, pass, pass on, put up with, recognize, release, sanction, sit still for\*, stand, suffer, support, take kindly to, tolerate, warrant; CONCEPTS 83,99 —**Ant.** deny, disallow, disapprove, forbid, prohibit, protest, refuse, reject, resist, withstand

**allow** [*v3*] *set aside* admeasure, allocate, allot, apportion, assign, deduct, give, grant, lot, mete, provide, remit, spare; CONCEPTS 41,108 —**Ant.** hold, keep

**allowance** [*n1*] *amount of money or other supply* aid, alimony, allocation, allotment, annuity, apportionment, bequest, bite\*, bounty, commission, contribution, cut, endowment, fee, fellowship, gift, grant, honorarium, inheritance, interest, legacy, lot, measure, part, pay, pension, piece, portion, prize, quantity, quota, ration, recompense, remittance, salary, scholarship, share, slice, stint, stipend, subsidy, taste, wage; CONCEPTS 337,340

**allowance** [*n2*] *discount; concession* accommodation, adaptation, adjustment, admission, advantage, cut, deduction, rebate, reduction, sanction, sufferance, toleration; CONCEPT 775

**alloy** [*n*] *mixture, usually of two metals* admix-

ture, blend, combination, composite, compound, debasement, denaturant, fusion, hybrid, intermixture, reduction; CONCEPTS 260,476

**alloy** [*v1*] *mix metals* admix, amalgamate, blend, combine, compound, fuse, intermix, mix; CONCEPTS 109,113 —**Ant.** clear, not mix, purify

**alloy** [*v2*] *adulterate* debase, denature, devalue, diminish, impair, reduce; CONCEPT 240 —**Ant.** clean, clear, purify

**all right** [*adj1*] *satisfactory* acceptable, adequate, appropriate, average, decent, fair, fit, fitting, good, hunky-dory\*, okay, okey-dokey\*, passable, proper, satisfying, standard, sufficient, swell\*, tolerable, unexceptional, unobjectionable; CONCEPTS 547,558 —**Ant.** unsatisfactory

**all right** [*adj2*] *in good condition or health* hale, healthy, safe, sound, unharmed, unhurt, unimpaired, well, whole; CONCEPT 572 —**Ant.** sick, unhealthy

**all right** [*adj3*] *correct; excellent* accurate, exact, good, great, precise, right; CONCEPTS 557,574 —**Ant.** wrong

**all right** [*adv1*] *satisfactorily* acceptably, adequately, okay, passably, tolerably, unobjectionably, well enough; CONCEPTS 547,558

**all right** [*adv2*] *yes* agreed, certainly, definitely, of course, okay, positively, surely, very well, without a doubt; CONCEPT 572 —**Ant.** no

**all-time** [*adj*] *unsurpassed and permanent* best, champion, enduring, everlasting, perpetual; CONCEPTS 574,798

**allude** [*v*] *hint at* advert, bring up, imply, insinuate, intimate, point, refer, suggest; CONCEPTS 60,66

**allure** [*n*] *appeal* attraction, bedroom eyes\*, charisma, charm, come-hither look\*, come-on\*, enchantment, enticement, glamor, inveiglement, lure, magnetism, seductiveness, temptation, the jazz\*; CONCEPTS 673,720

**allure** [*v*] *entice* attract, bait, beguile, bewitch, cajole, captivate, charm, coax, come on\*, decoy, draw, enchant, entrap, fascinate, hook\*, inveigle, lead on, lure, magnetize, persuade, pull, seduce, suck in\*, sweep off feet\*, tempt, turn on\*, wile, win over; CONCEPTS 7,22 —**Ant.** deter, discourage, dissuade, prevent, repel, threaten, turn off, warn

**alluring** [*adj*] *attractive* beguiling, bewitching, captivating, charming, enticing, magnetic, seductive, tempting, winning; CONCEPTS 529,579

**allusion** [*n*] *indirect reference; hint* casual remark, charge, citation, connotation, denotation, figure of speech, implication, imputation, incidental mention, indication, inference, innuendo, insinuation, intimation, mention, play on words, quotation, remark, statement, suggestion; CONCEPTS 60,274 —**Ant.** reality

**ally** [*n*] *something united with another, especially by treaty* accessory, accomplice, associate, coadjutor, collaborator, colleague, confederate, co-worker, friend, helper, partner; CONCEPTS 299,322,354,359 —**Ant.** antagonist, enemy

**alma mater** [*n*] *school from which one has graduated* academy, college, institution, old school, place of graduation, place of matriculation, university; CONCEPTS 288,289

**almanac** [*n*] *document containing information for a year* annual, calendar, chronicle,

ephemeris, journal, record, register, registry, yearbook; CONCEPTS 280,801,809,823

**almighty** [*adj*1] *having complete power, control* absolute, all-powerful, invincible, mighty, omnipotent, puissant, supreme, unlimited; CONCEPT 540 —*Ant.* insignificant, powerless, weak

**almighty** [*adj*2] *godlike* all-knowing, all-seeing, boundless, celestial, deathless, deific, divine, enduring, eternal, everlasting, godly, heavenly, illimitable, immortal, infinite, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, pervading; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* lay, lowly

**almighty** [*adj*3] *severe* awful, desperate, enormous, excessive, extreme, great, intense, loud, terrible; CONCEPT 569 —*Ant.* weak

**almost** [*adv*] *nearly, very nearly* about, about to, all but, approximately, around, as good as, bordering on, close to, close upon, essentially, for all practical purposes, for the greatest part, in effect, in the neighborhood of, in the vicinity of, just about, most, much, near to, nigh, not far from, not quite, on the brink of, on the edge of, on the point of, on the verge of, practically, pretty near, relatively, roughly, substantially, virtually, well-nigh, within sight of; CONCEPTS 531,586,799

**aims** [*n*] *handout* aid, assistance, benefaction, charity, contribution, dole, donation, offering; CONCEPTS 337,657

**alone** [*adj*1] *separate; apart* abandoned, batching it\*, by itself/oneself, companionless, deserted, desolate, detached, forlorn, forsaken, friendless, hermit, individual, in solitary\*, isolated, lone, lonely, lonesome, me and my shadow\*, me myself and I\*, onliest\*, only, on one's own, shag\*, single, sole, solitary, solo, stag, traveling light\*, unaccompanied, unaided, unassisted, unattached, unattended, unescorted, unmarried, widowed; CONCEPTS 577,583 —*Ant.* together

**alone** [*adj*2] *to the exclusion of; unique* incomparable, matchless, peerless, singly, singular, solely, unequalled, unique, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed; CONCEPT 556

**along** [*adv*1] *ahead* forth, forward, on, onward; CONCEPT 581

**along** [*adv*2] *together with* accompanying, additionally, also, as companion, as well, at same time, besides, coupled with, furthermore, in addition to, likewise, moreover, side by side, simultaneously, too, with; CONCEPT 577 —*Ant.* apart, separate

**along** [*adv*3] *near* adjacent, at, by; CONCEPT 586 —*Ant.* far

**alongside** [*prep*] *close, near* side of along the side of, apace with, at the side of, beside, by, by the side of, close at hand, close by, equal with, in company with, next to, parallel to, side by side; CONCEPT 586 —*Ant.* away

**aloof** [*adj*] *remote* above, apart, casual, chilly, cold, cold fish\*, cool, detached, distant, forbidding, hard-boiled\*, hard-hearted, haughty, incurious, indifferent, laid back\*, loner\*, lone wolf\*, offish\*, on ice\*, putting on airs\*, reserved, secluded, solitary, standoffish\*, stuck up\*, supercilious, thick-skinned\*, unapproachable, unconcerned, unfriendly, uninterested, unresponsive, unsociable, unsympathetic, uppity\*,

withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* concerned, friendly, sociable

**aloud** [*adv*] *in a spoken voice, usually not softly* audibly, clearly, distinctly, intelligibly, loudly, lustily, noisily, out loud, plainly, vociferously; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* inaudibly, silently

**alphabet** [*n*] *letters of a writing system* ABCs, characters, elements, fundamentals, graphic representation, hieroglyphs, ideograph, morphemes, phonemes, pictograph, rune, signs, syllabary, symbols; CONCEPT 276

**alphabetical** [*adj*] *in ascending order of a writing system* A to Z, consecutive, graded, indexed, logical, ordered, progressive; CONCEPT 585 —*Ant.* unalphabetical

**alphabetize** [*v*] *place in order of a writing system* index, order, systematize; CONCEPT 84

**alpine** [*adj*] *mountaintop; high altitude* aerial, elevated, high, high-reaching, in the clouds, lofty, montane, mountainous, rangy, snow-capped, soaring, towering; CONCEPTS 779,836

**already** [*adv*] *before expected time* as of now, at present, before, before now, but now, by now, by that time, by then, by the time mentioned, by this time, earlier, even now, formerly, heretofore, in the past, just now, now, once, previously, then, up to now; CONCEPT 799

**also** [*adv*] *in addition to* additionally, again, along, along with, and, as well, as well as, besides, conjointly, further, furthermore, including, in conjunction with, in like manner, likewise, more, moreover, more than that, on top of, over and above, plus, still, to boot\*, together with, too, withal; CONCEPT 577

**altar** [*n*] *church table, pedestal* chantry, font, reredos, retable, shrine, tabernacle; CONCEPT 443

**alter** [*v*1] *change* adapt, adjust, amend, change, convert, cook, correct mid-course\*, develop, dial back\*, diversify, doctor, fine tune\*, make different, metamorphose, modify, mutate, monkey up\*, recalibrate, recast, reconstruct, refashion, reform, remodel, renovate, reshape, revamp, revise, shift, transform, transmute, turn, vary; CONCEPT 232 —*Ant.* continue, fix, keep, let stand, maintain, preserve, remain, retain, sustain

**alter** [*v*2] *sterilize* animal caaponize, castrate, change, desexualize, emasculate, fix, geld, mutilate, neuter, spay, unsex; CONCEPTS 310,375

**alteration** [*n*] *change* about-face, accommodation, adaptation, adjustment, amendment, conversion, correction, difference, diversification, exchange, fixing, flip-flop\*, metamorphosis, mid-course correction\*, modification, mutation, reformation, remodeling, reshaping, revision, shift, switch, switch-over\*, transformation, transmutation, turn, variance, variation; CONCEPT 701

**altercation** [*n*] *fight, often verbal* argument, beef\*, bickering, blowup\*, bone of contention\*, brawl\*, brush\*, combat, contest, controversy, dispute, embroilment, flap\*, fracas\*, fuss, go\*, hassle, quarrel, row, rumble\*, run-in\*, set-to\*, squabbling, tiff\*, words\*, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* agreement, concord, harmony, peace, union, unity

**altered** [*adj*] *changed* adapted, adjusted, amended, converted, cooked, corrected, diversified, doctored, fitted, fixed, modified, qualified, redone, refitted, reformed, remade,

remodeled, renovated, reshaped, retailed, revised, spiked, transformed, turned, updated; CONCEPT 564 —**Ant.** continued, fixed, held, kept, maintained, preserved, retained, sustained

**alter ego** [n1] *other side to personality* doppelgänger, evil twin\*, second self; CONCEPTS 410,423

**alter ego** [n2] *companion* buddy, chum, confidante, counterpart, doppelgänger\*, pal, soul mate; CONCEPT 423

**alternate** [adj1] *every other* alternating, every second, intermittent, periodic, recurrent, recurring, rotating; CONCEPT 553

**alternate** [adj2] *substitute* alternative, another, backup, different, interchanging, makeshift, second, surrogate, temporary; CONCEPT 566 —**Ant.** necessary

**alternate** [n] *substitute* backup, double, equivalent, fill-in, proxy, replacement, stand-in, sub\*, surrogate; CONCEPT 667 —**Ant.** necessity

**alternate** [v] *take turns, change back and forth* act reciprocally, alter, blow hot and cold\*, change, come and go, exchange, fill in for, fluctuate, follow, follow in turn, interchange, intersperse, oscillate, relieve, rotate, seesaw, shift, shilly-shally\*, substitute, sway, vacillate, vary, waver, yo-yo\*; CONCEPTS 13,104,232, 701 —**Ant.** continue

**alternative** [adj] *other, alternate* another, back-up, different, flipside, other side, second, substitute, surrogate; CONCEPT 564

**alternative** [n] *possible choice* back-up, druthers\*, opportunity, option, other, other fish in sea\*, other fish to fry\*, pick, preference, recourse, redundancy, selection, sub\*, substitute, take it or leave it\*; CONCEPT 529 —**Ant.** compulsion, constraint, necessity, obligation, restraint

**although** [conj] *even though* admitting, albeit, despite, despite the fact, even if, even supposing, granting, granting all this, in spite of, much as, notwithstanding, still, supposing, though, when, whereas, while; CONCEPT 544

**altitude** [n] *height in the sky* apex, distance, elevation, eminence, loftiness, peak, summit; CONCEPTS 739,752,791 —**Ant.** depth

**altogether** [adv1] *as a whole* all, all in all, all things considered, all told, bodily, by and large, collectively, conjointly, en masse, everything considered, everything included, for the most part, generally, in all, in sum, in toto, on the whole, taken together; CONCEPT 771 —**Ant.** partly

**altogether** [adv2] *completely* absolutely, fully, perfectly, quite, thoroughly, totally, utterly, well, wholly; CONCEPT 531 —**Ant.** incompletely

**altruism** [n] *unselfish concern* benevolence, charity, humanitarianism, kindness, magnanimity, philanthropy, public spirit, selflessness, social conscience; CONCEPT 633

**altruistic** [adj] *unselfish* all heart\*, benevolent, big\*, big-hearted\*, bleeding heart\*, charitable, considerate, generous, good, good scout, human, humane, humanitarian, kind, magnanimous, openhanded, philanthropic, Robin Hood\*, self-sacrificing; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** selfish, unsacrificing

**alumnus/alumna** [n] *graduate* alum, old grad\*, postgraduate; CONCEPT 350

**always** [adv] *forever; continually* consistently, constantly, eternally, ever, everlastingly, evermore, forevermore, for keeps, in perpetuum, invariably, perpetually, regularly, repeatedly, till blue in the face\*, till cows come home\*, till hell freezes over\*, unceasingly, without exception; CONCEPTS 551,798 —**Ant.** at no time, never

**amalgamate** [n] *mixture* admixture, alloy, amalgamation, blend, combination, combo\*, composite, compound, fusion, mishmash\*, soup; CONCEPT 432 —**Ant.** division, separation

**amalgamate** [v] *blend* admix, alloy, ally, coalesce, combine, come together, compound, consolidate, fuse, hook up with\*, incorporate, integrate, interface, intermix, join together, meld, merge, mingle, network, pool, team up\*, tie in, tie up\*, unite; CONCEPT 113 —**Ant.** divide, separate

**amass** [v] *gather, accumulate* aggregate, assemble, clean up\*, collect, compile, corral\*, garner, heap\*, hoard, lay up\*, make a killing\*, make a pile\*, pile, round up\*, scare up\*, stockpile, store; CONCEPTS 109,120 —**Ant.** disburse, disperse, dissipate, divide, dole, scatter, spend

**amateur** [n] *casual participant* abecedarian, apprentice, aspirant, beginner, bush leaguer\*, dabbler, dilettante, greenhorn, ham\*, hopeful, layperson, learner, neophyte, nonprofessional, novice, probationer, putterer, recruit, Sunday driver\*, tenderfoot\*, tyro; CONCEPT 366 —**Ant.** professional

**amateurish** [adj] *unprofessional* bush-league\*, incompetent, inept, inexperienced, inexpert, insipid, unskilled, untrained; CONCEPTS 527,538

**amatory** [adj] *affectionate, desirous* admiring, amorous, aphrodisiac, ardent, attracted, devoted, doting, erotic, fervent, fond, languishing, lovesick, loving, passionate, rapturous, romantic, sentimental, tender, wooing, yearning; CONCEPTS 372,403 —**Ant.** hateful, unfriendly

**amaze** [v] *surprise* affect, alarm, astonish, astound, bewilder, blow away\*, blow one's mind\*, bowl over\*, daze, dumbfound, electrify, flabbergast\*, impress, move, perplex, put one away\*, shock, stagger, startle, strike, stun, stupefy, touch\*; CONCEPT 42

**amazement** [n] *state of surprise* admiration, astonishment, awe, bewilderment, confoundment, confusion, marvel, one for the books\*, perplexity, shock, something else\*, stopper\*, stunner\*, stupefaction, wonder, wonderment; CONCEPTS 230,410 —**Ant.** calmness, composure, cool, coolness, indifference, preparation

**amazing** [adj] *astounding* awesome, fascinating, incredible, marvelous, prodigious, shocking, stunning, surprising, unbelievable, wonderful; CONCEPTS 547,572

**ambassador** [n] *representative to a foreign country* agent, consul, deputy, diplomat, emissary, envoy, minister, plenipotentiary; CONCEPT 354

**amber** [n/adj] *gold-colored* brown, golden, tan, yellowish; CONCEPT 618

**ambience** [n] *environment* ambient, atmosphere, climate, medium, surroundings; CONCEPT 673

**ambiguity** [n] *uncertainty of meaning* double-entendre, double meaning, doubt, doubtfulness, dubiety, dubiousness, enigma, equivocity,

equivocality, equivocation, incertitude, inconclusiveness, indefiniteness, indeterminateness, obscurity, puzzle, tergiversation, uncertainty, unclearness, vagueness; CONCEPTS 638,682  
—*Ant.* certainty, clarity, clearness, definiteness, explicitness, lucidity

**ambiguous** [*adj*] *having more than one meaning* clear as dishwater\*, cryptic, doubtful, dubious, enigmatic, enigmatical, equivocal, inconclusive, indefinite, indeterminate, inexplicit, muddy, obscure, opaque, puzzling, questionable, tenebrous, uncertain, unclear, unintelligible, vague; CONCEPTS 267,535  
—*Ant.* clear, definite, explicit, lucid

**ambition** [*n*] *strong desire for success* appetite, ardor, aspiration, avidity, craving, desire, drive, eagerness, earnestness, emulation, energy, enterprise, enthusiasm, fire in belly\*, get up and go\*, hankering\*, hope, hunger, initiative, itch\*, keenness, longing, love, lust, moxie\*, passion, pretension, push, right stuff\*, spirit, striving, thirst, vigor, yearning, zeal; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* apathy, contentment, diffidence, humility, indifference, laziness, satisfaction

**ambition** [*n*] *something desired* aim, aspiration, desire, dream, end, enterprise, goal, hope, intent, mark, objective, purpose, target, wish; CONCEPT 659

**ambitious** [*adj*] *desiring success* aggressive, anxious, ardent, aspiring, avid, ball of fire\*, bent upon, climbing, come on, come on strong, designing, desirous, determined, driving, eager, eager beaver\*, earnest, energetic, enterprising, enthusiastic, fireball\*, get up and go\*, goal-oriented, go-getter\*, hard ball\*, high-reaching, hopeful, hungry, industrious, inspired, intent, longing, power-loving, purposeful, pushing, pushy\*, resourceful, self-starting, sharp, soaring, striving, thirsty, vaulting, zealous; CONCEPTS 326,542 —*Ant.* content, fulfilled, satisfied, unassuming

**ambitious** [*adj*] *requiring great effort, ability* arduous, bold, challenging, demanding, difficult, elaborate, energetic, exacting, formidable, grandiose, hard, impressive, industrious, lofty, pretentious, severe, strenuous, visionary; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* easy, facile

**ambivalence** [*n*] *equivocation* confusion dilemma, doubt, fluctuation, haze, hesitancy, hesitation, ifiness\*, inconclusiveness, indecision, irresoluteness, muddle, quandary, tentativeness, uncertainty, unsureness; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* certainty, decisiveness

**ambivalent** [*adj*] *conflicting* clashing, contradictory, debatable, doubtful, equivocal, fluctuating, hesitant, inconclusive, irresolute, mixed, opposed, uncertain, undecided, unresolved, unsure, vacillating, warring, wavering; CONCEPTS 534,564 —*Ant.* certain, definite, resolved, settled, sure, unequivocal

**amble** [*v*] *walk casually* ankle\*, boogie\*, dawdle, drift, gander\*, hoof it\*, loiter, meander, mosey\*, percolate\*, ramble, sashay\*, saunter, stroll, toddle\*, wander; CONCEPT 151  
—*Ant.* run

**ambulance** [*n*] *emergency vehicle* EMS, hospital wagon, rescue, transport; CONCEPT 505

**ambulatory** [*adj*] *changing position; able to move under own power* ambulant, itinerant,

nomadic, perambulant, perambulatory, peripatetic, roving, vagabond, vagrant; CONCEPT 584 —*Ant.* steady, stiff, unchanging

**ambush** [*n*] *lying in wait; concealed position* ambushade, ambushment, camouflage, concealment, deception, hiding, hiding place, lurking, pitfall, shelter, trap, trick\*, waiting, waylaying; CONCEPTS 86,188

**ambush** [*v*] *lie in wait; attack* ambushade, assail, assault, box in\*, bushwhack\*, decoy, dry gulch\*, ensnare, entrap, hem in\*, hide, hook\*, jap\*, jump, lay for, lurk, net, set trap, surprise, surround, trap, wait, waylay; CONCEPTS 86,188

**ameliorate** [*v*] *make, become better* alleviate, amend, help, improve, lighten, meliorate, mitigate, relieve, step up, upgrade; CONCEPT 244 —*Ant.* worsen

**amenable** [*adj*] *willing, cooperative* acquiescent, agreeable, biddable, docile, influenceable, manageable, obedient, open, persuadable, pliable, responsive, susceptible, tractable; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* intractable, nonconforming, uncooperative, unwilling

**amenable** [*adj*] *able to be judged; responsible* accountable, answerable, chargeable, liable, subject; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* irresponsible, not responsible, unaccountable, unanswerable, unchargeable

**amend** [*v*] *improve, correct* alter, ameliorate, better, change, elevate, enhance, fix, help, lift, make up for, mend, modify, pay one's dues\*, raise, rectify, reform, remedy, repair, revise, right, square\*; CONCEPTS 126,244 —*Ant.* blemish, corrupt, debase, depress, harm, impair, injure, mar, reduce, subtract, worsen

**amendment** [*n*] *correction, improvement* alteration, amelioration, betterment, change, correction, enhancement, improvement, mending, modification, rectification, reform, reformation, remedy, repair, revision; CONCEPT 700 —*Ant.* worsening

**amendment** [*n*] *addition to a document* act, addendum, adjunct, alteration, attachment, bill, clarification, clause, codicil, measure, modification, motion, revision, rider, suggestion, supplement; CONCEPT 270

**amends** [*n*] *compensation* apology, atonement, expiation, indemnification, indemnity, quitance, recompense, redress, reparation, reprisal, requital, restitution, restoration, satisfaction; CONCEPTS 67,104,384

**amenity** [*n*] *pleasant thing* advantage, betterment, comfort, convenience, enhancement, enrichment, excellence, extravagance, facility, frill, improvement, luxury, merit, quality, service, superfluity, virtue; CONCEPT 712 —*Ant.* abomination, inconvenience

**amenity** [*n*] *pleasing, agreeable behavior* affability, agreeableness, amiability, attention, attractiveness, charity, charm, complaisance, cordiality, courtesy, delightfulness, enjoyableness, etiquette, gallantry, geniality, gentility, gratefulness, kindness, mildness, pleasantness, politeness, refinement, suavity, sweetness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* disruption, misbehavior

**amiable** [*adj*] *friendly, agreeable* affable, amicable, attractive, benign, breezy, buddy-buddy\*, charming, cheerful, clubby\*, complaisant, cool\*, copacetic\*, cordial, cozy,

delightful, downright neighborly\*, easy, engaging, friendly, genial, good-humored, good-natured, gracious, home cooking\*, kind, kindly, lenient, lovable, mellow, mild, obliging, palsy-walsy\*, pleasant, pleasing, princely\*, pussy-cat\*, responsive, right, righteous, sociable, sweet-tempered, swell\*, tight\*, warm, warm-hearted, winning; **CONCEPT 401** —**Ant.** crabby, disagreeable, gloomy, hateful, irritable, mean, quarrelsome, rude, surly, testy, unfriendly

**amicable** [adj] *friendly, especially regarding an agreement* accordant, agreeing, amiable, civil, clubby\*, concordant, cordial, courteous, cozy, empathic, good-humored, harmonious, kind, kindly, like-minded, mellow, neighborly, pacific, peaceable, peaceful, polite, regular, right nice\*, sociable, square shooting\*, sympathetic, understanding; **CONCEPTS 529,542** —**Ant.** hostile, unfriendly

**amid/amidst** [prep] *in middle of; among* amongst, between, during, in the midst of, in the thick of, mid, over, surrounded by, throughout; **CONCEPTS 586,820** —**Ant.** away from, outside, separate

**amiss** [adj] *wrong; defectively* awry, bad, confused, crooked, erring, erroneous, fallacious, false, faulty, flawed, foul, glitched up\*, haywire, imperfect, improper, inaccurate, inappropriate, incorrect, mistaken, out of order, sick, unfair, unlawful, unsuitable, untoward; **CONCEPT 570** —**Ant.** good, right

**amiss** [adv] *wrongly; defectively* afield, afoul, badly, erringly, erroneously, faultily, improperly, inappropriately, incorrectly, mistakenly, out of turn, unfavorably, unsuitably; **CONCEPT 570** —**Ant.** good, right, well

**amity** [n] *friendship* amicableness, benevolence, comity, concord, cordiality, friendliness, good vibrations\*, goodwill, harmony, hitting it off\*, kindness, neighborliness, same wavelength\*, simpatico\*, togetherness\*; **CONCEPT 388** —**Ant.** discord, dislike, hatred, hostility

**ammonia** [n] *pungent gas, liquid* alkali, salts, spirits, vapor; **CONCEPT 472**

**ammunition** [n] *projectiles for weaponry* ammo\*, armament, ball, bomb, buckshot, bullet, cannonball, cartridge, charge, chemical, confetti\*, explosive, fuse, grenade, gunpowder, iron rations\*, materiel, missile, munition, napalm, powder, rocket, round, shell, shot, shrapnel, torpedo; **CONCEPTS 498,500**

**amnesty** [n] *pardon, often by government* absolution, condonation, dispensation, forgiveness, immunity, reprieve; **CONCEPTS 298,300**

**among** [prep1] *in the middle of; between* amid, amidst, betwixt, encompassed by, in dispersion through, in the midst of, in the thick of, mid, surrounded by, with; **CONCEPT 586** —**Ant.** away from, outside, separate

**among** [prep2] *in a group* by all of, by the whole of, in association with, in connection with, in the class of, in the company of, mutually, out of, together with, with, with one another; **CONCEPT 785** —**Ant.** separate

**amorous** [adj] *loving, affectionate* amative, amatory, aphrodisiac, ardent, attached, boy crazy\*, doting, enamored, erotic, fond, girl crazy\*, have a crush on\*, horny\*, hot, hot and heavy\*, impassioned, infatuated, in love, lovesick,

lovey dovey\*, lustful, passionate, romantic, sexy, sweet for\*, sweet on\*, tender, turned on\*; **CONCEPTS 372,403,555** —**Ant.** cold, cool, frigid, hateful, indifferent, unfriendly

**amorphous** [adj] *without definite shape, character* baggy, blobby, characterless, formless, inchoate, indeterminate, irregular, nebulous, nondescript, shapeless, unformed, unshaped, unstructured, vague; **CONCEPTS 404,490** —**Ant.** definite, distinct, distinctive, shaped, shapely

**amount** [n1] *quantity* aplenty, bags\*, bulk, bundle, chunk, expanse, extent, flock, gob\*, heap, hunk, jillion\*, load, lot, magnitude, mass, measure, mess\*, mint\*, mucho\*, number, oodles\*, pack, passel, peck, pile, scads\*, score, slat\*, slew\*, supply, ton\*, volume, whopper\*; **CONCEPTS 787,837**

**amount** [n2] *total* addition, aggregate, all, bad news\*, body, budget, cost, damage\*, entirety, expense, extent, list, lot, net, outlay, output, price tag\*, product, quantum, score, set-back\*, sum, tab\*, tidy sum\*, whole; **CONCEPTS 329,784,787**

**amount** [n3] *whole effect* body, burden, core, full value, import, matter, purport, result, sense, significance, substance, thrust, upshot, value; **CONCEPT 676**

**amount** [v] *equal, add up to* aggregate, approach, approximate, become, be equivalent to, be tantamount to, check with, come to, correspond, develop into, effect, extend, grow, match, mean, number, purport, reach, rival, sum, tally, total, touch; **CONCEPT 667**

**amour** [n] *romance* affair, entanglement, liaison, love, love affair, passion, relationship; **CONCEPT 32** —**Ant.** dislike, hate, hatred

**amphetamine** [n] *hard drug* analeptic, benny\*, crank\*, crystal, dexy\*, pep pill\*, speed\*, stimulant, STP\*, tab\*, upper\*; **CONCEPT 307**

**ample** [adj] *more than necessary, sufficient* abounding, abundant, big, bounteous, bountiful, broad, capacious, commodious, copious, enough, expansive, extensive, full, galore, generous, great, heavy, large, lavish, liberal, no end, plenteous, plentiful, plenty, profuse, rich, roomy, spacious, spare, substantial, unrestricted, voluminous, wide; **CONCEPTS 558, 781** —**Ant.** insufficient, meager, not enough

**amplification** [n] *increase in size or effect* addition, augmentation, boost, boosting, buildup, deepening, development, elaboration, enlargement, exaggeration, expansion, expatiation, extension, fleshing out, heightening, intensification, lengthening, magnification, padding, raising, strengthening, stretching, supplementing, upping, widening; **CONCEPTS 236,245,780** —**Ant.** abridgement, compression, condensation, contraction, decrease, lessening, shortening

**amplify** [v] *increase in size or effect* add, augment, beef up\*, boost, build up, deepen, develop, elaborate, enlarge, exaggerate, expand, expatiate, extend, flesh out\*, heighten, hike up\*, inflate, intensify, jack up\*, lengthen, magnify, pad, pyramid, raise, soup up\*, strengthen, stretch, supplement, swell up, widen; **CONCEPTS 236,245** —**Ant.** abridge, compress, condense, contract, curtail, decrease, lessen, reduce, shorten, summarize

**amply** [adv] *fully, sufficiently* abundantly,



- acceptably, adequately, appropriately, bountifully, capaciously, completely, copiously, enough, extensively, fittingly, generously, greatly, lavishly, liberally, plenteously, plentifully, profusely, properly, richly, rightly, satisfactorily, substantially, suitably, thoroughly, well; CONCEPTS 558,771 —*Ant.* illiberal, inadequately, insufficiently
- amputate** [v] *remove a limb* cut away, cut off, dismember, eliminate, excise, lop, separate, sever, truncate; CONCEPTS 176,211
- amuck** [adv] *crazily* berserk, destructively, ferociously, frenziedly, in a frenzy, insanely, madly, maniacally, murderously, savagely, uncontrollably, violently, wildly; CONCEPT 401
- amulet** [n] *charm* fetish, lucky piece, ornament, talisman; CONCEPTS 260,446
- amuse** [v] *entertain; make laugh* break one up\*, charm, cheer, crack up\*, delight, divert, fracture\*, gladden, grab\*, gratify, interest, kill\*, knock dead\*, make roll in the aisles\*, occupy, panic\*, please, put away\*, regale, slay\*, tickle, wow\*; CONCEPTS 9,292,384 —*Ant.* anger, annoy, bore, dull, tire, upset
- amusement** [n1] *entertaining, making someone laugh* action, ball\*, beguilement, cheer, delight, diversion, enjoyment, entertainment, field day\*, fun, fun and games\*, gladdening, gratification, grins\*, high time\*, hilarity, hoopla\*, laughs\*, laughter, merriment, merry go round\*, mirth, picnic\*, play, pleasing, pleasure, regalement, whoopee\*; CONCEPT 292 —*Ant.* boredom
- amusement** [n2] *game, pastime* distraction, diversion, entertainment, hobby, interest, joke, lark, play, prank, recreation, sport; CONCEPT 364 —*Ant.* work
- amusing** [adj] *entertaining, funny* agreeable, boffo\*, camp, campy, charming, cheerful, cheering, comical, cut up\*, delightful, diverting, droll, enchanting, engaging, enjoyable, entertaining, for grins\*, fun, gladdening, gratifying, gut-busting\*, humorous, interesting, jocular, jokey\*, joshing\*, laughable, lively, merry, pleasant, pleasing, priceless, screaming\*, sidesplitting\*, too funny for words\*, witty; CONCEPTS 267,548 —*Ant.* annoying, boring, tiring, unfunny
- anachronism** [n] *error in time placement* chronological error, metachronism, misdate, misplacement, postdate, prolepsis, solecism; CONCEPT 818
- analgesic** [n] *pain remover* anesthetic, anodyne, painkiller, soother; CONCEPT 307
- analogous** [adj] *agreeing, similar* akin, alike, comparable, consonant, convertible, correspondent, corresponding, equivalent, homologous, interchangeable, kindred, like, parallel, related, resembling, undifferentiated, uniform; CONCEPTS 487,573 —*Ant.* disagreeing, dispartate, dissimilar, unlike, unrelated
- analogy** [n] *agreement, similarity* affinity, likeness, comparison, correlation, correspondence, equivalence, homology, likeness, metaphor, parallel, relation, relationship, resemblance, semblance, simile, similitude; CONCEPTS 278,670 —*Ant.* disagreement, dissimilarity, unlikeness
- analysis** [n1] *examination and determination* assay, breakdown, dissection, dissolution, division, inquiry, investigation, partition, reasoning, resolution, scrutiny, search, separation, study, subdivision, test; CONCEPTS 24,103
- analysis** [n2] *statement of results from examination* estimation, evaluation, finding, interpretation, judgment, opinion, outline, reasoning, report, study, summary; CONCEPTS 271,274
- analyst** [n] *person who examines and determines; psychoanalyst* accountant, couch doctor\*, examiner, guru\*, head shrinker\*, inquisitor, investigator, number cruncher\*, psychiatrist, psychotherapist, questioner, shrink\*, therapist; CONCEPTS 348,357
- analytic/analytical** [adj] *examining and determining* cogent, conclusive, detailed, diagnostic, discrete, dissecting, explanatory, expository, inquiring, inquisitive, interpretive, investigative, judicious, logical, organized, penetrating, perceptive, perspicuous, precise, problem-solving, questioning, ratiocinative, rational, reasonable, scientific, searching, solid, sound, studious, subtle, systematic, testing, thorough, valid, well-grounded; CONCEPT 402
- analyze** [v1] *examine and determine* assay, beat a dead horse\*, chew over\*, confab\*, consider, estimate, evaluate, figure, figure out, get down to brass tacks\*, hash\*, inspect, interpret, investigate, judge, kick around\*, rehash, resolve, scrutinize, sort out, spell out, study, talk game\*, test, think through; CONCEPTS 24,37,103
- analyze** [v2] *break down to components* anatomize, break up, cut up, decompose, decompound, determine, disintegrate, dissect, dissolve, divide, electrolyze, hydrolyze, lay bare, parse, part, resolve, separate, x-ray; CONCEPTS 135,310 —*Ant.* assemble, combine, synthesize
- anarchist** [n] *person who opposes the idea of government and laws* agitator, insurgent, insurrectionist, malcontent, mutineer, nihilist, rebel, revolter, revolutionary, terrorist; CONCEPTS 359,412
- anarchy** [n] *lawlessness; absence of government* chaos, confusion, disorder, disorganization, disregard, hostility, misrule, mob rule, nihilism, nongovernment, rebellion, reign of terror, revolution, riot, turmoil, unrest; CONCEPTS 29,674 —*Ant.* lawfulness, order, rule
- anathema** [n1] *something hated* abomination, bane, bugbear, detestation, enemy, hate, pariah; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* love
- anathema** [n2] *denouncement* ban, censure, commination, condemnation, curse, damnation, denunciation, excommunication, execration, imprecation, malediction, proscription, reprehension, reprobation, reproof, taboo; CONCEPT 278
- anatomy** [n1] *study of animal, plant structure* analysis, biology, cytology, diagnosis, dissection, division, embryology, etiology, examination, genetics, histology, inquiry, investigation, medicine, morphology, physiology, zoology; CONCEPT 349
- anatomy** [n2] *physical structure of animals, plants* build, composition, figure, form, frame, framework, makeup, physique, shape; CONCEPT 733
- ancestor** [n] *predecessor in family* antecedent, antecessor, ascendant, forebear, forefather,

foregoer, foremother, forerunner, founder, precursor, primogenitor, progenitor; CONCEPT 414 —*Ant.* descendant

**ancestral** [adj] *related to previous family or family trait* affiliated, born with, congenital, consanguine, consanguineous, familial, genealogical, inborn, inbred, inherited, innate, in the family, lineal, maternal, old, past, paternal, running in the family, totemic, tribal; CONCEPT 549

**ancestry** [n] *family predecessors; family history* ancestor, antecedent, antecessor, blood, breed, breeding, derivation, descent, extraction, forebear, forefather, foregoer, foremother, forerunner, genealogy, heritage, house, kindred, line, lineage, origin, parentage, pedigree, precursor, primogenitor, progenitor, race, source, stock; CONCEPTS 414, 648

**anchor** [n] *something used to hold another thing securely* ballast, bower, comfort, defense, fastener, foothold, grapnel, grappling iron, grip, hold, hook, keedge, mainstay, mooring, mud hook, pillar, protection, safeguard, security, staff, stay, support; CONCEPTS 464, 502, 731

**anchor** [v] *hold, be held securely* attach, berth, catch, dock, drop, fasten, fix, imbed, make port, moor, plant, secure, stay, tie, tie up; CONCEPTS 85, 160, 190 —*Ant.* detach, let go, loosen, unfasten

**ancient** [adj] *old, often very old* aged, age-old, antediluvian, antiquated, antique, archaic, back number\*, been around\*, bygone, creaky\*, early, elderly, few miles on\*, fossil\*, hoary, lot of mileage\*, moth-eaten\*, obsolete, older, old-fashioned, old goat\*, oldie\*, outmoded, out-of-date, primal, primeval, primordial, relic, remote, rusty, superannuated, timeworn, venerable, worse for wear\*; CONCEPTS 578, 797 —*Ant.* modern, new, young

**ancillary** [adj] *extra; supplementary* accessory, accompanying, additional, adjuvant, appurtenant, attendant, attending, coincident, collateral, concomitant, contributory, incident, satellite, secondary, subordinate, subservient, subsidiary; CONCEPT 835 —*Ant.* necessary, needed

**and** [conj] *in addition to; plus* along with, also, as a consequence, as well as, furthermore, including, moreover, together with; CONCEPT 577

**androgynous** [adj] *having male and female traits* bisexual, cross-sexual, epicene, hermaphroditic, trans-sexual, unisexual; CONCEPT 372

**anecdotal** [adj] *informal* based on hearsay, unreliable, unscientific; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* scientific

**anecdote** [n] *interesting or amusing story* chestnut\*, episode, fairy tale\*, fish story\*, gag\*, incident, long and short of it\*, narration, narrative, old chestnut\*, recital, relation, reminiscence, short story, sketch, tale, tall story\*, tall tale\*, yarn; CONCEPT 282

**anemic** [adj] *weak and pale* bloodless, feeble, frail, infirm, pallid, sickly, wan, watery; CONCEPTS 314, 483, 618 —*Ant.* flushed, strong

**anesthesia/anaesthesia** [n] *induced sleep; induced absence of feeling* analgesia, insentience, numbness, stupor, unconsciousness; CONCEPTS 313, 315, 728

**anesthetic/anaesthetic** [n] *sleep-inducing or numbing drug* analgesic, anodyne, dope\*, gas,

hypnotic, inhalant, narcotic, opiate, pain-killer, shot, soporific, spinal; CONCEPT 307

**anew** [adj/adv] *fresh; again* afresh, another time, come again, de novo, from scratch, from the beginning, in a different way, in a new way, lately, new, newly, once again, once more, one more time, over, over again, recently; CONCEPT 820

**angel** [n1] *attendant of God* archangel, celestial being, cherub, divine messenger, God's messenger, guardian, heavenly being, holy being, seraph, spirit, spiritual being, sprite, supernatural being; CONCEPTS 361, 370 —*Ant.* devil

**angel** [n2] *sweet, kind person* beauty, darling, dear, dream, gem, ideal, jewel, paragon, saint, treasure; CONCEPT 416 —*Ant.* demon, devil, fiend

**angel dust** [n] *phencyclidine, PCP* angel hair\*, angel mist\*, aurora borealis\*, black whack, crystal\*, cyclones\*, devil dust\*, dummy dust\*, embalming fluid\*, hallucinogen, horse tranquilizer\*, jet fuel\*, magic dust\*, rocket fuel\*, star dust\*; CONCEPT 307

**angelic** [adj] *sweet, kind, and usually beautiful* adorable, archangelic, beatific, beneficent, celestial, cherubic, devout, divine, entrancing, ethereal, godly, good, heavenly, holy, humble, innocent, lovely, otherworldly, pure, radiant, rapturous, righteous, saintly, self-sacrificing, seraphic, virtuous; CONCEPT 572 —*Ant.* demonic, devilish, fiendish, unkind

**anger** [n] *state of being mad, annoyed* acrimony, animosity, annoyance, antagonism, blow up\*, cat fit\*, chagrin, cholera, conniption, dander\*, disapprobation, displeasure, distemper, emnity, exasperation, fury, gall, hatred, hissy fit\*, huff, ill humor, ill temper, impatience, indignation, infuriation, irascibility, ire, irritability, irritation, mad, miff, outrage, passion, peevishness, petulance, pique, rage, rankling, resentment, slow burn\*, soreness, stew, storm, tantrum, temper, tiff, umbrage, vexation, violence; CONCEPTS 29, 410 —*Ant.* agreeability, calmness, contentment, enjoyment, good nature, happiness, joy, peace, pleasantness

**anger** [v] *make someone mad; become mad*acerbate, affront, aggravate, agitate, annoy, antagonize, arouse, bait, blow up\*, boil\*, boil over\*, bristle, burn, burn up, chafe, craze\*, cross, displease, egg on\*, embitter, enrage, exacerbate, exasperate, excite, fret, gall, get mad, get on one's nerves\*, goad, incense, inflame, infuriate, irritate, lose one's temper, madden, make sore\*, miff, nettle, offend, outrage, pique, provoke, raise hell\*, rankle, rant, rave, rile, ruffle, seethe, steam up\*, stew, stir up\*, tempt, umbrage, vex; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —*Ant.* calm, forbear, make happy, quiet, soothe

**angle** [n1] *shape formed by two lines meeting at a point* bend, corner, crook, crotch, cusp, decline, divergence, dogleg, edge, elbow, flare, flexion, flexure, fork, incline, intersection, knee, nook, notch, obliquity, point, slant, turn, turning, twist, V, Y; CONCEPT 436

**angle** [n2] *personal approach, purpose* aim, approach, aspect, direction, hand, intention, outlook, perspective, plan, point of view, position, side, slant, standpoint, viewpoint; CONCEPT 660

**angle** [v] *fish* cast, dangle a line\*, drop a line\*; CONCEPT 363

**angle for** [*v*] *attempt to get aim for, be after, cast about for, connive, conspire, contrive, fish for, hint, hunt, invite, look for, maneuver, plan, plot, scheme, seek, solicit, strive, try for*; CONCEPTS 20,87

**angry** [*adj*] *being mad, often extremely mad* affronted, annoyed, antagonized, bitter, chafed, choleric, convulsed, cross, displeased, enraged, exacerbated, exasperated, ferocious, fierce, fiery, fuming, furious, galled, hateful, heated, hot, huffy, ill-tempered, impassioned, incensed, indignant, inflamed, infuriated, irascible, irate, ireful, irritable, irritated, maddened, nettled, offended, outraged, piqued, provoked, raging, resentful, riled, sore, splenetic, storming, sulky, sullen, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent, uptight, vexed, wrathful; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* calm, collected, content, happy, joyful, joyous

**angst** [*n*] *feeling of anxiety* agony, apprehension, blues, depression, dread, mid-life crisis\*, misgiving, nervousness, uneasiness, Weltschmerz; CONCEPTS 410,532,690

**anguish** [*n*] *severe upset or pain* affliction, agony, distress, dole, dolor, grief, heartache, heartbreak, hurting, misery, pang, rue, sorrow, suffering, throes, torment, torture, woe, wretchedness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* comfort, contentment, happiness, joy, joyfulness, solace

**angular** [*adj*] *bent* akimbo, bifurcate, cornered, crooked, crossing, crotched, divaricate, forked, intersecting, jagged, oblique, sharp-cornered, skewed, slanted, staggered, V-shaped, Y-shaped, zigzag; CONCEPT 486 —*Ant.* straight

**angular** [*adj*] *thin, especially referring to people* awkward, bony, gangling, gaunt, lank, lanky, lean, rangy, rawboned, scrawny, sharp, skinny, spare; CONCEPT 773 —*Ant.* fat, heavy, thick, weighted

**animal** [*adj*] *beastlike; carnal* beastly, bestial, bodily, brute, brutish, corporeal, earthly, earthy, feral, fleshy, mammalian, muscular, natural, physical, sensual, untamed, wild, zoological; CONCEPT 406

**animal** [*n*] *animate being; mammal* beast, being, brute, bum\*, creature, critter, invertebrate, living thing, mutt\*, pet, stray, varmint\*, vertebrate, wild thing; CONCEPT 394 —*Ant.* mineral, plant

**animate** [*adj*] *alive* breathing, live, living, mortal, moving, viable, vital, zoetic; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* dead

**animate** [*adj*] *lively* activated, active, alert, animated, dynamic, energized, gay, happy, spirited, vivacious; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* discouraged, dull, quiet, shy, spiritless

**animate** [*v*] *bring to life* activate, arouse, cheer, embolden, encourage, energize, enliven, exalt, excite, fire, gladden, hearten, impel, incite, inform, inspire, inspirit, instigate, invigorate, kindle, liven, make alive, move, quicken, revive, revivify, rouse, spark, spur, stimulate, stir, urge, vitalize, vivify; CONCEPTS 231,241 —*Ant.* deaden, discourage, kill

**animated** [*adj*] *lively* activated, active, alert, animate, ardent, brisk, buoyant, dynamic, ebullient, elated, energetic, energized, enthusiastic, excited, fervent, gay, happy, passionate, peppy, quick, snappy, spirited, sprightly, vibrant,

vigorous, vital, vitalized, vivacious, vivid, zealous, zestful, zingy, zippy; CONCEPT 401

**animation** [*n*] *liveliness; activity* action, ardor, bounce, brio, briskness, buoyancy, dash, dynamism, ebullience, élan, elation, energy, enthusiasm, esprit, excitement, exhilaration, fervor, gaiety, high spirits, life, oomph\*, passion, pep\*, sparkle, spirit, sprightliness, verve, vibrancy, vigor, vim, vitality, vivacity, zap\*, zeal, zest, zing\*, zip\*; CONCEPT 657 —*Ant.* discouragement, dullness, inactivity

**animosity** [*n*] *extreme dislike, hatred* acrimony, animus, antagonism, antipathy, bad blood, bitterness, displeasure, enmity, hate, hostility, ill will, malevolence, malice, malignity, rancor, resentment, virulence; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* good will, love

**ankle** [*n*] *joint between leg and foot* anklebone, astragalus, bone, talus, tarsus; CONCEPTS 392,418

**annal(s)** [*n*] *history, records* account, archive, chronicle, journal, memorial, record, register; CONCEPTS 271,281

**annex** [*n*] *something added; extension* addendum, addition, adjunct, affix, appendix, arm, attachment, ell, subsidiary, supplement, wing; CONCEPTS 440,441,484

**annex** [*v*] *join or add* adjoin, affix, append, appropriate, associate, attach, connect, fasten, hitch on\*, hitch up\*, hook on\*, hook up\*, link, slap on\*, subjoin, tack on\*, tag, tag on\*, take on, take over, unite; CONCEPTS 85,113, 160 —*Ant.* detach, leave off, leave out

**annexation** [*n*] *adding, joining* addition, annexing, appropriation, attachment, grab, incorporation, increase, increment, merger, takeover; CONCEPTS 113,324 —*Ant.* detachment, subtraction

**Annie Oakley** [*n*] *complimentary ticket* Chinese ducklet\*, free admission, freebie\*, free pass, free seats, free ticket; CONCEPTS 271,685

**annihilate** [*v*] *destroy completely* abate, abolish, abrogate, annul, blot out\*, crush\*, decimate, demolish, do in\*, eradicate, erase, expunge, exterminate, extinguish, extirpate, finish off, invalidate, liquidate, massacre, murder, negate, nullify, obliterate, quash, quell, raze, root out\*, rub out\*, ruin, slaughter, take out\*, undo, vitiate, wipe out\*, wrack\*, wreck; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* help, preserve, revive, save

**anniversary** [*n*] *yearly observance, celebration* ceremony, commemoration, feast day, festival, holiday, jubilee, recurrence, red-letter day; CONCEPTS 800,801,815,823

**annotate** [*v*] *write explanatory notes* comment, commentate, construe, define, elucidate, explain, expound, footnote, gloss, illustrate, interpret, note, remark; CONCEPTS 51,57,79

**annotation** [*n*] *explanatory note* comment, commentary, definition, elucidation, exegesis, explanation, explication, footnote, gloss, glossary, illustration, interpretation, note, observation; CONCEPTS 274,283 —*Ant.* blank

**announce** [*v*] *make a proclamation* advertise, announce, blast, blazon, broadcast, call, communicate, declare, disclose, disseminate, divulge, drum\*, give out, impart, intimate, issue, make known, make public, pass the word\*, proclaim, promulgate, propound, publicize,

publish, release, report, reveal, run off at mouth\*, sound off\*, spread around\*, state, tell, trumpet; CONCEPT 49 —*Ant.* bottle up, conceal, keep secret, refrain, repress, suppress, withhold

**announce** [v2] *declare arrival* augur, forebode, forecast, forerun, foreshow, foretell, harbinger, herald, indicate, portend, predict, presage, signal, signify; CONCEPTS 60,70 —*Ant.* be quiet, hide, withhold

**announcement** [n] *proclamation, declaration* advertisement, advice, briefing, broadcast, broadcasting, bulletin, communication, communiqué, disclosure, dissemination, divulgence, edict, exposing, exposition, expression, intimation, message, narration, news, notice, notification, prediction, promulgation, publication, publishing, recitation, release, report, reporting, revelation, statement; CONCEPTS 49,274

**announcer** [n] *media commentator* anchorperson, broadcaster, communicator, deejay, disc jockey, DJ, leader of ceremonies, newscaster, reporter, rip and reader\*, spieler\*, talker, telecaster, veejay\*, VJ; CONCEPT 348

**annoy** [v] *irritate, upset* abrade, agitate, ask for it\*, badger, be at\*, bedevil, beleaguer, be on the back of\*, bore, bother, break, bug, burn up, chafe, displease, distress, disturb, egg on\*, exasperate, fire up\*, gall, get, gnaw, harass, harry, heat up\*, henpeck, hit where one lives\*, irk, madden, make waves\*, miff, nag, needle, nettle, nudge, peeve, perturb, pester, plague, provoke, push button\*, ride, rile, ruffle, tease, tick off\*, T-off\*, trouble, turn off\*, vex, work on\*, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* aid, gratify, make happy, please, soothe

**annual** [adj1] *occurring, done yearly* anniversary, each year, every year, once a year, year end; CONCEPTS 541,823

**annual** [adj2] *lasting for a year* a year's worth, yearlong; CONCEPT 798

**annual** [n] *book produced once a year* annuary, report, summary, yearbook; CONCEPT 271

**annually** [adv] *occurring, done yearly* by the year, each year, every year, once a year, per annum, per year, year after year; CONCEPT 541

**annul** [v] *void an agreement* abate, abolish, abrogate, annihilate, blot out, call off, cancel, countermand, declare, delete, discharge, dissolve, efface, erase, expunge, get off the hook\*, invalidate, kill, negate, neutralize, null, nullify, obliterate, quash, recall, render null and void, repeal, rescind, retract, reverse, revoke, scrub\*, undo, vacate, vitiate, wipe out\*; CONCEPTS 252,297,317 —*Ant.* keep, restore, retain, revalidate, validate

**annulment** [n] *voiding an agreement* abatement, abolition, abrogation, annihilation, breakup, cancellation, countermanding, domiciling, deletion, discharge, dissolution, erasing, going phfft\*, invalidation, negation, neutralization, nullification, obliteration, recall, repeal, rescinding, rescindment, rescission, retraction, reversal, revocation, split\*, split up\*, undoing\*, vitiation, voiding; CONCEPTS 297,317,691 —*Ant.* enactment, restoration, retention, validation

**anoint** [v] *bless, usually with oil or water* bless, consecrate, daub, embrocate, grease, hallow, rub, sanctify, smear; CONCEPT 367

**anomalous** [adj] *deviating from normal, usual* aberrant, abnormal, atypical, bizarre, divergent, eccentric, exceptional, foreign, heteroclitic, incongruous, inconsistent, irregular, odd, peculiar, preternatural, prodigious, rare, strange, unnatural, unorthodox, unrepresentative, untypical, unusual; CONCEPT 547 —*Ant.* conforming, normal, regular, standard, usual

**anomaly** [n] *deviation from normal, usual* aberration, abnormality, departure, deviation, eccentricity, exception, incongruity, inconsistency, irregularity, oddity, peculiarity, rarity, unconformity, unorthodoxy; CONCEPT 647 —*Ant.* conformity, normality, regularity, standard, usual, usualness

**anonymous** [adj] *unknown, usually by choice* bearding\*, incognito, innominate, Jane/John Doe\*, nameless, pseudo, pseudonymous, secret, so and so\*, such and such\*, unacknowledged, unattested, unavowed, unclaimed, uncredited, undesignated, undisclosed, unidentified, unnamed, unsigned, unspecified, whatchamacallit\*, what's his/her name\*, whasis\*, X\*, you know who\*; CONCEPT 683 —*Ant.* identified, known, named

**anorexic** [adj] *starving* bulimic, emaciated, malnourished, sickly looking, thin, without appetite; CONCEPTS 490,491

**another** [n] *other person* addition, a different person, one more, someone else, something else; CONCEPT 423

**another** [prep/det] *additional, different* added, a distinct, a further, a separate, else, farther, fresh, further, more, new, one more, other, some other, that; CONCEPT 564

**answer** [n] *reply; reaction* acknowledgment, antiphon, backcap\*, back talk, band-aid\*, close, comeback, comment, cooler\*, counterclaim, crack, defense, disclosure, echo, elucidation, explanation, feedback, guff\*, interpretation, justification, key, lip\*, observation, parting shot\*, pay dirt\*, plea, quick fix\*, rebuttal, refutation, rejoinder, remark, repartee, report, resolution, response, result, retort, return, riposte, sign, solution, statement, thank-you note\*, the ticket\*, topper\*, vindication, wisecrack; CONCEPTS 274,278 —*Ant.* question

**answer** [v1] *reply, react* acknowledge, answer back, argue, back at you\*, back talk, be in touch\*, claim, comeback, contest, counterclaim, defend, deny, disprove, dispute, echo, explain, feedback, field the question\*, get back at\*, get back to\*, give a snappy comeback\*, parry, plead, rebut, refute, rejoin, remark, resolve, respond, retaliate, retort, return, sass\*, say, settle, shoot back\*, solve, squelch, talk back, top\*; CONCEPTS 45,266 —*Ant.* ask, question

**answer** [v2] *solve; fulfill* clarify, conform, correlate, correspond, crack\*, deal with\*, do\*, dope, dope out\*, elucidate, fill, fit\*, lick\*, measure up, meet, pass, qualify, satisfy, serve, suffice, suit, unzip\*, work, work through; CONCEPTS 87,664

**answerable** [adj] *responsible* accountable, amenable, bound, chargeable, compelled, constrained, liable, obligated, obliged, subject, to blame; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* irrefutable, unaccountable, unprovable

**antagonism** [*n*] *causing problem; opposition* animosity, animus, antipathy, antithesis, clashing, competition, conflict, contention, contradiction, contrariety, difference, disagreement, discord, dissension, enmity, friction, hatred, hostility, incongruity, oppugnancy, rancor, resistance, rivalry; CONCEPT 29 —**Ant.** accord, agreement, harmony, rapport, sympathy, understanding

**antagonist** [*n*] *person causing problem* adversary, angrier\*, bad person\*, bandit\*, competitor, contender, crip\*, enemy, foe, match, opponent, opposer, opposite number\*, oppugnant, rival; CONCEPT 412 —**Ant.** ally, protagonist, supporter

**antagonize** [*v*] *cause problem; oppose* alienate, anger, annoy, counteract, estrange, insult, irritate, neutralize, offend, repel, struggle, work against; CONCEPTS 7,19,231 —**Ant.** agree, aid, help

**antecedent** [*adj*] *prior* anterior, earlier, foregoing, former, past, precedent, preceding, precursory, preliminary, previous; CONCEPT 820 —**Ant.** after, following

**antecedent(s)** [*n*] *predecessor(s) in family* ancestor, ancestry, antecessor, blood, descent, extraction, forebears, forefather/mother, genealogy, line, primogenitor, progenitor, stock; CONCEPT 414 —**Ant.** descendant

**antedate** [*v*] *occur or cause to occur earlier* accelerate, anachronize, antecede, backdate, date back, forerun, misdate, pace, precede, predate; CONCEPT 84 —**Ant.** predate

**antediluvian** [*adj*] *out-of-date; prehistoric* age-old, ancient, antiquated, antique, archaic, hoary, obsolete, old, old-fashioned, passé, primeval, primitive, primordial, timeworn, venerable; CONCEPTS 578,797,799 —**Ant.** modern, new, up-to-date, young

**antenna** [*n*] *appendages for sensing, usually on insects or electronics* aerial, bird snapper\*, bullwhip\*, ears\*, feelers\*, rabbit ears, receiver, sky wire\*, whip\*, wire; CONCEPT 464

**anterior** [*adj*] *beginning, prior* antecedent, foregoing, former, past, precedent, preceding, previous; CONCEPT 799 —**Ant.** ending, posterior, subsequent

**anthem** [*n*] *song* canticle, chant, chorus, hymn, melody, paean; CONCEPTS 263,595

**anthology** [*n*] *literary collection* album, analect, compendium, compilation, digest, garland, omnibus, selection, treasury; CONCEPTS 280,432

**anthropology** [*n*] *study of humans and their culture* folklore, sociology; CONCEPT 349

**antibiotic** [*n*] *medicine* amoxicillin, ampicillin, erythromycin, penicillin, streptomycin, sulfa drug, sulfonamide, tetracycline, wonder drug\*; CONCEPT 307

**antic** [*n*] *funny act* caper, dido, frolic, joke, lark, romp, shenanigan, tomfoolery, trick; CONCEPT 292

**anticipate** [*v*] *expect; predict* assume, await, bargain for\*, be afraid\*, conjecture, count chickens\*, count on, cross the bridge\*, divine, entertain\*, figure, forecast, foresee, foretaste, foretell, have a hunch\*, hope for, jump the gun\*, look for, look forward to, plan on, prepare for, prevision, prognosticate, promise oneself,

prophesy, see, see coming\*, see in the cards\*, suppose, visualize, wait, wait for; CONCEPTS 26,70 —**Ant.** be amazed, be surprised, doubt  
**anticipate** [*v*2] *act in advance* of apprehend, beat someone to it\*, be early, be one step ahead of\*, block, delay, forestall, hinder, hold back, intercept, precede, preclude, prepare for, prevent, provide against; CONCEPTS 100,121 —**Ant.** be unready

**anticipation** [*n*1] *expectation* apprehension, awaiting, contemplation, expectancy, foresight, foretaste, high hopes, hope, impatience, joy, looking forward, outlook, preconception, premonition, preoccupation, prescience, presentiment, promise, prospect, trust; CONCEPTS 26,689 —**Ant.** amazement, astonishment, doubt, fear, sensation, surprise, wonder

**anticipation** [*n*2] *readiness; forethought* apprehension, awareness, foreboding, forecast, foreseeing, foresight, foretaste, forethought, inkling, intuition, preconception, premonition, prescience, presentiment, prevision, prior knowledge, realization; CONCEPTS 409,410 —**Ant.** doubt, unreadiness

**anticlimax** [*n*] *ineffective conclusion* bathos, comedown, decline, descent, disappointment, drop, letdown, slump; CONCEPTS 230,674 —**Ant.** climax

**antidote** [*n*] *counteracting agent* antitoxin, antivenin, corrective, counteractant, counteragent, countermeasure, counterstep, cure, medicine, negator, neutralizer, nullifier, preventive, remedy; CONCEPT 307

**antipathy** [*n*] *strong dislike, disgust* abhorrence, allergy, animosity, animus, antagonism, aversion, avoidance, bad blood\*, contrariety, distaste, dyspathy, enmity, escape, eschewal, evasion, hate, hatred, hostility, ill will, incompatibility, loathing, opposition, rancor, repugnance, repugnance, repulsion; CONCEPT 29 —**Ant.** admiration, appreciation, approval, esteem, honor, like, liking, love, rapport, regard, respect, sympathy

**antiquarian** [*adj*] *old, ancient* aged, antique, archaic, hoary, obsolete, primitive, timeworn, venerable; CONCEPTS 578,797 —**Ant.** modern, new, young

**antiquated** [*adj*] *obsolete* aged, ancient, antediluvian, antique, archaic, dated, elderly, fusty\*, hoary, moldy, obsolescent, old, old-fashioned, old-fashioned, old hat\*, outmoded, out-of-date, outworn, superannuated; CONCEPTS 530,578,797 —**Ant.** forward-looking, modern, new, recent

**antique** [*adj*1] *old* aged, ancient, elderly, obsolescent, obsolete, outdated, out-of-date, prehistoric, superannuated; CONCEPTS 578,797 —**Ant.** modern, new, recent, up-to-date

**antique** [*adj*2] *old-fashioned* antiquarian, archaic, classic, obsolete, olden, outdated, vintage; CONCEPTS 530,578,797 —**Ant.** current, fresh, modern

**antique** [*n*] *old object, often of great value* antiquity, artifact, bygone, heirloom, monument, objet d'art, rarity, relic, ruin, vestige; CONCEPTS 259,443

**antiquity** [*n*1] *old object* antique, relic, ruin; CONCEPT 259

**antiquity** [*n*2] *oldness* age, ancientness,

antiqueness, archaicism, archaism, elderliness, hoariness, old age, venerableness; CONCEPT 715  
—*Ant.* convention, modernity, newness

**antiquity** [*n*3] *distant past* ancient time(s), classical times, days of old, days of yore, former age, old days, olden days, remote time, time immemorial; CONCEPT 807 —*Ant.* now  
**antiseptic** [*adj*] *completely clean, uncontaminated; decontaminating* antibacterial, antibiotic, aseptic, bactericidal, clean, disinfectant, germ-destroying, germ-free, germicidal, hygienic, medicated, prophylactic, pure, purifying, sanitary, sterile, sterilized, sterilizing, unpolluted; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* contaminated, polluted, unclean, unsanitary, unsterile

**antiseptic** [*n*] *decontaminating agent* bactericide, detergent, disinfectant, germicide, preservative, preventative, preventive, prophylactic, purifier, sterilizer; CONCEPTS 307,472,492

**antisocial** [*adj*] *nonparticipating; avoiding company* alienated, ascetic, asocial, austere, cold, cynical, eremitic, hermitlike, introverted, misanthropic, reclusive, remote, reserved, retiring, solitary, standoffish, uncommunicative, unfriendly, unsociable, withdrawn; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* friendly, fun-loving, participating, sociable

**antithesis** [*n*1] *exact opposite* antipode, antipole, contra, contradictory, contrary, contrast, converse, counter, flip side\*, inverse, other side, reverse; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* same

**antithesis** [*n*2] *contrast, opposition* antagonism, contradiction, contradiction, contraposition, contrariety, inversion, opposition, reversal; CONCEPTS 633,665 —*Ant.* same

**antithetical** [*adj*] *reverse* contradictory, contrary, contrasted, converse, counter, inverse, opposed, opposite, polarized, poles apart\*; CONCEPT 542

**antitoxin** [*n*] *agent for negating the effect of an infection or poison* antibiotic, antibody, antipoison, antiseptic, antiserum, antivenin, counteractant, counteragent, medicine, neutralizer, preventive, serum, vaccine; CONCEPT 307

**antonym** [*n*] *word with opposite meaning to another word* opposite, reverse; CONCEPT 275 —*Ant.* synonym

**antsy** [*adj*] *fidgety* anxious, edgy, impatient, on pins and needles\*, restless; CONCEPT 401

**anxiety** [*n*] *worry, tension* all-overs\*, angst, ants in pants\*, apprehension, botheration\*, butterflies\*, care, cold sweat\*, concern, creeps\*, disquiet, disquietude, distress, doubt, downer\*, drag\*, dread, fidgets\*, flap\*, foreboding, fretfulness, fuss, goose bumps\*, heebie-jeebies\*, jitters, jumps\*, misery, misgiving, mistrust, nail-biting\*, needles\*, nervousness, panic, pins and needles\*, restlessness, shakes\*, shivers\*, solicitude, suffering, suspense, sweat\*, trouble, uncertainty, unease, uneasiness, watchfulness, willies\*, worriment; CONCEPTS 410,532,690

—*Ant.* assurance, calmness, composure, contentment, ease, happiness, nonchalance, peace, tranquility

**anxious** [*adj*1] *worried, tense* afraid, aghast, antsy\*, apprehensive, basket case\*, bugged\*, butterflies, careful, choked\*, clutched\*, concerned, disquieted, distressed, disturbed, dreading, fearful, fidgety, fretful, hacked\*, hyper\*, in

a state\*, in a tizzy\*, in suspense\*, jittery, jumpy, nervous, nervy, overwrought, restless, scared, shaking, shaky, shivery, shook up\*, shot to pieces\*, solicitous, spooked\*, strung out\*, sweating bullets\*, taut, troubled, uneasy, unglued\*, unquiet, uptight\*, watchful, wired\*, worried sick\*, wreck\*; CONCEPTS 403,690

—*Ant.* assured, calm, content, cool, happy, indifferent, peaceful, tranquil, unconcerned, unworried

**anxious** [*adj*2] *eager* agog, ardent, avid, breathless, desirous, enthusiastic, expectant, fervent, impatient, intent, itching\*, keen, thirsty, yearning, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* dreading, unwilling

**any** [*det*] *one, some; unspecified, indiscriminate* a bit, a little, all, each, each and every, either, in general, part of, several, whatever; CONCEPT 762

**anybody** [*n*] *one, some unspecified person or people* all, any of, anyone, anyone at all, any person, a person, each and every one, everybody, everyone, masses, one, public, whole world; CONCEPT 417

**anyhow** [*adv*] *by any means* about, anyway, any which way, around, at any rate, at random, haphazard, haphazardly, helter-skelter, however, in any case, in any respect, in any way, in either way, in one way or another, in whatever way, nevertheless, random, randomly, regardless, under any circumstances, whatever happens, willy-nilly; CONCEPT 544

**anyone** [*n*] *one, some unspecified person* all, anybody, anybody at all, any of, any person, a person, each and every one, everybody, everyone, masses, one, public, whole world; CONCEPT 417

**anyplace** [*n*] *unspecified area* all over, anywhere, everywhere, in any place, in whatever place, wherever; CONCEPT 198

**anything** [*n*] *unspecified object or event* all, any one thing, anything at all, everything, whatever; CONCEPTS 2,433

**anytime** [*n*] *unspecified moment, period* at all, at any moment, at one's convenience, every-time, no matter when, whenever, when one will; CONCEPTS 807,819

**anyway** [*adv*] *by any means* anyhow, at all, at any rate, ever, however, in any case, in any event, in any manner, nevertheless, once; CONCEPT 544

**anywhere** [*n*] *unspecified area* all over, anyplace, everywhere, in any place, in whatever place, wherever; CONCEPT 198

**apart** [*adv*] *separate* afar, alone, aloof, aside, away, by itself, cut off\*, disassociated, disconnected, distant, distinct, divorced, excluded, exclusively, freely, independent, independently, individually, isolated, lone wolf\*, separated, separately, singly, special, to itself, to one side; CONCEPTS 586,785 —*Ant.* together

**apartheid** [*n*] *racial segregation* discrimination, racism, separation; CONCEPT 689

**apartment** [*n*] *set of rooms for rent* accommodation, cave\*, chambers, cold-water\*, condo, coop, cooperative, crash pad\*, den\*, digs\*, dump\*, flat, living quarters, lodging, pad\*, penthouse, rental, residence, suite, walk-up; CONCEPTS 448,516

**apathetic** [*adj*] *uncaring, disinterested* blah\*,

callous, cold, cool, could care less\*, couldn't care less\*, don't give a damn\*, draggy\*, emotionless, flat, impassive, indifferent, insensible, laid-back\*, languid, moony\*, passive, stoic, stolid, unconcerned, unemotional, unfeeling, uninterested, unmoved, unresponsive, untouched, what the hell\*, wimpy\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* caring, concerned, interested, responsive

**apathy** [*n*] *uncaring attitude, lack of interest* aloofness, coldness, coolness, detachment, disinterest, dispassion, disregard, dullness, emotionlessness, halfheartedness, heedlessness, indifference, insensibility, insensitivity, insouciance, lassitude, lethargy, listlessness, passiveness, passivity, stoicism, unconcern, unresponsiveness; CONCEPTS 410, 633 —*Ant.* care, concern, feeling, interest, passion, sensitivity, sympathy, warmth

**ape** [*v*] *mimic affect, caricature, copy, counterfeit, ditto\**, do\*, do like\*, echo, emulate, go like\*, imitate, impersonate, make like\*, mirror, mock, parody, parrot, take off\*, travesty; CONCEPTS 111, 171

**aperture** [*n*] *hole breach, break, chasm, chink, cleft, crack, cut, eye, fissure, gap, gash, interstice, opening, orifice, outlet, passage, perforation, pinhole, puncture, rift, rupture, slash, slit, slot, space, vent*; CONCEPT 757

**apex** [*n*] *top, high point* acme, apogee, climax, crest, crown, culmination, cusp, greatest, height, max\*, maximum, meridian, most\*, ne plus ultra, peak, pinnacle, point, roof, spire, sublimity, summit, tip, tops, up there\*, vertex, zenith; CONCEPTS 706, 836 —*Ant.* nadir

**aphorism** [*n*] *saying expressing a belief, often true* adage, apothegm, axiom, dictum, maxim, moral, precept, proverb, rule, saw, saying, truism; CONCEPTS 275, 278, 689

**aphrodisiac** [*n/adj*] *seductive; inducing sex amative, amatory, amorous, erotic, love drug, popper\**, Spanish fly\*, turn-on\*, wampole\*; CONCEPTS 372, 537

**apiece** [*adv*] *each all, a pop\**, aside, for each, from each, individually, one by one, per, respectively, separately, severally, singly, successively, to each; CONCEPT 762

**apocalypse** [*n*] *mass destruction* annihilation, Armageddon, cataclysm, catastrophe, decimation, devastation, end of the world, holocaust; CONCEPT 674

**apocryphal** [*adj*] *questionable; fake* counterfeit, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, false, fictitious, inaccurate, mythical, spurious, unauthenticated, ungenue, unsubstantiated, untrue, unverified, wrong; CONCEPTS 570, 582 —*Ant.* authentic, doubtless, real, true

**apologetic** [*adj*] *expressing remorse, regret* atoning, attritional, compunctious, conciliatory, contrite, expiatory, explanatory, on one's knees\*, penitent, penitential, propitiatory, regretful, remorseful, repentant, rueful, self-effacing, self-incriminating, sorry, supplicating; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* defiant, defying

**apologize** [*v*] *express remorse, regret* admit guilt, ask forgiveness, ask pardon, atone, beg pardon, bow to\*, clear oneself, confess, cop a plea\*, cop out\*, crawl\*, excuse oneself, get down on knees\*, give satisfaction\*, make amends, make reparations, make up for, make

up with, offer compensation, offer excuse, purge, retract, say one is sorry, square\*, withdraw; CONCEPTS 48, 67 —*Ant.* defy

**apology** [*n*] *offering of remorse, regret* acknowledgment, admission, amends, atonement, concession, confession, defense, excuse, explanation, extenuation, justification, mea culpa, mitigation, plea, redress, reparation, vindication; CONCEPTS 48, 67 —*Ant.* accusation, censure, charge, complaint, condemnation, criticism, defiance, indictment

**apoplexy** [*n*] *loss of consciousness from blockage in vein or artery* occlusion, seizure, stroke, thrombosis; CONCEPTS 316, 720 —*Ant.* consciousness

**apostate** [*n*] *traitor* backslider, defector, deserter, dissenter, heretic, nonconformist, rat\*, recreant, renegade, turncoat; CONCEPTS 359, 412 —*Ant.* adherent, faithful, loyalist

**apostle** [*n*] *preacher; supporter* advocate, champion, companion, converter, evangelist, follower, herald, messenger, missionary, pioneer, propagandist, proponent, proselytizer, witness; CONCEPTS 359, 361

**apothoeisis** [*n*] *glorification* deification, elevation, idolization, immortalization; CONCEPTS 69, 367

**appall/appal** [*v*] *horrify* alarm, amaze, astound, awe, consternate, daunt, disconcert, dishearten, dismay, faze, frighten, get to\*, gross out\*, insult, intimidate, outrage, petrify, scare, shake, shock, terrify, throw, unnerv; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 42 —*Ant.* comfort, encourage, reassure, satisfy

**appalling** [*adj*] *horrifying* alarming, astounding, awful, bad, daunting, dire, disheartening, dismaying, dreadful, fearful, formidable, frightening, frightful, ghastly, grim, gross\*, gross\*, harrowing, heavy\*, hideous, horrible, horrid, horrific, intimidating, mean, petrifying, scaring, shocking, terrible, terrifying, the end\*, unnerving; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* comforting, encouraging, reassuring, satisfying

**apparatus** [*n1*] *equipment with a purpose* accoutrement, appliance, black box\*, contraption, device, dingbat, doodad\*, doohickey\*, furnishings, gaff\*, gear, gimcrack\*, gimmick, gizmo\*, grabber\*, habiliments, idiot box\*, implement, jigger\*, job\*, machine, machinery, means, mechanism, outfit, paraphernalia, provisions, setup, stuff, supplies, tackle, thingamajig\*, tools, utensils, whatchamacallit\*, whatsis\*, whosis\*, widget\*; CONCEPTS 260, 463, 499

**apparatus** [*n2*] *organization or system* bureaucracy, chain of command, hierarchy, network, setup, structure; CONCEPTS 381, 770

**apparel** [*n*] *clothing; covering* accoutrement, array, attire, clothes, costume, drapery, dress, duds\*, equipment, garb, garment, gear\*, getup\*, habiliment, habit, outfit, raiment, rig\*, robe, suit, threads\*, trapping, vestment; CONCEPTS 451, 473

**apparent** [*adj1*] *seeming, not proven* real credible, illusive, illusory, likely, ostensible, outward, plausible, possible, probable, semblant, specious, superficial, supposed, suppositious; CONCEPTS 552, 582 —*Ant.* doubtful, dubious, equivocal, hidden, improbable, obscure, questionable, real, uncertain, unclear, unlikely

**apparent** [adj2] *obvious* barefaced, big as life\*, clear, clear cut, conspicuous, crystal clear, discernible, distinct, evident, glaring, indubitable, make no bones\*, manifest, marked, noticeable, observable, open, open and shut\*, out in the open\*, overt, palpable, patent, perceivable, plain, self-evident, transparent, unambiguous, under one's nose\*, understandable, unequivocal, unmistakable, visible; CONCEPTS 535,582

**apparently** [adv1] *seemingly* allegedly, as if, as though, at a glance, at first sight, in all likelihood, intuitively, it appears that, it seems that, most likely, on the face of it, ostensibly, outwardly, plausibly, possibly, probably, professionally, reasonably, reputably, speciously, superficially, supposedly, tangibly, to all appearances; CONCEPTS 552,582 —*Ant.* dubiously, equivocally, improbably, questionably, uncertain, unlikely

**apparently** [adv2] *obviously* clearly, conspicuously, evidently, expressly, indubitably, in plain sight, manifestly, officially, openly, overtly, palpably, patently, perceptibly, plainly, transparently, unmistakably; CONCEPT 535

**apparition** [n] *ghost* bogeyman, bump in the night\*, chimera, delusion, hallucination, haunt, illusion, phantasm, phantom, revenant, specter, spirit, spook, visitant; CONCEPTS 370,689

—*Ant.* animate, being  
**appeal** [n1] *request for help* address, adjuration, application, bid, call, claim, demand, entreaty, imploration, importunity, invocation, overture, petition, plea, prayer, proposal, proposition, question, recourse, requisition, solicitation, submission, suit, supplication; CONCEPT 48

—*Ant.* denial, disavowal, disclaimer, refusal, retraction, revocation  
**appeal** [n2] *power to attract, interest* allure, attraction, attractiveness, beauty, charm, charmingness, engagingness, fascination, glamor, interestingness, pleasingness, seductiveness; CONCEPTS 655,673 —*Ant.* ugliness

**appeal** [v1] *request address, adjure, advance, apply, ask, beg, beseech, bid, call, call upon, claim, contest, crave, demand, entreat, hit on, implore, importune, petition, plead, pray, propose, proposition, question, refer, require, resort to, solicit, strike, submit, sue, supplicate, urge*; CONCEPT 48 —*Ant.* deny, disclaim, recall, refuse, renounce, retract, revoke

**appeal** [v2] *attract, interest* allure, beguile, captivate, catch the eye, charm, enchant, engage, entice, fascinate, intrigue, invite, please, tantalize, tempt; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,384 —*Ant.* disgust, turn away, turn off

**appear** [v1] *come into sight* arise, arrive, attend, be present, be within view, blow in\*, bob up\*, break through, breeze in\*, check in\*, clock in\*, come, come forth, come into view, come out, come to light\*, crop up\*, develop, drop in\*, emerge, expose, issue, loom, make the scene\*, materialize, occur, pop in\*, pop up\*, present, punch in\*, punch the clock\*, recur, ring in\*, rise, roll in\*, show, show up, spring, surface, time in\*, turn out, turn up; CONCEPTS 159,261

—*Ant.* disappear, hide

**appear** [v2] *seem* have the appearance, look as if, look like, occur, resemble, sound, strike one as; CONCEPTS 543,716 —*Ant.* be real

**appear** [v3] *be obvious, clear* be apparent, be evident, be manifest, be patent, be plain; CONCEPT 725

**appear** [v4] *be published; perform* become available, be created, be developed, be invented, come into being, come into existence, come on, come on stage\*, come out, enter, make an appearance, oblige, perform, play, play a part, present oneself, take part; CONCEPTS 292,324

**appearance** [n1] *coming into sight* actualization, advent, appearing, arrival, coming, debut, display, emergence, entrance, exhibition, introduction, manifestation, materialization, presence, presentation, representation, rise, showing up, turning up, unveiling; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* absence, departure, disappearance, leaving  
**appearance** [n2] *outward aspect, characteristic* air, attitude, bearing, blind, carriage, cast, character, condition, countenance, demeanor, dress, expression, face, fashion, feature, figure, form, front, guise, image, look, looks, manner, mannerism, mien, mode, outline, pose, presence, presentation, screen, semblance, shape, stamp; CONCEPTS 543,716

**appearance** [n3] *outward show; pretense* aura, beard\*, blind, countenance, dream, facade, front, guise, idea, illusion, image, impression, mirage, phenomenon, reflection, screen, seeming, semblance, sound, specter, vision; CONCEPT 673 —*Ant.* reality

**appease** [v] *satisfy, pacify* allay, alleviate, assuage, be enough, blunt, calm, compose, conciliate, content, diminish, do\*, ease, gratify, lessen, lull, make matters up, meet halfway, mitigate, mollify, patch things up, placate, propitiate, quell, quench, quiet, serve, soften, soothe, subdue, sweeten, tranquilize; CONCEPTS 7,22,126 —*Ant.* aggravate, annoy, incite, irritate, provoke, tease

**appeasement** [n] *satisfaction; pacification* abatement, acceding, accommodation, adjustment, alleviation, amends, assuagement, blunting, compromise, concession, conciliation, easing, grant, lessening, lulling, mitigation, moderation, mollification, peace offering, placation, propitiation, quelling, quenching, quieting, reconciliation, reparation, restoration, settlement, softening, solace, soothing, tranquilization; CONCEPTS 7,22,126 —*Ant.* aggravation, annoyance, irritation, provocation, resistance  
**appellation** [n] *name* designation, epithet, handle\*, label, moniker\*, nickname, sobriquet, title; CONCEPTS 268,683

**append** [v] *add, join* adjoin, affix, annex, attach, conjoin, fasten, fix, hang, subjoin, supplement, tack on\*, tag on\*; CONCEPTS 85,113,160

—*Ant.* disjoin, subtract, take away  
**appendage** [n] *limb; accessory* addendum, addition, adjunct, ancillary, annex, appendix, appurtenance, attachment, auxiliary, extremity, member, projection, protuberance, supplement; CONCEPT 835 —*Ant.* body, trunk

**appendix** [n] *added material at end of document* addendum, addition, adjunct, appendage, appurtenance, attachment, codicil, excursus, index, notes, postscript, rider, sample, supplement, table, verification; CONCEPT 270

**appertain** [v] *belong, be connected* apply, bear, be characteristic of, be part of, be pertinent, be



proper, be relevant, have to do with, pertain, refer, relate, touch upon, vest; CONCEPT 532

**appetite** [*n*] *desire for food, worldly goods* appetence, appetency, appetite, big eyes\*, craving, demand, fondness, gluttony, greed, hankering, hunger, inclination, itch\*, liking, longing, lust, passion, penchant, proclivity, propensity, ravenousness, relish, soft spot\*, stomach, sweet tooth\*, taste, thirst, urge, voracity, weakness, willingness, yearning, yen, zeal, zest; CONCEPTS 20,32 —*Ant.* antipathy, aversion, disgust, dislike, distaste, hatred, indifference, loathing, repulsion, revulsion

**appetizer** [*n*] *snack before meal* antipasto, aperitif, canapé, cocktail, dip, finger food, hors d'oeuvre, munchies\*, relish, sample, spread, taste, tidbit; CONCEPTS 457,828 —*Ant.* meal

**appetizing** [*adj*] *tasting very good* aperitive, appealing, delectable, delicious, delish\*, divine\*, flavorsome, heavenly, inviting, luscious, mouthwatering, palatable, saporous, savory, scrumptious, succulent, sugar-coated\*, sweetened, tantalizing, tasty, tempting, toothsome, yummy\*; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* disgusting, distasteful, unappetizing, unsavory

**applaud** [*v*] *clap for; express approval* acclaim, approve, boost, cheer, commend, compliment, encourage, eulogize, extol, give a hand\*, give ovation, glorify, hail, hear it for\*, kudize\*, laud, magnify, plug, praise, rave, recommend, root\*; CONCEPTS 10,69,189 —*Ant.* keep silent

**applause** [*n*] *clapping; expression of approval* acclaim, acclamation, accolade, approbation, big hand, bring down the house\*, cheering, cheers, commendation, eulogizing, hand, hand-clapping, hurrahs, kudos, laudation, ovation, plaudits, praise, rooting, round, standing ovation; CONCEPTS 69,189 —*Ant.* silence

**appliance** [*n*] *machine, usually with domestic purpose* apparatus, device, gadget, implement, instrument, mechanism, tool; CONCEPT 463

**applicable** [*adj*] *appropriate* applicative, applicatory, apposite, apropos, apt, associable, befitting, felicitous, fit, fitting, germane, kosher, legit\*, material, on target\*, on the button\*, on the nose\*, pertinent, relevant, right on\*, suitable, suited, that's the idea\*, that's the ticket\*, to the point, to the purpose, useful; CONCEPTS 558,563 —*Ant.* inapplicable, inappropriate, unsuitable

**applicant** [*n*] *person trying for position* appellant, aspirant, candidate, claimant, hopeful, inquirer, petitioner, postulant, seeker, suitor, suppliant; CONCEPTS 348,359 —*Ant.* boss, manager

**application** [*n1*] *use appliance, appositeness, employment, exercise, exercising, function, germaneness, operation, pertinence, play, practice, purpose, relevance, usance, utilization, value; CONCEPTS 680,694*

**application** [*n2*] *request appeal, blank, claim, demand, draft, entreaty, form, inquiry, letter, paper, petition, requisition, sollicitation, suit; CONCEPT 48*

**application** [*n3*] *hard work* assiduity, attention, attentiveness, busyness, commitment, concentration, consideration, dedication, deliberation, diligence, effort, industry, perseverance, study, zeal; CONCEPTS 91,410

**application** [*n4*] *putting substance on another* administering, administration, applying, creaming, dosing, oiling, rubbing, treatment; CONCEPT 200

**applied** [*adj*] *used* activated, adapted, adjusted, brought to bear, correlated, devoted, enforced, exercised, practiced, related, tested, utilized; CONCEPTS 538,546

**apply** [*v1*] *put into use* administer, assign, bring into play, bring to bear, employ, engage, execute, exercise, exploit, handle, implement, practice, utilize; CONCEPT 225

**apply** [*v2*] *be appropriate, relevant* affect, allude, appertain, be applicable, bear upon, be pertinent, concern, connect, fit, involve, pertain, refer, regard, relate, suit, touch; CONCEPT 532

**apply** [*v3*] *put substance on another* administer, affix, anoint, bestow, cover, fasten, join, lay on, massage, paint, place, put on, rub, smear, spread, touch; CONCEPT 200

**apply** [*v4*] *ask, request* appeal, claim, demand, inquire, petition, put in, put in for, requisition, solicit, sue; CONCEPT 48

**apply** [*v5*] *work hard* address, bear down, be diligent, be industrious, bend, buckle down\*, commit, concentrate, dedicate, devote, dig, direct, give, give all one's got\*, give best shot\*, give old college try\*, grind, hammer away\*, hit the ball\*, hustle\*, knuckle down\*, make effort, peg away\*, persevere, plug\*, pour it on\*, pull out all stops\*, scratch, study, sweat\*, throw, try, turn; CONCEPTS 87,100

**appoint** [*v1*] *assign responsibility; decide* accredit, allot, assign, choose, command, commission, decree, delegate, designate, determine, direct, elect, enjoin, establish, finger, fix, install, name, nominate, ordain, select, set, settle, tap; CONCEPTS 41,50,88 —*Ant.* dismiss, fire, refuse, reject

**appoint** [*v2*] *furnish* arm, equip, fit, fit out, gear, outfit, provide, rig, supply, turn out; CONCEPT 140 —*Ant.* not give, unfurnish

**appointment** [*n1*] *arrangement for meeting; prearranged meeting* assignation, assignment, blind date\*, consultation, date, engagement, errand, gig, interview, invitation, meet, rendezvous, session, tryst, zero hour\*; CONCEPTS 324,384

**appointment** [*n2*] *assignment of responsibility* allotment, approval, assigning, authorization, certification, choice, choosing, commissioning, delegation, deputation, designation, election, empowering, installation, naming, nomination, ordination, promotion, selection; CONCEPT 41

**appointment** [*n3*] *job, position of responsibility* appointee, assignment, berth, candidate, delegate, employment, nominee, office, office-holder, place, post, representative, situation, station, work; CONCEPT 349

**appointment** [*n4*] *furnishing(s)* accoutrement, appurtenance, equipage, fitting, fixture, gear, outfit, paraphernalia, trappings; CONCEPT 475

**apportion** [*v*] *divide into shares* accord, admeasure, administer, allocate, allot, assign, bestow, cut, cut up, deal, dispense, distribute, divvy, divvy up, dole out, give, lot, measure, mete, parcel, part, partition, piece up, prorate, ration, slice, split, split up; CONCEPTS 98,108 —*Ant.* hold, keep, monopolize, withhold

**appraisal** [n] *judgment, estimation* appraisal, assessment, estimate, evaluation, opinion, pricing, rating, reckoning, stock, survey, valuation; CONCEPTS 18,328,766

**appraise** [v] *judge, estimate* adjudge, assay, assess, audit, calculate, check, check out\*, deem, evaluate, examine, eye\*, figure, figure in, figure out, gauge, guesstimate\*, have one's number\*, inspect, look over, peg, price, rate, read, review, set at, size, survey, take account of, value, value; CONCEPTS 18,764

**appreciable** [adj] *easily noticed; considerable* apparent, ascertainable, clear-cut, definite, detectable, discernible, distinguishable, estimable, evident, goodly, good-sized, healthy, large, manifest, marked, material, measurable, noticeable, observable, obvious, perceivable, perceptible, plain, pronounced, recognizable, sensible, significant, sizable, substantial, tangible, visible; CONCEPTS 619,781 —**Ant.** imperceptible, inconsiderable, negligible, unappreciable, unnoticed

**appreciate** [v1] *be grateful, thankful* acknowledge, be appreciative, be indebted, be obliged, enjoy, flip over\*, freak out on\*, get high on\*, give thanks, groove on\*, welcome; CONCEPTS 12,32,76 —**Ant.** be critical, criticize, disparage, disregard, neglect, overlook

**appreciate** [v2] *increase in worth* enhance, gain, grow, improve, inflate, raise the value of, rise; CONCEPT 763 —**Ant.** decrease, depreciate, lose value

**appreciate** [v3] *recognize worth* acknowledge, apprehend, be aware of, be cognizant of, be conscious of, catch the drift, comprehend, dig, fathom, grasp, know, perceive, read, realize, recognize, savvy, see daylight\*, sympathize with, take account of, understand; CONCEPT 15

**appreciate** [v4] *value highly* admire, adore, applaud, apprise, cherish, enjoy, esteem, extol, honor, like, look up to, love, praise, prize, rate highly, regard, relish, respect, savor, treasure; CONCEPTS 10,32

**appreciation** [n1] *thankfulness* acknowledgment, gratefulness, gratitude, indebtedness, obligation, recognition, testimonial, thanks, tribute; CONCEPTS 12,32 —**Ant.** criticism, disparagement, disregard, neglect

**appreciation** [n2] *increase in worth* enhancement, gain, growth, improvement, inflation, rise; CONCEPTS 346,763 —**Ant.** decrease, depreciation, loss

**appreciation** [n3] *recognition of worth* admiration, aesthetic sense, affection, appraisal, assessment, attraction, awareness, cognizance, commendation, comprehension, enjoyment, esteem, estimation, grasp, high regard, knowledge, liking, love, perception, realization, recognition, regard, relish, respect, responsiveness, sensibility, sensitiveness, sensitivity, sympathy, understanding, valuation; CONCEPTS 15,409

**appreciative** [adj1] *thankful* beholden, grateful, indebted, obliged, responsive; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** unappreciative, ungrateful

**appreciative** [adj2] *understanding, recognizing worth* admiring, affectionate, alive, aware, cognizant, conscious, considerate, cooperative, cordial, enlightened, enthusiastic, favorable, friendly, generous, keen, kindly, knowledgeable, magnanimous, mindful, perceptive,

pleased, receptive, regardful, respectful, responsive, satisfied, sensitive, supportive, sympathetic, understanding; CONCEPT 402 —**Ant.** ignorant, neglectful

**apprehend** [v1] *catch and arrest* bag\*, bust\*, capture, collar, cop\*, grab, nab, nail\*, place under arrest, run in, seize, take in, take into custody, take prisoner; CONCEPTS 90,191,317 —**Ant.** lose, not catch

**apprehend** [v2] *understand* absorb, accept, appreciate, believe, catch, comprehend, conceive, digest, fathom, get, get the picture\*, grasp, have, imagine, know, perceive, read, realize, recognize, sense, think; CONCEPT 15 —**Ant.** misunderstand

**apprehension** [n1] *anxiety, fear* alarm, apprehensiveness, concern, disquiet, doubt, dread, foreboding, misgiving, mistrust, premonition, presage, presentiment, suspicion, trepidation, uneasiness, worry; CONCEPTS 27,690 —**Ant.** calmness, ease

**apprehension** [n2] *catching and arresting* booking, capture, collaring, detention, seizure, taking; CONCEPTS 90,317

**apprehension** [n3] *understanding* awareness, comprehension, grasp, idea, intellect, intelligence, judgment, ken, knowledge, notion, perception, perspicacity, thought; CONCEPT 409 —**Ant.** imperception, misunderstanding

**apprehensive** [adj] *anxious, fearful* afraid, alarmed, biting nails\*, butterflies\*, concerned, disquieted, doubtful, feel in bones\*, foreboding, frozen\*, get vibes\*, have a hunch\*, have cold feet\*, have funny feeling\*, have stage fright\*, hung up\*, in a cold sweat\*, in a dither\*, in a sweat\*, jellyfish\*, jittery, jumpy, lily-livered\*, mistrustful, running scared\*, scaredy-cat\*, shaky\*, stiff, suspicious, troubled, uncertain, uneasy, uptight, weak, worried, worried sick\*; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** at ease, calm, quiet, unafraid, undoubting, unfeared, unsuspecting, unworried

**apprentice** [n] *novice/learner of a trade* amateur, beginner, flunky\*, greenhorn\*, heel\*, neophyte, newcomer, new kid on block\*, novitiate, probationer, pupil, rook\*, rookie\*, starter, student, tenderfoot\*, tyro; CONCEPTS 348,423 —**Ant.** mentor, teacher

**apprise** [v] *tell* advise, brief, enlighten, fill in, inform, notify, tip off; CONCEPTS 57,60,75

**approach** [n1] *way, means of arriving* access, accession, advance, advent, avenue, coming, drawing near, entrance, gate, landing, nearing, passage, path, reaching, road, way; CONCEPTS 159,501 —**Ant.** departure, distancing, leaving

**approach** [n2] *request, suggestion* advance, appeal, application, offer, overture, proposal, proposition; CONCEPT 278

**approach** [n3] *plan of attack, resolution* attitude, concept, course, crack, fling, go\*, idea, lick, manner, means, method, mode, modus operandi, new wrinkle\*, offer, procedure, program, shot, stab, style, technique, way, whack\*, wrinkle\*; CONCEPTS 655,660

**approach** [v1] *come nearer* advance, approximate, bear, be comparable to, be like, belly up to\*, border, buzz\*, catch up, close in, come, come at, come close, compare with, contact, converge, correspond to, creep up, draw near,

equal, gain on, go toward, impend, loom up, match, meet, move in on, move toward, near, progress, reach, resemble, surround, take after, threaten, verge upon; CONCEPTS 159, 198, 701 —*Ant.* depart, distance, go away, leave

**approach** [v2] *make request, suggestion* accost, address, advise, appeal to, apply to, beseech, confer, consult, entreat, feel, feel one out\*, give a play\*, give a tumble\*, greet, implore, make advance, make overture, make up to, plead, propose, sound out, speak to, supplicate, take aside, talk to, thumb, tumble; CONCEPTS 48, 75

**approach** [v3] *begin* commence, embark, set about, start, undertake; CONCEPT 234

**approachable** [adj1] *accessible* attainable, come-at-able\*, convenient, door's always open\*, gettable\*, obtainable, reachable; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* formal, inaccessible, unapproachable, unreachable

**approachable** [adj2] *friendly* affable, agreeable, congenial, cordial, open, receptive, sociable; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* ungenial, unfriendly, unsociable

**approbation** [n] *praise* admiration, approval, bells\*, consent, endorsement, esteem, favor, go-ahead\*, high regard, okay, permission, recognition, sanction, support, the nod\*; CONCEPTS 10, 69 —*Ant.* criticism, disapprobation

**appropriate** [adj] *suitable* adapted, applicable, appurtenant, apropos, apt, becoming, befitting, belonging, congruous, convenient, correct, deserved, desired, due, felicitous, fit, fitting, germane, good, just, on the button\*, on the nose\*, opportune, pertinent, proper, relevant, right, rightful, seemly, tailor-made, true, useful, well-suited, well-timed; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* improper, unbecoming, unfitting, unseemly, unsuitable, unsuited

**appropriate** [v1] *set aside; allocate* allot, allow, appoint, apportion, assign, budget, devote, disburse, earmark, reserve, set apart; CONCEPT 135 —*Ant.* keep, refuse, reject

**appropriate** [v2] *steal* annex, borrow, clap\*, confiscate, cop, embezzle, filch, get fingers on\*, get hands on\*, glom on to\*, grab, grab hold of\*, hijack, liberate, lift, misappropriate, moonlight requisition\*, pilfer, pocket, secure, snatch, swipe\*, take over, usurp; CONCEPT 139 —*Ant.* bequeath, bestow, give, return

**appropriation** [n1] *allocation, setting aside* allotment, allowance, apportionment, assignment, budgeting, concession, donation, earmarking, ending, funding, giving, grant, provision, setting apart, sponsoring, stipend, stipulation, subsidy; CONCEPTS 135, 340 —*Ant.* keeping, refusal, rejection

**appropriation** [n2] *stealing* confiscation, embezzlement, expropriation, grab, misappropriation, pilfering, seizure, takeover, taking, usurpation; CONCEPT 139 —*Ant.* bestowal, giving, return

**approval** [n1] *authorization* acquiescence, assent, bells\*, blessing, compliance, concurrence, confirmation, consent, countenance, endorsement, go-ahead\*, green light\*, leave, license, mandate, okay, permission, ratification, recommendation, sanction, support, the nod\*, validation; CONCEPTS 10, 685 —*Ant.* disapproval, opposition, refusal, rejection

**approval** [n2] *good opinion* acclaim, admiration, applause, appreciation, approbation, commendation, esteem, favor, liking, pat on the back\*, pat on the head\*, PR\*, praise, puff, pumping up, regard, respect, strokes, stroking, wow\*; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* disapproval, disfavor, dislike, hatred

**approve** [v1] *agree something is good* accept, acclaim, admire, applaud, appreciate, appropriate, be big on\*, commend, countenance, esteem, face it, favor, go along with, grin and bear it\*, handle, like, live with\*, praise, put up with, regard highly, respect, roll with punches\*, string along with\*, take up on\*, think highly of; CONCEPT 10 —*Ant.* disagree, disapprove

**approve** [v2] *allow, authorize* accede, accept, accredit, acquiesce, advocate, affirm, agree, assent, authorize, back\*, bless\*, boost, buy, buy into\*, certify, charter, concur, confirm, consent, dig\*, empower, encourage, endorse, establish, get behind, give go-ahead\*, go along with, groove\*, hats off to\*, lap up\*, license, maintain, make law, make valid, mandate, okay, permit, pronounce, push for, ratify, recommend, sanction, seal, second, sign, sign off on, stump for, subscribe to, support, thumbs up\*, uphold, validate; CONCEPTS 50, 83, 88 —*Ant.* disallow, disapprove, invalidate, oppose, refuse, reject

**approximate** [adj1] *almost accurate, exact* almost, close, comparative, near, proximate, relative, rough; CONCEPT 557 —*Ant.* accurate, clear, definite, exact, precise

**approximate** [adj2] *inexact* estimated, guessed, imperfect, imprecise, loose, rough, surmised, uncertain, unprecise, unscientific; CONCEPT 557

**approximate** [adj3] *similar* alike, analogous, close, comparable, like, matching, near, relative, resembling, verging on; CONCEPTS 487, 573 —*Ant.* dissimilar, exact, same

**approximate** [adj4] *near* adjacent, bordering, close together, contiguous, nearby, neighboring; CONCEPT 586 —*Ant.* away, far

**approximate** [v] *come close* approach, border on, come near, estimate, near, reach, resemble, touch, verge on; CONCEPT 664

**approximately** [adv] *nearly* about, almost, around, ballpark figure\*, bordering on, circa, closely, close to, comparatively, generally, in the ballpark\*, in the neighborhood of, in the region of, in the vicinity of, just about, loosely, more or less, most, much, not far from, not quite, proximately, relatively, roughly, upwards of\*, very close; CONCEPT 566 —*Ant.* accurately, clearly, definitely, exactly, precisely

**apropos** [adj] *relevant, suitable* applicable, apposite, appropriate, apt, befitting, belonging, correct, fit, fitting, germane, kosher\*, legit\*, material, on the button\*, on the nose\*, opportune, pertinent, proper, related, right, right on\*, seemly; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inappropriate, irrelevant, unsuitable

**apropos** [adv] *relevantly, suitably* appropriately, aptly, opportunely, pertinently, suitably, timely; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inappropriately, irrelevantly, unsuitably

**apropos** [prep] *in respect of* about, against, as for, as regards, as to, concerning, on the subject

of, regarding, respecting, touching, toward, with reference to, with respect to; CONCEPT 532

**apt** [adj1] *suitable* applicable, apposite, appropriate, apropos, befitting, correct, felicitous, fit, fitting, germane, happy, just, pertinent, proper, relevant, seemly, suitable, timely; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* incorrect, unsuitable

**apt** [adj2] *tending, inclined* disposed, given, liable, likely, of a mind, prone, ready; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* disinclined, inapt

**apt** [adj3] *quick to learn* able, adept, astute, bright, clever, expert, gifted, ingenious, intelligent, nobody's fool\*, no dummy\*, not born yesterday\*, prompt, quick on the trigger\*, quick on the uptake\*, ready, savvy, sharp, skilled, skillful, smart, talented, teachable; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* incapable, stupid, unskilled

**aptitude** [n1] *inclination* bent, disposition, drift, leaning, predilection, proclivity, proneness, propensity, tendency; CONCEPT 657 —*Ant.* disinclination, inaptitude, skilllessness

**aptitude** [n2] *quickness at learning* ability, capability, capacity, cleverness, competence, faculty, flair, gift, giftedness, intelligence, knack, proficiency, savvy, smarts, stuff\*, talent, what it takes\*; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* incapacity, stupidity

**aquarium** [n] *fish tank* aquatic museum, fish-bowl, marine exhibit; CONCEPTS 396,438,514

**aquatic** [adj] *occurring in water* amphibian, amphibious, floating, marine, maritime, natatory, oceanic, of the sea, sea, swimming, watery; CONCEPTS 396,536

**aqueduct** [n] *canal* channel, conduit, course, duct, pipeline, water passage, waterworks; CONCEPT 514

**arbitrator** [n] *person who settles dispute* adjudicator, arbitrator, fixer, go-between, holdout, judge, maven, mediator, middleperson, moderator, referee, umpire; CONCEPT 354

**arbitrary** [adj1] *whimsical, chance* approximate, capricious, discretionary, erratic, fanciful, frivolous, inconsistent, injudicious, irrational, irresponsible, offhand, optional, random, subjective, supercilious, superficial, unaccountable, unreasonable, unscientific, wayward, willful; CONCEPTS 534,542 —*Ant.* circumspect, rational, reasonable, reasoned, supported

**arbitrary** [adj2] *dictatorial* absolute, autocratic, bossy, despotic, dogmatic, domineering, downright, flat out\*, high-handed, imperious, magisterial, monocratic, no ifs ands or buts\*, no joke\*, overbearing, peremptory, straight out\*, summary, tyrannical, tyrannous; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* democratic

**arbitrate** [v] *achieve settlement* adjudge, adjudicate, adjust, bring to terms, come to school, come to terms, conciliate, decide, determine, hammer out a deal\*, interpose, intervene, judge, make a deal, mediate, meet halfway, negotiate, parley, pass judgment, placate, play ball\*, reconcile, referee, settle, smooth, soothe, step in, straighten out, strike happy medium\*, trade off, umpire, work out a deal; CONCEPTS 126,300 —*Ant.* let ride

**arbitration** [n] *settlement of dispute* adjudication, adjustment, agreement, compromise, decision, determination, judgment, mediation; CONCEPTS 126,300

**arbitrator** [n] *settler of a dispute* adjudicator, arbiter, fixer, go-between, holdout, judge, maven, mediator, middleperson, referee, umpire; CONCEPTS 348,359

**arc** [n] *curve* arch, bend, bow, crescent, curvature, curvate, half-moon, round; CONCEPT 436

**arcade** [n] *covered way* cloister, colonnade, gallery, loggia, mall, passageway, piazza, portico, stoa, walkway; CONCEPT 501

**arcane** [adj] *hidden, secret* cabalistic, esoteric, impenetrable, mysterious, mystic, occult, recondite, unaccountable, unknowable; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* common, commonplace, known, normal, outward

**arch** [adj1] *principal, superior* accomplished, champion, chief, consummate, expert, finished, first, foremost, greatest, head, highest, leading, main, major, master, preeminent, premier, primary, top; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* inferior

**arch** [adj2] *knowing, coy* artful, frolicsome, mischievous, pert, playful, roguish, saucy, sly, waggish, wily; CONCEPT 401

**arch** [n] *curve, curved structure* arc, archway, bend, bow, curvature, dome, semicircle, span, vault; CONCEPT 436

**arch** [v] *curve* arc, bend, bow, bridge, camber, extend, form, hook, hump, hunch, round, shape, span, stretch; CONCEPT 184

**archaeologist** [n] *student of the physical remains of ancient cultures or eras* archaeologist, classicist, excavator, paleologist, paleontologist, prehistorian; CONCEPT 348

**archaeology** [n] *study of the physical remains of ancient cultures or eras* antiquarianism, excavation, paleohistory, paleology, paleontology, prehistory; CONCEPT 349

**archaic** [adj] *very old* ancient, antiquated, antique, bygone, obsolete, olden, old-fashioned, outmoded, out of date, passé, primitive, superannuated; CONCEPTS 578,797 —*Ant.* current, modern, new, present, young

**arched** [adj] *valued* bowed, curved, domed, embowed, rounded; CONCEPT 486

**archetypal** [adj] *most typical* average, classic, clichéd, conventional, exemplary, hackneyed, model, most characteristic, paradigmatic, prime, quintessential, representative, standard, stereotypical, stock, textbook, trite; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* atypical, unique

**archetype** [n] *typical example* classic exemplar, form, ideal, model, original, paradigm, pattern, perfect specimen, prime example, prototype, standard; CONCEPTS 636,686 —*Ant.* atypical

**architect** [n] *person who designs buildings* artist, builder, creator, designer, draftsman, engineer, inventor, maker, master builder, originator, planner, prime mover; CONCEPT 348

**architecture** [n1] *design of buildings* architectonics, building, construction, engineering, planning; CONCEPTS 349,439

**architecture** [n2] *design, structure of something* composition, constitution, construction, formation, framework, make-up, style; CONCEPTS 660,733

**archive** [n] *collection, usually of records* annals, chronicles, clippings, documents, excerpts, extracts, files, papers, registers, roll, scrolls, writings; CONCEPTS 271,281,432

**archives** [n] *place where records are stored* athenaeum, library, museum, office, registry, repository, storage, treasury, vault; CONCEPT 439  
**archway** [n] *curved opening* entrance, passage; CONCEPT 440

**arctic** [adj] *very cold* chill, chilly, cool, freezing, frigid, frosty, frozen, gelid, glacial, icy, nippy, polar; CONCEPT 605 —**Ant.** tropic

**ardent** [adj1] *very enthusiastic* agog, avid, blazing, burning, desirous, eager, fervent, fervid, fierce, fiery, horny\*, hot\*, hungry, impassioned, intense, keen, lovey-dovey\*, lusty, passionate, spirited, thirsty, vehement, warm, zealous; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —**Ant.** cold, cold-blooded, cool, dispassionate, frigid, indifferent, lukewarm, unenthusiastic

**ardent** [adj2] *loyal* allegiant, constant, devoted, faithful, resolute, steadfast, true; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** disloyal

**ardor** [n] *enthusiasm* avidity, devotion, eagerness, earnestness, feeling, fervor, fierceness, fire, gusto, heat, intensity, jazz\*, keenness, oomph\*, passion, pep talk\*, spirit, turn on\*, vehemence, verve, warmth, weakness\*, zeal, zest, zing; CONCEPT 411 —**Ant.** coldness, coolness, frigidity, indifference

**arduous** [adj] *difficult, hard to endure* back-breaking, burdensome, exhausting, fatiguing, formidable, grueling, harsh, heavy, labored, laborious, murder, no picnic\*, onerous, painful, punishing, rigorous, rough, severe, strenuous, taxing, tiring, toilsome, tough, troublesome, trying, uphill; CONCEPT 565 —**Ant.** easy, facile, motivating

**area** [n1] *extent, scope of a surface* breadth, compass, distance, expanse, field, operation, range, size, space, sphere, stretch, width; CONCEPTS 651, 792

**area** [n2] *region, district* belt, block, city, county, division, domain, dominion, enclosure, field, kingdom, locality, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, parcel, patch, plot, precinct, principality, quarter, section, sector, sphere, square, state, stretch, territory, township, tract, turf, vicinity, ward, zone; CONCEPT 508

**arena** [n1] *building or enclosure for entertainment or sports* amphitheatre, boards\*, bowl\*, circus, coliseum, course, diamond, field, grid-iron, ground, gym, gymnasium, hippodrome, ice, park, pit, platform, ring, rink, square, stadium, stage; CONCEPT 438

**arena** [n2] *area of activity* battlefield, battleground, domain, field, province, realm, scene, sector, sphere, territory, theatre; CONCEPT 198

**argot** [n] *jargon* cant, dialect, idiom, lingo, parlance, patois, slang, terminology, vernacular, vocabulary; CONCEPT 276

**arguable** [adj1] *tenable* able to hold water\*, assertable, believable, conceivable, credible, defendable, defensible, feasible, imaginable, maintainable, rational, reasonable, supportable, sustainable, viable, workable; CONCEPT 552 —**Ant.** untenable

**arguable** [adj2] *debatable* contentious, controversial, disputable, doubtful, dubious, moot, open to question, questionable, uncertain, unsure; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** certain

**argue** [v1] *verbally fight* altercation, bandy, battle, bicker, break with, buck, bump heads, contend,

cross, cross swords, disagree, dispute, face down, face off, feud, gang up on, get in one's face\*, go one on one, hammer, hammer away, hash, hash over, hassle, have at each other, have at it, jump, jump on, knock around, lock horns\*, mix it up\*, pettifog, pick an argument, put up a fight, put up a struggle, quarrel, quibble, rehash, row, sass, set to, sock it to\*, squabble, stick it to, talk back, wrangle; CONCEPT 46 —**Ant.** agree, harmonize, ignore, overlook

**argue** [v2] *try to convince; present support* appeal, assert, attest, claim, contend, controvert, defend, demonstrate, denote, display, elucidate, establish, evince, exhibit, explain, hold, imply, indicate, justify, maintain, manifest, persuade, plead, present, prevail upon, reason, show, suggest, talk into, testify, vindicate, warrant, witness; CONCEPT 68 —**Ant.** agree, comply

**argue** [v3] *discuss* agitate, canvass, clarify, debate, dispute, expostulate, hold, maintain, question, reason, remonstrate, talk about; CONCEPTS 46, 56 —**Ant.** abstain, keep quiet, keep silent

**argument** [n1] *verbal fight* altercation, beef, bickering, blowup, bone, bone of contention, bone to pick\*, brannigan\*, brawl, brush, clash, controversy, crusher\*, debate, difference of opinion, disagreement, dispute, donnybrook, dustup\*, exchange, face-off, falling, feud, finisher\*, flap, fuss, gin\*, go\*, hassle, knock-down\*, knock down and drag out\*, out, quarrel, rhubarb\*, romp, row, ruckus, ruction, rumpus, run-in, scene, scrap, set-to, shindy\*, spat, squabble, static\*, stew\*, talking heads\*, tiff, words, wrangle; CONCEPT 46

**argument** [n2] *effort to convince; presentation of support* argumentation, assertion, case, claim, contention, debate, defense, discussion, exchange, expostulation, grounds, line of reasoning, logic, plea, pleading, polemic, proof, questioning, reason, reasoning, remonstrance, remonstration; CONCEPT 68

**argumentative** [adj] *wanting to quarrel* belligerent, combative, contentious, contrary, controversial, disputatious, factious, fire-eating, having a chip on one's shoulder\*, litigious, opinionated, pugnacious, quarrelsome, salty, scrappy, spiky, touchy; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** agreeable, complaisant, friendly

**aria** [n] *operatic solo* descant, hymn, song; CONCEPTS 263, 595

**arid** [adj1] *dry* barren, bone-dry, desert, dry as a bone, dry as dust, dusty, moistureless, parched, thirsty, waterless; CONCEPT 603 —**Ant.** damp, humid, moist, wet

**arid** [adj2] *uninterested, spiritless* boring, colorless, drab, dreary, dry, dull, flat, insipid, lackluster, lifeless, tedious, unanimated, uninspired, vapid, wearisome; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** interested, lively, spirited

**arise** [v1] *come into being; proceed* appear, begin, come to light, commence, crop up, derive, emanate, emerge, ensue, flow, follow, happen, head, issue, occur, originate, result, rise, set in, spring, start, stem; CONCEPT 105

**arise** [v2] *get, stand, or go up* ascend, climb, jump, mount, move upward, pile out\*, rise, rise and shine\*, roll out\*, soar, stand, tower, turn out, wake up; CONCEPTS 154, 166 —**Ant.** lay, lie, sit

**aristocracy** [*n*] *privileged class, government elite, gentility, gentry, haut monde, high society, nobility, noblesse, patricians, patriciate, peerage, society, upper class, upper crust\**; CONCEPTS 296,423 —*Ant.* commoners, plebeites, proletariat

**aristocrat** [*n*] *privileged person* blueblood, gentleman, lace curtain\*, noble, patrician, peer, silk stocking, swell\*, upper cruster\*; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* commoner, plebian, proletariat

**aristocratic** [*adj*] *privileged, elegant* aloof, blue-blooded, courtly, dignified, elegant, elite, fine, haughty, noble, patrician, polished, refined, snobbish, stylish, upper-class, well-born, well-bred; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* low-born, low-life, poor, unprivileged, vulgar, wanting

**arithmetic** [*n*] *mathematics* addition, calculation, computation, division, estimation, figuring, multiplication, reckoning, subtraction; CONCEPTS 349,764

**arm** [*n1*] *limb, appendage* bender, bough, bow, branch, fin, flapper, flipper, handle, hook, member, offshoot, projection, prong, rod, stump, wing; CONCEPTS 392,471

**arm** [*n2*] *subdivision, annex* affiliate, authority, block, branch, command, department, detachment, division, ell, extension, force, offshoot, power, projection, section, sector, wing; CONCEPTS 824,835 —*Ant.* body, division, main

**arm** [*n3*] *narrow body of water* branch, brook, channel, creek, estuary, firth, fjord, inlet, rivulet, sound, strait, stream, subdivision, tributary; CONCEPT 514

**arm** [*v*] *equip with weapon or power* accouter, appoint, array, deck, equalize, fortify, furnish, gear, gird, guard, heel\*, heel up\*, issue, load, load up, lug iron\*, make ready, mobilize, outfit, pack, pack a rod\*, prepare, prime, protect, provide, rig, rod up\*, strengthen, supply, tote; CONCEPTS 50,88,182 —*Ant.* disarm

**armada** [*n*] *group of ships or aircraft* fleet, flotilla, force, navy, squadron; CONCEPTS 432,504,506

**armament(s)** [*n*] *weapon(s)* ammunition, arms, defense, gun, hardware, heat\*, material, materiel, munitions, ordnance, protection, security, weaponry; CONCEPT 500

**armed** [*adj*] *with weapon* accoutered, equipped, fitted out, girded, loaded, outfitted, packing\*, steeled, supplied; CONCEPT 182

**armistice** [*n*] *peace-establishing agreement* ceasefire, suspension, treaty, truce; CONCEPTS 230,684 —*Ant.* dispute, fight, war

**armor** [*n*] *protective covering, often made of metal* bulletproof vest, defense, guard, mail, plate, protection, security, sheath, shield; CONCEPTS 451,476

**armory** [*n*] *military building, usually for storing weapons* arsenal, center, depot, dump, factory, headquarters, magazine, plant, range; CONCEPTS 321,439

**arms** [*n1*] *weaponry* accoutrements, armaments, artillery, equipment, firearms, guns, munitions, ordnance, panoply, weapons; CONCEPT 500

**arms** [*n2*] *military crest* blazonry, coat, emblazonry, emblem, ensign, escutcheon, heraldry, insignia, shield, signet; CONCEPTS 284,625

**army** [*n1*] *military force, usually for land* armed force, artillery, battalion, battery, brigade, cavalry, column, command, company, corps, de-

tail, division, flight, formation, infantry, legion, outfit, patrol unit, platoon, regiment, soldiers, soldiery, squad, troops, wing; CONCEPT 322

**army** [*n2*] *group resembling military force* array, cloud, company, crowd, division, flock, horde, host, legion, mob, multitude, outfit, pack, regiment, scores, swarm, throng, unit; CONCEPT 417

**aroma** [*n*] *distinctive smell* balm, bouquet, fragrance, incense, odor, perfume, redolence, scent, spice; CONCEPT 599

**aromatic** [*adj*] *distinctive smelling* ambrosial, balmy, fragrant, odoriferous, perfumed, pungent, redolent, savory, scented, spicy, sweet, sweet-smelling; CONCEPT 598 —*Ant.* acrid, bland, unsavory

**around** [*adv1*] *situated on sides, circumference, or in general area* about, all over, any which way, encompassing, everywhere, in the vicinity, in this area, neighboring, over, throughout; CONCEPT 581

**around** [*adv2*] *close to a place* about, almost, approximately, close at hand, near, nearby; CONCEPT 586

**arouse** [*v*] *excite, entice* agitate, alert, animate, awaken, call, challenge, electrify, enliven, fire up, foment, foster, goad, heat up, incite, inflame, instigate, kindle, move, provoke, rally, rouse, send, spark, spur, stimulate, stir, thrill, turn on, waken, wake up, warm, whet, whip up, work up; CONCEPTS 7,19,22 —*Ant.* bore, calm, lull, quiet

**arraign** [*v*] *accuse* blame, charge, criminate, hang on, incriminate, inculpate, indict, lay at one's door\*, pin it on\*, point the finger at\*, summon; CONCEPTS 44,317 —*Ant.* discharge, exonerate, free, let go

**arraignment** [*n*] *accusation* bill of indictment, charge, citation, denunciation, impeachment, indictment, prosecution, summons, trial; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* acquittal

**arrange** [*v1*] *put in an order* align, array, class, classify, clear the decks, dispose, file, fix up, form, group, line up, methodize, organize, police, police up, position, put in good shape\*, put in order\*, put to rights\*, range, rank, regulate, sort, spruce, spruce up, systematize, tidy, whip into shape\*; CONCEPTS 84,158 —*Ant.* confuse, derange, disarrange, disorder, disorganize, disperse, disturb, mix up, scatter

**arrange** [*v2*] *make plans, often involving agreement* adapt, adjust, agree to, blueprint, chart, come to terms, compromise, concert, construct, contrive, decide, design, determine, devise, direct, draft, establish, frame\*, get act together\*, get ready, hammer out a deal\*, harmonize, iron out\*, lay out, line up, make a connection, make ready, manage, map out, negotiate, organize, prepare, project, promote, provide, pull a wire, pull things together, quarterback\*, resolve, schedule, scheme, set stage, settle, shape up, tailor, work out, work out a deal; CONCEPTS 36,84 —*Ant.* disorganize, not plan

**arrange** [*v3*] *prepare musical composition* differently adapt, instrument, orchestrate, score; CONCEPT 292

**arrangement** [*n1*] *an understanding* adjustment, agreement, compact, compromise, deal, frame-up\*, game plan\*, layout\*, organization, package\*, package deal\*, plan, preparation,

provision, schedule, settlement, setup, terms;  
CONCEPT 684

**arrangement** [n2] *something that has been ordered* alignment, array, classification, combination, composition, design, display, disposition, distribution, form, grouping, lineup, method, ordering, organization, pattern, pecking order\*, ranging, rank, sequence, setup, structure, system; CONCEPTS 84,727

**arrangement** [n3] *musical adaptation* chart, composition, instrumentation, interpretation, lead sheet, orchestration, score, version;  
CONCEPTS 262,595

**arrant** [adj] *flagrant* absolute, blatant, glaring, notorious, out-and-out, unmitigated, unregenerate;  
CONCEPTS 401,545,576

**array** [n1] *collection, considerable group* arrangement, batch, body, bunch, bundle, clump, cluster, design, display, disposition, exhibition, formation, host, lineup, lot, multitude, order, parade, pattern, set, show, supply, throng; CONCEPTS 432,769,787

**array** [n2] *fine clothes* apparel, attire, drapes\*, dress, duds\*, finery, full dress, garb, garments, getup\*, rig\*, threads\*; CONCEPT 451

**array** [v1] *arrange in collection or order* align, display, exhibit, form, group, line up, methodize, organize, parade, range, set, show, systematize; CONCEPT 84

**array** [v2] *dress in fine clothes* attire, bedeck, clothe, deck, deck out, decorate, dog out\*, drape, dud, dude up\*, fit, fit out, garb, outfit, suit up, tog, try on, turn out, wrap; CONCEPT 167

**arrears** [n] *debt* back payment, balance due, claim, debit, deficiency, deficit, liability, obligation, unpaid bill; CONCEPTS 332,335

**arrest** [n1] *taking into custody* accommodation, apprehension, appropriation, bag\*, booby trap\*, bust, captivity, capture, collar, commitment, confinement, constraint, crimp\*, detention, drop\*, fall\*, gaff\*, glom\*, grab\*, heat\*, hook\*, imprisonment, incarceration, jailing, mitt\*, nab\*, nail\*, nick\*, nip\*, pickle\*, pick up\*, pinch\*, preventive custody, protective custody, pull\*, pull in\*, restraining, run in\*, sequestering, snare, sweep\*; CONCEPTS 90,317

**arrest** [n2] *slowing or stopping* blockage, cessation, check, checking, delay, end, halt, hindrance, inhibition, interruption, obstruction, prevention, restraining, restraint, stalling, stay, staying, stoppage, suppression, suspension; CONCEPTS 121,234 —*Ant.* activation, encouragement, letting go, release

**arrest** [v1] *take into authorized custody* apprehend, bag\*, book, brace\*, bust, capture, catch, collar, detain, drop\*, gaff\*, get\*, glom\*, grab\*, hook\*, imprison, incarcerate, jail, kick\*, nab\*, nail\*, net\*, nick\*, pick up\*, pinch\*, pull\*, pull in\*, put the arm on\*, put the cuffs on\*, round up\*, roust\*, run in\*, secure\*, seize\*, sidetrack\*, snag\*, tab\*, tag\*, take in, take prisoner, toss in jail\*; CONCEPTS 90,317

**arrest** [v2] *stop or slow* block, can, check, delay, drop, end, freeze, halt, hinder, hold, inhibit, interrupt, knock off, obstruct, prevent, restrain, restrict, retard, scrub\*, shut down, stall, stay, suppress; CONCEPTS 121,234 —*Ant.* activate, encourage, let go, release

**arrest** [v3] *get someone's attention* absorb,

catch, engage, engross, fascinate, grip;  
CONCEPTS 7,19,22

**arrival** [n1] *coming to a destination* accession, advent, alighting, appearance, approach, arriving, debarkation, disembarkation, dismounting, entrance, happening, homecoming, influx, ingress, landing, meeting, occurrence, return; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* departure, disappearance, leave

**arrival** [n2] *something that makes it to a destination* addition, arriver, caller, cargo, comer, conferee, delegate, delivery, entrant, envoy, freight, guest, mail, newcomer, package, parcel, passenger, representative, shipment, tourist, traveler, visitant, visitor; CONCEPTS 337,423,712

**arrive** [v1] *come to a destination* access, alight, appear, attain, barge in, blow in, bob up\*, breeze in\*, bust in\*, buzz\*, check in\*, clock in\*, disembark, dismount, drop anchor, drop in, enter, fall by, fall in, get to, hit\*, hit town\*, land\*, make it\*, make the scene\*, pop in\*, pop up\*, pull in\*, punch the clock\*, reach, report, roll in\*, show, show up, sign in, sky in\*, take place, turn up, visit, wind up at; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* depart, disappear, go, leave

**arrive** [v2] *achieve recognition* accomplish, become famous, flourish, make good, make it, make the grade, prosper, reach the top, score, succeed, thrive; CONCEPT 706

**arrogance** [n] *exaggerated self-opinion* airs, aloofness, audacity, bluster, braggadocio, brass\*, cheek\*, chutzpah\*, conceit, conceitedness, contemptuousness, crust\*, disdain, disdainfulness, ego, egotism, gall, haughtiness, hauteur, high-handedness, hubris, imperiousness, insolence, loftiness, nerve, ostentation, overbearance, pomposity, pompousness, presumption, pretension, pretentiousness, pride, priggishness, scornfulness, self-importance, self-love, smugness, superciliousness, swagger, vanity; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* humility, meekness, servility

**arrogant** [adj] *having exaggerated self-opinion* aloof, assuming, audacious, autocratic, biggety\*, bossy, bragging, cavalier, cheeky, cocky, cold-shoulder\*, conceited, contemptuous, cool\*, disdainful, domineering, egotistic, haughty, high and mighty\*, high-handed, imperious, insolent, know-it-all\*, lordly, on an ego trip\*, overbearing, peremptory, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, proud, puffed up\*, scornful, self-important, smarty, smug, sniffy\*, snippy\*, snooty\*, snotty\*, stuck up\*, supercilious, superior, swaggering, uppity\*, vain, wise guy\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* humble, meek, servile, unconceited

**arrogate** [v] *claim without justification* accroach, appropriate, assume, commandeer, confiscate, demand, expropriate, preempt, presume, seize, take, usurp; CONCEPTS 142, 266 —*Ant.* appropriate, give, hand over

**arrow** [n] *pointed weapon or symbol* bolt, cursor, dart, indicator, missile, pointer, projectile, shaft; CONCEPT 500

**arsenal** [n] *storage of weapons* armory, depository, depot, dump, factory, magazine, ordnance, plant, repository, stock, stockpile, store, storehouse, supply, warehouse; CONCEPTS 432,439

**arson** [*n*] *intentional burning* firing, incendi-  
arism, pyromania, setting fire, torching, touch-  
ing off; CONCEPT 249

**art** [*n1*] *skill, creativity* adroitness, aptitude,  
artistry, craft, craftsmanship, dexterity, exper-  
tise, facility, imagination, ingenuity, inventive-  
ness, knack, know-how, knowledge, mastery,  
method, profession, trade, virtuosity; CONCEPT  
706 —*Ant.* lack, unskill

**art** [*n2*] *cunning* artfulness, artifice, astuteness,  
canniness, craftiness, deceit, duplicity, guile,  
slyness, trickery, wiliness; CONCEPT 411

**art** [*n3*] *creation meant to communicate or ap-  
peal to senses or mind* abstraction, carving, de-  
scription, design, illustration, imitation,  
modeling, molding, painting, pictorialization,  
portrayal, representation, sculpting, shaping,  
simulation, sketching, symbolization; CONCEPT  
349 —*Ant.* science

**artery** [*n*] *channel* avenue, boulevard, canal,  
conduit, corridor, course, duct, highway, line,  
passage, pathway, road, route, sewer, thorough-  
fare, track, tube, way; CONCEPT 501

**artful** [*adj*] *skillful; cunning* adept, adroit, clever,  
crafty, designing, dexterous, foxy\*, ingenious,  
masterly, politic, proficient, resourceful, schem-  
ing, sharp, shrewd, slick\*, sly, smart, smooth\*,  
tricky, wily; CONCEPTS 404, 528 —*Ant.* artless,  
ingenuous, naive, unskillful

**article** [*n1*] *item, object* commodity, dojigger\*,  
gizmo\*, piece, substance, thing, thingamabob\*,  
thingamajig\*, unit; CONCEPT 433

**article** [*n2*] *piece of writing* beat\*, blurb\*,  
column, commentary, composition, discourse,  
editorial, essay, exposition, feature, item, paper,  
piece, scoop\*, spread, story, theme, think  
piece\*, treatise, write-up; CONCEPTS 270, 271,  
280

**article** [*n3*] *section of document* branch, chapter,  
clause, detail, division, element, head, heading,  
item, matter, paragraph, part, passage, piece,  
point, portion, provision; CONCEPTS 270, 318

**articulate** [*adj*] *clearly, coherently spoken*  
clear, coherent, comprehensible, definite, dis-  
tinct, eloquent, expressive, fluent, intelligible,  
lucid, meaningful, understandable, well-spoken;  
CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* misrepresented, unclear,  
unintelligible

**articulate** [*v1*] *say clearly, coherently* enu-  
ciate, express, mouth, pronounce, say, sound  
off\*, speak, state, talk, utter, verbalize, vocal-  
ize, voice; CONCEPTS 47, 55 —*Ant.* bumble,  
misrepresent, misspeak

**articulate** [*v2*] *connect* concatenate, couple, fit  
together, hinge, integrate, join, link; CONCEPT  
113 —*Ant.* disconnect

**articulation** [*n1*] *clear, coherent speech* deliv-  
ery, diction, enunciation, expression, pronun-  
ciation, saying, speaking, statement, talking,  
utterance, verbalization, vocalization, voicing;  
CONCEPT 55 —*Ant.* mispronunciation

**articulation** [*n2*] *connection* coupling, hinge,  
joining, joint, junction, juncture, unification,  
union; CONCEPT 113 —*Ant.* disconnection

**artifice** [*n1*] *hoax; clever act* con, contrivance,  
device, dodge, expedient, gambit, gimmick\*,  
machination, maneuver, play, plot, racket\*,  
ruse, savvy, scam\*, stratagem, subterfuge, tac-  
tic, wile; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* candor, frankness,

honesty, honor, ingenuousness, innocence,  
openness, reality, sincerity, truthfulness

**artifice** [*n2*] *cunning; deception* artfulness,  
chicanery, craftiness, dishonesty, duplicity,  
guile, scheming, slyness, trickery, wiliness;  
CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* candor, frankness,

honesty, honor, ingenuousness, innocence,  
openness, reality, sincerity, truthfulness  
**artifice** [*n3*] *skill, cleverness* ability, adroitness,  
deftness, facility, finesse, ingenuity, invention,  
inventiveness, know-how\*, skill; CONCEPT  
630 —*Ant.* artlessness, inability, incapacity,  
simplicity, uncleverness

**artificial** [*adj1*] *fake; imitation* bogus, counter-  
feit, ersatz, fabricated, factitious, faked, false,  
falsie\*, hyped up\*, manufactured, mock,  
phony\*, plastic, sham, simulated, specious,  
spurious, substitute, synthetic, unnatural, un-  
real; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* genuine, natural, real

**artificial** [*adj2*] *pretended; affected* assumed,  
contrived, false, feigned, forced, hollow, insin-  
cere, labored, mannered, meretricious, phony\*,  
put-on, spurious, theatrical, unnatural; CONCEPT  
401 —*Ant.* genuine, natural, unaffected, unpre-  
tentious

**artificial intelligence** [*n*] *development of*  
“thinking” computer systems AI, expert  
system, natural language processing, neural  
network, robotics; CONCEPTS 269, 463

**artillery** [*n*] *weaponry or military unit* arms,  
battery, bazooka, big guns\*, cannon, cannony,  
force, gunnery, heavy stuff\*, munitions,  
ordnance, rainmakers\*, stovepipe, weapons;  
CONCEPTS 322, 500

**artist** [*n*] *person skilled in creative activity* arti-  
san, artiste, authority, composer, craftsperson,  
creator, expert, handicrafter, inventor, painter,  
virtuoso, whiz\*; CONCEPT 352 —*Ant.* scientist

**artistic** [*adj1*] *beautiful, satisfying to senses*  
aesthetic, creative, cultivated, cultured, decor-  
ative, dramatic, elegant, exquisite, fine, graceful,  
grand, harmonious, ideal, imaginative, musical,  
ornamental, pictorial, picturesque, pleasing,  
poetic, refined, rhythmical, sensitive, stimulat-  
ing, stylish, sublime, tasteful; CONCEPT 579

—*Ant.* distasteful, horrible, inelegant, ugly

**artistic** [*adj2*] *being skilled in creative activity*  
accomplished, artful, artsy-craftsy\*, arty, crafty,  
discriminating, gifted, imaginative, inventive,  
skillful, talented; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* scientific

**artistry** [*n*] *great skill in creative endeavors*  
ability, accomplishment, artfulness, brilliance,  
craftship, creativity, finesse, flair, genius,  
mastery, proficiency, style, talent, taste, touch,  
virtuosity, workmanship; CONCEPTS 630, 655  
—*Ant.* inability, incapacity, ineptitude

**artless** [*adj*] *simple* direct, genuine, guileless,  
honest, ingenuous, innocent, naive, natural,  
open, plain, pure, sincere, straight, straightfor-  
ward, talking turkey\*, true, unadorned,  
unaffected, uncontrived, unpretentious,  
unsophisticated, up front\*; CONCEPTS 267, 562  
—*Ant.* artful, complicated, contrived, preten-  
tious, sophisticated

**arty** [*adj*] *pretended expertise in art; affected*  
*interest* affected, deceptive, ephemeral, false,  
flaunting, illusory, imitative, overblown,  
popular, popularized, pretentious, pseudo,  
tasteless; CONCEPT 582



**as** [conj1] *while, when* at the time that, during the time that, in the act of, in the process of, just as, on the point of; CONCEPT 544

**as** [conj2] *in the way that; to a degree* acting as, being, by its nature, comparatively, equally, essentially, for instance, functioning as, in the manner that, in the same manner with, just as, just for, like, serving as, similarly, such as; CONCEPT 544

**as** [conj3] *because* as long as, being, cause, considering, for, for the reason that, inasmuch as, now, seeing that, since, whereas; CONCEPT 544

**as** [prep] *in the role of* being, in the character of, under the name of; CONCEPT 544

**ascend** [v] *go up* arise, climb, escalate, float, fly, lift off, mount, move up, rise, scale, soar, sprout, take off, tower; CONCEPTS 149,166  
—*Ant.* decline, descend, go down, lower

**ascendancy/ascendency** [n] *domination* advantage, authority, command, control, dominance, dominion, edge, influence, jump\*, leg up\*, mastery, on top, power, predominance, preeminence, prepotence, prevalence, reign, rule, sovereignty, superiority, supremacy, sway, upper hand\*, whip hand\*; CONCEPTS 376,671  
—*Ant.* decline, inferiority, powerlessness, subordination

**ascension** [n] *going up* ascent, climbing, escalating, flying, mounting, rise, rising, scaling, soaring, towering; CONCEPTS 149,166  
—*Ant.* declension, decline, descendancy

**ascent** [n1] *upward movement* ascendancy, ascending, ascension, clambering, climb, climbing, lift, mounting, rise, rising, scaling, spring, take off; CONCEPT 166 —*Ant.* decline, descent, lowering

**ascent** [n2] *upward slope* acclivity, grade, gradient, incline, ramp, rise; CONCEPTS 738,757 —*Ant.* decline, descent

**ascertain** [v] *make sure* catch on, check, check out\*, check up on\*, confirm, determine, dig\*, discover, divine, double-check\*, establish, eye\*, eyeball\*, find out, fix, get down cold\*, get down pat\*, get hold of\*, get it down\*, get the hang of\*, identify, learn, learn the ropes\*, look-see\*, make certain, make sure, peg\*, pick up\*, pick up on\*, read, see, settle, size, size up\*, tell, verify; CONCEPTS 31,34,38

**ascetic** [adj] *self-denying* abstaining, abstemious, abstinent, austere, disciplined, puritanical, Spartan, strict; CONCEPT 401

**ascribe** [v] *assign to source* accredit, attribute, charge, credit, hang on, impute, lay, pin on\*, refer, reference, set down; CONCEPTS 39,49

**ashamed** [adj] *regretting, remorseful* abashed, apologetic, bashful, blushing, chagrined, compunctious, conscience-stricken, contrite, crestfallen, debased, demeaned, discomfited, disconcerted, distraught, distressed, embarrassed, flustered, guilty, hesitant, humble, humbled, humiliated, meek, mortified, muddled, penitent, regretful, reluctant, repentant, shamed, shamefaced, sheepish, shy, sorry, stammering, stuttering, submissive; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* bold, defiant, immodest, not sorry, shameless, unregretful, unremorseful, unself-conscious

**ashen** [adj] *gray anemic, blanched, cadaverous*, colorless, ghastly, gray, leaden, pale, pallid, pasty, sallow, wan, white; CONCEPT 618

**ash(es)** [n] *remains of burning* charcoal, cinders, dust, embers, powder, relics, remains, ruins, slag, soot; CONCEPT 260

**ashore** [adv] *toward, onto land* from water aground, beached, on dry land, on land, on shore, shorewards; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* asea

**aside** [adv] *away from; to the side* abreast, afar, alone, alongside, apart, away, beside, by oneself, down, in isolation, in reserve, near, nearby, neck and neck, out, out of the way, privately, separately, sidewise; CONCEPT 586 —*Ant.* middle

**aside** [n] *confidential statement* departure, digression, discursion, interpolation, interposition, parenthesis, tangent, throwaway\*; CONCEPT 51

**asinine** [adj] *senseless* absurd, cretinous, daft, foolish, half-witted, idiotic, inane, moronic, silly, sophomoric, stupid; CONCEPTS 402,548

**ask** [v1] *question* buzz\*, canvass, catechize, challenge, cross-examine, demand, direct, enjoin, examine, give the third degree\*, go over, grill\*, hit\*, hunt for\*, inquire, institute, interrogate, investigate, needle\*, pick one's brains\*, pop the question\*, pry into, pump, put the screws to\*, put through the wringer\*, query, quiz, request, roast\*, sweat\*; CONCEPT 48 —*Ant.* answer, claim, command, insist, reply, repudiate, tell

**ask** [v2] *request* angle, appeal, apply, beg, beseech, bite\*, bum\*, call for, charge, claim, command, contend for, crave, demand, entreat, file for, hit\*, hustle\*, implore, impose, knock\*, levy, mooch\*, order, petition, plead, pray, promote\*, request, requisition, seek, solicit, sue, supplicate, touch\*, urge; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* answer, claim, command, insist, tell

**ask** [v3] *invite* bid, call upon, propose, suggest, summon, urge; CONCEPT 75 —*Ant.* disinvite, ignore

**askance** [adv] *sideways* askew, disapprovingly, disdainfully, dubiously, obliquely, sidelong, sideways, skeptically, suspiciously; CONCEPTS 581,583

**askew** [adj] *crooked* askance, askant, aslant, awry, bent, buckled, catawampus\*, cockeyed\*, crookedly, curved, knotted, lopsided, oblique, obliquely, off-center, slanted, slanting, to one side, topsy-turvy\*, turned, twisted, yaw ways\*, zigzag\*; CONCEPT 586

**asleep** [adj] *unconscious* catching some zzz's\*, comatose, conked\*, crashed\*, dormant, dozing, dreaming, flaked out\*, getting shut-eye\*, hibernating, inactive, in dreamland\*, inert, in repose, napping, on the kip\*, out\*, out cold\*, out like a light\*, out of it\*, reposing, resting, sacked out\*, sleeping, slumbering, snoozing, snoring, somnolent, taking forty winks\*; CONCEPTS 210,315,681 —*Ant.* attentive, awake, conscious

**aspect** [n1] *visible feature* air, appearance, attitude, bearing, condition, countenance, demeanor, expression, face, facet, form, look, manner, mien; CONCEPTS 434,628,673

**aspect** [n2] *element to consider* angle, bearing, direction, facet, feature, gimmick, hand, outlook, perspective, phase, point of view, position, prospect, regard, scene, side, situation, slant, switch, twist, view, vista; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* whole

**asperity** [*n*] *harshness; bad temper* acerbity, acrimony, bitterness, churlishness, crabbiness, crossness, difficulty, disagreeableness, irascibility, irritability, meanness, moroseness, peevishness, roughness, sharpness, sourness, sullenness, tartness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* calmness, happiness, kindness, mildness

**aspersion** [*n*] *verbal exhibition of bad temper* abuse, animadversion, backbiting, backhanded compliment, black eye\*, calumny, defamation, detraction, dirty dig\*, hit\*, invective, knock\*, libel, obloquy, put-down\*, rap\*, slam\*, slander, smear\*, vituperation; CONCEPTS 52,54,58 —*Ant.* calmness, happiness, kindness, mildness

**asphyxiate** [*v*] *cut off air* choke, drown, smother, stifle, strangle, strangulate, suffocate; CONCEPTS 121,246 —*Ant.* breathe, loosen

**aspirant** [*n*] *person with wish, dream* applicant, candidate, competitor, contestant, hopeful, postulant, striver, wannabe; CONCEPTS 366,423

**aspiration** [*n*] *goal, hope* aim, ambition, ambitiousness, craving, desire, direction, dream, eagerness, endeavor, fire in the belly\*, hankering, inclination, longing, object, objective, passion, pursuit, push, right stuff\*, urge, vocation, wish, work, yearning; CONCEPTS 20,659

**aspire** [*v*] *aim, hope* be ambitious, be eager, crave, desire, dream, hanker, long, pursue, seek, strive, struggle, try, want, wish, yearn; CONCEPT 20

**aspiring** [*adj*] *hopeful* ambitious, aspirant, eager, eager beaver\*, endeavoring, enthusiastic, impassioned, longing, on the make\*, striving, wishful, would-be, zealous; CONCEPT 403

**ass** [*n*] *stupid person* blockhead\*, dolt, donkey\*, dope, dunce, fool, idiot, imbecile, jackass\*, jerk\*, nitwit\*, numbskull\*, simpleton\*, twit\*; CONCEPT 412

**assail** [*v*] *attack, usually with words* abuse, assault, bash, berate, beset, blast, blister, bust, charge, come at, criticize, encounter, have at\*, impugn, invade, lambaste, lay into\*, malign, maltreat, molest, revile, set upon\*, trash\*, vilify, work over; CONCEPTS 52,86

**assailant** [*n*] *attacker* aggressor, antagonist, assaulter, bushwhacker\*, enemy, foe, goon\*, hit person, invader, mugger, opposite number\*, trigger person; CONCEPT 412

**assassin** [*n*] *murderer of prominent or important person* butcher\*, clipper\*, dropper\*, eliminator, enforcer, executioner, guerrilla\*, gun\*, gun person, hatchet person, hit person, killer, liquidator, piece person\*, plucker\*, slayer, soldier, torpedo\*, trigger person; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* victim

**assassinate** [*v*] *murder prominent or important person* bump off\*, do in\*, eliminate, execute, gun down, hit, kill, knock off\*, liquidate, slaughter, slay; CONCEPT 252

**assault** [*n*] *attack* advance, aggression, charge, incursion, invasion, offensive, onset, onslaught, rape, storm, storming, strike, violation; CONCEPT 86

**assault** [*v*] *attack* abuse, advance, assail, bash, beset, blast, blitz, bushwhack, charge, come down on\*, go for, haul off on\*, invade, jump, jump down one's throat\*, jump on one's case\*, lay into, let have it\*, light into\*, rape, ruin, set

upon, shoot down, slam, slap around, storm, strike, trash, violate, work over, zap\*;

CONCEPTS 52,86

**assay** [*n*] *analysis* appraisal, assessment, estimation, evaluation, examination, inspection, investigation, measurement, rating, survey, test, trial, valuation; CONCEPTS 24,103,290

**assay** [*v*] *analyze* appraise, apprise, assess, check, check out, estimate, evaluate, examine, eyeball\*, inspect, investigate, measure, peg\*, prove, rate, read, see, size, size up\*, survey, test, try, valueate, value, weigh; CONCEPTS 24,103

**assemblage** [*v*] *gathering of people* aggregation, assembly, association, collection, company, congregation, convergence, crowd, group, throng; CONCEPT 417 —*Ant.* dispersal, scattering

**assemble** [*v1*] *congregate* accumulate, agglomerate, amass, bring together, bunch, bunch up, call, call together, capture\*, collect, come together, convene, convoke, corral\*, flock, gang up\*, gather, group, hang around\*, hang out\*, huddle, lump, make the scene\*, meet, meet up, mobilize, muster, rally, reunite, round up, scare up\*, summon, unite; CONCEPT 114 —*Ant.* disperse, scatter

**assemble** [*v2*] *put together* compile, connect, construct, contrive, erect, fabricate, fashion, fit, form, join, make, manufacture, model, mold, piece together, produce, set up, shape, unite, weld; CONCEPT 113 —*Ant.* divide, separate, take apart

**assembly** [*n1*] *congregation* accumulation, aggregation, assemblage, association, band, body, bunch, clambake\*, cluster, coffee klatch\*, collection, company, conclave, confab\*, conference, convocation, council, crew, crowd, faction, flock, gathering, get-together\*, group, huddle, mass, meet\*, meeting, multitude, rally, sit-in\*, throng, turnout\*; CONCEPTS 381,432

**assembly** [*n2*] *putting together* adjustment, attachment, building, collection, connecting, construction, erection, fabrication, fitting together, joining, manufacture, manufacturing, modeling, molding, piecing together, setting up, shaping, welding; CONCEPT 113

**assent** [*n*] *agreement* acceptance, accession, accord, acknowledgment, acquiescence, admission, affirmation, approval, authorization, compliance, concurrence, consent, nod, permission, sanction; CONCEPTS 8,684 —*Ant.* disagreement, dissent, rejection

**assent** [*v*] *agree* accede, accept, accord, acquiesce, adopt, allow, approve, buy, cave in\*, comply, concur, conform, consent, cut a deal\*, defer, ditto\*, embrace, espouse, give five\*, give in, go along with, grant, knuckle under\*, okay\*, pass on\*, permit, recognize, sanction, say uncle\*, shake on\*, subscribe; CONCEPT 8 —*Ant.* disagree, disallow, disapprove, dissent, reject

**assert** [*v*] *insist, declare, maintain* advance, affirm, allege, argue, assertive, attest, aver, avouch, avow, butt in\*, cite, claim, contend, defend, horn in, justify, mouth off\*, pop off\*, predicate, press, proclaim, profess, pronounce, protest, put forward, say, shoot off one's mouth\*, shoot one's wad\*, stand up for, state, stress, swear, uphold, vindicate, warrant; CONCEPT 49 —*Ant.* deny, reject

**assertion** [*n*] *declaration, positive statement* affirmation, allegation, assertion, attestation, avowal, contention, defense, insistence, maintenance, mouthful, okay, predication, profession, pronouncement, report, say so\*, stamp of approval, stressing, two cents' worth\*, vindication; CONCEPTS 49,278 —*Ant.* denial, rejection

**assertive** [*adj*] *aggressive* absolute, assured, certain, confident, decided, decisive, demanding, dogmatic, domineering, emphatic, firm, forceful, forward, insistent, militant, overbearing, positive, pushy, self-assured, self-confident, strong-willed, sure; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* diffident, quiet, shy, unconfident

**assess** [*v1*] *evaluate, determine* appraise, apprise, assay, check\*, check out\*, compute, determine, dig it\*, estimate, figure\*, fix, gauge, guess, judge, nick\*, peg\*, rate, reckon, set, size\*, size up, survey, take measure\*, value, value, weigh; CONCEPT 24

**assess** [*v2*] *assign fee, amount charge, demand, evaluate, exact, fix, impose, levy, rate, tax, value*; CONCEPT 330

**assessment** [*n1*] *evaluation* appraisal, computation, determination, estimate, estimation, judgment, rating, reckoning, valuation, value judgment; CONCEPT 24

**assessment** [*n2*] *assignment of fee, amount appraisal, charge, demand, duty, estimate, fee, levy, rate, rating, tariff, tax, taxation, toll, valuation*; CONCEPT 332

**asset** [*n1*] *advantage* aid, benefit, blessing, boon, credit, distinction, help, resource, service, treasure; CONCEPT 661 —*Ant.* disadvantage, liability

**asset(s)** [*n2*] *property or money possessed* ace in the hole\*, ace up sleeve\*, backing, bankroll, budget, capital, credit, equity, estate, funds, goods, holdings, kitty\*, mattress\*, means, nest egg\*, nut\*, possessions, rainy day\*, reserve(s), resources, riches, sock\*, something put aside, something put away, stake, stash\*, stuff, valuables, wealth; CONCEPTS 332,340,710 —*Ant.* liability

**assiduous** [*adj*] *hard-working* active, attentive, busy, constant, diligent, eager beaver\*, exacting, grinding, indefatigable, industrious, laborious, persevering, plugging, scrupulous, sedulous, steady, studious, unflagging, untiring, whiz, zealous; CONCEPTS 538,542 —*Ant.* lazy, neglectful, negligent

**assign** [*v1*] *select and give a responsibility* accredited, allow, appoint, ascribe, attach, attribute, authorize, cast, charge, choice, commission, commit, credit, delegate, deputize, designate, downlink, download, draft, elect, empower, enroll, entrust, hang on\*, hire, hold responsible, impute, name, nominate, ordain, pin on\*, refer, reference, select, slot, tab, tag; CONCEPTS 41,50,88

**assign** [*v2*] *set apart for a reason* allocate, allot, appoint, apportion, appropriate, consign, designate, detail, determine, dish out\*, distribute, divide, earmark, fix, fork out\*, give, grant, hand out\*, hand over, indicate, mete, prescribe, relegate, shell out\*, specify, stipulate; CONCEPTS 129,135 —*Ant.* keep

**assignation** [*n*] *clandestine meeting* affair, appointment, date, engagement, heavy date\*,

illicit meeting, love nest\*, one-night stand\*, quickie\*, rendezvous, secret meeting, tryst; CONCEPTS 375,386

**assignment** [*n1*] *responsibility, task* appointment, beat, charge, chore, commission, drill, duty, homework, job, mission, position, post, practice, stint; CONCEPT 362

**assignment** [*n2*] *selecting or setting apart* allocation, allotment, appointment, apportionment, appropriation, ascription, assignation, attribution, authorization, choice, consignment, delegation, designation, determination, distribution, giving, grant, nomination, selection, specification, stipulation; CONCEPTS 41,129 —*Ant.* keeping

**assimilate** [*v1*] *absorb mentally* comprehend, digest, grasp, incorporate, ingest, learn, osmore, sense, soak up, take in, take up, understand; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misunderstand, reject, unlearn

**assimilate** [*v2*] *become adjusted; adjust* acclimatize, accommodate, acculturate, accustom, adapt, become like, become similar, bend in, conform, fit, go native\*, homogenize, homologize, intermix, match, mingle, parallel, standardize; CONCEPTS 232,701 —*Ant.* not adapt

**assist** [*n*] *help* abetment, aid, assistance, backing, benefit, boost, collaboration, comfort, compensation, cooperation, facilitation, furtherance, hand, helping hand, lift, reinforcement, relief, service, support; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* hindrance, hurt, stop, stoppage, thwarting

**assist** [*v*] *help* abet, aid, back, bail out, benefit, boost, collaborate, cooperate, do for\*, expedite, facilitate, further, give a boost\*, give a leg up\*, give a lift\*, go down the line for\*, go for, go to bat for\*, go with, grease the wheels\*, hype\*, lend a hand\*, make a pitch for\*, open doors\*, plug\*, puff\*, push\*, put on the map\*, reinforce, relieve, ride shotgun\*, root for\*, run interference for\*, serve, stand up for, stump\*, support, sustain, take care of, thump\*, work for, work with; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* hinder, hurt, stop, thwart

**assistance** [*n*] *help* abetment, aid, assist, backing, benefit, boost, collaboration, comfort, compensation, cooperation, facilitation, furtherance, hand, help, helping hand, lift, reinforcement, relief, service, support, sustenance; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* hindrance, hurt, injury, stop, stoppage

**assistant** [*n*] *helper* abettor, accessory, accomplice, adherent, adjunct, aide, ally, appointee, apprentice, associate, attendant, auxiliary, backer, backup\*, coadjutant, coadjutor, collaborator, colleague, companion, confederate, cooperater, deputy, fellow worker, flunky\*, follower, friend, gofer\*, help, helpmate, mate, partner, patron, peon\*, representative, right-hand person, secretary, subordinate, supporter, temp\*, temporary worker; CONCEPTS 348,423

**associate** [*n*] *colleague* accessory, accomplice, affiliate, aid, ally, assistant, auxiliary, branch, buddy, chum, clubber\*, cohort, collaborator, companion, compatriot, comrade, confederate, consort, cooperater, co-worker, cronie, fellow, friend, helper, joiner, kissing cousin, mate, offshoot, one of the folks\*, pal, pard\*, partner, peer, playmate, sidekick; CONCEPTS 348,423 —*Ant.* antagonist, competitor, enemy, foe, opponent, rival, stranger

**associate** [v1] *connect in the mind* affiliate, blend, bracket, combine, concord, conjoin, correlate, couple, group, identify, join, league, link, lump together, mix, pair, relate, think of together, unite, yoke; **CONCEPT 39** —**Ant.** disconnect, disjoin, dissociate, disunite, divide, part, separate, sever

**associate** [v2] *befriend* accompany, amalgamate, be friends, be in cahoots\*, buddy up, bunch up, come together, confederate, consort, fraternize, gang up, get in on, get into, get in with, get together, go along with, go partners\*, hang around, hang out, hang out with\*, hobnob, join, join up with, line up with, mingle, mix, pal up, play footsie with\*, pool, run around with, run with, string along with, swing with, take up with, team up, throw in together, tie in, tie up, truck with, work with; **CONCEPTS 114,384** —**Ant.** avoid, disassociate, disjoin, disunite, divorce

**association** [n1] *group with common interest or pursuit* affiliation, alliance, band, bunch, circle, clan, clique, club, coalition, combination, combo, company, confederacy, confederation, congress, cooperative, corporation, crew, crowd, family, federation, fellowship, fraternity, gang, guild, hookup\*, league, mob, order, organization, outfit, partnership, pool, rat pack\*, ring, society, sodality, sorority, syndicate, tie-in, tie-up, tribe, troops, troupe, union, zoo\*; **CONCEPTS 323,325,387**

**association** [n2] *friendship* acquaintance, acquaintanceship, affiliation, agreement, assistance, camaraderie, companionship, comradeship, conjunction, cooperation, familiarity, fellowship, fraternization, frequenting, friendliness, hookup\*, intimacy, membership, participation, partnership, relation, relationship; **CONCEPTS 387,388** —**Ant.** aloneness, antagonism, disunion, isolation, opposition, rivalry, seclusion, separation, solitude

**association** [n3] *mental connection* bond, combination, concomitance, concordance, connotation, correlation, identification, impression, joining, juxtaposition, linkage, linking, lumping together, mixing, mixture, pairing, recollection, relation, remembrance, tie, train of thought, union; **CONCEPT 39** —**Ant.** disassociation, division, separation

**assorted** [adj] *various* different, diverse, diversified, heterogeneous, hybrid, indiscriminate, miscellaneous, mixed, motley, sundry, varied, variegated; **CONCEPT 564** —**Ant.** same

**assortment** [n] *variety* array, choice, collection, combination, combo, diversity, garbage, group, hodgepodge, jumble, kind, medley, mélange, miscellany, mishmash, mixed bag, mixture, potpourri, selection, sort; **CONCEPTS 432,665**

**assuage** [v] *soothe, relieve* allay, alleviate, appease, calm, compose, conciliate, cool\*, ease, fill, lessen, lighten, lull, make nice\*, mitigate, moderate, mollify, pacify, palliate, placate, pour oil on\*, propitiate, quench, quiet, sate, satisfy, soften, still, surfeit, sweeten, take the edge off\*, take the sting out\*, temper, tranquilize; **CONCEPTS 7,2,244** —**Ant.** exacerbate, upset

**assume** [v1] *believe, take for granted* accept, ascertain, be afraid, be inclined to think, conclude, conjecture, consider, count upon, deduce,

deem, divine, estimate, expect, fall for, fancy, find, gather, get the idea\*, guess, have a hunch\*, have sneaking suspicion, hypothesize, imagine, infer, judge, posit, postulate, predicate, presume, presuppose, speculate, suppose, surmise, suspect, theorize, think, understand; **CONCEPTS 12,26** —**Ant.** doubt, not believe

**assume** [v2] *take, undertake* accept, acquire, appropriate, arrogate, attend to, begin, confiscate, don, embark upon, embrace, enter upon, seize, set about, take on, take over, take up; **CONCEPTS 87,142** —**Ant.** not do

**assume** [v3] *pretend* act, adopt, affect, bluff, counterfeit, fake, feign, imitate, impersonate, mimic, pretend, put on, simulate; **CONCEPT 59**

**assume** [v4] *adopt, acquire* annex, appropriate, arrogate, borrow, clap hands on\*, commandeer, confiscate, expropriate, get fingers on\*, get hands on\*,glom onto\*, grab, grab hold of\*, hijack, kipe\*, liberate, moonlight requisition\*, preempt, seize, snatch, swipe, take over, usurp; **CONCEPTS 139,142** —**Ant.** leave, let alone, not take

**assumed** [adj1] *pretended* affected, artificial, bogus, counterfeit, fake, false, feigned, fictitious, imitation, made-up, make-believe, phony, pretended, put-on, sham, simulated, spurious; **CONCEPT 582** —**Ant.** genuine, natural, real

**assumed** [adj2] *expected* accepted, conjectured, connoted, counted on, given, granted, hypothesized, hypothetical, inferred, postulated, presumed, presupposed, supposed, suppositional, surmised, tacit, taken as known, taken for granted, understood; **CONCEPTS 403,689** —**Ant.** unassumed, unexpected

**assuming** [adj] *presumptuous, arrogant* bold, conceited, disdainful, domineering, egotistic, forward, haughty, imperious, overbearing, pushy, rude; **CONCEPT 404** —**Ant.** doubting, unassuming

**assumption** [n1] *taking something for granted; something expected* acceptance, accepting, assuming, belief, conjecture, expectation, fancy, guess, hunch, hypothesis, inference, posit, postulate, postulation, premise, presumption, presupposition, shot\*, shot in the dark\*, sneaking suspicion, stab, supposal, supposition, surmise, suspicion, theorization, theory; **CONCEPT 689** —**Ant.** doubt, unexpected

**assumption** [n2] *assuming possession, power* acceptance, accepting, acquisition, adoption, appropriation, arrogation, assuming, embracing, grab, seizure, shouldering, takeover, taking, taking on, taking up, undertaking, usurpation; **CONCEPTS 129,142**

**assumption** [n3] *arrogance* brass\*, chutzpah\*, cockiness, conceit, impiousness, insolence, nerve, presumption, pride, sass\*, self-importance; **CONCEPT 411** —**Ant.** genuineness, naturalness, reality, realness

**assurance** [n1] *statement to relieve doubt* affirmation, assertion, declaration, guarantee, insurance, lock\*, lock on\*, oath, pledge, profession, promise, rain or shine\*, security, shoo-in\*, support, sure thing\*, vow, warrant, warranty, word, word of honor; **CONCEPTS 71,278** —**Ant.** distrust, doubt

**assurance** [n2] *confidence* aggressiveness, aplomb, arrogance, assuredness, audacity,

boldness, bravery, certainty, certitude, conviction, coolness, courage, effrontery, faith, firmness, impudence, nerve, poise, positiveness, presumption, security, self-confidence, self-reliance, sureness, surety, temerity, trust; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* confusion, distrust, doubt, fear, hesitancy, misgiving, shyness, uncertainty

**assure** [v1] *convince, relieve doubt* bag\*, bet on\*, comfort, encourage, hearten, inspire, persuade, reassure, satisfy, sell\*, sell on\*, soothe; CONCEPT 68

**assure** [v2] *promise* affirm, attest, aver, brace up, buck up, certify, confirm, give one's word, guarantee, pledge, swear, vouch for, vow; CONCEPT 71

**assure** [v3] *make certain* cinch, clinch, complete, confirm, ensure, guarantee, have a lock on\*, ice\*, insure, lock, lock on, lock up, make sure, nail down\*, put on ice\*, seal, secure, set; CONCEPTS 36,91

**assured** [adj1] *absolutely certain* beyond doubt, cinched, clear-cut, clinched, confirmed, decided, definite, dependable, ensured, fixed, guaranteed, indubitable, insured, in the bag\*, irrefutable, made certain, nailed down\*, on ice\*, pronounced, racked\*, sealed, secure, set, settled, sewed up\*, sure, surefire, undoubted, unquestionable; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* doubted, doubtful, feared, uncertain

**assured** [adj2] *confident* assertive, audacious, bold, brazen, certain, cocksure\*, collected, complacent, composed, confident, cool, gung ho\*, gutsy\*, high\*, imperturbable, overconfident, poised, positive, puffed up\*, pumped up\*, pushy, rosy\*, sanguine, secure, self-assured, self-confident, self-possessed, sure, unflappable, unhesitating, upbeat\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* confused, dismayed, distrustful, doubtful, doubting, fearful, hesitant, nervous

**astern** [adv] *backward* abaft, aft, rear, rearward; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* forward

**astonish** [v] *surprise* amaze, astound, bewilder, blow away\*, blow one's mind\*, boggle, bowl over\*, confound, daze, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor\*, knock over\*, overwhelm, put one away\*, shock, spring on, stagger, startle, stun, stupefy, take aback, throw a curve\*; CONCEPT 42 —*Ant.* bore, calm, expect

**astonishing** [adj] *surprising* amazing, astounding, bewildering, breathtaking, extraordinary, impressive, marvelous, miraculous, spectacular, staggering, startling, striking, stunning, stupefying, stupendous, wonderful, wondrous; CONCEPTS 547,572 —*Ant.* boring, dull, expected

**astonishment** [n] *state of surprise* amazement, astoundment, awe, bewilderment, confusion, consternation, dumbfoundment, one for the books\*, shock, something else\*, stunner, stupefaction, wonder, wonderment; CONCEPTS 230,410 —*Ant.* dullness, expectation, unexcitement

**astound** [v] *amaze* astonish, bewilder, blow away, bowl over\*, confound, confuse, daze, dumbfound, flabbergast, knock over with feather\*, overwhelm, shock, stagger, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise, take aback; CONCEPT 42 —*Ant.* bore, dull

**astounding** [adj] *amazing* astonishing, breathtaking, confounding, eye-popping\*, mind-

blowing\*, mind-boggling\*, overwhelming, shocking, startling, stupefying, surprising, wondrous; CONCEPTS 548,571

**astray** [adj] *off the path or right direction* adrift, afield, amiss, awry, gone, lost, off, off course, off the mark, roaming, straying, vanished, wandering, wrong; CONCEPTS 545,581 —*Ant.* on course, right, straight

**astride** [adj] *with a leg on either side* astraddle, athwart, on the back of, piggyback, sitting on, straddling; CONCEPT 583

**astringing** [adj] *harsh* acetic, acrid, biting, bitter, cutting, sharp, tonic; CONCEPTS 598,613 —*Ant.* bland, mild

**astrology** [n] *prophesy of the future by observation of stars and planets* astrology, horoscope; CONCEPT 70

**astronaut** [n] *space explorer* cosmonaut, moonwalker, pilot, rocketeer, rocket scientist, space person, star person; CONCEPT 348

**astronomical** [adj] *huge* astronomic\*, colossal, considerable, enormous, epic, gigantic, ginormous\*, humongous\*, jumbo, mammoth, massive, mega\*, monster\*, monumental, prodigious, sizeable, tremendous, vast, very big, very large, whopping\*; CONCEPT 771 —*Ant.* insignificant, small

**astronomy** [n] *study of the stars and planets other than Earth* astrochemistry, astrography, astrolithology, astrology, astrophysics, selenology, sky-watching, stargazing, uranology; CONCEPT 349

**astute** [adj] *perceptive* adroit, brainy, bright, calculating, canny, clever, crafty, discerning, foxy, insightful, intelligent, keen, knowing, not born yesterday\*, on the ball\*, perspicacious, quick on the uptake\*, sagacious, savvy, sharp, sharp as a tack\*, shrewd, sly; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* asinine, idiotic, ignorant, imbecile, obtuse, shallow, stupid, thick, unintelligent

**asunder** [adv] *apart; into pieces* disconnected, disjoined, divided, in half, loose, separated, split, torn, to shreds; CONCEPT 785 —*Ant.* together

**asylum** [n1] *refuge* cover, den, harbor, haven, hideaway, hideout, hole, ivory tower\*, port, preserve, refuge, retreat, safe house, safety, sanctuary, security, shelter; CONCEPTS 435,515

**asylum** [n2] *psychiatric hospital* institution, loony bin\*, madhouse\*, mental hospital, mental institution, sanatorium; CONCEPTS 312,439,516

**asymmetrical** [adj] *uneven* awry, crooked, disproportional, gibbous, lacking correspondence, not proportionate, not uniform, unbalanced, unequal, unsymmetrical; CONCEPTS 480,566,606

**at** [prep] *about; in the direction of* appearing in, by, found in, in the vicinity of, near to, on, placed at, situated at, through, toward; CONCEPTS 581,583,799

**atheism** [n] *belief that no God exists* disbelief, doubt, freethinking, godlessness, heresy, iconoclasm, impiety, infidelity, irreligion, irreverence, nihilism, nonbelief, paganism, skepticism, unbelief; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* belief, godliness, piety, religion

**atheist** [n] *nonbeliever* agnostic, free thinker, heathen, infidel, irreligionist, pagan, skeptic; CONCEPTS 361,423

**athlete** [n] *person involved in sports* amateur, animal, challenger, competitor, contender, contestant, games player, gorilla\*, iron person\*, jock, jockey, muscle person\*, player, professional, shoulders, sport, sports person, super-jock\*; CONCEPT 366

**athletic** [adj1] *agile; prepared to participate in sports* able-bodied, active, brawny, energetic, fit, lusty, muscular, powerful, robust, strapping, strong, sturdy, vigorous; CONCEPTS 406,489 —*Ant.* unathletic

**athletic** [adj2] *relating to sports* competitive, contesting, exercise-related, recreational, sporting, team; CONCEPT 536

**athletics** [n] *sports* contest, drill, events, exercises, games, practice, races, recreation, workout; CONCEPT 363

**atmosphere** [n1] *gases around the earth* air, envelope, heavens, pressure, sky, substratosphere, troposphere; CONCEPT 437

**atmosphere** [n2] *general feeling or mood* air, ambience, aura, background, character, climate, color, environment, feel, feeling, flavor, impression, local color, medium, mood, place, property, quality, scene, semblance, sense, space, spirit, surroundings, taste, tone; CONCEPT 673

**atom** [n] *smallest part of something* bit, crumb, dot, fragment, grain, iota, jot, minimum, mite, modicum, molecule, morsel, mote, ounce, particle, scintilla, scrap, shred, smidgen, speck, spot, tittle, trace, whit; CONCEPT 831

**atom bomb** [n] *nuclear weapon* A-bomb, backpack nuke\*, doomsday machine\*, fission bomb, H-bomb, hydrogen bomb, neutron bomb, nuclear bomb, nuke\*, thermonuclear weapon; CONCEPT 500

**atomic** [adj1] *tiny* diminutive, fragmentary, granular, microscopic, minute; CONCEPT 773

**atomic** [adj2] *nuclear* atom-powered, fissionable, thermonuclear; CONCEPT 485

**atone** [v] *compensate; make amends for former misdoing* absolve, answer, apologize, appease, balance, correct, counterbalance, do penance, expiate, make amends, make redress, make reparation, make up for, offset, outweigh, pay, pay one's dues\*, propitiate, recompense, reconcile, redeem, redress, repair, set off, square, take one's medicine\*; CONCEPTS 108,126

**atonement** [n] *compensation* amends, expiation, indemnification, payment, penance, propitiation, recompense, redemption, redress, reparation, restitution, satisfaction; CONCEPTS 126,337

**atrocious** [adj1] *outrageous; widely condemned* awful, bad, barbaric, beastly, desperate, diabolical, fiendish, flagrant, godawful\*, grody\*, gross\*, hairy\*, heinous, lousy, monstrous, nefarious, rotten, scandalous, shocking, villainous, wicked; CONCEPTS 545,571

**atrocious** [adj2] *offensive* appalling, awful, bad, beastly, detestable, disgusting, dreadful, execrable, foul, godawful\*, grody\*, gross\*, horrible, horrid, horrifying, icky\*, loathsome, noisome, obscene, repulsive, rotten, sickening, terrible; CONCEPTS 548,571 —*Ant.* inoffensive

**atrociousness** [n] *outrageous behavior* atrociousness, barbarity, barbarousness, enormity, fiendishness, heinousness, horror, monstrousness, nefariousness, shockingness, villainous-

ness, wickedness; CONCEPTS 411,657

—*Ant.* good behavior, pleasantry

**atrociousness** [n2] *crudeness, offensiveness; widely condemned action* abomination, barbarity, brutality, crime, enormity, evil, horror, infamy, inhumanity, iniquity, monstrosity, offense, outrage, ruthlessness, savagery, viciousness, wrong; CONCEPTS 29,645 —*Ant.* kindness, pleasantness

**atrophy** [n] *wasting away, disintegration* decline, degeneracy, degeneration, deterioration, diminution, downfall, downgrade; CONCEPTS 674,698

**attach** [v1] *join, fasten* add, adhere, affix, annex, append, bind, connect, couple, fix, hitch on, hitch up, hook on, hook up, latch onto, link, make fast, prefix, rivet, secure, slap on\*, stick, tag on\*, tie, unite; CONCEPTS 85,113,160 —*Ant.* detach, disconnect, disjoin, remove, separate, sever, unfasten

**attach** [v2] *socially join* accompany, affiliate, associate, become associated with, combine, enlist, join forces with, latch onto\*, sign on with, sign up with, unite with; CONCEPT 114 —*Ant.* disjoin, disunite, divorce

**attach** [v3] *attribute, ascribe* allocate, allot, appoint, assign, associate, connect, consign, designate, detail, earmark, impute, invest with, lay, name, place, put, second, send; CONCEPTS 62,73 —*Ant.* disunite, take away

**attachment** [n1] *fastening* adapter, bond, clamp, connection, connector, coupling, fastener, joint, junction, link, tie; CONCEPT 471

**attachment** [n2] *something joined, fastened to another* accessory, accoutrement, adapter, addition, adjunct, annex, appendage, appurtenance, auxiliary, extension, extra, fitting, fixture, part, supplement; CONCEPT 824

**attachment** [n3] *affection, high regard* affinity, amore, attraction, bond, case, crush, devotion, fidelity, fondness, friendship, hankering\*, liking, love, loyalty, partiality, possessiveness, regard, shine\*, tenderness, weakness, yen\*; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* alienation, animosity, aversion, dislike, divorce, enmity, estrangement, hate, hatred, opposition

**attack** [n1] *physical assault* advance, aggression, assailing, assaillment, barrage, blitz, blitzkrieg, charge, defilement, dirty deed\*, drive, encounter, encroachment, foray, incursion, initiative, inroad, intervention, intrusion, invasion, irruption, mugging, offense, offensive, onrush, onset, onslaught, outbreak, push, raid, rape, rush, skirmish, storming, strike, thrust, violation, volley; CONCEPT 86 —*Ant.* aid, defense, flight, protection, resistance, retreat, shelter, shield, support, surrender, sustenance

**attack** [n2] *verbal assault* abuse, aggression, belligerence, blame, calumny, censure, combativeness, criticism, denigration, denunciation, impugment, libel, pugnacity, slander, vilification; CONCEPTS 52,54 —*Ant.* defense, reprisal, resistance, retreat, submission, surrender

**attack** [n3] *sudden dysfunction or disorder* access, ailment, bout, breakdown, convulsion, disease, failure, fit, illness, paroxysm, relapse, seizure, spasm, spell, stroke, throes; CONCEPT 308 —*Ant.* health

**attack** [v1] *assault physically* advance, aggress,

ambush, assail, assault, bash, bat, bean\*, beat, beset, besiege, biff\*, blast, blister, boff\*, bombard, boot\*, bop\*, brain\*, bust, charge, chop down, clip, clock\*, club, combat, cook\*, harm, hit, hurt, infiltrate, invade, jump, kick, knock block off\*, knock cold\*, knock for a loop\*, larrup\*, lay siege to, light into\*, molest, mug, overwhelm, pounce upon, punch, raid, rush, set upon, slog, soak, stab, storm, strike, take the offensive, turn on, wallop\*, whop\*; **CONCEPT 86** —**Ant.** aid, defend, protect, resist, retreat, shelter, shield, submit, support, surrender, sustain

**attack** [v2] *assault verbally* abuse, berate, blame, blitz, censure, criticize, impugn, jump down one's throat\*, jump on one's case\*, lay into, malign, refute, reprove, revile, shoot down\*, stretch, vilify; **CONCEPTS 52,54** —**Ant.** defend, resist, submit, withstand

**attack** [v3] *set to work* buckle down\*, deal with, dive into, plunge into, set to, start in on, tackle, take up, tear into\*; **CONCEPT 112** —**Ant.** be lazy, slough off

**attacker** [n] *aggressor* assailant, assaulter, mugger, raider, traducer; **CONCEPT 412**

**attain** [v] *achieve, accomplish* accede to, acquire, arrive, arrive at, bring off, come through, complete, cop\*, earn, effect, fulfill, gain, get\*, get fat\*, get hands on, get there, glom onto\*, grasp, hit, latch onto, make it, obtain, procure, promote, pull off\*, rack up, reach, realize, reap, score, secure, snag, succeed, unzip\*, win; **CONCEPTS 120,706** —**Ant.** abandon, desert, fail, forfeit, give in, give up, lose, miss, surrender

**attainable** [adj] *within reach; achievable* accessible, accomplishable, at hand, available, cherry pie\*, duck soup\*, easy, feasible, gettable, likely, no problem\*, no sweat\*, obtainable, piece of cake\*, possible, potential, practicable, probable, procurable, reachable, realizable, securable; **CONCEPTS 528,552** —**Ant.** unachievable, unattainable, unreachable

**attainment** [n] *achievement, accomplishment* acquirement, acquisition, arrival, completion, feat, finish, fulfillment, gaining, getting, obtaining, procurement, reaching, realization, reaping, securing, succeeding, winning; **CONCEPT 706** —**Ant.** failure, forfeit, loss, miss, surrender

**attempt** [n] *try, effort* all one's got\*, attack, bid\*, crack\*, dry run\*, endeavor, exertion, experiment, fling, go, header\*, lick\*, one's all, one's darnedest\*, one's level best\*, pursuit, shot, stab, striving, struggle, trial, try, tryout, undertaking, venture, whack\*, workout; **CONCEPT 87** —**Ant.** certainty, laziness, success

**attempt** [v] *try, make effort* aim, attack, do level best\*, endeavor, essay, exert oneself, experiment, give a fling\*, give a whirl\*, give best shot\*, give it a go\*, give it a try\*, give old college try\*, go the limit\*, have a crack\*, have a go at\*, make a run at\*, pursue, push, seek, shoot the works\*, solicit, strive, tackle, take a stab at\*, take best shot\*, take on, try one's hand at\*, undertake, venture; **CONCEPT 87** —**Ant.** be lazy

**attend** [v1] *be present* at appear, be a guest, be at, be present, be there, bob up\*, catch, check in, clock in\*, come to light\*, drop in, frequent, go to, haunt, make an appearance, make it\*, make the scene\*, pop up\*, punch in\*, punch the

clock\*, ring in\*, show, show up, sit in on, time in, turn up, visit; **CONCEPT 114** —**Ant.** be absent

**attend** [v2] *care for* be in the service of, doctor, do for, look after, mind, minister to, nurse, serve, take care of, tend, wait upon, watch, work for; **CONCEPT 110** —**Ant.** ignore, neglect

**attend** [v3] *pay attention; apply oneself* catch, concentrate on, devote oneself, follow, get a load of\*, hear, hearken, heed, keep one's eye on\*, lend an ear\*, listen, listen up\*, look after, look on, mark, mind, note, notice, observe, occupy oneself with, pay heed, pick up, regard, see to, watch; **CONCEPTS 34,596,623** —**Ant.** be lazy, disregard, ignore, neglect

**attend** [v4] *accompany* bear, be associated with, be connected with, catch, follow, issue from, make the scene, occur with, result from; **CONCEPT 714**

**attend** [v5] *escort* accompany, chaperon, companion, consort, convoy, escort, guard, squire, usher; **CONCEPTS 114,714**

**attendance** [n1] *being present* appearance, attending, being in evidence, being there, participation, presence; **CONCEPT 388** —**Ant.** absence

**attendance** [v2] *people present* at event assemblage, assembly, audience, box office, company, congregation, crowd, draw, gate, gathering, gross, house, observers, onlookers, patrons, public, spectators, turnout, witnesses; **CONCEPT 417**

**attendant** [adj] *being present or related* accessory, accompanying, ancillary, associated, attending, coincident, concomitant, consequent, incident; **CONCEPT 577** —**Ant.** absent, detached

**attendant** [n] *person who serves others* aide, alarm clock\*, assistant, auxiliary, baby sitter, bird dog, chaperon, companion, custodian, domestic, escort, follower, guide, helper, lackey, nurse, orderly, secretary, servant, understudy, usher, waitperson; **CONCEPT 348** —**Ant.** boss, manager

**attention** [n1] *concentration* absorption, application, assiduity, consideration, contemplation, debate, deliberation, diligence, engrossment, heed, heedfulness, immersion, industry, intentness, mind, scrutiny, study, thinking, thought, thoughtfulness; **CONCEPT 409** —**Ant.** disregard, ignorance, neglect, negligence

**attention** [n2] *consideration, care* awareness, big rush\*, brace, concern, consciousness, looking after, ministrations, notice, observation, recognition, regard, spotlight, tender loving care, TLC\*, treatment; **CONCEPTS 32,410** —**Ant.** disregard, neglect, negligence

**attention deficit disorder** [n] *learning disability* ADD, ADHD, hyperactivity, hyperactivity, short attention span; **CONCEPT 403**

**attention(s)** [n3] *courtesy* amenities, assiduousness, care, civility, compliment, consideration, deference, gallantry, mindfulness, politeness, regard, respect, service; **CONCEPT 644** —**Ant.** disregard

**attentive** [adj1] *concentrating* alert, all ears\*, awake, aware, conscientious, enrapt, enthralled, fascinated, glued, hanging on every word\*, heedful, hooked, immersed, intent, interested, listening, mindful, observant, on one's toes\*, on the ball\*, on the job\*, on the lookout\*, on the qui vive\*, preoccupied, regardful, studious, vigilant, watchful; **CONCEPT 403**

—*Ant.* disregarding, heedless, ignorant, inattentive, inconsiderate, neglectful, neglecting

**attentive** [*adj*2] *considerate* accommodating, civil, courteous, devoted, gallant, gracious, kind, obliging, polite, respectful, solicitous, thoughtful; **CONCEPT 401** —*Ant.* heedless, ignorant, inconsiderate, neglectful, unattentive

**attenuate** [*v*] *weaken* abate, constrict, contract, cripple, debilitate, deflate, disable, dissipate, enfeeble, extenuate, lessen, mitigate, sap, shrink, thin, undermine, vitiate; **CONCEPT 240**

—*Ant.* expand, increase, intensify, strengthen

**attest** [*v*] *affirm, vouch for* adjure, announce, argue, assert, assertive, authenticate, aver, bear out, bear witness, certify, confirm, corroborate, countersign, declare, demonstrate, display, exhibit, give evidence, indicate, prove, ratify, seal, show, substantiate, support, sustain, swear, testify, uphold, verify, warrant, witness; **CONCEPT 49** —*Ant.* deny

**attic** [*n*] *space under the roof of a house* garret, loft, sky parlor\*; top floor; **CONCEPTS 440,448**

**attire** [*n*] *clothing* accoutrements, apparel, array, bib and tucker\*, clothes, costume, drapes, dress, duds\*, garb, garments, gear, getup, habiliments, habit, outfit, raiment, things, threads\*, togs, uniform, vestment, wear; **CONCEPT 451**

**attire** [*v*] *clothe* accoutre, array, clad, costume, deck, deck out\*, doll up\*, drape, dress, dud\*, dude up\*, equip, fit out, outfit, suit up, tog, turn out; **CONCEPT 167** —*Ant.* disrobe

**attitude** [*n*1] *mental outlook* air, angle, approach, belief, bent, bias, character, demeanor, disposition, frame of mind, headset\*, inclination, leaning, like it is\*, mental state, mindset\*, mindtrip\*, mood, notion, opinion, perspective, philosophy, point of view, position, posture, predilection, prejudice, proclivity, reaction, routine, say so\*, sensibility, sentiment, set, slant, stance, stand, standing, standpoint, temper, temperament, twist, view, where one is at\*; **CONCEPTS 410,689**

**attitude** [*n*2] *stance* aspect, bearing, carriage, manner, mien, pose, position, posture, stand; **CONCEPT 757**

**attorney** [*n*] *lawyer* advocate, ambulance chaser\*, barrister, counsel, counselor, DA, fixer, front, legal beagle\*, legal eagle\*, lip\*, mouth-piece\*, pleader\*, proxy, speller\*; **CONCEPT 355**

**attract** [*v*] *draw attention* allure, appeal to, bait, beckon, beguile, bewitch, bring, captivate, charm, come on\*, court, drag, draw, enchant, endear, engage, enthrall, entice, entrance, exert influence, fascinate, freak out\*, give the come-on\*, go over big, grab, hook, induce, interest, intrigue, inveigle, invite, kill, knock dead\*, knock out\*, lure, magnetize, make a hit with\*, mousetrap\*, pull, rope in\*, score, seduce, send\*, slay\*, solicit, spellbind, steer, suck in\*, sweep off one's feet\*, tempt, turn on, vamp, wile, wow\*; **CONCEPTS 7,11,22** —*Ant.* repel, repulse

**attraction** [*n*] *ability to draw attention*; *something that draws attention* allure, allurement, appeal, attractiveness, bait, captivation, charm, chemistry, come-on\*, courting, draw, drawing power, enchantment, endearment, enthrallment, enticement, fascination, gravitation, inclination, inducement, interest, invitation, it\*, lure, magnetism, pull, seduction, solicitation, temptation,

tendency; **CONCEPTS 14,676** —*Ant.* repulsion, revulsion

**attractive** [*adj*] *appealing, drawing attention* adorable, agreeable, alluring, beautiful, beckoning, bewitching, captivating, charming, comely, enchanting, engaging, enthralling, enticing, fair, fascinating, fetching, glamorous, good-looking, gorgeous, handsome, hunky\*, interesting, inviting, looker\*, lovely, luring, magnetic, mesmeric, pleasant, pleasing, prepossessing, pretty, provocative, seductive, stunning, taking, tantalizing, teasing, tempting, winning, winsome; **CONCEPTS 529,579** —*Ant.* repellent, repulsive, ugly, unappealing, unattractive

**attribute** [*n*] *feature* aspect, character, characteristic, facet, idiosyncrasy, indication, mark, note, particularity, peculiarity, point, property, quality, quirk, sign, speciality, symbol, trait, virtue; **CONCEPTS 411,673,834**

**attribute** [*v*] *ascribe, assign to source* account for, accredit, apply, associate, blame, charge, connect, credit, fix upon, hang on, hold responsible, impute, lay, pin on, refer, reference, trace; **CONCEPT 73**

**attrition** [*n*1] *wearing down or away* abrasion, attenuation, debilitation, depreciation, disintegration, erosion, grinding, rubbing, thinning, weakening, wear; **CONCEPTS 469,776** —*Ant.* building, strengthening

**attrition** [*n*2] *regret* contriteness, penance, penitence, remorse, remorsefulness, repentance; **CONCEPTS 410,689** —*Ant.* happiness

**attune** [*v*] *adjust* acclimatize, accommodate, accord, accustom, adapt, balance, compensate, conform, coordinate, counterbalance, familiarize, harmonize, integrate, make agree, proportion, reconcile, regulate, tune; **CONCEPT 232**

**atypical** [*adj*] *nonconforming* aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, deviant, different, divergent, exceptional, heteroclitic, irregular, odd, peculiar, pretermatural, strange, unnatural, unrepresentative; **CONCEPTS 547,564**

—*Ant.* conforming, normal, ordinary, standard, typical, usual

**auburn** [*n*] *reddish-brown color* chestnut, copper, hazel, henna, nut, russet, rust, tawny, titian; **CONCEPT 622**

**au courant** [*adj*] *up-to-date* aware, current, enlightened, hip\*, informed, up to speed\*, well-informed; **CONCEPTS 530,820**

**auction** [*n*] *competitive sale*; *sale by bid* bargain, jam\*, sell-off; **CONCEPTS 324,345**

**audacious** [*adj*1] *reckless, daring* adventurous, aweless, bold, brassy, brave, cheeky\*, courageous, daredevil, dauntless, enterprising, fearless, foolhardy, gutsy\*, intrepid, nervy, rash, resolute, risky, smart ass\*, unafraid, uncurbed, undaunted, unguarded, valiant, venturesome; **CONCEPT 401** —*Ant.* cautious, gentle, humble, meek, mild, modest, reserved, timid, yielding

**audacious** [*adj*2] *arrogant, presumptuous* assuming, bantam, bold, brash, brassy, brazen, cheeky\*, defiant, disrespectful, forward, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nervy, rude, saucy, shameless; **CONCEPTS 401,404** —*Ant.* humble, modest, reserved, shy, timid

**audacity** [*n*1] *recklessness, daring* adventurousness, audaciousness, boldness, bravery,



courage, dauntlessness, enterprise, fearlessness, guts, intrepidity, nerve, rashness, valor, venturesomeness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* care, carefulness, caution, reserve, timidity

**audacity** [n2] *arrogance, presumptuousness* assurance, audaciousness, brass, cheek\*, chutzpah\*, cockiness\*, crust, defiance, disrespectfulness, effrontery, forwardness, gall, guts\*, gutsiness, hardness, impertinence, impudence, insolence, moxie, nerve, rudeness, shamelessness, spunk, stuff\*, temerity; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* gentility, humility, meekness, modesty, timidity, yielding

**audible** [adj] *able to be heard* aural, auricular, clear, deafening, detectable, discernible, distinct, hearable, loud, loud enough, perceptible, plain, resounding, roaring, sounding, within earshot; CONCEPTS 591,594 —*Ant.* inaudible

**audience** [n1] *group observing an entertainment or sporting event* admirers, assemblage, assembly, congregation, crowd, devotees, fans, following, gallery, gathering, hearers, house, listeners, market, moviegoers, onlookers, patrons, playgoers, public, showgoers, spectators, theatergoers, turnout, viewers, witnesses; CONCEPT 417

**audience** [n2] *hearing* audition, conference, consideration, consultation, conversation, discussion, interview, meeting, reception; CONCEPT 266

**audit** [n] *inspection of financial records* analysis, balancing, check, checking, examination, investigation, report, review, scrutiny, survey, verification, view; CONCEPT 330

**audit** [v] *inspect financial records* analyze, balance, check, examine, go over, go through, investigate, report, review, scrutinize, sit in, survey, verify; CONCEPTS 103,330

**audition** [n] *test of ability* audience, demo, hearing, reading, trial, try on, tryout; CONCEPT 290

**auditor** [n] *person who inspects financial records* accountant, actuary, bookkeeper, cashier; CONCEPT 348

**auditorium** [n] *room, building for entertainment events* amphitheater, assembly hall, barn\*, concert hall, hall, movie house, music hall, opera house, playhouse, reception hall, theater; CONCEPTS 293,439,448

**augment** [v] *make greater; improve* add to, aggrandize, amplify, beef up\*, boost, build, build up, compound, develop, enhance, enlarge, expand, extend, grow, heighten, increase, inflate, intensify, magnify, mount, multiply, pad, piggyback\*, progress, raise, reinforce, strengthen, sweeten, swell, tag on; CONCEPTS 236,244,245 —*Ant.* decrease, degrade

**augmentation** [n] *making greater; improving* accession, accretion, addition, amplification, beefing up\*, boost, buildup, development, enhancement, enlargement, enrichment, expansion, extension, fleshing out, growth, heightening, hike, increase, increment, inflation, intensification, magnification, multiplication, raise, reinforcement, rise, strengthening, swelling, up, upping; CONCEPTS 244,245

—*Ant.* decrease, degradation

**augur** [n] *predictor* diviner, forecaster, harbringer, herald, oracle, prognosticator, prophet, seer, soothsayer; CONCEPT 423

**augur** [v] *predict; be an omen of* adumbrate, bespeak, bode, call it\*, call the shots\*, crystal-ball, figure out, forecast, foreshadow, foretell, harbinger, have a hunch, herald, portend, presage, prognosticate, promise, prophesy, psych out\*, read, signify, soothsay; CONCEPT 70

**augury** [n1] *omen* auspice, boding, forerunner, foretold, forewarning, harbinger, herald, portent, precursor, presage, prognostication, promise, prophecy, sign, token, warning; CONCEPT 284

**augury** [n2] *prediction* divination, prediction, prophecy, soothsaying; CONCEPT 70

**august** [adj] *dignified, noble* baronial, brilliant, eminent, exalted, glorious, grand, grandiose, highfalutin\*, high-minded, high-ranking, honorable, imposing, impressive, lofty, lordly, magnificent, majestic, monumental, pompous, regal, resplendent, stately, superb, venerable; CONCEPTS 404,567 —*Ant.* undignified

**au pair** [n] *live-in nanny* babysitter, caregiver, day care provider, domestic servant, governess, housekeeper, live-in; CONCEPT 295

**aura** [n] *air, character* ambience, appearance, aspect, atmosphere, background, emanation, feel, feeling, mood, quality, scent, semblance, suggestion, tone; CONCEPT 673

**auspices** [n] *protection; support* advocacy, aegis, authority, backing, care, charge, control, countenance, guidance, influence, patronage, sponsorship, supervision; CONCEPTS 94,376

**auspicious** [adj] *encouraging; favorable* advantageous, bright, favorable, felicitous, fortunate, golden, halcyon, happy, hopeful, lucky, opportune, promising, propitious, prosperous, rosy, timely, well-timed; CONCEPT 572

—*Ant.* inauspicious, inopportune, ominous, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky

**austere** [adj1] *severe in manner* ascetic, astringent, cold, earnest, exacting, forbidding, formal, grave, grim, hard, harsh, inexorable, inflexible, obdurate, rigid, rigorous, serious, sober, solemn, somber, stern, stiff, strict, stringent, unfeeling, unrelenting; CONCEPT 550

—*Ant.* bland, calm, gentle, meek, mild

**austere** [adj2] *refraining; abstinent* abstemious, ascetic, chaste, continent, economical, puritanical, self-denying, self-disciplined, sober, straightlaced, strict, subdued, unrelenting; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* elaborate, encouraging, extravagant, indulgent, spending

**austere** [adj3] *grim, barren* bald, bare, barebones, bleak, clean, dour, plain, primitive, rustic, severe, simple, spare, spartan, stark, subdued, unadorned, unembellished, vanilla\*; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* extravagant, luxurious

**austerity** [n1] *severity* acerbity, asperity, astringence, coldness, exactingness, exactness, formality, formalness, gravity, grimness, hardness, harshness, inclemency, inflexibility, obduracy, rigidity, rigor, seriousness, solemnity, sternness, stiffness, strictness, stringency; CONCEPT 644 —*Ant.* blandness, calmness, gentility, meekness, mildness

**austerity** [n2] *refraining; abstinence* abstemiousness, asceticism, chasteness, chastity, continence, determination, economy, prudence, puritanism, self-denial, self-discipline, sobriety, stoicism, strictness, temperance; CONCEPT 633

—*Ant.* elaborateness, extravagance, indulgence, spending

**austerity** [*n*3] *grimness, barrenness* baldness, bareness, dourness, economy, plainness, primitiveness, rusticism, severity, simplicity, sparseness, spartanism, starkness, unadornment; CONCEPT 723 —*Ant.* elaborateness, luxuriousness

**authentic** [*adj*] *real, genuine* accurate, actual, authoritative, bona fide, certain, convincing, credible, creditable, dependable, factual, faithful, for real\*, legit\*, legitimate, official, original, pure, reliable, sure, true, trustworthy, trusty, twenty-four carat\*, valid, veritable; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* counterfeit, fake, false, falsified, unauthorized, ungenueine, unreal

**authenticate** [*v*] *establish as real, genuine* accredit, attest, authorize, bear out, certify, confirm, corroborate, endorse, guarantee, justify, prove, substantiate, validate, verify, vouch, warrant; CONCEPTS 12, 103

**author** [*n*] *composer of written work* biographer, columnist, composer, creator, essayist, ghost, ghostwriter, ink slinger\*, journalist, originator, playwright, poet, producer, prose writer, reporter, scribbler\*, scribe, scripter, word slinger\*, wordsmith, work-for-hire\*, writer; CONCEPT 348

**authoritarian** [*adj*] *domineering* absolute, authoritative, autocratic, despotic, dictatorial, disciplinarian, doctrinaire, dogmatic, harsh, imperious, magisterial, rigid, severe, strict, totalitarian, tyrannical, unyielding; CONCEPTS 319, 401 —*Ant.* democratic, liberal

**authoritarian** [*n*] *domineering person* absolutist, autocrat, despot, dictator, disciplinarian, tyrant; CONCEPTS 354, 412

**authoritative** [*adj*1] *recognized as true, valid* accurate, attested, authentic, authenticated, circumstantiated, confirmed, definitive, dependable, documented, factual, faithful, learned, legit\*, proven, reliable, righteous, scholarly, sound, straight from horse's mouth\*, supported, trustworthy, truthful, validated, verified, veritable; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* democratic

**authoritative** [*adj*2] *domineering* assertive, authoritarian, autocratic, commanding, confident, decisive, dictatorial, doctrinaire, dogmatic, dominating, imperative, imperious, imposing, masterly, officious, peremptory, self-assured; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* democratic

**authoritative** [*adj*3] *official, authorized* administrative, approved, bureaucratic, canonical, departmental, ex cathedra, executive, ex officio, imperial, lawful, legal, legitimate, magisterial, mandatory, ruling, sanctioned, sovereign, supreme; CONCEPTS 319, 536 —*Ant.* democratic

**authority** [*n*1] *power, control* ascendancy, authorization, beef\*, charge, clout\*, command, credit, domination, dominion, edge, esteem, force, goods\*, government, guts\*, influence, juice\*, jump, jurisdiction, leg up\*, license, mastery, might, might and main\*, permission, permit, pizzazz\*, pow\*, powerhouse, prerogative, prestige, punch, right, ropes\*, rule, say, say-so\*, steam, strength, strong arm\*, stuff\*, supremacy, sway, upper hand\*, warrant, weight, what it takes\*, whip hand\*, word, zap\*; CONCEPTS 376, 685, 688

**authority** [*n*2] *expert, animate or inanimate* arbiter, aristocrat, bible, big cheese\*, big shot\*, big wig\*, boss, brains\*, brass\*, buff\*, CEO, city hall\*, connoisseur, czar, egghead\*, establishment\*, exec\*, executive, expert, feds\*, front office\*, governor, guru, ivory dome\*, judge, kingfish\*, kingpin\*, law\*, power elite, pro, professional, professor, pundit, scholar, specialist, textbook\*, top brass\*, top dog\*, top hand\*, upstairs\*, veteran, virtuoso, whiz, wizard; CONCEPTS 280, 348, 354

**authorize** [*v*1] *give power or control* accredit, bless, commission, empower, enable, entitle, give authority, give the go-ahead\*, give the green light\*, give the word\*, invest, license, okay, rubber-stamp\*, say the word\*, vest; CONCEPTS 50, 88 —*Ant.* deny, reject

**authorize** [*v*2] *permit, allow* affirm, approve, confirm, countenance, endorse, give leave, let, license, qualify, ratify, sanction, suffer, tolerate, warrant; CONCEPTS 10, 83 —*Ant.* deny, disallow, reject

**authorized** [*adj*] *approved* accredited, certified, commissioned, lawful, legal, legitimate, licensed, licit, official, recognized, sanctioned, warranted; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* unofficial

**autobiography** [*n*] *written account of one's own life* adventures, bio, biography, confession, diary, experience, journal, letter, letters, life, life story, memoir, personal history, reminiscences, self-portrayal; CONCEPT 280

**autocracy** [*n*] *government by one* absolutism, czarism, despotism, dictatorship, monarchy, monarchy, oppression, totalitarian government, tyranny; CONCEPTS 354, 691 —*Ant.* democracy

**autocrat** [*n*] *dictator* authoritarian, Caesar\*, despot, Fascist, Hitler\*, overlord, totalitarian, tyrant; CONCEPT 354

**autocratic** [*adj*] *holding power exclusively* absolute, all-powerful, arbitrary, bossy, czarlike, despotic, dictatorial, domineering, driving, imperious, monocratic, pushing, tyrannical, tyrannous; CONCEPTS 319, 536 —*Ant.* democratic

**autograph** [*n*] *handwritten signature* endorsement, handwriting, inscription, John Hancock\*, seal, token, undersignature, writing; CONCEPT 284

**autograph** [*v*] *write signature* endorse, engrass, handwrite, ink, inscribe, pen, sign, signature, subscribe, write by hand; CONCEPT 79

**automated** [*adj*] *made or done by a machine* automatic, computerized, electrical, electronic, mechanical, mechanized, motorized, programmed, robotic; CONCEPTS 538, 549 —*Ant.* by hand, manual

**automatic** [*adj*1] *done or made by machine* automated, electric, electronic, mechanical, mechanized, motorized, robotic, self-moving, self-regulating, self-starting; CONCEPTS 538, 549 —*Ant.* by hand, manual

**automatic** [*adj*2] *done by habit* autogenetic, habitual, impulsive, instinctive, instinctual, intuitive, involuntary, knee-jerk, mechanical, natural, perfunctory, reflex, routine, spontaneous, unconscious, unforced, unintentional, unmediated, unthinking, unwilled; CONCEPTS 403, 538 —*Ant.* thought-out

**automatic** [*adj*3] *occurring as natural consequence* assured, certain, inescapable, inevitable,

necessary, routine, unavoidable; CONCEPTS 530,535 —**Ant.** stilted, unnatural

**automation** [n] *machine control* computerization, industrialization, mechanization; CONCEPT 770

**automobile** [n] *land vehicle; car* auto, bucket of bolts\*, bug\*, buggy\*, bus, clunker\*, compact, convertible, crate\*, four-wheeler\*, gas guzzler\*, go-cart\*, hardtop, hatchback, heap\*, jalopy\*, junker\*, lemon\*, limousine, motor car, oil burner\*, passenger car, pickup truck, ride\*, sedan, sports car, station wagon, subcompact, taxi, transportation, truck, tub\*, van, wheels\*, wreck\*; CONCEPT 505

**autonomous** [adj] *independent* free, self-determining, self-governing, self-ruling, sovereign, uncontrolled; CONCEPT 554 —**Ant.** dependent, subject

**autonomy** [n] *independence* freedom, liberty, self-determination, self-government, self-rule, sovereignty; CONCEPT 652 —**Ant.** dependence

**autopsy** [n] *examination of dead body* dissection, necropsy, pathological examination, post-mortem; CONCEPTS 103,310

**autumn** [n] *season between summer and winter* autumnal equinox, fall, harvest; CONCEPT 814 —**Ant.** spring

**auxiliary** [adj] *supplementary* abetting, accessory, adjuvant, ancillary, appurtenant, backup, complementary, contributory, extra, reserve, secondary, spare, subordinate, subservient, subsidiary, supporting; CONCEPTS 546,824 —**Ant.** body, main

**auxiliary** [n] *helper* accessory, accomplice, adjutant, ally, assistant, associate, companion, confederate, crutch\*, partner, reserve, subordinate, supporter; CONCEPT 423

**avail** [n] *use* account, advantage, applicability, appropriateness, fitness, service, usefulness; CONCEPT 680

**avail** [v] *be of use; use* account, advantage, answer, be adequate, benefit, fill, fulfill, meet, profit, satisfy, serve, suffice, work; CONCEPT 91

**available** [adj] *ready for use* accessible, achievable, applicable, at hand, at one's disposal\*, attainable, come-at-able\*, convenient, derivable from, feasible, free, getatable\*, handy, obtainable, on deck\*, on hand\*, on tap\*, open to, possible, prepared, procurable, purchasable, reachable, ready willing and able\*, realizable, securable, serviceable, up for grabs\*, usable, vacant; CONCEPT 576 —**Ant.** unavailable, unhandy, unobtainable

**avalanche** [n] *falling large mass; sudden rush of large quantity* barrage, deluge, flood, inundation, landslide, landslip, snowslide, torrent; CONCEPTS 509,524,787

**avant-garde** [adj] *unconventional, forward-looking* beat\*, experimental, head\*, hip\*, innovative, lead, leading-edge\*, liberal, new, new wave, pioneering, progressive, radical, state-of-the-art, vanguard; CONCEPTS 564,585 —**Ant.** conservative, conventional

**avarice** [n] *extreme greed* avidity, close-fistedness\*, covetousness, cupidity, frugality, grabbiness\*, greediness, miserliness, niggardliness, parsimony, penny-pinching\*, penuriousness, rapacity, stinginess, thrift; CONCEPTS 335,410 —**Ant.** generosity, philanthropy

**avaricious** [adj] *greedy* covetous, gluttonous, hoarding, money-grubbing\*, pleonectic, predatory, rapacious, selfish, tight\*; CONCEPTS 404,542

**avenge** [v] *retaliate* chasten, chastise, come back at, even the score, get back at, get even, payback, punish, redress, repay, requite, retaliate, revenge, stick it to, take satisfaction, take vengeance, venge, vindicate; CONCEPTS 122,126

**avenue** [n] *street; path* access, alley, approach, boulevard, channel, course, drive, entrance, entry, exit, outlet, parkway, passage, pathway, promenade, road, route, thoroughfare, way; CONCEPT 501

**average** [adj1] *normal, typical* boilerplate\*, common, commonplace, customary, dime a dozen\*, everyday, fair, fair to middling\*, familiar, garden\*, garden-variety\*, general, humdrum\*, intermediate, mainstream, mediocre, medium, middle of the road\*, middling, moderate, nowhere\*, ordinary, passable, plastic\*, regular, run of the mill\*, so-so\*, standard, tolerable, undistinguished, unexceptional, usual; CONCEPT 547 —**Ant.** abnormal, atypical, exceptional, extraordinary, extreme, outstanding, unusual

**average** [adj2] *numerical mean* intermediate, median, medium, middle; CONCEPT 762

**average** [n] *normal, typical amount* mean, median, medium, middle, midpoint, norm, par, rule, standard, usual; CONCEPTS 647,787 —**Ant.** abnormality, exception, extreme, unusual

**average** [v] *obtain numerical mean* balance, equate, even out; CONCEPT 764

**averse** [adj] *opposing* afraid, allergic, antagonistic, antipathetic, contrary, disinclined, disliking, having no use for\*, hesitant, hostile, ill-disposed, indisposed, inimical, loath, nasty, perverse, reluctant, uneager, unfavorable, unfriendly, unwilling; CONCEPTS 403,564 —**Ant.** caring, liking, loving, sympathetic

**aversion** [n] *dislike; opposition* abhorrence, abomination, allergy, animosity, antagonism, antipathy, detestation, disfavor, disgust, disinclination, disliking, displeasure, dissatisfaction, distaste, dread, hate, hatred, having no use for\*, horror, hostility, indisposition, loathing, odium, reluctance, repugnance, repulsion, revulsion, unwillingness; CONCEPT 29 —**Ant.** affection, attachment, care, fondness, kindness, like, liking, love, sympathy

**avert** [v] *thwart; avoid by turning away* avoid, deflect, deter, divert, fend off, foil, forestall, frustrate, halt, look away, preclude, prevent, rule out, shove aside, shunt, stave off, turn, turn aside, turn away, ward off; CONCEPTS 121,623 —**Ant.** aid, help

**aviation** [n] *flying an aircraft; study of flying aircraft* aerodynamics, aeronautics, flight, navigation, piloting; CONCEPTS 148,187,324

**aviator** [n] *person who flies aircraft* ace, aeronaut, airperson, barnstormer, bird legs\*, eagle\*, flier, hotshot\*, jockey\*, navigator, pilot; CONCEPTS 348,366

**avid** [adj] *enthusiastic* ardent, athirst, avaricious, breathless, covetous, desirous, devoted, dying to\*, eager, fanatical, fervent, gotta have\*, grasping, greedy, hungry, impatient, insatiable,

intense, keen, passionate, rapacious, ravenous, thirsty, voracious, zealous; CONCEPTS 20,401,403 —**Ant.** dispassionate, indifferent, unenthusiastic

**avocation** [*n*] hobby amusement, diversion, kick\*, occupation, pastime, recreation, schtick\*, shot\*, side interest, sideline, thing\*; CONCEPT 364 —**Ant.** profession, vocation, work

**avoid** [*v*] *refrain or stay away from; prevent* abstain, avert, bypass, circumlocute, circumvent, deflect, desist, ditch, divert, dodge, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, fake out\*, fend off, flee, give the slip\*, hide, hold off, jump, keep clear, lay low\*, obviate, recoil, run for cover\*, shake, shake and bake\*, shake off, shirk, shrink from, shuffle off, shun, shy, sidestep, skip\*, skip out on\*, skip town\*, skirt\*, stay away, stay out, steer clear of\*, step aside, turn aside, ward off, weave, withdraw; CONCEPTS 102,121 —**Ant.** face, meet, seek, want

**avoidable** [*adj*] *preventable* avertible, escapable, needless, stoppable, unnecessary; CONCEPT 121 —**Ant.** inescapable, inevitable

**avoidance** [*n*] *eluding; preventing* absence, circumvention, delay, departure, dodge, dodging, elusion, escape, escapism, eschewal, evasion, flight, forbearance, nonparticipation, parry, passive resistance, prevention, recession, recoil, restraint, retreat, run-around, self-restraint, shirking, shunning, steering clear of\*; CONCEPTS 102,121 —**Ant.** meeting

**avow** [*v*] *state; profess* acknowledge, admit, affirm, allow, assert, aver, avouch, concede, confess, cross one's heart\*, declare, grant, maintain, own up, proclaim, swear, swear on bible\*, swear up and down\*; CONCEPTS 49,60,71 —**Ant.** censure, condemn, deny, disclaim, disown, dispute, renounce, repudiate

**avowal** [*n*] *acknowledgment* admission, affirmation, announcement, assertion, confession, declaration, oath, proclamation, testimony; CONCEPTS 8,50,88

**await** [*v*] *wait with expectation* anticipate, attend, be prepared for, be ready for, cool one's heels\*, count on, hang around\*, hang in\*, hang out\*, hope, look for, look forward to, stay, sweat\*, sweat it out\*; CONCEPT 26

**awake** [*adj*] *conscious; alert* alive, aroused, attentive, awakened, aware, cognizant, excited, heedful, knowing, observant, on guard, roused, vigilant, wakeful, waking, watchful; CONCEPTS 402,406 —**Ant.** asleep, unconscious

**awake** [*v*] *become alert or cause to rise from sleep* arise, awaken, call, gain consciousness, get up, roll out\*, rouse, stir, wake, wake up; CONCEPTS 250,315 —**Ant.** go to sleep, sleep

**awake** [*v*] *become or make aware* activate, alert, animate, arouse, awaken, call forth, enliven, excite, incite, kindle, provoke, revive, stimulate, stir up, vivify; CONCEPT 231 —**Ant.** deaden, lull

**awaken** [*v*] *make conscious or alert* activate, animate, arouse, awake, call, enliven, excite, fan, incite, kindle, pile out\*, provoke, rally, revive, rise and shine\*, roll out\*, rouse, show a leg\*, stimulate, stir up, turn out\*, vivify, wake; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,105,231 —**Ant.** deaden, go to sleep, hypnotize

**awakening** [*n*] *making conscious or alert* activation, animating, arousal, awaking, birth, enlivening, incitement, kindling, provocation, rebirth, renewal, revival, rousing, stimulation, stirring up, vivication, waking, waking up; CONCEPTS 13,105,231 —**Ant.** sleep, sleeping

**award** [*n*] *prize or reward* accolade, adjudication, allotment, bestowal, citation, conferment, conferral, decision, decoration, decree, distinction, donation, endowment, feather in cap\*, gift, gold, gold star\*, grant, honor, order, presentation, scholarship, trophy, verdict; CONCEPT 337

**award** [*v*] *give prize or reward* accord, adjudge, allocate, allot, apportion, assign, bestow, concede, confer, decree, dish out\*, distribute, donate, endow, fork out\*, gift, grant, hand out, present, render, reward, shell out\*, sweeten the kitty\*; CONCEPT 132

**aware** [*adj*] *knowledgeable* acquainted, alert, alive, appraised, appreciative, apprehensive, appraised, attentive, au courant, awake, cognizant, conscious, cool\*, enlightened, familiar, go-go\*, groovy\*, grounded\*, heedful, hip\*, informed, in the know\*, in the picture\*, into\*, know-how, knowing, know the score\*, know what's what\*, latched on\*, mindful, on the beam\*, on to\*, perceptive, plugged in\*, receptive, savvy, sensible, sentient, sharp, tuned in, up on, wise, wised up\*, wise to\*, with it\*; CONCEPT 402 —**Ant.** ignorant, insensitive, unaware, unconscious

**awareness** [*n*] *knowledge* acquaintance, acquaintanceship, alertness, aliveness, appreciation, apprehension, attention, attentiveness, cognizance, comprehension, consciousness, discernment, enlightenment, experience, familiarity, information, keenness, mindfulness, perception, realization, recognition, sensibility, sentience, understanding; CONCEPT 409 —**Ant.** ignorance, insensitivity, unconsciousness

**away** [*adv*] *in another direction; at a distance* abroad, absent, afar, apart, aside, beyond, distant, elsewhere, far afield, far away, far off, far remote, forth, from, from here, hence, not present, off, out of, out of the way, over, to one side; CONCEPTS 581,778

**away** [*adv*] *continuously* endlessly, forever, incessantly, interminably, on and on, relentlessly, repeatedly, tirelessly, unremittently, without break, without end, without rest, without stopping; CONCEPT 553

**awe** [*n*] *amazement* admiration, apprehension, astonishment, consternation, dread, esteem, fear, fright, horror, regard, respect, reverence, shock, stupefaction, terror, veneration, wonder, wonderment, worship; CONCEPTS 230,410 —**Ant.** calmness, coolness, expectation, familiarity, intimacy, steadiness

**awe** [*v*] *amaze* alarm, appall, astonish, blow away\*, cow\*, daunt, dazzle, flabbergast, frighten, grandstand, horrify, hotdog\*, impress, intimidate, knock socks off\*, overawe, scare, showboat\*, startle, strike, stun, stupefy, terrify; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,42 —**Ant.** expect

**awesome** [*adj*] *amazing* alarming, astonishing, awe-inspiring, awful, beautiful, breathtaking, daunting, dreadful, exalted, fearful, fearsome, formidable, frantic, frightening, grand, hairy\*, horrible, horrifying, imposing, impressive, intimidating, magnificent, majestic, mean,

mind-blowing\*, moving, nervous, overwhelming, real gone\*, shocking, something else\*, striking, stunning, stupefying, terrible, terrifying, wonderful, wondrous, zero cool\*; CONCEPTS 537,572 —**Ant.** amazing

**awful** [adj] *very bad; terrible* abominable, alarming, appalling, atrocious, deplorable, depressing, dire, disgusting, distressing, dreadful, fearful, frightful, ghastly, grody\*, gross\*, gruesome, grungy\*, harrowing, hideous, horrendous, horrible, horrific, horrifying, nasty, offensive, raunchy, repulsive, shocking, stinking, synthetic, tough, ugly, unpleasant, unsightly; CONCEPTS 570,571 —**Ant.** beautiful, good, ok, pleasing

**awfully** [adv1] *badly* clumsily, disgracefully, disreputably, dreadfully, inadequately, incompletely, poorly, reprehensibly, shoddily, unforgivably, unpleasantly, wickedly, wretchedly; CONCEPTS 570,571

**awfully** [adv2] *very badly*, dreadfully, excessively, extremely, greatly, hugely, immensely, indeed, much, quite, terribly, truly, very much; CONCEPT 569

**awhile** [adv] *for a short period* briefly, for a bit, for a little while, for a moment, for a spell, for a while, for the moment, momentarily, not for long, temporarily, transiently; CONCEPT 798

**awkward** [adj1] *clumsy, inelegant* all thumbs\*, amateurish, artless, blundering, bulky, bumbling, bungling, butterfingers\*, coarse, floundering, gawky, graceless, green\*, having two left feet\*, having two left hands\*, incompetent, inept, inexpert, klutzy\*, lumbering, maladroit, oafish, rude, stiff, stumbling, uncoordinated, uncouth, unfit, ungainly, ungraceful, unhandy, unpolished, unrefined, unskilled, unskillful; CONCEPTS 406,480,527 —**Ant.** adroit, artful, dexterous, elegant, graceful, handy, skillful

**awkward** [adj2] *difficult to handle* annoying, bulky, chancy, cramped, cumbersome, dangerous, disagreeable, discommodious, hard to use, hazardous, incommodious, inconvenient, perilous, risky, troublesome, uncomfortable, unhandy, unmanageable, unyielding; CONCEPT 558 —**Ant.** convenient, easy, straightforward

**awkward** [adj3] *embarrassing* compromising, delicate, difficult, embarrassed, ill at ease, inconvenient, inopportune, painful, perplexing, sticky\*, thorny\*, ticklish\*, troublesome, trying, uncomfortable, unpleasant, untimely; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** clever

**awkwardness** [n1] *clumsiness; inelegance* amateurishness, artlessness, boorishness, cloddishness, coarseness, crudeness, gawkiness, gracelessness, greenness\*, ignorance, inability, incompetence, ineptitude, ineptness, inexperience, maladroitness, oafishness, rudeness, tactlessness, uncoordination, uncouthness, ungainliness, unskillfulness; CONCEPTS 405,630,717 —**Ant.** artfulness, dexterity, elegance, grace, handiness, skill

**awkwardness** [n2] *difficulty* bulkiness, chanciness, clumsiness, danger, hazardousness, inconvenience, peril, perilousness, risk, troublesomeness, uncomfortableness, unhandiness, unmanageability, unyieldiness; CONCEPTS 656,666 —**Ant.** convenience, ease, easiness, straightforwardness

**awkwardness** [n3] *embarrassment* delicacy, difficulty, discomfort, inconvenience, inopportune, painfulness, stickiness\*, thorniness\*, ticklishness\*, trouble, uncomfortableness, unpleasantness, untimeliness; CONCEPT 388 —**Ant.** cleverness

**awning** [n] *canopy* covering, door cover, marquee, protection, shade, shelter, sunshade, tent; CONCEPTS 440,473

**awry** [adj] *off course; amiss* afield, askance, askew, aslant, astray, badly, bent, cockeyed, crooked, curved, slanting, turned, wrong, zigzag; CONCEPTS 537,581 —**Ant.** ok, on course

**ax/axe** [n] *large cutting tool* adz, chopper, hatchet, tomahawk; CONCEPT 499

**ax/axe** [v1] *cut with large blade* chop, cut, cut down, fell, hew; CONCEPT 176

**ax/axe** [v2] *dismiss from service* boot\*, bounce\*, can\*, cancel, cut back, discharge, dispense with, eliminate, fire, get rid of, give a pink slip\*, give the boot\*, kick out, lay off, remove, sack\*, terminate, throw out; CONCEPT 351 —**Ant.** hire

**axiom** [n] *principle* adage, aphorism, apothegm, device, dictum, fundamental, law, maxim, moral, postulate, precept, proposition, proverb, saying, theorem, truism, truth; CONCEPTS 278, 688,689 —**Ant.** absurdity, ambiguity, foolishness, nonsense, paradox

**axiomatic** [adj] *understood; aphoristic* absolute, accepted, aphoristic, apothegmatic, assumed, certain, fundamental, given, indubitable, manifest, obvious, presupposed, proverbial, self-evident, unquestioned; CONCEPT 529 —**Ant.** misunderstood, questionable, uncertain

**axis** [n] *point around which something revolves* arbor, axle, hinge, pivot, pole, shaft, spindle, stalk, stem, support, turning point; CONCEPT 830

**axle** [n] *shaft around which wheels rotate* arbor, axis, gudgeon, mandrel, pin, pivot, pole, rod, shaft, spindle, stalk, stem, support; CONCEPTS 464,830

**ax to grind** [n] *hidden motive* agenda, driving force, hidden agenda, incentive, motivation, motive, reason, score to settle\*; CONCEPTS 20, 661,689

## B

**babble** [n] *trivial talk, often incessant* blubbering, burble, chatter, clamor, drivle, gab, gabble, gibberish, gossip, gushing, idle talk, jabber, jabbering, jargon, murmur, muttering, prattle, ranting, tattling; CONCEPTS 266,278 —**Ant.** quiet, sense, wisdom

**babble** [v] *talk trivially, often incessantly* blab, blubber, blurt, burble, cackle, chat, chatter, gibber, go on, gossip, gush, jabber, mumble, murmur, mutter, patter, prate, prattle, rant, rave, run off at the mouth\*, run on, spill the beans\*, squeal\*, talk foolishly, talk incoherently, talk nonsensically, tattle, trivialize, yak\*, yakkety yak\*; CONCEPTS 51,266 —**Ant.** be quiet

**babe** [n] *baby* bairn, child, infant, little one, newborn, suckling; CONCEPTS 414,424 —**Ant.** adolescent, adult

**baby** [adj] *miniature* babyish, diminutive,

dwarf, little, midget, mini\*, minute, petite, small, tiny, wee, youthful; CONCEPT 773

—*Ant.* big, giant, large

**baby** [*n*] *infant* angelface\*, babe, bairn, bambino, bundle, buttercup\*, button, cherub, chick, child, crawler\*, deduction\*, dividend\*, dumpling\*, kid, little angel\*, little darling\*, little doll\*, little one\*, newborn, nipper\*, nursing, papoose, preemie\*, suckling, tad\*, toddler, tot, write-off\*, youngster; CONCEPTS 414,424 —*Ant.* adolescent, adult

**baby** [*v*] *treat like a child* cater to, cherish, coddle, cosset, cuddle, dandle, dote on, foster, humor, indulge, nurse, overindulge, pamper, pet, please, satisfy, serve, spoil; CONCEPTS 110,295

**babyhood** [*n*] *period of infancy* childhood, diaper days\*, infancy; CONCEPT 817

—*Ant.* adolescence, adulthood

**babyish** [*adj*] *acting like an infant* baby, childish, foolish, immature, infantile, juvenile, kid stuff, puerile, silly, sissy, spoiled; CONCEPTS 401,550 —*Ant.* grown-up, mature

**baby-sit** [*v*] *care for a child* guard, sit, take care, tend, watch; CONCEPT 295

**bachelor** [*n*] *unmarried man or woman* available\*, celibate, single\*, single person, stag\*, unattached; CONCEPTS 415,419,423 —*Ant.* groom, husband, spouse

**back** [*adj*1] *end* aback, abaft, aft, after, astern, back of, backward, behind, final, following, hind, hindmost, in the wake of, posterior, rear, rearmost, rearward, tail; CONCEPTS 827,833 —*Ant.* front

**back** [*adj*2] *from earlier time* delayed, elapsed, former, overdue, past, previous; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* future

**back** [*n*] *end part* aft, back end, backside, extremity, far end, hindpart, hindquarters, posterior, rear, reverse, stern, tail, tail end, tailpiece; CONCEPTS 392,471,827,833 —*Ant.* front

**back** [*v*1] *support* abet, abide by, advocate, ally, angel\*, assist, bankroll, boost, champion, countenance, encourage, endorse, favor, finance, give a boost, give a leg up\*, give a lift\*, go to bat for\*, grubstake, sanction, second, side with, sponsor, stake, stand behind, stick by, stick up for, subsidize, sustain, underwrite, uphold; CONCEPTS 8,50,88 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade

**back** [*v*2] *put in reverse direction* backtrack, drive back, fall back, recede, regress, repel, repulse, retire, retract, retreat, reverse, turn tail, withdraw; CONCEPTS 195,208 —*Ant.* advance, go forward

**backbiting** [*n*] *hateful talk* abuse, aspersion, backstabbing\*, belittlement, calumniation, calumny, cattiness, defamation, denigration, depreciation, detraction, disparagement, gossip, invective, lie, malice, obloquy, scandal, slander, spite, spitefulness, tale, traducement, vilification, vituperation; CONCEPTS 54,58,63 —*Ant.* encouragement, praise

**backbone** [*n*1] *strength of character* courage, determination, firmness, fortitude, grit, guts, hardihood, heart, intestinal fortitude\*, mettle, moral fiber, nerve, pluck, resolution, resolve, spunk, stamina, steadfastness, tenacity, toughness, will, willpower; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* ineptness, powerlessness, spinelessness, weakness

**backbone** [*n*2] *spinal column of vertebrate*

base, basis, foundation, spine, support, vertebrae, vertebral column; CONCEPTS 420,442

**backbreaking** [*adj*] *strenuous* arduous, exhausting, grueling, hard, laborious, punishing, taxing, toilsome, wearisome; CONCEPT 538

**back door** [*n*] *secretive or illicit method* back entrance, back way, indirect access, means of entry, trap door; CONCEPTS 274,631

**back down** [*v*] *withdraw from agreement or statement* abandon, accede, admit, back off, back out, back pedal\*, backtrack, balk, beg off\*, cancel, chicken out\*, concede, cop out\*, demur, give in, give up, go back on, hold back, recant, recoil, renege, resign, retreat, surrender, take back, withdraw, yield; CONCEPTS 266,697 —*Ant.* go forward

**backer** [*n*] *supporter* advocate, ally, angel\*, benefactor, champion, endorser, follower, grubstaker, meal ticket\*, money, patron, promoter, protagonist, sponsor, staker, underwriter, well-wisher; CONCEPT 359

—*Ant.* antagonist, opponent, opposer

**backfire** [*v*] *have an opposite effect* backlash, boomerang, bounce back, disapproval, fail, flop, miscarry, rebound, recoil, ricochet, spring back; CONCEPTS 42,701

**background** [*n*] *experience or circumstances* accomplishments, acquirement, actions, atmosphere, attainment, aura, backdrop, breeding, capacity, credentials, cultivation, culture, deeds, education, environment, framework, grounding, history, practice, preparation, qualification, rearing, seasoning, tradition, training, upbringing; CONCEPTS 673,678,706 —*Ant.* foreground

**backhanded** [*adj*] *underhanded* ambiguous, double-edged, equivocal, sarcastic, sardonic, two-edged; CONCEPTS 401,544

**backing** [*n*] *support* abetment, accompaniment, adherence, advocacy, aegis, aid, assistance, auspices, championing, championship, encouragement, endorsement, funds, grant, help, patronage, reinforcement, sanction, secondment, sponsorship, subsidy; CONCEPTS 110,332 —*Ant.* disfavor, opposition

**backlash** [*n*] *adverse reaction* backfire, boomerang, counteraction, kickback, reaction, recoil, repercussion, resentment, resistance, response, retaliation, retroaction, tangle; CONCEPT 230

**backlog** [*n*] *uncompleted work; accumulation* excess, hoard, inventory, quantity, reserve(s), reservoir, resources, stock, stockpile, store, supply; CONCEPTS 432,787

**back out** [*v*] *withdraw* avoid, back down, back pedal\*, beg off\*, blow it off\*, cancel, chicken out\*, cop out\*, get cold feet\*, give up, go back on, recant, renege, resign, scratch, shy from, surrender, throw in the towel\*, weasel out, wels, wiggle out, worm out\*; CONCEPTS 50,88,121,266,697

**backpack** [*n*] *sack carried on the back* haversack, knapsack, pack, rucksack; CONCEPT 446

**back-pedal** [*v*] *change mind* back out of, change opinion, default on, do an about-face, do a U-turn, fail to honor, go back on, go into reverse, have second thoughts, reconsider, renege, shift one's ground, sing a different song\*, take back; CONCEPT 13

**backside** [*n*] *rear end* behind, bottom, butt\*,

- buttocks, derrière, fanny\*, posterior, rear, rump\*, seat\*, tail\*, tush\*; CONCEPT 392  
—*Ant.* front
- backslide** [v] *go astray* apostatize, deviate, fall from grace, lapse, leave the straight and narrow\*, relapse, revert, sin, slip; CONCEPTS 195, 665, 697
- backstab** [v] *attack indirectly* backbite, betray, double-cross\*, play Judas\*, sell down the river\*, slander, smear; CONCEPTS 54, 192
- back talk** [n] *nasty reply* cheek, guff, lip, mouth, sass; CONCEPTS 46, 278
- backup** [n] *auxiliary* alternate, extra, substitute; CONCEPTS 546, 824
- backward** [adj1] *toward the rear* astern, behind, inverted, rearward, regressive, retrograde; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* ahead, forward, to the front
- backward** [adj2] *bashful* afraid, averse, demure, diffident, disinclined, hesitant, hesitating, humble, indisposed, late, loath, modest, reluctant, reserved, retiring, shy, sluggish, tardy, timid, uncooper, unwilling, wavering; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* aggressive, forward, precocious, unshy
- backward** [adj3] *slow in growth* arrested, behind, checked, delayed, dense, dull, feeble-minded, imbecile, late, moronic, stupid, subnormal, underdeveloped, underprivileged, undeveloped; CONCEPTS 402, 562 —*Ant.* developing, fast, intelligent, smart
- backward** [adv] *toward the rear* aback, abaft, about, astern, back, behind, in reverse, inverted, rearward, turned around; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* forward
- backwash** [n] *repercussion* aftermath, result, wake; CONCEPTS 230, 674
- backwoods** [n/adj] *forests; land distant from settled area* backcountry, boondocks\*, frontier, hinterland, interior, isolation, outback, rural area, sticks\*, timberland, woodland; CONCEPT 509
- backyard** [n] *expanse behind house* courtyard, garden, grass, lawn, patio, play area, terrace, yard; CONCEPT 513 —*Ant.* front yard
- bacteria** [n] *microorganisms* bacilli, germs, microbes, organisms, pathogens; CONCEPTS 306, 393
- bad** [adj1] *poor quality* abominable, amiss, atrocious, awful, bad news\*, beastly, blah\*, bottom out, bummer\*, careless, cheap, cheesy\*, crappy\*, cruddy\*, crummy\*, defective, deficient, diddly\*, dissatisfactory, downer\*, dreadful, erroneous, fallacious, faulty, garbage, godawful\*, grody\*, gross\*, grungy\*, icky\*, imperfect, inadequate, incorrect, inferior, junky\*, lousy\*, not good, off, poor, raunchy\*, rough, sad, slipshod, stinking, substandard, synthetic, the pits\*, unacceptable, unsatisfactory; CONCEPT 571 —*Ant.* good, honest, reputable, right, upright, virtuous, worthy
- bad** [adj2] *harmful* damaging, dangerous, deleterious, detrimental, hurtful, injurious, ruinous, unhealthy; CONCEPTS 537, 570 —*Ant.* advantageous, beneficial, benevolent, good, honest, profitable, virtuous
- bad** [adj3] *immoral* base, corrupt, criminal, delinquent, evil, iniquitous, mean, reprobate, sinful, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked, wrong; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* good, honest, just, reputable, right, true, virtuous
- bad** [adj4] *mischievous* disobedient, ill-behaved, misbehaving, naughty, unruly, wrong; CONCEPT 401
- bad** [adj5] *decayed* moldy, off, putrid, rancid, rotten, sour, spoiled; CONCEPTS 485, 613 —*Ant.* good, ok, undecayed
- bad** [adj6] *severe* disastrous, distressing, grave, harsh, intense, painful, serious, terrible; CONCEPT 569
- bad** [adj7] *sick* ailing, diseased, ill, in pain, unwell; CONCEPT 314
- bad** [adj8] *sorry* apologetic, conscience-stricken, contrite, crestfallen, dejected, depressed, disconsolate, down, downcast, downhearted, guilty, low, regretful, remorseful, sad, upset, woebegone; CONCEPT 403
- bad** [adj9] *distressing* adverse, disagreeable, discouraged, discouraging, displeasing, distressed, gloomy, grim, melancholy, troubled, troubling, unfavorable, unfortunate, unhappy, unpleasant; CONCEPTS 403, 529
- bad blood** [n] *ill will* acrimony, anger, animosity, antagonism, bad feeling, bitterness, dislike, distrust, enmity, hard feelings, hatred, hostility, malevolence, malice, nastiness, odium, rancor, resentment, unfriendliness, venom; CONCEPT 29
- bad form** [n] *bad style* barbarism, impropriety, indecorum, inelegance, infelicity, solecism; CONCEPTS 275, 633
- badge** [n] *emblem worn* brand, cordon, device, identification, insignia, mark, marker, medalion, motto, pin, ribbon, scepter, shield, sign, stamp, symbol, token; CONCEPTS 260, 284, 476
- badger** [v] *nag, bother* annoy, bait, bug, bully, eat\*, give the business\*, goad, harass, harry, hassle, heckle, hound, importune, insist on, needle, nudge, pester, plague, ride, tease, torment, work on; CONCEPTS 14, 51
- bad luck** [n] *adversity* blow, hard luck, hard time, mischance, misfortune, reverse, setback; CONCEPTS 388, 674, 679
- badly** [adv1] *inadequately* abominably, awkwardly, blunderingly, carelessly, clumsily, crudely, defectively, erroneously, faultily, feebly, haphazardly, imperfectly, incompetently, ineffectively, ineptly, maladroitly, negligently, poorly, shoddily, stupidly, unfavorably, unfortunately, unsatisfactorily, unskillfully, unsuccessfully, weakly, wrong, wrongly; CONCEPT 571 —*Ant.* adequately
- badly** [adv2] *immorally* criminally, evilly, improperly, naughtily, shamefully, unethically, wickedly; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* morally
- badly** [adv3] *very much; desperately* acutely, deeply, exceedingly, extremely, gravely, greatly, hard, intensely, painfully, roughly, seriously, severely; CONCEPT 569 —*Ant.* calmly, little, mildly
- bad manners** [n] *improper behavior* boorishness, discourtesy, disrespect, impoliteness, inconsideration, unmannerliness; CONCEPTS 29, 633
- bad-mouth** [v] *to denigrate* belittle, criticize, cut down to size\*, dis\*, disparage, dump on\*, find fault, knock\*, malign, mudsling\*, pan, pooh pooh\*, put down\*, rap, rip, roast\*, run down\*, slam, slander, take a dig at\*, take down a peg\*, tear down\*, tear to pieces\*; CONCEPTS 52, 54

**bad news** [*n*] *trouble* bind, bother, concern, danger, deep trouble, difficulty, dilemma, dire straits, disappointment, distress, grief, headache\*, hindrance, hot water\*, inconvenience, mess, misfortune, nuisance, pain, predicament, problem, struggle, torment, woe; CONCEPTS 532, 674, 675, 690, 728

**bad scene** [*n*] *misfortunate event* bad trip\*, bummer\*, bum trip\*, depressing experience, disaster, downer\*, drag\*, raw deal, rotten hand, unhappy situation, unpleasant experience, unpleasant situation; CONCEPTS 674, 675

**bad time** [*n*] *agony* going-over, grief, grilling, hard time, third degree, torture; CONCEPTS 410, 728

**bad trip** [*n*] *unpleasant experience* bad scene, bummer\*, bum trip\*, disaster, downer\*, drag\*, freak-out\*, unhappy situation, unpleasant drug experience, unpleasant situation; CONCEPTS 674, 675

**baffle** [*v*1] *perplex* addle, amaze, astound, befuddle, bewilder, buffalo\*, confound, confuse, daze, disconcert, dumbfound, elude, embarrass, faze, floor\*, get, mix up, muddle, mystify, non-plus, puzzle, rattle, stick\*, stump\*, stun, throw; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 42 —*Ant.* clear up, enlighten, explain

**baffle** [*v*2] *hinder* beat, block, check, circumvent, dash, defeat, disappoint, foil, frustrate, impede, obstruct, prevent, ruin, thwart, upset; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* abet, aid, assist, encourage, help, relieve, support

**baffling** [*adj*] *puzzling* abstruse, bewildering, beyond one, confusing, difficult to understand, enigmatic, hard to understand, incomprehensible, mystifying, over one's head, perplexing, unclear, unfathomable; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* clear, comprehensible

**bag** [*n*1] *container for one's possessions* attaché, backpack, briefcase, carryall, carry-on, case, duffel, gear, handbag, haversack, holdall, kit, knapsack, pack, packet, pocket, pocketbook, poke, pouch, purse, rucksack, sac, sack, saddlebag, satchel, suitcase, tote; CONCEPTS 339, 450

**bag** [*n*2] *special interest* expertise, favorite activity, hobby, preference, speciality, thing\*; CONCEPTS 32, 529

**bag** [*v*1] *catch* acquire, apprehend, capture, collar, gain, get, hook, kill, land, nab, nail, net, seize, shoot, take, trap; CONCEPT 90 —*Ant.* lose

**bag** [*v*2] *droop* balloon, billow, bulge, flap, flop, hang, lop, sag, swell; CONCEPTS 754, 757

**baggage** [*n*] *gear* accoutrements, bags, belongings, carry-on, effects, equipment, fortnighter, gear, impedimenta, luggage, overnighter\*, paraphernalia, parcels, slough, suitcases, things, tote, tote bag, trappings, two-suiter; CONCEPT 494

**baggy** [*adj*] *drooping* billowing, bulging, droopy, flabby, floppy, ill-fitting, loose, oversize, roomy, sagging, slack, unshapely; CONCEPTS 486, 490 —*Ant.* firm, fitting, tight

**bail** [*n*] *money for assurance* bond, collateral, guarantee, pawn, pledge, recognizance, security, surety, warrant, warranty; CONCEPTS 318, 332

**bail out** [*v*1] *help* aid, deliver, release, relieve, rescue, spring; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* ignore, refuse

**bail out** [*v*2] *escape* flee, quit, retreat, withdraw; CONCEPT 102 —*Ant.* stay

**bait** [*n*] *something for luring* allurement, attraction, bribe, come-on\*, drag, enticement, induce-ment, lure, seducement, shill, snare, temptation, trap; CONCEPT 709

**bait** [*v*1] *lure* allure, attract, bedevil, beguile, draw, entice, fascinate, lead on, seduce, tempt; CONCEPTS 9, 14

**bait** [*v*2] *needle* anger, annoy, badger, bother, gall, harass, heckle, hound, irk, irritate, nag, persecute, provoke, tease, torment; CONCEPTS 7, 19

**bake** [*v*] *cook in oven* heat, melt, scorch, simmer, stew, warm; CONCEPT 170

**baked** [*adj*] *cooked in oven* dried, heated, melted, scorched, simmered, stewed, warmed; CONCEPT 462

**baker** [*n*] *person who cooks baked goods* chef, cook, dough puncher\*, pastry maker; CONCEPT 348

**bakery** [*n*] *cooking business where baked goods are produced* bake shop, confectionery, pastry shop, pâtisserie; CONCEPTS 325, 439, 449

**balance** [*n*1] *equilibrium* antithesis, correspondence, counterbalance, equity, equivalence, evenness, even-steven\*, hang, harmony, parity, proportion, stasis, symmetry, tension; CONCEPTS 664, 667 —*Ant.* disproportion, imbalance, instability

**balance** [*n*2] *composure* equanimity, poise, self-control, self-possession, stability, steadfastness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* imbalance, noncomposure

**balance** [*n*3] *money remaining in account* difference, dividend, excess, profit, remainder, residue, rest, surplus; CONCEPT 332

**balance** [*v*1] *make equal; cause to have equilibrium* accord, adjust, attune, cancel, collate, come out, come out even, compensate, correspond, counteract, counterbalance, equalize, equate, even, harmonize, level, make up for, match, neutralize, nullify, offset, oppose, pair off, parallel, poise, readjust, redeem, set, square, stabilize, steady, tie, weigh; CONCEPTS 197, 697 —*Ant.* disproportion, overbalance, unbalance

**balance** [*v*2] *compare* assess, consider, deliberate, estimate, evaluate, weigh; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* unbalance

**balance** [*v*3] *make equal numerically* adjust, audit, calculate, compute, count, enumerate, equate, estimate, figure, settle, square, sum up, tally, total; CONCEPT 764 —*Ant.* unbalance

**balanced** [*adj*1] *equalized* counterbalanced, equitable, equivalent, evened, fair, just, offset, proportional, stabilized, symmetrical, uniform; CONCEPT 566 —*Ant.* disproportioned, imbalanced, unequal, unsymmetrical

**balanced** [*adj*2] *settled financially* certified, confirmed, validated; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* unbalanced

**balance sheet** [*n*] *financial statement including gains and losses for a period* account, annual report, assets and liabilities, budget, ledger, report; CONCEPTS 271, 332

**balcony** [*n*] *porch or structure above the ground* balustrade, box\*, catwalk, gallery, mezzanine, piazza, platform, porch, portico, stoop, terrace, veranda; CONCEPT 440

**bald** [*adj*1] *having no covering* baldheaded, bare, barren, depilated, exposed, glabrous,



hairless, head\*, naked, shaven, skin head\*, smooth, stark, uncovered; CONCEPT 485  
—*Ant.* hairy, hirsute

**bald** [adj2] *simple, unadorned* austere, bare, blunt, direct, downright, forthright, outright, plain, severe, straight, straightforward, unembellished; CONCEPTS 485, 589 —*Ant.* adorned, decorated

**bale** [n] *bunch* bundle, package, parcel; CONCEPT 432

**baleful** [adj] *menacing* calamitous, deadly, dire, evil, foreboding, harmful, hurtful, injurious, malevolent, malignant, noxious, ominous, pernicious, ruinous, sinister, threatening, venomous, vindictive, woeful; CONCEPTS 537, 570 —*Ant.* advantageous, auspicious, favorable, good, helping, promising

**balk** [v1] *stop short* cramp, crimp, demur, desist, dodge, evade, flinch, hesitate, recoil, refuse, resist, shirk, shrink from, shy, turn down, upset apple cart\*; CONCEPTS 119, 121, 188

**balk** [v2] *thwart* baffle, bar, beat, check, circumvent, counteract, cramp, cramp one's style\*, dash, defeat, disappointment, disconcert, foil, forestall, frustrate, hinder, obstruct, prevent, ruin, stall, stop, throw a curve\*, throw monkey wrench in\*, upset the apple cart\*; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* aid, help, make easier

**balky** [adj] *uncooperative* averse, contrary, hesitant, immovable, indisposed, inflexible, intractable, loath, negative, negativistic, obstinate, ornery, perverse, reluctant, stubborn, unbending, unmanageable, unpredictable, unruly; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* cooperative

**ball** [n1] *dance party* hoedown, hoodang, hop, jump, mingle, prom, promenade, reception, shindig; CONCEPT 386

**ball** [n2] *globe, sphere* apple, balloon, drop, globule, orb, pellet, pill, round, spheroid; CONCEPT 436

**ballad** [n] *narrative song* carol, chant, ditty, serenade; CONCEPT 595

**ballast** [n] *something giving balance* balance, brace, bracket, counterbalance, counterweight, equilibrium, sandbag, stability, stabilizer, support, weight; CONCEPT 712

**ballet** [n] *graceful, expressive dancing* choreography, dance, toe dancing; CONCEPT 263

**ballet dancer** [n] *person who performs graceful dance* company, coryphee, dancer, danseur, danseuse, figurant, figurante, hooper\*, prima ballerina; CONCEPT 352

**balloon** [n] *inflated material or vehicle* airship, bladder, blimp, dirigible, zeppelin; CONCEPTS 293, 504

**balloon** [v] *billow out; bloat* belly, blow up, bulge, dilate, distend, enlarge, expand, inflate, puff out, swell; CONCEPTS 208, 756

**ballot** [n1] *voting; recording of vote* election, franchise, plebiscite, poll, polling, referendum, slate, tally, ticket; CONCEPTS 300, 301

**ballot** [n2] *candidates from political party* choice, lineup, slate, ticket; CONCEPT 301

**balm** [n1] *oily substance* analgesic, application, balsam, cerate, compound, cream, demulcent, dressing, embrocation, emollient, formula, lotion, medicine, ointment, potion, poultice, preparation, prescription, salve, soother, soothing agent, unction, unguent; CONCEPTS 307, 466

**balm** [n2] *something soothing* alleviation, anodyne, assuagement, comfort, consolation, curative, cure, easement, mitigation, palliative, refreshment, relief, remedy, restorative, solace, soother; CONCEPTS 337, 529

**balmy** [adj1] *comfortable with respect to weather* mild, moderate, moist, pleasant, refreshing, summerlike, summery, temperate, tropical; CONCEPTS 603, 605 —*Ant.* cool, inclement, wintery

**balmy** [adj2] *insane* absurd, bugged out\*, cracked\*, crazed, crazy, daft, deranged, dotty\*, foolish, harebrained\*, idiotic, loony, mentally incompetent, moronic, nuts\*, nutty\*, odd, potty\*, preposterous, silly, stupid, wacky; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* balanced, rational, sane, sensible

**bamboozle** [v] *fool; cheat* baffle, befuddle, bilk, con, confound, confuse, deceive, defraud, delude, dupe, flimflam\*, hoax, hoodwink\*, hornswoogle\*, mystify, perplex, puzzle, stomp, swindle, trick; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* be honest

**ban** [n] *official forbiddance* a thou-shalt-not\*, boycott, censorship, don't\*, embargo, injunction, interdiction, limitation, no-no\*, off limits\*, out of bounds\*, prohibition, proscription, refusal, restriction, stoppage, suppression, taboo; CONCEPTS 50, 88, 121, 688 —*Ant.* allowance, permission

**ban** [v] *officially forbid* banish, bar, blackball\*, close down, close up, curse, declare illegal, disallow, enjoin, exclude, halt, ice out\*, illegalize, inhibit, interdict, outlaw, pass by, pass up, prevent, prohibit, proscribe, restrict, shut out, suppress; CONCEPTS 50, 88, 121 —*Ant.* allow, permit

**banal** [adj] *commonplace* blah\*, bland, bromidic, clichéd, common, conventional, cornball\*, cornfed\*, corny, dull as dishwater\*, dumb, everyday, flat, hackneyed, ho hum\*, hokey\*, humdrum\*, insipid, mundane, noplace, nothing, nowhere, old hat\*, ordinary, pabulum\*, pedestrian, platitudinous, square, stale, stereotyped, stock, stupid, tired, tripe, trite, unimaginative, unoriginal, vapid, watery, wishy-washy\*, zero\*; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* fresh, new, original

**banality** [n] *common saying* adage, boiler\*, buzzword, chestnut\*, cliché, corn\*, dullsville\*, familiar tune\*, high camp\*, hokum\*, old chestnut\*, old saw\*, plate\*, platitude, prosaicism, prosaism, saw\*, trite phrase, trivia, triviality, truism; CONCEPT 275 —*Ant.* coinage, nuance, original saying

**band** [n1] *something which encircles* bandage, bandeau, belt, binding, bond, braid, cable, chain, circle, circuit, copula, cord, fillet, harness, hoop, ligature, line, link, manacle, ribbon, ring, rope, sash, scarf, shackle, snood, stay, strap, string, strip, tape, tie, truss; CONCEPTS 470, 751

**band** [n2] *group of people with same interest* assembly, association, bevy, body, bunch, clique, club, cluster, collection, company, corps, coterie, covey, crew, gang, gathering, horde, menagerie, outfit, party, society, troop, troupe; CONCEPTS 387, 391, 417

**band** [n3] *musical group* combo, ensemble,

- orchestra, philharmonic, symphony, troupe;  
CONCEPT 294
- band** [v] *group or join group* affiliate, ally, amalgamate, belt, coadjute, combine, conjoin, consolidate, federate, gather, league, merge, team, unite; CONCEPTS 113,114
- bandage** [n] *covering for wound* cast, compress, dressing, gauze, plaster; CONCEPT 311
- bandage** [v] *cover a wound* bind, dress, swathe, truss, wrap; CONCEPT 310
- bandanna** [n] *colorful scarf* handkerchief, kerchief, neckerchief, silk; CONCEPT 450
- bandit** [n] *thief* brigand, criminal, crook, desperado, forager, gangster, gunperson, high-wayperson, hijacker, holdup person, hooligan, marauder, mobster, outlaw, pillager, pirate, plunderer, racketeer, raider, ravager, robber, villain; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* law, police
- bandwidth** [n] *frequency range* high frequency, low frequency, radio band, radio bandwidth, transmission capacity; CONCEPT 279
- bane** [n] *cause of misery* affliction, bête noir, blight, burden, calamity, curse, despair, destruction, disaster, downfall, fatal attraction, misery, nuisance, pest, plague, poison, ruin, ruination, scourge, torment, trial, trouble, undoing, venom, woe; CONCEPTS 529,674 —*Ant.* advantage, blessing, fortune, good luck
- baneful** [adj] *ruinous, injurious* baleful, calamitous, deadly, deleterious, destructive, disastrous, evil, fatal, harmful, hurtful, malefic, noxious, pernicious, pestilent, pestilential, poisonous, venomous, wicked; CONCEPTS 537,570 —*Ant.* advantageous, beneficial, beneficent, fortunate, helpful, lucky
- bang** [adv] *suddenly, with force* abruptly, hard, headlong, head on, noisily, precisely, smack, straight, suddenly; CONCEPT 540 —*Ant.* slowly
- bang** [n1] *explosive noise* blast, boom, burst, clang, clap, clash, crack, detonation, discharge, howl, peal, pop, report, roar, roll, rumble, salvo, shot, slam, smash, sound, thud, thump, thunder, wham; CONCEPT 595 —*Ant.* whimper
- bang** [n2] *loud hit or knock* bash, bat, belt, blow, box, bump, collide, crack, cuff, punch, slam, smack, smash, sock, stroke, wallop, whack, whop; CONCEPT 189 —*Ant.* tap
- bang** [n3] *thrilling situation* enjoyment, excitement, kick\*, pleasant feeling, smash, wallop, wow\*; CONCEPT 230
- bang** [v1] *hit or knock loudly* boom, burst, clang, clatter, crash, detonate, drum, echo, explode, make noise, peal, rattle, resound, sound, thump, thunder; CONCEPTS 65,189 —*Ant.* tap
- bang** [v2] *moving by hitting hard* bash, beat, bump, clatter, collide, crash, hammer, hit, knock, pound, pummel, rap, slam, smash, strike, thump, whack; CONCEPT 189
- banish** [v] *expel from place or situation* ban, cast out, deport, discard, discharge, dislodge, dismiss, dispel, drive away, eject, eliminate, eradicate, evict, exclude, excommunicate, exile, expatriate, expulse, extradict, get rid of, isolate, ostracize, oust, outlaw, proscribe, relegate, remove, rusticate, sequester, shake off, shut out, transport; CONCEPTS 121,217 —*Ant.* allow, keep, welcome
- banister** [n] *railing of stairs* baluster, balustrade, handrail, rail, support; CONCEPT 443
- bank** [n1] *financial institution* coffer, counting-house, credit union, depository, exchequer, fund, hoard, investment firm, repository, reserve, reservoir, safe, savings, stock, stockpile, store, storehouse, thrift, treasury, trust company, vault; CONCEPTS 333,339,439
- bank** [n2] *ground bounding waters* beach, cay, cliff, coast, edge, embankment, lakefront, lakeshore, lakeside, ledge, levee, oceanfront, reef, riverfront, riverside, seabank, seaboard, seafront, shore, strand, streamside, waterfront; CONCEPT 509
- bank** [n3] *row or tier of objects* array, dashboard, group, line, rank, row, sequence, series, succession; CONCEPT 464
- bank** [v1] *collect money or advantage* amass, deposit, heap, hill, hoard, invest, lay aside, lay away, mass, mound, pile, put by, salt away, save, sock away, speculate, squirrel, stash; CONCEPTS 109,330 —*Ant.* disburse, spend
- bank** [v2] *lean or tilt* bend, camber, cant, incline, pitch, slant, slope; CONCEPTS 148,213 —*Ant.* straighten
- banker** [n] *professional in financial institution* broker, capitalist, croupier, dealer, financier, house, investor, manager, money-lender, officer, teller, treasurer, usurer; CONCEPTS 347,348,353
- bank on** [v] *depend upon* assume, believe in, be sure about, bet on, build on, count on, gamble on, lean on, look to, reckon on, rely on, stake, trust, venture, wager; CONCEPT 12
- bankrupt** [adj] *unable to pay debts* broke, depleted, destitute, exhausted, failed, impoverished, in Chapter 11\*, insolvent, lacking, lost, out of business, ruined, spent, tapped out; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* rich, solvent, wealthy
- bankruptcy** [n] *inability to pay debts* Chapter 11\*, defalcation, default, destituteness, destitution, disaster, exhaustion, failure, indebtedness, indigence, insolvency, lack, liquidation, loss, nonpayment, overdraft, pauperism, privation, repudiation, ruin, ruination; CONCEPT 335 —*Ant.* richness, solvency, wealth
- banner** [adj] *successful* exceptional, foremost, leading, outstanding, red-letter; CONCEPT 528
- banner** [n1] *flag, usually with message* bande-rolle, burgee, colors, emblem, ensign, gonfalon, heading, headline, pennant, pennon, standard, streamer; CONCEPTS 270,277,278
- banner** [n2] *ad on Web/Internet page* advertisement, burst page, headline, streamer; CONCEPTS 270,277,278,280
- banquet** [n] *formal dinner, usually ceremonial* feast, festivity, fete, meal, reception, regale, repast, spread, treat; CONCEPTS 377,459
- bantam** [adj] *small diminutive*, little, petite, tiny; CONCEPTS 491,773 —*Ant.* big, huge, large
- banter** [n] *teasing* badinage, chaff, chaffing, chitchat, derision, dissing\*, exchange, fun, gossip, jeering, jesting, joking, joshing, kidding, mockery, persiflage, play, railery, repartee, ribbing, ridicule, small talk; CONCEPTS 59,278
- banter** [v] *tease* chaff, deride, fool, fun, jeer, jest, jive\*, joke, josh, kid, make fun of, mock, rag\*, razz\*, rib, ridicule, satirize, taunt; CONCEPTS 59,273
- baptism** [n] *church rite; initiation* ablution, baptismal, christening, debut, dedication, dunking, immersion, introduction, launching,

lustration, purgation, purge, purification, rite of passage, ritual, sanctification, sprinkling; CONCEPTS 367,377

**baptize** [v] *initiate in church rite* admit, asperse, besprinkle, call, christen, cleanse, denominate, dip, dub, entitle, immerse, name, purify, regenerate, sprinkle, term, title; CONCEPT 367

**bar** [n1] *rod; straight length of material* batten, billet, boom, crossbar, crosspiece, ingot, lever, piling, pig, pole, rail, rib, rule, shaft, slab, spar, spoke, stake, stick, streak, strip, stripe, stroke; CONCEPTS 470,471

**bar** [n2] *barrier; blockage* barricade, blank wall, block, clog, deterrent, encumbrance, fence, hindrance, hurdle, impediment, obstacle, obstruction, pale, rail, railing, restraint, road block, snag, stop, stumbling block, traverse, wall; CONCEPTS 470,652,680 —**Ant.** advantage, aid, help

**bar** [n3] *establishment serving alcohol* alehouse, barroom, beer garden, bistro, canteen, cocktail lounge, drinkery, inn, lounge, pub, public house, rathskeller, saloon, tap, taproom, tavern, watering hole\*; CONCEPTS 325,439

**bar** [n4] *legal system* attorneys, barristers, bench, counsel, counselors, court, courtroom, dock, judgment, judiciary, jurists, law, law court, law practice, lawyers, legal profession, solicitors, tribunal; CONCEPTS 318,381

**bar** [v1] *secure, usually with a length of material* barricade, block, blockade, bolt, caulk, clog, close, dam, deadbolt, dike, fasten, fence, jam, latch, lock, plug, seal, secure, trammel, wall; CONCEPTS 121,130 —**Ant.** loosen, open, unfasten

**bar** [v2] *prohibit* ban, boycott, circumvent, condemn, debar, deny, disallow, discountenance, discourage, eliminate, enjoin, except, exclude, exile, forbid, freeze out, frustrate, hinder, interdict, interfere, keep out, limit, obstruct, ostracize, outlaw, override, preclude, prevent, refuse, reject, restrain, rule out, segregate, shut out, stop, suspend; CONCEPTS 50,61,88 —**Ant.** advocate, allow, open, permit

**barb** [n1] *point* arrow, bristle, dart, prickle, prong, quill, shaft, spike, spur, thistle, thorn; CONCEPTS 434,836

**barb** [n2] *pointed comment* affront, criticism, cut, dig, gibe, insult, rebuff, sarcasm, scoff, sneer; CONCEPTS 52,54 —**Ant.** kindness, praise

**barbarian** [adj] *crude, savage* barbaric, barbarous, boorish, brutal, coarse, cruel, inhuman, lowbrow, merciless, philistine, primitive, rough, rude, uncivil, uncivilized, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unsophisticated, untamed, vicious, vulgar, wild; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** civilized, cultured, educated, humane, kind, nice, polite, refined, sophisticated

**barbarian** [n] *crude, savage person* beast, bigot, boor, brute, cannibal, clod, hooligan, hun, ignoramus, lout, monster, philistine, rascal, ruffian, troglodyte, vandal; CONCEPT 412 —**Ant.** sophisticate

**barbaric** [adj] *crude, savage* barbarian, barbarous, boorish, brutal, coarse, cruel, fierce, graceless, inhuman, lowbrow, primitive, rough, rude, tasteless, uncivilized, uncouth, vulgar, wild; CONCEPT 401

**barbarism** [n] *crudity, savagery, especially in speech* atrocity, barbarity, brutality, catachresis, coarseness, corruption, cruelty, impropriety,

inhumanity, localism, malapropism, misuse, misuse, primitive culture, provincialism, solecism, uncivilizedness, vernacularism, vernacularity, vulgarism; CONCEPTS 275,633 —**Ant.** kindness, praise

**barbarity** [n] *crudity, savagery* boorishness, brutality, crudeness, cruelty, inhumanity, ruthlessness, savageness, viciousness, vulgarity; CONCEPT 633 —**Ant.** kindness

**barbarous** [adj] *crude, savage* atrocious, barbarian, barbaric, brutal, brutish, coarse, cruel, ferocious, heartless, ignorant, inhuman, inhumane, monstrous, primitive, rough, rude, ruthless, sadistic, truculent, uncivil, uncivilized, uncouth, uncultured, unsophisticated, vicious, vulgar, wicked, wild, wolfish; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** civilized, cultured, educated, kind, nice, polite, refined, sophisticated

**barbecue** [n1] *meal cooked on grill* bake, clam bake, cookout, party, picnic, wienie roast; CONCEPT 459

**barbecue** [n2] *grill for cookout* broiler, charcoal grill, fireplace, gas grill, griddle, pit of coals, roaster, spit; CONCEPT 493

**barbecue** [v] *cook outside, usually on a grill* broil, charcoal, fry, grill, rotisserie, sear; CONCEPT 170

**barber** [n] *hair cutter* beautician, coiffeur, coiffeuse, cosmetologist, hairdresser, hair stylist, shaver, tonsorial artist; CONCEPT 348

**bare** [adj1] *without clothing* bald, bareskinned, denuded, disrobed, divested, exposed, in one's birthday suit\*, naked, nude, peeled, shorn, stripped, unclad, unclothed, uncovered, undressed, unrobed; CONCEPT 485 —**Ant.** clothed, robed

**bare** [adj2] *without covering or content* arid, barren, blank, bleak, clear, desert, desolate, empty, lacking, mean, open, poor, scanty, scarce, stark, unfurnished, vacant, vacuous, void, wanting; CONCEPT 490 —**Ant.** covered, full

**bare** [adj3] *simple, unadorned* austere, bald, basic, blunt, chaste, cold, essential, hard, literal, meager, mere, modest, scant, severe, sheer, simple, spare, stark, unembellished, unornamented; CONCEPT 562 —**Ant.** adorned, decorated

**bare** [v] *reveal* disclose, divulge, exhibit, expose, publish, show, uncover, unroll, unveil; CONCEPTS 60,138 —**Ant.** cloak, hide, secret

**barefaced** [adj] *shameless; open* apparent, arrant, audacious, blatant, blunt, bold, brash, brassy, brazen, candid, clear, flagrant, frank, glaring, immodest, impudent, insolent, manifest, naked, obvious, palpable, temerarious, transparent, unabashed, un concealed; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** careful, quiet, shamed

**barefoot** [adj] *wearing no shoes* barefooted, disalceate, disalced, shoeless, unshod; CONCEPT 406 —**Ant.** shod

**barely** [adj] *not quite* almost, hardly, just, only just, scantily, scarcely; CONCEPT 772

**bareness** [n] *state of being unclothed* dishabile, nakedness, nudity, starkness, unadornment, undress; CONCEPT 453 —**Ant.** clothed

**bargain** [n1] *agreement* arrangement, bond, business, compact, contract, convention, covenant, deal, engagement, negotiation, pact, pledge, promise, stipulation, transaction, treaty, understanding; CONCEPT 684

**bargain** [n2] *something bought at cheap price* budget price, buy, closeout, deal, discount, giveaway, good buy, good deal, good value, low price, markdown, nominal price, reduction, steal, value; CONCEPTS 332,338 —**Ant.** rip-off

**bargain** [v] *negotiate terms of sale or agreement* agree, arrange, barter, buy, compromise, confer, contract, covenant, deal, dick, do business, haggle, make terms, palter, promise, sell, stipulate, trade, traffic, transact; CONCEPTS 56,330

**bargain for** [v] *expect aim for*, anticipate, contemplate, count on, foresee, imagine, look for, plan on, reckon on; CONCEPT 26

**barge** [n] *large work boat* ark, canal boat, dory, flatboat, freight ship, lighter, raft, scow; CONCEPT 506

**barge in/charge into** [v] *charge* break in, burst in, collide, infringe, interrupt, intrude, muscle in, push, shove, stumble; CONCEPTS 150,208 —**Ant.** wait

**bark** [n1] *plant covering* case, casing, coat, cortex, crust, husk, peeling, rind, shell, skin; CONCEPT 428

**bark** [n2] *animal yelp* bay, growl, grunt, howl, roar, snarl, woof, yap, yip; CONCEPT 64

**bark** [v1] *yelp* arf, bay, cry, gnarl, growl, howl, snap, snarl, woof, yap, yip; CONCEPT 64

**bark** [v2] *shout* bawl, bellow, clamor, cry, growl, grumble, mutter, roar, snap, snarl, yell; CONCEPT 77

**barn** [n] *animal shelter* farm building, outbuilding, shed; CONCEPTS 439,517

**baroque** [adj] *decorative, especially architecture* bizarre, convoluted, elaborate, embellished, extravagant, flamboyant, florid, gilt, grotesque, ornamented, ornate, overdecorated, rich, rococo; CONCEPTS 562,589 —**Ant.** plain, unadorned, undecorated

**barracks** [n] *shelter for military* billet, bivouac, camp, cantonment, dormitory, encampment, enclosure, garrison, headquarters, hut, prefab, quarters, Quonset hut, tent; CONCEPTS 321,516

**barrage** [n1] *weapon fire* battery, blast, bombardment, broadside, cannonade, crossfire, curtain of fire, discharge, enfilade, fire, fusillade, gunfire, hail, salvo, shelling, shower, storm, volley; CONCEPT 320

**barrage** [n2] *profusion of something* assault, attack, blast, bombardment, burst, deluge, hail, mass, onslaught, plethora, rain, shower, storm, stream, surge, torrent; CONCEPT 787

**barrel** [n] *cylindrical container* butt, cask, cylinder, drum, firkin, hoghead, keg, pipe, receptacle, tub, tun, vat, vessel; CONCEPT 494

**barren** [adj1] *unable to support growth* arid, depleted, desert, desolate, dry, effete, empty, fallow, fruitless, impotent, impoverished, infecund, infertile, parched, sterile, unbearing, uncultivable, unfertile, unfruitful, unproductive, waste; CONCEPTS 485,527 —**Ant.** developing, fecund, fertile, filled, full, growing, productive, useful

**barren** [adj2] *unprofitable* dull, flat, fruitless, futile, lackluster, profitless, stale, uninspiring, unproductive, unrewarding, useless, vain, vapid; CONCEPT 560 —**Ant.** developing, growing, productive, profitable

**barricade** [n] *blocking object* bar, barrier, blank wall, block, blockade, bulwark, fence, obstruc-

tion, palisade, rampart, roadblock, stockade, stop, wall; CONCEPT 470 —**Ant.** opening

**barricade** [v] *block, usually to protect bar*, blockade, defend, fortify, obstruct, shut in; CONCEPTS 130,201 —**Ant.** allow, open

**barrier** [n1] *obstruction bar*, barricade, blank wall, blockade, bound, boundary, confines, curtain, ditch, enclosure, fence, fortification, gully, hurdle, impediment, limit, moat, obstacle, pale, palisade, railing, rampart, roadblock, stop, trench, wall; CONCEPTS 435,470,513 —**Ant.** opening

**barrier** [n2] *obstruction to goal* bar, check, difficulty, drawback, encumbrance, handicap, hindrance, hurdle, impediment, limitation, obstacle, pale, preventive, restraint, restriction, stumbling block; CONCEPT 532 —**Ant.** opening

**barring** [adj] *except for* apart from, aside from, bar, but for, discounting, excepting, excluding, other than, outside of, save for, short of, with the exception of; CONCEPT 25

**barter** [v] *trade goods or services* bargain, exchange, haggle, swap, trade, traffic, truck; CONCEPT 104

**base** [adj] *vulgar, low* abject, abominable, cheap, coarse, common, contemptible, corrupt, depraved, despicable, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, foul, grovelling, humble, ignoble, immoral, indelicate, loathsome, lowly, mean, menial, offensive, paltry, pitiful, plebeian, poor, scandalous, servile, shameful, shoddy, sleazy, sordid, sorry, squalid, trashy, ugly, unworthy, vile, worthless, wretched; CONCEPTS 542,570 —**Ant.** good, honest, moral, noble

**base** [n1] *foundation* basement, basis, bed, bedrock, bottom, foot, footing, ground, ground-work, infrastructure, pedestal, rest, root, seat, seating, stand, substratum, substructure, support, underpinning; CONCEPT 442 —**Ant.** top

**base** [n2] *fundamental part* authority, backbone, basis, chief constituent, core, essence, essential, evidence, foundation, fundamental, ground-work, heart, important part, infrastructure, key, origin, primary element, principal, principle, root, source, underpinning; CONCEPT 826

**base** [n3] *headquarters* camp, center, depot, dock, field, garrison, hangar, harbor, home, port, post, settlement, site, starting point, station, strip, terminal; CONCEPTS 435,449 —**Ant.** annex, branch

**base** [v] *build plan or opinion on* construct, depend, derive, establish, found, ground, hinge, locate, plant, predicate, prop, rest, set up, station, stay; CONCEPT 36

**baseless** [adj] *without substantiation* bottomless, flimsy, foundationless, gratuitous, groundless, reasonless, unconfirmed, uncorroborated, unfounded, ungrounded, unjustifiable, unjustified, unsubstantiated, unsupported, untenable, unwarranted; CONCEPT 582 —**Ant.** based

**basement** [n] *room on lower floor of building* bottom, cellar, crypt, excavation, furnace room, storage, substructure, subterranean room, underbuilding, understructure, vault; CONCEPT 440 —**Ant.** attic

**bash** [n] *party* celebration, spree, wing-ding\*; CONCEPT 383

**bash** [v] *hit* clobber\*, pop\*, punch, slam, slug, smash, strike, whack; CONCEPTS 189,200

**bashful** [*adj*] *shy* abashed, backward, blushing, blushing, chary, confused, constrained, coy, demure, diffident, embarrassed, humble, modest, nervous, overmodest, recoiling, reserved, reticent, retiring, self-conscious, self-effacing, shamefaced, sheepish, shrinking, silent, timid, timorous, unassertive; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* confident, unabashed, unshy

**bashing** [*n*] *abuse against a group or individual based on identity or ideological beliefs* assault, attack, beating, beating up, bias crime, censure, charge, condemnation, criticism, denigration, harassment, hate crime, hounding, jumping, offensive, persecution, strike, torment; CONCEPT 86

**basic** [*adj*] *elementary, fundamental* basal, capital, central, chief, elemental, essential, indispensable, inherent, intrinsic, key, main, necessary, primary, primitive, principal, radical, substratal, underlying, vital; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* additional, extra, inessential, nonessential, outside, peripheral, secondary

**basically** [*adv*] *fundamentally* at heart, at the bottom, essentially, firstly, in essence, inherently, in substance, intrinsically, mostly, primarily, radically; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* additionally, extra, inessentially

**basin** [*n*] *container or area where water is held* bay, bowl, concavity, depression, dip, ewer, gulf, hole, hollow, lagoon, pan, pool, pot, sag, sink, sinkage, sinkhole, tub, valley, vessel, watershed; CONCEPTS 494, 509, 514

**basis** [*n*] *physical foundation* base, bed, bottom, foot, footing, ground, groundwork, rest, resting place, seat, substructure, support; CONCEPT 442

**basis** [*n*] *foundation for belief, action antecedent, assumption, authority, axiom, backbone, background, backing, base, bedrock, cause, center, chief ingredient, core, crux, data, dictum, essence, essential, evidence, explanation, footing, fundamental, hard fact, heart, infrastructure, justification, keynote, keystone, law, nexus, nucleus, postulate, premise, presumption, presupposition, principal element, principle, proof, reason, root, rudiment, sanction, security, source, substratum, support, theorem, theory, underpinning, warrant*; CONCEPTS 661, 688, 689

**bask** [*v*] *lie in sunlight* laze, loll, lounge, relax, sun, sunbathe, swim in, toast oneself\*, warm oneself; CONCEPTS 162, 210 —*Ant.* cover, hide

**bask** [*v*] *lie in glory* delight in, derive pleasure, enjoy, indulge, luxuriate, relish, revel, rollick, savor, take comfort, take pleasure, wallow, welter; CONCEPT 32

**basket** [*n*] *woven container* bassinet, bin, box, bushel, cradle, crate, reel, hamper, nacelle, pannier; CONCEPT 494

**basketball** [*n*] *team sport* ball, B-ball\*, brown-ball\*, hoops\*; CONCEPT 363

**bastard** [*adj*] *illegitimate* adulterated, baseborn, counterfeit, fake, false, imperfect, impure, inferior, irregular, misbegotten, misborn, mixed, mongrel, natural, phony, sham, spurious, suppositious, ungenueine; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* legitimate

**bastardize** [*v*] *debase* adulterate, bestialize, brutalize, corrupt, debauch, declare illegitimate,

degrade, demoralize, deprave, pervert, vitiate, warp; CONCEPT 44 —*Ant.* appreciate, praise, value

**baste** [*v*] *moisten during cooking* brush with liquid, drip, grease, lard, season; CONCEPT 170

**baste** [*v*] *sew temporarily* catch, fasten, stitch, tack; CONCEPT 218

**baste** [*v*] *pummel, thrash* batter, beat, berate, blister, clobber, club, drub, lambaste, lash, maul, pelt, revile, scold, trounce, wallop, whip, whomp; CONCEPTS 52, 189

**bastion** [*n*] *support; fortified place* breastwork, bulwark, citadel, defense, fortification, fortress, mainstay, parapet, prop, protection, rock, stronghold, support, tower of strength; CONCEPT 712 —*Ant.* weakness, weak spot

**bat** [*n/v*] *a hit with a solid object* bang, belt, blow, bop, crack, knock, rap, slam, smack, sock, strike, swat, thump, thwack, wallop, whack, whomp; CONCEPT 189

**batch** [*n*] *group of same objects* accumulation, aggregation, amount, array, assemblage, assortment, bunch, bundle, clump, cluster, clutch, collection, crowd, group, lot, pack, parcel, quantity, set, shipment, volume; CONCEPTS 432, 787 —*Ant.* individual

**bath** [*n*] *washing with water and, usually, soap* ablution, cleansing, dip, douche, dousing, gargle, laving, scrubbing, shower, soak, soaking, soaping, sponging, tub, wash; CONCEPTS 161, 165

**bath** [*n*] *room for bathing* bathroom, lavatory, powder room, restroom, sauna, shower, shower room, spa, steam room, toilet, washroom; CONCEPT 448

**bathe** [*v*] *wash with water and, usually, soap* bath, clean, cleanse, dip, douse, dunk, flood, hose, imbathe, imbue, immerse, moisten, rinse, scour, scrub, shower, soak, soap, sponge, steep, submerge, suffice, tub, water, wet; CONCEPTS 161, 165 —*Ant.* dirty

**bathing suit** [*n*] *clothing for swimming, sunning* bathing costume, beach costume, bikini, maillot, one-piece, swimsuit, trunks, two-piece; CONCEPT 451

**bathos** [*n*] *sentimentality* anticlimax, comedown, letdown, melodrama, mush, schmaltz\*; CONCEPTS 32, 410, 689

**bathroom** [*n*] *room for bathing, toilet use* bath, lavatory, powder room, restroom, sauna, shower, shower room, spa, steam room, toilet, washroom, water closet; CONCEPT 448

**baton** [*n*] *stick used for conducting or for protection* billy, billy club, blackjack, club, cudgel, mace, nightstick, rod, staff, truncheon, wand; CONCEPTS 262, 470, 500

**battalion** [*n*] *military division* army, brigade, company, contingent, corps, force, horde, host, legion, multitude, regiment, squadron, throng, unit; CONCEPT 322

**batten** [*v*] *fasten securely* board up, clamp down, cover up, fix, nail down, secure, tie, tighten; CONCEPTS 85, 160 —*Ant.* loosen, unfasten, unfix

**batten** [*v*] *grow fat* burgeon, feed on, grow, prosper, thrive, wax; CONCEPT 704

**batter** [*n*] *mixture before baking* concoction, dough, mix, mush\*, paste, preparation, recipe; CONCEPTS 457, 466

**batter** [v] *strike and damage* assault, bash, beat, break, bruise, buffet, clobber, contuse, cripple, crush, dash, deface, demolish, destroy, disable, disfigure, drub, hurt, injure, lacerate, lambaste, lame, lash, mangle, mar, maul, mutilate, pelt, pommel, pound, pummel, punish, ruin, shatter, smash, thrash, wallop, wreck; CONCEPTS 189,246,252

**battery** [n1] *series of similar things* array, batch, body, bunch, bundle, chain, clot, clump, cluster, group, lot, ring, sequence, set, suite; CONCEPT 432 —*Ant.* individual

**battery** [n2] *physical abuse* assault, attack, beating, mayhem, mugging, onslaught, thumping, violence; CONCEPTS 189,246

**battery** [n3] *group of weapons* artillery, cannon, cannonry, gunnery unit, guns; CONCEPTS 321,500

**battle** [n1] *military fight* action, assault, attack, barrage, blitzkrieg, bloodshed, bombing, brush, campaign, carnage, clash, combat, conflict, contention, crusade, encounter, engagement, fighting, fray, havoc, hostility, onset, onslaught, press, ravage, scrimmage, significant contact, skirmish, sortie, struggle, war, warfare; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* truce

**battle** [n2] *struggle* agitation, campaign, clash, conflict, contest, controversy, crusade, debate, disagreement, dispute, strife; CONCEPTS 46,106

**battle** [v] *fight, struggle* agitate, argue, clamor, combat, contend, contest, dispute, feud, oppugn, skirmish, strive, tug, war, wrestle; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* make peace

**battlefield** [n] *location of military fights* arena, Armageddon, battleground, combat zone, field, front, front line, salient, theater of operations, theater of war; CONCEPTS 198,321

**bawdy** [adj] *vulgar, dirty* blue, cheap, coarse, erotic, gross, indecent, indecorous, indelicate, lascivious, lecherous, lewd, libidinous, licentious, lustful, obscene, off-color, prurient, ribald, risqué, rude, salacious, suggestive; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* chaste, clean, decent, proper, virginal

**bawl** [v1] *yell* bark, bellow, bluster, call, cheer, clamor, holler, howl, roar, rout, scream, screech, shout, shriek, vociferate; CONCEPT 77

**bawl** [v2] *cry* blubber\*, boohoo\*, howl, shed tears, sob, squall, wail, weep, yowl; CONCEPTS 77,185

**bay** [n1] *shoreline indentation* anchorage, arm, basin, bayou, bight, cove, estuary, fiord, firch, gulf, harbor, inlet, lagoon, loch, mouth, narrows, sound, strait; CONCEPTS 509,514

**bay** [n2] *alcove in wall* bow window, compartment, niche, nook, opening, oriel, recess; CONCEPT 440

**bay** [n3] *howl* bark, bellow, clamor, cry, growl, howl, ululation, wail, yelp; CONCEPT 64

**bazaar** [n] *fair; sale* place exchange, exposition, fete, market, marketplace, mart; CONCEPTS 345,438,449

**bboard** [n] *electronic messaging system* BBS, board, bulletin board, bulletin board system; CONCEPTS 349,770

**be** [v1] *exist* abide, act, be alive, breathe, continue, do, endure, go on, have being, have place, hold, inhabit, last, live, move, obtain, persist, prevail, remain, rest, stand, stay, subsist, survive; CONCEPT 407

**be** [v2] *happen* befall, come about, come to pass, occur, take place, transpire; CONCEPT 2

**beach** [n] *sandy area by body of water* bank, coast, lakeshore, lakeside, littoral, margin, oceanfront, seaboard, seafront, seashore, seaside, shingle, shore, strand, waterfront; CONCEPTS 509,514

**beached** [adj] *grounded* abandoned, aground, ashore, deserted, high and dry, marooned, stranded, wrecked; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* at sea

**beacon** [n] *light used as signal, guide* alarm, alert, balefire, beam, bonfire, flare, guidepost, heliograph, lamp, lantern, lighthouse, lodestar, pharos, radar, rocket, sign, signal fire, smoke signal, warning signal, watchtower; CONCEPT 628

**bead** [n] *droplet, blob* bean, bubble, dab, dot, driblet, drop, globule, grain, particle, pea, pellet, pill, shot, speck, spherule, stone; CONCEPT 436

**beads** [n] *string of small, often round, objects* chaplet, choker, necklace, necklet, pearls, pendant, rosary, wampum; CONCEPTS 368,446

**beak** [n] *nose of animal* bill, mandible, muzzule, neb, nib, nozzle, pecker, proboscis, projection, prow, snout; CONCEPT 392

**beam** [n1] *length of material used as support* axle, bail, balk, bolster, boom, brace, cantilever, column, crossbar, crosspiece, girder, jamb, joist, lath, lintel, pile, piling, pillar, plank, pole, post, prop, rafter, reach, scaffolding, scantling, shaft, sill, spar, stanchion, stay, stringer, strip, strut, stud, timber, transverse, trestle, two-by-four; CONCEPTS 471,479

**beam** [n2] *ray of light* bar, beacon, chink, column, dartle, emission, finger, flicker, glare, gleam, glimmer, glint, glitter, glow, laser, radiation, ray, shaft, shimmer, shoot, sparkle, streak, stream, twinkle; CONCEPTS 624,628

**beam** [v1] *broadcast on air waves* emit, give off, give out, glare, glimmer, glow, radiate, send, shed, shine, throw off, transmit; CONCEPTS 519,624

**beam** [v2] *smile broadly* gleam, glow, grin, laugh, radiate, shine, smirk; CONCEPT 185 —*Ant.* frown, scowl

**beam** [v3] *shine, as a light* burn, emit, glare, gleam, glitter, glow, radiate, yield; CONCEPT 624 —*Ant.* be dark

**beam** [v4] *make electronic transfer* emit, radiate, send out, transfer file, transmit, transmit signal; CONCEPT 266

**beaming** [adj1] *radiant; beautiful* bright, brilliant, effulgent, flashing, fulgent, gleaming, glistening, glittering, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucent, luminous, refulgent, scintillating, sparkling; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* ugly

**beaming** [adj2] *very happy* animated, cheerful, genial, grinning, joyful, radiant, shining, smiling, sparkling, sunny; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* frowning, sad, sullen, unhappy

**bean counter** [n] *number cruncher* accountant, actuary, analyst, auditor, bookkeeper, certified public accountant, comptroller, CPA, financial executive, statistician, treasurer; CONCEPTS 348,353

**beanpole** [n] *a tall, thin person* beanstalk\*, broomstick\*, hatrack\*, stick\*, string bean\*; CONCEPT 417

**bear** [v1] *bring* buck, carry, convey, deliver, ferry, fetch, lug, move, pack, take, tote,

- transfer, transport; CONCEPTS 108,143 —*Ant.* refuse, take, throw away
- bear** [v2] *support mentally* cherish, entertain, exhibit, harbor, have, hold, hold up, maintain, possess, shoulder, sustain, uphold, weigh upon; CONCEPTS 8,12
- bear** [v3] *endure* abide, admit, allow, brook, encounter, experience, permit, put up with, stomach, suffer, tolerate, undergo; CONCEPTS 23,239 —*Ant.* avoid, dodge, evade, shun
- bear** [v4] *give birth* be delivered of, beget, breed, bring forth, create, develop, engender, form, fructify, generate, invent, make, parturitate, produce, propagate, provide, reproduce, yield; CONCEPTS 173,251,302,373 —*Ant.* be unproductive
- bearable** [adj] *endurable* acceptable, admissible, allowable, livable, manageable, passable, satisfactory, sufferable, supportable, sustainable, tolerable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* intolerable, unbearable, unendurable, unmanageable
- beard** [n1] *facial hair on human* bristles, brush, five-o'clock shadow\*, fuzz, goatee, imperial, muttonchops, Santa Claus\*, stubble, Vandyke\*; CONCEPT 418
- beard** [n2] *decoy* false face, front, mask; CONCEPT 716
- beard** [v] *confront* brave, face, oppose, stand up to; CONCEPTS 46,96
- bearded** [adj] *having facial hair* barbate, bearded, bewhiskered, bristly, bushy, goateed, hairy, hirsute, shaggy, stubbled, stubbly, unshaven, whiskered; CONCEPTS 406,485 —*Ant.* unbearded, unwhiskered
- bear down** [v] *close in on* advance on, approach, converge on, near, press, weigh down; CONCEPTS 152,208,704
- bearer** [n1] *person who carries messages or deliveries* agent, beast of burden\*, carrier, conveyor, courier, drogher, emissary, envoy, internuncio, messenger, porter, runner, servant, shipper, transporter; CONCEPT 348
- bearer** [n2] *person who requests payment of bill* beneficiary, cashier, collector, consignee, payee; CONCEPT 353
- bearing** [n1] *person's conduct, posture* address, air, aspect, attitude, behavior, carriage, comportment, demeanor, deportment, display, front, look, manner, mien, poise, port, pose, presence, set, stand; CONCEPTS 411,633
- bearing** [n2] *significance* application, connection, import, meaning, pertinence, reference, relation, relevance, weight; CONCEPT 668
- bearing/bearings** [n3] *position, usually of water vehicle* aim, course, direction, location, orientation, point of compass, position, situation, track, way, whereabouts; CONCEPTS 739,746
- bear in mind** [v] *be aware of* be cognizant of, be mindful of, beware, consider, heed, mind, note, remember; CONCEPTS 17,623
- bear on/bear upon** [v] *concern* affect, appertain to, apply, belong to, involve, pertain to, refer to, relate to, touch upon; CONCEPT 532
- bear out** [v] *substantiate* authenticate, confirm, corroborate, endorse, justify, prove, substantiate, support, uphold, validate, verify, vindicate; CONCEPTS 50,88,97
- bear up** [v] *endure* carry on, persevere, soldier on, suffer, withstand; CONCEPT 23
- bear with** [v] *tolerate* be patient, endure, forbear, make allowance, put up with, suffer, wait; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* not bear, not tolerate
- bear witness** [v] *vouch* for attest, confirm, corroborate, demonstrate, depose, evidence, evince, prove, show, testify, testify to; CONCEPTS 49,71,317
- beast** [n] *large wild animal*; *brute* barbarian, beastie\*, creature, critter\*, fiend, gargoyle, glutton, lower animal, monster, monstrosity, pig, quadruped, swine, varmint\*; CONCEPT 394
- beastly** [adv1] *savage*; *vulgar* abominable, animal, barbarous, base, bestial, boorish, brutal, brute, brutish, carnal, coarse, cruel, degraded, depraved, disgusting, feral, ferine, foul, gluttonous, gross, inhuman, irrational, loathsome, low, monstrous, obscene, piggyish, prurient, repulsive, sadistic, swinish, unclean, vile; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* good, kind, nice, superior
- beastly** [adv2] *offensive* awful, disagreeable, disgusting, foul, gross, mean, nasty, revolting, rotten, terrible, unpleasant, vile; CONCEPTS 537,542 —*Ant.* good, inoffensive, kind, nice
- beat** [adj] *very tired* dog tired\*, exhausted, fatigued, kaput\*, weary, worn out; CONCEPTS 316,720 —*Ant.* rested
- beat** [n1] *throbbing* cadence, cadency, flow, flutter, measure, meter, oscillation, palpitation, pound, pressure, pulsation, pulse, quake, quiver, rhyme, rhythm, ripple, shake, surge, swell, swing, throb, thump, tick, undulation, vibration; CONCEPTS 150,185
- beat** [n2] *blow, stroke* hit, lash, punch, shake, slap, strike, swing, thump; CONCEPT 189
- beat** [n3] *area of responsibility* circuit, course, march, path, patrol, precinct, rounds, route, walk, way; CONCEPTS 513,532
- beat** [v1] *injure by striking* bang, bash, bat, batter, belt, box, break, bruise, buffet, cane, castigate, clout, club, collide, crush, cudgel, drub, flagellate, flail, flog, hammer, hit, knock, lambaste\*, lash, lick\*, maltreat, mash, maul, pelt, pound, pummel, punch, punish, ram, rap, slap, slug, smack, spank, strike, swat, thrash, thresh, thump, thwack, trounce, wallop, whale\*, whip; CONCEPTS 189,246 —*Ant.* aid, assist, guard, help, protect
- beat** [v2] *defeat, surpass* best, better, be victorious, conquer, exceed, excel, outdo, outplay, outrival, outrun, outshine, outstrip, overcome, overtake, overwhelm, shoot ahead of, subdue, top, transcend, triumph, vanquish, whip; CONCEPTS 95,141 —*Ant.* cede, lose, relinquish, retreat, surrender
- beat** [v3] *forge* fashion, form, hammer, malleate, model, pound, shape, work; CONCEPTS 137,175
- beat** [v4] *throb* agitate, alternate, bob, bounce, buffet, flap, flicker, fluctuate, flutter, heave, jerk, jounce, oscillate, palpitate, pitch, pound, pulsate, pulse, quake, quaver, quiver, ripple, shake, shiver, swing, thrill, throb, thump, tremble, twitch, undulate, vibrate, writhe; CONCEPTS 150,185
- beat** [v5] *mix* stir, whip; CONCEPT 170
- beaten** [adj1] *defeated* baffled, bested, circumvented, conquered, cowed, crushed, disappointed, discomfited, disheartened, frustrated, humbled, licked, mastered, overcome,

overpowered, overthrown, overwhelmed, routed, ruined, subjugated, surmounted, thwarted, trounced, undone, vanquished, worsted; CONCEPTS 403,674

**beaten** [*adj2*] *forged* formed, hammered, milled, pounded, rolled, shaped, stamped, tamped, tramped, tramped down, trodden, worked; CONCEPTS 486,490

**beaten** [*adj3*] *mixed* aerated, blended, bubbly, churned, creamy, foamy, frothy, meringued, stirred, whipped, whisked; CONCEPTS 491,606

**beat it** [*v*] *go away* leave, scam, shoo, skedaddle, vamoose; CONCEPT 195

**beatitude** [*n*] *blessedness* bliss, ecstasy, felicity, happiness, peace, serenity; CONCEPT 410

**beatnik** [*n*] *unconventional, free-spirited person* beat, Bohemian, demonstrator, dropout, flower child\*, hippie, iconoclast, maverick, nonconformist, peacenik\*, protester, radical; CONCEPT 423

**beat up** [*v*] *assault* attack, batter, do over, hammer, knock around, pulverize, thrash; CONCEPTS 52,86

**beau** [*n*] *boyfriend* admirer, beloved, cavalier, escort, fiancé, flame, gentleman caller, gentleman friend, honey, inamorato, love, lover, paramour, squire, steady, suitor, swain, sweetheart, true love; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* girlfriend, mistress

**beautiful** [*adj*] *physically attractive* admirable, alluring, angelic, appealing, beautiful, bewitching, charming, classy, comely, cute, dazzling, delicate, delightful, divine, elegant, enticing, excellent, exquisite, fair, fascinating, fine, foxy\*, good-looking, gorgeous, graceful, grand, handsome, ideal, lovely, magnificent, marvelous, nice, pleasing, pretty, pulchritudinous, radiant, ravishing, refined, resplendent, shapely, sightly, splendid, statuesque, stunning, sublime, superb, symmetrical, taking, well-formed, wonderful; CONCEPTS 485,579,589

—*Ant.* disgusting, grotesque, hideous, homely, offensive, plain, repulsive, ugly, unattractive

**beautifully** [*adv*] *in an attractive or pleasing manner* alluringly, appealingly, attractively, bewitchingly, celestially, charmingly, cutely, delightfully, divinely, elegantly, entrancingly, excellently, exquisitely, gorgeously, gracefully, handsomely, ideally, magnificently, prettily, seductively, splendidly, sublimely, superbly, tastefully, wonderfully; CONCEPT 544

**beautify** [*v*] *make more physically attractive* adorn, array, bedeck, deck, decorate, dress up, embellish, enhance, garnish, gild, glamorize, grace, improve, make up, ornament, prettify, set off, trim; CONCEPT 162 —*Ant.* disfigure, harm, injure, mar, spoil

**beauty** [*n1*] *physical attractiveness* adorableness, allure, allurements, artistry, attraction, bloom, charm, class, comeliness, delicacy, elegance, exquisiteness, fairness, fascination, glamor, good looks, grace, handsomeness, loveliness, polish, pulchritude, refinement, shapeliness, style, symmetry, winsomeness; CONCEPT 718 —*Ant.* homeliness, offensiveness, ugliness

**beauty** [*n2*] *good-looking person* Adonis\*, Apollo\*, beaut\*, charmer, dream, dreamboat\*, enchanter, eyeful\*, good-looker\*, head turner\*,

looker\*, ornament\*, stunner\*, Venus\*, vision; CONCEPT 424 —*Ant.* dog

**beauty** [*n3*] *advantage* asset, attraction, benefit, blessing, boon, excellent, feature, good thing, importance, merit, value, worth; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* disadvantage

**because** [*conj/prep*] *on account of* as, as a result of, as long as, as things go, being, by cause of, by reason of, by virtue of, considering, due to, for, for the reason that, for the sake of, in as much as, in behalf of, in that, in the interest of, in view of, now that, on the grounds that, over, owing to, seeing, since, thanks to, through, whereas; CONCEPT 676

**beckon** [*v*] *call, signal, or lure* allure, ask, attract, bid, coax, command, demand, draw, entice, gesticulate, gesture, invite, motion, nod, pull, sign, summon, tempt, wave; CONCEPTS 7,22,53,74

**become** [*v1*] *evolve into* alter to, assume form of, be converted to, be reduced to, be reformed, be remodeled, be transformed into, change into, come, come to be, convert, develop into, emerge as, eventually be, grow into, incline, mature, metamorphose, pass into, ripen into, shift, turn into, turn out, wax; CONCEPT 701

**become** [*v2*] *enhance* accord, adorn, agree, augment, be appropriate, belong to, display, embellish, enrich, fit, flatter, garnish, go together, go with, grace, harmonize, heighten, make handsome, match, ornament, set off, suit; CONCEPT 244

**becoming** [*adj1*] *flattering* acceptable, agreeable, attractive, beautiful, comely, cute, effective, enhancing, excellent, fair, graceful, handsome, neat, nice, presentable, pretty, seemly, tasteful, welcome, well-chosen; CONCEPTS 579,589 —*Ant.* indecorous, tasteless, ugly, unattractive, unbecoming, unfitting, unsuitable

**becoming** [*adj2*] *suitable; appropriate* befitting, comme il faut, compatible, conforming, congruous, correct, decent, decorous, fit, fitting, in keeping, nice, proper, right, seemly, worthy; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, unbecoming, unfitting, unseemly, unsuitable

**bed** [*n1*] *furniture for sleeping* bassinets, bedstead, berth, bunk, chaise, cot, couch, cradle, crib, davenport, divan, mattress, pallet, platform, sack, trundle; CONCEPT 443

**bed** [*n2*] *patch of ground for planting* area, border, frame, garden, piece, plot, row, strip; CONCEPTS 509,513

**bed** [*n3*] *base, foundation* basis, bedrock, bottom, ground, groundwork, rest, seat, substratum, understructure; CONCEPT 442

**bed** [*v*] *plant* base, embed, establish, fix, found, implant, insert, settle, set up; CONCEPTS 234,257

**bedazzle** [*v*] *captivate* astound, bewilder, blind, confuse, dazzle, dazzle, dumbfound, enchant, overwhelm, stagger, stun; CONCEPTS 7,22,42

**bedding** [*n*] *covering for sleeping furniture* bedclothes, bed linen, bedspread, blanket, comforter, cover, coverlet, eiderdown, electric blanket, linen, pillow, pillowcase, quilt, sheet, spread, thermal blanket; CONCEPTS 444,473

**bedlam** [*n*] *chaotic situation* chaos, clamor, commotion, confusion, din, disquiet, disquietude, furor, hubbub, madhouse, maelstrom,



noise, pandemonium, racket, shambles, tumult, turmoil, uproar; CONCEPTS 230,674 —*Ant.* calm, peace, quiet

**bedraggled** [*adj*] *unkempt* decrepit, dilapidated, dirty, disheveled, disordered, dowdy, drenched, dripping, faded, messy, muddied, muddy, run-down, seedy, shabby, sloppy, slovenly, sodden, soiled, stained, sullied, tacky, tattered, threadbare, untidy, wet; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* clean, neat, tidy

**bedridden** [*adj*] *sick in bed* ailing, disabled, flat on one's back\*, ill, incapacitated, infirm, invalid, laid up\*, prostrate; CONCEPTS 314,485,489

**bedroom** [*n*] *place for sleeping* bedchamber, bunk room, chamber, cubicle, guest room; CONCEPT 448

**bedspread** [*n*] *thick, often quilted, covering for bed* bedcover, blanket, counterpane, cover, coverlet, spread; CONCEPT 444

**bee** [*n1*] *honey-making, stinging insect* bumblebee, drone, honey bee, killer bee, queen bee; CONCEPT 398

**bee** [*n2*] *collective task* communal gathering, harvest, party, social, work party; CONCEPT 362

**beef** [*n1*] *strong physical makeup* arm, brawn, flesh, force, heftiness, meat, might, muscle, physique, power, robustness, sinew, steam, strength, thew, vigor; CONCEPT 757

**beef** [*n2*] *complaint* bickering, criticism, dispute, grievance, gripe, grouse, grumble, objection, protestation, quarrel, rhubarb\*, squabble; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**beep** [*n*] *sound from electronic device* bell sound, bleep, breedle, computer sound, ding, eep, feep, signal, tone, warning; CONCEPTS 74,284,529,685

**beep** [*v*] *call for electronically* call, page, summon, track down, warn; CONCEPT 74

**beer** [*n*] *alcoholic beverage made from malted grain* ale, amber brew\*, barley pop\*, brew, brewski\*, brown bottle\*, chill\*, cold coffee\*, cold one\*, hops, lager, malt, malt liquor, oil\*, stout\*, suds\*; CONCEPT 455

**befall** [*v*] *happen to; take place* action, bechance, betide, break, chance, come down, come off, come to pass, cook\*, cook up a storm\*, cook with gas\*, develop, ensue, fall, fall out, follow, gel, go, go down, hap\*, happen, jell\*, materialize, occur, shake\*, smoke\*, supervene, transpire; CONCEPT 4

**befitting** [*adj*] *appropriate* according to Hoyle\*, apt, becoming, behooving, beseeching, comme il faut, conforming, correct, decent, decorous, felicitous, fit, fitting, happy, just, kosher\*, nice, on the button\*, on the nose\*, proper, right, right on\*, seemly, suitable, what the doctor ordered\*; CONCEPTS 533,558 —*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, incorrect, unbecoming, unfitting, unsuitable

**before** [*adv*] *earlier* afore, aforesaid, ahead, ante, antecedently, anteriorly, back, before present, ere, fore, former, formerly, forward, gone, gone by, heretofore, in advance, in days of yore, in front, in old days, in the past, past, precedently, previous, previously, since, sooner, up to now; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* after, afterward, behind, later

**before** [*prep*] *earlier than* ahead of, ante, antecedent to, anterior to, ere, in advance of,

in front of, preceding, previous to, prior to, since; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* after, afterward, behind, later

**beforehand** [*adj/adv*] *early* advanced, ahead, ahead of time, already, ante, antecedently, before, before now, earlier, fore, in advance, in anticipation, precedently, precocious, previous, previously, sooner; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* after, afterward, behind, later

**befriend** [*v*] *make social acquaintance; support* advise, aid, assist, back, benefit, buddy up\*, case out\*, come on to\*, cotton to\*, encourage, favor, get chummy with, get in with\*, help, hit it off\*, patronize, side with, stand by, sustain, take under one's wing\*, take up with, uphold, welcome; CONCEPTS 110, 384 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**befuddle** [*v*] *confuse* addle, baffle, ball up\*, bewilder, bother, daze, disorient, distract, dumbfound, fluster, inebriate, intoxicate, make punchy\*, mix up, muddle, puzzle, shake, stupefy, throw off\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,42 —*Ant.* clear up, explain

**beg** [*v1*] *request* abjure, advocate, apply to, ask, beseech, besiege, call to, canvass, conjure, crave, desire, entreat, impetrate, implore, importune, invoke, nag, obsecrate, obtest, petition, plead, pray, press, requisition, solicit, sue, supplicate, urge, woo, worry; CONCEPT 48 —*Ant.* answer

**beg** [*v2*] *seek charity* ask alms, benefit, bite\*, brace, bum\*, burn\*, buzz\*, cadge\*, call on, call upon, chisel\*, clamor for, dime up\*, ding\*, freeloader\*, hit up\*, hustle, knock, live hand to mouth\*, mendicant, mooch\*, nick\*, nickel up\*, panhandle, pass the hat\*, put the bite on\*, put the touch on\*, score\*, scrounge, solicit charity, sponge\*, sponge on\*, tap, touch, want; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* give

**beget** [*v*] *create, bear* afford, breed, bring, bring about, cause, effect, engender, father, generate, get, give rise to, multiply, occasion, procreate, produce, progenerate, propagate, reproduce, result in, sire; CONCEPTS 173,251, 374

**beggar** [*n1*] *person asking for charity* asker, borrower, bum, deadbeat, hobo, mendicant, panhandler, rustler, scrounger, supplicant, supplicator, tramp, vagabond; CONCEPTS 412,423

**beggar** [*n2*] *person in financial trouble* alms person, bankrupt, dependent, down-and-out\*, guttersnipe\*, indigent, mendicant, pauper, poor person, poverty-stricken person, street person\*, supplicant, vagrant, ward of state; CONCEPT 423

**begin** [*v1*] *start* activate, actualize, break ground, break the ice\*, bring about, bring to pass, cause, commence, create, do, drive, effect, embark on, enter on, enter upon, establish, eventuate, found, generate, get going, give birth to, give impulse, go ahead, go into, impel, inaugurate, induce, initiate, instigate, institute, introduce, launch, lay foundation for, lead, make, make active, motivate, mount, occasion, open, originate, plunge into, prepare, produce, set about, set in motion, set up, trigger, undertake; CONCEPTS 234,241 —*Ant.* complete, conclude, consummate, end, finish

**begin** [*v2*] *come into being; become functional* appear, arise, be born, bud, come forth, come

into existence, come out, commence, crop up, dawn, derive from, emanate, emerge, enter, germinate, get going, get show on road\*, get under way, grow out of, happen, issue forth, kick off, make tick\*, occur, originate, proceed from, result from, rise, sail, send off, set, spring, sprout, start, stem from, take off; CONCEPTS 105, 680 —*Ant.* die, end

**beginner** [*n*] *person unskilled in something* abecedarian, amateur, apprentice, buckwheat\*, catechumen, colt, fish\*, fledgling, greenhorn, greenie\*, initiate, learner, neophyte, newcomer, new kid on the block\*, new person, novice, novice, probationer, recruit, starter, student, tenderfoot\*, trainee, tyro; CONCEPTS 423, 424 —*Ant.* expert, old hand, professional, veteran

**beginning** [*n*] *start of an event or action* alpha, basis, birth, blastoff\*, commencement, creation, dawn, dawning, day one\*, genesis, inauguration, inception, induction, infancy, initiation, installation, introduction, kickoff, onset, opener, opening, origin, origination, outset, point of departure, preface, prelude, presentation, rise, root, rudiment, source, spring, square one\*, starting point, takeoff, threshold, top; CONCEPTS 815, 833 —*Ant.* completion, conclusion, consummation, end, ending, finish, goal, termination

**beginning** [*n*2] *origin, cause* antecedent, birth, conception, egg, embryo, font, fount, fountain, fountainhead, generation, genesis, germ, heart, principle, resource, root, seed, stem, well; CONCEPT 229 —*Ant.* conclusion, outcome, result

**begruddle** [*v*] *wish that someone did not have* be jealous, be reluctant, be stingy, covet, eat one's heart out, envy, grudge, pinch, resent, stint; CONCEPTS 17, 21

**beguile** [*v*1] *fool* betray, bluff, burn\*, cheat, chisel, con, deceive, delude, double-cross, dupe, entice, exploit, finesse, flimflam\*, gyp\*, have, hoodwink\*, impose on, jockey, juggle, lure, manipulate, mislead, play, play for a sucker\*, rook\*, rope in\*, scam, seduce, shave\*, snow\*, stick\*, string along, suck in\*, take, take in, trick; CONCEPT 59

**beguile** [*v*2] *charm* amuse, attract, cheer, delight, distract, divert, engross, entertain, entice, knock dead, knock out, lure, occupy, seduce, send, slay, solace, sweep off one's feet, tickle, tickle pink\*, tickle to death\*, turn on, vamp, wow\*; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 22

**behalf** [*n*] *personal interest* account, advantage, aid, assistance, benefit, cause, concern, countenance, defense, encouragement, favor, furtherance, good, help, part, place, profit, recommendation, representation, sake, service, side, stead, support, welfare; CONCEPTS 410, 532

**behave** [*v*1] *function* act, operate, perform, react, run, take, work; CONCEPTS 1, 4

**behave** [*v*2] *act reasonably, properly* act correctly, act one's age, act with decorum, be civil, be good, be nice, be on best behavior\*, be orderly, comport oneself, conduct oneself properly, control, demean oneself, deport oneself, direct, discipline oneself, keep one's nose clean\*, keep the peace, live up to, manage, manage oneself, mind one's manners\*, mind one's p's and q's\*, observe golden rule\*, observe the law, play fair, shape up, toe the

mark\*, watch one's step\*; CONCEPT 633

—*Ant.* act up, misbehave

**behavior** [*n*] *manner of conducting oneself* act, action, address, air, attitude, bag\*, bearing, carriage, code, comportment, conduct, convention, course, dealings, decency, decorum, deed, delivery, demeanor, deportment, ethics, etiquette, expression, form, front, guise, habits, management, mien, mode, morals, nature, observance, performance, practice, presence, propriety, ritual, role, routine, savoir-faire, seamliness, social graces, speech, style, tact, talk, taste, tenue, tone, way, way of life, ways, what's done\*; CONCEPTS 633, 655

**behead** [*v*] *decapitate* bring to the block, decollate, execute, guillotine, head, kill, neck; CONCEPT 176

**behest** [*n*] *order; personal decree* bidding, charge, command, commandment, demand, dictate, direction, expressed desire, injunction, instruction, mandate, order, precept, prompting, request, solicitation, wish, word; CONCEPTS 20, 53

**behind** [*adv*1/*prep*1] *position farther back; following* abaft, after, afterwards, at the heels of\*, at the rear of, back of, bringing up the rear\*, eating the dust\*, in the background, in the wake, later than, next, off the pace, subsequently, trailing; CONCEPTS 586, 820 —*Ant.* front

**behind** [*adv*2] *in debt; late* backward, behind-hand, behind schedule, behind time, belated, delayed, dilatory, have to play catch up\*, in arrears, laggard, overdue, slow, sluggish, tardy; CONCEPTS 334, 799 —*Ant.* paid

**behind** [*n*] *buttocks* backside, bottom, breech, can\*, derrière, fanny\*, fundament, posterior, rear, rump, seat, tail, tush\*; CONCEPT 392 —*Ant.* front

**behind** [*prep*2] *being the reason for* at the bottom of, causing, concerning the circumstances, initiating, instigating, responsible for; CONCEPT 532

**behind** [*prep*3] *in support* backing, for, in agreement, on the side of, supporting; CONCEPT 388

**behind one's back** [*adv*] *deceitfully* covertly, secretly, sneakily, sub rosa, surreptitiously; CONCEPTS 267, 548

**behind the times** [*adj*] *old-fashioned* antiquated, dated, obsolete, old hat\*, outdated, outmoded, out of date, passe, square; CONCEPTS 578, 589, 797, 799

**behold** [*v*] *regard; look at* catch, consider, contemplate, descry, discern, distinguish, earmark, eye, eyeball\*, feast one's eyes\*, flash\*, lay eyes on\*, note, notice, observe, perceive, regard, scan, see, spot, spy, survey, view, watch, witness; CONCEPTS 34, 626

**beholden** [*adj*] *indebted* bound, grateful, in hock, into, obligated, obliged, on a string\*, on the arm\*, on the cuff\*, on the tab\*, owe one, owing, responsible, under obligation; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* ingrateful

**behoove** [*v*] *be necessary, proper* be expected, befit, be fitting, be incumbent upon, be needful, be one's obligation, be required, be requisite, be right, beseeem, owe it to, suit; CONCEPT 646

**beige** [*n/adj*] *light brown color* biscuit, buff,

- café au lait, camel, cream, ecru, fawn, khaki, mushroom, neutral, oatmeal, off-white, sand, tan, taupe; CONCEPTS 618,622
- being** [n1] *existence* actuality, animation, journey, life, living, presence, reality, subsistence, vitality, world; CONCEPT 407 —*Ant.* deadness
- being** [n2] *essential nature* character, entity, essence, essentiality, individuality, marrow, personality, quintessence, self, soul, spirit, substance, texture; CONCEPTS 411,673
- being** [n3] *animate object* animal, beast, body, conscious thing, creature, entity, human, human being, individual, living thing, mortal, organ-ism, person, personage, soul, thing; CONCEPT 389 —*Ant.* abstract, inanimate
- belabor** [v]  *dwell on* beat a dead horse\*, go on about, hammer home, overwork, pound, rehash, repeat; CONCEPT 56
- belated** [adj] *late, slow* behindhand, behind time, delayed, long-delayed, overdue, remiss, tardy, unpunctual; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* early, on time, punctual, timely
- belch** [v] *burp; spew* discharge, disgorge, emit, eruct, eructate, erupt, give off, gush, hiccup, irrupt, repeat, ventilate, vomit; CONCEPT 185
- beleaguer** [v] *harass, besiege* annoy, badger, bedevil, beset, blockade, bother, gnaw, harry, nag, persecute, pester, plague, put upon, set upon, siege, storm, tease, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19
- belfry** [n] *tower; part of tower* bell tower, campanile, carillon, clocher, cupola, dome, head, minaret, spire, steeple, turret; CONCEPT 440
- belie** [v1] *disprove* confute, contradict, contravene, controvert, deny, disaffirm, disagree, explode, gainsay, negate, negative, oppose, repudiate; CONCEPTS 54,58 —*Ant.* attest, prove
- belie** [v2] *deceive* color, conceal, disguise, distort, falsify, garble, give the lie to, gloss over, hide, miscolor, mislead, misrepresent, misstate, pervert, trump up, twist, warp; CONCEPT 63 —*Ant.* be honest
- belief** [n1] *putting regard in as true* acceptance, admission, assent, assumption, assurance, avowal, axiom, certainty, conclusion, confidence, conjecture, conviction, credence, credit, deduction, divination, expectation, faith, fancy, feeling, guess, hope, hypothesis, idea, impression, intuition, judgment, knowledge, mind, mindset, notion, opinion, persuasion, position, postulation, presumption, presupposition, profession, reliance, supposition, surmise, suspicion, theorem, theory, thesis, thinking, trust, understanding, view; CONCEPTS 410,529 —*Ant.* disbelief
- belief** [n2] *something regarded as true* assumption, concept, credence, credo, creed, doctrine, dogma, faith, fundamental, gospel, gospel truth\*, hypothesis, idea, ideology, law, opinion, postulate, precept, principle, say-so\*, tenet, theorem, theory; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* disbelief, nonbelief
- believable** [adj] *trustworthy* aboveboard, acceptable, authentic, colorable, conceivable, convincing, credential, credible, creditable, fiduciary, honest-to-God\*, imaginable, impressive, likely, persuasive, plausible, possible, presumable, presumptive, probable, rational, reasonable, reliable, satisfying, straight, supposable,
- tenable, tried, trusty, unquestionable, up front\*; CONCEPTS 403,582 —*Ant.* inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unconvincing, unreliable, unthinkable
- believe** [v1] *trust, rely on* accept, accredit, admit, affirm, attach weight to, be certain of, be convinced of, be credulous, be of the opinion, buy\*, conceive, conclude, consider, count on, credit, deem, fall for\*, give credence to, have, have faith in, have no doubt, hold, keep the faith, lap up\*, place confidence in, posit, postulate, presume true, presuppose, reckon on, regard, rest assured, suppose, swallow\*, swear by, take as gospel\*, take at one's word, take for granted, take it, think, trust, understand; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* disbelieve, distrust
- believe** [v2] *assume or suppose* conjecture, consider, credit, deem, expect, feel, gather, guess, hold, imagine, judge, maintain, postulate, presume, reckon, sense, speculate, suppose, suspect, take, think, understand; CONCEPT 28
- believer** [n] *person who has faith in something* acceptor, adherent, apostle, canonist, convert, devotee, disciple, doctrinaire, dogmatist, follower, freak, orthodox, prophet, proselyte, religionist, religious person, supporter, upholder, zealot; CONCEPTS 361,423 —*Ant.* agnostic, atheist, disbeliever, non-believer
- belittle** [v] *detract* bad-mouth, blister, criticize, cut down to size\*, cut to the quick\*, decry, deprecate, depreciate, deride, derogate, diminish, discount, discredit, disparage, dispraise, downgrade, downplay, dump on\*, knock\*, lower, minimize, pan, pooh pooh\*, poor mouth\*, put down, rip\*, roast\*, run down, scoff at, scorch\*, scorn, shoot down\*, shoot full of holes\*, slam\*, smear, sneer at, sour grapes\*, squash\*, squelch, take a swipe at\*, take down, take down a peg\*, tear down\*, underestimate, underrate, under-value, write off; CONCEPTS 52,54 —*Ant.* build up, exaggerate, praise, value
- bell** [n] *signaling object or sound* alarm, buzz, buzzer, carillon, chime, clapper, curfew, ding-dong\*, dinger\*, gong, peal, ringer, siren, tintinnabulum, tocsin, toll, vesper; CONCEPT 595
- belligerent** [adj] *nasty, argumentative* aggressive, antagonistic, ardent, at loggerheads\*, battling, bellicose, cantankerous, combative, contentious, fierce, fighting, flip, have a bone to pick\*, have chip on shoulder\*, have it in for\*, hostile, hot, hot-tempered, mean, militant, on the outs\*, ornery, pugnacious, quarrelsome, scrappy, truculent, warlike; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* cooperative, helping, kind, nice
- bellow** [v] *holler* bark, bawl, bay, bellow, blare, bluster, bray, call, clamor, cry, howl, low, roar, rout, scream, shout, shriek, wail, whoop, yawp, yell, yelp; CONCEPT 77
- bells and whistles** [n] *added-value features* accessories, added features, attractive features, chrome, dressing, extras, gongs, trappings; CONCEPTS 386,829
- belly** [n] *stomach* abdomen, bay window\*, beer belly\*, breadbasket\*, corporation\*, front porch\*, gut, insides, intestines, paunch, pelvis, pot\*, pot belly\*, solar plexus, spare tire\*, tank, tummy, venter; CONCEPT 393
- belong** [v1] *be part of, be in proper place* accord, agree, appertain, apply, associate, attach

to, be a component, be a constituent, be akin, be an adjunct of, be a part, bear, bear upon, become, be connected with, befit, be fitting, be linked with, be related, be relevant, chime, concern, correlate, correspond, exist, fit, go, go with, harmonize, have relationship to, have respect to, have to do with, inhere, match, permeate, pertain, refer, regard, reside, set, suit, touch, vest; CONCEPTS 532,543

**belong** [v2] *be affiliated with* be allied to, be a member, be a member of, be associated with, be classified among, be contained in, be included in, be one of, be one of the family, be part of, fit in, have a place in, in with, owe allegiance, owe support, run with\*, swing\*, swing with\*, take one's place with; CONCEPTS 114,388

**belonging** [n] *sense of security in friendship* acceptance, affinity, association, attachment, inclusion, kinship, loyalty, rapport, relationship; CONCEPTS 388,410 —*Ant.* antipathy, insecurity

**belongings** [n] *personal possessions* accouterments, appurtenances, assets, chattels, effects, gear, goods, paraphernalia, personal property, property, stuff, things; CONCEPTS 446,710

**belonging to** [adj] *owned by* affiliated with, associated with, essential to, held by, inherent in, intrinsic in, native to; CONCEPTS 404,549

**beloved** [adj] *adored* admired, cared for, cherished, darling, dear, dearest, doted on, endeared, esteemed, fair-haired, favorite, hallowed, highly regarded, highly valued, idolized, loved, near to one's heart\*, pet\*, pleasing, popular, precious, prized, respected, revered, sweet, treasured, venerated, well-liked, worshiped; CONCEPTS 568,572 —*Ant.* despised, disliked, hated

**beloved** [n] *someone adored* baby\*, beau, boyfriend, darling, dear, dearest, fiancé, flame, girlfriend, heartbeat\*, hearthrob, honey, idol, innamorato, love, love of my life\*, lover, number one\*, numero uno\*, object of affection, one and only, pet\*, prize, rave\*, significant other, steady, sugar\*, sweetheart, tootsie\*, treasure, true love; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* hate

**below** [adv/prep] *lower* beneath, down, down from, under, underneath; CONCEPTS 581,586,735 —*Ant.* above, over

**below** [prep2] *less than; beneath* inferior, lesser, lower, subject, subordinate, unworthy; CONCEPTS 567,771 —*Ant.* above, more, over

**below par** [adj] *second-rate in quality* below average, imperfect, inferior, lacking, not oneself, off, off-form, poor, substandard, under the weather\*, wanting; CONCEPT 574

**below the belt** [adj/adv]  *nastily and unfairly* cowardly, dirty, dishonest, foul, unjust, unscrupulous, unsportsmanlike; CONCEPTS 411,674,732

**belt** [n1] *supporting band* cincture, cummerbund, girdle, ribbon, ring, sash, strap, string, waistband; CONCEPT 450

**belt** [n2] *strip of land with characteristic feature* area, district, layer, region, stretch, territory, tract, zone; CONCEPTS 513,517

**belt** [v] *hit hard* bash, bat, buff, blast, blow, bop, clobber, slam, slug, smack, smash, sock, strap, switch, wallop, whip, whop; CONCEPT 189 —*Ant.* pat, tap

**bemoan** [v] *express sorrow* beat one's breast\*, bewail, complain, cry over spilled milk\*, de-

plore, grieve for, lament, moan over, mourn, regret, rue, sing the blues\*, weep for; CONCEPTS 49,51 —*Ant.* be happy, gloat

**bemuse** [v] *confuse* addle, amaze, bewilder, daydream, daze, gather wool\*, moon, muddle, overwhelm, paralyze, perplex, pipe dream\*, puzzle, stun, stupefy; CONCEPTS 7,19,22 —*Ant.* clear up, enlighten, explain, illuminate, tell

**bench** [n1] *furniture for sitting* bank, chair, form, lawn seat, pew, seat, settee, settle, stall; CONCEPT 443

**bench** [n2] *large table* board, counter, desk, easel, ledge, shelf, trestle, workbench, work table; CONCEPT 443

**bench** [n3] *group of judges* court, courtroom, judiciary, magistrate, the bar, tribunal, your honors; CONCEPTS 318,355

**benchmark** [n] *reference point* criterion, gauge, measure, standard, touchstone, yardstick; CONCEPT 688

**bend** [n] *curve* angle, arc, bending, bow, corner, crook, curvation, curvature, deflection, deviation, flection, flexure, hook, lean, loop, round, sag, shift, tack, tilt, turn, twist, yaw, zigzag; CONCEPT 436 —*Ant.* line

**bend** [v1] *form or cause a curve* angle away, angle off, arch, bow, buckle, camber, careen, circle, contort, crimp, crinkle, crook, crouch, curl, deflect, deform, detour, double, droop, flex, genuflect, hook, incline, incurvate, lean, loop, pervert, round, spiral, stoop, swerve, tilt, turn, twist, veer, verge, warp, waver, wilt, wind, yaw, zigzag; CONCEPTS 149,184

—*Ant.* straighten

**bend** [v2] *persuade; influence* change mind, compel, direct, mold, shape, subdue, submit, sway, yield; CONCEPT 68

**beneath** [adv] *in a lower place* below, underneath; CONCEPT 586 —*Ant.* above, higher, over

**beneath** [prep] *inferior* below, lesser, less than, lower than, subject, subordinate, unbefitting, under, underneath, unworthy of; CONCEPT 567 —*Ant.* above, higher, over, superior

**benediction** [n] *closing prayer* amen, approbation, approval, beatitude, benedictus, benison, blessing, consecration, favor, grace, gratitude, invocation, laying on of hands, okay, orison, praise, sanctification, thanks, thanksgiving; CONCEPT 69 —*Ant.* anathema, execration

**benefactor** [n] *donor* aid, altruist, angel, assistant, backer, contributor, fairly godparent\*, fan, good Samaritan, grubstaker, helper, humanitarian, mark\*, patron, philanthropist, promoter, protector, Santa Claus\*, sponsor, subscriber, subsidizer, supporter, well-wisher; CONCEPTS 416,423 —*Ant.* antagonist, opponent, opposer

**beneficial** [adj] *advantageous* benign, constructive, favorable, favoring, gainful, good, good for what ails you\*, healthful, helpful, profitable, propitious, salubrious, salutary, serviceable, toward, useful, valuable, what the doctor ordered\*, wholesome, worthy; CONCEPTS 567,572 —*Ant.* disadvantageous, harmful, hurting, unfortunate, unhelpful, unrewarding

**beneficiary** [n] *person who gains, benefits* almsperson, assignee, devisee, donee, grantee, heir, heiress, inheritor, legatee, payee, possessor, receiver, recipient, stipendiary, successor; CONCEPTS 355,423 —*Ant.* giver, payer

**benefit** [*n*] *advantage, profit* account, aid, asset, assistance, avail, benediction, betterment, blessing, boon, cream\*, egg in one's beer\*, extras, favor, gain, gotsend\*, good, gravy\*, help, interest, perk\*, profit, prosperity, use, welfare, worth; CONCEPTS 337,346,661

—*Ant.* disadvantage, handicap, harm, hindrance, hurt, loss, misfortune

**benefit** [*n*2] *event to raise money* ball, bazaar, charitable affair, charity performance, concert, dance, dinner, exhibit, exhibition, fair, pancake breakfast, raffle; CONCEPT 386

**benefit** [*v*] *help, enhance* advance, advantage, aid, ameliorate, assist, avail, be good for, better, build, contribute to, do for one, do the trick, favor, fill the bill\*, further, improve, make a killing\*, make it\*, pay, pay off\*, profit, promote, relieve, serve, succor, work for; CONCEPTS 110,244 —*Ant.* handicap, harm, hinder, hurt, injure

**benevolence** [*n*] *charity* altruism, amity, comity, compassion, feeling, friendliness, friendship, generosity, gift, goodness, good will, humanity, kindheartedness, kindness, sympathy; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* animosity, greediness, ill will, malevolence, meanness, selfishness, spite, unkindness

**benevolent** [*adj*] *charitable, kind* all heart, altruistic, beneficent, benign, big, big-hearted, bounteous, bountiful, caring, chivalrous, compassionate, considerate, generous, helpful, humane, humanitarian, kindhearted, liberal, magnanimous, philanthropic, tenderhearted, warmhearted, well-disposed; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* greedy, malevolent, mean, selfish, spiteful, unkind

**benign** [*adj*1] *kindly* amiable, beneficent, benevolent, benignant, complaisant, congenial, favorable, friendly, generous, genial, gentle, good, goodhearted, gracious, kind, liberal, merciful, mild, obliging, sympathetic; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* hateful, hostile, hurtful, injurious, malignant, unkind

**benign** [*adj*2] *mild, especially describing weather* auspicious, balmy, bright, favorable, fortunate, gentle, healthful, propitious, refreshing, temperate, warm; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* bad, severe

**benign** [*adj*3] *advantageous* auspicious, beneficent, benevolent, bright, charitable, dexter, encouraging, favorable, fortunate, good, lucky, merciful, propitious, salutary, smiling; CONCEPTS 537,572 —*Ant.* disadvantageous, harmful, hurtful

**benign** [*adj*4] *not cancerous* curable, early stage, harmless, limited, remediable, slight, superficial; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* cancerous, malignant

**bent** [*adj*1] *curved* angled, arced, arched, arciform, bowed, contorted, crooked, curvilinear, doubled over, drooping, droopy, hooked, humped, hunched, inclined, limp, looped, round, rounded, sinuous, slouchy, slumped, stooped, twined, twisted, warped, wilted; CONCEPT 486 —*Ant.* straight

**bent** [*adj*2] *determined* bound, decided, decisive, dedicated, disposed, firm, fixed, inclined, insistent, intent, leaning, predisposed, resolute, resolved, set, settled, tending; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* unaring, undecided

**bent** [*n*] *inclination; talent* ability, aim, aptitude, bag\*, disposition, druthers\*, facility, faculty, flair, forte, genius, gift, head-set\*, inclining, knack, leaning, mind-set\*, nose, penchant, predilection, predisposition, preference, proclivity, propensity, set, tack, tendency, thing for\*, tilt, turn, weakness for; CONCEPTS 409,630

**bequeath** [*v*] *give in a will* bestow, commit, devise, endow, entrust, grant, hand down, hand on, impart, leave, leave to, legate, pass on, transmit, will; CONCEPTS 108,317 —*Ant.* take

**bequest** [*n*] *something given in will* bequeathal, bequeathment, bestowal, devisal, devise, dower, endowment, estate, gift, heritage, inheritance, legacy, settlement, trust; CONCEPTS 318,337

**berate** [*v*] *criticize hatefully* bawl out\*, blister, call down, castigate, censure, chew\*, chew out\*, chide, cuss out\*, eat out\*, give one hell\*, give what for\*, jaw\*, jump all over\*, rail at\*, rake over the coals\*, rate, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reprove, revile, scold, scorch, tell off, tongue-lash, upbraid, vituperate; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* compliment, hail, praise

**bereavement** [*n*] *death; loss* affliction, deprivation, distress, misfortune, sorrow, tribulation; CONCEPTS 230,674

**berft** [*adj*] *lacking* missing beggared, bereaved, cut off, deprived, destitute, devoid, dispossessed, divested, fleeced, impoverished, left without, minus, naked, parted from, robbed, shorn, stripped, wanting, without; CONCEPTS 546,576 —*Ant.* full, happy

**berry** [*n*] *small fruit* bean, drupe, drupelet, grain, haw, hip, kernel, pome, seed; CONCEPT 426

**berserk** [*adj*] *crazed* crazy, demented, deranged, insane, mad, maniacal, manic, violent; CONCEPT 403

**berth** [*n*1] *harbor*; *bunk* anchorage, bed, bedroom, billet, compartment, cot, dock, hammock, haven, jetty, levee, pier, port, quay, slip, wharf; CONCEPTS 513,516

**berth** [*n*2] *position of responsibility* appointment, billet, capacity, connection, employment, job, living, office, place, post, profession, situation, spot; CONCEPTS 362,668

**beseech** [*v*] *beg* adjure, appeal, ask, call upon, crave, entreat, implore, importune, invoke, petition, plead, pray, solicit, sue, supplicate; CONCEPT 48 —*Ant.* give, offer

**beset** [*v*] *plague; hem in* aggress, assail, attack, badger, bedevil, beleague, besiege, bug\*, circle\*, compass, dog\*, drive up the wall\*, embarrass, encircle, enclose, encompass, entangle, environ, fall on, fall upon, girdle, give a bad time\*, give a hard time\*, give one the business\*, give the needle\*, harass, harry, hassle, infest, invade, jump on one's case\*, nag, nudge, overrun, perplex, pester, pick on, put the squeeze on\*, ride, ring, start in on, storm, strike, surround; CONCEPTS 7,19

**beside** [*adv/prep*] *next to* abreast of, adjacent to, adjoining, alongside, aside, a step from, at one's elbow, at the edge of, at the side of, bordering on, by, cheek by jowl\*, close at hand, close to, close upon, connected with, contiguous to, forment, in juxtaposition, near, nearby, neck and neck\*, neighboring, next door to, nigh, opposite, overlooking, round, side by side, verging on, with; CONCEPT 586

**beside oneself** [*adj*] *very upset* berserk, crazed, delirious, demented, distraught, frantic, frenetic, insane, mad, unbalanced, unhinged; CONCEPTS 403,485,570

**besides** [*adv*] *in addition; as well* added to, additionally, along with, also, and all, apart from, aside from, as well as, beyond, conjointly, else, exceeding, exclusive of, extra, further, furthermore, in conjunction with, in distinction to, in excess of, in other respects, likewise, more, moreover, more than, not counting, on the side\*, on top of everything, other than, otherwise, over and above, plus, secondly, supplementary to, to boot\*, together with, too, what's more\*, with the exception of, yet; CONCEPT 772

**besides** [*prep1*] *apart from* aside from, bar, barring, beside, but, except, excepting, excluding, exclusive of, in addition to, other than, outside of, over and above, save, without; CONCEPT 772

**besides** [*prep2*] *in addition* to added to, along with, as well as, beside, beyond, in excess of, more than, on top of, other than, over and above, plus, supplementary, together with; CONCEPT 772

**beside the point** [*adj*] *not important* extraneous, immaterial, inapplicable, incidental, inconsequential, irrelevant, pointless, unimportant, unrelated; CONCEPT 575

**besiege** [*v1*] *surround; assault* assail, attack, beleaguer, beset, blockade, come at from all sides, confine, congregate, encircle, encompass, environ, hem in, invest, lay siege to, shut in, trap, work on, work over; CONCEPTS 86,90 —*Ant.* leave alone

**besiege** [*v2*] *bother* badger, beleaguer, bug\*, buttonhole\*, harass, harry, hound\*, importune, nag, pester, plague, trouble; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* leave alone

**best** [*adj1*] *most excellent* 10\*, A-1\*, ace, bad\*, beyond compare, boss\*, capital, champion, chief, choicest, cool\*, culminating, finest, first, first-class, first-rate, foremost, greatest, highest, incomparable, inimitable, leading, matchless, nonpareil, number 1\*, optimum, out-of-sight\*, outstanding, paramount, peerless, perfect, pre-eminent, premium, prime, primo\*, principal, sans pareil, second to none, super, superlative, supreme, terrific, tops, tough, transcendent, unequaled, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed; CONCEPTS 568,572 —*Ant.* worst

**best** [*adj2*] *correct, right* advantageous, apt, desirable, golden, most desirable, most fitting, preferred, presentable; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* incorrect, not right

**best** [*adj3*] *most biggest, bulkiest, greatest, largest*; CONCEPT 771 —*Ant.* fewest, least

**best** [*adv*] *most excellently* advantageously, attractively, creditably, extremely, gloriously, greatly, honorably, illustriously, magnanimously, most deeply, most fortunately, most fully, most highly, sincerely; CONCEPTS 568, 572 —*Ant.* worst

**best** [*n1*] *most outstanding thing in class* choice, cream, cream of the crop\*, elite, fat, favorite, finest, first, flower, gem, model, nonpareil, paragon, pick, prime, prize, select, top; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* worst

**best** [*n2*] *highest personal effort* all one's got, best shot, hardest, highest endeavor, level best\*, Sunday best\*, utmost; CONCEPT 411

**best** [*v*] *defeat; gain advantage* beat, beat up\*, better, blank\*, blast\*, bulldoze\*, clobber\*, conquer, cream\*, deck\*, drub\*, exceed, excel, flax\*, floor\*, get the better of, knock off\*, KO\*, lambaste, let have it\*, lick\*, master, outclass, outdo, outshine, outstrip, overcome, prevail, put away, shoot down\*, shut down\*, surpass, take care of, take down\*, tan\*, thrash\*, top, total, transcend, trash\*, triumph, triumph over, trounce, wallop, waste\*, wax\*, whip\*, whomp\*, whop\*, wipe\*, wipe out, wipe the floor with\*, zap\*; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* give up, lose, relent, surrender

**bestow** [*v*] *give, allot* accord, apportion, award, bequeath, come through, commit, confer, devote, donate, entrust, favor, gift, give away, grant, hand out, honor with, impart, kick in, lavish, offer, present, put out, render to; CONCEPTS 98,108 —*Ant.* deprive, refuse, take

**best-seller** [*n*] *top-selling item* a top ten, chart-buster, favorite, hit\*, hot item\*, hot seller, mover\*, number one, record-breaker, success, winner; CONCEPTS 423,446 —*Ant.* failure, flop

**best-selling** [*adj*] *top-selling* chart-topping, hit, number one, smash, very popular, very successful; CONCEPT 528 —*Ant.* failing

**best shot** [*n*] *all-out try* all one's got, best effort, best one can do, maximum effort, one's all, one's damndest, optimum effort; CONCEPTS 87,362,677,724

**bet** [*n*] *game of chance; money gambled* action, ante, betting, chance, down on, hazard, long shot, lot, lottery, odds, odds on, parlay, play, pledge, plunge, pot, raffle, random shot, risk, shot, shot in the dark\*, speculation, stake, sweepstakes, uncertainty, venture, wager; CONCEPTS 28,293,329

**bet** [*v*] *gamble* ante, buy in on, chance, dice, game, hazard, lay down, lay odds, play against, play for, play the ponies\*, pledge, pony up\*, put, put money on, risk, set, speculate, tempt fortune\*, toss up, trust, venture, wager; CONCEPTS 292,330

**beta** [*adj*] *being tested* dubious, experimental, flaky, mostly working, new, pre-release, suspect, testing, unready; CONCEPTS 529,582

**bête noire** [*n*] *trouble* adversary, anathema, antagonist, bad news\*, bane, curse, devil, enemy, pet hate, plague; CONCEPTS 532,674, 675,690,728

**betray** [*v1*] *be disloyal* abandon, be unfaithful, bite the hand that feeds you\*, blow the whistle\*, bluff, break faith, break promise, break trust, break with, commit treason, cross, deceive, deliver up\*, delude, desert, double-cross, finger\*, forsake, go back on, inform against, inform on, jilt, knife\*, let down, mislead, play false\*, play Judas\*, seduce, sell down the river\*, sell out, stab in the back\*, take in\*, trick, turn in, turn informer, turn state's evidence, walk out on; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* be faithful, be loyal, defend, protect, support

**betray** [*v2*] *divulge, expose information* blurt out, dime\*, disclose, evince, fink on\*, give away, inform, lay bare, let slip, make known, manifest, rat on\*, reveal, show, sing\*, snitch\*,

spill, squeal\*, stool\*, tattle, tell, tell on, turn in, uncover, unmask; CONCEPTS 44,60 —*Ant.* be quiet, hide, keep secret

**betrayal** [*n*] *exhibition of disloyalty* deception, dishonesty, double-crossing, double-dealing, duplicity, falseness, giveaway, Judas kiss\*, let-down, perfidy, sellout, treachery, treason, trickery, unfaithfulness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* faithfulness, loyalty, protection, support

**betrayal** [*n*] *divulgence of information* blurring out, dimming\*, disclosure, giving away, ratting\*, revelation, snitching\*, spilling\*, squealing\*, tattling, telling; CONCEPTS 44,60 —*Ant.* quiet, secret

**betroth** [*v*] *marry* affiance, become engaged, bind, commit, contract, engage, espouse, give one's hand, make compact, plight faith, plight troth, promise, tie oneself to, vow; CONCEPT 297 —*Ant.* divorce, leave, separate

**betrothal** [*n*] *marriage* affiancing, betrothing, engagement, espousal, plight, promise, troth, vow; CONCEPT 297 —*Ant.* divorce, separation

**better** [*adj*] *excelling, more excellent* bigger, choice, exceeding, exceptional, finer, fitter, greater, higher quality, improved, larger, more appropriate, more desirable, more fitting, more select, more suitable, more useful, more valuable, preferable, preferred, prominent, sharpened, sophisticated, souped up\*, superior, surpassing, worthier; CONCEPTS 568,572 —*Ant.* worse

**better** [*adj*] *improved in health* convalescent, cured, fitter, fully recovered, healthier, improving, less ill, mending, more healthy, on the comeback trail\*, on the mend, on the road to recovery\*, out of the woods\*, over the hump\*, progressing, recovering, stronger, well; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* more ill, sicker, unhealthy, worse

**better** [*adj*] *larger* bigger, greater, longer, more, preponderant, weightier; CONCEPTS 771,773 —*Ant.* littler, smaller, tinier

**better** [*adv*] *in a more excellent manner* finer, greater, in a superior way, more, more advantageously, more attractively, more competently, more completely, more effectively, more thoroughly, preferably, to a greater degree; CONCEPTS 568,572 —*Ant.* worse

**better** [*v*] *improve performance; outdo* advance, ameliorate, amend, beat, best, cap, correct, enhance, exceed, excel, forward, further, help, meliorate, mend, outshine, outstrip, promote, raise, rectify, refine, reform, revamp, surpass, top, transcend; CONCEPTS 141,244 —*Ant.* deteriorate, get worse, worsen

**betterment** [*n*] *improvement* advancement, amelioration, mastery, melioration, progress, prosperity, upgrading; CONCEPT 244 —*Ant.* deterioration, impairment, unhealthiness, worsening

**between** [*adv/prep*] *middle from two points* amid, amidst, among, at intervals, betwixt, bounded by, centrally located, enclosed by, halfway, in, inserted, interpolated, intervening, in the middle, in the midst of, in the seam, in the thick of, medially, mid, midway, separating, surrounded by, \*tween, within; CONCEPTS 586,820 —*Ant.* around, away, away from, outside, separate

**beverage** [*n*] *liquid refreshment* cooler, draft, drink, drinkable, libation, liquor, potable, potation; CONCEPT 454 —*Ant.* food, victuals

**bevy** [*n*] *swarm* assembly, band, bunch, cluster, collection, company, covey, crew, crowd, flight, flock, gathering, group, pack, party, troupe; CONCEPT 432 —*Ant.* individual, one

**bewail** [*v*] *cry over, lament* bemoan, deplore, eat heart out\*, express sorrow, grieve for, moan, mourn, regret, repent, rue, sing the blues\*, take on, wail, weep over; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* be happy, be joyous, exalt, gloat, praise, vaunt

**beware** [*v*] *be careful* attend, avoid, be cautious, be wary, guard against, heed, keep eyes open\*, keep one's distance, keep on one's toes\*, look out, mind, mind p's and q's\*, notice, refrain from, shun, steer clear of\*, take care, take heed, walk on eggs\*, watch one's step, watch out; CONCEPT 34 —*Ant.* court, invite, risk, take on

**bewilder** [*v*] *confuse* addle, baffle, ball up\*, befuddle, bemuse, confound, daze, disconcert, distract, floor\*, fluster, mess with one's head\*, mix up, muddle, mystify, perplex, puzzle, rattle, snow\*, stump, stupefy, throw, upset; CONCEPTS 14,42 —*Ant.* clear up, explain, orient

**bewildered** [*adj*] *confused* addled, agape, aghast, agog, appalled, astonished, astounded, awed, awe-struck, baffled, befuddled, bowled over\*, dazed, dazzled, disconcerted, dizzy, dumbfounded, dumbstruck, flabbergasted, flipped out\*, floored\*, flustered, giddy, in a dither\*, lost, misled, muddled, mystified, perplexed, punchy\*, puzzled, rattled, reeling, shocked, shook up, speechless, staggered, startled, stumped, stunned, stupefied, surprised, taken aback, thrown, thunderstruck\*, uncertain, unglued\*; CONCEPTS 402,403 —*Ant.* clear, oriented, understanding

**bewilderment** [*n*] *puzzlement* bafflement, confusion, daze, discombobulation\*, disorientation, perplexity, surprise; CONCEPT 14

**bewitch** [*v*] *charm* allure, attract, bedevil, beguile, captivate, capture, control, dazzle, draw, enchant, enrapture, enthrall, entrance, fascinate, hex, hypnotize, knock dead\*, knock out, put horns on\*, put the whammy on\*, put under magic spell\*, send\*, slay\*, spell\*, spellbind, sweep off one's feet\*, take, tickle\*, tickle pink\*, tickle to death\*, trick, turn on\*, vamp, voodoo, wile, wow\*; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* disenchant, disgust, turn off

**bewitched** [*adj*] *charmed* captivated, enamored, enchanted, enraptured, ensorcelled, entranced, fallen for, fascinated, gaga about\*, have a bug in one's ear\*, have a thing about\*, head over heels\*, hooked\*, hung up\*, mad about, mesmerized, possessed, spellbound, transformed, turned on\*, under a spell; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* disenchanting, disgusted, turned off

**beyond** [*adv/prep*] *further; outside limits* above, after, ahead, apart from, as well as, at a distance, away from, before, behind, besides, beyond the bounds, clear of, farther, free of, good way off, hyper, in addition to, in advance of, long way off, moreover, more remote, on the far side, on the other side, out of range, out of reach, outside, over, over and above, over

there, past, remote, superior to, without, yonder; CONCEPTS 554,772,778 —*Ant.* close, inside

**bias** [n1] *belief in one way; partiality* bent, bigotry, chauvinism, disposition, favoritism, flash, head-set\*, illiberality, inclination, intolerance, leaning, mind-set\*, mind trip\*, narrowmindedness, one-sidedness, penchant, preconception, predilection, predisposition, preference, prejudice, prepossession, proclivity, proneness, propensity, spin, standpoint, tendency, tilt, turn, unfairness, viewpoint; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* fairness, impartiality, justness

**bias** [n2] *diagonal weave of fabric* angle, cant, cross, incline, oblique, slant; CONCEPT 606

**bias** [v] *cause to favor* distort, incline, influence, make partial, prejudice, prepossess, slant, sway, twist, warp, weight; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* be fair, be impartial, be just

**bible** [n] *holy book; authoritative book* authority, creed, doctrine, guide, guidebook, handbook, manual, sacred writ, sacred writings, scripture, testament, text, the good news; CONCEPTS 280,368

**bicker** [v] *nastily argue* altercation, brawl, caterwaul, cause a scene\*, cavil, dig, disagree, dispute, fall out, fight, hassle, pick at, quarrel, quibble, row, scrap, scrape, spar, spat, squabble, tiff, trade zingers\*, wrangle; CONCEPT 46 —*Ant.* agree, concede, discuss

**bicycle** [n] *pedal-driven recreational vehicle* bike, cycle, tandem, two-wheeler, velopedede, wheels; CONCEPTS 364,505

**bid** [n1] *offering of money or services* advance, amount, declaration, feeler, hit, invitation, offer, pass, price, proffer, proposal, proposition, request, submission, suggestion, sum, summons, tender; CONCEPTS 67,330

**bid** [n2] *endeavor attempt*, crack, effort, essay, try, venture; CONCEPT 87

**bid** [v1] *offer money or services* present, proffer, propose, render, submit, tender, venture; CONCEPTS 67,330

**bid** [v2] *say call, greet, tell, wish*; CONCEPT 266

**bid** [v3] *ask for; command* call, charge, demand, desire, direct, enjoin, instruct, invite, make a pass at\*, make a pitch\*, make a play for\*, order, proposition, request, require, solicit, summon, tell, warn; CONCEPT 53

**bidding** [n1] *command* behest, call, charge, demand, dictate, direction, injunction, instruction, invitation, mandate, order, request, summons, word; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* answer

**bidding** [n2] *offering of money, services* advance, auction, invitation, offer, proffering, proposal, proposition, request, submission, suggestion, tender; CONCEPTS 67,330

**bide** [v] *wait* abide, attend, await, continue, dwell, hang around, hang in\*, hang out\*, hold the phone\*, lie in wait\*, linger, live, remain, reside, sit tight\*, stay, stick around, sweat it\*, tarry, watch for; CONCEPT 681 —*Ant.* go, hurry, move

**big** [adj1] *large, great* ample, awash, a whale of a\*, brimming, bulky, bull\*, burly, capacious, chock-full\*, colossal, commodious, considerable, copious, crowded, enormous, extensive, fat, full, gigantic, heavy-duty\*, heavyweight, hefty, huge, hulking, humongous\*, husky, immense, jumbo, mammoth, massive, mondo\*,

monster\*, oversize, packed, ponderous, prodigious, roomy, sizable, spacious, strapping, stuffed, substantial, super colossal\*, thundering, tremendous, vast, voluminous, walloping, whooper, whooping; CONCEPTS 771,773 —*Ant.* itsy, little, small, tiny

**big** [adj2] *important* big league\*, big-time\*, consequential, considerable, eminent, heavy-duty\*, heavyweight, influential, leading, main, major league\*, material, meaningful, momentous, paramount, popular, powerful, prime, principal, prominent, serious, significant, substantial, super, super colossal\*, valuable, weighty; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* blah, bland, dull, unimportant

**big** [adj3] *grown* adult, elder, full-grown, grown-up, mature, tall; CONCEPTS 578,797 —*Ant.* adolescent, baby, babyish, infant, infantile, juvenile

**big** [adj4] *generous* altruistic, benevolent, big-hearted, chivalrous, considerate, free, gracious, greathearted, heroic, liberal, lofty, magnanimous, noble, princely, unselfish; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* selfish, ungenerous, ungriving

**big** [adj5] *arrogant* arty, boastful, bragging, conceited, flamboyant, haughty, high-sounding, imperious, imposing, inflated, overblown, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, proud; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* humble, shy, unconfident

**big deal** [n] *something or someone important* big cheese\*, big enchilada\*, big fish\*, biggie\*, big gun\*, big shot\*, big wheel\*, bigwig\*, boss, boss man\*, head honcho\*, hotshot\*, important person, top dog\*, tycoon, very important person, VIP; CONCEPT 347

**big-hearted** [adj] *very kind* altruistic, benevolent, compassionate, generous, giving, gracious, noble; CONCEPTS 404,542

**big league** [adj] *important* big-time, chief, critical, crucial, exceptional, four-star, front-page\*, grave, great, heavy, high-power, major-league, playing hard ball\*, professional, serious, strictly business; CONCEPTS 567,568

**bigmouth** [n] *a loudmouth* bag of wind\*, big talker\*, blowhard\*, blusterer, boaster, brag, braggart, bragger, bull artist\*, bull-throver\*, gasbag\*, gossip, grandstander, know-it-all, show-off, swelled head\*, trumpeter\*, wind-bag\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**bigot** [n] *intolerant, prejudiced person* chauvinist, diehard, doctrinaire, dogmatist, enthusiast, extremist, fanatic, fiend, fanatic, monomaniac, opinionated person, partisan, persecutor, puritan, racist, sectarian, segregationist, sexist, stickler, superpatriot, zealot; CONCEPTS 359,423 —*Ant.* humanitarian, liberal, tolerator

**bigoted** [adj] *intolerant, prejudiced* biased, chauvinistic, dogmatic, narrow, narrow-minded, obstinate, opinionated, partial, partisan, sectarian, slanted, small-minded, twisted, unfair, warped; CONCEPTS 403,555 —*Ant.* broad-minded, fair, humanitarian, just, open-minded, tolerant, unprejudiced

**bigotry** [n] *intolerance, prejudice* bias, discrimination, dogmatism, fanaticism, injustice, Jim Crowism\*, narrow-mindedness, partiality, provincialism, racialism, racism, sectarianism, sexism, unfairness; CONCEPTS 388,410 —*Ant.* broad-mindedness, fairness, open-mindedness, tolerance



**big shot** [*n*] *important person* big cheese\*, big gun\*, big wheel\*, bigwig\*, celebrity, dignitary, heavy-hitter\*, heavyweight\*, mogul, personage, somebody, VIP; CONCEPT 423

**big win** [*n*] *overwhelming success or victory* coup, coup d'état, obliteration; CONCEPT 706

**big win** [*n*] *desirable chance discovery* accidental discovery, chance discovery, good fortune, luck, serendipity; CONCEPT 693

**bilateral** [*adj*] *having two sides* mutual, reciprocal, respective, two-sided; CONCEPT 562

—*Ant.* multilateral, unilateral

**bilk** [*v*] *cheat* bamboozle\*, beat, circumvent, con, deceive, defraud, disappoint, do\*, fleece\*, flimflam\*, foil, frustrate, gyp\*, overreach, rook\*, ruin, snow\*, swindle, thwart, trick; CONCEPTS 59,139 —*Ant.* give, give away

**bill** [*n*] *account of charges; money owed* bad news\*, check, chit, damage\*, debt, invoice, IOU, itemized account, knock\*, note, reckoning, request for payment, score, statement, statement of indebtedness, tab; CONCEPTS 329,332

**bill** [*n*] *list; circular* advertisement, affiche, agenda, bulletin, card, catalogue, flyer, handbill, handout, inventory, leaflet, listing, notice, placard, playbill, poster, program, roster, schedule, syllabus; CONCEPTS 280,283

**bill** [*n*] *piece of legislation* act, draft, measure, projected law, proposal, proposed act; CONCEPTS 271,318

**bill** [*n*] *piece of paper* money bank note, buck, certificate, currency, dollar, greenback\*, long green\*, skin\*; CONCEPT 340 —*Ant.* coin

**bill** [*n*] *beak of animal* mandible, neb, nib, pecker, projection; CONCEPT 399

**bill** [*v*] *charge money for goods, services* bone, chase, debit, draw upon, dun, figure, invoice, put the arm on\*, put the bite on\*, put the squeeze on\*, reckon, record, render, solicit; CONCEPTS 330,342

**bill** [*v*] *advertise* announce, book, give advance notice, post; CONCEPTS 60,292

**billow** [*n*] *surging mass* beachcomber, breaker, crest, roller, surge, swell, tide, wave; CONCEPTS 437,514

**billow** [*v*] *surge* balloon, belly, bloat, bounce, bulge, ebb and flow, heave, pitch, puff up, ripple, rise and fall, rise up, rock, roll, swell, toss, undulate, wave; CONCEPTS 159,208

**billowy** [*adj*] *surging* bouncing, bouncy, bulgy, distended, ebbing and flowing, heaving, puffy, rippled, rippling, rising, rising and falling, rolling, swelling, swirling, swollen, undulating, waving, wavy; CONCEPTS 486,584

**bind** [*n*] *predicament* between a rock and a hard place\*, crunch\*, difficulty, dilemma, hot water\*, no-win situation\*, nuisance, pickle\*, predicament, quandary, sticky situation\*, tight situation, tight spot\*; CONCEPTS 230,674

**bind** [*v*] *fasten, secure* adhere, attach, bandage, border, chain, cinch, clamp, connect, constrict, cover, dress, edge, encase, enchain, enfetter, fetter, finish, fix, fold, furl, glue, hamper, handcuff, hem, hitch, hitch on, hobble, hook on, hook up, lace, lap, lash, leash, manacle, moor, muzzle, paste, peg down, pin, pin down, pinion, put together, restrain, restrict, rope, shackle, stick, strap, swathe, tack on, tether, tie, tie up, trammel, trim, truss, unite, wrap,

yoke; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* free, loose, loosen, release, set free, unbind, unfasten, untie

**bind** [*v*] *obligate; restrict* compel, confine, constrain, detain, engage, enslave, force, hamper, hinder, hogtie\*, indenture, lock up, necessitate, oblige, prescribe, put half nelson on\*, put lock on\*, require, restrain, restrict, yoke; CONCEPTS 14,130 —*Ant.* allow, free, let, permit, set free

**binding** [*adj*] *necessary* bounden\*, compulsory, conclusive, counted upon, essential, imperative, incumbent on, indissoluble, irrevocable, mandatory, obligatory, required, requisite, unalterable; CONCEPT 546

**binding** [*adj*] *confining* attached, enslaved, fastened, indentured, limiting, restraining, tied, tying; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* alterable, breakable, revocable, unbinding, unconfining, unnecessary

**binding** [*n*] *cover; something which fastens* adhesive, belt, fastener, jacket, tie, wrapper; CONCEPT 475

**binge** [*n*] *spree* affair, bender, blind\*, bout\*, carousal, comotation, drunk\*, fling, jag\*, orgy\*, toot\*; CONCEPT 386 —*Ant.* saving

**biography** [*n*] *account of person's life* adventures, autobiography, bio, biog, close-up, confessions, diary, experiences, journal, letters, life, life history, life story, memoir, personal account, personal anecdote, personal narrative, personal record, picture, profile, résumé, saga, sketch, vita; CONCEPTS 280,282

**bird** [*n*] *flying animal* feathered creature, fowl, game; CONCEPT 395

**birds of a feather** [*n*] *two of a kind* Bobbsey twins, close friends, compadres, comrades, friends, two minds thinking as one; CONCEPT 423

**birth** [*n*] *becoming alive* bearing, beginning, birthing, blessed event\*, childbearing, childbirth, creation, act of God, delivery, labor, nascency, natality, nativity, parturition, producing, travail, visit from stork\*; CONCEPTS 302, 373 —*Ant.* death

**birth** [*n*] *commencement* dawn, dawning, emergence, fountainhead, genesis, onset, opening, origin, outset, rise, source, start; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* conclusion, death, end, ending, finish

**birth** [*n*] *heritage* ancestry, background, blood, breeding, derivation, descent, extraction, forebears, genealogy, heritage, legacy, line, lineage, parentage, pedigree, position, race, rank, station, status, stock, strain; CONCEPTS 296,648

**birth control** [*n*] *method of preventing pregnancy* abstinence, condom, contraception, contraceptive, diaphragm, IUD, pill, planned parenthood, rhythm method, rubber, safety\*, tied tubes, vasectomy; CONCEPTS 121,375

**birth defect** [*n*] *congenital defect* abnormality, congenital malformation, deformity; CONCEPT 580

**birthmark** [*n*] *blemish one is born with* angioma, beauty mark, hemangioma, mole, mother's mark, nevus, port wine stain; CONCEPT 580

**bisect** [*v*] *divide* in two bifurcate, branch off, cleave, cross, cut across, cut in half, cut in two, dichotomize, dimidiate, divaricate, divide in two, fork, furcate, halve, hemisect, intersect,

separate, split, split down the middle; CONCEPTS 98,137,176 —*Ant.* combine, join

**bisexual** [adj] *having relations with either gender* AC-DC\*, androgynous, bi\*, epicene, gynandrous, hermaphroditic, intersexual, monoclinalous, swings both ways\*; CONCEPT 372 —*Ant.* heterosexual, homosexual

**bistro** [n] *drinkery with food* bar, lounge, restaurant, tavern; CONCEPTS 439,448,449

**bit** [n1] *tiny piece* atom, butt, chicken feed\*, chip, chunk, crumb, dab, dash, division, dollop, dose, dot, dribble, droplet, end, excerpt, flake, fraction, fragment, grain, iota, item, jot, lick\*, lump, mite, modicum, moiety, molecule, morsel, niggle, parcel, part, particle, peanuts\*, pinch, portion, sample, scale, scintilla, scrap, section, segment, shard, share, shaving, shred, slice, sliver, smidgen, snatch, snip, snippet, specimen, speck, splinter, sprinkling, stub, stump, taste, tittle, trace, trickle; CONCEPT 831 —*Ant.* whole

**bit** [n2] *short period of time* instant, jiffy, little while, minute, moment, second, space, spell, stretch, tick, while; CONCEPT 807

**bit** [n3] *computer information* 0, 1, binary digit, binary unit, data; CONCEPT 274

**bite** [n1] *injury from gripping, tearing* chew\*, chomp\*, gob\*, itch\*, laceration, nip, pain, pinch, prick, smarting, sting, tooth marks\*, wound; CONCEPT 309

**bite** [n2] *mouthful of food* brunch, drop, light meal, morsel, nibble, nosh\*, piece, refreshment, sample, snack, sop\*, taste; CONCEPTS 457,459

**bite** [n3] *pungency; stinging sensation* burn, edge, guts\*, kick, piquancy, punch, spice, sting, zap\*, zip\*; CONCEPT 614

**bite** [n4] *allotment* allowance, cut, lot, part, piece, portion, quota, share, slice; CONCEPT 835

**bite** [v1] *grip or tear with teeth* champ, chew, chaw on, chew, chomp, clamp, crunch, crush, cut, eat, gnaw, hold, lacerate, masticate, munch, nibble, nip, pierce, pinch, rend, ruminant, seize, sever, snap, take a chunk out of\*, taste, tooth, wound; CONCEPTS 185,616

**bite** [v2] *corrode, eat away* burn, consume, decay, decompose, deteriorate, dissolve, eat into, engrave, erode, etch, oxidize, rot, rust, scour, sear, slash, smart, sting, tingle, wear away; CONCEPTS 215,250

**bite** [v3] *take a chance* be victim, get hooked\*, nibble, risk, volunteer; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* be careful

**bite the bullet** [v] *take it* be forced, bow to fate, face the music\*, have no choice, know no alternative, pay the piper\*, stand up and take it, swallow the pill\*, take one's medicine\*, take the rap; CONCEPTS 23,96

**biting** [adj1] *piercing, sharp* bitter, bleak, blighting, cold, crisp, cutting, freezing, harsh, nipping, penetrating, raw; CONCEPTS 569,605 —*Ant.* bland, calm, mild

**biting** [adj2] *sarcastic* acerbic, acrimonious, bitter, caustic, cutting, incisive, mordant, scathing, severe, sharp, stinging, trenchant, withering; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* kind, nice, sweet

**bitter** [adj1] *pungent, sharp* absinthal, absinthian, acerb, acerbic, acid, acrid, amaroidal, astringent, harsh, sour, tart, unsweetened, vinegary; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* bland, mild, pleasant, sweet

**bitter** [adj2] *hostile, nasty* acrimonious, alienated, antagonistic, begrudging, biting, caustic, crabby, divided, embittered, estranged, fierce, freezing, hateful, intense, irreconcilable, morose, rancorous, resentful, sardonic, severe, sore, sour, stinging, sullen, virulent, vitriolic, with chip on shoulder\*; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* agreeable, content, genial, kind, nice, pleasant, sweet

**bitter** [adj3] *painful, distressing* afflictive, annoying, bad, brutal, calamitous, cruel, dire, disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful, disturbing, galling, grievous, hard, harsh, heartbreaking, hurtful, inclement, intemperate, intense, merciless, offensive, poignant, provoking, rigorous, rugged, ruthless, savage, severe, sharp, stinging, unpalatable, unpleasant, vexatious, woeful; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* good, helping, wonderful

**bitterness** [n1] *sourness* acerbicity, acidity, acidity, astringency, bitterness, brininess, piquancy, pungency, sharpness, tartness, vinegaryness; CONCEPT 614 —*Ant.* sweetness

**bitterness** [n2] *agony* acrimoniousness, anguish, asperity, distress, grievousness, harshness, hostility, mordancy, pain, painfulness, sarcasm, venom, virulence; CONCEPTS 410,633 —*Ant.* contentment, geniality, happiness, sweetness

**bizarre** [adj] *strange, wild* bugged out\*, camp\*, comical, curious, eccentric, extraordinary, fantastic, far-out\*, freakish, grody\*, grotesque, kooky, ludicrous, odd, oddball, offbeat, off the wall\*, outlandish, outré, peculiar, queer, ridiculous, singular, unusual, way-out\*, weird; CONCEPTS 547,564 —*Ant.* normal, reasonable, usual

**blab** [v] *gossip* babble, betray, blather, blurt out, chatter, disclose, divulge, gab, gabble, give away, go on, jabber, let out, let slip, mouth, peach\*, prattle, reveal, run off at the mouth\*, run on, shoot the breeze\*, spill\*, spill the beans\*, squeal\*, talk through one's hat\*, tattle, tell, tell on, yak\*, yakkety-yak\*; CONCEPTS 55,60 —*Ant.* be quiet, shut up

**blabbermouth** [n] *someone who talks too much* babblemouth, babbler, bag of wind\*, bigmouth, blabber, blabberer, blowhard\*, chatterbox, chatterer, gabber, gasbag\*, gossip, gossipmonger, jabberer, loudmouth, motor-mouth, squealer\*, tattletale, windbag\*, yapper; CONCEPTS 412,423

**black** [adj1] *dark, inky* atramentous, brunet, charcoal, clouded, coal, dingy, dusky, ebon, ebony, inklike, jet, livid, melanoid, murky, obsidian, onyx, piceous, pitch, pitch-dark, raven, sable, shadowy, slate, sloe, somber, sombre, sooty, starless, stygian, swart, swarthy; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* white

**black** [adj2] *hopeless* atrocious, bleak, depressing, depressive, dismal, despiriting, distressing, doleful, dreary, foreboding, funereal, gloomy, horrible, lugubrious, mournful, ominous, oppressive, sad, sinister, sombre, threatening; CONCEPTS 529,570 —*Ant.* hopeful, optimistic

**black** [adj3] *dirty* dingy, filthy, foul, grimy, grubby, impure, nasty, soiled, sooty, spotted, squalid, stained, unclean, uncleanly; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* clean

**black** [adj4] *angry* enraged, fierce, furious, hostile, menacing, resentful, sour, sullen, threatening; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* happy

**black** [*adj*5] *evil* bad, diabolical, iniquitous, mean, nefarious, villainous, wicked; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* good

**black** [*n*] *African-American* African, Afro-American, Negro; CONCEPT 380 —*Ant.* Caucasian, white

**blackball** [*v*] *expel from group* ban, blacklist, debar, exclude, ostracize, oust, reject, repudiate, snub, veto; CONCEPTS 25,384

**blacken** [*v*1] *darken* befoul, begrime, blot, cloud, deepen, ebonize, grow dark, grow dim, ink, make dark, shade, smudge, soil; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* bleach, lighten, whiten

**blacken** [*v*2] *malign*; *smear* asperse, attack, bad-mouth\*, blot, blotch, calumniate, decry, defame, defile, denigrate, dishonor, do a number on\*, give a black eye\*, knock\*, libel, malign, rip\*, rip up and down\*, slander, slur, smudge, stain, sully, taint, tarnish, traduce, vilify; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* compliment, enhance, praise

**black hole** [*n*] *abyss* great void, supernova, theoretical mass, void; CONCEPTS 509,514

**blacklist** [*v*] *ban* banish, bar, blackball, boycott, debar, exclude, expel, hit list\*, ostracize, preclude, proscribe, put on hit list\*, reject, repudiate, snub, thumbs down\*, vote against; CONCEPT 25 —*Ant.* accept, allow, ask in, permit, welcome

**black magic** [*n*] *sorcery* diabolism, magic, necromancy, voodoo, witchcraft, wizardry; CONCEPTS 370,689

**blackmail** [*n*] *intimidation for money*; *money to quiet informer* bribe, bribery, extortion, extortion, hush money\*, milking\*, payoff, protection, ransom, slush fund\*, tribute; CONCEPTS 123,192

**blackmail** [*v*] *intimidating for money* badger, bleed, coerce, compel, demand, exact, extort, force, hold to ransom, milk\*, put the shake on\*, ransom, shake\*, shake down\*, squeeze\*, threaten; CONCEPTS 192,342

**black market** [*n*] *illegal sales* bootleg market, underground, underground market, underworld market; CONCEPT 323

**black out** [*v*1] *delete*; *cover* batten, conceal, cover up, cross out, cut off, darken, eclipse, eradicate, erase, hold back, make dark, obfuscate, rub out, shade, squash, squelch; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* add, pencil in, uncover

**black out** [*v*2] *faint* collapse, crap out\*, draw a blank\*, go out like a light\*, lose consciousness, pass out\*, slip into coma, swoon\*, zone out\*; CONCEPT 303 —*Ant.* resuscitate, revive

**black sheep** [*n*] *disgraceful person* ne'er-do-well, outcast, pariah, prodigal, reject, reprobate; CONCEPT 423

**blade** [*n*] *cutting tool* brand, cutlass, edge, épée, knife, shank, sword; CONCEPTS 495,499

**blah** [*adj*] *dull, lifeless* banalistic, bland, boring, dim, dreary, humdrum, monotone, monotonous, pedestrian, plodding, yawn producing\*; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* exciting, full of life, spirited

**blame** [*n*1] *condemnation* accusation, animadversion, arraignment, attack, attribution, castigation, censure, charge, chiding, complaint, criticism, denunciation, depreciation, diatribe, disapprobation, disapproval, disfavor, disparagement, expostulation, exprobatation, impeachment, implication, imputation, incrimination,

inculpation, indictment, invective, objurgation, obloquy, opposition, rebuke, recrimination, remonstrance, reprehension, reprimand, reproach, reprobation, reproof, repudiation, slur, tirade; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* applause, commendation, exaltation, exculpation, exoneration, praise, thanks

**blame** [*n*2] *responsibility* accountability, answerability, burden, culpability, fault, guilt, incrimination, liability, onus, rap\*; CONCEPTS 639,661

**blame** [*v*] *accuse*; *place responsibility* admonish, ascribe, attribute, blast, blow the whistle on\*, censure, charge, chide, climb all over\*, condemn, criticize, denounce, denunciate, disapprove, express disapprobation, find fault with, finger\*, frame, hold responsible, impute, indict, jump all over\*, jump down one's throat\*, knock\*, lay a bad trip on\*, lay at one's door\*, lay to\*, let one have it\*, lower the boom\*, pass the buck\*, point the finger\*, rap, rebuke, reprehend, reproach, prove, roast\*, saddle, skin\*, stick it to\*, tax, upbraid; CONCEPT 44 —*Ant.* applaud, commend, exalt, exculpate, exonerate, praise, thank

**blameless** [*adj*] *not responsible* above suspicion, clean, clean-handed, clear, crimeless, exemplary, faultless, good, guilt-free, guiltless, immaculate, impeccable, inculpable, innocent, in the clear\*, irrepensible, irrepachable, not guilty, perfect, pure, righteous, stainless, unblemished, unimpeachable, unoffending, unspotted, unsullied, untarnished, upright, virtuous; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* culpable, guilty, impeachable, reproachable, responsible

**blanch** [*v*] *become afraid* flinch, pale, recoil, shrink, start, wince; CONCEPT 27 —*Ant.* be brave

**bland** [*adj*1] *tasteless*; *undistinctive* banal, blah\*, boring, dull, dull as dishwater\*, flat, flavorless, ho hum\*, humdrum, insipid, milk-and-water\*, monotonous, nerdy\*, nothing, pabulum\*, sapless\*, tame, tedious, unexciting, uninspiring, uninteresting, unstimulating, vanilla\*, vapid, waterish, watery, weak, wimpy\*, wishy-washy\*, zero\*; CONCEPTS 589,613 —*Ant.* delicious, distinctive, sharp, tasty, yummy

**bland** [*adj*2] *friendly, gracious* affable, amiable, civilized, congenial, courteous, gentle, good-natured, ingratiating, oily, pleasant, smooth, suave, unctuous, unemotional, urbane; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* blase, dull, unfriendly, ungracious

**bland** [*adj*3] *mild, temperate* balmy, calm, calmative, clear, lenient, mollifying, nonirritant, nonirritating, smooth, soft, soothing; CONCEPTS 485,605 —*Ant.* bitter, caustic, severe, sharp, zingy

**blank** [*adj*1] *clear* bare, barren, clean, empty, fresh, new, pale, plain, spotless, uncompleted, unfilled, unmarked, untouched, unused, vacant, vacuous, virgin, virginal, void, white; CONCEPTS 485,562 —*Ant.* filled, full, habited, occupied

**blank** [*adj*2] *expressionless* deadpan, dull, empty, fruitless, hollow, immobile, impassive, inane, inexpressive, inscrutable, lifeless, masklike, meaningless, noncommittal, poker-faced, stiff, stupid, uncommunicative, unexpressive, vacant, vacuous, vague; CONCEPT 406 —*Ant.* animated

**blank** [adj3] *dumbfounded* at a loss, awestruck, bewildered, confounded, confused, dazed, disconcerted, muddled, nonplussed, stupefied, uncomprehending, wonderstruck; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* aware, excited, understanding

**blank** [adj4] *absolute*, utter complete, downright, out-and-out, outright, perfect, regular, sheer, straight-out, thorough, total, unconditional, unqualified; CONCEPT 531

**blank** [n] *empty space* abyss, cavity, chasm, emptiness, gap, gulf, hiatus, hole, hollow, hollowiness, interestice, interval, lacuna, nihility, nothingness, nullity, omission, opening, preterition, pretermission, skip, tabula rasa, vacancy, vacuity, vacuum, void, womb; CONCEPT 513

**blank check** [n] *carte blanche* free hand, free rein, license, permission, permit, say-so, the run of, total freedom, unconditional authority, unconditional right; CONCEPT 376

**blanket** [adj] *comprehensive* absolute, across-the-board, all-inclusive, overall, powerful, sweeping, unconditional, wide-ranging; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* incomplete, uncomprehensive

**blanket** [n] *cover*, covering afghan, carpet, cloak, coat, coating, comforter, covering, coverlet, envelope, film, fleece, layer, mat, puff, quilt, rug, sheath, sheet, throw, wrapper; CONCEPTS 473, 475

**blanket** [v] *cover* bury, cloak, cloud, coat, conceal, crown, eclipse, envelop, hide, mask, obscure, overcast, overlay, overspread, suppress, surround; CONCEPT 172 —*Ant.* lay bare, uncover

**blare** [v] *make loud noise* bark, bellow, blast, boom, bray, clamor, clang, honk, hoot, peal, resound, roar, scream, shout, shriek, sound out, toot, trumpet; CONCEPTS 65, 77 —*Ant.* toot

**blarney** [n] *flattery* adulation, a line\*, baloney\*, blandishment, cajolery, coaxing, compliments, exaggeration, eyewash\*, fawning\*, honey\*, incense, ingratiation, inveiglement, oil\*, overpraise, soft soap\*, soft words, sweet talk\*, wheedling; CONCEPT 69

**blasé** [adj] *nonchalant* apathetic, been around twice\*, bored, cloyed, cool\*, disenchanting, disenfranchised, done it all\*, fed up\*, glutted, indifferent, jaded, knowing, laid-back\*, lukewarm\*, mellow\*, mundane, offhand, satiated, sick of, sophisticate, sophisticated, surfeited, unconcerned, unexcited, uninterested, unmoved, weary, worldly, world-weary; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* enthusiastic, excited

**blasphemous** [adj] *irreverent* cursing, disrespectful, godless, impious, insulting, irreligious, profanatory, profane, sacrilegious, swearing, ungodly; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* godly, pious, religious, respectful, reverent

**blasphemy** [n] *irreverence* abuse, cursing, cursing, desecration, execration, heresy, impiety, impiousness, imprecation, indignity, lewdness, profanation, profaneness, profanity, reviling, sacrilege, scoffing, scurrility, swearing, vituperation; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* godliness, piety, religion, religiousness, reverence

**blast** [n1/v1] *loud sound*; *make loud sound* bang, blare, blow, burst, clang, clap, crack, din, honk, peal, roar, scream, slam, smash, toot, trumpet, wail, wham; CONCEPTS 65, 521, 595

**blast** [n2] *explosion* bang, blow-up, burst, crash, detonation, discharge, dynamite, eruption, out-break, outburst, salvo, volley; CONCEPTS 179, 521

**blast** [n3] *gust of wind* blow, draft, gale, squall, storm, strong breeze, tempest; CONCEPTS 437, 524 —*Ant.* breeze, quiet, stillness

**blast** [n4] *fun time* amusement, bash\*, blow out\*, excitement, good time, great time, party, riot\*; CONCEPT 386

**blast** [v2] *explode* annihilate, blight, blow up, bomb, break up, burst, damage, dash, demolish, destroy, detonate, dynamite, injure, kill, ruin, shatter, shrivel, spoil, stunt, torpedo, wither, wreck; CONCEPTS 86, 179

**blast** [v3] *lambaste*; *defeat mentally* attack, beat, castigate, clobber\*, criticize, drub\*, flay, lash out at, lick\*, rail at, shellac\*, whip\*; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* boost, compliment, praise, uphold

**blatant** [adj1] *obvious*; *brazen* arrogant, bald, barefaced, brassy, clear, conspicuous, crying, flagrant, flashy, flaunting, garish, gaudy, glaring, glitzy, impudent, loud, meretricious, naked, obtrusive, ostentatious, outright, overbold, overt, plain, prominent, pronounced, protrusive, screaming, shameless, sheer, showy, snazzy, unabashed, unblushing, unmitigated; CONCEPTS 540, 569 —*Ant.* inconspicuous, quiet, subtle, unpronounced

**blatant** [adj2] *deafening* boisterous, clamorous, crying, ear-splitting, harsh, loud, loudmouthed, noisy, obstreperous, obtrusive, piercing, screaming, scurrilous, strident, vociferant, vociferous, vulgar; CONCEPTS 592, 594 —*Ant.* quiet, silent

**blaze** [n1] *fire* bonfire, burning, combustion, conflagration, flame, flames, holocaust, wildfire; CONCEPTS 478, 521

**blaze** [n2] *flash of light* beam, brilliance, burst, flare, glare, gleam, glitter, glow, radiance; CONCEPT 628

**blaze** [n3] *torrent* blast, burst, eruption, flare-up, flash, fury, outbreak, outburst, rush, storm; CONCEPT 673

**blaze** [v] *burn brightly* beam, burst out, coruscate, explode, fire, flame, flare, flash, flicker, fulgurate, glare, gleam, glow, illuminate, illumine, incandescence, jet, light, radiate, scintillate, shimmer, shine, sparkle; CONCEPT 249

**bleach** [v] *whiten* achromatize, blanch, blench, decolor, decolorize, etiolate, fade, grow pale, lighten, make pale, peroxide, wash out; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* blacken, darken, yellow

**bleachers** [n] *seating for watching event* benches, boxes, grandstand, Ruthville\*, seats, stands; CONCEPTS 440, 443

**bleak** [adj1] *barren* austere, bare, blank, blighted, bombed, bulldozed, burned, chilly, cleared, cold, deforested, desert, deserted, desolate, dreary, exposed, flat, gaunt, grim, open, raw, scorched, stripped, unpopulated, unsheltered, weather-beaten, wild, windswept; CONCEPT 490 —*Ant.* appealing, bright, comfortable, nice, pleasant, sunny

**bleak** [adj2] *depressing* black, cheerless, comfortless, dark, discouraging, disheartening, dismal, drear, dreary, funereal, gloomy, grim, hard, harsh, hopeless, joyless, lonely, melancholy, mournful, oppressive, sad, somber, unpromising; CONCEPTS 403, 537 —*Ant.*

cheerful, comforting, congenial, encouraging, nice, pleasant

**bleed** [*v*1] *cause blood to flow* drain, exude, gush, hemorrhage, leech, ooze, open vein, phlebotomize, run, seep, shed, spurt, trickle, weep; CONCEPT 185

**bleed** [*v*2] *extort* blackmail, confiscate, deplete, drain, exhaust, extract, fleece, impoverish, leech\*, milk\*, mulct, overcharge, pauperize, put the screws to\*, rook\*, sap\*, skin\*, squeeze\*, steal, stick\*, strong-arm; CONCEPTS 192,342

**bleed** [*v*3] *grieve* ache, agonize, be in pain, feel for, pity, suffer, sympathize; CONCEPTS 12,17

**blemish** [*n*] *flaw* beauty spot, birthmark, black-head, blister, bloom\*, blot, blotch, blot on the landscape\*, blur, brand, bruise, bug\*, catch, chip, cicatrix, defacement, defect, deformity, dent, discoloration, disfigurement, disgrace, dishonor, eyesore, fault, freckle, hickey\*, imperfection, impurity, lentigo, lump, macula, maculation, mark, mole, nevus, nodule, patch, pimple, pock, pockmark, scar, second, sight, smudge, snag, speck, speckle, spot, stain, stigma, taint, tarnish, vice, wart, whitehead, zit\*; CONCEPT 580 —*Ant.* adornment, decoration, embellishment, ornament

**blemish** [*v*] *flaw, disfigure* blot, blotch, blur, damage, deface, distort, harm, hurt, impair, injure, maim, mangle, mar, mark, mutilate, pervert, prejudice, scar, smudge, spoil, spot, stain, sully, taint, tarnish, twist, vitiate, wrench; CONCEPTS 54,246 —*Ant.* adorn, beautify, decorate, embellish, ornament

**blend** [*n*] *composite, mix* alloy, amalgam, amalgamation, brew, combination, commixture, composite, compound, concoction, fusion, interfusion, intermixture, mixture, synthesis, union; CONCEPT 432 —*Ant.* natural element, separation

**blend** [*v*1] *mix* amalgamate, cement, coalesce, combine, commingle, commix, compound, fuse, integrate, interblend, intermix, meld, merge, mingle, synthesize, unite, weld; CONCEPT 109 —*Ant.* disperse, divide, separate, unmix

**blend** [*v*2] *harmonize* arrange, complement, fit, go well, go with, integrate, orchestrate, suit, symphonize, synthesize, unify; CONCEPT 656 —*Ant.* disharmonize, unmix

**bles** [*v*1] *sanctify* absolve, anoint, baptize, beautify, canonize, commend, confirm, consecrate, cross, dedicate, enshrine, eulogize, exalt, extol, give thanks to, glorify, hallow, honor, invoke benefits, invoke happiness, laud, magnify, make holy, offer, offer benediction, ordain, panegyryze, praise, pray for, pronounce holy, sacrifice, sign, sprinkle, thank; CONCEPTS 69,367 —*Ant.* condemn, curse, damn

**bles** [*v*2] *grant, bestow* celebrate, endow, favor, give, glorify, grace, laud, magnify, praise, provide; CONCEPTS 50,88 —*Ant.* deny, disallow, disapprove, refuse, veto

**blessed** [*adj*1] *sanctified* adored, among the angels, beatified, consecrated, divine, enthroned, exalted, glorified, hallowed, holy, inviolable, redeemed, resurrected, revered, rewarded, sacred, sacrosanct, saved, spiritual, unprofane; CONCEPTS 536,568 —*Ant.* condemned, cursed, damned, disappointed

**blessed** [*adj*2] *happy* blissful, content, contented, endowed, favored, fortunate, glad, granted, joyful, joyous, lucky; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* condemned, cursed, damned, unblesed, unfavorably, unhappy, unlucky

**blessing** [*n*1] *sanctification* absolution, benedictic, benediction, benison, commendation, consecration, dedication, divine sanction, grace, invocation, laying on of hands, thanks, thanksgiving; CONCEPT 367 —*Ant.* blight, condemnation, curse, damnification, disapproval

**blessing** [*n*2] *good wishes, approval* approbation, backing, concurrence, consent, favor, Godspeed, leave, okay\*, permission, regard, sanction, support, valediction; CONCEPTS 10,50,88 —*Ant.* condemnation, curse, damnation, disapproval, ill will

**blessing** [*n*3] *advantage* asset, benediction, benefit, boon, bounty, break, favor, gain, gift, godsend, good, good fortune, good luck, help, kindness, lucky break, manna from heaven\*, miracle, profit, service, stroke of luck\*, wind-fall; CONCEPTS 230,679 —*Ant.* bad fortune, bad luck, curse, disadvantage

**blight** [*n*] *disease; plague* affliction, bane, blot on the landscape\*, canker, contamination, corruption, curse, decay, dump, evil, eyesore, fungus, infestation, mildew, pest, pestilence, pollution, rot, scourge, sight, withering, woe; CONCEPTS 306,674 —*Ant.* blessing, boon, health, prosperity

**blight** [*v*] *ruin, destroy* annihilate, blast, crush, damage, dash, decay, disappoint, foul up\*, frustrate, glitch up\*, injure, mar, mess up\*, nip in the bud\*, nullify, shrivel, spoil, taint, trash\*, wither, wreck; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* aid, bless, guard, help, prosper, protect

**blimp** [*n*] *airship* aircraft, dirigible, zeppelin; CONCEPT 504

**blind** [*adj*1] *sightless* amaurotic, blind as a bat\*, dark, destitute of vision, eyeless, groping, in darkness, purblind, typhlotic, undiscerning, unseeing, unsighted, visionless; CONCEPT 619 —*Ant.* seeing, sighted

**blind** [*adj*2] *indifferent* careless, heedless, ignorant, imperceptive, inattentive, inconsiderate, indiscriminate, injudicious, insensitive, myopic, nearsighted, neglectful, oblivious, thoughtless, unaware, unconscious, undiscerning, unmindful, unobservant, unperceiving, unreasoning, unseeing; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* aware, cunning, quick, sharp, understanding

**blind** [*adj*3] *uncontrolled* hasty, heedless, impetuous, inconsiderate, irrational, mindless, rash, reckless, senseless, shortsighted, thoughtless, unseeing, unthinking, violent, wild; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* controlled

**blind** [*adj*4] *hidden or covered* blocked, closed, closed at one end, concealed, dark, dead-end, dim, disguised, impassable, leading nowhere, obscured, obstructed, secluded, unmarked, without egress, without exit; CONCEPTS 490,576 —*Ant.* open, revealed, uncovered

**blind** [*n*] *screen, covering* blinder, blindfold, blinker, camouflage, cloak, cover, curtain, facade, front, mask, trap, veil; CONCEPT 716

**blindly** [*adv*1] *without direction, purpose* aimlessly, at random, confusedly, frantically, in all directions, indiscriminately, instinctively,

madly, pell-mell, purposelessly, wildly;  
CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* carefully, cautiously,  
purposefully, reasonably, sensibly

**blindly** [*adv*2] *carelessly* foolishly, heedlessly,  
impulsively, inconsiderately, obtusely, passion-  
ately, purlindly, recklessly, regardlessly,  
senselessly, thoughtlessly, tumultuously,  
unreasonably, unreasoningly, willfully, without  
rhyme or reason\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* care-  
fully, cautiously, considerately, sensibly

**blindness** [*n*] *sightlessness* amaurosis, anopsia,  
astigmatism, cataracts, darkness, defect, myopia,  
presbyopia, purlblindness, typhlosis; CONCEPT  
629 —*Ant.* sight, sightedness

**blind-side** [*v*] *attack by surprise* bushwhack,  
catch unaware, hit unexpectedly, sucker-punch;  
CONCEPTS 86, 189, 200

**blink** [*v*1] *wink of eye; twinkle* bat, flash, flicker,  
flutter, glimmer, glitter, nictate, nictitate,  
scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, squint; CONCEPTS  
185, 624

**blink** [*v*2] *ignore* bypass, condone, connive,  
cushion, discount, disregard, fail, forget, neg-  
lect, omit, overlook, overpass, pass by, slight,  
turn a blind eye\*; CONCEPT 30 —*Ant.* attend,  
be aware, pay attention

**bliss** [*n*] *ecstasy* beatitude, blessedness, cool\*,  
euphoria, felicity, gladness, gone\*, happiness,  
heaven\*, joy, paradise, rapture; CONCEPTS  
32, 230 —*Ant.* grief, misery, sorrow, unhappi-  
ness, upset

**blissful** [*adj*] *happy* beatific, cool\*, crazy,  
delighted, dreamy, ecstatic, elated, enchanted,  
enraptured, euphoric, floating\*, flying\*, gone\*,  
heavenly, in ecstasy, in seventh heaven\*, in the  
twilight zone\*, joyful, joyous, mad\*, on cloud  
nine\*, rapturous, sent\*, spaced-out\*, turned-  
on\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* grieving, miserable,  
sorrowful, unhappy, upset, wretched

**blister** [*n*] *swelling* abscess, blain, bleb, boil,  
bubble, bulla, burn, canker, carbuncle, cyst,  
furuncle, pimple, pustule, sac, sore, ulcer,  
vesication, vesicle, wale, weal, welt, wheal;  
CONCEPT 309

**blithe** [*adj*] *happy* animated, buoyant, carefree,  
cheerful, cheery, chirpy, gay, gladsome, gleef-  
ful, jaunty, jocund, jolly, jovial, joyful, light-  
hearted, merry, mirthful, sprightly, sunny,  
vivacious; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* heavyhearted,  
morose, sad, sorrowful, unhappy

**blitz** [*n*] *heavy attack* assault, blitzkrieg, bom-  
bardment, bombing, lightning attack, offensive,  
onslaught, raid, shelling, strike; CONCEPTS  
86, 320 —*Ant.* let-up

**blizzard** [*n*] *snow storm* blast, gale, precipita-  
tion, snowfall, squall, tempest, whiteout;  
CONCEPT 526

**bloat** [*v*] *blow up like a balloon* balloon, belly,  
bidge, billow, dilate, distend, enlarge, expand,  
inflate, puff up, swell; CONCEPTS 184, 208  
—*Ant.* deflate, shrink, shrivel, tighten

**blob** [*n*] *drop, spot* ball, bead, blot, blotch,  
bubble, dab, daub, dot, droplet, glob\*, globule,  
splash, splotch\*; CONCEPT 432

**block** [*n*1] *mass of material* bar, brick, cake,  
chunk, cube, hunk, ingot, loaf, lump, oblong,  
piece, section, segment, slab, slice, solid,  
square; CONCEPTS 470, 471

**block** [*n*2] *obstruction* bar, barrier, blank wall,

blockage, chunk, clog, hindrance, impediment,  
jam, mass, obstacle, obstruction, roadblock,  
snag, stop, stoppage, wall; CONCEPTS 470, 652  
—*Ant.* opening

**block** [*v*] *obstruct* arrest, bar, barricade, block-  
ade, block out, brake, catch, charge, check,  
choke, clog, close, close off, close out, congest,  
cut off, dam, deter, fill, halt, hang up\*, hinder,  
hold up, impede, intercept, interfere with,  
occlude, plug, prevent, shut off\*, shut out,  
stall, stonewall, stop, stopper, stop up\*, stymie,  
tackle, take out of play\*, thwart; CONCEPTS  
121, 130 —*Ant.* let go, let up, open, unblock

**blockade** [*n*] *barrier* bar, barricade, blank  
wall, clog, closure, embolus, encirclement,  
hindrance, impediment, infarct, infarction,  
obstacle, obstruction, restriction, roadblock,  
siege, snag, stop, stoppage, wall; CONCEPTS  
470, 652 —*Ant.* opening

**block out** [*v*1] *plan course* arrange, chart,  
map out, outline, prepare, sketch; CONCEPT 36

**block out** [*v*2] *try to forget* close, conceal,  
cover, hide, obscure, obstruct, screen, shroud,  
shut off, shut out; CONCEPT 40 —*Ant.* recall,  
remember

**blond/blonde** [*adj*] *having light-colored hair*  
albino, auriculous, bleached, champagne, fair,  
fair-haired, flaxen, golden-haired, light, pale,

pearly, platinum, sallow, sandy-haired, snowy,  
straw, strawberry, towheaded\*, washed-out,  
yellow-haired; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* brunet,  
brunette

**blood** [*n*1] *red body fluid* claret, clot, cruor,  
gore, hemoglobin, juice, plasma, sanguine  
fluid, vital fluid; CONCEPTS 393, 420

**blood** [*n*2] *ancestry* birth, consanguinity,  
descendants, descent, extraction, family,  
kindred, kinship, line, lineage, origin, pedigree,  
relations, stock; CONCEPT 296

**bloodless** [*adj*1] *unfeeling* anesthetic, cold,  
coldhearted, dull, impassive, indolent, insensi-  
ble, insensitive, languid, lazy, lifeless, listless,  
passionless, slow, sluggish, spiritless, torpid,  
unemotional, unkind; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.*

caring, feeling, sensitive

**bloodless** [*adj*2] *pale* anemic, ashen, cadaver-  
ous, chalky, colorless, ghostly, lifeless, pallid,  
pasty, sallow, sickly, wan, watery; CONCEPT 618  
—*Ant.* blushing, flushed, rosy, ruddy, sanguine

**bloodthirsty** [*adj*] *murderous* barbaric, cruel,  
homicidal, inhuman, ruthless, sanguinary,  
savage, slaughterous; CONCEPT 401

**bloody** [*adj*1] *bleeding* blood-soaked, blood-  
spattered, bloodstained, crimson, ensanguined,  
gaping, gory, grisly, hematic, hemic, imbrued,  
open, raw, sanguinary, sanguine, unstaunched,  
unstopped, wounded; CONCEPT 485

**bloody** [*adj*2] *hard-fought* bloodthirsty, cruel,  
cutthroat, decimating, ferocious, fierce, gory,  
grim, heavy, homicidal, murderous, sanguinary,  
sanguine, savage, slaughterous; CONCEPTS  
540, 569

**bloom** [*n*] *flower* blossom, blossoming, bud,  
efflorescence, floret, flourishing, flower,  
floweret, opening; CONCEPT 425

**bloom** [*v*] *flower; flourish* bear fruit, be in  
flower, blossom, blow, bud, burgeon, burst,  
develop, effloresce, fare well, fructify, germi-  
nate, grow, open, prosper, sprout, succeed,

- tassel out, thrive, wax; CONCEPTS 427,706  
—*Ant.* shrink, shrivel, wither
- blooper** [*n*] *blunder* boner\*, boo-boo\*, bungle, error, faux pas, fluff\*, gaffe, impropriety, indecorum, lapse, mistake, slip, solecism, trip\*; CONCEPTS 384,674
- blossom** [*n*] *flower* bloom, bud, efflorescence, floret, floweret, inflorescence, posy, spike; CONCEPT 425
- blossom** [*v*1] *flower* bloom, blow, burgeon, burst, effloresce, leaf, open, outbloom, shoot, unfold; CONCEPT 427 —*Ant.* fade, shrink, shrivel, wither
- blossom** [*v*2] *flourish* batten, bloom, develop, grow, mature, progress, prosper, succeed, thrive; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* deteriorate, die, fade, shrink
- blot** [*n*] *mark*; *flaw* black eye\*, blemish, blotch, blur, brand, defect, discoloration, disgrace, fault, odium, onus, patch, slur, smear, smudge, speck, spot, stain, stigma, taint; CONCEPTS 230,580 —*Ant.* blank, clarity
- blot** [*v*1] *disgrace, disfigure* bespatter, blemish, dirty, discolor, mark, smudge, smut, soil, spoil, spot, stain, sully, tarnish; CONCEPT 240 —*Ant.* beautify, grace, prettify
- blot** [*v*2] *soak up* absorb, dry, take up; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* dampen, moisten, soak, wet
- blotch** [*n*] *smudge* acne, blemish, blot, breakout, eruption, mark, mottling, patch, splash, spot, stain, stigma; CONCEPT 580 —*Ant.* blank, clarity, cleanness
- blouse** [*n*] *shirt for woman* bodice, bodysuit, midly, pullover, shell, slipover, T-shirt, turtle-neck, V-neck; CONCEPT 451
- blow** [*n*1] *blast, rush of air, wind* draft, flurry, gale, gust, hurricane, puff, squall, strong breeze, tempest, typhoon; CONCEPT 526
- blow** [*n*2] *hard hit* bang, bash, bat, belt, biff, blindside, bop\*, buffet, bump, clip, clout, clump, collision, concussion, crack, cut, ding\*, impact, jab, jar, jolt, kick, knock, knockout, knuckle sandwich\*, KO\*, lick, percussion, poke, pound, punch, rap, shock, slam, slap, slug, smack, smash, sock, strike, stroke, swat, swing, swipe, thrust, thump, thwack\*, uppercut, wallop, whack, whomp\*, zap\*; CONCEPT 189
- blow** [*n*3] *catastrophe* affliction, balk, bolt from the blue\*, bombshell\*, calamity, casualty, charger, comedown, debacle, disappointment, disaster, disgruntlement, frustration, jolt, letdown, misadventure, misfortune, mishap, reverse, setback, shock, tragedy, upset; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* good fortune, luck
- blow** [*v*1] *blast, rush of air, wind* breathe, buffet, drive, exhale, fan, flap, flow, flutter, gasp, heave, huff, inflate, pant, puff, pump, ruffle, rush, stream, swell, swirl, waft, wave, whiff, whirl, whisk, whisper, whistle; CONCEPTS 185,526
- blow** [*v*2] *make sound, usually with instrument* blare, blast, honk, mouth, pipe, play, sound, toot, trumpet, vibrate; CONCEPT 65
- blow** [*v*3] *leave suddenly* depart, go, hit the road\*, split\*, take a hike\*, take a powder\*; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrive, come, come in
- blow** [*v*4] *ruin chance* fail, flounder, goof\*, miscarry, miss; CONCEPT 699 —*Ant.* do well, succeed
- blow** [*v*5] *use up money* dissipate, lay out, pay
- out, spend, squander, waste; CONCEPT 341 —*Ant.* save
- blowout** [*n*1] *explosion*; *something exploded* blast, break, burst, detonation, eruption, escape, flat tire, leak, puncture, rupture, tear; CONCEPT 179
- blowout** [*n*2] *wild party* bash, binge, feast, riot\*, shindig, spree; CONCEPT 383
- blow over** [*v*] *disappear slowly* cease, die down, dissipate, end, finish, fizzle out, pass, peter out\*, subside, vanish; CONCEPT 699
- blow up** [*v*1] *inflate* billow, bloat, distend, enlarge, expand, fill, inflate, puff up, pump up, swell; CONCEPTS 208,236,245 —*Ant.* deflate, let out, shrink, shrivel
- blow up** [*v*2] *explode* blast, bomb, burst, detonate, dynamite, erupt, go off, mushroom, rupture, shatter; CONCEPTS 179,320 —*Ant.* deflate
- blow up** [*v*3] *magnify importance* enlarge, exaggerate, heighten, overstate; CONCEPTS 49, 59 —*Ant.* ignore, let go
- blow up** [*v*4] *burst with anger* become angry, become enraged, erupt, go off the deep end\*, hit the roof\*, lose control, lose temper, rage, rave; CONCEPTS 29,44 —*Ant.* be calm
- blue** [*adj*1] *sky, sea color* azure, beryl, cerulean, cobalt, indigo, navy, royal, sapphire, teal, turquoise, ultramarine; CONCEPT 618
- blue** [*adj*2] *sad* dejected, depressed, despondent, disconsolate, dismal, dispirited, downcast, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, fed up\*, gloomy, glum, low, melancholy, moody, unhappy, woebegone; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* gay, happy, joyful, joyous, lighthearted, upbeat
- blue** [*adj*3] *vulgar* bawdy, dirty, indecent, lewd, naughty, obscene, off-color, racy, risqué, salty, shady, smutty, spicy, suggestive, wicked; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* clean, decent, unvulgar
- blueprint** [*n*] *plan* archetype, architectural plan, design, draft, game plan, layout, master plan, model, prototype, rendering, scheme, sketch; CONCEPTS 268,271,625
- blues** [*n*] *depression* dejection, despondency, doldrums, dumps\*, gloom, gloominess, glumness, heavy heart\*, low spirits, melancholy, moodiness, mournfulness, sadness, the dimals\*, the mopes\*, unhappiness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* euphoria, gaiety, gladness, happiness
- bluff** [*adj*] *abrupt* barefaced, bearish, blunt, blustering, brevilouquet, brief, brusque, candid, crusty, curt, direct, downright, forthright, frank, gruff, hearty, honest, laconic, no-nonsense, open, outspoken, plain-spoken, rough, rude, short, short-spoken, sincere, snippety, snippy, straightforward, tactless, tart, terse, unceremonious; CONCEPT 267
- bluff** [*n*1] *boast*; *deceit* bluster, braggadocio, bragging, bravado, deception, delusion, facade, fake, false colors, false front, feint, fraud, front, humbug\*, jiving\*, lie, pretense, pretext, ruse, sham, show, snow\*, stall, subterfuge, trick; CONCEPTS 58,59
- bluff** [*n*2] *precipice* bank, cliff, crag, escarpment, headland, hill, mountain, peak, promontory, ridge, rock; CONCEPT 509
- bluff** [*v*] *deceive* affect, beguile, betray, bunco\*, con, counterfeit, defraud, delude, double-cross, fake\*, fake out\*, feign, fool, humbug\*, illude, jive\*, juggle, lie, mislead, pretend, psych out\*,

put on\*, sham\*, shuck\*, simulate, snow\*, take in\*, trick; CONCEPTS 58,59 —*Ant.* come clean, reveal, tell truth

**blunder** [*n*] *mistake* blooper\*, boner\*, booboo\*, bungle, dumb move\*, dumb thing to do\*, error, fault, faux pas, flub\*, flub-up\*, fluff\*, gaffe, goof\*, howler\*, impropriety, inaccuracy, indiscretion, lapse, muff\*, oversight, slip, slip-up, solecism, trip\*; CONCEPTS 101,230

—*Ant.* accuracy, correction, fix, restitution  
**blunder** [*v*] *make mistake* ball up\*, blow, bubble, botch, bumble, bungle, confuse, drop the ball\*, err, flounder, flub\*, foul up, fumble, gum up\*, louse up, mess up, misjudge, screw up\*, slip up, stumble; CONCEPT 101 —*Ant.* correct, fix, restore

**blunt** [*adj*1] *not sharp* dull, dulled, edgeless, insensitive, obtuse, pointless, round, rounded, unsharpened; CONCEPTS 485,486 —*Ant.* needled, pointed, sharp

**blunt** [*adj*2] *straightforward* abrupt, bluff, brief, brusque, candid, crusty, curt, discourteous, explicit, forthright, frank, gruff, impolite, matter-of-fact, outspoken, plain-spoken, rude, short, snappy, snippy, tactless, trenchant, unceremonious, uncivil, unpolished; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* polite, subtle, tactful

**blunt** [*v*] *make dull* attenuate, benumb, cripple, dampen, deaden, debilitate, desensitize, disable, enfeeble, numb, obtund, sap, soften, take the edge off, undermine, water down, weaken; CONCEPT 240 —*Ant.* needle, point, sharpen

**blur** [*v*1] *cloud, fog* becloud, bedim, befog, blear, blind, darken, daze, dazzle, dim, glare, make hazy, make indistinct, make vague, mask, muddy, obscure, shade, soften; CONCEPT 627 —*Ant.* clear, uncloud, unsmudge

**blur** [*v*2] *make dirty* besmear, blemish, blot, discolor, smear, smudge, spot, stain, taint, tarnish; CONCEPT 254 —*Ant.* clarify, clean, cleanse, purify

**blurt** [*v*] *utter suddenly* babble, betray, blab, burst out with, call out, come out with, cry out, disclose, divulge, exclaim, give away, jabber, leak, let on, let out, let slip, let the cat out of the bag\*, reveal, run off at the mouth\*, spill the beans\*, spout; CONCEPT 47 —*Ant.* keep quiet

**blush** [*n*] *pink coloring* bloom, blossom, burning, color, flush, flushing, glow, glowing, mantling, pink tinge, reddening, redness, rosi-ness, rosy tint, ruddiness, scarlet; CONCEPT 622 —*Ant.* paleness, pallidity, whiteness

**blush** [*v*] *become colored, pinken* color, crimson, flush, glow, have rosy cheeks, mantle, redden, rouge, turn red, turn scarlet; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* blanch, pale

**bluster** [*n*] *bullying, intimidation* bluff, boasting, boisterousness, bombast, braggadocio, bragging, bravado, crowing, rabidity, rampancy, swagger, swaggering; CONCEPT 633

**bluster** [*v*] *bully, intimidate* badger, boast, brag, brazen, browbeat, bulldoze\*, cow\*, crow\*, domineer, gloat, hector, rant, rave, ride the high horse\*, roar, roister, shoot off one's mouth\*, show off, storm, strut, swagger, swell, talk big\*, vapor\*, vaunt, yap\*; CONCEPTS 49,78

**blustery** [*adj*] *stormy* gusting, gusty, howling, inclement, raging, roaring, rough, tempestuous,

turbulent, violent, wild, windy; CONCEPT 525

—*Ant.* calm, still

**board** [*n*1] *piece of wood* lath, panel, plank, slat, strip, timber; CONCEPT 479

**board** [*n*2] *meal* daily bread\*, eats\*, fare, food, keep\*, mess, provisions, victuals; CONCEPT 459

**board** [*n*3] *group of advisers* advisers, advisory group, brass, cabinet, committee, conclave, council, directorate, directors, execs\*, executives, executive suite, front office\*, jury, panel, trustees, upstairs\*; CONCEPTS 323,333,417

—*Ant.* individual, one

**board** [*v*1] *embark on vehicle* catch, climb on, embus, emplane, enter, entrain, get on, hop on, mount; CONCEPTS 159,195 —*Ant.* disembark, get off, leave

**board** [*v*2] *provide food and sleeping quarters* accommodate, bed, canton, care for, feed, harbor, house, let crash\*, lodge, put up, quarter, room; CONCEPT 136 —*Ant.* turn out

**boast** [*n*] *brag; source of pride* avowal, bluster, bombast, braggadocio, bravado, exaggeration, gasconade, grandiloquence, heroics, joy, pretension, pride, pride and joy, self-satisfaction, swank, treasure, vaunt; CONCEPTS 410,710

—*Ant.* deprecation, modesty

**boast** [*v*1] *brag* advertise, aggrandize, attract attention, blow, blow one's own horn\*, blow smoke\*, bluster, bully, cock-a-doodle-doo\*, con, congratulate oneself, crow, exaggerate, exult, fake, flatter oneself, flaunt, flourish, gasconade, give a good account of oneself, gloat, glory, grandstand\*, hug oneself\*, jive\*, lay on thick\*, prate, preen, psych\*, puff\*, shoot\*, shovel\*, showboat\*, show off, shuck\*, sling\*, sound off, strut, swagger, talk big\*, triumph, vapor\*; CONCEPT 49 —*Ant.* be modest, deprecate

**boast** [*v*2] *to have advantage* be proud of, claim, exhibit, have in keeping, own, possess, pride oneself on, show off; CONCEPT 261

**boastful** [*adj*] *bragging* arrogant, big, big-headed, bombastic, cocky, conceited, crowing, egotistic, egotistical, exultant, full of hot air\*, hifalutin\*, hot stuff\*, know-it-all, loudmouth, on ego trip\*, pompous, pretentious, puffed-up, self-aggrandizing, self-applauding, smart-alecky\*, snooty, strutting, stuck-up, swaggering, swanky, swollen-headed, too big for one's britches\*, vainglorious, vaunting, windbag\*; CONCEPTS 267,404 —*Ant.* deprecating, modest

**boat** [*n*] *vehicle for water travel* ark, barge, bark, bateau, bottom, bucket, canoe, catamaran, craft, dinghy, dory, hulk, ketch, launch, lifeboat, pin-nace, raft, sailboat, schooner, scow, ship, skiff, sloop, steamboat, tub, yacht; CONCEPT 506

**boating** [*n*] *travel, recreation in water* canoeing, cruising, drifting, paddling, rowing, sailing, sculling, trawling, yachting; CONCEPT 363

**bob** [*v*] *bounce up and down* bow, duck, genuflect, hop, jerk, jounce, leap, nod, oscillate, quaver, quiver, ricochet, seesaw, skip, waggle, weave, wobble; CONCEPT 147

**bodily** [*adj*] *concerning animate structure* actual, animal, carnal, corporal, corporeal, fleshly, gross, human, material, natural, normal, organic, physical, sensual, somatic, substantial, tangible, unspiritual; CONCEPT 406 —*Ant.* mental, soulful, spiritual



**bodily** [*adv*] *totally* absolutely, altogether, as a body, as a group, collectively, completely, en masse, entirely, fully, wholly; CONCEPTS 531,772

**body** [*n1*] *physique* anatomy, bag of bones\*, beefcake\*, bod\*, body\*, build, carcass, chassis, constitution, embodiment, figure, form, frame, makeup, mortal part, protoplasm, shaft, shape, tenement, torso, trunk; CONCEPT 405

—*Ant.* mind, soul, spirit

**body** [*n2*] *corpse* ashes, bones, cadaver, carcass, carrion, clay, corpus delicti, dead body, deceased, dust, relic, remains, stiff\*; CONCEPT 390

**body** [*n3*] *human being* being, creature, human, individual, mortal, party, person, personage, soul; CONCEPT 389 —*Ant.* abstract, concept, fantasy, immateriality, inanimate, thought

**body** [*n4*] *bulk; central portion* assembly, basis, bed, box, chassis, core, corpus, crux, essence, frame, fuselage, gist, gravamen, groundwork, hull, main part, majority, mass, material, matter, pith, skeleton, staple, substance, substructure, sum, tenor, total, trunk, whole; CONCEPT 829 —*Ant.* nothing, nothingness

**body** [*n5*] *crowd* array, batch, bunch, bundle, clump, cluster, group, horde, lot, majority, mass, mob, multitude, parcel, party, set, society, throng; CONCEPT 417 —*Ant.* individual, one

**body** [*n6*] *main part of written work* argument, burden, core, discourse, dissertation, evidence, exposition, gist, heart, material, meat, pith, sense, substance, text, thesis, treatise, upshot; CONCEPT 270

**bodyguard** [*n*] *protector* bouncer, escort, guardian, minder, muscle\*, praetorian, security guard; CONCEPT 348

**bog** [*n*] *swamp* fen, lowland, marsh, marshland, mire, morass, moss, peat, quag, quagmire, slough, sump, wetlands; CONCEPT 509

**bog down** [*v*] *stick; become stuck* decelerate, delay, detain, halt, hang up, impede, retard, set back, sink, slacken, slow down, slow up, stall; CONCEPT 121

**boggle** [*v*] *astonish* amaze, astound, bowl over\*, fill with wonder, flabbergast\*, overwhelm, shock, startle; CONCEPT 42

**bogus** [*adj*] *counterfeit* artificial, dummy, ersatz, fake, false, fictitious, forged, fraudulent, imitation, not what it is cracked up to be\*, phony, pretended, pseudo, sham, simulated, spurious; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* authentic, genuine, real

**bohemian** [*n*] *nonconformist* artist, beatnik\*, dilettante, flower child\*, free spirit, gypsy, hippie\*, iconoclast, writer; CONCEPT 423

**boil** [*n*] *blister* abscess, blain, blister, carbuncle, excrescence, furuncle, pimple, pustule, sore, tumor, ulcer; CONCEPT 309

**boil** [*v1*] *heat to bubbling* agitate, bubble, churn, coddle, cook, decoct, effervesce, evaporate, fizz, foam, froth, parboil, poach, seethe, simmer, smolder, steam, steep, stew; CONCEPTS 170,255 —*Ant.* freeze

**boil** [*v2*] *be angry* be indignant, blow up, bristle, burn, flare, foam at the mouth\*, fulminate, fume, rage, rave, sputter, storm; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* be happy

**boiling** [*adj1*] *very hot* baking, blistering, broiling, burning, fiery, hot, red-hot, roasting, scalding, scorching, sizzling, torrid, tropical, warm; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* freezing

**boiling** [*adj2*] *angered* angry, enraged, fuming, furious, incensed, indignant, infuriated, mad, raging; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* happy

**boisterous** [*adj*] *noisy and mischievous* bouncy, brawling, clamorous, disorderly, effervescent, impetuous, loud, obstreperous, rambunctious, raucous, riotous, rollicking, rowdy, strident, tumultuous/tumultuous, unrestrained, unruly, uproarious, vociferant, vociferous, wild; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* calm, quiet, restrained, silent

**bold** [*adj1*] *brave* adventurous, assuming, audacious, aweless, bantam, courageous, daring, dauntless, enterprising, fearless, forward, gallant, heroic, intrepid, resolute, unafraid, undaunted, valiant, valorous; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* afraid, cowardly, fearful, meek, shy, timid, weak

**bold** [*adj2*] *bracen, insolent* assuming, audacious, barefaced, brash, brassy, cheeky, coming on strong\*, confident, forward, fresh, gritty, gutsy, immodest, impudent, insolent, nervy, pert, presumptuous, rude, sassy, saucy, shameless, smart, smart-alecky\*, spunky; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* meek, quiet, reticent, retiring, shy, timid, timorous

**bold** [*adj3*] *bright, striking* clear, colorful, conspicuous, definite, evident, eye-catching, flashy, forceful, lively, loud, manifest, plain, prominent, pronounced, showy, spirited, strong, vivid; CONCEPTS 589,617,618 —*Ant.* faint, fair, light

**bolster** [*v*] *help* aid, assist, bear up, boost, brace, buck up, bulwark, buoy, buttress, carry, cushion, help, hold up, maintain, pick up, pillow, prop, reinforce, shore up, stay, strengthen, support, sustain, uphold; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* hinder, not support, obstruct, prevent, undermine

**bolt** [*n1*] *lock; part of lock* bar, brad, catch, coupling, dowel, fastener, lag, latch, lock, nut, padlock, peg, pin, pipe, rivet, rod, screw, skewer, sliding bar, spike, stake, staple, stud; CONCEPTS 470,471,680 —*Ant.* key

**bolt** [*n2*] *flash; projectile* arrow, dart, fulmination, missile, shaft, thunderbolt, thunderstroke; CONCEPTS 624,687

**bolt** [*n3*] *large roll of material* coil, curl, cylinder, package, spindle, spiral, twist; CONCEPT 432

**bolt** [*v1*] *run quickly away* abscond, bail out\*, bound, cop out\*, cut loose\*, cut out\*, dart, dash, ditch\*, drop out\*, dump\*, escape, flee, flight, fly, hightail\*, hotfoot\*, hurtle, jump, kiss goodbye\*, leap, leave flat\*, leave high and dry\*, leave holding the bag\*, leave in the lurch\*, make a break for it\*, make off\*, make tracks\*, opt out\*, run like scared rabbit\*, run out on, rush, scamper, scoot, skedaddle\*, skip, split\*, spring, sprint, start, startle, step on it\*, take flight, take off\*, walk out on; CONCEPTS 150,195 —*Ant.* stay, wait

**bolt** [*v2*] *fasten securely* bar, deadbolt, latch, lock, secure; CONCEPT 225 —*Ant.* loosen, open, unbolt, unfasten, unlock

**bolt** [*v3*] *eat very fast* consume, cram, devour, englut, gobble, gorge, gulp, guzzle, ingurgitate, inhale, scarf\*, slop, slosh, stuff, swallow whole, wolf\*; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* dawdle

**bomb** [*n*] *exploding weapon* atom bomb, bombshell, charge, device, explosive, grenade, hydrogen bomb, mine, missile, Molotov cocktail, nuclear bomb, projectile, rocket, shell, ticker\*, torpedo; CONCEPT 500

**bomb** [v1] *detonate weapon* attack, blast, blitz, blow up, bombard, cannonade, destroy, napalm, prang, raid, rain destruction\*, rake, shell, strafe, torpedo, wipe out\*, zero in\*; CONCEPTS 86,252

**bomb** [v2] *fail miserably* blow it\*, flop, flummox, go out of business, lose, wash out\*, wipe out\*; CONCEPT 699 —*Ant.* do well, succeed, win

**bombard** [v] *assault, attack* assail, barrage, batter, beset, besiege, blast, blitz, bomb, cannonade, catapult, fire upon, harass, hound, launch, open fire, pester, pound, shell, strafe, strike; CONCEPTS 7,19,86

**bombastic** [adj] *pompous, grandiloquent* aureate, balderdash, big-talking\*, declamatory, euphuistic, flowery, full of hot air\*, fustian, grandiose, highfalutin\*, high-flown, histrionic, inflated, loudmouthed, magniloquent, orotund, ostentatious, overblown, ranting, rhapsodic, rhetorical, sonorous, stuffed shirt\*, swollen, tumid, turgid, verbose, windbag\*, windy, wordy; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* humble, quiet, reserved, restrained

**bona fide** [n] *genuine* actual, authentic, honest, kosher, legitimate, real, true, valid; CONCEPT 582

**bonanza** [n] *windfall* cash cow\*, gold mine, treasure trove; CONCEPTS 332,337,446,710

**bond** [n1] *binder or fastener* band, binding, chain, connection, cord, fastening, fetter, gunk, handcuff, hookup, irons, ligature, link, linkage, manacle, network, nexus, rope, shackle, stickum\*, tie, tie-in, wire; CONCEPT 497

**bond** [n2] *association, relation* affiliation, affinity, attachment, connection, connective, friendship, hookup, interrelationship, liaison, link, marriage, network, obligation, relationship, restraint, tie, tie-in, union; CONCEPT 388

**bond** [n3] *guarantee; contract* agreement, bargain, certificate, collateral, compact, convention, covenant, debenture, guaranty, obligation, pact, pledge, promise, security, transaction, warrant, warranty, word; CONCEPTS 318,684

**bond** [v] *fasten; stick* bind, connect, fix, fuse, glue, gum, paste, stickum\*; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* let go, loosen, open, unfasten, unstick

**bondage** [n] *slavery* chains, enslavement, helotry, peonage, serfage, serfdom, servility, servitude, subjection, subjugation, thrall, thralldom, villenage, yoke; CONCEPTS 136,652 —*Ant.* freedom, independence

**bone** [n] *piece of animate skeleton* bony process, cartilage, ossein, osseous matter; CONCEPTS 393,420

**boner** [n] *a mistake* blooper\*, blunder, bonehead play, boo-boo\*, bungle, error, false move, faux pas\* flub, flummox, foulup, gaffe, goof-up, miscalculation, miscue, misstep, muddle, muff, oversight, screw-up, slipup\*, snafu\*, whoops; CONCEPTS 101,230,410

**boneyard** [n] *burial ground* boot hill\*, catacomb, cemetery, charnel, charnel house, churchyard, city of the dead\*, crypt, eternal home\*, funerary grounds, garden, God's acre\*, Golgotha, grave, graveyard, marble town\*, memorial park, mortuary, necropolis, ossuary, polyandrium, potter's field, resting place, sepulcher, tomb, vault; CONCEPTS 305,368

**bonfire** [n] *large prepared fire* beacon, conflagration, feu de joie, pyre; CONCEPTS 478,521

**bonus** [n] *unexpected extra* additional compensation, benefit, bounty, commission, dividend, fringe benefit, frosting\*, gift, golden parachute\*, goody\*, gratuity, gravy\*, hand-out\*, honorarium, ice\*, perk\*, plus\*, premium, prize, reward, special compensation, tip; CONCEPT 337

**boo boo** [n1] *small hurt* black and blue mark, bruise, cut, injury, laceration, scratch, sore; CONCEPTS 309,728

**boo boo** [n2] *small mistake* blunder, error, gaffe, goof\*, misstep, oversight, screw-up\*, slip; CONCEPTS 101,230,410

**book** [n1] *published document* album, atlas, bestseller, bible, booklet, brochure, codex, compendium, copy, dictionary, dissertation, edition, encyclopedia, essay, fiction, folio, handbook, hardcover, leaflet, lexicon, magazine, manual, monograph, nonfiction, novel, octavo, offprint, omnibus, opus, opuscle, pamphlet, paperback, periodical, portfolio, preprint, primer, publication, quarto, reader, reprint, roll, scroll, soft-cover, speller, text, textbook, thesaurus, tome, tract, treatise, vade mecum, volume, work, writing; CONCEPT 280

**book** [n2] *account; diary* agenda, album, list, notebook, pad, record, register, roster; CONCEPTS 271,331

**book** [v1] *register, arrange for* bespeak, bill, charter, engage, enroll, enter, hire, line up\*, make reservation, order, organize, pencil in\*, preengage, procure, program, reserve, schedule, set up, sew up\*; CONCEPT 36 —*Ant.* bow out, cancel

**book** [v2] *arrest* accuse, charge, prefer charges, take into custody; CONCEPT 317 —*Ant.* exonerate, free, let go

**booking** [n] *engagement* gig, performance date, play date, tour date; CONCEPT 384

**booklet** [n] *pamphlet* brochure, circular, flyer, handbill, handout, leaflet, mailer, notice, tract; CONCEPT 280

**boom** [n1] *loud sound; crash* bang, barrage, blare, blast, burst, cannonade, clap, crack, drumfire, explosion, reverberation, roar, rumble, slam, smash, thunder, wham; CONCEPTS 521,595

**boom** [n2] *prosperity* advance, boost, development, expansion, gain, growth, improvement, increase, inflation, jump, prosperousness, push, rush, spurt, upsurge, upswing, upturn; CONCEPTS 230,335,700 —*Ant.* collapse, failure, loss

**boom** [v1] *crash; make loud sound* bang, blast, burst, clap, crack, drum, explode, resound, reverberate, roar, roll, rumble, slam, smash, sound, thunder, wham; CONCEPT 65

**boom** [v2] *prosper* appreciate, boom, develop, enhance, expand, flourish, flower, gain, grow, increase, intensify, rise in value, spurt, strengthen, succeed, swell, thrive; CONCEPTS 700,704 —*Ant.* collapse, fail, falter, lose

**boom box** [n] *portable music machine* audio system, CD player, ghetto blaster\*, ghetto box\*, radio, stereo, tape player; CONCEPT 463

**boomerang** [v] *backfire* backlash, bounce back, come back, come home to roost\*, kick back, react, rebound, recoil, return, reverse, ricochet; CONCEPTS 242,695 —*Ant.* work

**boon** [n] *advantage* benefaction, benefit, benevolence, blessing, break, compliment, donation,

favor, gift, godsend, good, good fortune, grant, gratuity, help, largess, present, windfall; CONCEPTS 337,661 —*Ant.* disadvantage

**boor** [*n*] *clod* barbarian, bear, boob\*, brute, buffoon, cad, churl, dork\*, goon\*, lout, oaf, peasant, philistine, rube\*, vulgarian; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* charmer, enthusiast, exciter

**boorish** [*adj*] *crude, awkward* bad-mannered, barbaric, bearish, cantankerous, churlish, cloddish, clodhopping\*, clownish, clumsy, coarse, countrified, gross\*, gruff, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impolite, inurbane, loud, loutish, lowbred, oafish, ornery, out-of-line, out-of-order, provincial, rough, rude, rustic, swinish, tasteless, ugly, uncivilized, uncouth, uncultured, uneducated, ungracious, unpoised, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* charming, cultured, exciting, polite, refined, sophisticated

**boost** [*n*] *increase* addition, advance, breakthrough, expansion, hike, improvement, increment, jump, lift, raise, rise, step-up, up, upgrade, wax; CONCEPTS 700,780 —*Ant.* blow, decrease, hindrance, setback

**boost** [*n*2] *encouragement* aid, assistance, backup, buildup, goose\*, hand\*, handout, help, helping hand, improvement, leg\*, leg up\*, lift, praise, promotion, shot in the arm\*, support; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* discouragement, hindrance

**boost** [*n*3] *push, usually up* advance, goose\*, heave, hoist, lift, raise, shove, thrust; CONCEPTS 196,208

**boost** [*v*1] *further, improve* advance, advertise, assist, encourage, foster, inspire, plug, praise, promote, push, support, sustain; CONCEPT 244 —*Ant.* discourage, halt, hinder, hurt, prevent, undermine

**boost** [*v*2] *push, usually up* advance, elevate, heave, heighten, hoist, lift, raise, shove, thrust, upraise, uprear; CONCEPTS 196,208

**boost** [*v*3] *increase* add to, aggrandize, amplify, augment, beef up\*, develop, enlarge, expand, extend, heighten, hike, jack up\*, jump, magnify, multiply, put up, raise, up; CONCEPTS 236,245 —*Ant.* blow, decrease, hinder, set back

**boot** [*n*] *heavy, often tall, shoe* brogan, footwear, galoshes, mukluk, oxford, snow shoes, waders, waters\*; CONCEPT 450

**boot** [*v*1] *kick; oust* ax, bounce, can\*, chase, chuck\*, cut, discharge, dismiss, drive, drop-kick\*, eighty-six\*, eject, evict, expel, extrude, fire, heave, kick out, knock, punt\*, sack\*, shove, terminate, throw out; CONCEPTS 180,189

**boot** [*v*2] *start operating system* bootstrap, cold boot, load, reboot, reset, restart, start, start computer, warm boot; CONCEPT 221

**booth** [*n*] *small enclosure or building* berth, box, carrel, compartment, coop, corner, cote, counter, cubbyhole, cubicle, dispensary, hut, hutch, nook, pen, pew, repository, shed, stall, stand; CONCEPTS 439,440,443

**bootleg** [*adj*] *illegal* black-market, bootlegged, contraband, illicit, pirated, smuggled, unauthorized, under-the-counter, unlawful, unofficial, unsanctioned; CONCEPT 319 —*Ant.* legal

**booty** [*n*] *loot* boodle, gain, goods, haul\*, pickings\*, plunder, spoils, swag, takings\*; CONCEPTS 337,710

**border** [*n*1] *outermost edge, margin* bound, boundary, bounds, brim, brink, circumference,

confine, end, extremity, fringe, hem, limit, line, lip, outskirts, perimeter, periphery, rim, selvage, skirt, trim, trimming, verge; CONCEPTS 484,827 —*Ant.* center, inside, interior, middle

**border** [*n*2] *boundary; frontier* beginning, borderline, door, edge, entrance, line, march, marchland, outpost, pale, perimeter, sideline, threshold; CONCEPTS 484,513 —*Ant.* mainland, region, territory

**border** [*v*] *bound on; be on the edge* abut, adjoin, be adjacent to, bind, circumscribe, communicate, contour, decorate, define, delineate, edge, encircle, enclose, flank, frame, fringe, hem, join, line, march, margin, mark off, neighbor, outline, rim, set off, side, skirt, surround, touch, trim, verge; CONCEPT 747 —*Ant.* be inside, center

**borderline** [*adj*] *inexact* ambiguous, ambivalent, doubtful, dubitable, equivocal, indecisive, indefinite, indeterminate, marginal, open, problematic, uncertain, unclassifiable, unclear, undecided, unsettled; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* certain, definite, exact, sure

**border on** [*v*] *come close to; approximate* abut, adjoin, approach, be like, be similar to, come near, compare, connect, contact, echo, impinge, join, lie near, lie next to, march, match, near, neighbor, parallel, resemble, touch, verge on; CONCEPTS 667,749 —*Ant.* not touch

**bore** [*n*] *nuisance* bother, bromide, bummer\*, creep\*, deadhead\*, downer\*, drag\*, drip\*, dull person, flat tire\*, headache, nag, nudge, pain, pain in the neck\*, pest, pill\*, soporific, stuffed shirt\*, tedious person, tiresome person, wet blanket\*, wimp\*, yawn\*; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* charmer, exciter, pleasure

**bore** [*v*1] *drill hole* burrow, gouge out, mine, penetrate, perforate, pierce, pit, prick, punch, puncture, ream, riddle, sink, tunnel; CONCEPT 178

**bore** [*v*2] *cause weariness, disinterest* afflict, annoy, bend one's ear\*, be tedious, bother, burn out, cloy, discomfort, drag, exhaust, fatigue, irk, irritate, jade, pall, pester, put to sleep\*, send to sleep\*, talk one's ear off\*, tire, trouble, turn one off\*, vex, wear, wear out, weary, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* amuse, charm, excite, interest, please

**boredom** [*n*] *disinterest; weariness* apathy, detachment, disgust, distaste, doldrums, dullness, ennui, fatigue, flatness, curiosity, indifference, irksomeness, jadedness, lack of interest, lassitude, lethargy, listlessness, monotony, pococurantism, sameness, taedium vitae, tediousness, tedium, tiresomeness, unconcern, world-weariness, yawn; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* excitement, interest, pleasure

**boring** [*adj*] *uninteresting* arid, bomb\*, bromidic, bummer\*, characterless, cloying, colorless, commonplace, dead\*, drab, drag\*, drudging, dull, flat\*, ho hum\*, humdrum, insipid, interminable, irksome, lifeless, monotonous, moth-eaten\*, mundane, nothing, nowhere, platitudinous, plebeian, prosaic, repetitious, routine, spiritless, stale, stereotyped, stodgy, stuffy, stupid, tame, tedious, threadbare, tiresome, tiring, trite, unexciting, uninteresting, unvaried, vapid, wearisome, well-worn, zero\*; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* exciting, fascinating, interesting

**born** [*adj*] *inmate* built-in, congenital, constitutional, deep-seated, essential, inborn, inbred, ingenerate, inherent, intrinsic, natural; CONCEPTS 549,550

**borrow** [*v*] *take for temporary use* accept loan of, acquire, beg, bite, bum, cadge\*, chisel\*, give a note for\*, hire, hit up\*, lift, mooch\*, negotiate, obtain, pawn, pledge, raise money, rent, run into debt, scrounge, see one's uncle\*, soak, sponge, take on loan, tap, touch, use temporarily; CONCEPT 89 —*Ant.* give, lend, pay, return

**borrow** [*v*] *adopt from another source; appropriate* acquire, adopt, assume, copy, filch, imitate, make one's own, obtain, pilfer, pirate, plagiarize, simulate, steal, take, use, usurp; CONCEPT 225 —*Ant.* give, return

**bosom** [*n*] *breast* bust, chest, rib cage, teats; CONCEPT 418

**bosom** [*n*] *heart; core* affections, center, circle, conscience, emotions, feelings, inside, interior, sentiments, soul, spirit, sympathies; CONCEPTS 410,826 —*Ant.* exteriority, outside

**boss** [*adj*] *great awesome\**, bang-up\*, capital, champion, excellent, fine, first-rate, fly\*, top, whiz-bang\*, wonderful; CONCEPT 572

**boss** [*n*] *manager over other employees* administrator, big cheese\*, big gun\*, big person\*, chief, chieftain, controller, director, dominator, employer, exec\*, executive, foreperson, head, head honcho\*, helmer, honcho\*, leader, overseer, owner, person in charge, superintendent, supervisor, taskperson, top dog\*, wheel\*; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* employee, worker

**boss** [*v*] *control; command* administer, administer, chaperon, direct, employ, manage, overlook, oversee, quarterback\*, run, superintend, supervise, survey, take charge; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* behave, follow

**boss around** [*v*] *bully* browbeat, bulldoze, dominate, domineer, dragoon, oppress, order around, push around, tyrannize; CONCEPT 14

**bossy** [*adj*] *domineering* authoritarian, commanding, controlling, despotic, dictatorial, high-handed, imperious, iron-handed, oppressive, overbearing, overpowering, pushy, strict, tyrannical; CONCEPTS 401,404

**botany** [*n*] *study of plants* anatomy, cytology, dendrology, ecology, floristics, genetics, horticulture, morphology, natural history, paleobotany, pathology, physiology, phytogeography, phytophology, pomology, study of flora, study of vegetation, taxonomy; CONCEPT 349

**botch** [*v*] *blunder* blow\*, bobble\*, boggle\*, bollix\*, boot, bumble, bungle, butcher\*, distort, err, fall down\*, flounder, flub\*, fumble, goof up\*, gum up\*, louse up\*, mar, mend, mess, mess up\*, misapply, miscalculate, miscompute, misconjecture, misconstrue, mishandle, misjudge, mismanage, muck up\*, muddle, muff, mutilate, patch, pull a boner\*, ruin, screw up\*, spoil, stumble, wreck; CONCEPT 101 —*Ant.* accomplish, achieve, do well, succeed

**both** [*det*] *two together* one and the other, the couple, the pair, the two, twain; CONCEPT 714

**bother** [*n*] *trouble, inconvenience* ado, aggravation, annoyance, anxiety, bellyache\*, botheration, bustle, care, concern, difficulty, distress, drag\*, exasperation, flurry, fuss, headache\*, irritant, irritation, molestation, nudge, nuisance,

pain, pain in the neck\*, perplexity, pest, plague, pother\*, pressure, problem, strain, to-do\*, trial, trouble, vexation, worryment, worry; CONCEPT 532 —*Ant.* aid, convenience, help

**bother** [*v*] *harass, annoy; give trouble* afflict, aggravate, agitate, alarm, badger, bedevil, bore, browbeat, carp at, concern, cross, discommode, disconcert, disgust, dismay, displease, disquiet, distress, disturb, eat, embarrass, exacerbate, exasperate, goad, grate on, grieve, harry, hinder, hurt, impede, inconvenience, insult, intrude upon, irk, irritate, molest, nag, needle, nudge, pain, perplex, perturb, pester, pick on, plague, provoke, pursue, put out, ride, scare, spite, tantalize, taunt, tease, torment, trouble, upset, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* aid, help, please

**bother** [*v*] *take the trouble* be concerned about, concern oneself, exert oneself, fuss over, go out of one's way\*, make a fuss about\*, make an effort, put oneself out\*, take pains, try, worry about; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**bothersome** [*adj*] *troubling* aggravating, annoying, distressing, disturbing, exasperating, incommodious, inconvenient, irritating, rebarbative, remote, tiresome, troublesome, vexatious, vexing; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* convenient, helpful, untroubling

**bottle** [*n*] *container, usually for liquids* canteen, carafe, cruet, dead soldier\*, decanter, ewer, flagon, flask, glass, jar, jug, phial, soldier, urn, vacuum bottle, vial; CONCEPT 494

**bottleneck** [*n*] *obstacle* barrier, block, blockage, clog, congestion, hindrance, hold-up, impediment, jam, obstruction, snag, traffic jam; CONCEPTS 470,532,666,674

**bottle up** [*v*] *keep feeling inside oneself* box up, check, collar, contain, coop up, corner, cramp, curb, keep back, restrain, restrict, shut in, suppress, trap; CONCEPT 35 —*Ant.* confide, reveal, tell

**bottom** [*adj*] *lowest; fundamental* basal, base, basement, basic, foundational, ground, last, lowestmost, lowest, meat-and-potatoes\*, nethermost, primary, radical, rock-bottom, underlying, undermost; CONCEPTS 585,586,735,799 —*Ant.* highest, top, unnecessary

**bottom** [*n*] *foundation* base, basement, basis, bed, bedrock, belly, deepest part, depths, floor, foot, footing, ground, groundwork, lowest part, nadir, nether portion, pedestal, pediment, rest, seat, sole, substratum, substructure, support, terra firma, underbelly, underneath, underside; CONCEPT 442 —*Ant.* top

**bottom** [*n*] *base, core* basis, bottom line, cause, essence, essentiality, ground, heart, mainspring, marrow, origin, pith, principle, quintessence, root, soul, source, stuff, substance, virtuality; CONCEPTS 648,826 —*Ant.* exteriority, outside

**bottom** [*n*] *rear end* backside, behind, breech, bum\*, butt\*, buttocks, derriere, fanny\*, fundament, posterior, rear, rump, seat, tail, tush\*; CONCEPT 418

**bottom feeder** [*n*] *lowlife* base person, bottom fish, hungry puppy, lowest common denominator, riffraff, scum\*, slopsucker; CONCEPT 412

**bottomless pit** [*n*] *extremely hopeless situation* abyss, abyss, chasm, crevasse, fire and brimstone\*, gulf, Hades, Hell, infernal regions; CONCEPTS 370,435,674

**bottom line** [*n*] *conclusion* determination, final decision, income, last word, loss, main point, net, profit; CONCEPT 230

**bough** [*n*] *branch* arm, fork, limb, offshoot, shoot, sprig, sucker; CONCEPT 428

**boulevard** [*n*] *street, often lined with trees* artery, avenue, drag, highway, passage, path, road, thoroughfare, track, way; CONCEPT 501

**bounce** [*n*] *spring* animation, bound, dynamism, elasticity, energy, give, go, life, liveliness, pep, rebound, recoil, resilience, springiness, vigor, vitality, vivacity, zip; CONCEPTS 150,411

**bounce** [*v1*] *spring up; rebound* backlash, bob, boomerang, bound, buck, bump, carom, fly back, glance off, hop, hurdle, jerk up and down\*, jounce, jump, kick back, leap, rebound, recoil, resile, ricochet, saltate, snap back, spring back, thump, vault; CONCEPTS 150,194

**bounce** [*v2*] *evict* ax\*, boot out\*, can\*, discharge, dismiss, eighty-six\*, eject, fire, give one notice, give the heave ho\*, heave\*, kick out\*, oust, sack\*, terminate, throw; CONCEPTS 211,351,384 —*Ant.* allow, let in, permit

**bound** [*adj*] *obligated; destined* apprenticed, articulated, bent, bounden, certain, coerced, compelled, constrained, contracted, doomed, driven, duty-bound, enslaved, fated, firm, forced, having no alternative, impelled, indentured, intent, made, necessitated, obligated, obliged, pledged, pressed, required, restrained, sure, under compulsion, under necessity, urged; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* allowed, free, permitted, unbounded, unobliged, unrestricted

**bound** [*v1*] *jump, bounce* bob, caper, frisk, gambol, hop, hurdle, leap, pounce, prance, recoil, ricochet, saltate, skip, spring, vault; CONCEPT 194

**bound** [*v2*] *restrict* circumscribe, confine, define, delimit, delimitate, demarcate, determine, encircle, enclose, hem in, limit, mark, mark out, measure, restrain, restrict, surround, terminate; CONCEPT 130 —*Ant.* allow, let go, permit, unbind, unrestricted

**boundary** [*n*] *outer limit* abutments, ambit, barrier, beginning, border, borderland, borderline, bounds, brink, circumference, circumscription, compass, confines, edge, end, environs, extent, extremity, frame, fringe, frontier, hem, horizon, limits, line, line of demarcation, march, margin, mark, mere, mete, outline, outpost, pale, perimeter, periphery, precinct, purlieus, radius, rim, side, skirt, terminal, termination, terminus, verge; CONCEPTS 5,484,745 —*Ant.* inside, interior, minimum

**bound/bounds** [*n*] *farthest limit* boundary, compass, confine, edge, end, environs, extremity, fringe, limit, limitation, line, march, margin, pale, periphery, precinct, purlieus, rim, term, termination, verge; CONCEPTS 484,788 —*Ant.* inside, interior, minimum

**bounded** [*adj*] *limited, confined* belted, bordered, boundaried, circumscribed, compassed, contiguous, defined, definite, delimited, terminate, edged, encircled, enclosed, encompassed, enveloped, fenced, finite, flanked, fringed, girdled, hedged, hog-tied\*, liminary, restricted, rimmed, ringed, surrounded, walled; CONCEPTS 554,772 —*Ant.* free, loose, unbounded, unconfined, unlimited

**boundless** [*adj*] *endless, without limit* great, illimitable, immeasurable, immense, incalculable, indefinite, inexhaustible, infinite, limitless, measureless, no catch\*, no end of, no end to, no holds barred\*, no strings\*, no strings attached\*, tremendous, unbounded, unconfined, unending, unlimited, untold, vast, wide open; CONCEPTS 554,772 —*Ant.* limited, restricted

**bountiful** [*adj*] *abundant* ample, aplenty, bounteous, copious, crawling with\*, dime a dozen\*, exuberant, free, galore\*, generous, handsome, lavish, liberal, luxuriant, magnanimous, munificent, no end of\*, plenteous, plentiful, plenty, prolific, stink with\*, unsparing; CONCEPT 771 —*Ant.* insufficient, lacking, meagre, sparse, wanting

**bounty** [*n*] *bonus; compensation* donation, gift, grant, gratuity, largess, pay, premium, present, prize, recompense, reward; CONCEPTS 337,344

**bouquet** [*n1*] *flower arrangement* boutonniere, buttonhole, corsage, festoon, garland, lei, nosegay, posy, pot, spray, vase, wreath; CONCEPTS 425,429

**bouquet** [*n2*] *aroma* aura, balm, fragrance, incense, odor, perfume, redolence, savor, scent, smell, spice; CONCEPT 599

**bourgeois** [*adj*] *commonplace* common, conservative, conventional, hidebound, illiberal, materialistic, middle-class, old-line, Philistine, traditional, Victorian; CONCEPTS 530,589 —*Ant.* adventurous, imaginative, inspired, nonconforming, original, untraditional

**bout** [*n1*] *period of time in which something occurs* course, fit\*, go\*, round, run, session, shift, spell, stint, stretch, tear, term, tour, trick\*, turn; CONCEPT 807

**bout** [*n2*] *competitive fight* bat, battle, boxing match, competition, contest, encounter, engagement, go, match, round, set-to, struggle; CONCEPTS 92,106

**boutique** [*n*] *shop* booth, concession, exclusive shop, franchise, gift store, specialty shop, store; CONCEPTS 441,448,449

**bow** [*n1*] *bend from waist* angle, arc, arch, bend, bending, bob, curtsy, curvature, curve, curve, flexion, flexure, genuflection, inclination, kowtow\*, nod, obeisance, round, salaam, turn, turning; CONCEPTS 154,201 —*Ant.* straighten

**bow** [*n2*] *front of boat* beam, bowsprit, fore, forepart, head, nose, prow, stem; CONCEPT 502

**bow** [*v1*] *bend over* arch, bob, cower, crook, curtsy, curve, debase, dip, do obeisance, droop, duck, genuflect, hunch, incline, nod, round, stoop; CONCEPT 213

**bow** [*v2*] *submit, concede* accept, acquiesce, bend, be servile, capitulate, cave, comply, defer, give in, knuckle\*, knuckle under\*, kowtow\*, relent, succumb, surrender, yield; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* defend, fight, overpower

**bowels** [*n*] *insides* belly, core, deep, depths, entrails, guts, hold, innards, interior, intestines, penitentialia, recesses, viscera, vitals; CONCEPT 393

**bowl** [*n*] *hollow, concave container* basin, boat, casserole, crock, deep dish, dish, porringer, pot, saucer, tureen, urn, vessel; CONCEPTS 493,494

**bowl** [*v*] *roll a ball down a lane* fling, hurl, pitch, play duckpins, play tenpins, revolve, rotate, spin, throw, trundle, whirl; CONCEPT 363

**bowl over** [*v*] *amaze* astonish, astound, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor, stagger, startle, stun, surprise; CONCEPT 42

**box** [*n*] *container, often square or rectangular* bin, carton, case, casket, chest, coffer, crate, pack, package, portmanteau, receptacle, trunk; CONCEPT 494

**box** [*v*1] *place in square or rectangular container* case, confine, crate, encase, pack, package, wrap; CONCEPT 209 —*Ant.* unbox

**box** [*v*2] *punch competitively* buffet, clout, cuff, duke\*, exchange blows, hit, mix, scrap, slap, slug, sock, spar, strike, wallop, whack\*; CONCEPTS 106,189

**boxing** [*n*] *punching competition* battle, glove game\*, mill\*, prelim\*, prizefighting, pugilism, slugfest\*, sparring, the ring\*; CONCEPTS 92,363

**boy** [*n*] *young man* buck, cadet, chap, child, dude\*, fellow, gamin, guy, half-pint\*, junior, lad, little guy\*, little shaver\*, master, punk\*, puppy\*, runt\*, schoolboy, shaver\*, small fry\*, sonny\*, sprout\*, squirt\*, stripling, tadpole\*, whippersnapper\*, youngster, youth; CONCEPTS 419,424 —*Ant.* girl

**boycott** [*v*] *ban; refrain from using* avoid, bar, blackball\*, blacklist, brush off, cut off, embargo, exclude, hold aloof from, ice out\*, ostracize, outlaw, pass by\*, pass up\*, prohibit, proscribe, refuse, reject, shut out\*, snub, spurn, strike, withhold patronage; CONCEPTS 25,130 —*Ant.* buy, encourage, support, use

**boyfriend** [*n*] *male acquaintance or romantic companion* admirer, beau, companion, confidant, date, escort, fiancé, flame\*, follower, friend, intimate, partner, soul mate, steady, suitor, swain, sweetheart, young man; CONCEPTS 419,423 —*Ant.* girlfriend

**brace** [*n*] *support arm, band, bar, bearing, block, bolster, boom, bracer, bracket, buttress, cantilever, clamp, girder, grip, guy, lever, mainstay, peg, prop, rafter, reinforcement, rib, shore, skid, splice, splint, staff, stanchion, stave, stay, stirrup, strengthener, strut, sustainer, truss, underpinning, vice*; CONCEPTS 470,475,499

**brace** [*v*] *support* bandage, bind, bolster, buttress, fasten, fortify, gird, hold up, prepare, prop, ready, reinforce, shove, steady, steel, strap, strengthen, support, tie, tighten, uphold; CONCEPT 191 —*Ant.* let go, loosen, unfasten

**bracelet** [*n*] *wrist jewelry* arm band, armband, bangle, circlet, manacle, ornament, trinket, wristlet; CONCEPT 446

**bracing** [*adj*] *brisk; exhilarating* animating, chilly, cool, crisp, energizing, exhilarative, fortifying, fresh, invigorating, lively, quickening, refreshing, restorative, reviving, rousing, stimulating, stimulative, tonic, vigorous; CONCEPTS 537,605 —*Ant.* debilitating, exhausting, tiring

**brag** [*v*] *talk boastfully* blow one's own horn\*, bluster\*, boast, crow\*, exult, gasconade, gloat, grandstand\*, hotdog\*, jive\*, mouth\*, pat oneself on the back\*, prate, puff\*, rodomontade, showboat\*, shuck\*, swagger, vaunt; CONCEPTS 49,51 —*Ant.* be modest, be quiet, deprecate

**braggart** [*n*] *person who talks boastfully* bag of wind\*, bigmouth, big talker\*, big-timer\*, blowhard\*, blusterer, boaster, brag, braggadocio, bragger, egotist, exhibitionist, gasbag\*,

gascon\*, grandstander\*, hotshot\*, know-it-all, peacock\*, ranter, raver, show-off, strutter, swaggerer, swashbuckler\*, swelled head\*, trumpeter\*, windbag\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**braid** [*n*] *interwoven hair style* pigtail, plait, ponytail, queue; CONCEPTS 418,716

**braid** [*v*] *interweave* compect, cue, entwine, interknit, interlace, intertwine, lace, mesh, pigtail, plait, ravel, twine, twist, weave; CONCEPTS 184,202 —*Ant.* unbraided

**brain** [*n*1] *very smart person* academician, doctor, egghead\*, Einstein\*, genius, highbrow, intellect, intellectual, mastermind, prodigy, pundit, sage, scholar; CONCEPT 350 —*Ant.* dumb, dum dum, simpleton

**brain** [*n*2] *mind, intelligence* cerebrillum, cerebrum, encephalon, gray matter\*, head, intellect, medulla oblongata, mentality, upper story\*, wit; CONCEPTS 393,409,420 —*Ant.* body, physicality

**brain drain** [*n*] *loss of important personnel* departure, mass exodus, turnover; CONCEPT 195

**brainstorm** [*v*] *problem-solve* analyze, conceive, conceptualize, conjure up, create, deliberate, dream up, invent, plan, ponder, put heads together\*, rack brains\*, share ideas, think; CONCEPTS 35,173,251

**brainwash** [*v*] *force to believe or do things* alter, catechize, condition, convert, convince, educate, indoctrinate, influence, instill, persuade, proselytize, teach; CONCEPT 14

**brainy** [*adj*] *intelligent* bright, brilliant, clever, intellectual, sapient, smart; CONCEPT 402

**brake** [*n*] *stopping device; check* anchor, binders, cinchers, constraint, control, curb, damper, deterrent, discouragement, hamper, hindrance, hurdle, obstacle, rein, restraint, retarding device; CONCEPTS 130,463 —*Ant.* accelerator

**brake** [*v*] *check; stop* bar, block, dam, decelerate, halt, hinder, impede, moderate, obstruct, reduce speed, slacken, slow, slow down, stop; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* accelerate

**bramble** [*n*] *thorny bush* brier, burr, catch weed, cleaver, furze, goose grass, gorse, hedge, nettle, prick, prickly shrub, shrub, spray, thistle, thistle sage, thorn; CONCEPT 429

**branch** [*n*1] *department* annex, arm, bureau, category, chapter, classification, connection, dependency, derivative, division, extension, local, member, office, outpost, part, portion, section, subdivision, subsection, subsidiary, tributary, wing; CONCEPTS 325,378 —*Ant.* company

**branch** [*n*2] *arm, limb* bough, branchlet, bug, detour, divergence, extension, fork, growth, offshoot, prong, scion, shoot, spray, sprig, wing; CONCEPTS 392,428,471,835

**branch off/branch out** [*v*] *extend beyond main part* add to, develop, diverge, diversify, divide, enlarge, expand, extend, fork, grow, increase, multiply, part, proliferate, ramify, separate, spread out; CONCEPT 756 —*Ant.* lessen, shrink

**brand** [*n*1] *type, kind* cast, character, class, description, grade, make, quality, sort, species, variety; CONCEPT 378

**brand** [*n*2] *distinctive label, mark* brand name, emblem, hallmark, heraldry, imprint, logo, logotype, marker, sign, stamp, symbol, trademark, welt; CONCEPT 284

**brand** [*n*3] *stigma* bar sinister, black eye, blot, blur, disgrace, infamy, mark, mark of Cain, odium, onus, reproach, slur, smirch, spot, stain, stigma, taint; CONCEPT 388

**brand** [*v*] *label negatively* disgrace, mark, stigmatize, taint; CONCEPTS 62,79

**brandish** [*v*] *flaunt, swing around* come on strong\*, display, disport, exhibit, expose, flash, gesture, parade, raise, shake, show, show off, sport, swing, threaten, throw weight around\*, trot out\*, warn, wield; CONCEPT 261 —*Ant.* not show

**brash** [*adj*] *impulsive, brazen* audacious, bold, brazenfaced, cheeky\*, cocksure, cocky\*, effervescent, flip, foolhardy, forward, hasty, headlong, heedless, hotheaded, ill-advised, impertinent, impetuous, impolitic, impudent, incautious, inconsiderate, indiscreet, insolent, madcap, maladroit, nervy, precipitate, presuming, presumptuous, pushing, rash, reckless, rude, self-asserting, self-assertive, tactless, thoughtless, undiplomatic, unctactful, uppity, vivacious; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* afraid, careful, cautious, discreet, fearful, reserved

**brass** [*n*] *impulsiveness; nerve* assumption, audacity, brashness, cheek\*,chutzpah\*, confidence, effrontery, gall, impertinence, impudence, insolence, presumption, rudeness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* carefulness, caution, circumspection, prudence

**brassy** [*adj*] *vulgar, loud to the senses* arrant, barefaced, blaring, blatant, bold, brash, brazen, flashy, flirtatious, forward, garish, gaudy, grating, hard, harsh, impudent, insolent, jarring, jazzy, loudmouthed, noisy, obtrusive, overbold, pert, piercing, rude, saucy, shameless, showy, shrill, strident, unabashed, unblushing; CONCEPTS 401,589,592,594 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, circumspect, humble, prudent

**brat** [*n*] *spoiled child* devil\*, enfant terrible\*, holy terror\*, impudent child, kid, punk\*, rascal, unruly child, urchin, whippersnapper\*, wild one\*, youngster; CONCEPT 424 —*Ant.* angel

**bravado** [*n*] *boastfulness* blowing, bluff, bluster, boasting, bombast, braggadocio, bragging, bullying, crowing\*, fancy talk\*, fuming\*, gasconade, grandiosity, guts\*, hot air\*, pomposity, pretension, raging, railing, rant, selfglorification, storming, swaggering, swelling, talk, tall talk\*; CONCEPTS 49,51 —*Ant.* cowardice, fear, fearfulness, modesty, restraint

**brave** [*adj*] *bold* adventurous, audacious, chin-up\*, chivalrous, confident, courageous, daring, dashing, dauntless, defiant, doughty, fearless, firm, foolhardy, forward, gallant, game, gritty, gutsy, hardy, heroic, herolike, imprudent, indomitable, intrepid, lionhearted, militant, nervy, plucky, reckless, resolute, spirited, spunky, stalwart, stout, stouthearted, strong, unabashed, unafraid, unblenching, undauntable, undaunted, undismayed, unfeared, valiant, valorous, venturesome; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* afraid, cautious, fearful, frightened, humble, meek, reticent, retiring, shy, timid

**brave** [*v*] *endure bad situation* bear, beard, challenge, confront, court, dare, defy, face, face off, fly in the face of\*, go through, outdare, risk, stand up to, suffer, support, take on, venture, withstand; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* break

down, capitulate, complain, dodge, fear, give up, hide, run away, skip

**bravery** [*n*] *boldness* courage, daring, dauntlessness, fearlessness, fortitude, gallantry, grit, guts, hardiness, heroism, indomitability, intrepidity, mettle, pluck, pluckiness, spirit, spunk, valor; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* cowardice, diffidence, humility, timidity

**brawl** [*n*] *nasty fight* affray, altercation, argument, battle, battle royal\*, bickering, broil, clash, disorder, dispute, donnybrook, duke out\*, feud, fight, fracas, fray, free-for-all\*, fuss, hassle, melee, quarrel, rhu-barb\*, riot, row, ruckus\*, rumble\*, rumpus, scrap, scuffle, squabble, tumult, uproar, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* peace, truce

**brawl** [*v*] *fight nastily* altercation, argue, battle, bicker, buck\*, caterwaul, dispute, kick up a row\*, quarrel, raise Cain\*, roughhouse\*, row, rumble\*, scrap, scuffle, spat, squabble, tussle, wrangle, wrestle; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* make peace

**brawn** [*n*] *muscular strength and breadth* beef, beefiness, clout, energy, flesh, kick, meat, might, moxie\*, muscle, muscularity, power, punch, robustness, sinews, sock, steam, thew, vigor; CONCEPTS 723,732 —*Ant.* frailness, skinniness, slightness, thinness

**brawny** [*adj*] *muscular, strong* able-bodied, athletic, beefy, bulky, burly, fleshy, hardy, hefty, husky, powerful, robust, sinewy, stalwart, strapping, sturdy, thewy, tough, vigorous, vital; CONCEPTS 485,489 —*Ant.* frail, skinny, slight, thin, weak

**brazen** [*adj*] *brash, unashamed* audacious, barefaced, blatant, bold, brassy, cheeky, cocky, contemptuous, defiant, flashy, flip, forward, gritty, gutsy, hotshot\*, immodest, impudent, impudent, indecent, insolent, loud, meretricious, nervy, overbold, pert, saucy, shameless, smart-alecky\*, smart-ass\*, spunky, tawdry, unabashed, unblushing; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* humble, meek, shamed, shamefaced, shy, timid

**breach** [*n*1] *gap* aperture, break, chasm, chip, cleft, crack, discontinuity, fissure, hole, opening, rent, rift, rupture, slit, split; CONCEPT 513 —*Ant.* bridge, connection

**breach** [*n*2] *violation of a law* contravention, delinquency, dereliction, disobedience, disregard, infraction, infringement, neglect, non-compliance, nonobservance, offense, transgression, trespass, violation; CONCEPT 192 —*Ant.* upholding

**breach** [*n*3] *change from friendly to unfriendly relationship* alienation, break, difference, disaffection, disagreement, discord, disharmony, dissension, disunity, division, estrangement, falling-out, fissure, fracture, parting of the ways\*, quarrel, rent, rift, rupture, schism, secession, separation, severance, split, strife, variance, withdrawal; CONCEPT 388

**bread** [*n*1] *daily food* aliment, bed and board, comestibles, diet, fare, feed, grub\*, necessities, nourishment, nurture, nutrition, provender, provisions, shingle\*, staff of life\*, subsistence, sustenance, viands, victuals; CONCEPT 457

**bread** [*n*2] *money* cabbage\*, cash, coin, dollars, dough\*, finance, funds, greenbacks\*, mazuma\*, scratch\*; CONCEPT 340

**breadth** [n1] *width* broadness, diameter, distance across, latitude, span, spread, wideness; CONCEPT 760

**breadth** [n2] *extent* amplitude, area, compass, comprehensiveness, dimension, expanse, extensiveness, fullness, gamut, greatness, inclusiveness, largeness, magnitude, measure, orbit, range, reach, scale, scope, size, space, spread, stretch, sweep, vastness; CONCEPTS 651, 756, 788

**break** [n1] *fissure, opening* breach, cleft, crack, discontinuity, disjunction, division, fracture, gap, gash, hole, rent, rift, rupture, schism, split, tear; CONCEPTS 230, 757 —*Ant.* association, attachment, binding, combination, fastening, juncture

**break** [n2] *interruption of activity* blow, breather, breathing space, caesura, coffee break, cutoff, downtime\*, halt, hiatus, interlude, intermission, interval, lacuna, layoff\*, letup\*, lull, pause, recess, respite, rest, suspension, ten\*, time off, time out; CONCEPT 807 —*Ant.* continuation, continuity

**break** [n3] *change from friendly to unfriendly relationship* alienation, altercation, breach, clash, difference of opinion, disaffection, dispute, divergence, estrangement, fight, misunderstanding, rift, rupture, schism, separation, split, trouble; CONCEPT 388

**break** [n4] *lucky happening* accident, advantage, chance, favorable circumstances, fortune, good luck, luck, occasion, opening, opportunity, shot, show, stroke of luck, time; CONCEPT 679 —*Ant.* bad luck, misfortune

**break** [v1] *destroy; make whole into pieces* annihilate, batter, burst, bust, bust up, crack, crash, crush, damage, demolish, disintegrate, divide, eradicate, finish off, fracture, fragment, make hash of\*, make mincemeat of\*, part, pull to pieces, rend, separate, sever, shatter, shiver, smash, snap, splinter, split, tear, torpedo, total, trash\*; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* attach, fasten, fix, join, mend, put together, secure

**break** [v2] *violate law* breach, contravene, disobey, disregard, infract, infringe, offend, renege on, transgress, violate; CONCEPT 192 —*Ant.* agree, obey

**break** [v3] *weaken, cause instability* bankrupt, bust, confound, confute, controvert, cow, cripple, declass, degrade, demerit, demoralize, demote, disconfirm, dispirit, disprove, downgrade, enervate, enfeeble, humiliate, impair, impoverish, incapacitate, pauperize, rebut, reduce, refute, ruin, subdue, tame, undermine; CONCEPT 240 —*Ant.* stabilize, strengthen

**break** [v4] *stop an action* abandon, cut, discontinue, give up, interrupt, pause, rest, suspend; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* allow, cause

**break** [v5] *tell news* announce, come out, communicate, convey, disclose, divulge, impart, inform, let out, make public, pass on, proclaim, reveal, tell, transmit; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* hide, keep quiet, secret

**break** [v6] *better a performance* beat, cap, exceed, excel, go beyond, outdo, outstrip, surpass, top; CONCEPT 141

**break** [v7] *emerge, happen* appear, befall, betide, burst out, chance, come forth, come off, come to pass, develop, erupt, go, occur, transpire; CONCEPT 4

**break** [v8] *run away* abscond, bust out\*, clear out\*, cut and run\*, dash, decamp, escape, flee, fly, get away, get out; CONCEPTS 102, 195 —*Ant.* stay, wait

**break** [v9] *cushion something's effect* diminish, lessen, lighten, moderate, reduce, soften, weaken; CONCEPT 110

**breakable** [adj] *easily hurt or destroyed* brittle, crisp, crispy, crumbly, delicate, flimsy, fracturable, fragile, frail, frangible, friable, shatterable, shattery, splintery, vitreous, weak; CONCEPTS 489, 606 —*Ant.* durable, sturdy, unbreakable

**break away** [v] *depart* escape, flee, fly, leave, part company\*, quit, run away, split\*; CONCEPT 195

**breakdown** [n1] *nervous collapse* basket case\*, crackup\*, disintegration, disruption, failure, mishap, nervous prostration, neurosthemia, neurosis, psychasthenia; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* mental health

**breakdown** [n2] *account of finances or other business* analysis, categorization, classification, detailed list, diagnosis, dissection, itemization, resolution; CONCEPT 283

**break even** [v] *be or become equal* balance books, equalize, experience no loss, recover cost, recover expense; CONCEPTS 126, 232

**break in** [v1] *intrude* barge in, breach, break and enter, burglarize, burgle, burst in\*, butt in\*, interfere, interject, interrupt, intervene, invade, meddle, raid, rob, steal, trespass; CONCEPTS 139, 192

**break in** [v2] *train in new skill* accustom, condition, educate, gentle, get used to, habituate, initiate, instruct, prepare, tame; CONCEPT 285

**breakneck** [adj] *extremely fast* at full tilt, dangerously fast, excessive, flat out, headlong, high-speed, lightning, precipitate, rapid, reckless, speedy, whirlwind; CONCEPT 588 —*Ant.* extremely slow

**break off** [v1] *snap off something* detach, disassemble, divide, part, pull off, separate, sever, splinter, take apart; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* combine, join, mend

**break off** [v2] *end activity* cease, desist, discontinue, end, finish, halt, pause, stop, suspend, terminate; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* begin, start

**break out** [v1] *happen, emerge* appear, arise, begin, burst forth, commence, erupt, explode, occur, set in, spring up, start; CONCEPT 701

**break out** [v2] *escape* abscond, bolt, break loose, burst out, bust out\*, depart, flee, get free, leave; CONCEPTS 102, 195

**break the ice** [v] *be friendly and talkative* lead the way, oil the works\*, set at ease, socialize, start the ball rolling; CONCEPT 384

**breakthrough** [n] *advance, progress* boost, development, discovery, find, finding, gain, hike, improvement, increase, invention, leap, progress, quantum leap\*, rise, step forward; CONCEPT 704 —*Ant.* step back, step backward

**breakup** [n] *end of relationship* breakdown, breaking, crackup\*, disintegration, dispersal, dissolution, divorce, ending, parting, rift, separation, split, splitsville\*, splitting, termination, wind-up; CONCEPT 385 —*Ant.* reconciliation

**break up** [v] *end relationship, activity* adjourn, disassemble, disband, dismantle, disperse,



- disrupt, dissolve, divide, divorce, end, halt, part, put an end to, scatter, separate, sever, split, stop, sunder, suspend, take apart, terminate; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* reconcile
- break with** [v] *part ways* ditch, drop, jilt, reject, renounce, separate; CONCEPTS 21,30,180
- breast** [n1] *front of upper body* bosom, bust, chest, front, mammary glands, mammilla, nipple, teat, udder; CONCEPT 418
- breast** [n2] *feelings, conscience* being, bosom, character, core, emotions, essential nature, heart, mind, psyche, seat of affections, sentiments, soul, spirit, thoughts; CONCEPTS 410,529
- breath** [n1] *respiration* animation, breathing, eupnea, exhalation, expiration, gasp, gulp, inhalation, inspiration, insufflation, pant, wheeze; CONCEPT 163
- breath** [n2] *wind or something in the air* aroma, faint breeze, flatus, flutter, gust, odor, puff, sigh, smell, vapor, waft, whiff, zephyr; CONCEPTS 437,599
- breath** [n3] *respite, break* blow\*, breather, breathing space\*, instant, moment, pause, rest, second, ten\*; CONCEPT 807
- breath** [n4] *hint, suggestion* dash, murmur, shade, soupçon, streak, suspicion, touch, trace, undertone, whiff, whisper; CONCEPTS 278,831
- breathe** [v1] *take air in and let out* draw in, exhale, expire, fan, gasp, gulp, inhale, insufflate, open the floodgates\*, pant, puff, respire, scent, sigh, sniff, snore, snort, use lungs, wheeze; CONCEPTS 163,601
- breathe** [v2] *inspire action* imbue, impart, infuse, inject, instill, transfuse; CONCEPT 242
- breathe** [v3] *tell information* articulate, confide, express, murmur, say, sigh, utter, voice, whisper; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* hide, secret
- breathless** [adj1] *unable to respire normally* asthmatic, blown, choking, emphysematous, exhausted, gasping, gulping, out of breath, panting, short of breath, short-winded, spent, stertorous, wheezing, winded; CONCEPT 406 —*Ant.* breathy, calm
- breathless** [adj2] *astounded* agog, anxious, avid, eager, excited, flabbergasted, open-mouthed, thunderstruck, with bated breath; CONCEPT 403
- breathtaking** [adj] *beautiful, awesome* amazing, astonishing, awe-inspiring, exciting, hair-raising, heart-stirring, heart-stopping, impressive, magnificent, moving, overwhelming, spine-tingling, stunning, thrilling; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* disgusting, ugly
- breed** [n] *kind, class* brand, character, extraction, family, feather, genus, ilk, likes, line, lineage, lot, nature, number, pedigree, progeny, race, sort, species, stamp, stock, strain, stripe, type, variety; CONCEPT 378
- breed** [v1] *generate, bring into being* bear, beget, bring about, bring forth, cause, create, deliver, engender, give birth to, give rise to, hatch, impregnate, induce, make, multiply, originate, procreate, produce, progenerate, propagate, reproduce; CONCEPTS 173,251,302,373 —*Ant.* not produce
- breed** [v2] *raise, nurture* bring up, cultivate, develop, discipline, educate, foster, instruct, nourish, rear; CONCEPTS 285,295
- breeding** [n] *cultivation of person* ancestry, civility, conduct, courtesy, culture, development, gentility, grace, lineage, manners, nurture, polish, raising, rearing, refinement, schooling, training, upbringing, urbanity; CONCEPT 388
- breeze** [n] *light wind* air, airflow, breath, current, draft, flurry, gust, puff, waft, whiff, zephyr; CONCEPTS 437,524
- breeze** [v] *work quickly through task* cruise, flit, glide, hurry, move, pass, sail, sally, skim, slide, slip, sweep, trip, waltz, zip; CONCEPT 704
- breezy** [adj1] *windy* airy, blowing, blowy, blusterous, blustery, drafty, fresh, gusty, squally, stormy; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* calm, peaceful, quiet, still
- breezy** [adj2] *easy, lighthearted* airy, animated, blithe, buoyant, carefree, casual, cheerful, debonair, easy-going, effervescent, free and easy\*, gay, informal, jaunty, light, lively, low-pressure, peppy, racy, relaxed, sparkling, spicy, spirited, sprightly, sunny, unconstrained, vivacious; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* difficult
- brevery** [n] *shortness, briefness* conciseness, concision, condensation, crispness, curtness, economy, ephemerality, impermanence, pithiness, pointedness, succinctness, terseness, transience, transitoriness; CONCEPTS 730,804 —*Ant.* lengthiness, longevity, permanence
- brew** [n] *concoction* beverage, blend, broth, compound, distillation, drink, fermentation, hash, hodgepodge\*, infusion, instillation, liquor, melange, miscellany, mishmash\*, mixture, potpourri, preparation; CONCEPTS 260,454,457
- brew** [v1] *prepare by boiling* boil, concoct, cook, ferment, infuse, mull, seethe, soak, steep, stew; CONCEPT 170
- brew** [v2] *plan, devise* breed, compound, concoct, contrive, develop, excite, foment, form, gather, hatch, impend, loom, mull, plot, project, scheme, start, stir up, weave; CONCEPT 36
- bribe** [n] *payoff to influence illegal or wrong activity* allurement, bait, blackmail, buyoff, compensation, contract, corrupting gift, corrupt money, enticement, envelope\*, feedbag\*, fringe benefit, gift, goody\*, graft, gratuity, gravy\*, grease\*, hush money\*, ice\*, incentive, inducement, influence peddling, kickback, lagniappe, lure, payola\*, perk\*, perquisite, present, price, protection\*, remuneration, reward, sop\*, sweetener\*, sweetening\*, take; CONCEPTS 192,329
- bribe** [v] *request silence, action, or inaction for money* approach, buy, buy back, buy off, coax, corrupt, do business\*, entice, fix\*, get at, get to, grease palm\*, influence, instigate, lubricate, lure, make a deal, oil palm\*, pay off, pervert, reward, seduce, soap\*, square, suborn, sugar, sweeten the pot\*, take care of, tamper, tempt, tip; CONCEPTS 53,192
- bridal** [adj] *concerning marriage* conjugal, connubial, epithalamic, espousal, hymeneal, marital, matrimonial, nubile, nuptial, prewedding, prothalamic, spousal; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* divorce
- bride** [n] *female marriage partner* helpmate, mate, newly married woman, newlywed, old woman\*, spouse, wife; CONCEPTS 296,415 —*Ant.* bridegroom, groom
- bridegroom** [n] *male marriage partner* benedict, groom, helpmate, husband, mate, newlywed, old man\*, spouse; CONCEPTS 296,419 —*Ant.* bride

**bridge** [*n*] *structure or something that makes connection* arch, bond, branch, catwalk, connection, extension, gangplank, link, overpass, platform, pontoon, scaffold, span, tie, transit, trestle, viaduct, wing; CONCEPTS 501,721

**bridge** [*v*] *connect, extend arch over, attach, bind, branch, couple, cross, cross over, go over, join, link, reach, span, subtend, traverse, unite*; CONCEPTS 113,756 —*Ant.* detach, disconnect, disjoin, disunite, unlink

**bridle** [*n*] *restraining device* check, control, curb, deterrent, hackamore, halter, headstall, leash, rein, restraint, trammels; CONCEPT 497

**bridle** [*v*] *check, hold back* constrain, control, curb, govern, inhibit, keep in check, master, moderate, repress, restrain, rule, subdue, suppress, withhold; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* let go, release, set free

**brief** [*adj*1] *short, compressed* abrupt, bluff, blunt, boiled down\*, brevilouquent, brusque, compendiary, compendious, concise, crisp, curt, hasty, laconic, limited, little, pithy, sharp, short and sweet\*, skimpy, small, snippy, succinct, surly, terse, to the point; CONCEPTS 267,773 —*Ant.* lengthy, long

**brief** [*adj*2] *short in time* concise, curtailed, ephemeral, fast, fleeting, hasty, instantaneous, little, meteoric, momentary, passing, quick, short-lived, short-term, swift, temporary, transient, transitory; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* enduring, lasting, lengthy, long, long-lived

**brief** [*n*] *abridgment* abstract, argument, boil-down\*, case, condensation, conspectus, contention, data, defense, digest, epitome, outline, précis, sketch, summary, synopsis; CONCEPTS 283,318

**brief** [*v*] *inform of facts* abridge, advise, apprise, edify, enlighten, epitomize, explain, fill in, give rundown\*, give the lowdown\*, inform, initiate, instruct, let in on\*, orient, prepare, prime, recapitulate, show the lay of the land\*, show the ropes\*, summarize, tip off\*, update; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* hide, secret

**briefcase** [*n*] *carrier for work papers* attaché, bag, baggage, case, dispatch, folder, portfolio, valise; CONCEPTS 446,494

**briefing** [*n*] *preparation by informing of facts* background meeting, conference, directions, discussion, guidance, information, initiation, instruction, meeting, preamble, priming, rundown, update; CONCEPT 60

**brigade** [*n*] *fleet of trained people* army, band, body, company, contingent, corps, crew, detachment, force, group, organization, outfit, party, posse, squad, team, troop, unit; CONCEPTS 322,381 —*Ant.* individual, one

**bright** [*adj*1] *shining, glowing in appearance* ablaze, aglow, alight, argent, auroral, beaming, blazing, brilliant, burning, burnished, coruscating, dazzling, effulgent, flashing, fulgent, fulgid, glaring, gleaming, glistening, glittering, glossy, golden, illuminated, illumined, incandescent, intense, irradiated, lambent, light, lighted, limpid, luminous, lustrous, mirrorlike, moonlit, phosphorescent, polished, radiant, resplendent, resplendent, scintillating, shimmering, shiny, silvery, sparkling, sunlit, sunny, twinkling, vivid; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* dark, dreary, dull, obscure, somber

**bright** [*adj*2] *sunny, clear (weather)* clement, cloudless, fair, favorable, limpid, lucid, mild, pellucid, pleasant, translucent, transparent, unclouded; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* black, cloudy, dark, dreary, dusky, gloomy, murky

**bright** [*adj*3] *intelligent* acute, advanced, alert, astute, aware, brainy, brilliant, clear-headed, clever, discerning, eggheaded\*, Einstein\*, having smarts\*, ingenious, inventive, keen, knowing, precocious, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart, whiz kid\*, wide-awake; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* dull, stupid, unaware, unintelligent

**bright** [*adj*4] *hopeful, promising* airy, auspicious, benign, breezy, cheering, encouraging, excellent, favorable, golden, good, optimistic, palmy, propitious, prosperous, rosy; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* depressing, horrible, threatening, unpromising

**bright** [*adj*5] *cheerful* alert, animated, gay, genial, glad, happy, jolly, joyful, joyous, keen, lighthearted, lively, merry, optimistic, sanguine, spirited, sprightly, vivacious; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* depressed, depressing, doleful, dreary, gloomy, unhappy

**bright** [*adj*6] *famous, outstanding* distinguished, eminent, glorious, illustrious, magnificent, prominent, remarkable, splendid; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* normal, typical

**bright** [*adj*7] *vivid in color* brave, brilliant, clear, colored, colorful, deep, flashy, fresh, gay, glitzy\*, hued, intense, psychedelic, razzle-dazzle, rich, ruddy, sharp, showy, tinged, tinted; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* light, pale, pastel

**brighten** [*v*1] *make shine or glow* buff up, burnish, clear up, enliven, gleam, grow sunny, illuminate, illumine, intensify, kindle, lighten, light up, polish, punch up\*, spiff up\*; CONCEPTS 244,250 —*Ant.* darken, deepen, dull, fade

**brighten** [*v*2] *make happy, feel better* become cheerful, buck up, buoy up, cheer, cheer up, clear up, encourage, enliven, gladden, hearten, improve, look up, perk up; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* depress, upset

**brilliant** [*adj*1] *shining, glowing in appearance* ablaze, bright, coruscating, dazzling, effulgent, flashy, fulgent, gleaming, glittering, glossy, incandescent, intense, lambent, lucent, luminous, lustrous, radiant, refulgent, resplendent, scintillating, showy, sparkling, vivid; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* dark, dull, dulled

**brilliant** [*adj*2] *famous, outstanding* celebrated, distinguished, eminent, excellent, exceptional, glorious, illustrious, magnificent, prominent, splendid, superb; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* normal, typical

**brilliant** [*adj*3] *very intelligent* accomplished, acute, astute, brainy, bright, clever, discerning, eggheaded\*, Einstein\*, expert, genius, gifted, ingenious, intellectual, inventive, knowing, knowledgeable, masterly, penetrating, profound, quick, quick-witted, sharp, smart, talented, whip, whiz kid\*; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* stupid, unaware, unintelligent

**brim** [*n*] *edge of object, usually the top border*, brink, circumference, fringe, hem, lip, margin, perimeter, periphery, rim, skirt, verge; CONCEPT 836 —*Ant.* center, interior, middle

**brim** [v] *flow over the top* fill, fill up, hold no more, overflow, run over, spill, swell, teem, well over; CONCEPT 740

**brimming/brimful** [adj] *overflowing; up to the top* awash, chock-full, crammed, crowded, filled, flush, full, full to the top, jammed, level with, loaded, overflow, packed, running over, stuffed, topfull; CONCEPTS 481,771,774 —*Ant.* empty, unfilled

**brine** [n] *salt solution* alkali, blue, brackish water, deep, drink, marinade, ocean, pickling solution, preservative, saline, salt water, sea water, sodium chloride solution, vinegar; CONCEPT 514

**bring** [v1] *transport or accompany* attend, back, bear, buck\*, carry, chaperon, companion, conduct, consort, convey, deliver, escort, fetch, gather, guide, gun\*, heel\*, import, lead, lug, pack, pick up, piggyback\*, ride, schlepp\*, shoulder, take, take along, tote, transfer, transport, truck, usher; CONCEPT 143 —*Ant.* drop, leave, quit, refuse, shun, take

**bring** [v2] *cause; influence* begin, compel, contribute to, convert, convince, create, dispose, effect, engender, force, induce, inflict, lead, make, move, occasion, persuade, prevail on, prevail upon, produce, prompt, result in, sway, weak; CONCEPT 242 —*Ant.* avoid, back out, desist, give up, hold back, pass up

**bring** [v3] *command a price* afford, bring in, draw, earn, fetch, gross, net, produce, return, sell for, take, yield; CONCEPTS 330,335

**bring** [v4] *file charges in court* appeal, arraign, cite, declare, indict, initiate legal action, institute, prefer, serve, sue, summon, take to court; CONCEPT 317

**bring about** [v] *cause success* accomplish, achieve, beget, bring to pass, compass, create, do, draw on, effect, effectuate, engender, generate, give rise to, make happen, manage, occasion, produce, realize, secure, succeed; CONCEPTS 244,706 —*Ant.* halt, kill, stop

**bring around** [v] *convince, induce* argue, convert, draw, get, indoctrinate, persuade, prevail upon, prompt, prove, talk into, win over; CONCEPT 68

**bring down** [v] *reduce or hurt* abase, cut down, damage, drop, fell, floor, injure, knock down, KO\*, lay low, level, lower, mow down, murder\*, overthrow, overturn, prostrate, pull down, shoot down, slay\*, throw down, tumble, undermine, upset, wound; CONCEPTS 7,19,252 —*Ant.* aid, encourage, help, raise

**bring in** [v] *make a profit* accrue, acquire, bear, be worth, bring, cost, earn, fetch, gain, get, gross, make, pay, produce, realize, return, sell, yield; CONCEPTS 124,330 —*Ant.* decrease, lose

**bring off** [v] *accomplish* achieve, bring home the bacon\*, bring to pass, carry off, carry out, discharge, effect, effectuate, execute, perform, pull off, realize, succeed; CONCEPTS 704,706 —*Ant.* fail, lose

**bring on** [v] *provoke* accelerate, advance, cause, expedite, generate, give rise to, induce, inspire, lead to, occasion, precipitate, prompt; CONCEPTS 7,19

**bring out** [v] *draw out* bring to light, emphasize, expose, highlight, introduce, publish, utter; CONCEPTS 49,57

**bring up** [v1] *raise youngster* breed, cultivate,

develop, discipline, educate, feed, form, foster, nourish, nurture, provide for, rear, school, support, teach, train; CONCEPT 295

**bring up** [v2] *initiate, mention in conversation* advance, advert, allude to, broach, discuss, introduce, moot, move, offer, point out, propose, put forward, raise, raise a subject, refer, submit, tender, touch on, ventilate\*; CONCEPT 51

**brink** [n] *edge of an object or area* border, boundary, brim, fringe, frontier, limit, lip, margin, perimeter, periphery, point, rim, skirt, threshold, verge; CONCEPTS 484,513 —*Ant.* center, interior, middle

**brisk** [adj1] *fast-moving; active* adroit, agile, alert, animated, bustling, busy, energetic, lively, nimble, quick, speedy, sprightly, spry, vigorous, vivacious, zippy; CONCEPTS 542,584 —*Ant.* inactive, slow, sluggish, unenergetic

**brisk** [adj2] *chilly, refreshing (weather)* biting, bracing, crisp, exhilarating, fresh, invigorating, keen, nippy, sharp, snappy, stimulating; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* temperate, warm

**bristle** [n] *short, prickly hair* barb, feeler, fiber, point, prickle, quill, spine, stubble, thorn, vibrissa, whisker; CONCEPT 418

**bristle** [v] *become upset, excited* be angry, be infuriated, be maddened, blow up\*, boil, boil over, bridle, flare, flare up, fume, get one's dander up\*, rage, rise, ruffle, see red\*, seethe, spit\*, stand on end\*, swell; CONCEPT 410

**brittle** [adj1] *fragile* breakable, crisp, crumbling, crumbly, delicate, frail, fragile, friable, inelastic, shatterable, shivery, vitreous, weak; CONCEPTS 488,606 —*Ant.* durable, flexible, moveable, resilient, supple

**brittle** [adj2] *tense* curt, edgy, irritable, nervous, prim, short, stiff, stilted; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* relaxed, resilient

**broach** [v1] *bring up a topic* advance, approach, bring up, hint at, interject, interpose, introduce, mention, moot, move, offer, open up, propose, raise subject, speak of, submit, suggest, talk of, touch on, ventilate\*; CONCEPT 51 —*Ant.* not mention

**broach** [v2] *open, pierce* begin, crack, decant, draw off, puncture, start, tap, uncork; CONCEPTS 142,225 —*Ant.* close, close up

**broad** [adj1] *wide physically* ample, capacious, deep, expansive, extended, extensive, full, generous, immense, large, latitudinous, outspread, outstretched, roomy, spacious, splay, squat, thick, vast, voluminous, widespread; CONCEPTS 773,796 —*Ant.* narrow, small

**broad** [adj2] *extensive* all-embracing, all-inclusive, comprehensive, copious, encyclopedic, expansive, extended, far-flung, far-reaching, general, inclusive, nonspecific, scopic, sweeping, ubiquitous, undetailed, universal, unlimited, wide, wide-ranging, widespread; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* narrow, small

**broad** [adj3] *full, obvious* apparent, clear, explicit, open, plain, straightforward, undisguised, unequivocal; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* empty, restricted

**broad** [adj4] *liberal-minded* advanced, cultivated, experienced, open, open-minded, permissive, progressive, radical, tolerant, unbiased, wide; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* close-minded, small-minded

**broad** [adj5] *vulgar* blue, coarse, dirty, gross, improper, indecent, indelicate, low-minded, off-color, purple, racy, risqué, salty, saucy, smutty, spicy, suggestive, unrefined, unrestrained, wicked; CONCEPT 545

**broad** [n] *a woman* babe\*, bimbo\*, chick\*, dame, dish, doll\*, doxy, female, floozy, gal, girl, honey\*, lady, lassie, miss, moll, skirt\*, sweet thing\*, tootsie\*; CONCEPTS 414,415

**broadcast** [n] *information on electronic media* advertisement, air time, announcement, newscast, performance, program, publication, radio-cast, show, simulcast, telecast, transmission; CONCEPTS 274,293

**broadcast** [v1] *put forth on electronic media* air, announce, beam, be on the air, cable, circulate, colorcast, communicate, get out\*, go on the air, go on the airwaves, put on the air, radio, radiograph, relay, send, show, simulcast, telecast, telegraph, telephone, televise, transmit; CONCEPTS 60,292

**broadcast** [v2] *make public* advertise, announce, announce, blare, blazon, circulate, communicate, declare, disseminate, distribute, proclaim, promulgate, publish, report, sow, spread, strew, troll; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* hide, keep quiet, secret

**broadcasting** [n] *informing via electronic media* airing, air time, announcing, auditioning, newscasting, performing, posting online, putting on program, radio, reporting, telecasting, television, transmission, transmitting; CONCEPTS 263,293

**broaden** [v] *extend, supplement* augment, broaden, develop, enlarge, expand, fatten, grow, increase, open up, ream, spread, stretch, swell, widen; CONCEPT 239 —*Ant.* decrease, narrow, restrict

**broad-minded** [adj] *liberal* advanced, catholic, cosmopolitan, dispassionate, flexible, free-thinking, indulgent, liberal, open, open-minded, permissive, progressive, radical, receptive, responsive, tolerant, unbiased, unbigoted, undogmatic, unprejudiced, wide; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* close-minded, small-minded

**brochure** [n] *short, printed document* advertisement, booklet, circular, flyer, folder, handbill, handout, leaflet, pamphlet; CONCEPT 280

**broil** [v] *cook under direct heat* burn, melt, roast, scorch, sear, swelter; CONCEPT 170 —*Ant.* freeze

**broiling** [adj] *very hot* baking, burning, fiery, on fire, red-hot, roasting, scalding, scorching, sizzling, sweltering, torrid; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* freezing

**broke** [adj] *without money* bankrupt, beggared, bust\*, cleaned out\*, destitute, dirt poor\*, flat broke\*, impoverished, in Chapter 11\*, in debt, indebted, indigent, insolvent, needy, penniless, penurious, poor, ruined, stone broke\*, strapped\*, tapped out; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* affluent, rich, solvent, wealthy

**broken** [adj1] *destroyed; made into pieces from a whole* burst, busted, collapsed, cracked, crumpled, crumbled, crushed, damaged, defective, demolished, disintegrated, dismembered, fractured, fragmentary, fragmented, hurt, injured, in pieces, mangled, mutilated, pulverized, rent, riven, ruptured, separated, severed, shattered,

shivered, shredded, slivered, smashed, split; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* complete, connected, fixed, ok, unbroken, whole

**broken** [adj2] *discontinuously* disconnected, disturbed, erratic, fragmentary, incomplete, intermittent, interrupted, irregular, spasmodic, spastic; CONCEPT 482 —*Ant.* complete, connected, continuous, unbroken

**broken** [adj3] *mentally defeated* beaten, brow-beaten, crippled, crushed, defeated, demoralized, depressed, discouraged, disheartened, heartsick, humbled, oppressed, overpowered, subdued, tamed, vanquished; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* happy, satisfied, uplifted

**broken** [adj4] *not working* busted, coming unglued, coming unstuck, defective, disabled, down, exhausted, fallen apart, faulty, feeble, gone, gone to pieces\*, in need to pot\*, haywire, imperfect, in disrepair, in need of repair, inoperable, in the shop\*, kaput\*, not functioning, on the blink\*, on the fritz\*, on the shelf\*, out, out of commission\*, out of kilter\*, out of order, out of whack\*, ruined, run-down, screwed up\*, shot, spent, unsatisfactory, weak, wracked\*, wrecked; CONCEPTS 485,560 —*Ant.* fixed, unbroken, working

**broken** [adj5] *forgotten, ignored (promise)* abandoned, dishonored, disobeyed, disregarded, ignored, infringed, isolated, retracted, traduced, transgressed, violated; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* kept

**broken** [adj6] *stuttering in speech* disjointed, halting, hesitant, hesitating, imperfect, incoherent, mumbled, muttered, stammering, unintelligible, weak; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* continuous, flowing

**brokenhearted** [adj] *devastated* crestfallen, crushed, desolate, despairing, despondent, disappointed, disconsolate, grief-stricken, grieved, heartbroken, heartsick, heartsore, inconsolable, miserable, mournful, prostrated, sorrowful, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* happy, lighthearted, pleased

**broker** [n] *financial expert* agent, business person, dealer, entrepreneur, factor, financier, go-between, interagent, interceder, intercessor, intermediary, intermediate, mediator, merchant, middleperson, negotiator, stockbroker; CONCEPTS 348,353

**bronze** [adj] *coppery-brown color* brownish, burnished, chestnut, copper, copper-colored, metallic brown, reddish-brown, reddish-tan, russet, rust, tan; CONCEPT 618

**brooch** [n] *ornamental pin* bar pin, breastpin, clip, cluster, jewelry; CONCEPT 446

**brood** [n] *cluster of children* begats, breed, chicks, clutch, descendants, family, flock, hatch, infants, issue, litter, offspring, posterity, progeniture, progeny, scions, seed, young; CONCEPT 296 —*Ant.* child

**brood** [v] *agonize over* be in brown study\*, bleed, chafe inwardly\*, consider, daydream, deliberate, despond, dream, dwell upon, eat one's heart out\*, fret, gloom, grieve, lament, languish, meditate, mope, mull over, muse, ponder, reflect, repine, ruminate, sigh, speculate, stew over\*, sulk, sweat out\*, sweat over\*, think about, think upon, worry; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* not worry

**brook** [*n*] *stream of water* beck, branch, burn, creek, rill, rindle, river, rivulet, run, runnel, streamlet, watercourse; CONCEPT 514

**brook** [*v*] *endure, accept* abide, allow, bear, be big\*, countenance, go, hang in, hang in there\*, hear of, live with, put up with, sit tight\*, stand, stomach, suffer, support, swallow, take, tolerate, withstand; CONCEPT 23

**broom** [*n*] *device for cleaning floors* besom, carpet sweeper, feather duster, floor brush, mop, swab, sweeper, whisk; CONCEPT 499

**broth** [*n*] *soup, usually clear* borscht, bouillon, bowl, brew, chowder, concoction, consommé, decoction, dishwater\*, distillation, elixir, fluid, gumbo, hodge-podge\*, olio, porridge, potage, potpourri, pottage, puree, splash, stock, vichyssoise; CONCEPTS 457,467

**brothel** [*n*] *house of prostitution* bagnio, bawdy house\*, bordello, call house\*, cathouse\*, den of iniquity\*, house of assignation, house of ill repute, house with red doors\*, massage parlor, red-light district, whorehouse; CONCEPT 449

**brother** [*n1*] *male sibling* blood brother, kin, kinsperson, relation, relative, twin; CONCEPTS 414,419 —*Ant.* sister

**brotherhood** [*n*] *association* affiliation, alliance, clan, clique, community, comradeship, confederacy, coterie, fellowship, fraternity, guild, kinship, league, society, union; CONCEPTS 387,388 —*Ant.* sisterhood

**brow** [*n*] *forehead* countenance, eyebrow, face, frons, front, mien, temple, top; CONCEPT 418

**brovbeat** [*v*] *castigate, nag* badger, bludgeon, bluster, bulldoze\*, bully, coerce, cow, despoitize, domineer, dragon, frighten, harass, Hector, intimidate, lean on\*, lord it over\*, oppress, overawe, overbear, put heat on\*, put the chill on\*, put through the wringer\*, threaten, tyrannize; CONCEPTS 14,52 —*Ant.* boost, coax, compliment, praise

**brown** [*adj*] *dark, burnished color* amber, auburn, bay, beige, bister, brick, bronze, buff, burnt sienna, chestnut, chocolate, cinnamon, cocoa, coffee, copper, drab, dust, ecru, fawn, ginger, hazel, henna, khaki, mahogany, nut, ochre, puce, russet, rust, sepia, snuff-colored, sorrel, tan, tawny, terra-cotta, toast, umber; CONCEPT 618

**brownnose** [*v*] *suck up to* apple-polish, back-scratch, bootlick, curry favor, fawn on, flatter, get on the right side of, kiss ass, scratch one's back, suck up to, toady; CONCEPTS 59,69

**brownnoser** [*n*] *sycophant, toady* apple-polisher, ass-kisser, backscratcher\*, backslapper\*, bootlicker\*, brownnose\*, doter, fawner, flatterer, flunky\*, kiss-ass, kowtowner, lackey, minion, teacher's pet, yes-man, yes-person; CONCEPT 423

**browse** [*v*] *look around; look through* check over, dip into\*, examine cursorily, feed, flip through, get the cream\*, give the once over\*, glance at, graze, hit the high spots\*, inspect loosely, leaf through, nibble\*, once over lightly\*, pass an eye over\*, peruse, read, read here and there, riffle through, riff through, run through, scan, skim, skip through, survey, thumb through wander; CONCEPT 623

**browser** [*n*] *Internet/Web viewing software* display program, gateway, Internet service

provider, portal, search engine, web crawler, web directory, web spider; CONCEPTS 349,770

**bruise** [*n*] *black and blue mark under skin* black eye, black mark, blemish, boo-boo\*, contusion, discoloration, injury, mark, mouse\*, swelling, wale, wound; CONCEPT 309

**bruise** [*v*] *break blood vessel; discolor* bang up, batter, beat, black, blacken, blemish, bung up\*, contuse, crush, damage, deface, do a number on\*, injure, mar, mark, pound, pulverize, wound, zing\*; CONCEPTS 137,246,250

**brunette/brunet** [*adj*] *dark hair and/or skin* bistered, brown, dusky, pigmented, swart, swarthy, tanned, tawny; CONCEPTS 406,618 —*Ant.* blond/blonde

**brunt** [*n*] *bad end of a situation* burden, force, full force, impact, pressure, shock, strain, stress, tension, thrust, violence; CONCEPT 674

**brush** [*n1*] *tool with bristles for cleaning* besom, broom, hairbrush, mop, polisher, sweeper, toothbrush, waxer, whisk; CONCEPT 499

**brush** [*n2*] *fight* clash, conflict, confrontation, encounter, engagement, fracas, rub, run-in, scrap, set-to, skirmish, tap, touch, tussle; CONCEPT 106

**brush** [*n3*] *scrappy bushes* boscage, bracken, brushwood, chaparral, coppice, copse, cover, dingle, fern, gorse, grove, hedge, scrub, sedge, shrubby, spinney, thicket, undergrowth, underwood; CONCEPT 429

**brush** [*v1*] *touch lightly* caress, contact, flick, glance, graze, kiss, scrape, shave, skim, smooth, stroke, sweep, tickle; CONCEPT 612

**brush** [*v2*] *clean, prepare by whisking* buff, clean, paint, polish, sweep, wash, whisk, wipe; CONCEPTS 165,202

**brush aside/brush off** [*v*] *ignore; refuse* boycott, cold-shoulder\*, contradict, cut, deny, disclaim, dismiss, disown, disregard, get rid of, have no time for\*, ostracize, override, rebuff, reject, repudiate, scorn, send away, slight, snub, spurn, sweep aside; CONCEPT 30 —*Ant.* attend, pay attention, see

**brush up** [*v*] *improve condition* clean up, cram, go over, look over, polish up, read up, refresh one's memory, refurbish, relearn, renovate, reread, retouch, review, revise, study, touch up; CONCEPTS 202,244 —*Ant.* forget

**brusque** [*adj*] *curt, surly* abrupt, bluff, blunt, brief, crusty, discourteous, gruff, hasty, impolite, sharp, short, snappy, snippy, tart, terse, unmannerly; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* courteous, kind, polite, tactful

**brutal** [*adj1*] *cruel, remorseless* barbarous, bloodthirsty, callous, ferocious, gruff, hard, harsh, heartless, impolite, inhuman, insensitive, merciless, pitiless, remorseless, rough, rude, ruthless, savage, severe, uncivil, uncivilized, unfeeling, unmannerly, unmerciful, vicious; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* generous, humane, kind, nice

**brutal** [*adj2*] *crude, rough animal* bearish, beastly, bestial, brute, brutish, carnal, coarse, feral, ferine, inhuman, inhumane, rude, savage, swinish, unfeeling; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* gentle, kind, nice

**brutality** [*n*] *cruel treatment* atrocity, barbarism, barbarity, bloodthirstiness, brutishness, choke hold\*, cruelty, ferocity, fierceness, grossness, inhumanity, ruthlessness, sadism, savageness,

savagery, third degree\*, unfeelingness, viciousness; CONCEPTS 14,86 —*Ant.* gentleness, humaneness, kindness, niceness

**brutally** [*adv*] *cruelly, without remorse* atrociously, barbarically, barbarously, brutishly, callously, demoniacally, diabolically, ferally, ferociously, fiercely, hardheartedly, heartlessly, in cold blood, inexorably, inhumanely, inhumanly, meanly, mercilessly, murderously, pitilessly, relentlessly, remorselessly, ruthlessly, savagely, something fierce, something terrible, unkindly, unrelentingly, viciously; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* gently, humanely, kindly, nicely

**brute** [*adj*] *very strong; animal-like animal*, beastly, bestial, bodily, carnal, feral, ferine, fleshly, instinctive, mindless, physical, senseless, swinish, unthinking; CONCEPTS 489,540 —*Ant.* gentle, mild, weak

**brute** [*n*] *barbarian animal, beast, cannibal, creature, critter\*, degenerate, devil, fiend, lout, monster, ogre, ruffian, sadist, savage, swine, wild animal*; CONCEPTS 394,423 —*Ant.* gentleman, humanitarian

**bubble** [*n*] *globule of air* air ball\*, balloon, barn, bead, blister, blob, drop, droplet, effervescence, foam, froth, lather, sac, spume, vesicle; CONCEPT 437

**bubble** [*v*] *foam, froth up, especially with sound* boil, burble, churn, eddy, effervesce, erupt, fester, fizz, gurgle, gush, issue, moil, murmur, percolate, ripple, seep, seethe, simmer, smolder, sparkle, spume, stir, swash, trickle, well; CONCEPTS 179,469

**bubbly** [*adj1*] *sparkling aerated, bubbling, carbonated, effervescent, fizzy, gassy, spumante*; CONCEPT 462 —*Ant.* flat, still

**bubbly** [*adj2*] *vivacious animated, bubbling, dynamic, effervescent, energetic, enthusiastic, full of beans\*, full of life, high-spirited, lively, peppy\*, perky, sparkling, spirited, vibrant, zesty*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* dull, listless

**bull** [*n*] *male animal* bull, stag; CONCEPTS 394,419

**buck** [*v*] *resist, kick off* bound, combat, contest, dislodge, dispute, duel, fight, jerk, jump, leap, oppose, prance, repel, start, throw, traverse, trip, unseat, vault, withstand; CONCEPTS 180,222

**bucket** [*n*] *container, often for liquids, with handle* brazier, can, canister, cask, hod, kettle, pail, pot, scuttle, vat; CONCEPT 494

**buckle** [*n*] *fastener with long pin catch, clamp, clasp, clip, fastening, fibula, harness, hasp*; CONCEPT 450

**buckle** [*v*] *contort, warp* bend, bulge, cave in, collapse, crumple, distort, fold, twist, yield; CONCEPT 702 —*Ant.* flatten, smooth

**buckle down** [*v*] *concentrate on* address, apply oneself, attend to, bend, dedicate oneself to, devote oneself to, exert oneself, give, give oneself over to, keep close to, keep one's mind on, launch into, occupy oneself with, pitch in, set to, throw, turn; CONCEPTS 17,87 —*Ant.* be lazy, ignore, relax

**bucolic** [*adj*] *rural or rustic* agrarian, agricultural, Arcadian, countrified, country, pastoral; CONCEPTS 536,583

**bud** [*n*] *new sprout on plant* bloom, blossom, embryo, floret, germ, incipient flower, nucleus, shoot, spark; CONCEPT 428

**bud** [*v*] *sprout* burgeon, burst forth, develop, grow, pullulate, shoot; CONCEPT 427 —*Ant.* die, shrink, waste, wither

**budding** [*adj*] *developing, flowering* beginning, blossoming, burgeoning, bursting forth, embryonic, fledgling, fresh, germinal, germinating, growing, incipient, maturing, nascent, opening, potential, promising, pubescent, pullulating, shooting up, sprouting, vegetating, young; CONCEPT 490 —*Ant.* dying, shrinking, withering

**buddy** [*n*] *friend* associate, chum, co-mate, companion, comrade, confidant, co-worker, crony, intimate, mate, pal, peer, sidekick; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* enemy

**budge** [*v*] *dislodge from staid position* bend, change, change position, convince, give way, inch, influence, locomote, move, persuade, propel, push, remove, roll, shift, slide, stir, sway, yield; CONCEPTS 68,147

**budget** [*n*] *financial plan* account, aggregate, allocation, allowance, bulk, cost, estimated expenses, finances, fiscal estimate, funds, means, planned disbursement, quantity, quantum, resources, spending plan, statement, total; CONCEPT 332

**budget** [*v*] *plan money or action* allocate, apportion, calculate, compute, cost, estimate, predict, ration; CONCEPTS 36,330

**buff** [*adj*] *sandy color* bare, blonde, canary, ecru, lemon, light brown, nude, ochre, straw, tan, tawny, yellow-brown, yellowish; CONCEPT 618

**buff** [*n*] *enthusiast* addict, admirer, aficionado, connoisseur, devotee, expert, fan, fiend\*, freak\*, habitué, hound, lover, votary; CONCEPTS 352,423 —*Ant.* detractor, opponent

**buff** [*v*] *polish to a shine* brush, burnish, furbish, glaze, gloss, pumice, rub, sandpaper, scour, shine, smooth; CONCEPTS 202,215

**buffer** [*n*] *safeguard* bulwark, bumper, cushion, defense, fender, intermediary, screen, shield, shock absorber; CONCEPTS 484,729

**buffet** [*n*] *meal set out on table for choosing* café, cafeteria, cold table, counter, cupboard, lunch wagon, salad bar, shelf, sideboard, smorgasbord, snack bar; CONCEPTS 443,459

**buffet** [*v*] *hit repeatedly* bang, batter, beat, blow, box, bump, clobber, cuff, flail, jolt, knock, pound, pummel, push, rap, shove, slap, smack, spank, strike, thrash, thump, wallop; CONCEPT 189

**buffoon** [*n*] *clownlike person* antic, bozo\*, clown, comedian, comic, droll, fool, harlequin, jester, joker, merry-andrew, wag, zany; CONCEPT 423

**bug** [*n1*] *bacterium, microorganism* bacillus, disease, germ, infection, microbe, virus; CONCEPT 306

**bug** [*n2*] *insect* ant, beetle, cootie, flea, gnat, louse, pest, vermin; CONCEPT 398

**bug** [*n3*] *obsession* craze, enthusiasm, fad, mania, rage, zeal; CONCEPT 532

**bug** [*n4*] *computer glitch* breakdown, computer malfunction, defect, error, failure, fault, flaw, hitch, problem, something wrong, trouble; CONCEPTS 580,674

**bug** [*v1*] *bother, disturb* abrade, annoy, badger, chafe, gall, get on someone\*, harass, irk, irritate, needle, nettle, pester, plague, provoke, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* not bother

**bug** [v2] *listen to without permission* eavesdrop, listen in, overhear, spy, tap, wiretap; CONCEPTS 192,596

**bugle** [n] *musical horn* clarion, cornet, misery pipe\*, trumpet; CONCEPT 262

**build** [n] *physical structure, form* body, conformation, constitution, figure, frame, habit, habits, physique, shape; CONCEPT 757 —*Ant.* mind

**build** [v1] *construct structure* assemble, bring about, carpenter, cast, compile, compose, contrive, engineer, erect, evolve, fabricate, fashion, fit together, forge, form, frame, jerry-build, knock together\*, make, manufacture, model, prefabricate, produce, put together, put up, raise, rear, reconstruct, sculpture, set up, super-struct, synthesize, throw together\*, throw up\*; CONCEPT 168 —*Ant.* demolish, destroy, dismantle, knock down, raze, ruin, take down

**build** [v2] *initiate, found* base, begin, constitute, establish, formulate, inaugurate, institute, originate, set up, start; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* destroy, overthrow, overturn, ruin

**build** [v3] *increase, accelerate* aggrandize, amplify, augment, boost, compound, develop, enlarge, escalate, expand, extend, heighten, improve, intensify, magnify, mount, multiply, strengthen, swell, wax; CONCEPTS 236,245 —*Ant.* decelerate, decrease, destroy, ruin

**builder** [n] *construction worker* architect, artisan, constructor, contractor, craftsperson, erector, fabricator, framer, inventor, maker, manufacturer, mason, originator, producer; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* wrecker

**building** [n] *constructed dwelling* architecture, construction, domicile, edifice, erection, fabric, framework, home, house, hut, pile, superstructure; CONCEPTS 439,441

**buildup** [n] *development; accumulation* accretion, advertising, enlargement, escalation, expansion, gain, growth, heap, hype, increase, load, mass, plug, promotion, publicity, puff\*, stack, stockpile, store; CONCEPTS 230,704,787 —*Ant.* decrease, destruction, reduction

**build up** [v] *amplify, advertise* add to, boost, develop, enhance, expand, extend, fortify, heighten, hype, improve, increase, intensify, plug\*, promote, publicize, puff\*, reinforce, spotlight, strengthen; CONCEPTS 236,245,266 —*Ant.* lessen, let down, play down, weaken

**built-in** [adj] *included* congenital, constitutional, deep-seated, essential, implicit, inborn, inbred, in-built, incorporated, indwelling, ingrained, inherent, innate, inseparable, integral, part and parcel\*; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* added, extra, not included

**bulb** [n] *globular object* ball, bunch, corm, corn, globe, head, knob, nodule, nub, protuberance, swelling, tuber, tumor; CONCEPT 436

**bulge** [n] *swollen object* appendage, bagginess, blob, bump, bunch, bunching, convexity, dilation, distention, excess, excrescence, gibbosity, growth, hump, intumescence, jut, lump, nodulation, nodule, outgrowth, outthrust, projection, prominence, promontory, protrusion, protuberance, sac, sagging, salience, salient, superfluity, swelling, tuberosity, tumefaction, tumor, wart; CONCEPTS 436,470 —*Ant.* depression

**bulge** [v] *project outward* bag, balloon, beetle, belly, bilge, billow, bloat, blob, bug out, dilate,

distend, enlarge, expand, extrude, jut, overhang, poke, pop out, pouch, protrude, protuberate, puff out, sag, stand out, stick out, swell;

CONCEPTS 208,780 —*Ant.* cave in, depress  
**bulk** [n1] *size, largeness* aggregate, amount, amplitude, bigness, dimensions, extent, immensity, magnitude, mass, massiveness, quantity, quantum, substance, total, totality, volume, weight; CONCEPT 730

**bulk** [n2] *main part, most* best part, better part, biggest share, body, generality, greater number, greater part, gross, lion's share\*, majority, major part, mass, nearly all, plurality, predominant part, preponderance, principal part; CONCEPTS 635,829

**bulky** [adj] *huge* awkward, beefy, big, colossal, cumbersome, cumbrous, enormous, gross, heavy, hefty, high, hulking, immense, large, long, mammoth, massive, ponderous, substantial, unhandy, unmanageable, unwieldy, voluminous, weighty; CONCEPT 781 —*Ant.* insubstantial, miniature, small, thin, tiny

**bulldoze** [v1] *demolish* drive, elbow, flatten, force, jostle, level, press, propel, push, raze, shove, thrust; CONCEPTS 208,252 —*Ant.* build, construct

**bulldoze** [v2] *bully, intimidate* bludgeon, bluster, browbeat, coerce, cow, dragoon, harass, hector; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* leave alone

**bullet** [n] *small missile* ammo\*, ammunition, ball, bolt, cap, cartridge, dose\*, lead, love letter\*, pellet, projectile, rocket, round, shot, slug, trajectory; CONCEPT 500

**bulletin** [n] *message, notification* account, announcement, break, calendar, communication, communiqué, dispatch, flash\*, handout, hot wire\*, item, list, news, news flash\*, notice, program, publication, release, report, scoop\*, skinny\*, statement, the dope\*, what's going down\*, what's happening\*; CONCEPTS 271,274

**bulletin board** [n] *electronic messaging system* bboard, BBS, board, bulletin board system; CONCEPTS 349,770

**bully** [n] *domineering person* annoyer, antagonizer, browbeater, bulldozer, coercer, harrier, hector, insolent, intimidator, oppressor, persecutor, pest, rascal, rowdy, ruffian, tease, tormenter, tough; CONCEPT 423

**bully** [v] *intimidate, push around* bludgeon, bluster, browbeat, buffalo, bulldoze, coerce, cow, despotize, domineer, dragoon, enforce, harass, hector, lean on, menace, oppress, overbear, persecute, ride roughshod\*, showboat\*, swagger, terrorize, threaten, torment, torture, turn on the heat\*, tyrannize, walk heavy\*; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* allow, leave alone

**bulwark** [n] *fortification, support* barrier, bastion, buffet, buttress, citadel, defense, embankment, fort, fortress, guard, mainstay, outwork, parapet, partition, protection, rampart, redoubt, safeguard, security, stronghold, vallation; CONCEPTS 96,729 —*Ant.* weak point

**bum** [n] *beggar* bindle\*, black sheep\*, derelict, drifter, floater, gutterpup\*, guttersnipe\*, hobo, stiff\*, tramp, transient, vagabond, vagrant; CONCEPTS 412,423

**bummer** [n] *bad experience* disappointment, disaster, downer\*, drag\*, misfortune; CONCEPTS 674,679

**bump** [v1] *collide, hit, usually with sound* bang, bounce, box, buck, bunt, butt, carom, clap, clatter, crack, crash, impinge, jar, jerk, jolt, jostle, jounce, knock, pat, plop, plunk, pound, punch, rap, rattle, shake, slam, slap, smack, smash into, strike, thud, thump, thunder, thwack, whack; CONCEPT 189

**bump** [v2] *move over, dislodge* budge, displace, remove, shift; CONCEPT 213

**bump** [v3] *increment* increase, raise, step up; CONCEPTS 236,245,780

**bump into** [v] *happen upon* chance upon, come across, encounter, hit, light, light upon, luck, meet, meet up with, run across, run into, stumble, tumble; CONCEPT 114

**bumpy** [adj] *rough* choppy, corrugated, jarring, jerky, knobby, lumpy, potholed\*, rugged, rutted, uneven; CONCEPTS 485,606

**bum rap** [n] *rotten deal* bad break\*, bad deal, bad rap\*, bum deal\*, bummer\*, drag\*, frame-up, lousy deal, misfortune, raw deal, stroke of bad luck\*, the shaft\*; CONCEPTS 674,679

**bun** [n] *baked roll* bread, cruller, Danish, doughnut, éclair, muffin, pastry, scone, sweet roll; CONCEPT 457

**bunch** [n] *collection of something* agglomeration, assemblage, assortment, band, batch, bevy, blob, bouquet, bundle, caboodle\*, chunk, clump, cluster, covey, crew, crowd, fascicle, flock, galaxy, gang, gathering, group, heap, host, hunk, knot, lot, mass, mess, mob, multitude, number, oodles\*, pack, parcel, party, passel\*, pile, quantity, sheaf, shebang\*, shock, shooting match\*, spray, stack, swarm, team, thicket, troop, tuft; CONCEPT 432 —*Ant.* individual, one

**bunch** [v] *gather in group* assemble, bundle, cluster, collect, congregate, cram, crowd, flock, group, herd, huddle, mass, pack; CONCEPT 109 —*Ant.* disperse, divide, scatter, separate, spread

**bundle** [n] *accumulation, package of something* array, assortment, bag, bale, batch, box, bunch, carton, clump, cluster, collection, crate, group, heap, lot, mass, pack, package, packet, pallet, parcel, pile, quantity, roll, set, stack, wad; CONCEPTS 432,787

**bundle** [v] *accumulate, package* bale, bind, clothe, fasten, pack, palletize, tie, truss, wrap; CONCEPTS 158,202 —*Ant.* disperse, divide, let go, scatter, separate, spread

**bundle** [v] *blunder, mess up* ball up\*, boggle, botch, butcher\*, drop the ball\*, err, flub, foul up\*, fudge\*, fumble, goof up\*, gum up\*, louse up\*, make a mess of, mar, mess up, miscalculate, mishandle, mismanage, muff\*, ruin, screw up\*, spoil; CONCEPT 101 —*Ant.* do well, fix, manage, succeed

**bungler** [n] *person who blunders* addlebrain\*, blockhead\*, blunderer, bonehead\*, botcher\*, bumbler, butcher\*, butterfingers\*, clod, clumsy oaf\*, dolt, donkey\*, duffer\*, dunce, feather-brain\*, fool, foul-up\*, fumbler\*, goofball\*, goof off\*, harebrain\*, idiot, ignoramus, incompetent, klutz\*, mismanager, muddler, muffler\*, numskull\*, screw up\*, spoiler; CONCEPTS 412,423 —*Ant.* success

**bunk** [n1] *nonsense* applesauce\*, balderdash, baloney\*, bilge\*, claptrap, eyewash\*, flim-flam\*, garbage\*, hogwash\*, hokey\*, horsefeathers\*, jazz\*, piffle\*, poppycock, rot\*,

rubbish, tomfoolery\*, tommyrot\*, trash\*, twaddle\*; CONCEPTS 63,278 —*Ant.* sense

**bunk** [n2] *twin bed, usually stacked; place to sleep* berth, cot, doss, hay, kip, pallet, sack; CONCEPT 443

**bunt** [v] *hit half-heartedly* butt, lay it down\*, meet, sacrifice, throw, toss; CONCEPTS 189,363

**buoy** [n] *floating device* beacon, drift, float, guide, marker, signal; CONCEPT 628

**buoyancy/buoyance** [n1] *lightness in weight* airiness, ethereality, floatability, levity, weightlessness; CONCEPT 734 —*Ant.* heaviness

**buoyancy/buoyance** [n2] *lightness in spirit* animation, bounce, cheerfulness, cheeriness, ebullience, effervescence, exuberance, gaiety, good feeling, good humor, happiness, high spirits, jollity, liveliness, pep, spiritedness, sunniness, vim and vigor\*, zing\*, zip; CONCEPTS 410,411 —*Ant.* blues, depression, heaviness

**buoyant** [adj1] *light in weight* aloft, airy, bouncy, floatable, floating, resilient, supernatant, unsinkable, weightless; CONCEPT 491 —*Ant.* heavy, weighted

**buoyant** [adj2] *light in spirit* animated, blithe, bouncy, breezy, bright, carefree, cheerful, debonair, effervescent, elastic, expansive, full of zip, gay, happy, invigorated, jaunty, jovial, joyful, laid back\*, lighthearted, lively, peppy, resilient, sunny, supple, vivacious; CONCEPTS 403,404 —*Ant.* depressed, down, heavy, heavy-hearted

**buoy (up)** [v] *make light, encourage* bolster, boost, buck up, cheer, cheer up, encourage, hearten, keep afloat, lift, prop, raise, support, sustain, uphold; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* bring down, depress

**burden** [n] *mental weight; stress* accountability, affliction, albatross\*, anxiety, ball and chain\*, blame, care, charge, clog, concern, deadweight, difficulty, duty, encumbrance, excess baggage\*, grievance, hardship, Herculean task, hindrance, load, millstone, misfortune, mishap, obstruction, onus, punishment, responsibility, sorrow, strain, task, tax, thorn in one's side\*, trial, trouble, weary load, work, worry; CONCEPTS 532,690 —*Ant.* aid, help, relief

**burden** [v] *encumber, strain* afflict, bear down on, bother, crush, cumber, depress, dish it out\*, dish out\*, dump on\*, encumber, give it to, hamper, handicap, hinder, impede, lade, load, make heavy, obligate, oppress, overcharge, overload, overwhelm, pile, press, saddle with, snow\*, snow under\*, stick it to, strain, tax, trouble, try, vex, weigh down, worry; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* aid, help, relieve

**burdensome** [adj] *troublesome* carking, crushing, demanding, difficult, disturbing, exacting, exigent, heavy\*, irksome, onerous, oppressive, superincumbent, taxing, tough, trying, wearing, wearying, weighty; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* aiding, helpful, helping, relieving, unburdensome

**bureau** [n1] *branch of an organization* agency, authority, board, commission, committee, department, division, front office\*, office, salt mines\*, service, setup, shop, store; CONCEPTS 325,441,449

**bureau** [n2] *chest of drawers* chiffonier, commode, desk, dresser, highboy, sideboard, writing desk; CONCEPT 443



**bureaucracy** [*n*] *system which controls organization* administration, authority, beadle<sup>dom</sup>\*, city hall\*, civil service, directorate, government, management, ministry, officialdom, officials, powers that be\*, red tape\*, regulatory commission, the Establishment\*, the system\*; CONCEPTS 325,770

**bureaucrat** [*n*] *government official* administrator, civil servant, desk-jockey\*, functionary, office-holder, pencil-pusher\*, politician, public servant; CONCEPTS 347,354

**burglar** [*n*] *person who steals* cat burglar, crook, filcher\*, housebreaker, midnighter\*, owl\*, picklock\*, pilferer\*, porch-climber\*, prowler, robber, safecracker, sneakthief\*, thief; CONCEPT 412

**burglary** [*n*] *stealing from residence, business* break-in, breaking and entering, caper, crime, filching, heist, housebreaking, larceny, owl job\*, pilferage, prowl, robbery, safecracking, second-story work\*, sting, theft, thieving; CONCEPT 139

**burial** [*n*] *laying in of dead body* burying, deep six\*, deposition, entombment, exequies, funeral, inhumation, interment, last rites, obsequies, sepulture; CONCEPT 367

**burlesque** [*adj*] *farical* caricatural, comic, ironical, ludicrous, mock, mocking, parodic, satirical, travestying; CONCEPT 555

**burlesque** [*n*] *badly show; vaudeville* burly\*, caricature, farce, lampoon, lampoonery, mock, mockery, parody, pastiche, peep show, revue, satire, send-up, spoof, strip, takeoff, travesty, vaudeville; CONCEPT 263

**burly** [*adj*] *husky* able-bodied, athletic, beef-cake\*, beefy\*, big, brawny, bruising, bulky, gorillalike, hefty, hulking, hulky, hunk, muscular, portly, powerful, stocky, stout, strapping, strong, sturdy, thickset, well-built; CONCEPT 773 —*Ant.* light, slim, small, thin

**burn** [*v1*] *be on fire; set on fire* bake, be ablaze, blaze, brand, broil, calcine, cauterize, char, combust, conflagrate, cook, cremate, enkindle, flame, flare, flash, flicker, glow, heat, ignite, incinerate, kindle, light, melt, parch, reduce to ashes, rekindle, roast, scald, scorch, sear, set a match to, singe, smoke, smolder, toast, torch, wither; CONCEPT 249 —*Ant.* cool, extinguish, put out, quench, smother, wet

**burn** [*v2*] *feel stinging* pain bite, hurt, pain, smart, sting, tingle; CONCEPT 590

**burn** [*v3*] *be excited about; yearn for* be angry, be aroused, be inflamed, be passionate, be stirred up, blaze, boil, breathe fire\*, bristle, desire, eat up\*, fume, lust, rage, seethe, simmer, smoulder, tingle, yearn; CONCEPTS 20,29,34 —*Ant.* stifle, subdue

**burn** [*v4*] *cheat* beat, bilk, chisel, cozen, deceive, defraud, gyp, overreach, ream, swindle, take, trick, use; CONCEPTS 59,142 —*Ant.* aid, help

**burning** [*adj1*] *blazing, flashing* afire, aflame, alight, blistering, broiling, conflagrant, enkindled, fiery, flaming, flaring, gleaming, glowing, heated, hot, ignited, illuminated, incandescent, in flames, kindled, on fire, oxidizing, red-hot\*, scorching, searing, sizzling, smoking, smouldering, torrid, white-hot\*; CONCEPTS 485,605 —*Ant.* cold, cool

**burning** [*adj2*] *fervent, excited* all-consuming,

ardent, blazing, eager, earnest, fervid, feverish, frantic, frenzied, heated, hectic, impassioned, intense, passionate, red-hot\*, vehement, white-hot\*, zealous; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* apathetic, cold, cool, unexcited, unimportant

**burning** [*adj3*] *stinging, painful* acrid, biting, caustic, irritating, painful, piercing, prickling, pungent, reeking, sharp, smarting, tingling; CONCEPTS 314,537

**burning** [*adj4*] *important* acute, clamant, clamorous, compelling, critical, crucial, crying, dire, essential, exigent, imperative, importunate, instant, pressing, significant, urgent, vital; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* unimportant

**burnish** [*v*] *polish, brighten* buff, furbish, glance, glaze, gloss, luster, patina, put on a finish, rub, sheen, shine, smooth, wax; CONCEPTS 202,215 —*Ant.* dull, tarnish

**burrow** [*n*] *hole dug by animal* couch, den, hovel, lair, retreat, shelter, tunnel; CONCEPT 517

**burrow** [*v*] *dig a hole* delve, excavate, hollow out, scoop out, tunnel, undermine; CONCEPT 178 —*Ant.* cover, fill

**burst** [*n*] *blow-up, blast* access, bang, barrage, blowout, bombardment, breach, break, cannonade, crack, discharge, eruption, explosion, fit, flare, fusillade, gush, gust, outbreak, outpouring, round, rupture, rush, sally, salvo, shower, spate, split, spurt, storm, surge, torrent, volley; CONCEPTS 86,179,208

**burst** [*v*] *blow up, break out* barge, blow, break, crack, detonate, discharge, disintegrate, erupt, explode, fly open, fracture, fragment, gush forth, perforate, pierce, pop, prick, puncture, rend asunder, run, rupture, rush, shatter, shiver, splinter, split, spout, tear apart; CONCEPTS 179

**bury** [*v1*] *lay to rest after death* consign to grave, cover up, deposit, embalm, ensepulcher, enshrine, entomb, hold last rites for\*, hold services for, inearth, inhume, inter, inurn, lay out, mummify, plant\*, put away\*, put six feet under\*, sepulcher, sepulture, tomb; CONCEPT 367 —*Ant.* dig out, disinter, uncover

**bury** [*v2*] *conceal, cover* cache, cover up, ensconce, enshroud, hide, occult, plant, screen, secrete, shroud, stash, stow away; CONCEPTS 172,188 —*Ant.* dig out, reveal, uncover

**bury** [*v3*] *plant in ground* drive in, embed, engulf, implant, sink, submerge; CONCEPTS 172,257 —*Ant.* dig out

**bury** [*v4*] *engross oneself* absorb, concentrate, engage, immerse, interest, occupy, rivet, throw oneself into; CONCEPT 24

**bush** [*n*] *shrubs; woodland* backcountry, backwoods, boscage, bramble, briar, brush, chaparral, creeper, forest, hedge, hinterland, jungle, outback, plant, scrub, scrubland, shrubby, the wild, thicket, vine, wilderness; CONCEPT 429

**bush-league** [*adj*] *second-rate* minor league\*, small potatoes\*; CONCEPTS 334,567,574

**bushy** [*adj*] *shaggy, unkempt* bristling, bristly, disordered, feathery, fluffy, fringed, full, furry, fuzzy, hairy, heavy, hirsute, leafy, luxuriant, nappy, prickly, rough, rumpled, spreading, stiff, thick, tufted, unruly, wiry, woolly; CONCEPTS 406,606 —*Ant.* bald, neat, well-kept

**busily** [*adv*] *actively; intently* agilely, animatedly, ardently, arduously, assiduously, briskly,

carefully, diligently, eagerly, earnestly, energetically, enthusiastically, expeditiously, fervently, hastily, hurriedly, indefatigably, industriously, laboriously, like all get out\*, like the devil\*, like the dickens\*, nimbly, painstakingly, perseveringly, persistently, purposefully, restlessly, seriously, speedily, spiritedly, strenuously, studiously, unremittingly, unweariedly, vigilantly, vigorously, vivaciously, zealously; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* idly, inactively, quietly

**business** [*n*1] *job, profession* bag\*, biz\*, calling, career, craft, dodge\*, employment, field, function, game, line, livelihood, métier, occupation, pursuit, racket\*, specialty, trade, vocation, what one is into\*, work; CONCEPT 360 —*Ant.* avocation, recreation, unemployment

**business** [*n*2] *company, enterprise* cartel, concern, corporation, establishment, factory, firm, fly-by-night operation\*, house, institution, market, megacorp\*, mill, Mom and Pop\*, monopoly, organization, outfit, partnership, setup, shoestring operation\*, shop, store, syndicate, trust, venture; CONCEPTS 325,449

**business** [*n*3] *commerce, trade* affairs, bargaining, barter, buying and selling, capital and labor, commercialism, contracts, deal, dealings, exchange, free enterprise, game, industrialism, industry, manufacturing, market, merchandising, production and distribution, racket\*, sales, selling, trading, traffic, transaction, undertaking; CONCEPTS 325,770

**business** [*n*4] *personal concern* affair, assignment, beeswax\*, carrying on, duty, function, goings-on\*, hanky-panky\*, happening, interest, issue, lookout, matter, palaver, point, problem, question, responsibility, subject, task, topic; CONCEPT 532

**businesslike** [*adj*] *efficient, professional* accomplished, careful, concentrated, correct, diligent, direct, disciplined, earnest, effective, enterprising, expeditious, hardworking, industrious, intent, matter-of-fact, methodical, orderly, organized, painstaking, practical, practiced, purposeful, regular, routine, sedulous, serious, skillful, systematic, thorough, well-ordered, workaday; CONCEPTS 326,544 —*Ant.* amateur, disorganized, inefficient, unbusinesslike, unprofessional

**businessperson** [*n*] *professional working person* baron, big-time operator\*, big wheel\*, capitalist, dealer, employer, entrepreneur, executive, financier, franchiser, gray flannel suit\*, industrialist, manager, merchandiser, merchant, operator, organization person, small potatoes\*, storekeeper, suit\*, the bacon\*, tradesperson, trafficker, tycoon, wheeler-dealer\*; CONCEPTS 347,348

**bust** [*n*1] *chest of human* bosom, breast, chest, front; CONCEPT 392

**bust** [*n*2] *arrest for illegal action* apprehension, arrest, capture, cop, detention, nab, pickup, pinch, raid, search, seizure; CONCEPTS 298,317 —*Ant.* exoneration

**bust** [*v*1] *ruin, impoverish* become insolvent, break, crash, fail, fold up, go bankrupt, go into Chapter 11\*, pauperize; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* aid, help

**bust** [*v*2] *arrest for illegal action* apprehend, catch, collar, cop\*, detain, nab, pick up, pinch,

pull in, raid, run in, search; CONCEPTS 298,317 —*Ant.* exonerate, let go

**bust** [*v*3] *physically break* burst, fold, fracture, rupture; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* fix, mend

**bustle** [*n*] *quick and busy activity* ado, agitation, clamor, commotion, do\*, excitement, flurry, furor, fuss, haste, hubbub, hurly-burly\*, hurry, pother, rumpus, stir, to-do\*, tumult, turmoil, uproar, whirl, whirlpool, whirlwind; CONCEPT 386 —*Ant.* laziness, relaxation

**bustle** [*v*] *move around quickly, busily* bestir, dash, dust, flit, flutter, fuss, hasten, hum, hurry, hustle, run, rush, scamper, scramble, scurry, scuttle, stir, tear, whirl, whisk; CONCEPT 150

**busy** [*adj*1] *engaged, at work* active, already taken\*, assiduous, at it\*, buried, diligent, employed, engaged, engrossed, having a full plate\*, having enough on one's plate\*, having fish to fry\*, having many irons in the fire\*, hustling, in a meeting, in conference, industrious, in someone else's possession\*, in the field, in the laboratory, occupied, on assignment, on duty, on the go, overloaded, persevering, slaving, snowed\*, swamped\*, tied up, unavailable, up to one's ears\*, with a customer, working; CONCEPTS 326,544,555 —*Ant.* idle, quiet, unbusy, unemployed, unengaged

**busy** [*adj*2] *active, on the go* bustling, busy as a beaver\*, energetic, full, fussy, hectic, humming\*, hustling, lively, popping\*, restless, strenuous, tireless, tiring; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* idle, inactive, lazy

**busy** [*adj*3] *nosy, impertinent* butting in, curious, forward, inquisitive, interfering, intrusive, meddlesome, meddling, nebbly, obtrusive, officious, prying, pushy, snoopy, stirring, troublesome; CONCEPT 404

**busybody** [*n*] *nosy, impertinent person* backseat driver\*, but-in\*, buttinsky\*, eavesdropper, fink\*, fussbudget, gossip, intermeddler, intruder, meddler, newsmonger\*, nosy parker\*, rubberneck\*, scandalmonger\*, sidewalk superintendent\*, snoop, snooper, tattletale, troublemaker, yenta\*; CONCEPT 423

**butcher** [*n*] *meat killer, seller* boner\*, meatmarket person, meat person, processor, skinner\*, slaughterer, slayer\*; CONCEPT 348

**butcher** [*v*1] *slay and prepare animal for meat* beef up, carve, clean, cure, cut, cut down, dress, joint, liquidate, salt, slaughter, smoke, stick; CONCEPTS 170,252

**butcher** [*v*2] *ruin* bollix up\*, botch, destroy, goof up\*, louse up\*, make a mess of\*, mutilate, screw up\*, spoil, wreck; CONCEPT 101

**butt** [*n*1] *end, shaft* base, bottom, edge, extremity, fag end, foot, fundament, haft, handle, hilt, shank, stock, stub, stump, tail, tip; CONCEPT 827

**butt/buttocks** [*n*2] *animate rear end* back end, backside, behind, bottom, bum\*, derrière, fanny\*, fundament, gluteus maximus, haunches, hindquarters, posterior, rear, rump, seat, tush\*; CONCEPT 392

**butt** [*n*3] *object of joking* chump\*, clay pigeon\*, derision, dupe\*, easy mark\*, fall guy, fool, goat, jestee\*, joke, laughingstock, mark, patsy, pigeon\*, sap, setup\*, sitting duck\*, softie\*, subject, sucker, target, turkey, victim; CONCEPT 423

**butt** [n4] *cigarette* cancer stick\*, cig\*, coffin nail\*, fag\*, smoke\*, tobacco; CONCEPT 293

**butt** [v1] *bang up against with head* batter, buck, buffet, bump, bunt, collide, gore, hook, horn, jab, knock, poke, prod, punch, push, ram, run into, shove, smack, strike, thrust, toss; CONCEPT 189

**butt** [v2] *touch, adjoin* abut, border, bound, communicate, join, jut, meet, neighbor, project, protrude, verge; CONCEPTS 113, 747

**butterfingers** [n] *a clumsy person* bull in a china shop\*, bungler, clod, clumsy oaf\*, clunker, dolt, duffer\*, fozzle, fumbler, klutz, lummoX, muffer\*, schlep; CONCEPTS 412, 423

**butt in** [v] *meddle* barge in, bother, burst in, charge in, chisel in\*, cut in, disturb, get into the act\*, interject, interrupt, intrude, muscle in, pester, poke one's face in\*, pry, put one's two cents in\*; CONCEPTS 14, 159, 208, 266, 384

**button** [n1] *fastener* catch, clasp, fastening, frog, knob, stud; CONCEPTS 445, 471

**button** [n2] *pushbutton* adjuster, dial, knob, on/off, power switch, switch, toggle, tuner; CONCEPT 201

**buttness** [n] *brace, support* abutment, column, mainstay, pier, prop, reinforcement, shore, stanchion, stay, strut, underpinning; CONCEPT 440

**buttness** [v] *support, bolster* back up, beef up\*, brace, build up, bulwark, carry, jack up, jazz up\*, prop, reinforce, shore, step up, strengthen, sustain, uphold; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* let down, weaken

**buxom** [adj] *bosomy* ample, built, busty, chubby, comely, curvaceous, curvy, full-bodied, full-figured, healthy, hearty, lusty, plump, robust, shapely, stacked\*, voluptuous, well-made, well-proportioned, well-rounded, zafüg\*; CONCEPT 406 —*Ant.* flat, petite, small

**buy** [n] *something purchased* acquisition, bargain, closeout, deal, good deal, investment, purchase, steal, value; CONCEPT 710

**buy** [v1] *purchase* acquire, bargain for, barter for, contract for, get, get in exchange, go shopping, invest in, market, obtain, pay for, procure, purchase, redeem, score, secure, shop for, sign for, take; CONCEPT 327 —*Ant.* market, sell

**buy** [v2] *bribe* corrupt, fix, grease palm\*, have, land, lubricate, oil palm\*, ransom, reach, redeem, sop\*, square, suborn, tamper; CONCEPTS 192, 341

**buyer** [n] *someone who purchases* client, consumer, customer, easy make\*, empor, end user, patron, prospect, purchaser, representative, shopper, sucker\*, user, vendee; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* marketer, seller

**buzz** [n1] *droning sound* drone, fizz, fizzle, hiss, hum, murmur, purr, ring, ringing, sibilation, whir, whisper; CONCEPT 595

**buzz** [n2] *gossip* comment, cry, grapevine\*, hearsay, news, report, rumble\*, rumor, scandal, scuttlebutt, talk, whisper; CONCEPT 274

**buzz** [v1] *make droning sound* combine, bumbe, drone, fizz, fizzle, hum, murmur, reverberate, ring, sibilate, whir, whisper, whiz; CONCEPT 65

**buzz** [v2] *gossip* call, chatter, inform, natter, rumor, tattle; CONCEPT 60

**buzzword** [n] *popular word or phrase* argot, cant, doublespeak, fuzzword, jargon, lingo,

mediaspeak, phraseology, policyspeak, slang; CONCEPT 275

**by** [adv] *near* aside, at hand, away, beyond, close, handily, in reach, over, past, through, to one side; CONCEPT 586

**by** [prep1] *next to* along, alongside, beside, by way of, close to, near, nearby, nigh, over, past, round CONCEPT 586

**by** [prep2] *by means of* at the hand of, in the name of, on, over, supported by, through, through the agency of, through the medium of, under the aegis of, via, with, with the assistance of; CONCEPT 544

**bygone** [adj] *in the past* ancient, antiquated, archaic, belated, dated, dead, defunct, departed, down memory lane\*, erstwhile, extinct, forgotten, former, gone, gone by, in oblivion, late, lost, of old, of yore, olden, oldfangled, old-fashioned, old-time, one-time, out-of-date, previous, quondam, sometime, vanished, water over the dam\*, water under the bridge\*; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* modern, new, recent

**by hand** [v] *manually* arduously, laboriously, strenuously, the hard way, tooth and nail; CONCEPT 544

**bypass** [v] *avoid* blink at, burke, circumnavigate, circumvent, depart from, detour, deviate from, finesse, get around, go around, go around the barn\*, ignore, let go, neglect, omit, outflank, pass around, sidestep, skirt, take back road\*, wink at; CONCEPTS 30, 102

**by-product** [n] *side product* after-effect, consequence, fall-out, offshoot, outgrowth, repercussion, result, side effect, spinoff; CONCEPTS 230, 260

**bystander** [n] *person who watches* eyewitness, gaper\*, kibitzer\*, looker-on, observer, on-looker, passerby, spectator, viewer, watcher, witness; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* participant

**byte** [n] *unit of computer memory* data, eight bits, unit; CONCEPT 274

**byword** [n] *saying* adage, aphorism, apophthegm, axiom, catchphrase, catchword, dictum, epithet, gnome, gnomic saying, handle, maxim, motto, nickname, precept, proverb, saw, shibboleth, slogan, standing joke; CONCEPT 275

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**cab** [n] *car for hire* carriage, hack, hackney, jitney, taxi, taxicab, tourist car; CONCEPT 505

**cabaret** [n] *nightclub with musical performances* after-hours joint\*, bar, café, disco, discothèque, dive, hideaway, hot spot\*, nightery, night spot, speakeasy, supper club, tavern, watering hole\*; CONCEPTS 447, 449

**cabin** [n] *tiny house; lodging* berth, box, caboose, camp, chalet, compartment, cot, cottage, crib, deckhouse, home, hovel, hut, lodge, log house, quarters, room, shack, shanty, shed, shelter; CONCEPT 516

**cabinet** [n1] *cupboard for storage* case, chiffonier, closet, commode, container, depository, dresser, escritoire, locker, repository, wardrobe; CONCEPTS 443, 494

**cabinet** [n2] *executives serving a leader* administration, administrators, advisers, assembly, assistants, authority, brain trust\*,

bureau, bureaucracy, committee, council, counselors, department heads, governing body, government, kitchen cabinet\*, ministry, official family; CONCEPT 299

**cabin fever** [*n*] *claustrophobia* climbing the walls\*, distress, neurosis, restlessness, SAD, seasonal affective disorder, temporary insanity, winter blues; CONCEPTS 410,657,748

**cacher** [*n*] *hidden supply* accumulation, assets, drop, drop joint, drop-off, fund, hideout, hiding place, hoard, kitty\*, nest egg\*, plant, repository, reserve, shade, stake, stash, stockpile, store, storehouse, supplies, treasure, treasury, wealth; CONCEPTS 446,710

**cache** [*v*] *hide a supply of something* accumulate, bury, conceal, cover, ditch, duck, ensconce, lay away, maintain, park, plant, put away, put in the hole\*, save, screen, secrete, squirrel\*, squirrel away\*, stash, stash away, store; CONCEPT 188

**cackle** [*n*] *a loud laugh* chortle, chuckle, cluck, crow, gibber, giggle, gobble, guffaw, quack, snicker, snigger, titter; CONCEPT 77

**cackle** [*v*] *laugh irritatingly* babble, blather, burble, chortle, chuckle, cluck, crow, gibber, giggle, gobble, jabber, quack, snicker, snigger, titter; CONCEPT 77

**cacophonous** [*adj*] *harsh sounding* clinking, discordant, disharmonic, dissonant, grating, ill-sounding, immusical, inharmonious, jangly, jarring, noisy, raucous, sour, strident, unmusical; CONCEPTS 592,594 —*Ant.* quiet

**cad** [*n*] *sly, dastardly person* boor, bounder\*, clown, creep, cur\*, dog\*, heel, louse, lout, rake, rascal, rat\*, rotter\*, rounder\*, scoundrel, stinker, worm; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* gentleman, helper

**cadaver** [*n*] *dead body* body, cage, carcass, corpse, deceased, mort\*, remains, skeleton, stiff\*; CONCEPT 390 —*Ant.* being

**cadaverous** [*adj*] *pale, corpse-like* ashen, bag of bones, blanched, bloodless, consumptive, dead, deathlike, deathly, emaciated, exsanguinous, gaunt, ghostly, ghostly, haggard, pallid, peaked, peaky, sallow, shadowy, sick, skeletal, skeletonlike, skin and bones\*, spectral, thin, wan, wasted; CONCEPTS 406,491,618 —*Ant.* flushed, lifelike, lively

**cadence** [*n*] *rhythm* accent, beat, count, inflection, intonation, lilt, measure, meter, modulation, pulse, rhythmus, swing, tempo, throb; CONCEPT 65

**cadre** [*n*] *nucleus of effort* core, force, framework, infrastructure, key group, officers, organization, personnel, staff; CONCEPTS 417,432

**café** [*n*] *small, informal restaurant* bistrot, burger joint, cafeteria, cake shop, chophouse, coffee bar, coffee shop, diner, eating house, grease joint\*, greasy spoon\*, hash house\*, luncheonette, lunchroom, noshery\*, pit stop\*, quick-lunch, snack bar, soup house, tearoom; CONCEPT 449

**cafeteria** [*n*] *restaurant café*, commissary, lunch counter, lunchroom, snack bar, tea room; CONCEPT 449

**cage** [*n*] *enclosure with bars* coop, corral, crate, enclosure, fold, jail, mew, pen, pinfold, pound; CONCEPT 494

**cage** [*v*] *hold in enclosure* close in, confine, coop up, enclose, envelop, fence in, hem,

immure, impound, imprison, incarcerate, jail, lock up, mew, pen, restrain, shut in, shut up; CONCEPT 191 —*Ant.* free, let go, let out, release

**cagey** [*adj*] *tricky* cagey, careful, circumspect, crafty, cunning, leery, secretive, shrewd, sly, wary, wily; CONCEPTS 401,545

**cahoots** [*n*] *conspiracy* alliance, collusion, league, partnership; CONCEPTS 114,660

**cajole** [*v*] *attempt to coax; flatter* apple polish\*, argue into, banter, beguile, blandish, bootlick\*, brownnose\*, build up, butter up\*, con, crowd, deceive, decoy, delude, dupe, entice, entrap, get around, get next to\*, hand a line\*, induce, influence, inveigle, jolly, lay it on thick\*, lure, make up to, maneuver, massage, mislead, oil\*, play up to, push, rub the right way\*, seduce, snow\*, soap\*, soften, soft-soap\*, spread it on\*, stroke, suck up to\*, sweeten up\*, sweet-talk\*, tantalize, tempt, urge, wheedle, work on, work over\*; CONCEPTS 59,68,75 —*Ant.* bully, force, repel

**cake** [*n*] *bar of something* block, brick, loaf, lump, mass, slab; CONCEPT 470

**calamitous** [*adj*] *disastrous; tragic* adverse, afflictive, blighting, cataclysmic, catastrophic, deadly, deplorable, devastating, dire, fatal, grievous, harmful, heartbreaking, lamentable, messy, pernicious, regrettable, ruinous, unfavorable, unfortunate, woeful; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* blessed, comforting, favorable, fortunate, happy, joyous, wonderful

**calamity** [*n*] *disaster; tragedy* adversity, affliction, blue ruin\*, cataclysm, catastrophe, collapse, cross, curtains, distress, downfall, hardship, holy mess\*, misadventure, mischance, misfortune, mishap, reverse, ruin, scourge, the worst\*, trial, tribulation, unholy mess\*, visitation, Waterloo\*, woe, wreck, wretchedness; CONCEPTS 674,675 —*Ant.* advantage, blessing, boon, comfort, fortune, good fortune, good luck, happiness, joy, profit

**calculable** [*adj*] *able to be computed or estimated* accountable, ascertainable, computable, countable, discoverable, estimable, foreseeable, measurable, predictable, reckonable; CONCEPTS 402,762 —*Ant.* incalculable, inestimable, uncomputable

**calculate** [*v1*] *compute or estimate amount* account, add, adjust, appraise, assay, cast, cipher, consider, count, determine, divide, dope out\*, enumerate, figure, forecast, foretell, gauge, guess, judge, keep tabs\*, measure, multiply, number, rate, reckon, size up, subtract, sum, take account of, tally, tot, tote up\*, value, weigh, work out; CONCEPT 764

**calculate** [*v2*] *plan on aim, anticipate, assume, bank on, build, count on, depend on, design, intend, judge, plan, reckon, rely on, suppose, think likely, trust*; CONCEPTS 26,36

**calculating** [*adj*] *scheming to manipulate* artful, canny, careful, cautious, crafty, circumspect, considerate, contriving, chary, cunning, designing, devious, discreet, gingerly, guarded, guileful, intelligent, Machiavellian, manipulative, politic, premeditating, safe, scheming, sharp, shrewd, sly, wary, wily; CONCEPTS 401,403

—*Ant.* artless, naive, unassuming, uncalculating  
**calculation** [*n1*] *computing, estimating amount* adding, arithmetic, ciphering, computation, counting, dividing, estimate, estimation,

- figuring, forecast, judgment, multiplying, prediction, reckoning, subtracting, summation, totaling; CONCEPTS 28,764
- calculation** [n2] *computed or estimated amount* answer, computation, divination, estimate, estimation, figuring, forecast, judgment, prediction, prognosis, prognostication, reckoning, reply; CONCEPT 787
- calculation** [n3] *forethought* canniness, caution, circumspection, contrivance, deliberation, discretion, foresight, planning, precaution, prudence, thought; CONCEPT 660
- calculator** [n] *adding machine* computer, number cruncher\*, PDA, personal digital assistant; CONCEPTS 269,463
- calendar** [n] *schedule of events* agenda, almanac, annal, bulletin, card, chronology, daybook, diary, docket, journal, lineup, list, log, logbook, menology, pipeline, program, record, register, sked, system of reckoning, tab, table, time, timetable; CONCEPTS 274,281,809
- calf** [n1] *leg between knee and ankle* foreleg, shin; CONCEPT 392
- calf** [n2] *baby cow* dogie, freemartin, heifer, maverick, veal, yearling, young bull, young cow; CONCEPT 394
- caliber** [n1] *capacity; character* ability, aptency, capability, competence, constitution, dignity, distinction, endowment, essence, faculty, force, gifts, habilitation, merit, nature, parts, power, quality, scope, stature, strength, talent, value, virtue, worth, worthiness; CONCEPT 411
- caliber** [n2] *size of ammunition* bore, class, diameter, gauge, grade, length, measure, measurement, quality, striking power, weight; CONCEPT 730
- call** [n1] *yelled statement* alarm, calling, command, cry, hail, holler\*, scream, shout, signal, whoop, yawp, yell; CONCEPT 278
- call** [n2] *demand, announcement* appeal, bidding, command, invitation, notice, order, plea, proposal, request, solicitation, subpoena, summons, supplication, visit; CONCEPT 53
- call** [n3] *need, cause for action* claim, excuse, grounds, justification, necessity, obligation, occasion, reason, right, urge; CONCEPT 709
- call** [n4] *normal sound of animal* cheep, chirp, cry, note, peep, roar, shriek, song, tweet, twitter, warble; CONCEPT 64
- call** [v1] *yell declaration* announce, arouse, awaken, bawl, bellow, cry, cry out, exclaim, hail, holler\*, hoot, howl, proclaim, roar, rouse, scream, screech, shout, shriek, vociferate, waken, whoop, yawp\*, yoo hoo\*, yowl; CONCEPT 47 —*Ant.* conceal, listen, refrain
- call** [v2] *arrange meeting* ask, assemble, bid, collect, contact, convene, convoke, gather, invite, muster, phone\*, rally, request, ring up, subpoena, summon, telephone; CONCEPT 114 —*Ant.* cancel, stop
- call** [v3] *entitle* address, baptize, christen, denominate, describe as, designate, dub, label, name, style, term, title; CONCEPT 62
- call** [v4] *demand or announce action* appeal to, appoint, ask, challenge, charge, claim, command, declare, decree, elect, entreat, exact, ordain, order, postulate, pray to, proclaim, require, requisition, set apart, solicit, summon; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* stop
- call** [v5] *estimate, consider* adumbrate, approximate, augur, forecast, foretell, guess, judge, make rough guess, place, portend, predict, presage, prognosticate, prophesy, put, reckon, regard, think, vaticinate; CONCEPTS 28,70 —*Ant.* ignore
- call** [v6] *attempt to communicate by telephone* beep, blast\*, bleep, buzz, contact, get back to\*, phone, ring, telephone; CONCEPTS 74,266 —*Ant.* receive
- call** [v7] *visit at residence or business* come by, come over, crash, drop by, drop in, fall by, fall down, hit, look in on, look up, play, pop in\*, run in, see, stop by, stop in, swing by; CONCEPT 227
- call for** [v] *demand; entail* ask for, inquire, involve, lack, necessitate, need, occasion, request, require, suggest, want; CONCEPT 646
- calling** [n] *chosen profession* art, business, career, craft, day gig\*, do\*, dodge\*, employment, gig\*, go\*, handicraft, hang\*, life's work, lifework, line, métier, mission, nine-to-five\*, occupation, play, province, pursuit, racket\*, rat race\*, slot\*, swindle\*, trade, vocation, walk of life, work; CONCEPT 360 —*Ant.* amusement, avocation, entertainment, hobby, recreation
- call off** [v] *discontinue* abandon, order, break off, cancel, desist, drop, kill\*, postpone, scrub\*, withdraw; CONCEPTS 18,211,234
- callous** [adj] *cruel, insensitive* apathetic, blind to, careless, case-hardened, cold, cold-blooded, deaf to, hard, hard-bitten, hard-boiled, hardened, hardhearted, heartless, impassive, impenitent, indifferent, indurated, inflexible, insensate, insensitive, insensitive, insentient, inured, obdurate, soulless, spiritless, stiff, stony, stubborn, thick-skinned, torpid, tough, toughened, unaffected, unbending, uncaring, uncompassionate, unconcerned, unfeeling, unimpressionable, unresponsive, unsusceptible, unsympathetic; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* compassionate, feeling, kind, nice, sensitive, sympathetic, tender
- callow** [adj] *immature* crude, green, guleless, inexperienced, infant, jejune, jellybean\*, juvenile, kid, low tech\*, naive, not dry behind ears\*, puerile, raw, sophomore, tenderfoot, unbaked, unfledged, unripe, unsophisticated, untrained, untried, young; CONCEPTS 578,678,797 —*Ant.* experienced, initiated, mature, sophisticated
- calm** [adj1] *peaceful, quiet (inanimate)* at a standstill, at peace, bland, bucolic, cool, halcyon, harmonious, hushed, inactive, in order, low-key, mild, motionless, pacific, pastoral, placid, quiescent, reposeful, reposing, restful, rural, serene, slow, smooth, soothing, still, stormless, tranquil, undisturbed, unruffled, waveless, windless; CONCEPTS 544,705 —*Ant.* excited, fierce, frenzied, rough, stormy, turbulent, violent, wild
- calm** [adj2] *composed, cool (animate)* aloof, amiable, amicable, civil, collected, cool as cucumber\*, cool-headed, detached, disinterested, dispassionate, equable, gentle, impassive, imperturbable, inscrutable, kind, laid-back\*, levelheaded, listless, moderate, neutral, patient, placid, pleased, poised, relaxed, restful, satisfied, sedate, self-possessed, serene, still, temperate, unconcerned, undisturbed, unemotional,

unexcitable, unexcited, unflappable, unimpressed, unmoved, unruffled, untroubled; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* agitated, angry, excitable, excited, furious, mad, passionate, roused, ruffled, wild, worried

**calm** [*n*] *quietness, composure* calmness, dispassion, doldrums, hush, impassivity, imperturbation, lull, patience, peace, peacefulness, peace of mind, placidity, quiet, repose, rest, restraint, serenity, silence, stillness, stoicism, tranquility; CONCEPTS 388,411,720

—*Ant.* agitation, anger, madness, restlessness, storminess, terror, turbulence, violence

**calm** [*v*] *make composed, quiet* allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, balm, becalm, compose, cool, cool it\*, cool out\*, hush, lay back\*, lull, mitigate, mollify, pacify, placate, quiet, quieten, relax, relieve, sedate, settle, simmer down, soft-pedal\*, soothe, steady, still, stroke, take it easy\*, take the edge off\*, tranquilize; CONCEPT 231

—*Ant.* agitate, anger, disquiet, distract, excite, inflame, irritate, outrage, rouse, ruffle, worry

**camaraderie** [*n*] *friendship* cheer, companionship, companionship, comradeship, conviviality, esprit de corps, fellowship, gregariousness, intimacy, jollity, sociability, togetherness; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* bad blood, dislike, hate

**camera** [*n*] *photographic equipment* 35mm, camcorder, Kodak\*, Polaroid\*, video camera; CONCEPTS 446,463

**camouflage** [*n*] *disguise* beard\*, blind, cloak, concealment, cover, coverup, deceit, deceptive marking, dissimulation, faking, false appearance, front, guise, mask, masking, masquerade, mimicry, paint, plain brown wrapper\*, protective coloring, red herring\*, screen, shade, shroud, smokescreen, veil; CONCEPT 260

**camouflage** [*v*] *disguise, cover* beard\*, becloud, befog, cloak, conceal, cover up, deceive, dim, dissemble, dissimulate, dress up, hide, mask, obfuscate, obscure, screen, throw on makeup, veil; CONCEPTS 172,188 —*Ant.* reveal, show, uncover

**camp** [*adj*] *consciously affecting the unfashionable, weird, or bizarre* affected, arch, artificial, avant-garde, Daliesque\*, far out\*, in\*, mannered, mod, ostentatious, pop, posturing, wild; CONCEPT 544

**camp** [*n*] *site for outdoor living* bivouac, campfire, campground, camping ground, caravansary, chalet, cottage, encampment, hut, lean-to, lodge, log cabin, shack, shanty, shed, summer home, tent, tent city, tepee, tilt, wigwag; CONCEPTS 198,516

**campaign** [*n*] *attempt to win; attack* crusade, drive, expedition, fight, movement, offensive, operation, push, warfare; CONCEPTS 87,320

**campaign** [*v*] *attempt to win political election* agitate, barnstorm, canvass, contend for, contest, crusade, electioneer, go to grass roots\*, hit the trail\*, lobby, mend fences\*, muckrake, mudsling\*, politick, press the flesh\*, ring doorbells\*, run, run for, shake hands and kiss babies\*, solicit votes, stand for, stump\*, tour, whistle-stop\*; CONCEPT 300

**camper** [*n*] *mobile home* recreational vehicle, RV, tin can\*, Winnebago\*; CONCEPT 503

**campus** [*n*] *school grounds* dorm, grounds, quad, quadrangle, square, yard; CONCEPT 509

**can** [*n1*] *container, usually metallic* aluminum, bottle, bucket, canister, cannikin, gunboat\*, gutbucket\*, jar, package, pop top\*, receptacle, tin, vessel; CONCEPTS 476,494

**can** [*n2*] *toilet head\**, john\*, johnny\*, latrine, lavatory, litter box\*, outhouse, pot\*, potty\*, privy, restroom, sandbox\*, throne\*, washroom, water closet; CONCEPT 443

**can** [*n3*] *buttocks* backside, behind, butt\*, derrière, fanny\*, fundament, gluteus maximus, hind end, posterior, rump, seat, tush\*; CONCEPT 418

**can** [*v1*] *preserve fruit, vegetable* bottle, keep, put up; CONCEPT 170

**can** [*v2*] *be able* be capable of, be equal to, be up to, be within one's area, be within one's control, can do\*, commit, could, cut the mustard\*, have it made\*, lie in one's power, make it\*, make out, make the grade\*, manage, may, take care of; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* cannot

**can** [*v3*] *fire from job* ax\*, boot\*, bounce\*, cashier, discharge, dismiss, expel, give the heave ho\*, kick out\*, let go, sack\*, terminate; CONCEPT 351 —*Ant.* employ, hire

**canal** [*n*] *waterway* aqueduct, bottleneck, channel, choke point, conduit, course, cove, ditch, duct, estuary, fire, trench, water, water-course; CONCEPT 514

**cancel** [*v1*] *call off; erase* abolish, abort, abrogate, annul, ax, black out, blot out, break, break off, countermand, cross out, cut, deface, delete, destroy, do away with, do in, efface, eliminate, eradicate, expunge, finish off\*, go back on one's word\*, kill, obliterate, off\*, omit, quash, remove, render invalid, repeal, repudiate, rescind, revoke, rub out, scratch out, scrub\*, sink\*, smash, squash, stamp across, strike out, torpedo\*, total\*, trash\*, trim\*, undo, wash out\*, wipe out\*, wipe slate clean\*. X-out\*, zap\*; CONCEPTS 18,211,234 —*Ant.* allow, approve, arrange, establish, permit, uphold

**cancel** [*v2*] *equal out* abort, abrogate, annul, balance out, call off, compensate for, counteract, counterbalance, countercheck, countermand, counterpoise, declare invalid, discard, discharge, frustrate, ignore, invalidate, make up for, negate, neutralize, nullify, offset, overthrow, put an end to, recall, recant, redeem, redress, refute, render inert, render null and void, repeal, repudiate, rescind, retract, revoke, rule out, set aside, suppress, vacate, void; CONCEPTS 232,667 —*Ant.* imbalance, tip

**cancellation** [*n*] *calling off; erasure* abandoning, abandonment, abolishing, abolition, abrogation, annulment, canceling, deletion, dissolution, dissolving, elimination, invalidating, invalidation, nullification, overruling, quashing, recall, recalling, repeal, repudiation, retirement, retracting, retraction, reversal, reversing, revocation, revoking, undoing, withdrawing; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* allowance, approval, arrangement, establishment, permission

**cancer** [*n*] *malignant growth* big C\*, C\*, canker, carcinoma, corruption, disease, long illness, malignancy, sickness, tumor; CONCEPT 306 —*Ant.* benignity

**candid** [*adj*] *honest* aboveboard, bluff, blunt, equal, equitable, fair, forthright, frank, free, frontal, genuine, guileless, impartial, ingenuous, just, objective, open, outspoken, plain, right up

- front\*, scrupulous, sincere, straightforward, talking turkey\*, telling it like it is\*, truthful, unbiased, uncolored, unequivocal, unprejudiced, unpretended, up front\*, upright; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* artful, deceitful, devious, lying, tricky
- candidate** [n] *person desiring political office, job applicant, aspirant, bidder, claimant, competitor, contender, contestant, dark horse\**, entrant, favorite son\*, handshaker\*, hopeful\*, job-hunter, nominee, office-seeker, petitioner, possibility, possible choice, pothunter\*, runner, seeker, solicitant, stumper\*, successor, suitor, whistle-stopper\*, write-in\*; CONCEPT 359
- candlestick** [n] *holder for candles candelabra, candelabrum, menorah, pricket, sconce, taper holder; CONCEPT 444*
- candor** [n] *complete honesty artlessness, directness, fairness, forthrightness, frankness, glasnost, guilelessness, honesty, impartiality, ingenuousness, naïveté, openness, outspokenness, probity, simplicity, sincerity, straightforwardness, truthfulness, unequivocalness, uprightness, veracity; CONCEPT 411* —*Ant.* artifice, deception, falsehood, guile, lying
- candy** [n] *confection bonbon, confectionery, confit, hokum\*, jawbreaker\*, sweet, sweetmeat; CONCEPT 457*
- cane** [n] *stick to aid walking of disabled pikestaff, pole, rod, staff, vade mecum, walking stick; CONCEPT 479*
- canker** [n] *blistered infection bane, blight, blister, boil, cancer, corrosion, corruption, lesion, rot, scourge, smutch, sore, ulcer; CONCEPT 306*
- canker** [v] *blight, corrupt animalize, bestialize, consume, corrode, debase, debauch, demoralize, deprave, embitter, envenom, inflict, pervert, poison, pollute, rot, ruin, scourge, sore, stain, ulcer, vitiate; CONCEPT 240*
- cannibal** [n] *beast, beastlike human aborigine, anthropophagian, anthropophagite, anthropophagus, brute, bush dweller, cruel person, head-hunter, ogre, ogress, primitive, ruffian, savage; CONCEPT 412*
- cannon** [n] *large gun Big Bertha\*, heavy artillery, howitzer, Long Tom\*, mortar, ordnance; CONCEPT 500*
- canny** [adj] *clever, artful able, acute, adroit, astute, cagey, careful, cautious, circumspect, cunning, dexterous, discreet, foxy\*, frugal, having fancy footwork\*, hep\*, ingenious, intelligent, judicious, knowing, nimble-witted, perspicacious, prudent, quick, quick-witted, sagacious, shrewd, skillful, slick, slippery\*, sly, smart, smooth\*, street smart\*, streetwise\*, subtle, wary, watchful, wise, with it\*, worldly-wise; CONCEPT 402* —*Ant.* foolish, inept, silly
- canoe** [n] *light, paddled boat coracle, dugout, kayak, outrigger, piragua, pirogue; CONCEPT 506*
- can of worms** [n] *troublesome problem complication, difficulty, entanglement, Gordian knot, hot water\*, Pandora's box, predicament, quagmire, quandary, trouble; CONCEPTS 532,674,690*
- canon** [n1] *rule, edict assize, catalogue, command, commandment, criterion, declaration, decree, decretum, dictate, doctrine, dogma, formula, law, list, maxim, order, ordinance, precept, principle, regulation, roll, screed, standard, statute, table, tenet, touchstone, yardstick; CONCEPTS 318,688*
- canon** [n2] *a body of the most important, influential or superior works in music, literature, or art ana, analects, anthology, chrestomathy, classics, collected works, delectus, library, miscellanea, oeuvre, works; CONCEPTS 280,432*
- canonical** [adj] *accepted, recognized approved, authoritative, authorized, lawful, legal, official, orthodox, received, sanctioned, sound, statutory; CONCEPTS 319,535* —*Ant.* unacceptable, unauthorized, uncanonical, unorthodox, unrecognized, unsanctioned
- canonize** [v] *sanctify; idolize apotheosize, beatify, besaint, bless, consecrate, dedicate, deify, glorify, idolatry, love, put on a pedestal\*, saint, worship; CONCEPTS 32,367*
- canopy** [n] *overhanging covering awning, baldachin, cover, marquee, shade, sunshade, umbrella; CONCEPTS 440,444*
- cant** [n1] *hypocritical statement affected piety, deceit, dishonesty, humbug, hypocrisy, hypocriticalness, insincerity, lip service\*, pecksniffery, pharisaicalness, pious platitudes, pomposity, pretense, pretentiousness, sanctimoniousness, sanctimony, sham holiness, show; CONCEPT 63*
- cant** [n2] *jargon argot, dialect, diction, idiom, language, lingo, patois, patter, phraseology, slang, vernacular, vocabulary; CONCEPTS 275,278* —*Ant.* standard
- cant** [v] *lean, slant angle, bevel, careen, grade, heel, incline, list, recline, rise, slope, tilt, tip; CONCEPTS 154,201*
- cantankerous** [adj] *difficult, crabby bad-tempered, bearish, captious, choleric, contrary, cranky, critical, cross, crotchety\*, crusty\*, disagreeable, dour, grouchy\*, grumpy\*, huffy\*, ill-humored, ill-natured, irascible, irritable, morose, obstinate, ornery\*, peevish, perverse, petulant, prickly, quarrelsome, snappish, sour, stuffy\*, testy, vinegarish, vinegary; CONCEPT 401* —*Ant.* easy, good-natured, happy, nice, pleasant
- canteen** [n1] *portable kitchen chuck wagon, mobile kitchen, snack bar, snack shop; CONCEPT 449*
- canteen** [n2] *container for liquids, used in travels bota, bottle, flacon, flask, flasket, jug, thermos, water bottle; CONCEPT 494*
- canvas** [n1] *coarse material awning cloth, duck, fly, sailcloth, shade, tarp, tarpaulin, tenting; CONCEPT 473*
- canvas** [n2] *painting on coarse material art, artwork, oil, picture, piece, portrait, still life, watercolor; CONCEPT 259*
- canvass** [v] *poll; discuss issues agitate, analyze, apply, argue, campaign, check, check over, consult, debate, dispute, electioneer, examine, inspect, investigate, review, run, scan, scrutinize, sift, solicit, study, survey, ventilate; CONCEPTS 24,48,56,300*
- canyon** [n] *gulf in mountain area coulee, glen, gorge, gulch, gully, ravine, valley; CONCEPTS 509,513* —*Ant.* mountain
- cap** [n] *small hat beanie\*, beret, bonnet, dink\*, fez, pillbox, skullcap, tam, tam o' shanter; CONCEPT 450*
- cap** [v] *outdo a performance beat, best, better, button down\*, button up\*, can\*, clinch\*, cob\*,*

complete, cover, crest, crown, do to a T\*, eclipse, exceed, excel, finish, outshine, outstrip, pass, put the lid on\*, surmount, surpass, top, top it off\*, transcend, trump, wrap up\*;  
CONCEPT 141

**capability** [n] *ability to perform* adequacy, aptitude, art, capacity, competence, craft, cunning, effectiveness, efficacy, efficiency, facility, faculty, means, might, potency, potential, potentiality, power, proficiency, qualification, qualifiedness, skill, wherewithal;  
CONCEPT 630 —**Ant.** impotence, inability, incompetence, ineptness

**capable** [adj] *able to perform* able, accomplished, adapted, adept, adequate, apt, au fait, clever, competent, dynamite, efficient, experienced, fireball\*, fitted, gifted, good, green thumb\*, has what it takes\*, having know-how\*, having the goods\*, having the right stuff\*, intelligent, knowing the ropes\*, knowing the score\*, like a one-man band\*, like a pistol\*, masterly, old hand\*, old-timer\*, on the ball\*, proficient, proper, qualified, skillful, suited, talented, there\*, up\*, up to it\*, up to snuff\*, up to speed\*, veteran;  
CONCEPT 527 —**Ant.** impotent, incapable, incompetent, inept, unable, unskilled, unskillful

**capacious** [adj] *ample, extensive* abundant, broad, comfortable, commodious, comprehensive, dilatable, distensible, expandable, expansive, extended, generous, liberal, plentiful, roomy, sizable, spacious, substantial, vast, voluminous, wide;  
CONCEPTS 481, 772, 773, 774 —**Ant.** cramped, small, squeezed, tiny

**capacity** [n1] *volume; limit of volume held* accommodation, amplitude, bulk, burden, compass, contents, dimensions, expanse, extent, full, holding ability, holding power, latitude, magnitude, mass, measure, proportions, quantity, range, reach, retention, room, scope, size, space, spread, standing room only\*, sufficiency, sweep;  
CONCEPTS 481, 736, 774, 794

**capacity** [n2] *ability; competency* adequacy, aptitude, aptness, bent, brains, caliber, capability, cleverness, compass, competence, efficiency, facility, faculty, forte, genius, gift, inclination, intelligence, knack, might, power, qualification, readiness, skill, stature, strength, talent, the goods\*, up to it\*, what it takes\*;  
CONCEPTS 409, 630 —**Ant.** impotence, inability, incompetence

**cape** [n1] *promontory into water* arm, beak, bill, chersonese, finger, foreland, head, headland, jetty, jutting, mole, naze, neck, ness, peninsula, point, tongue;  
CONCEPTS 509, 514

**cape** [n2] *sleeveless coat* berthia, capote, cardinal, cloak, cope, dolman, fichu, gabardine, manteau, mantelletta, mantilla, mantle, overdress, paleot, pelerine, pelisse, poncho, shawl, tabard, talma, tippet, Vandyke, victorine, wrap, wrapper;  
CONCEPT 451

**caper** [n] *antic, lark* escapade, gag\*, gambol, high jinks\*, hop, hot foot\*, jest, joke, jump, leap, mischief, monkeyshines\*, practical joke, prank, put on\*, revel, rib\*, rollick, shenanigan\*, sport, stunt, tomfoolery\*, trick;  
CONCEPT 386

**caper** [v] *frolic, cavort* blow the lid off\*, bounce, bound, cut capers\*, cut loose\*, dance, frisk, gambol, go on a tear\*, hop, horse

around\*, jump, kick up one's heels\*, leap, let loose\*, play, raise hell\*, rollick, romp, skip, spring, whoop it up\*;  
CONCEPT 384

**capital** [adj1] *main, essential* basic, cardinal, central, chief, controlling, dominant, first, foremost, fundamental, important, leading, major, number one\*, outstanding, overruling, paramount, predominant, preeminent, primary, prime, principal, prominent, underlying, vital;  
CONCEPTS 546, 568, 829 —**Ant.** extra, minor, nonessential, secondary, unimportant

**capital** [adj2] *superior* best, champion, choice, crack, dandy, delightful, deluxe, excellent, famous, fine, first, first-class\*, first-rate\*, five-star\*, fly, great, prime, splendid, superb, top, top-notch\*, world-class\*;  
CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** inferior, low-class, minor, poor, unimportant

**capital** [n1] *financial assets* business, cash, CD, estate, finances, financing, fortune, funds, gold, interests, investment, IRA, kitty\*, means, money, nest egg\*, principal, property, resources, savings, stake, stock, substance, treasure, ways and means\*, wealth, wherewithal;  
CONCEPTS 332, 710

**capital** [n2] *city of governmental seat* control, county seat, metropolis, municipality, political front, principal city, the Hill\*;  
CONCEPTS 507, 512

**capital** [n3] *upper case written symbol* cap, initial, majuscule, small cap, uncial;  
CONCEPT 284 —**Ant.** small

**capitalism** [n] *economic system of private ownership* commercialism, competition, democracy, free enterprise, free market, industrialism, laissez faire economics, mercantilism, private enterprise;  
CONCEPTS 299, 689, 770 —**Ant.** communism

**capitalist** [n] *person engaged in private ownership of business* backer, banker, bourgeois, businessperson, entrepreneur, financier, investor, landowner, moneybags\*, one who signs the checks\*, plutocrat, the boss\*, the money\*;  
CONCEPT 347 —**Ant.** communist

**capitalize** [v] *benefit from situation* avail oneself of, exploit, gain, make capital of, obtain, profit, realize, subsidize, take advantage of;  
CONCEPT 120

**capitol** [n] *building or buildings housing chief governmental offices* Capitol Hill, center, dome, legislative hall, political scene\*, seat of government, statehouse;  
CONCEPTS 299, 449

**capitulate** [v] *give in* bow, buckle under, cave in, cede, come across, come to terms, concede, defer, fold, give away the store\*, give out, give up, knuckle under, put out, relent, submit, succumb, surrender, yield;  
CONCEPTS 35, 83 —**Ant.** defend, fight

**capitulation** [n] *giving in* accedence, bowing, buckling, conceding, giving up, knuckling under, relenting, resignation, submission, succumbing, surrender, yielding;  
CONCEPTS 83, 410 —**Ant.** defending, fight, fighting

**caprice** [n] *sudden change of behavior* bee\*, caper\*, changeableness, contrariety, crotchet, fad, fancy, fickleness, fitfulness, fool notion\*, freak, gag\*, humor, impulse, inconsistency, inconstancy, jerk, kink, mood, notion, peculiarity, perversity, put on\*, quirk, rib\*, temper, thought, vagary, vein, whim, whimsy;



CONCEPTS 13,410 — *Ant.* constancy, constant, dependability, steadfastness

**capricious** [adj] given to sudden behavior change any way the wind blows\*, arbitrary, blowing hot and cold\*, careless, changeful, contrary, crotchety, effervescent, erratic, every which way\*, fanciful, fickle, fitful, flaky\*, flighty, freakish, gaga\*, helter-skelter\*, humorous, impulsive, inconstant, kinky\*, lubricious, mercurial, moody, mutable, notional, odd, picky\*, punchy\*, queer, quirky, temperamental, ticklish, unpredictable, unreasonable, unstable, up and down\*, vagarious, variable, volatile, wayward, whimsical, yo-yo\*; CONCEPT 401 — *Ant.* constant, dependable, sensible, staid, steadfast, steady

**capsize** [v] overturn invert, keel over, roll, tip over, turn over, turn turtle\*, upset; CONCEPTS 150,152

**capsule** [adj] shortened form abridged, canned, condensed, epitomized, pocket, potted, tabloid; CONCEPTS 531,773

**capsule** [n] tablet, usually medicine bolus, cap, dose, lozenge, pellet, pill, troche; CONCEPTS 260,307

**captain** [n] chief of vehicle, effort authority, boss, cap, CEO, CFO, chieftain, commander, director, exec\*, executive, four-striper\*, guide, head, head honcho\*, higher up\*, leader, master, mistress, number one\*, officer, operator, owner, pilot, royalty, skip\*, skipper\*, top\*, top dog\*; CONCEPT 347

**caption** [n] heading; short description explanation, head, inscription, legend, rubric, subtitle, title, underline; CONCEPT 283

**captious** [adj] very critical acrimonious, cantankerous, carping, caviling, cavillous, censorious, contrary, crabby, cross, demanding, deprecating, disparaging, exacting, executive, fault-finding, finicky, hypercritical, irritable, nagging, nit-picking, overcritical, peevish, perverse, petulant, sarcastic, severe, testy, touchy; CONCEPTS 267,404 — *Ant.* commendatory, complimentary, encouraging, flattering, laudatory, praising

**captivate** [v] attract, enchant allure, beguile, bewitch, charm, dazzle, delight, draw, enamour, enrapture, enslave, ensnare, entertain, enthrall, entrance, fascinate, gratify, grip, hold, hook, hypnotize, infatuate, intrigue, lure, magnetize, make a hit with\*, mesmerize, please, rope in\*, seduce, spellbind, sweep off one's feet\*, take, turn one on, vamp, wile, win; CONCEPTS 7,22 — *Ant.* disgust, disillusion, offend, repel, repulse

**captive** [adj1] physically held by force bound, caged, confined, enslaved, ensnared, imprisoned, incarcerated, incommunicado, in custody, jailed, locked up, penned, restricted, subjugated, under lock and key\*; CONCEPTS 536,554 — *Ant.* free, independent, loose

**captive** [adj2] mentally enchanted, held beguiled, bewitched, charmed, delighted, enraptured, enthralled, fascinated, hypnotized, infatuated; CONCEPT 403 — *Ant.* disillusioned, uninterested

**captive** [n] person held physically bondman, bondservant, bondwoman, con, convict, detainee, hostage, internee, prisoner, prisoner of war, slave; CONCEPTS 412,423 — *Ant.* free man, independent

**captivity** [n] physical detention by force bondage, committal, confinement, constraint, custody, durance, duress, enslavement, enthrallment, entombment, impoundment, imprisonment, incarceration, interment, jail, limbo, restraint, serfdom, servitude, slavery, subjection, thralldom, vassalage; CONCEPTS 191,652 — *Ant.* freedom, independence, liberty, license

**capture** [n] catching, forceful holding abduction, acquirement, acquisition, apprehension, appropriating, appropriation, arrest, bag\*, bust\*, catch, collar, commandeering, confiscation, drop\*, ensnaring, fall, gaining, grab\*, grasping, hit the jackpot\*, hook\*, imprisonment, knock off\*, laying hold of\*, nab\*, nail\*, obtaining, occupation, pick up\*, pinch\*, pull\*, run in\*, securing, seizing, seizure, snatching\*, sweep\*, taking, taking captive, taking into custody, trapping, trip, winning; CONCEPT 90 — *Ant.* freeing, letting go, liberalization, release

**capture** [v] catch and forcefully hold apprehend, arrest, bag\*, bust\*, catch, collar, conquer, cop, gain control, get, grab\*, hook\*, land, nab\*, nail\*, net, occupy, overwhelm, pick up\*, pinch\*,prehend, pull in, put the cuffs on\*, round up\*, run in\*, secure, seize, snare, snatch, take, take captive, take into custody, take prisoner, trap, tumble; CONCEPT 90 — *Ant.* free, let go, liberate, lose, release

**car** [n] vehicle driven on streets auto, automobile, bucket\*, buggy\*, bus, clunker\*, compact, convertible, conveyance, coupe, gas guzzler\*, hardtop, hatchback, heap\*, jalopy\*, jeep, junker\*, limousine, machine, motor, motorcar, pickup, ride\*, roadster, sedan, station wagon, subcompact, touring car, truck, van, wagon, wheels\*, wreck\*; CONCEPT 505

**caravan** [n] group traveling together band, camel train, campers, cavalcade, convoy, expedition, procession, safari, train, troop; CONCEPTS 432,503 — *Ant.* individual

**carbohydrate** [n] organic compound composed of carbon, hydrogen, and oxygen cellulose, dextrin, dextrose, disaccharide, fructose, galactose, glucose, glycogen, lactose, maltose, monosaccharide, polysaccharide, starch, sucrose, sugar; CONCEPT 478

**carcass/carcase** [n] dead body; framework, base structure body, cadaver, corpse, framework, hulk, mort\*, remains, shell, skeleton, stiff\*; CONCEPTS 390,434

**carcinogen** [n] cancer-causing agent deadly chemical, health hazard, killer\*, mutagen, poison, toxin; CONCEPT 675

**card** [n] piece of paper, often with purposeful writing agenda, badge, billet, calendar, card-board, check, docket, fiberboard, identification, label, pass, poster, program, schedule, sheet, square, tally, ticket, timetable, voucher; CONCEPTS 260,271

**cardiac arrest** [n] heart stoppage coronary thrombosis, heart attack, heart failure, myocardial infarction; CONCEPT 308

**cardinal** [adj] important, key basal, basic, central, chief, constitutive, essential, first, foremost, fundamental, greatest, highest, indispensable, leading, main, overriding, overruling, paramount, pivotal, preeminent, primary, prime, principal, ruling, vital;

CONCEPTS 568,574 —**Ant.** inessential, insignificant, minor, negligible, secondary, unimportant

**care** [*n*1] *personal interest, concern* affliction, aggravation, alarm, anguish, annoyance, anxiety, apprehension, bother, burden, chagrin, charge, consternation, discomposure, dismay, disquiet, distress, disturbance, encumbrance, exasperation, fear, foreboding, fretfulness, handicap, hardship, hindrance, impeding, incubus, load, misgiving, nuisance, onus, oppression, perplexity, pressure, responsibility, solicitude, sorrow, stew, strain, stress, sweat, tribulation, trouble, uneasiness, unhappiness, vexation, woe, worry; CONCEPTS 410,532 —**Ant.** carelessness, disregard, ignorance, inattention, neglect, negligence, oversight, thoughtlessness

**care** [*n*2] *carefulness, attention to detail* alertness, caution, circumspection, concentration, concern, conscientiousness, consideration, diligence, direction, discrimination, effort, enthusiasm, exactness, exertion, fastidiousness, forethought, heed, interest, management, meticulousness, nicety, pains, particularity, precaution, prudence, regard, scrupulousness, solicitude, thought, trouble, vigilance, wariness, watchfulness; CONCEPT 657 —**Ant.** carelessness, neglect, negligence, omission, oversight

**care** [*n*3] *custody of person, usually child* administration, aegis, auspices, charge, control, direction, guardianship, keeping, management, ministration, protection, safekeeping, superintendence, supervision, trust, tutelage, ward, wardship; CONCEPTS 285,295,388

**care** [*v*1] *tend to attend, babysit, consider, foster, keep an eye on\**, keep tabs on\*, look after, mind, mind the store\*, minister, mother, nurse, nurture, pay attention to, protect, provide for, ride herd on\*, sit, take pains, tend, treasure, wait on, watch, watch over; CONCEPTS 110,295 —**Ant.** disregard, ignore, neglect

**care** [*v*2] *regard highly* be crazy about\*, be fond of\*, cherish, desire, enjoy, find congenial, hold dear, like, love, prize, respect, take to, want; CONCEPTS 20,32 —**Ant.** dislike, hate, not care

**careen** [*v*] *tilt; move wildly down path* bend, lean, lurch, pitch, sway, tilt; CONCEPT 147

**career** [*n*1] *occupation bag\**, calling, course, dodge\*, employment, field, game\*, job, life-work, livelihood, number\*, pilgrimage, profession, pursuit, racket\*, speciality, thing\*, vocation, work; CONCEPTS 349,360 —**Ant.** amusement, avocation, entertainment, recreation

**career** [*n*2] *course, path* course, orbit, passage, pilgrimage, procedure, progress, race, walk; CONCEPTS 501,678,692

**carefree** [*adj*] *lighthearted, untroubled* airy, at ease, blithe, breezy, buoyant, calm, careless, cheerful, cheery, cool, easy, easy-going, feel-good\*, happy, happy-go-lucky, insouciant, jaunty, jovial, laid back\*, radiant, secure, sunny, unanxious, unbothered; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** anxious, heavyhearted, troubled, worried

**careful** [*adj*] *cautious; painstaking* accurate, alert, apprehensive, assiduous, attentive, chary, choosy, circumspect, concerned, conscientious, conservative, cool, deliberate, discreet, exacting, fastidious, finicky, fussy, going to great lengths\*, guarded, heedful, judicious, leery, meticulous, mindful, observant, particular,

playing safe\*, precise, prim, protective, provident, prudent, punctilious, regardful, religious, rigorous, scrupulous, selfdisciplined, shy, sober, solicitous, solid, thorough, thoughtful, vigilant, wary; CONCEPTS 326,542 —**Ant.** careless, inattentive, incautious, thoughtless, uncaredful, unconcerned, unscrupulous

**carefully** [*adv*] *cautiously; painstakingly* anxiously, attentively, circumspectly, concernedly, conscientiously, correctly, deliberately, delicately, dependably, discreetly, exactly, faithfully, fastidiously, fully, gingerly, guardedly, heedfully, honorably, in detail, laboriously, meticulously, particularly, precisely, providently, prudently, punctiliously, regardfully, reliably, rigorously, scrupulously, solicitously, thoroughly, thoughtfully, trustily, uprightly, vigilantly, warily, watchfully, with forethought, with reservations; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** carelessly, incautiously, thoughtlessly, uncaredfully

**caregiver** [*n*] *person caring for child* au pair, babysitter, caretaker, custodian, father, governess, mother, nanny, nurse, parent; CONCEPT 348

**careless** [*adj*1] *without sufficient attention* absent-minded, abstracted, casual, cursory, disregardful, forgetful, hasty, heedless, improvident, imprudent, inaccurate, inadvertent, incautious, inconsiderate, indifferent, indiscreet, indolent, injudicious, irresponsible, lackadaisical, lax, loose, mindless, napping, negligent, nonchalant, oblivious, offhand, perfunctory, pococurante, reckless, regardless, remiss, slipshod, sloppy, thoughtless, uncircumspect, unconcerned, unguarded, unheeding, unmindful, unobservant, unreflective, unthinking, wasteful; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** accurate, attentive, careful, cautious, concerned, mindful, painstaking, prudent, ready, thoughtful

**careless** [*adj*2] *artless* casual, modest, naive, natural, nonchalant, simple, unstudied; CONCEPT 557 —**Ant.** cautious, guarded, kind, mindful, scrupulous

**caress** [*n*] *loving touch* cuddle, embrace, endearment, feel, fondling, hug, kiss, pat, pet, petting, snuggle, squeeze, stroke; CONCEPTS 375,590

**caress** [*v*] *touch lovingly* bear hug\*, brush, buss, clinch, clutch, coddle, cosset, cuddle, dandle, embrace, feel, fondle, graze, handle, hug, kiss, make love, massage, mug, neck, nestle, nuzzle, pat, pet, play around\*, rub, squeeze, stroke, toy; CONCEPTS 375,612

**caretaker** [*n*] *person who maintains something* baby sitter, concierge, curator, custodian, house-sitter, janitor, keeper, porter, sitter, super\*, superintendent, supervisor, warden, watchperson; CONCEPT 348

**cargo** [*n*] *baggage; something to be delivered* burden, consignment, contents, freight, goods, haul, lading, load, merchandise, payload, shipload, shipment, tonnage, ware; CONCEPTS 338,446

**caricature** [*n*] *exaggerated description in writing, drawing* burlesque, cartoon, distortion, farce, imitation, lampoon, libel, mimicry, mockery, parody, pasquinade, pastiche, put-on\*, ridicule, satire, send-up\*, sham, takeoff\*, travesty; CONCEPTS 271,386,625

**carillon** [*n*] *set of bells* angelus, chimes,

- glockenspiel, gong, lyra, peal, tintinnabulation, tocsin; CONCEPT 595
- carnage** [*n*] *massacre* annihilation, blitz, blood, blood and guts\*, blood bath\*, bloodshed, butchering, butchery, crime, extermination, gore, havoc, hecatomb, holocaust, homicide, killing, liquidation, manslaughter, mass murder, murder, offing\*, rapine, search and destroy\*, shambles, slaughter, slaying, taking out\*, warfare, wasting; CONCEPT 252
- carnal** [*adj*] *erotic, sensual* animal, bodily, corporal, corporeal, earthly, fleshly, genital, impure, lascivious, lecherous, lewd, libidinous, licentious, lustful, physical, prurient, salacious, sensuous, temporal, unchaste, venereal, voluptuous, vulgar, wanton, worldly; CONCEPTS 372,403 —*Ant.* chaste, clean, intellectual, pure, spiritual
- carnival** [*n*] *outdoor celebration* amusement park, bacchanal, carnny\*, carousal, circus, conviviality, exposition, fair, feasting, festival, fete, fiesta, frolic, gala, grind show\*, heyday, jamboree, jollification, jubilee, Mardi Gras, masquerade, merry-making, orgy, ragbag\*, revelry, rout, saturnalia, side show, spree, street fair; CONCEPTS 377,386
- carnivorous** [*adj*] *eating animal flesh* cannibal, flesh-eating, hungry, omnivorous, predatory, rapacious; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* vegetarian
- carol** [*n*] *joyful hymn* ballad, canticle, canonet, chorus, Christmas song, ditty\*, lay, madrigal, noel, song, strain; CONCEPTS 263,595
- carouse** [*v*] *make merry, often with liquor* booze, drink, frolic, go on a spree\*, have fun, imbibe, paint the town\*, paint the town red\*, play, quaff, raise Cain\*, revel, riot, roister, wassail, whoop it up\*; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* be sad, grieve
- carp** [*v*] *nag* bother, cavil, censure, complain, criticize, find fault, fuss, grumble, hypercriticize, knock, nitpick\*, objurgate, pan, peck\*, pick at, quibble, reproach; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* ignore, let go
- carpal tunnel syndrome** [*n*] *wrist irritation* repetitive motion disorder, repetitive motion injury, sensorimotor disorder; CONCEPT 306
- carpenter** [*n*] *person who works with wood* artisan, builder, cabinetmaker, carps\*, chips\*, craftsperson, joiner, laborer, mason, woodworker, worker; CONCEPT 348
- carpet** [*n*] *nappy floor covering* carpeting, matting, rug, runner, tapestry, throw rug, wall-to-wall\*; CONCEPT 473
- carping** [*adj*] *complaining* bellyaching\*, caviling, censorious, critical, criticizing, deprecatory, disparaging, fault-finding, griping, grouchy, grousing, grumbling, hypercritical, kvetching\*, moaning, nagging, nigging, nit-picking\*, overcritical, quibbling, scathing, whining; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* complimentary, forgiving
- carriage** [*n1*] *delivery of freight* carrying, conveyance, conveying, delivering, freight, transit, transport, transportation; CONCEPTS 148,217
- carriage** [*n2*] *posture, physical and mental* air, aspect, attitude, bearing, behavior, cast, comportment, conduct, demeanor, deportment, gait, look, manner, mien, pace, posture, presence, stance, step; CONCEPTS 633,720
- carry** [*v1*] *transport physical object* backpack\*, bear, bring, cart, channel, conduct, convey, convoy, displace, ferry, fetch, freight, funnel, give, haul, heft, hoist, import, lift, lug\*, move, pack, pipe, portage, relay, relocate, remove, schlepp\*, shift, shoulder\*, sustain, take, tote, traject, transfer, transmit, transplant, truck, waft; CONCEPTS 148,217
- carry** [*v2*] *win; accomplish* affect, be victorious, capture, drive, effect, gain, get, impel, impress, influence, inspire, move, prevail, secure, spur, strike, sway, touch, urge; CONCEPTS 68,706 —*Ant.* fail, lose
- carry** [*v3*] *broadcast electronically* air, bear, communicate, conduct, convey, display, disseminate, give, offer, pass on, publish, relay, release, send, transfer, transport; CONCEPTS 217,266
- carry on** [*v1*] *continue activity* achieve, endure, hang on, keep going, last, maintain, perpetuate, persevere, persist, proceed; CONCEPT 239 —*Ant.* discontinue, stop
- carry on** [*v2*] *manage operations* administer, conduct, direct, engage in, keep, operate, ordain, run; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* mismanage
- carry on** [*v3*] *lose control emotionally* act up, be indecorous, blunder, cut up, lose it\*, make a fuss\*, misbehave, rage, raise Cain\*; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* be calm
- carry out** [*v*] *complete activity* accomplish, achieve, carry through, consummate, discharge, effect, effectuate, execute, finalize, fulfill, implement, meet, perform, realize; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* leave, not finish, stop
- cart** [*n*] *small attachment for transporting* barrow, buggy, curricule, dolly, drag, gey, gurney, handcart, palanquin, pushcart, rickshaw, tilbury, truck, tumbrel, two-wheeler, wagon, wheelbarrow; CONCEPTS 499,505
- cart** [*v*] *carry* bear, bring, convey, ferry, haul, move, schlepp\*, take, tote; CONCEPTS 148,217
- carte blanche** [*n*] *full power, authority* blank check, freedom, free hand, free rein, license, permission, power of attorney, prerogative, sanction, say, say-so, unconditional right; CONCEPT 376
- cartel** [*n*] *group which shares business interest* bunch\*, chain, combine, conglomerate, consortium, corporation, crew\*, crowd\*, gang\*, holding company, megacorp\*, mob\*, monopoly, multinational\*, outfit\*, plunderbund\*, pool, ring\*, syndicate, trust; CONCEPTS 323,325
- carton** [*n*] *box for holding items* bin, case, casket, chest, coffer, container, corrugated box, crate, pack, package, packet; CONCEPT 494
- cartoon** [*n*] *funny drawing, often with dialogue or caption* animation, caricature, comic strip, drawing, lampoon, parody, representation, satire, sketch, takeoff; CONCEPTS 280,625
- cartoonist** [*n*] *person who draws cartoons* artist, caricaturist, comic artist, gag person\*, gagster\*, illustrator, social critic; CONCEPT 348
- carve** [*v*] *cut carefully with sharp instrument* block out, chip, chisel, cleave, dissect, dissever, divide, engrave, etch, fashion, form, grave, hack, hew, incise, indent, inscult, model, mold, mould, pattern, rough-hew, sculpt, shape, slash, slice, stipple, sunder, tool, trim, whittle; CONCEPTS 137,176,184
- carved in stone** [*adj*] *fixed* established, etched

in stone\*, firm, immutable, permanent, set in concrete\*, set in stone\*, unchangeable; CONCEPTS 488,551,583,649,798

**cascade** [*n*] *something falling, especially water* avalanche, cataract, chute, deluge, downrush, falls, flood, force, fountain, outpouring, precipitation, rapids, shower, spout, torrent, watercourse, waterfall; CONCEPTS 514,787

**casade** [*v*] *fall in a rush* descend, disgorge, flood, gush, heave, overflow, pitch, plunge, pour, spew, spill, spit up, surge, throw up, tumble, vomit; CONCEPT 179

**case** [*n1*] *container; items in container* bag, baggage, basket, bin, box, cabinet, caddy, caisson, canister, capsule, carton, cartridge, casing, casket, chamber, chassis, chest, coffer, compact, cover, covering, crate, crating, crib, drawer, envelope, folder, grip, holder, integument, jacket, receptacle, safe, scabbard, sheath, shell, suitcase, tray, trunk, wallet, wrapper, wrapping; CONCEPT 494

**case** [*n2*] *circumstance, conditions* context, contingency, crisis, dilemma, event, eventuality, fact, incident, occurrence, plight, position, predicament, problem, quandary, situation, state, status; CONCEPT 696

**case** [*n3*] *example* case history, exemplification, illustration, instance, occasion, occurrence, representative, sample, sampling, specimen; CONCEPT 686

**case** [*n4*] *matter brought before a court* action, argument, cause, claim, dispute, evidence, lawsuit, litigation, petition, proceedings, process, proof, suit, trial; CONCEPT 318

**case** [*v*] *check something in detail* canvass, check out, check over, check up, examine, inspect, scrutinize, study, view; CONCEPT 103

**cash** [*n*] *money; assets* banknote, bread\*, buck\*, bullion, cabbage\*, chicken feed\*, coin, coinage, currency, dinero\*, dough\*, funds, green stuff\*, investment, legal tender, lot, mazumah\*, note, payment, pledge, principal, ready assets, refund, remuneration, reserve, resources, riches, savings, scratch\*, security, skins\*, stock, supply, treasure, wampum\*, wherewithal; CONCEPTS 340,710

**cash** [*v*] *exchange for real money* acknowledge, break a bill\*, change, discharge, draw, honor, liquidate, make change, pay, realize, redeem; CONCEPT 330

**cashier** [*n*] *bank worker* accountant, banker, bursar, clerk, collector, paymaster, purser, receiver, teller, treasurer; CONCEPT 348

**cashier** [*v*] *discard, expel* ax\*, boot\*, bounce, break, can\*, cast off, discharge, dismiss, displace, drum out\*, fire, give a pink slip\*, give the heave ho\*, heave\*, remove, sack\*, terminate; CONCEPTS 211,324

**casing** [*n*] *covering* hull, jacket, sheath, skin, wrapper; CONCEPTS 484,750

**casino** [*n*] *gambling establishment* bank, betting house, big store\*, club, clubhouse, dance hall, dice joint\*, dive, gambling den, hall, honky-tonk, house, joint, Monte Carlo, pool hall, roadhouse, rotunda, saloon, track; CONCEPT 447

**cask** [*n*] *rounded container for liquids* barrel, barrelet, butt, firkin, hoghead, keg, pipe, tun, vat; CONCEPT 494

**casket** [*n*] *burial box* bin, carton, case, chest,

coffer, crate, funerary box, pine box, pinto, sarcophagus, wood overcoat\*; CONCEPTS 368,494

**casserole** [*n*] *dish consisting of a combination of cooked food* covered dish, goulash, hash, meat pie, pot pie, pottage, stew, stroganoff; CONCEPT 457

**cast** [*n1*] *a throw to the side* casting, ejection, expulsion, fling, flinging, heave, heaving, hurl, hurling, launching, lob, lobbing, pitch, pitching, projection, propulsion, shooting, sling, slinging, thrust, thrusting, toss, tossing; CONCEPT 222 —*Ant.* catch, keeping, retention

**cast** [*n2*] *appearance; shade of color* air, complexion, countenance, demeanor, embodiment, expression, face, hue, look, manner, mien, semblance, stamp, style, tinge, tint, tone, turn, visage; CONCEPTS 622,716

**cast** [*n3*] *actors in performance* actors, actresses, artists, characters, company, dramatist personae, list, parts, players, roles, troupe; CONCEPT 294

**cast** [*n4*] *molded structure* conformation, copy, duplicate, embodiment, facsimile, figure, form, mold, plaster, replica, sculpture, shape; CONCEPTS 470,475

**cast** [*v1*] *throw aside* boot, bung\*, chuck\*, drive, drop, fire\*, fling, heave, hurl, impel, launch, lob, peg, pitch, project, shed, shy, sling, thrust, toss; CONCEPT 222 —*Ant.* catch, gather

**cast** [*v2*] *emit, give aim, bestow, deposit, diffuse, direct, distribute, point, radiate, scatter, shed, spatter, spray, spread, sprinkle, strew, train*; CONCEPTS 108,624 —*Ant.* receive, take

**cast** [*v3*] *calculate* add, compute, count, figure, foot, forecast, number, reckon, sum, summate, tot, total; CONCEPT 764

**cast** [*v4*] *select for activity* allot, appoint, arrange, assign, blueprint, chart, choose, decide upon, delegate, design, designate, detail, determine, devise, give parts, name, pick, plan, project; CONCEPT 41

**caste** [*n*] *social class* cultural level, degree, estate, grade, lineage, order, position, race, rank, social order, species, sphere, standing, station, status, stratum; CONCEPTS 378,388

**castigate** [*v*] *criticize severely* baste, bawl out\*, beat, berate, blister, cane, censure, chasten, chastise, chew out\*, come down on\*, correct, criticize, discipline, drag over the coals\*, dress down\*, drub, excoriate, flay, flog, jump down one's throat\*, lambaste, lash, lay out\*, lean on\*, penalize, pummel, punish, rail, rate, read the riot act\*, ream, rebuke, reprimand, scarify, scathe, scold, scorch, scourge, thrash, tongue-lash\*, upbraid, whip; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* compliment, laud, praise

**castle** [*n*] *magnificent home, often for royalty* acropolis, alcazar, château, citadel, donjon, estate house, fasthold, fastness, fort, fortification, fortress, hold, keep, manor, mansion, palace, peel, safehold, seat, stronghold, tower, villa; CONCEPT 516

**castrate** [*v*] *remove sexual organs* alter, asexualize, caponize, change, cut, deprive of virility, desexualize, emasculate, eunuchize, fix, geld, mutilate, neuter, spay, sterilize, unsex; CONCEPT 310

**casual** [*adj1*] *chance, random* accidental, adventitious, by chance, contingent, erratic, extemporaneous, extempore, fluky, fortuitous,

impromptu, improvised, impulsive, incidental, infrequent, irregular, occasional, odd, offhand, serendipitous, spontaneous, uncertain, unexpected, unforeseen, unintentional, unplanned, unpremeditated; CONCEPTS 541,544 —**Ant.** deliberate, painstaking, planned, premeditated

**casual** [adj2] *nonchalant, relaxed in manner* aloof, apathetic, blasé, breezy, cool\*, cursory, detached, down home\*, easygoing, folksy\*, homey\*, incurious, indifferent, informal, insouciant, lackadaisical, laid-back\*, loose\*, low-pressure, mellow, offhand, perfunctory, pocourante, purposeless, remote, unconcerned, unfussy, uninterested, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,542,589 —**Ant.** formal, serious

**casualty** [n1] *accident* blow, calamity, catastrophe, chance, contingency, debacle, disaster, misadventure, misfortune, mishap; CONCEPT 674

**casualty** [n2] *victim* dead, death toll, fatality, injured, killed, loss, missing, prey, sufferer, wounded; CONCEPTS 407,423

**casuistry** [n] *overgeneral reasoning* chicanery, deception, deceptiveness, delusion, equivocation, evasion, fallacy, lie, oversubtletness, sophism, sophistry, speciousness, spuriousness, trick; CONCEPTS 54,63

**cat** [n] *feline animal, sometimes a pet* bobcat, cheetah, cougar, grimalkin, jaguar, kitten, kitty, leopard, lion, lynx, malkin, mouser, ocelot, panther, puma, puss, pussy, tabby, tiger, tom, tomcat; CONCEPTS 394,400

**cataclysm** [n] *disaster* calamity, cataract, catastrophe, collapse, convulsion, crunch\*, curtains\*, debacle, deluge, disturbance, double trouble\*, flood, flooding, holy mess\*, inundation, misadventure, ruin, torrent, tragedy, unholy mess\*, upheaval, waterloo\*, woe; CONCEPTS 674,675 —**Ant.** boon, good fortune, happiness, miracle, wonder

**catalog/catalogue** [n] *written or printed matter featuring a selection of objects* archive, brief, bulletin, calendar, cartulary, charts, classification, compendium, directory, docket, draft, enumeration, gazette, gazetteer, hit list\*, index, inventory, list, prospectus, record, register, roll, roster, schedule, slate, specification, syllabus, synopsis, table; CONCEPTS 271,280

**catalyst** [n] *something which incites activity* adjuvant, agitator, enzyme, goad, impetus, impulse, incendiary, incentive, incitation, incitement, motivation, radical stimulus, reactant, reactionary, spark plug\*, spur, stimulant, synergist, wave maker\*; CONCEPT 712 —**Ant.** block, blockage, preventer, prevention

**catapult** [n] *implement for shooting weapon* arbalest, ballista, heaver, hurler, pitcher, propeller, shooter, sling, slingshot, tosser, trebuchet; CONCEPTS 463,500

**catastrophe** [n] *calamity; unhappy conclusion* accident, adversity, affliction, alluvion, bad luck, bad news\*, blow, calamity, casualty, cataclysm, contretemps, crash, culmination, curtains\*, debacle, denouement, desolation, devastation, disaster, emergency, end, failure, fatality, fiasco, finale, grief, hardship, havoc, ill, infiction, meltdown\*, misadventure, mischance, misery, misfortune, mishap, reverse, scourge, stroke, termination, the worst\*, tragedy, trial, trouble, upshot, waterloo\*,

wreck; CONCEPT 674 —**Ant.** benefit, blessing, favor, good fortune, good luck, happiness, miracle, success, wonder

**catatonic** [adj] *unaware* comatose, confused, hung, suspended, unconscious, wedged; CONCEPT 402

**catcall** [n] *heckle* boo, Bronx cheer\*, derision, gibe, hiss, hoot, jeer, raspberry\*, shout, whistle; CONCEPTS 44,47

**catch-22** [n] *no-win situation* contradiction, dilemma, lose-lose, paradox, quagmire; CONCEPT 532

**catch** [n1] *fastener* bolt, buckle, clamp, clasp, clip, hasp, hook, hook and eye, latch, snap; CONCEPT 497

**catch** [n2] *trick, hidden disadvantage* Catch-22, conundrum, deception, decoy, drawback, fly in the ointment\*, hitch, joke, puzzle, puzzler, snag, stumbling block, trap; CONCEPTS 674,679

**catch** [v1] *ensnare, apprehend* arrest, bag, bust\*, capture, clasp, claw, clench, clutch, collar, cop, corral, entangle, entrap, get one's fingers on\*, glom, glove, grab, grasp, grip, hook, lasso, lay hold of, nab, nail, net, pick, pluck, pounce on, pretend, secure, seize, snag, snare, snatch, take, take hold of, trap; CONCEPT 90 —**Ant.** free, let go, let off, lose, misplace, miss, release

**catch** [v2] *find out, discover* descry, detect, encounter, expose, hit upon, meet with, spot, surprise, take unawares, turn up, unmask; CONCEPT 31 —**Ant.** miss, misunderstand

**catch** [v3] *contract an illness* become infected with, break out with, come down with, develop, fall ill with, fall victim to, get, incur, receive, sicken, succumb to, suffer from, take; CONCEPTS 93,308 —**Ant.** be immune

**catch** [v4] *come from behind and grab* board, climb on, come upon, catch, get, go after, grab, hop on, jump, make, overhaul, overtake, pass, ram, reach, run down, take; CONCEPT 164 —**Ant.** let go, push

**catch** [v5] *hear and understand* accept, apprehend, comprehend, discern, feel, follow, get, grasp, perceive, recognize, see, sense, take in, understand; CONCEPT 15

**catching** [adj] *contagious (disease)* communicable, dangerous, endemic, epidemic, epizootic, infectious, infective, miasmatic, pandemic, pestiferous, pestilential, taking, transferable, transmittable; CONCEPT 314 —**Ant.** uncontagious

**catchword** [n] *motto* byword, catchphrase, household word, maxim, password, refrain, shibboleth, slogan, watchword; CONCEPTS 275, 278

**catchy** [adj] *captivating, addictive* fetching, haunting, having a good hook\*, memorable, popular; CONCEPT 544 —**Ant.** boring, dull, ignorable

**catechize** [v] *instruct and question* ask, cross-examine, drill, educate, examine, grill, inquire, interrogate, query, quiz, teach, train; CONCEPTS 48,285 —**Ant.** answer, listen

**categorical** [adj] *explicit, unconditional* absolute, all out\*, certain, clear-cut, definite, definitive, direct, downright, emphatic, express, flat out\*, forthright, no holds barred\*, no strings attached\*, positive, specific, straight out, sure, ultimate, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmitigated, unequalled, unreserved; CONCEPT 535

—*Ant.* ambiguous, conditional, equivocal, implied, qualified, questionable, tentative, uncategoryal, vague

**categorize** [*v*] *sort by type, classification* assort, button down\*, class, classify, group, identify, peg\*, pigeonhole\*, put down as, rank, tab, typecast; CONCEPT 39

**category** [*n*] *classification, type class, department, division, grade, group, grouping, head, heading, kind, league, level, list, order, pigeon-hole\**, rank, section, sort, tier; CONCEPT 378

**cater** [*v*] *provide, help* baby, coddle, cotton, furnish, gratify, humor, indulge, minister to, outfit, pamper, pander to, procure, provision, purvey, spoil, supply, victual; CONCEPT 136

**caterwaul** [*v*] *make screeching, crying noise* bawl, bicker, howl, quarrel, scream, screech, shriek, squall, wail, yell, yowl; CONCEPT 77

**catharsis** [*n*] *purging, purification* ablation, abreaction, cleansing, expurgation, lustration, purgation, purification, release; CONCEPTS 13,165,230 —*Ant.* dirtying

**cathedral** [*n*] *large church* basilica, bishop's seat, chancel, holy place, house of God, house of prayer, house of worship, minster, place of worship, sanctuary, temple; CONCEPTS 368,439

**catholic** [*adj*] *all-embracing, general* all-inclusive, broad-minded, charitable, comprehensive, cosmic, cosmopolitan, diffuse, eclectic, ecumenical, extensive, generic, global, inclusive, indeterminate, large-scale, liberal, open-minded, planetary, receptive, tolerant, unbigoted, universal, unprejudiced, unsectarian, whole, wide, world-wide; CONCEPTS 557,772

—*Ant.* narrow, narrow-minded, specific  
**cattle** [*n*] *bovine animals* beasts, bovid mammals, bulls, calves, cows, dogies\*, herd, livestock, longhorn\*, moo cows\*, oxen, shorthorns, stock, strays; CONCEPT 394

**catty** [*adj*] *nasty, malicious* backbiting, evil, hateful, ill-natured, malevolent, mean, rancorous, spiteful, venomous, vicious, wicked; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* kind, nice, pleasant

**caucus** [*n*] *group gathered to make decision* assembly, conclave, convention, council, gathering, get-together, meeting, parley, session; CONCEPTS 301,417

**cause** [*n1*] *agent, originator* account, agency, aim, antecedent, author, basis, beginning, causation, consideration, creator, determinant, doer, element, end, explanation, foundation, genesis, ground, grounds, incitement, inducement, instigation, leaven, mainspring, maker, matter, motivation, motive, object, occasion, origin, prime mover, principle, producer, purpose, root, source, spring, stimulation; CONCEPTS 229,661 —*Ant.* consequence, development, effect, end, fruit, issue, outcome, outgrowth, product, result

**cause** [*n2*] *belief; undertaking for belief* at-tempt, conviction, creed, enterprise, faith, goal, ideal, intention, movement, object, objective, plan, principles, purpose; CONCEPT 689

**cause** [*v*] *bring into being; bring about* be at the bottom of\*, begin, brainstorm\*, break in\*, break the ice\*, breed, bring to pass, come out with\*, compel, cook up\*, create, dream up\*, effect, elicit, engender, evoke, fire up\*, generate, get things rolling\*, give rise to, hatch,

incite, induce, introduce, kickoff\*, kindle, lead to, let, make, make up, motivate, muster, occasion, open, originate, precipitate, produce, provoke, result in, revert, secure, sow the seeds, start the ball rolling\*, think up, work up; CONCEPTS 228,231,241

**cause célèbre** [*n*] *controversial issue* bone of contention, celebrated case, controversy, debate, grist for the gossip mill\*, hot potato\*, moot point, political football\*, scandal, war of words; CONCEPTS 46,278,665

**caustic** [*adj1*] *burning, corrosive* abrasive, acerbic, acid, acrid, alkaline, astringent, biting, corroding, erosive, keen, mordant, pungent, tart; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* calm, mild, soothing

**caustic** [*adj2*] *sarcastic* acerb, acerbic, acrimo-nious, bitter, cutting, harsh, incisive, pithy, pungent, rough, salty, satiric, scathing, severe, sharp, stinging, trenchant, virulent; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* kind, nice, unsarcastic

**caution** [*n1*] *alertness, carefulness* attention, caninness, care, circumspection, deliberation, discreetness, discretion, Fabian policy, foresight, forethought, heed, heedfulness, providence, prudence, vigilance, watchfulness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* heedlessness, imprudence, indiscretion, neglect, negligence, thoughtlessness

**caution** [*n2*] *warning* admonition, advice, bug in one's ear\*, caveat, commonition, counsel, forewarning, hint, injunction, monition, notice, omen, premonition, sign, tip\*, tip-off\*; CONCEPTS 78,274

**caution** [*v*] *warn, advise* admonish, alert, exhort, flag, forewarn, give the high sign\*, give the lowdown on\*, pull one's coat\*, put one wise\*, tip\*, tip off\*, urge, wave a red flag\*, wise one up\*; CONCEPT 78

**cautionary tale** [*n*] *event illustrating a hazard* admonition, advisory, caveat, message, omen, portent, red flag\*, sign of things to come\*, wake-up call\*, warning, word to the wise\*; CONCEPTS 78,274

**cautious** [*adj*] *careful, guarded* alert, all ears\*, cagey, calculating, chary, circumspect, considerate, discreet, forethoughtful, gingerly, hedging one's bets\*, heedful, judicious, keeping on one's toes\*, leery, on the lookout\*, playing it cool\*, playing safe\*, politic, provident, prudent, pussyfoot\*, safe, shrewd, taking it easy, taking it slow\*, tentative, thinking twice\*, vigilant, walking on eggs\*, wary, watchful, watching one's step\*, watching out, with one's eyes peeled\*; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* careless, hasty, heedless, imprudent, incautious, rash, thoughtless, uncareful, unguarded, unobservant

**cavalcade** [*n*] *parade* array, drill, march-past, procession, promenade, review, spectacle, train; CONCEPT 432

**cavalier** [*adj*] *arrogant* condescending, curt, disdainful, haughty, high-and-mighty\*, insolent, lofty, lordly, offhand, overbearing, proud, scornful, snooty\*, snotty\*, supercilious, superior; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* humble, reticent, shy

**cavalry** [*n*] *troops riding horses* army, bowlegs\*, chasseurs, cuirassiers, dragoons, horse, horse soldiers, hussars, lancers, mounted troops, Mounties, rangers, squadron, uhlands; CONCEPT 322

**cave** [n] *hole in land formation* cavern, cavity, den, grotto, hollow, pothole, rock shelter, subterranean, subterranean area; CONCEPT 509

**caveat** [n] *warning* admonition, alarm, caution, commotion, forewarning, monition, sign; CONCEPTS 78,274

**cavern** [n] *hollow in land formation* cave, grotto, hole, pothole, subterranean, subterranean area; CONCEPT 509

**cavernous** [adj] *hollow and large* alveolate, broad, chambered, chasmal, commodious, concave, curved inward, deep, deep-set, echoing, gaping, huge, resonant, reverberant, roomy, sepulchral, socketed, spacious, sunken, vast, wide, yawning; CONCEPTS 490,773,796 —*Ant.* filled

**cavity** [n] *sunken or decayed area* atrium, basin, bursa, caries, chamber, crater, decay, dent, depression, gap, hole, hollow, pit, pocket, sinus, socket, vacuity, void; CONCEPT 513

**cavort** [v] *frolic, prance* caper, caracole, carry on\*, cut loose\*, cut up\*, dance, fool around\*, frisk, gambol, go places and do things\*, horse around\*, horseplay, monkey around\*, play, revel, rollick, romp, rounghouse\*, sport; CONCEPTS 114,384

**cease** [v] *stop, conclude* back off, break off, bring to an end, call it a day\*, call it quits\*, close, close out, come to an end, culminate, cut it out\*, desist, die, discontinue, drop, end, fail, finish, give over, halt, intermit, knock off\*, leave off, pack in\*, quit, quit cold turkey\*, refrain, shut down, stay, surcease, terminate, wind up\*; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* begin, commence, continue, go, initiate, keep on, start

**cease-fire** [n] *stop in fighting* armistice, suspension of hostilities, truce; CONCEPTS 230,298,684

**ceaseless** [adj] *never-ending* amaranthine, constant, continual, continuous, day and night\*, endless, eternal, everlasting, incessant, indefatigable, interminable, nonstop, on a treadmill\*, perennial, perpetual, round the clock\*, unceasing, unending, uninterrupted, unremitting, untiring, world-without-end\*; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* ceasing, completed, concluded, ending, finished, infrequent, irregular, occasional

**cede** [v] *abandon, surrender* abalienate, abdicate, accord, alien, alienate, allow, capitulate, come across with\*, communicate, concede, convey, deed, drop, fold\*, fork over\*, give in\*, give up, grant, hand over\*, leave, make over, part with, relinquish, remise, renounce, resign, sign over, throw in the sponge\*, throw in the towel\*, transfer, vouchsafe, waive, yield; CONCEPTS 108,127 —*Ant.* defend, fight, gain, guard, take over, win

**ceiling** [n1] *top of a room* baldachin, beam, canopy, covert, dome, fan vaulting, groin, highest point, housetop, plafond, planchement, plaster, roof, roofing, timber, topside covering; CONCEPT 440 —*Ant.* floor

**ceiling** [n2] *maximum* legal price, record, superiority, top; CONCEPT 836 —*Ant.* minimum

**celebrate** [v] *commemorate occasion, achievement* beat the drum\*, bless, blow off steam\*, carouse, ceremonialize, commend, consecrate, dedicate, drink to, eulogize, exalt, extol, feast, fete, glorify, hallow, have a ball\*, honor, jubilate, keep, kick up one's heels\*, laud, let

loose\*, lionize, live it up\*, make merry, make whoopee\*, mark with a red letter\*, memorialize, observe, paint the town red\*, party\*, perform, praise, proclaim, publicize, raise hell\*, rejoice, revel, revere, ritualize, signalize, solemnize; CONCEPT 377 —*Ant.* disregard, forget, ignore, neglect, overlook

**celebrated** [adj] *distinguished, famous* acclaimed, big\*, eminent, famed, glorious, great, high-powered, illustrious, immortal, important, large, laureate, lionized, notable, number one\*, numero uno\*, outstanding, popular, preeminent, prominent, renowned, revered, storied, up there\*, well-known, w. k.\*; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* inexalted, inglorious, obscure, plain, unknown

**celebration** [n] *commemoration of occasion, achievement* anniversary, bash\*, birthday, blast\*, blowout\*, carousal, ceremony, conviviality, festival, festivity, fete, frolic, gaiety, gala, glorification, hilarity, honoring, hoopla, hallelaloo\*, jollification, joviality, jubilation, jubilee, keeping, magnification, memorialization, merriment, merry-making, observance, party, performance, recognition, remembrance, revelry, saturnalia, solemnization, spree, triumph, wingding\*; CONCEPT 377

**celebrity** [n1] *dignitary* ace, big cheese\*, big deal\*, big gun\*, big name\*, big shot\*, big stuff\*, bigwig\*, celeb\*, cynosure, famous person, figure, heavyweight, hero, hotshot\*, immortal, lion\*, luminary, magnate, mahatma, major leaguer\*, name, notable, personage, personality, somebody, someone, star, superstar, the cheese\*, VIP, worthy; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* nobody

**celebrity** [n2] *fame, notoriety* distinction, éclat, eminence, glory, honor, notability, popularity, preeminence, prestige, prominence, renown, reputation, repute, stardom; CONCEPTS 388,668 —*Ant.* obscurity

**celerity** [n] *swiftness* alacrity, briskness, dispatch, expedition, expeditiousness, fleetness, gait, haste, hurry, hustle, legerity, promptness, quickness, rapidity, speed, speediness, swiftness, velocity, vivacity; CONCEPT 755 —*Ant.* slowness, sluggishness

**celestial** [adj] *heavenly* angelic, astral, beatific, blessed, divine, elysian, empyreal, empyrean, eternal, ethereal, godlike, hallowed, holy, immortal, Olympian, otherworldly, seraphic, spiritual, sublime, supernal, supernatural, transcendental, transmudane; CONCEPTS 536, 673 —*Ant.* earthly, hellish, infernal, mortal

**celibacy** [n] *abstinence from sexual activity* abstinence, chastity, continence, frigidity, impotence, maidenhood, purity, singleness, virginity, virtue; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* promiscuousness

**celibate** [adj] *abstaining from sexual activity* chaste, continent, pure, virgin, virginal, virtuous; CONCEPT 372 —*Ant.* active, promiscuous

**cell** [n1] *smallest living organism* bacterium, cellule, corpuscle, egg, embryo, follicle, germ, haematid, microorganism, spore, unit, utricle, vacuole; CONCEPTS 389,478

**cell** [n2] *small room, container* alcove, antechamber, apartment, bastille, booth, burrow, cage, cavity, chamber, cloister, closet, compartment, coop, crib, crypt, cubicle, den, dungeon,

hold, hole, keep, lockup, nook, pen, receptacle, recess, retreat, stall, tower, vault; CONCEPTS 448,494,513

**cellar** [*n*] *underground story of building* apartment, basement, subbasement, subterranean, underground room, vault; CONCEPTS 440,448 —*Ant.* attic

**cement** [*n*] *gluing, binding material* adhesive, binder, birdlime, bond, concrete, epoxy, glue, grout, gum, gunk\*, lime, lute, mortar, mucilage, mud\*, paste, plaster, putty, rubber cement, sand, sealant, size, solder, stickum\*, tar; CONCEPT 475

**cement** [*v*] *attach securely, often with sticky material* bind, blend, bond, cohere, combine, connect, fasten, fuse, glue, gum, join, merge, mortar, paste, plaster, seal, solder, stick together, unite, weld; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* divide, separate, unfix

**cemetery** [*n*] *burial ground* boot hill\*, catacomb, charnel, charnel house, churchyard, city of the dead\*, crypt, eternal home\*, funerary grounds, garden, God's acre\*, Golgotha, grave, graveyard, marble town\*, memorial park, mortuary, necropolis, ossuary, polyanthrium, potter's field, resting place, sepulcher, tomb, vault; CONCEPTS 305,368

**censor** [*v*] *forbid; ban; selectively remove* abridge, blacklist, black out\*, bleach, bleep\*, blue-pencil\*, bowdlerize, clean up, conceal, control, cork\*, criticize, cut, decontaminate, delete, drop the iron curtain\*, edit, examine, excise, expurgate, excise, inspect, launder\*, narrow, oversee, prevent publication, purge, purify, put the lid on\*, refuse transmission, repress, restrain, restrict, revision, revile, sanitize, scissor out\*, squelch, sterilize, strike out, supervise communications, suppress, withhold; CONCEPTS 121,266 —*Ant.* allow, approve, endorse, permit, sanction

**ensorious** [*adj*] *very critical* accusatory, captious, carping, caviling, cavillous, chiding, complaining, condemnatory, condemning, critical, culpatory, denouncing, disapproving, disparaging, fault-finding, hypercritical, overcritical, reprehending, reproaching, severe; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* complimentary, encouraging, flattering, laudatory, praising

**ensorship** [*n*] *forbiddance; ban* blackout\*, blue pencil\*, bowdlerization, control, forbidding, hush up\*, infringing on rights, iron curtain\*, restriction, suppression, thought control\*; CONCEPTS 376,388 —*Ant.* approval, compliment, encouragement, endorsement, praise, recommendation, sanction

**censure** [*n*] *severe criticism* admonishment, admonition, blame, castigation, condemnation, disapproval, dressing down, objection, obloquy, rebuke, remonstrance, reprehension, reprimand, reproach, reproof, stricture; CONCEPTS 52,410 —*Ant.* approval, compliment, encouragement, endorsement, praise, ratification, recommendation, sanction

**censure** [*v*] *condemn; criticize severely* abuse, admonish, animadvert, asperse, attack, backbite, berate, blame, carp at, castigate, cavil, chastise, chide, contemn, cut up\*, denigrate, denounce, deprecate, disapprove, discipline, disparage, exprobrate, find fault with, get after, impugn, incriminate, judge, knock, lecture, look

askance, ostracize, pick apart, pull apart, read out\*, rebuff, rebuke, remonstrate, reprehend, reprimand, reproach, reprove, scold, take to task\*, tear apart\*, tell off, upbraid; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* allow, approve, compliment, endorse, laud, permit, sanction

**census** [*n*] *head count* demographics, demography, enumeration, poll, population tally, statistics, binds; CONCEPTS 283,786

**center** [*adj*] *middle* at halfway point, centermost, deepest, equidistant, inmost, inner, innermost, inside, interior, intermediary, intermediate, internal, mean, medial, mid, middlemost, midpoint, midway; CONCEPTS 583,585,830 —*Ant.* bordering, edging, exterior, marginal, outside, peripheral

**center** [*n1*] *middle point* axis, bull's-eye, centrality, centriole, centrum, core, cynosure, equidistance, essence, focal point, focus, gist, heart, hotbed, hub, inside, interior, intermediacy, kernel, mainstream\*, marrow, middle of the road\*, midpoint, midst, nave, navel, nucleus, omphalos, pith, pivot, place, polestar, quick, radial point, root, seat; CONCEPT 830 —*Ant.* border, boundary, edge, exterior, exteriority, margin, outside, outskirts, periphery, rim, surroundings

**center** [*n2*] *point of attraction for visitors, shoppers, travelers* capital, city, club, concourse, crossroads, focal point, focus, heart, hub, mall, market, marketplace, mart, meeting place, metropolis, nerve center, plaza, polestar, shopping center, social center, station, town, trading center; CONCEPTS 435,438,507

**center** [*v*] *concentrate, draw together* attract, bring to a focus, bring together, centralize, close on, collect, concenter, consolidate, converge upon, focalize, focus, gather, intensify, join, medialize, meet, unify; CONCEPTS 35,84 —*Ant.* disperse, dissipate

**centerpiece** [*n*] *highlight* best part, center of attention, climax, focal point, heart, high point, high spot, hub, keynote, main event, main feature, nucleus; CONCEPT 832

**central** [*adj*] *main, principal; in the middle* axial, basic, cardinal, center, centric, centroidal, chief, dominant, equidistant, essential, focal, foremost, fundamental, important, inmost, inner, interior, intermediate, key, leading, master, mean, median, mid, middle, middlemost, midmost, midway, nuclear, outstanding, overriding, paramount, pivotal, predominant, primary, prime, radical, ruling, salient, significant, umbilical; CONCEPTS 567,583,830 —*Ant.* exterior, minor, outside, peripheral, secondary

**centralize** [*v*] *concentrate, draw toward a point* accumulate, amalgamate, assemble, compact, concenter, condense, consolidate, converge, focus, gather, incorporate, integrate, organize, rationalize, streamline, systematize, unify; CONCEPTS 35,84 —*Ant.* decentralize, disperse, scatter

**centrifugal** [*adj*] *radiating from a central point* deviating, diffusive, divergent, diverging, eccentric, efferent, outward, radial, spiral, spreading; CONCEPTS 581,584 —*Ant.* centripetal

**ceramics** [*n*] *pottery* china, pots, slipware, terracotta, wares; CONCEPT 174

**cereal** [*n*] *edible grain* bran, breakfast food,



corn, grain, oats, rice, rye, wheat; CONCEPTS 428,831

**cerebral** [a] *using one's brain* analytical, brainy, deep, erudite, intellectual, intelligent, recondite, scholarly, smart; CONCEPT 402

**ceremonial** [adj] *ritual, formal* august, conventional, imposing, liturgical, lofty, mannered, ritualistic, solemn, stately, studied, stylized; CONCEPT 548 —**Ant.** informal, unceremonial

**ceremonious** [adj] *ritual, formal* civil, courteous, courtly, decorous, deferential, dignified, exact, grandiose, impressive, majestic, moving, precise, proper, punctilious, seemingly, solemn, starchy, stately, stiff, striking; CONCEPT 548 —**Ant.** informal, relaxed, unceremonious, unobserved

**ceremony** [n1] *ritual; celebratory observation* ceremonial, commemoration, custom, formality, function, liturgy, observance, ordinance, parade, rite, sacrament, service, show, solemnity, tradition; CONCEPT 386

**ceremony** [n2] *etiquette* ceremonial, conformity, decorum, form, formal courtesy, formalism, formality, nicety, politeness, pomp, preciseness, prescription, propriety, protocol, strictness, usage; CONCEPT 388

**certain** [adj1] *confident* assertive, assured, believing, calm, cocksure, convinced, positive, questionless, sanguine, satisfied, secure, self-confident, sure, unconcerned, undisturbed, undoubtful, undoubting, unperturbed, untroubled; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** doubtful, doubting, hesitant, uncertain, unconfident, unsure

**certain** [adj2] *undoubtable, valid* absolute, ascertained, authoritative, clear, conclusive, confirmable, definite, demonstrable, destined, determined, establishable, evident, firm, fixed, genuine, guaranteed, having down pat\*, incontrovertible, indubitable, infallible, in the bag\*, irrefutable, known, on ice\*, plain, positive, predestined, provable, real, reliable, safe, salted away\*, set, sound, supreme, sure, sure thing\*, true, trustworthy, unambiguous, undeniable, undoubted, unequivocal, unerring, unmistakable, verifiable; CONCEPTS 535,582 —**Ant.** doubtful, dubious, faltering, questionable, uncertain, unreliable, unsure

**certain** [adj3] *fixed* assured, bound, certified, concluded, decided, definite, determined, ensured, established, guaranteed, insured, set, settled, stated, stipulated, sure, warranted; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** uncertain, undecided, unfixed, unpredictable

**certain** [adj4] *referring to a specifically known amount* a couple, a few, defined, divers, express, individual, many, marked, numerous, one, particular, precise, regular, several, singular, some, special, specific, specified, sundry, upwards of, various; CONCEPT 557

**certainly** [adv] *without doubt* absolutely, assuredly, cert\*, exactly, for a fact, of course, positively, posolutely\*, right on\*, surely, unquestionably, without fail; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** doubtfully, dubiously, equivocally, questionably

**certainty** [n1] *positive assurance* all sewn up\*, authoritativeness, belief, certitude, cinch, confidence, conviction, credence, definiteness, dogmatism, faith, firmness, indubitableness, inevitability, lock\*, lockup\*, open and shut case\*,

positiveness, positivism, rain or shine\*, setup, shoo-in\*, staunchness, steadiness, stock, store, sure bet\*, surefire\*, sureness, sure thing\*, surety, trust, validity, wrap-up; CONCEPTS 638,725 —**Ant.** ambiguity, doubt, hesitation, questionableness, uncertainty

**certainty** [n2] *fact, resulting truth* consequence, foregone conclusion, inevitable result, reality, sure thing\*, surety; CONCEPT 230 —**Ant.** concept, idea, theory

**certificate** [n] *authorizing document* affidavit, affirmation, attestation, authentication, authorization, certification, coupon, credential, deed, diploma, docket, documentation, endorsement, guarantee, license, paper, pass, permit, receipt, record, sheepskin\*, shingle, testament, testification, testimonial, testimony, ticket, voucher, warrant, warranty; CONCEPTS 271,685

**certify** [v] *declare as true* accredit, approve, ascertain, assure, attest, authenticate, authorize, aver, avow, commission, confirm, corroborate, endorse, guarantee, license, notify, okay, profess, reassure, rubber-stamp\*, sanction, show, state, swear, testify, validate, verify, vouch, witness; CONCEPTS 50,88 —**Ant.** contradict, counteract, deny, disavow, discredit, invalidate, reject, repudiate

**cessation** [n] *ending* abeyance, arrest, break, break-off\*, breather\*, cease, ceasing, close, conclusion, cutoff\*, desistance, discontinuance, downtime\*, end, finish, freeze\*, grinding halt, halt, halting, hiatus, intermission, interruption, interval, layoff\*, let-up\*, pause, recess, remission, respite, rest, screaming halt\*, standstill, stay, stop, stoppage, suspension, termination, time off, time-out\*; CONCEPT 119 —**Ant.** beginning, commencement, start

**chafe** [v1] *rub, grind against* abrade, bark, corrode, damage, erode, excoriate, gall, grate, graze, hurt, impair, inflame, irritate, peel, ruffle, scrape, scratch, skin, wear; CONCEPT 215

**chafe** [v2] *annoy* abrade, anger, annoy, bother, exasperate, exercise, fret, fume, gall, grate, harass, incense, inflame, irk, irritate, itch, offend, provoke, rage, rasp, rub, ruffle, scrape, scratch, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19 —**Ant.** make happy

**chaff** [n] *waste* crust, debris, dregs, husks, pod, refuse, remains, rubbish, shard, shell, trash; CONCEPT 679

**chaff** [v] *joke, ridicule* banter, deride, fun, jeer, jolly, josh, kid, mock, rag\*, rally, razz\*, rib\*, scoff, taunt, tease; CONCEPT 273

**chagrin** [n] *displeasure* annoyance, balk, blow, crushing, discomfiture, discomposure, disgruntlement, dismay, disquiet, dissatisfaction, embarrassment, fretfulness, frustration, humiliation, ill-humor, irritation, letdown, mortification, peevishness, shame, spleen, upset, vexation; CONCEPTS 410,674 —**Ant.** delight, gladness, happiness, joy, pleasure, triumph

**chagrin** [v] *cause displeasure* abash, annoy, confuse, crush, discomfit, discompose, disconcert, disgrace, dismay, displease, disquiet, dissatisfy, embarrass, humiliate, irk, irritate, mortify, peeve, perturb, shame, upset, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —**Ant.** delight, make happy, please

**chain** [n1] *succession, series* alternation, catena, concatenation, conglomerate, consecution,

continuity, group, order, progression, row, sequence, set, string, syndicate, train, trust; CONCEPTS 432,727,769

**chain** [n2] *connected metal links; jewelry made of such links* bond, bracelet, cable, clinker\*, connection, coupling, fetter, iron, lavaliere, link, locket, manacle, pendant, shackle, trammel; CONCEPTS 446,476,499

**chain** [v] *manacle in metal attach, bind, confine, connect, enslave, fetter, handcuff, hold, moor, restrain, shackle, tether, tie up, trammel*; CONCEPTS 85,160

**chair** [n1] *single-seat furniture* armchair, bench, cathedra, recliner, rocker, sling\*; CONCEPT 443

**chair** [n2] *person in or position of authority* captain, chairperson, director, fellowship, helm, instructorship, leader, monitor, position of control, principal, professorate, professorship, throne, tutor, tutorship; CONCEPTS 348,376

**chairperson** [n] *person in charge of proceedings* administrator, captain, chair, director, introducer, leader, moderator, monitor, president, presider, principal, prolocutor, speaker, spokesperson, symposiarch; CONCEPTS 348,376

**challenge** [n] *dispute, question* claiming, confrontation, dare, defiance, demanding, demur, interrogation, objection, protest, provocation, remonstrance, summons to contest, test, threat, trial, ultimatum; CONCEPTS 53,532 —*Ant.* agree, answer, decide, win

**challenge** [v] *dispute, question* accost, arouse, ask for, assert, beard, brave, call for, call out, claim, confront, cross, dare, defy, demand, denounce, exact, face down, face off, face the music\*, fly in the face of\*, hang in\*, impeach, impose, impugn, inquire, insist upon, investigate, invite competition, make a point of, make a stand, object to, provoke, query, reclaim, require, search out, stand up to, stick it out, stimulate, summon, tax, test, throw down the gauntlet\*, try, vindicate; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* agreement, answer, decision, victory

**chamber** [n1] *small compartment, room* alcove, antechamber, apartment, bedchamber, bedroom, box, case, cavity, cell, chest, container, cubicle, enclosure, flat, hall, hollow, lodging, pocket, room, socket; CONCEPTS 448,494

**chamber** [n2] *legislative body* assembly, council, legislature, organization, representatives; CONCEPT 299

**champion** [adj] *best, excellent* blue-ribbon, boss\*, capital, chief, choice, cool, dandy, distinguished, first, greatest, head, illustrious, out of sight\*, out of this world\*, outstanding, premier, prime, principal, prize-winning, splendid, superior, tip top\*, top drawer\*, topflight\*, top-notch\*, tops\*, unbeaten, undefeated, world class\*; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* poorest, worst

**champion** [n] *defeater in competition; preeminent supporter* advocate, ally, backer, challenger, champ, conqueror, defender, endorser, exponent, expounder, guardian, hero, heroine, medalist, nonpareil, number one\*, numero uno\*, paladin, partisan, patron, proponent, protector, supporter, sympathizer, the greatest\*, titleholder, top dog\*, upholder, vanquisher, victor, vindicator, warrior, winner; CONCEPT 366 —*Ant.* loser

**champion** [v] *advocate, support* back, battle, contend, defend, espouse, fight for, go to bat

for\*, patronize, plead for, promote, put in a good word for\*, ride shotgun for\*, side with, stand behind, stand up for, support, thump for, uphold; CONCEPTS 10,69 —*Ant.* be against, oppose

**championship** [n] *contest for ultimate victor* crown, crowning achievement, elimination, playoffs, showdown, title match, tournament, winner takes all\*; CONCEPT 363

**chance** [adj] *accidental, unforeseeable* adventitious, at random, casual, contingent, fluky, fortuitous, fortunate, happy, inadvertent, incidental, lucky, odd, offhand, unforeseen, unintentional, unlooked for, unplanned; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* designed, foreseeable, planned, understood

**chance** [n1] *possibility, probability* break, contingency, fair shake\*, fighting chance\*, indications, liability, likelihood, long shot\*, look-in, occasion, odds, opening, opportunity, outlook, prospect, scope, shot\*, show, squeak, time, wager; CONCEPT 650 —*Ant.* assurance, certainty, design, law, plan, scheme

**chance** [n2] *fate, luck* accident, advantage, adventure, bad luck, break, cast, casualty, coincidence, contingency, destination, destiny, doom, even chance, fluke, fortuity, fortune, future, gamble, good luck, hap\*, haphazard, happening, hazard, heads or tails\*, hit\*, in the cards\*, kismet, lot, lottery, luck out\*, lucky break, misfortune, occurrence, odds, outcome, peradventure, peril, providence, risk, stroke of luck\*, throw of the dice\*, toss-up\*, turn of the cards\*, way the cookie crumbles\*, wheel of fortune\*; CONCEPT 679 —*Ant.* aim, design, plan, scheme

**chance** [n3] *gamble, risk* bet, craps game\*, fall of the cards\*, hazard, jeopardy, lottery, raffle, speculation, stake, throw of the dice\*, try, venture, wager; CONCEPT 363

**chance** [v1] *risk, endanger* attempt, cast lots, draw lots, gamble, go out on a limb, have a fling at, hazard, jeopardize, play with fire\*, plunge, put eggs in one basket\*, put it on the line\*, roll the dice\*, run the risk, skate on thin ice\*, speculate, stake, stick one's neck out\*, take shot in the dark\*, tempt fate\*, tempt fortune\*, toss up\*, try, venture, wager, wildcat; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* aim, design, plan, scheme, understand

**chance** [v2] *happen* arrive, befall, be one's fate, betide, blunder on, break, bump, come, come about, come off, come to pass, fall out, fall to one's lot, go, hap\*, hit upon, light, light upon, luck, meet, occur, stumble, stumble on, transpire, tumble, turn up; CONCEPT 4

**chancy** [adj] *dangerous, risky* capricious, contingent, dicey, erratic, fluctuant, fluky, hazardous, iffy\*, incalculable, precarious, problematic, problematical, rocky, speculative, ticklish, touchy, tricky, uncertain, unpredictable, unsound, whimsical; CONCEPTS 552,587 —*Ant.* certain, not dangerous, safe, secure, sure, tried

**chandelier** [n] *light hanging from ceiling* candelabrum, candleholder, corona, crown, electrolier, gasolier, light fixture, luster; CONCEPT 444

**change** [n1] *something made different; alteration* about-face\*, addition, adjustment, advance, break, compression, contraction, conversion, correction, development, difference, distortion, diversification, diversity,

innovation, metamorphosis, modification, modulation, mutation, novelty, permutation, reconstruction, refinement, remodeling, reversal, revision, revolution, shift, surrogate, switch, tempering, transformation, transition, transmutation, turn, turnover, variance, variation, variety, vicissitude; CONCEPTS 230,260,701

**change** [n2] *substitution; replacement* conversion, exchange, flip-flop\*, interchange, swap, switch, trade, turnaround; CONCEPT 128

**change** [n3] *smaller currency in exchange for larger* chicken feed\*, coins, copper, dimes, nickels, pennies, pin money\*, pocket money, quarters, silver, spending money; CONCEPT 340 —*Ant.* bill, dollar

**change** [v1] *make or become different* accommodate, adapt, adjust, alter, alternate, commute, convert, diminish, diverge, diversify, evolve, fluctuate, make innovations, make over, merge, metamorphose, moderate, modify, modulate, mutate, naturalize, recondition, redo, reduce, reform, regenerate, remake, remodel, renovate, reorganize, replace, resolve, restyle, revolutionize, shape, shift, substitute, tamper with, temper, transfigure, transform, translate, transmute, transpose, turn, vacillate, vary, veer, warp; CONCEPTS 228,232,235,701 —*Ant.* continue, hold, keep, persist, remain, stay

**change** [v2] *substitute, replace* alternate, barter, convert, displace, exchange, interchange, invert, remove, reverse, shift, supplant, swap, switch around, trade, transmit, transpose; CONCEPT 128

**changeable** [adj] *erratic* agitated, capricious, changeful, commutative, convertible, fickle, fitful, flighty, fluctuating, fluid, impulsive, inconstant, indecisive, irregular, irresolute, irresponsible, kaleidoscopic, mercurial, mobile, movable, mutable, permutable, protean, restless, reversible, revocable, shifting, skittish, spasmodic, transformable, transitional, uncertain, unpredictable, unreliable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, vacillating, vagrant, variable, variant, varying, versatile, volatile, wavering, whimsical; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* certain, changeless, constant, fixed, lasting, reliable, stable, steady, sure, unchangeable, undeviating

**channel** [n1] *pathway, usually containing water* approach, aqueduct, arroyo, artery, avenue, canal, canyon, carrier, chamber, chase, conduit, course, dig, ditch, duct, fluting, furrow, gouge, groove, gully, gutter, main, means, medium, pass, passage, pipe, raceway, route, runway, sewer, slit, sound, strait, tideway, trough, tube, tunnel, vein, watercourse, way; CONCEPTS 501, 514

**channel** [n2] *means* agency, agent, approach, avenue, course, instrument, instrumentality, instrumentation, medium, ministry, organ, route, vehicle, way; CONCEPTS 6,660,770

**channel** [v] *direct, guide* carry, conduct, convey, funnel, pipe, route, send, siphon, traject, transmit, transport; CONCEPTS 187,217

**chant** [n] *chorus of song* carol, croon, hymn, incantation, intonation, lilt, melody, psalm, shout, singing, song, trill, tune, warble; CONCEPTS 263

**chant** [v] *sing simple song or song part* cantillate, carol, chorus, croon, descendant, doxologize, drone, intone, recite, shout, tune, vocalize, warble; CONCEPTS 65,77

**chaos** [n] *utter confusion* anarchy, ataxia, bedlam, clutter, disarray, discord, disorder, disorganization, entropy, free-for-all\*, holy mess\*, lawlessness, misrule, mix-up, mobocracy, muddle, pandemonium, rat's nest\*, snarl, topsy-turviness\*, tumult, turmoil, unruliness; CONCEPTS 230,674 —*Ant.* calm, harmony, normality, order, organization, quiet, system

**chaotic** [adj] *utterly confused* anarchic, deranged, disordered, disorganized, every which way\*, harum-scarum\*, helter-skelter\*, lawless, purposeless, rampageous, riotous, topsy-turvy\*, tumultuous, turbid, turbulent, uncontrolled; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* calm, harmonized, normal, ordered, organized, quiet, systematic

**chaperon** [n] *person who accompanies for supervision* alarm clock\*, babysitter\*, bird dog\*, companion, escort; CONCEPT 423

**chaperon** [v] *accompany for supervision* attend, carry, conduct, consort with, convoy, escort, guide, oversee, protect, safeguard, shepherd, supervise, watch over; CONCEPTS 114,714

**chaplain** [n] *minister in church* cleric, member of clergy, pastor, preacher, priest, rabbi, turnaround collar\*; CONCEPT 361

**chapter** [n] *section of book or group of items* affiliate, branch, clause, division, episode, member, offshoot, part, period, phase, stage, topic, unit, wing; CONCEPTS 270,382,832

**char** [v] *scorch, sear* burn, carbonize, cauterize, singe; CONCEPT 249

**character** [n1] *individuality* appearance, aspect, attribute, badge, bent, caliber, cast, complex, complexion, constitution, crisis, disposition, emotions, estimation, ethos, frame, frame of mind, genius, grain, habit, humor, kind, makeup, mettle, mood, morale, mystique, nature, personality, quality, record, reputation, repute, sense, set, shape, singularity, sort, speciality, spirit, standing, streak, style, temper, temperament, tone, trait, turn, type, vein; CONCEPT 411

**character** [n2] *integrity* courage, fame, honor, intelligence, mind, name, place, position, rank, rectitude, rep, report, reputation, repute, standing, station, status, uprightness; CONCEPT 668

**character** [n3] *odd person* card\*, case\*, clown, crank\*, customer\*, duck\*, eccentric, figure, freak, nut, oddball, oddity, original\*, personage, personality, queer, spook\*, wack\*, weirdo, zombie\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**character** [n4] *written symbol* cipher, device, emblem, figure, hieroglyph, letter, logo, mark, monogram, number, numeral, rune, sign, type; CONCEPT 284

**character** [n5] *portrayal of another* impersonation, part, personification, role; CONCEPT 263

**characteristic** [adj] *typical; distinguishing* appropriate, diagnostic, differentiating, discriminating, discriminative, distinctive, distinguishing, emblematic, especial, essential, exclusive, fixed, idiosyncratic, inborn, inbred, indicative, individual, individualistic, individualizing, ingrained, inherent, innate, local, marked, native, normal, original, particular, peculiar, personal, private, proper, regular, representative, singular, special, specific, symbolic, symptomatic, unique; CONCEPTS 542,547,550 —*Ant.* abnormal, uncharacteristic, untypical

**characteristic** [*n*] *typical feature, trait* affection, aspect, attribute, badge, bag, bearing, bent, caliber, cast, complexion, component, differential, disposition, distinction, earmark, endowment, essence, essential, faculty, flavor, frame, idiosyncrasy, inclination, individuality, lineament, mannerism, mark, mood, nature, originality, particularity, peculiarity, personality, point, property, quality, singularity, specialty, streak, stripe, style, symptom, temperament, tendency, thing, thumbprint, tinge, tone, trademark, turn, virtue; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* abnormality

**characterize** [*v*] *typify, distinguish* belong to, brand, button down\*, constitute, define, delineate, describe, designate, differentiate, discriminate, feature, identify, indicate, individualize, individuate, inform, make up, mark, outline, peculiarize, peg, personalize, pigeonhole\*, portray, represent, signalize, singularize, stamp, style, symbolize, tab, typecast; CONCEPT 644

**charade** [*n*] *pretense* deception, disguise, fake, farce, make-believe, mimicry, pageant, pantomime, parody, pretension, pretentiousness, put-on, travesty, trick; CONCEPT 59

**charge** [*n1*] *accusation* allegation, beef\*, complaint, gripe, imputation, indictment, plaint, stink\*; CONCEPTS 44,317 —*Ant.* exculpation, exoneration, freeing

**charge** [*n2*] *attack* assault, blitz, blitzkrieg, invasion, mugging, onset, onslaught, outbreak, push, rush, sortie; CONCEPT 86 —*Ant.* retreat

**charge** [*n3*] *burden* care, commitment, committal, concern, custody, deadweight, duty, millstone, must, need, obligation, office, onus, ought, responsibility, right, safekeeping, task, tax, trust, ward, weight; CONCEPTS 532,709

**charge** [*n4*] *price asked for something* amount, bad news\*, bite, cost, damage, expenditure, expense, nick, outlay, payment, price, price tag, rate, squeeze, tab, tariff, tick; CONCEPT 329

**charge** [*n5*] *command* behest, bidding, dictate, direction, exhortation, injunction, instruction, mandate, order, precept, word; CONCEPTS 53,274

**charge** [*n6*] *supervisory responsibility* care, conduct, custody, handling, intendance, management, oversight, running, superintendence, superintendency, supervision, ward; CONCEPT 117

**charge** [*v1*] *accuse* arraign, blame, blow the whistle on\*, censure, criminate, drag into court\*, finger\*, hang something on\*, impeach, impugn, impute, incriminate, inculpate, indict, involve, peg, point the finger at\*, reprehend, reproach, tax, turn on, whistle-blow\*; CONCEPTS 44,317 —*Ant.* exculpate, exonerate, free

**charge** [*v2*] *attack* assail, assault, blindside, bolt, buck, bushwhack\*, chase, dash, invade, jump on, lunge, mug, rush, smash, stampe, storm, tear; CONCEPT 86 —*Ant.* retreat

**charge** [*v3*] *load, tax* afflict, burden, choke, clog, commit, cram, crowd, cumber, encumber, entrust, fill, heap, impregnate, instill, lade, pack, penetrate, permeate, pervade, pile, ram, saddle, saturate, suffuse, transfuse, weigh; CONCEPTS 107,156,740

**charge** [*v4*] *order something done* adjure, ask, bid, command, direct, enjoin, entrust, exhort,

instruct, request, require, solicit, tell, warn; CONCEPTS 53,78

**charge** [*v5*] *ask a price* demand, fix price at, impose, levy, price, require, sell for; CONCEPTS 330,345 —*Ant.* pay

**charge** [*v6*] *pay with credit card* book, buy on credit, chalk up, cuff, debit, encumber, go into hock\*, incur debt, nick\*, paste\*, put on account, put on one's card, put on the cuff, put on the tab, receive credit, run up; CONCEPTS 327,330 —*Ant.* pay by check, pay cash

**charisma** [*n*] *great personal charm* allure, animal magnetism\*, appeal, dazzle, drawing power, fascination, flash, glamour, it\*, magnetism, pizzazz\*, something\*, star quality, witchcraft, witchery; CONCEPT 411

**charismatic** [*adj*] *charming* alluring, appealing, hypnotic, larger than life\*, magnetic, mesmerizing, poised; CONCEPTS 529,537

**charitable** [*adj1*] *giving, generous* accommodating, all heart, altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, benign, big\*, bighearted\*, bountiful, eleemosynary, good, helpful, humane, humanitarian, kind, kindly, lavish, liberal, obliging, philanthropic, sympathetic; CONCEPTS 334,542 —*Ant.* inhumane, malevolent, mean, uncharitable, unkind, unsympathetic

**charitable** [*adj2*] *kind, lenient* all heart\*, benevolent, big\*, bighearted\*, broad-minded, clement, considerate, easy, favorable, forbearing, forgiving, gracious, humane, indulgent, kindly, lenient, magnanimous, merciful, sympathetic, thoughtful, tolerant, understanding; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* hard, harsh, inhumane, mean, rough, severe, tough

**charity** [*n1*] *generosity, gift* alms, alms-giving, assistance, benefaction, beneficence, contribution, dole, donation, endowment, fund, gifting, hand\*, hand-out, helping hand\*, largesse, oblation, offering, philanthropy, relief, write-off; CONCEPTS 337,657 —*Ant.* stealing, taking

**charity** [*n2*] *kindness, compassion* affection, agape, altruism, amity, attachment, benevolence, benignity, bountifulness, bounty, caritas, clemency, fellow feeling, generosity, goodness, goodwill, grace, humanness, humanity, indulgence, kindness, lenity, love, magnanimity, mercy, tenderheartedness; CONCEPTS 32,411 —*Ant.* malevolence, uncharitableness, unkindness

**charlatan** [*n*] *swindler* cheat, con, con artist, fake, fraud, imposter, mountebank, phony, pretender, quack, rip-off artist\*, sham; CONCEPTS 260,412

**charm** [*n1*] *enchantment, allure* agreeableness, allurement, appeal, attraction, attractiveness, beauty, bewitchery, charisma, chemistry, conjuration, delightfulness, desirability, fascination, glamour, grace, it\*, lure, magic, magnetism, pizzazz\*, something\*, sorcery, spell, star quality, witchery; CONCEPTS 411,673 —*Ant.* repulsion

**charm** [*n2*] *talisman* amulet, fetish, good-luck piece, juju, lucky piece, madstone, mascot, physlactery, rabbit's foot, trinket, zemi; CONCEPTS 284,446

**charm** [*v*] *enchant* allure, attract, beguile, bewitch, cajole, captivate, delight, draw, enamor, enrapture, ensorcell, enthrall, entrance, fascinate, grab, hex, hypnotize, inveigle, kill\*, knock

dead\*, knock out\*, magnetize, mesmerize, please, possess, put under a spell\*, send\*, slay\*, spell\*, sweep off feet\*, take\*, tickle, tickle pink\*, transport, turn on\*, vamp, voodoo, wile, win, win over, wow\*; CONCEPTS 7.22 —**Ant.** displease, irritate, offend, repel, repulse, turn off

**charming** [*adj*] *captivating* absorbing, alluring, amiable, appealing, attractive, bewitching, charismatic, choice, cute, dainty, delectable, delicate, delightful, desirable, electrifying, elegant, enamoring, engaging, engrossing, enthralling, entrancing, eye-catching, fascinating, fetching, glamorous, graceful, infatuating, inviting, irresistible, likable, lovable, lovely, magnetizing, nice, pleasant, pleasing, provocative, rapturous, ravishing, seducing, seductive, sweet, tantalizing, tempting, titillating, winning, winsome; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** frightening, irritating, offensive, repellent, repulsing, repulsive, terrifying

**chart** [*n*] *map, plan* blueprint, diagram, graph, outline, plat, plot, rough draft, scheme, sketch, table, tabulation; CONCEPTS 625,660

**chart** [*v*] *plan, map out* arrange, block out, blueprint, cast, delineate, design, devise, draft, graph, lay out, outline, plot, project, shape, sketch; CONCEPTS 36,174

**charter** [*n*] *treaty, agreement* allotment, bond, code, concession, constitution, contract, conveyance, deed, document, endowment, franchise, grant, indenture, license, pact, patent, permit, prerogative, privilege, right, settlement; CONCEPTS 684,685

**charter** [*v*] *reserve, commission* allow, authorize, borrow, contract, employ, engage, hire, lease, let, license, permit, rent, sanction; CONCEPTS 48,50,88,89 —**Ant.** cancel

**chary** [*adj*] *careful, cautious* cagey, calculating, canny, circumspect, considerate, constrained, discreet, economical, fastidious, frugal, gingerly, guarded, heedful, hesitant, inhibited, leery, loath, miserly, particular, prudent, reluctant, restrained, safe, scrupulous, sparing, stingy, suspicious, thrifty, uneasy, wary, watchful; CONCEPTS 401,587 —**Ant.** careless, hasty, heedless, incautious, rash, uncaring, willing

**chase** [*n*] *pursuit* hunt, hunting, quest, race, venery; CONCEPT 207 —**Ant.** escape, retreat

**chase** [*v*] *run after, pursue* bird-dog\*, charge, chivy, course, drive, drive away, expel, follow, go after, hound, hunt, run down, rush, seek, shag\*, speed, take off after\*, tear, track, track down, trail; CONCEPT 207 —**Ant.** escape, retreat, run away

**chasm** [*n*] *gap, abyss* abyss, alienation, arroyo, blank, breach, cavity, cleavage, cleft, clough, clove, crater, crevasse, fissure, flume, gorge, gulch, gulf, hiatus, hole, hollow, omission, opening, oversight, preterition, ravine, rent, rift, schism, skip, split, void, yawn; CONCEPT 513 —**Ant.** closure, junction, juncture

**chaste** [*adj*] *pure, incorrupt* austere, celibate, clean, continent, controlled, decent, decorous, elegant, immaculate, impotent, inexperienced, innocent, intemperate, modest, monogamous, moral, neat, platonic, proper, prudish, quiet, refined, restrained, simple, spotless, stainless, subdued, unaffected, unblemished, uncontaminated, undefiled, unstained, unsullied, unwed,

vestal, virginal, virtuous, wholesome; CONCEPTS 372,404 —**Ant.** corrupt, defiled, dirty, lewd, unchaste, wanton

**chasten** [*v*] *correct, humiliate* abase, admonish, afflict, berate, call down, castigate, chastise, chide, cow, curb, discipline, exprobate, fulminate against, have on the carpet\*, humble, objugate, penalize, punish, rake over the coals\*, rebuke, reprehend, repress, reprimand, reproach, reprove, restrain, scold, scourge, soften, subdue, take to task, tame, tongue-lash\*, try, upbraid; CONCEPTS 52,122 —**Ant.** aid, animate, assist, boost, cheer, comfort, embolden, encourage, help, honor, uplift

**chastise** [*v*] *scold, discipline* baste, beat, berate, castigate, censure, chasten, chew out\*, climb all over\*, correct, ferule\*, flog\*, lash\*, lay into\*, lean on\*, pummel, punish, ream, scourge, skelp, slap down\*, spank, thrash, upbraid, whip; CONCEPTS 52,122 —**Ant.** cheer, comfort, compliment, encourage, forgive, inspire, promote

**chastity** [*n*] *celibacy, purity* abstemiousness, abstinence, chasteness, cleanness, continence, decency, demureness, devotion, honor, immaculacy, innocence, integrity, modesty, monogamy, morality, naiveté, restraint, single-ness, sinlessness, spotlessness, temperance, uprightness, virginity, virtue; CONCEPT 633 —**Ant.** dirtiness, fornication

**chat** [*n*] *talk, often short* babble, bull session, chatter, conversation, converse, gab\*, gas\*, gossip, heart-to-heart\*, hot air\*, jabber\*, palaver, prattle\*, rap\*, rap session\*, tête-à-tête, visit, yak\*; CONCEPT 278 —**Ant.** quiet, silence

**chat** [*v*] *talk, gossip* babble, blab\*, burble, cackle, chatter, chew the fat\*, chew the rag\*, converse, gab\*, go on\*, jaw\*, prate, prattle\*, run on\*, shoot the breeze\*, yap\*; CONCEPT 266 —**Ant.** be quiet

**chat room** [*n*] *interaction via computer* data communication channel, live discussion, net event, room; CONCEPTS 349,770

**chatter** [*n*] *constant or rapid talk* babble, blather, chat, chitchat, gas\*, gossip, jabber\*, palaver, prattle\*, twaddle, yakking\*; CONCEPTS 266,278 —**Ant.** drawl

**chatter** [*v*] *speak fast and non-stop* babble, blab\*, blather, cackle, chat, chitchat, clack, gab\*, gabble, gas\*, gibber, go on and on, gossip, jabber, jaw\*, natter, palaver, prate, prattle\*, tattle, twaddle, twiddle, yak\*; CONCEPT 266 —**Ant.** drawl

**chatty** [*adj*] *talkative* colloquial, communicative, conversational, familiar, friendly, gabby, garrulous, gossipy, informal, intimate, loose-lipped, loquacious, multieloquent, spontaneous, talky; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** quiet, silent, untalkative

**chauvinism** [*n*] *extreme devotion to a belief or nation* bellicism, ethnocentricity, fanatical patriotism, fanaticism, jingoism, narrowness, nationalism, zealotry; CONCEPT 689 —**Ant.** unbiased

**cheap** [*adj*] *inexpensive* at a bargain, bargain, bargain-basement\*, bargain-counter, bought for a song\*, budget, buy, cheapo\*, competitive, cost next to nothing\*, cut-price, cut-rate, depreciated, dime a dozen\*, easy on the pocket-book\*, economical, half-priced, irregular, low-cost, lowered, low-priced, low tariff,

marked down, moderate, nominal, on sale, popularly priced, real buy\*, reasonable, reduced, sale, slashed, standard, steal, uncostly, undear, utility, worth the money\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* costly, dear, expensive

**cheap** [*adj*2] *inferior, low in quality* bad, base, bogus, catchpenny, cheesy, common, commonplace, crappy\*, cruddy, dud, flashy, garbage, garish, glitzy\*, junky\*, lousy, mangy, mean, mediocre, meretricious, no bargain\*, no good, ordinary, paltry, poor, ratty, raunchy, rinky-dink\*, rotten, rubbishy, scroungy, second-rate, shoddy, sleazy, small-time\*, tatty, tawdry, terrible, trashy, trumpy, two-bit, valueless, white elephant\*, worthless; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* excellent, noble, precious, priceless, superior, valuable, worthy

**cheap** [*adj*3] *low, vulgar* abject, base, beggarly, contemptible, despicable, dirty, dishonest, mean, pitiable, scurvy, shabby, sordid, sorry, tawdry, vile; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* sophisticated, superior, upper

**cheap** [*adj*4] *concerned with saving money* mean, mingy, miserly, penny-pinching, stingy, thrifty, tight\*, tight-wad\*; CONCEPT 332

**cheaper** [*v*] *diminish* waste abuse, beat down, belittle, corrupt, damage, debase, decline, decry, degrade, demean, denigrate, depreciate, derogate, devalue, discredit, disparage, downgrade, drop, fall, lose value, lower, mar, mark down, minimize, reduce, render worthless, ruin, spoil, undervalue, write off; CONCEPT 240 —*Ant.* appreciate, enhance, increase, raise, upgrade

**cheat** [*n*1] *person who fools others* bluff, charlatan, chiseler, con artist, confidence operator, conniver, cozener, crook, deceiver, decoy, defrauder, dodger, double-crosser\*, double-dealer\*, enticer, fake, hypocrite, impostor, inveigler, jockey, masquerader, pretender, quack, rascal, rogue, scammer\*, shark, sharper, shyster, swindler, trickster; CONCEPT 412

**cheat** [*n*2] *trick* artifice, baloney, bamboozlement\*, bill of goods\*, bunco, chicanery, con, con game, cover up, cozening, deceit, deception, dirty pool\*, dirty trick\*, dodge, double-dealing\*, fake, fast one, fast shuffle\*, fix, flimflam, frame, fraud, gyp, hanky-panky\*, hoax, hoaxing, humbug, hustle, imposture, jazz, jive, plant, put-on, racket, rip-off, run around, scam, sell, shady deal, sham, shell game, snow job\*, spoof, sting, stunt, swindle, trickery, whitewash, wrong; CONCEPT 59

**cheat** [*v*1] *defraud, fool* bamboozle\*, beat, beguile, bilk, bleed, bunco, burn, caboodle, chisel, con, cozen, crib, cross, deceive, defraud, delude, diddle\*, do\*, do a number on\*, double-cross, double-deal, dupe, fast talk, finagle, fleece, flimflam, fudge\*, give bum steer\*, gouge, gyp\*, hoodwink, hose, jerk around, milk, mislead, pull one's leg\*, ream\*, rip off\*, rook\*, rope in\*, sandbag, scam, screw, shaft, short, shuck, skin, snow, stiff, sucker, swindle, take, take for a ride\*, take in, take out, trick, trim, two-time, victimize; CONCEPTS 59, 139, 192

**cheat** [*v*2] *frustrate, thwart* baffle, check, defeat, deprive, foil, prevent; CONCEPT 121

**check** [*n*1] *inspection, examination* analysis, audit, checkup, control, inquiry, investigation,

poll, rein, research, review, scrutiny, test;

CONCEPT 103

**check** [*n*2] *restraint, hindrance* blow, constraint, control, curb, damper, disappointment, frustration, grunt, harness, holdup, impediment, inhibition, limitation, obstruction, rebuff, rejection, restrainer, reversal, reverse, setback, stoppage, trouble; CONCEPTS 121, 130, 230 —*Ant.* aid, allowance, assistance, help, indulgence, liberation, permission

**check** [*n*3] *symbol for ticking off* cross, dot, line, mark, score, sign, stroke, tick, X\*; CONCEPT 284

**check** [*n*4] *pattern of squares* checkerboard, patchwork, plaid, quilt, tartan; CONCEPT 436

**check** [*v*1] *inspect, examine* analyze, ascertain, audit, balance account, candle, case, compare, confirm, correct, count, enquire about, eyeball\*, find out, frisk, go through, investigate, keep account, look at, look over, look see\*, make sure, monitor, note, overlook, probe, prove, quiz, review, scout out, scrutinize, study, take stock, tell, test, try, verify; CONCEPTS 24, 103

**check** [*v*2] *hinder, restrain* arrest, baffle, bar, bit, bottleneck\*, bridle, checkmate, choke, circumvent, constrain, control, counteract, curb, cut short, delay, discourage, foil, frustrate, halt, harness, hold, hold back, hold down, hold in, impede, inhibit, interrupt, keep back, limit, moderate, neutralize, nip in the bud\*, obstruct, obviate, pause, play for time, preclude, prevent, rebuff, reduce, rein in, repress, repulse, retard, slacken pace, slow down, snub, squelch, stay, stop, suppress, tame, terminate, thwart, withhold; CONCEPTS 121, 130 —*Ant.* aid, allow, assist, expedite, help, indulge, liberate, permit

**checkered** [*adj*] *patterned* checky, diversified, motley, mutable, patchwork, plaid, quilted, spotted, variegated; CONCEPT 486

**cheek** [*n*1] *side of human face* chop\*,

choppers\*, gill, jowl; CONCEPT 418

**cheek** [*n*2] *audacity, boldness* brashness, brass\*, brazenness, chutzpah\*, confidence, disrespect, effrontery, gall, impertinence, impudence, insolence, lip\*, nerve\*, presumption, rudeness, sauce\*, temerity; CONCEPT 633

—*Ant.* humbleness, meekness, timidity

**cheeky** [*adj*] *impudent* audacious, ballsy\*, bold, brash, brazen, disrespectful, forward, impertinent, insolent, insulting, nervy, saucy; CONCEPTS 401, 404

**cheep** [*v*] *vocalize as a bird* chip, chipper, chirp, chirrup, peep, tweedle, tweet, twitter; CONCEPT 64

**cheer** [*n*1] *happiness* animation, buoyancy, cheerfulness, cheeriness, comfort, delight, encouragement, exuberance, gaiety, geniality, gladness, glee, good cheer, hilarity, hopefulness, jauntiness, jocundity, joy, joyousness, lightheartedness, liveliness, merriment, merry-making, mirth, optimism, solace; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* depression, gloom, gravity, melancholy, sadness, seriousness, unhappiness

**cheer** [*n*2] *applause, supportive yell* acclamation, approbation, approval, cry, encouragement, hurrah, hurray, huzzah, ovation, plaudits, roar, shout; CONCEPTS 69, 77 —*Ant.* boo

**cheer** [*v*1] *make someone feel happier* animate, brace up, brighten, buck up\*, buoy, comfort, console, elate, elevate, embolden, encourage,

enliven, exhilarate, give a lift\*, gladden, hearten, help, incite, inspire, let the sun shine in\*, perk up, pick up, put on cloud nine\*, put on top of the world\*, snat out of it\*, solace, steel, strengthen, uplift, upraise, warm; CONCEPTS 7,22 —**Ant.** bring down, depress, dishearten, make unhappy

**cheer** [v2] *encourage in activity* acclaim, applaud, clap, hail, hurrah, plug\*, rise to, root, salute, sound off for, support, yell; CONCEPT 69 —**Ant.** discourage, dishearten, dissuade

**cheerful** [adj] *happy* airy, animated, blithe, bouncy, bright, bucked, buoyant, cheery, chipper, chirpy, contented, effervescent, enlivening, enthusiastic, full of pep, gay, glad, gladsome, good-humored, good-natured, hearty, high, hilarious, hopeful, in good spirits, in high spirits, jaunty, jocund, jolly, joyful, lighthearted, lively, merry, optimistic, peppy, perky, pleasant, roseate, rosy, sanguine, snappy, sparkling, sprightly, sunny, sunny side up\*, up\*, upbeat, vivacious, winsome, zappy, zingy, zippy; CONCEPTS 403,404 —**Ant.** cheerless, depressed, gloomy, grave, heavy, melancholy, sad, serious, unhappy

**cheering** [adj] *encouraging* auspicious, bright, comforting, heartening, hopeful, promising, propitious; CONCEPT 529 —**Ant.** dejecting, depressing, discouraging, disheartening

**cheerless** [adj] *depressing, unhappy* austere, black, bleak, blue, comfortless, dark, dejected, dejecting, depressed, desolate, despondent, disconsolate, dismal, dispiriting, dolorous, drab, draggy, dreariness, dreary, dull, forlorn, funereal, gloomy, grim, in the dumps\*, jarring, joyless, melancholy, miserable, mopey, mournful, oppressive, sad, somber, sorrowful, sullen, tenebrous, uncomfortable, wintry, woebegone, woeful; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** bright, cheerful, happy, uplifting

**chef** [n] *cook* chief cook and bottle washer\*, cuisinier, culinary artist, gourmet chef, hash slinger\*, sous chef; CONCEPT 348

**chemical** [adj] *concerned with atom and molecule change* actinic, alchemical, enzymatic, synthesized, synthetic, syntheical; CONCEPT 536

**cherish** [v] *care about deeply* admire, adore, appreciate, appraise, care for, clasp, cleave to, cling to, coddle, comfort, cosset, cultivate, defend, dote on, embrace, encourage, enshrine, entertain, fancy, fondle, foster, guard, harbor, hold dear, hold in high esteem, honor, hug, idolize, like, love, nourish, nurse, nurture, pet, preserve, prize, revere, reverence, safeguard, shelter, shield, support, sustain, treasure, value, venerate, worship; CONCEPT 32 —**Ant.** abandon, denounce, forsake, not care, renounce

**cherry** [adj] *bright red color* blooming, blushing, bright red, cerise, claret, crimson, dark red, erubescens, incarnadine, reddish, rosy, rubescent, rubicund, ruddy; CONCEPT 618

**cherry-picker** [n] *truck with raisable boom* boom, cable truck, telephone truck, utility truck; CONCEPT 505

**chest** [n1] *box for storage* bin, bureau, cabinet, carton, case, casket, chiffonier, coffer, commode, crate, exchequer, pyxis, receptacle, reliquary, strongbox, treasury, trunk; CONCEPT 494

**chest** [n2] *upper front of body* bosom, breast,

bust, heart, mammary glands, peritoneum, pulmonary cavity, rib cage, ribs, thorax, upper trunk; CONCEPT 392 —**Ant.** back

**chew** [v1] *grind with teeth* bite, champ, chaw, chomp, crunch, dispatch, feast upon, gnaw, gulp, gum, manducate, masticate, munch, nibble, rend, ruminate, scrunch; CONCEPTS 169,185

**chew** [v2] *think about deeply* consider, deliberate, meditate, mull, mull over, muse on, ponder, reflect upon, ruminate, weigh; CONCEPT 24 —**Ant.** ignore

**chew out** [v] *scold* bawl out, carpet\*, criticize, dress down, jaw, revile, tell off, tongue-lash\*, vituperate, wig, yell at; CONCEPT 52 —**Ant.** compliment, laud, praise

**chic** [adj] *fashionable* chichi\*, clean\*, current, dap\*, dapper, dashing, elegant, exclusive, faddish, last word\*, latest thing\*, mod\*, modern, modish, natty, sharp, smart, stylish, swank, trendy, voguish, with-it\*; CONCEPT 589 —**Ant.** dull, old-fashioned, out-moded, unfashionable

**chicanery** [n] *deception, trickery* artifice, cheating, chicaner, deviousness, dishonesty, dodge, double-crossing, double-dealing\*, duplicity, feint, fourberie, fraud, furtiveness, gambit, hanky-panky\*, intrigue, machination, maneuver, plot, ploy, ruse, sharp practice, skullduggery, sophistry, stratagem, subterfuge, surreptitiousness, underhandedness, wiles; CONCEPT 59,660 —**Ant.** forthrightness, honesty, truthfulness

**chicken** [n1] *person afraid to try something* coward, craven, dastard, funk, poltroon, quitter, recreant, scaredy cat\*, yellow belly\*; CONCEPT 423

**chicken** [n2] *farm fowl* banty, barnyard fowl, biddy, capon, chick, cock, cock-a-doodle-do\*, cockalorum, cockerel, gump\*, heeler, hen, poultry, pullet, rooster; CONCEPTS 394,395

**chicken feed** [n] *small amount of money* coins, nickles and dimes\*, paltry sum, peanuts\*, pin money\*, pocket money, small change, small potatoes\*, spending money; CONCEPT 340

**chicken out** [v] *back out* avoid, back down, back pedal\*, beg off\*, blow it off\*, cancel, chicken out\*, cop out\*, get cold feet\*, give up, go back on, recant, renege, resign, scratch, shy from, surrender, throw in the towel\*, turn yellow\*, weasel out, welsh, wiggle out, withdraw, worm out\*; CONCEPTS 50,88,121,266,697

**chide** [v] *criticize, lecture* admonish, berate, blame, call down\*, call on the carpet\*, castigate, censure, check, condemn, exprobrate, find fault, flay, give a hard time\*, lesson, monish, rate, rebuke, reprehend, reprimand, reproach, approve, scold, slap on the wrist\*, speak to, take down\*, take down a peg\*, talk to, tell off, tick off\*, upbraid; CONCEPT 52 —**Ant.** compliment, laud, praise

**chief** [adj] *most important, essential* arch, capital, cardinal, central, champion, consequential, controlling, crucial, effective, especial, first, foremost, grand, head, highest, key, leading, main, major, momentous, number one\*, outstanding, paramount, potent, predominant, preeminent, premier, primal, primary, prime, principal, ruling, significant, star, stellar, superior, supreme, telling, uppermost, vital, weighty; CONCEPTS 568,574,829 —**Ant.** inessential, minor, secondary, subordinate, unimportant, unnecessary

**chief** [*n*] *person in charge* big cheese\*, big gun\*, big wheel\*, bigwig\*, boss, captain, chief-tain, commander, dictator, director, foreperson, general, governor, head, head honcho\*, head person\*, honcho\*, key player\*, leader, manager, monarch, overlord, overseer, president, principal, proprietor, ringleader, ruler, sovereign, superintendent, supervisor, suzerain, top brass\*, top cat\*; CONCEPTS 347,376 —*Ant.* apprentice, employee, servant, subordinate, underling, worker

**chiefly** [*adv*] *most importantly* above all, especially, essentially, in general, in the first place, in the main, largely, mainly, mostly, on the whole, overall, predominantly, primarily, principally, usually; CONCEPTS 567,772 —*Ant.* unimportantly

**child** [*n*] *very young person* adolescent, anklebiter\*, babe, baby, bairn, bambino, brat, cherub, chick, cub, descendant, dickens\*, imp, infant, innocent, issue, juvenile, kid, kiddie\*, lamb\*, little angel\*, little darling\*, little doll\*, little one, minor, mite, moppet, neonate, nestling, newborn, nipper, nursling, offspring, preteen, progeny, pubescent, shaver, small fry\*, sprout, squirt, stripling, suckling, tadpole, teen, teenager, teenybopper\*, toddler, tot, tyke, urchin\*, whippersnapper\*, young one, youngster, youth; CONCEPTS 414,424 —*Ant.* adult

**childbirth** [*n*] *giving birth* accouchement, bearing children, blessed event\*, childbed, confinement, delivering, delivery, labor, lying-in, nativity, parturience, parturition, procreation, producing, propagation, reproduction, travail, visit from the stork\*; CONCEPTS 302,373

**childhood** [*n*] *period of being young* adolescence, babyhood, cradle, immaturity, infancy, juniority, juvenility, minority, nonage, nursery, puberty, pupilage, schooldays, teens, tender age, youth; CONCEPTS 816,817 —*Ant.* adulthood

**childish** [*adj*] *immature, silly* adolescent, baby, babyish, callow, childlike, foolish, frivolous, green, infantile, infantine, innocent, jejune, juvenile, kid stuff\*, naive, puerile, unsophisticated, young, youthful; CONCEPTS 401,402,424, 578,797 —*Ant.* adult, mature, sensible, serious, wise

**childlike** [*adj*] *innocent, naive* artless, childish, credulous, guileless, immature, ingenuous, natural, simple, spontaneous, trustful, trusting, unaffected, unfeigned; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* complicated, untrusting

**chill** [*adj*1] *cold, raw* arctic, biting, bleak, brisk, chilly, cool, freezing, frigid, frosty, gelid, glacial, icy, nippy, sharp, wintry; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* hot, warm

**chill** [*adj*2] *unfriendly, aloof* cool, depressing, discouraging, dismal, dispiriting, distant, emotionless, formal, frigid, glacial, hateful, hostile, icy, indifferent, reserved, solitary, standoffish, stony, uncompanionable, unemotional, ungenial, unhappy, unresponsive, unwelcoming, wintry, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* friendly, responsive, sympathetic, warm

**chill** [*n*] *cold conditions* bite, coldness, coolness, crispness, frigidty, gelidity, iciness, nip, rawness, rigor, sharpness; CONCEPT 524 —*Ant.* heat, warmth

**chill** [*v*1] *make cold* air-condition, congeal, cool,

freeze, frost, ice, refrigerate; CONCEPTS 255,521 —*Ant.* heat, warm

**chill** [*v*2] *discourage* cloud, dampen, dash, deject, demoralize, depress, dishearten, dismay, disparage, dispirit; CONCEPTS 7,19

—*Ant.* encourage, hearten, incite, inspirit  
**chilly** [*adj*1] *cold* arctic, biting, blowy, breezy, brisk, cool, crisp, drafty, freezing, fresh, frosty, glacial, hawkish, icebox, icy, nippy, penetrating, sharp, snappy, wintry; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* hot, tropical, warm

**chilly** [*adj*2] *unfriendly, aloof* cold, frigid, hostile, unfriendly, unresponsive, unsympathetic, unwelcoming; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* friendly, responsive, sympathetic, warm, welcoming

**chime** [*v*] *ring, peal* bell, bong, boom, clang, dong, jingle, knell, sound, strike, tinkle, tinnabulate, toll; CONCEPT 65

**chimera** [*n*] *dream, fantasy* bogey, bubble, delusion, fabrication, fancy, fata morgana, figment, fool's paradise\*, hallucination, ignis fatuus, illusion, mirage, monster, monstrosity, pipe dream\*, rainbow\*, snare, specter, virtual reality; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* reality, truth

**chimney** [*n*] *smokestack for building* chase, chimney pot, chimney stack, fireplace, flue, funnel, furnace, hearth, pipe, smokeshaft, stack, vent, ventilator; CONCEPT 440

**chin** [*n*] *area under mouth* button, jaw, jawbone, mandible, mentum, mouth; CONCEPT 399

**china** [*n*] *dishes, often valuable* ceramics, crockery, porcelain, pottery, service, stoneware, tableware, ware; CONCEPT 493

**chink** [*n*] *opening* aperture, cleft, crack, crevice, cut, fissure, gap, hole, rift, slit, slot, space; CONCEPT 513

**chintzy** [*adj*] *cheap-looking* cheap, frowzy, schlocky\*, shabby, sleazy, tacky; CONCEPT 485

**chip** [*n*] *shard, flaw* dent, flake, fragment, gobbet, nick, notch, paring, part, scrap, scratch, shaving, slice, sliver, wafer, wedge; CONCEPTS 580,831

**chip** [*v*] *knock a piece out of* break, chisel, chop, clip, crack, crack off, crumble, cut away, cut off, damage, flake, fragment, gash, hack, hackle, hew, incise, nick, notch, shape, shear, slash, slice, sliver, snick, snip, splinter, split, whack, whittle; CONCEPTS 137,189,246,250

**chip in** [*v*] *contribute* ante up\*, break in\*, chime in\*, come through\*, conate, go Dutch\*, interpose, interrupt, pay, pitch in, subscribe; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* pilfer, take, take away

**chipper** [*adj*] *happy* alert, animate, animated, bright, brisk, gay, in good spirits, keen, lively, spirited, sprightly, vivacious; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* unhappy

**chips** [*n*] *substitute for money; money* coin, currency, markers, play money, scratch; CONCEPT 340

**chirp** [*v*] *peep, cheep* call, chip, chipper, chirrup, lilt, pipe, purr, quaver, roll, sing, sound, trill, tweedle, tweet, twitter, warble; CONCEPT 64

**chisel** [*n*] *shaping tool* adze, blade, edge, gouge, knife; CONCEPTS 495,499

**chisel** [*v*] *cut, wear away* carve, hew, incise, roughcast, roughhew, sculpt, sculpture, shape; CONCEPTS 137,176,184

**chivalrous** [*adj*] *valiant* benevolent, big, bold, brave, considerate, courageous, courteous,



courtly, gallant, gentlemanlike, great-hearted, heroic, high-minded, honorable, intrepid, lofty, magnanimous, manly, noble-minded, polite, quixotic, spirited, sublime, true, valorous; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* afraid, cowardly, fearful, frightened, humble, unchivalrous

**chivalry** [*n*] *valor, gallantry* courage, courtesy, courtliness, fairness, politeness, valiance; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* cowardice, fear, humbleness, humility

**choice** [*adj*] *best, superior* 10\*, 24-karat\*, A-1\*, elect, elite, excellent, exceptional, exclusive, exquisite, fine, first-class, hand-picked, nice, popular, precious, preferential, preferred, prime, prize, rare, select, solid gold\*, special, top-drawer\*, uncommon, unusual, valuable, winner; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* inferior, poor, sad, worst

**choice** [*n*] *power to select; selection* alternative, appraisal, choosing, cull, cup of tea\*, decision, determination, discretion, discrimination, distinction, druthers\*, election, evaluation, extract, favorite, finding, free will, judgment, opportunity, option, pick, preference, rating, say, substitute, variety, verdict, volition, vote, weakness; CONCEPTS 41, 376

**choke** [*v*] *smother, block* asphyxiate, bar, check, clog, close, congest, constrict, dam, die, drown, fill, gag, garrote, gasp, gibbet, kill, noose, obstruct, occlude, overpower, retard, squeeze, stifle, stop, stopper, strangle, strangulate, stuff, stunt, suffocate, suppress, throttle, wring; CONCEPTS 121, 219 —*Ant.* release, unblock, unconstrict

**choose** [*v*] *pick, select* accept, adopt, appoint, call for, cast, commit oneself, co-opt, crave, cull, decide on, designate, desire, determine, discriminate between, draw lots, elect, embrace, espouse, excerpt, extract, fancy, favor, feel disposed to, finger, fix on, glean, judge, love, make choice, make decision, make up one's mind, name, opt for, predestine, prefer, see fit, separate, set aside, settle upon, sift out, single out, slot, sort, tab, tag, take, take up, tap, want, weigh, will, winnow, wish, wish for; CONCEPT 41

**choosy** [*adj*] *fussy, discriminating* dainty, eclectic, exacting, fastidious, finical, finicky, nice, overparticular, particular, persnickety\*, picky, prissy, select, selective; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* undemanding, unfastidious, unflussy

**chop** [*v*] *cut up with tool* axe, cleave, clip, cube, dice, divide, fell, fragment, hack, hackle, hash, hew, lop, mangle, mince, sever, shear, slash, truncate, whack; CONCEPT 176

**choppy** [*adj*] *wavy* inclement, ripply, rough, uneven, violent, wild; CONCEPT 488 —*Ant.* calm, smooth

**chore** [*n*] *task* assignment, burden, devoir, duty, effort, errand, grind, housework, job, KP\*, routine, scutwork, stint, trial, tribulation, workout; CONCEPT 362

**chortle** [*v*] *laugh gleefully* cackle, chuckle, crow, giggle, guffaw, hee-haw\*, snicker, sniggle, snort, teehee\*, titter; CONCEPT 77

**chorus** [*n*1] *group of singers* carolers, choir, chorale, choristers, ensemble, glee club, singing group, vocalists, voices; CONCEPT 294

**chorus** [*n*2] *refrain* bob, burden, chorale, main section, melody, motif, music, recurrent verse,

response, ritornelle, song, strain, theme, tune, undersong; CONCEPT 264

**chorus** [*n*3] *agreement* accord, concert, concord, consonance, harmony, tune, unison; CONCEPTS 673, 684

**chosen** [*adj*] *preferred* called, conscript, elect, exclusive, got the nod\*, named, pegged, pick, picked, popular, preferential, select, selected, tabbed; CONCEPTS 546, 567, 574 —*Ant.* ignored, inferior

**christen** [*v*] *named in religious rite* asperse, baptize, bless, call, dedicate, denominate, designate, dub, entitle, godparent, immerse, sprinkle, style, term, title; CONCEPTS 62, 367

**chronic** [*adj*] *incessant, never-ending* abiding, ceaseless, confirmed, constant, continual, continuing, continuous, deep-rooted, deep-seated, enduring, ever-present, fixed, habitual, inborn, inbred, incurable, ineradicable, ingrained, inveterate, lasting, lifelong, lingering, long-lived, long-standing, obstinate, perennial, persistent, persisting, prolonged, protracted, recurrent, recurring, rooted, routine, settled, stubborn, sustained, tenacious, unabating, unmitigated, unyielding, usual; CONCEPTS 534, 551, 798 —*Ant.* curable, eradicable, intermittent, occasional, temporary

**chronicle** [*n*] *account, narrative* annals, archives, diary, history, journal, narration, prehistory, recital, record, recountal, register, report, story, version; CONCEPTS 271, 282

**chronicle** [*v*] *report, recount* enter, narrate, record, register, relate, set down, tell; CONCEPTS 60, 79 —*Ant.* hide, secret

**chronological** [*adj*] *in consecutive time order* archival, chronographic, chronologic, chronometric, chronometrical, chronoscopic, classified, dated, historical, horological, horometrical, in due course, in due time, in order, in sequence, junctural, ordered, progressive, sequent, sequential, tabulated, temporal; CONCEPTS 548, 585

**chubby** [*adj*] *slightly fat* ample, bearish, big, butterball\*, buxom, chunky, fatty, flabby, fleshy, full-figured, hefty, husky, pleasingly plump\*, plump, plumpish, podgy, portly, pudgy, roly-poly\*, rotund, round, stout, tubby, zaftig\*; CONCEPTS 491, 773 —*Ant.* skinny, slim, thin

**chuck** [*v*] *throw aside, throw away, throw out* abandon, can, cast, desert, discard, ditch, eighty-six\*, eject, fire, fling, flip, forsake, give the heave ho\*, heave, hurl, jettison, junk, launch, pitch, quit, reject, relinquish, renounce, scrap, shed, shy, sling, slough, toss; CONCEPTS 180, 222 —*Ant.* keep

**chuckle** [*v*] *giggle* cackle, chortle, crow, exult, guffaw, hee-haw\*, laugh, smile, snicker, snigger, sniggle, teehee\*, titter; CONCEPT 77

**chug** [*v*] *drink quickly* chug-a-lug, down, drink in one draft; CONCEPT 169

**chum** [*n*] *friend* associate, bro\*, buddy, comate, companion, comrade, crony, mate, pal, playmate, sis\*; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* enemy

**chummy** [*adj*] *friendly* affectionate, buddy-buddy\*, close, confidential, constant, cozy, familiar, intimate, pally\*, palsy-walsy\*, thick\*; CONCEPTS 401, 555 —*Ant.* unfriendly, unsocial

**chunk** [*n*] *mass, slab of something* block, clod,

- dollop, glob, gob, hunk, lump, nugget, part, piece, portion, wad; CONCEPT 471
- chunky** [adj] *fat, plump* beefy, chubby, dumpy, heavyset, husky, rotund, scrub, squat, stocky, stout, stubby, thick-bodied, thickest; CONCEPTS 491,773 —*Ant.* skinny, slim, thin
- church** [n1] *religious institution, building* abbey, basilica, Bethel, cathedral, chancel, chantry, chapel, fold, house of God, house of prayer, house of worship, Lord's house, minister, mission, mosque, oratory, parish, sacellum, sanctuary, shrine, synagogue, tabernacle, temple; CONCEPTS 368,449
- church** [n2] *religious belief, group affiliation* body, chapter, communion, congregation, connection, creed, cult, denomination, doctrine, faction, faith, gathering, ism, order, persuasion, religion, schism, sect, society; CONCEPTS 369,689
- churl** [n] *rude and ill-bred, a boor; person overly concerned with saving money* beast, chuff, clodhopper\*, miser, mucker\*, niggard\*, oaf, peasant, provincial, rustic, tightwad, yokel; CONCEPT 423
- churlish** [adj] *crude, boorish* base, blunt, brusque, cantankerous\*, cloddish, clodhopping\*, crabbed, crude, crusty, curt, cussed\*, discourteous, dour, grouchy, gruff, grumpy, harsh, ill-tempered, impolite, loutish, lowbred, mean, miserly, morose, oafish, ornery\*, rude, rustic, snippy\*, sullen, surly, touchy\*, ugly, uncivil, uncivilized, uncultured, unmannerly, unneighborly, unpolished, unsociable, vulgar; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* gentle, nice, pleasant, polite
- churn** [v] *mix up, beat* agitate, boil, bubble, convulse, ferment, foam, froth, jolt, moil, seethe, simmer, stir up, swirl, toss; CONCEPTS 147,170
- chute** [n] *ramp, slope* channel, course, fall, gutter, incline, rapid, runway, slide, trough; CONCEPTS 440,471
- chutzpah** [n] *fearlessness* arrogance, audacity, backbone\*, balls\*, boldness, brass, gall, nerve, spine\*; CONCEPT 603
- cinch** [n] *easy accomplishment* breeze, cakewalk, child's play\*, duck soup\*, no sweat\*, piece of cake\*, snap; CONCEPT 693
- cinder** [n] *hot ash* clinker, ember, hot coal, soot; CONCEPT 260
- cinema** [n] *movie industry; movie arena* big screen\*, bijou, cine, drive-in, film, flicks\*, motion pictures, movie house, movie theater, moving pictures, nabes\*, photoplay, pictures, picture show, playhouse, show, silver screen\*; CONCEPTS 293,349
- cipher** [n] *zero; nothingness* blank, diddy, squat\*, goose egg\*, insignificance, nada\*, naught, nil, nobody, nonentity, nothing, nought, nullity, squat, zilch, zip, zippo\*, zot\*; CONCEPTS 668,787
- cipher** [v] *figure out* code break, calculate, clear up, compute, count, decipher, estimate, figure, reckon, resolve, solve, unravel; CONCEPT 37 —*Ant.* code
- circa** [prep] *approximately* about, around, close on, in the region of, near, nearby, nigh, roughly; CONCEPT 820
- circle** [n1] *orb, loop, round figure* amphitheater, aureole, band, belt, bowl, bracelet, circling, circuit, circumference, circus, cirque, coil, colure, compass, cordon, corona, crown, cycle, disc, disk, ecliptic, enclosure, equator, full turn, globe, halo, hoop, horizon, lap, meridian, orbit, parallel of latitude, perimeter, periphery, record, revolution, ring, ringlet, round, sphere, stadium, tire, turn, vortex, wheel, wreath, zodiac; CONCEPT 436
- circle** [n2] *group of close friends, associates* assembly, bunch, cabal, camarilla, camp, clan, class, clique, club, companions, company, comrades, coterie, crew, cronies, crowd, crush, fraternity, gang, in-group, insiders, intimates, lot, Mafia, mob, outfit, party, posse, ring, school, set, society, sorority; CONCEPTS 387,417
- circle** [v] *go around, circumnavigate* begird, belt, cincture, circuit, circulate, circumduct, circumscribe, coil, compass, curve, embrace, encircle, enclose, encompass, ensphere, envelop, gird, girdle, gyrate, gyre, hem in, loop, mill around, pivot, revolve, ring, roll, rotate, round, spiral, surround, tour, wheel, whirl, wind about; CONCEPT 758
- circuit** [n] *revolution, track, boundary* ambit, area, bounds, circle, circling, circulation, circumference, circumnavigation, circumscription, circumvolution, compass, course, cycle, district, gyration, gyre, journey, lap, limit, line, orbit, perambulation, perimeter, periphery, range, region, round, route, tour, tract, turn, turning, twirl, way, wheel, whirl, wind, winding, zone; CONCEPTS 484,501,770
- circuitous** [adj] *going around, indirect* back road\*, by way of, circular, collateral, complicated, devious, labyrinthine, long way\*, long way around\*, meandering, oblique, rambling, roundabout, tortuous, winding around; CONCEPTS 544,581 —*Ant.* direct, in line, straight
- circular** [adj] *going around* annular, circling, disklike, indirect, oblique, orbicular, round, rounded, spheroid; CONCEPT 486
- circular** [n] *handbill* advertisement, booklet, broadside, brochure, flyer, handout, insert, leaflet, literature, notice, pamphlet, poster, publication, throwaway\*; CONCEPT 271
- circulate** [v1] *make known* bring out, broadcast, diffuse, disperse, disseminate, distribute, exchange, interview, issue, promulgate, propagate, publicize, publish, radiate, report, spread, strew, troll; CONCEPTS 60,138
- circulate** [v2] *flow* actuate, circle, fly about, get about, get around, go about, gyrate, mill around, mobilize, move around, radiate, revolve, rotate, set off, travel, wander; CONCEPT 147 —*Ant.* block
- circulation** [n1] *distribution* apportionment, currency, dissemination, spread, transmission; CONCEPTS 631,651
- circulation** [n2] *moving circularly* circling, circuit, circumvolution, current, flow, flowing, gyration, gyre, motion, revolution, rotation, round, turn, twirl, wheel, whirl; CONCEPTS 147,738 —*Ant.* blockage
- circumference** [n] *edge, perimeter* ambit, border, boundary, bounds, circuit, compass, confines, extremity, fringe, girth, limits, lip, margin, outline, periphery, rim, verge; CONCEPT 484 —*Ant.* inside, interior, middle
- circumlocution** [n] *indirect speech* beating around the bush\*, circumambages, diffuseness,

discursiveness, euphemism, gassiness, indirectness, periphrase, periphrasis, pleonasm, prolixity, roundabout, tautology, verbal evasion, verbality, verbiage, wordiness; CONCEPTS 51,266 —*Ant.* conciseness, directness, straightforwardness, terseness

**circumscribe** [v] *mark off, delimit* bar, bound, confine, define, delineate, demarcate, encircle, enclose, encompass, environ, girdle, hamper, hem in\*, limit, nail down\*, outline, prelimit, restrain, restrict, surround, trimline; CONCEPTS 18,130 —*Ant.* free, loose, open

**circumspect** [adj] *cautious, discreet* attentive, cagey, calculating, canny, careful, chary, considerate, deliberate, discriminating, gingerly, guarded, heedful, judicious, meticulous, observant, politic, prudent, punctilious, safe, sagacious, sage, scrupulous, vigilant, wary, watchful; CONCEPTS 403,544 —*Ant.* audacious, bold, careless, incautious, indiscreet, rash, uncareful, uncircumspect, unheedful

**circumstance** [n] *situation, condition* accident, action, adjunct, affair, article, case, cause, coincidence, concern, contingency, crisis, destiny, detail, doom, element, episode, event, exigency, fact, factor, fate, feature, fortuity, go, happening, happenstance, incident, intervention, item, juncture, kismet, lot, matter, Moira, occasion, occurrence, particular, phase, place, point, portion, proviso, respect, scene, status, stipulation, supervision, thing, time, where it's at\*; CONCEPT 696

**circumstances** [n] *state of affairs in one's life* assets, capital, chances, class, command, degree, dowry, financial status, footing, income, lifestyle, lot, means, net worth, outlook, position, precedence, prestige, property, prospects, prosperity, rank, rating, resources, situation, sphere, standing, state, station, status, substance, times, way of life, worldly goods; CONCEPTS 335,388

**circumstantial** [adj] *incidental* amplified, coincidental, concomitant, concurrent, conjectural, contingent, detailed, environmental, fortuitous, inconclusive, indirect, inferential, presumptive, provisional, uncertain; CONCEPTS 556,582,653 —*Ant.* direct

**circumvent** [v] *fool, mislead* avoid, beat, beguile, bilk, bypass, circumnavigate, cramp, crimp, deceive, detour, disappoint, dodge, dupe, elude, ensnare, entrap, escape, evade, foil, frustrate, get around, hoodwink, outflank, outwit, overreach, prevent, queer, ruin, shun, sidestep, skirt, stave off, steer clear of\*, stump, stymie, thwart, trick, ward off; CONCEPTS 59,102,121 —*Ant.* aid, allow, assist, help, permit

**circus** [n] *fair with entertainment* bazaar, big top, festival, gilly\*, hippodrome, kermis, show, spectacle, three-ring\*; CONCEPT 293

**citadel** [n] *top, tower* bastion, blockhouse, castle, fastness, fort, fortification, fortress, keep, manor, redoubt, stronghold; CONCEPTS 321,836

**citation** [n] *excerpt* example, illustration, mention, passage, quotation, quote, quoting, reference, saying, source; CONCEPT 283

**citation** [n2] *award* bidding, charge, commendation, encomium, mention, panegyric, reward, salutation, summons, tribute; CONCEPTS 69,337 —*Ant.* demerit

**cite** [v] *note, quote* adduce, advance, allege, allude to, appeal to, enumerate, evidence, excerpt, exemplify, extract, get down to brass tacks\*, give as example, illustrate with, indicate, instance, lay, mention, name, number, offer, point out, present, recite, recount, reference, refer to, rehearse, remember, reminisce, repeat, specify, spell out, tell; CONCEPT 57

**cite** [v2] *subpoena* arraign, call, command, name, order, summon; CONCEPT 317

**citizen** [n] *person native of country* aborigine, burgher, burgher, civilian, commoner, cosmopolite, denizen, dweller, freeman/woman, householder, inhabitant, John/Jane Q. Public\*, member of body politic, member of community, national, native, naturalized person, occupant, resident, settler, subject, taxpayer, townsman, urbanite, villager, voter; CONCEPT 413 —*Ant.* alien, foreigner, immigrant

**city** [adj] *metropolitan* burghal, citified, civic, civil, interurban, intraurban, megalopolitan, municipal, urban; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* rural

**city** [n] *large town* apple\*, boom town, borough, burg, capital, center, conurbation, downtown, megalopolis, metropolis, metropolitan area, municipality, place, polis, port, urban place, urbs\*; CONCEPT 507

**civic** [adj] *community* borough, civil, communal, local, metropolitan, municipal, national, public, urban; CONCEPTS 536,583

**civil** [adj]1 *civic, community* civilian, domestic, governmental, home, interior, local, municipal, national, political, public; CONCEPTS 536,583

**civil** [adj]2 *obliging, kind* accommodating, affable, civilized, complaisant, cordial, courteous, courtly, cultivated, diplomatic, formal, genteel, gracious, mannerly, polished, polite, politic, refined, suave, urbane, well-bred, wellmannered; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* ill-mannered, impolite, rude, unkind

**civilian** [adj] *nonmilitary* noncombatant, noncombative, nonmilitant, not in armed forces, pacifist, private, unhostile; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* military

**civilian** [n] *nonmilitary person* citizen, civie\*, civvie\*, commoner, noncombatant, private citizen, subject; CONCEPT 423

**civilization** [n] *culture, sophistication* acculturation, advancement, breeding, civility, cultivation, development, edification, education, elevation, enlightenment, illumination, polish, progress, refinement, social well-being; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* barbarism, primitiveness

**civilization** [n2] *society* civilized life, community, customs, literate society, modern humanity, mores, nation, people, polity, way of life; CONCEPTS 388,417

**civilize** [v] *make cultured; develop* acculturate, acquaint, advance, better, cultivate, edify, educate, elevate, enlighten, ennoble, enrich, ethicize, foster, help forward, humanize, idealize, improve, indoctrinate, inform, instruct, polish, promote, reclaim, refine, sophisticate, spiritualize, tame, uplift; CONCEPTS 244,385

**civilized** [adj] *polished* advanced, civil, cultured, educated, enlightened, humane, refined, sophisticated, urbane; CONCEPT 562

**civil rights** [n] *freedoms of citizens* civil liberties, constitutional rights, freedom of

religion, freedom of speech, freedoms, God-given rights, rights; CONCEPT 376

**claim** [*n*] *property, right demanded or reserved* affirmation, allegation, application, assertion, birthright, call, case, counterclaim, declaration, demand, dibs, due, entreaty, interest, lien, part, petition, plea, postulation, prerogative, pretense, pretension, privilege, profession, protestation, reclamation, request, requirement, requisition, suit, title, ultimatum; CONCEPTS 278,318, 376,709

**claim** [*v*] *demand, maintain property or right* adduce, advance, allege, ask, assert, believe, call for, challenge, collect, declare, defend, exact, have dibs on something\*, hit, hit up\*, hold, hold out for\*, insist, justify, knock, lay claim to, need, pick up, pop the question\*, postulate, pretend, profess, pronounce, require, requisition, solicit, stake out, take, uphold, vindicate; CONCEPTS 53,129 —*Ant.* deny, disclaim, question

**clairvoyance** [*n*] *intuition acumen, discernment, ESP\*, feeling, foreknowledge, insight, omen, penetration, perception, precognition, premonition, psyche, sixth sense\**, telepathy; CONCEPTS 409,410

**clairvoyant** [*adj*] *intuitive, psychic* clear-sighted, discerning, extrasensory, farseeing, far-sighted, fey, judicious, long-sighted, new age\*, oracular, penetrating, perceptive, prescient, prophetic, second-sighted, sibylline, spiritualistic, telepathic, vatic, visionary; CONCEPTS 402,403

**clairvoyant** [*n*] *person who is psychic* augur, channeller, diviner, fortune-teller, haruspex, horoscopist, medium, oracle, palm reader, prophet, seer, sibyl, soothsayer, telepath, telepathist, visionary, voodoo doctor\*; CONCEPT 423

**clam** [*n*] *bivalve living in ocean* cherrystone, littleneck, mollusk, quahog; CONCEPT 394

**clammy** [*adj*] *damp* close, dank, drizzly, moist, mucid, mucous, muculent, pasty, slimy, soggy, sticky, sweating, sweaty, wet; CONCEPT 603 —*Ant.* dry

**clamor** [*n*] *loud cry; commotion* agitation, babel, blare, brouhaha\*, bustle, buzz, clinker, complaint, convulsion, din, discord, exclamation, ferment, hassle, hoo-ha\*, hubba-hubba\*, hubbub, hullabaloo\*, hurly-burly\*, lament, noise, outcry, pandemonium, protesting, racket, remonstrance, row, ruckus, shout, shouting, to-do, tumult, turmoil, upheaval, uproar, vociferation; CONCEPTS 386,595,674 —*Ant.* quiet, silence

**clamor** [*v*] *cry out, make commotion* agitate, bark, bawl, bellow, bluster, claim, debate, demand, dispute, holler, put up a howl\*, raise Cain\*, raise the roof\*, roar, rout, shout; CONCEPTS 77,106 —*Ant.* be quiet, be silent

**clamp** [*n*] *fastener* bracket, catch, clasp, grip, hold, lock, nipper, press, snap, vice; CONCEPT 499

**clamp** [*v*] *fasten* brace, clench, clinch, fix, impose, make fast, secure; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* loosen, open, unbuckle, unclamp, unfasten, unlock

**clan** [*n*] *family, clique* association, band, bunch, club, coterie, crew, crowd, crush, faction, folks, gang, group, house, insiders, kinfolks, mob, moiety, organization, outfit, race, ring, sect, set,

society, sodality, stock, tribe; CONCEPTS 296,387

**clandestine** [*adj*] *secret, sly* artful, cloak-and-dagger, closet, concealed, covert, foxy, fraudulent, furtive, hidden, hush-hush\*, illegitimate, illicit, in holes and corners\*, on the Q. T.\*, on the quiet, private, sneaky, stealthy, surreptitious, undercover, underground, underhand, under-the-counter\*, under wraps\*; CONCEPTS 555,576 —*Ant.* aboveboard, forthright, open, truthful

**clank** [*n*] *metallic noise* bang, bong, clash, clink, jangle, ring; CONCEPT 595

**clank** [*v*] *clang, clatter* bong, clash, clink, jangle, make noise, resound, reverberate, ring, toll; CONCEPT 65

**clannish** [*adj*] *exclusive, select* akin, alike, associative, cliquish, close, insular, like, narrow, related, reserved, restricting, restrictive, sectarian, unfriendly, nonreceptive; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* friendly, open, welcoming

**clap** [*n*] *loud hitting noise* applause, bang, blast, boom, burst, crack, crash, handclap, pat, slam, slap, smash, strike, thrust, thunder, thunderclap, thwack, wallop, whack, wham; CONCEPTS 189,595

**clap** [*v*] *applaud; slap with approbation* acclaim, approve, bang, cheer, give a big hand\*, give a hand\*, hear it for\*, pat, praise, slap, strike gently, thwack, whack; CONCEPTS 185,189

**clarification** [*n*] *explanation* description, elucidation, exposition, illumination, interpretation, resolution, simplification, solution, unravelling, vivification; CONCEPTS 57,274 —*Ant.* complication, misunderstanding, muddle

**clarify** [*v1*] *explain, make clear* analyze, break down, clear up, define, delineate, draw a picture, elucidate, formulate, illuminate, illustrate, interpret, make perfectly clear, make plain, resolve, settle, shed light on\*, simplify, spell out\*, straighten out, throw light on; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* confuse, muddle

**clarify** [*v2*] *purify* clean, cleanse, dehydrate, distill, filter, rarefy, refine; CONCEPT 165 —*Ant.* dirty, muddle, muddy

**clarion** [*adj*] *clear, stirring sound* blaring, definite, inspiring, loud, ringing, sharp, shrill, strident; CONCEPTS 562,592,594

**clarity** [*n*] *clearness* accuracy, articulateness, brightness, certainty, cognizability, comprehensibility, conspicuousness, decipherability, definition, directness, distinctness, evidence, exactitude, exactness, explicability, explicitness, intelligibility, legibility, limpidity, limpidness, lucidity, manifestness, obviousness, openness, overtness, palpability, penetrability, perceptibility, perspicuity, plainness, precision, prominence, purity, salience, simplicity, tangibility, transparency, unambiguity, unmistakability; CONCEPTS 409,638 —*Ant.* dirtiness, obscurity, unintelligibility

**clash** [*n1*] *disagreement or fight, often brief* affray, argument, battle, brawl, break, broil, brush, bump, collision, concussion, conflict, confrontation, crash, difference of opinion, discord, discordance, disharmony, dispute, donnybrook\*, embroilment, encounter, engagement, fracas, fray, have a go at each other\*, impact, jam, jar, jolt, jump, melee, misunderstanding, mix up, opposition, rift, riot, row, rumpus,

run-in, rupture, scrap, scrimmage, set-to, shock, showdown, skirmish, smash, wallop; CONCEPTS 46,106

**clash** [v1] *hit with a loud noise* bang, bump, clang, clank, clatter, collide, crash, grate, grind, jangle, jar, jolt, prang, rattle, scrap, scrimmage, shock, smash, wallop; CONCEPTS 65,189

**clash** [v2] *fight about, often verbally* argue, bang heads\*, battle, brawl, buck, combat, conflict, contend, cross swords, differ, disagree, encounter, feud, fret, gall, grapple, grate, mix it up\*, quarrel, raise Cain\*, row, try, war, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,106 —**Ant.** agree

**clash** [v3] *do not match* be dissimilar, conflict, contrast, differ, disaccord, discord, disharmonize, mismatch, not go with; CONCEPTS 653,664 —**Ant.** match

**clasp** [n] *fastener; hold on something* brooch, buckle, catch, clamp, clench, clinch, clip, clutch, embrace, fastening, fibula, grapple, grasp, grip, hasp, hold, hook, hug, pin, safety pin, snap; CONCEPTS 497,641

**clasp** [v] *grab tightly* attack, bear hug\*, buckle, clamp, clinch, clip, clutch, coll, concatenate, connect, embrace, enfold, fasten,glom onto\*, grapple, grasp, grip, hold, hug, pin, press, seize, snatch, squeeze, take; CONCEPTS 85,160,191,219 —**Ant.** let go, loose

**class** [adj] *stylish; with panache* chic, classy, dashing, fashionable, fine, fly\*, foxy\*, sharp; CONCEPT 589 —**Ant.** plain, unstylish

**class** [n1] *kind, sort, category* branch, brand, breed, cast, caste, character, classification, collection, color, degree, denomination, department, description, designation, distinction, division, domain, estate, family, feather, frame, genre, genus, grade, grain, grouping, hierarchy, humor, ilk, kidney, league, make, mold, name, nature, order, origin, property, province, quality, range, rank, rate, school, sect, section, selection, set, source, species, sphere, standing, status, stripe, style, suit, temperament, value, variety; CONCEPT 378

**class** [n2] *societal group, background* ancestry, birth, bourgeoisie, breed, caliber, caste, circle, clan, clique, club, company, condition, connection, coterie, cultural level, degree, derivation, descent, estate, extraction, family, genealogy, grade, hierarchy, influence, intelligentsia, league, lineage, moiety, nobility, origin, pecking order\*, pedigree, pigeonhole\*, place, position, prestige, quality, sect, social rank, source, sphere, standing, state, station, status, stock, strain, stratum, the right stuff\*, tier, title; CONCEPTS 296,387,388,417

**class** [n3] *group in school* academy, colloquium, course, course of study, division, form, grade, homeroom, lecture group, line, quiz group, recitation, room, round table, section, seminar, seminary, session, study, study group, subdivision, subject; CONCEPTS 286,287,288,289

**class** [v] *categorize* account, allot, appraise, assess, assign, assort, brand, classify, codify, consider, designate, divide, evaluate, gauge, grade, group, hold, identify, judge, mark, part, pigeonhole\*, rank, rate, reckon, regard, score, separate; CONCEPTS 39,135

**classical** [adj2] *characteristic, regular* prototypical, prototypical, representative, simple, standard,

time-honored, typical, usual, vintage; CONCEPTS 533,547 —**Ant.** abnormal, irregular, uncharacteristic

**classic** [n] *model chef d'oeuvre, exemplar, magnum opus, paradigm, prototype, standard, tour de force*; CONCEPTS 259,655,686

**classical** [adj1] *concerning ancient culture* academic, Attic, Augustan, belletristic, bookish, canonic, canonical, classic, classicistic, Doric, Grecian, Greek, Hellenic, Homeric, humanistic, Ionic, Latin, Roman, scholastic, Virgilian; CONCEPTS 536,549

**classical** [adj2] *simple, chaste* classic, elegant, harmonious, pure, refined, restrained, symmetrical, understated, well-proportioned; CONCEPT 589 —**Ant.** complicated, modern, unclassical

**classic/classical** [adj1] *best, model* archetypal, capital, champion, consummate, definitive, distinguished, esthetic, excellent, exemplary, famous, fine, finest, first-rate, flawless, ideal, master, masterly, paradigmatic, paramount, perfect, prime, quintessential, ranking, standard, superior, top, top-notch, vintage, well-known; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** inferior, worst

**classicism** [n] *simple style; regularity, restraint* aesthetic principle, Atticism, balance, Ciceronianism, clarity, class, classicism, conventional formality, dignity, elegance, excellence, finish, formality, formal style, grandeur, grand style, Hellenism, high art, lucidity, majesty, neoclassicism, nobility, objectivity, polish, proportion, propriety, pure taste, purity, rationalism, refinement, rhythm, severity, simplicity, sobriety, sublimity, symmetry; CONCEPT 655

**classification** [n] *categorization* allocation, allotting, allotment, analysis, apportionment, arrangement, assignment, assortment, cataloguing, categorizing, codification, collocation, consignment, coordination, denomination, department, designation, disposal, disposition, distributing, distribution, division, echelon, gradation, grade, grading, graduation, group, grouping, kind, order, ordering, ordination, organization, pigeonholing\*, regulation, sizing, sorting, systematization, tabulating, taxonomy, typecasting; CONCEPTS 18,39,135,378

**classified** [adj] *top-secret* confidential, private, restricted, secret; CONCEPTS 267,576

**classify** [v] *categorize* allocate, allot, alphabetize, analyze, arrange, assort, brand, break down, button down\*, catalogue, class, codify, collocate, coordinate, correlate, dispose, distinguish, distribute, divide, docket, embody, file, grade, group, incorporate, index, label, match, name, number, order, organize, peg\*, pigeonhole\* put away, put down as, put down for, range, rank, rank out, rate, regiment, segregate, size, size up, sort, systematize, tab, tabulate, tag, take one's measure, ticket, type, typecast; CONCEPTS 18,39

**classy** [adj] *stylish, having panache* chic, dashing, elegant, exclusive, fashionable, high-class, in, in vogue, mod, modish, posh, select, sharp, superior, swank, swanky, tony, uptown; CONCEPT 589 —**Ant.** inelegant, inferior, plain, unstylish

**clatter** [n] *loud noise* ballyhoo\*, bluster, clack, clangor, hullabaloo\*, pandemonium, racket, rattle, rumpus, shattering, smashing; CONCEPTS 181,189,595

**clatter** [*v*] *crash; make racket* bang, bluster, bump, clang, clank, clash, hurtle, noise, rattle, roar, shatter, smash; CONCEPTS 65,181,189

**clause** [*n*] *provision in document* article, catch\*, chapter, codicil, condition, fine print\*, heading, item, joker\*, kicker\*, limitation, paragraph, part, passage, point, provision, proviso, requirement, rider, section, small print\*, specification, stipulation, string attached to something\*, ultimatum; CONCEPTS 270,275

**claw** [*n*] *nail of animal; tool shaped like nail of an animal* barb, cant hook, clapperclaw, crook, fang, fingernail, grapple, grappler, hook, manus, nail claw, nipper, paw, pincer, retractile, spur, talon, tentacle, unguis, ungula; CONCEPT 392

**claw** [*v*] *using sharp nail* break, dig, graze, hurt, itch, lacerate, mangle, maul, open, rip, scabble, scrap, scrape, scratch, tear; CONCEPTS 178,214,220

**clay** [*n*] *workable earth material* adobe, argil, argillaceous earth, bole, brick, china material, clunch, earth, kaolin, loam, loess, marl, mud, porcelain material, pottery, slip, terra cotta, till, wacke; CONCEPT 509

**clean** [*adj*1] *not dirty; uncluttered* apple-pie order\*, blank, bright, cleansed, clear, delicate, dirtless, elegant, faultless, flawless, fresh, graceful, hygienic, immaculate, laundered, neat, neat as a button\*, neat as a pin\*, orderly, pure, sanitary, shining, simple, snowy, sparkling, speckless, spic and span\*, spotless, squeaky, stainless, taintless, tidy, trim, unblemished, unpolluted, unsmudged, unsoiled, unspotted, unstained, unsullied, untarnished, vanilla\*, washed, well-kept, white; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* cluttered, dirty, filthy, foul, polluted, stained, tarnished

**clean** [*adj*2] *sterile* antiseptic, aseptic, clarified, decontaminated, disinfected, hygienic, pure, purified, sanitary, sterilized, unadulterated, uncontaminated, uninfected, unpolluted, unsullied, wholesome; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* adulterated, dirty, impure, unsterile

**clean** [*adj*3] *chaste, virtuous* blameless, crimeless, decent, exemplary, faultless, good, guiltless, honorable, inculpable, innocent, modest, moral, respectable, sinless, undefiled, unguilty, unsullied, upright, wholesome; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* besmirched, defiled, impure, unchaste, unvirtuous

**clean** [*adj*4] *precise, sharp* clear, clear-cut, correct, definite, distinct, legible, neat, plain, readable, simple, trim, uncluttered; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* imprecise, indefinite, muddled

**clean** [*adj*5] *complete, thorough* absolute, conclusive, decisive, entire, final, perfect, total, unimpaired, whole; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* incomplete

**clean** [*v*] *make undirty, uncluttered* absterge, bath, bathe, blot, brush, cauterize, clarify, cleanse, clear the decks\*, clear up, deodorize, depurate, deterge, disinfect, do up\*, dredge, dust, edulcorate, elutriate, erase, expunge, expurgate, flush, hackle, launder, lave, mop, neaten, pick, pick up, polish, purge, purify, rake, rasp, refine, rinse, rout out, sanitize, scald, scour, scrape, scrub, shake out, shampoo, soak, soap, sponge, spruce up\*, sterilize, straighten up, swab, sweep, tidy up, vacuum, wash, whisk, winnow, wipe; CONCEPTS 161,

165 —*Ant.* adulterate, defile, dirty, foul, soil, stain

**clean-cut** [*adj*] *neat, clearly outlined* categorical, chiseled, clear, definite, definitive, etched, explicit, express, sharp, specific, unambiguous, well-defined; CONCEPTS 490,535 —*Ant.* ruffled

**cleanse** [*v*] *make undirty; wash* absolve, clarify, clean, clear, depurate, disinfect, expurgate, launder, lustrate, purge, purify, refine, restore, rinse, sanitize, scour, scrub, sterilize; CONCEPT 165 —*Ant.* dirty, soil, spot

**cleanser** [*n*] *strong disinfectant, solvent* abrasive, abstergent, antiseptic, cathartic, deodorant, detergent, fumigant, lather, polish, purgative, purifier, scourer, soap, soap powder, suds; CONCEPT 492

**clear** [*adj*1] *cloudless, bright* clarion, crystal, fair, fine, halcyon, light, luminous, pleasant, rainless, shining, shiny, sunny, sunshiny, unclouded, undarkened, undimmed; CONCEPTS 525,617,627 —*Ant.* cloudy, dark, dim, dull, fuzzy, gloomy, shadowy, unclear

**clear** [*adj*2] *understandable, apparent* apprehensible, audible, clear-cut, coherent, comprehensible, conspicuous, crystal, definite, distinct, evident, explicit, express, graspable, incontrovertible, intelligible, knowable, legible, loud enough, lucent, lucid, manifest, obvious, open and shut\*, palpable, patent, perceptible, perspicuous, plain, precise, pronounced, readable, recognizable, sharp, simple, spelled out\*, straightforward, transparent, conspicuous, unambiguous, unblurred, uncomplicated, unequivocal, unmistakable, unquestionable; CONCEPTS 402,562 —*Ant.* ambiguous, indistinct, mysterious, obscure, unintelligible, vague

**clear** [*adj*3] *open, unhindered* bare, empty, free, smooth, stark, unhampered, unimpeded, unlimited, unobstructed, vacant, vacuous, void; CONCEPT 490 —*Ant.* blocked, clogged, closed, congested, hindered

**clear** [*adj*4] *transparent* apparent, cloudless, crystal, crystal clear, crystalline, glassy, limpid, pellucid, pure, see-through, thin, tralucant, translucent, translucent; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* clouded, cloudy, foggy, obscured, smudged

**clear** [*adj*5] *not guilty* absolved, blameless, clean, cleared, discharged, dismissed, exculpated, exonerated, guiltless, immaculate, innocent, pure, sinless, stainless, unblemished, unexcusable, undefiled, untarnished, untroubled; CONCEPTS 319,404 —*Ant.* culpable, guilty, responsible

**clear** [*adj*6] *certain in one's mind* absolute, confirmed, convinced, decided, definite, positive, resolved, satisfied, sure; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* uncertain, unclear, unintelligible

**clear** [*v*1] *clean, clear away* ameliorate, break up, brighten, burn off, clarify, cleanse, disencumber, disengage, disentangle, eliminate, empty, erase, extricate, free, lighten, loosen, lose, meliorate, open, purify, refine, rid, rule out, shake off, sweep, throw off, tidy, unblock, unburden, unplug, unload, unloose, unpack, untie, vacate, void, wipe; CONCEPTS 165,211 —*Ant.* clutter, pile up

**clear** [*v*2] *liberate; free from uncertainty* absolve, acquit, clarify, defog\*, discharge, disculpate, emancipate, exculpate, exonerate,

- explain, find innocent, let go, let off, let off the hook\*, release, relieve, set free, vindicate; CONCEPTS 7,22,127 —**Ant.** condemn, find guilty, sentence
- clear** [v3] *pass over, often by jumping hurdle*, leap, miss, negotiate, overleap, surmount, vault; CONCEPT 194 —**Ant.** hit, run into
- clear** [v4] *profit accumulate*, acquire, clean up\*, earn, gain, gather, get, glean, make, net, obtain, pick up, realize, reap, receive, secure, win; CONCEPTS 129,342
- clearance** [n1] *permission for activity approval*, authorization, consent, endorsement, go-ahead\*, green light\*, leave, okay, sanction, say-so\*; CONCEPT 376 —**Ant.** denial, grounding, refusal, veto
- clearance** [n2] *gap above something allowance*, assart, defoliated area, empty space, expanse, gap, headroom, margin, opening, open space; CONCEPT 513
- clear-cut** [adj] *definite assured*, categorical, crystalline, decided, definitive, distinct, evident, explicit, express, indubitable, lucent, lucid, obvious, plain, precise, pronounced, sharp-cut, specific, straightforward, unambiguous, undisputed, undoubted, unequivocal, unquestioned, well-defined; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** ambiguous, fuzzy, indefinite, vague
- clearing** [n] *gap in area allowance*, assart, clearance, defoliated area, dell, empty space, expanse, gap, glade, headroom, margin, opening, open space; CONCEPT 513
- clearly** [adv] *without any doubt* acutely, apparently, audibly, beyond doubt, certainly, conspicuously, decidedly, definitely, discernibly, distinctly, evidently, incontestably, incontrovertibly, indubitably, lucidly, manifestly, markedly, noticeably, obviously, openly, overtly, patently, penetratingly, perceptibly, plainly, positively, precisely, prominently, purely, recognizably, seemingly, sharply, sonorously, surely, translucently, transparently, undeniably, undoubtedly, unmistakably; CONCEPTS 535,552 —**Ant.** indefinitely, indistinctly, mysteriously, vaguely
- clear out** [v1] *empty something clean out*, dispose of, eliminate, exhaust, get rid of, remove, sort, tidy up; CONCEPT 211 —**Ant.** fill, fill up, put
- clear out** [v2] *leave, often quickly* beat it\*, begone, decamp, depart, go, hightail\*, kite\*, make oneself scarce\*, remove oneself, retire, scam, skedaddle\*, split\*, take a hike\*, take off, vamoose\*, withdraw; CONCEPT 195 —**Ant.** arrive, rush in
- clear up** [v1] *explain; resolve* answer, cipher, clarify, decipher, dissolve, elucidate, figure out, illuminate, illustrate, make plausible, make reasonable, puzzle out, resolve, solve, straighten out, tidy, unfold, unravel; CONCEPTS 37,57 —**Ant.** complicate, question
- clear up** [v2] *become improved* become fair, become sunny, blow over, brighten, die away, die down, improve, lapse, lift, pick up, run its course\*; CONCEPT 700 —**Ant.** worsen
- cleavage** [n] *gap break, chasm, cleft, discontinuity*, divide, division, fracture, hole, rift, schism, separation, severance, split, valley; CONCEPT 513
- cleave** [v1] *divide, split* carve, chop, crack, cut, dissect, dis sever, disunite, divorce, hack, hew, open, part, pierce, rend, rip, rive, separate, sever, slice, stab, sunder, tear asunder, whack; CONCEPTS 98,137,176 —**Ant.** join, meld, unite
- cleave** [v2] *stand by, stick together* abide by, adhere, agree, associate, attach, be devoted to, be tight with\*, be true\*, cling, cohere, combine, freeze to\*, hold, join, link, remain, stay put, unite; CONCEPTS 8,113
- cleft** [adj] *separated, split* broken, cloven, cracked, cranned, crenelated, parted, perforated, pierced, rent, riven, ruptured, separated, sundered, torn; CONCEPT 490 —**Ant.** joined, joint, united
- cleft** [n] *break, gap* aperture, arroyo, breach, canyon, chasm, chink, cleavage, clough, clove, crack, cranny, crevasse, crevice, fissure, fracture, gorge, gulch, opening, ravine, rent, rift, rima, rimation, rime, schism, slit; CONCEPT 513 —**Ant.** closing, closure, solid
- clemeency** [n] *forgiveness* caritas, charity, compassion, endurance, equitableness, fairness, forbearance, gentleness, grace, humanity, indulgence, justness, kindness, lenience, leniency, lenity, lifesaver, mercifulness, mercy, mildness, moderation, soft-heartedness, sufferance, tenderness, tolerance, toleration; CONCEPTS 410,644 —**Ant.** no mercy
- clement** [adj1] *calm, mild (weather)* balmy, clear, fair, fine, moderate, peaceful, temperate, warm; CONCEPT 525 —**Ant.** harsh, severe, violent
- clement** [adj2] *forgiving* benevolent, benign, benignant, charitable, compassionate, easy, forbearing, gentle, humane, humanitarian, indulgent, kind, kind-hearted, kindly, lenient, merciful, mild, soft-hearted, sympathetic, tender, tolerant; CONCEPTS 404,550 —**Ant.** hard, hard-hearted, harsh, mean, unforgiving
- clench** [v] *grasp* clamp, clasp, clinch, clutch, constrict, contract, double up, draw together, grapple, grip, hold; CONCEPT 191 —**Ant.** let go, loose, loosen, release
- clergy** [n] *ministry of church* canonicate, canonry, cardinalate, churchpersons, clerics, conclave, deaconry, diaconate, ecclesiastics, first estate, holy order, pastorate, prelacy, priesthood, rabbinate, the cloth, the desk, the pulpit; CONCEPT 369
- clergyperson** [n] *minister of church* abbey, archbishop, bishop, blackcoat\*, cardinal, cassock, chaplain, churchperson, cleric, clerk, curate, dean, divine, ecclesiast, ecclesiastic, evangelist, father, missionary, monsignor, padre, parson, pastor, person of God, person of the cloth, pontiff, preacher, predicant, priest, primate, pulpitanary, pulpiter, rabbi, rector, reverend, sermonizer, shepherd, vicar; CONCEPT 361
- clerical** [adj1] *secretarial* accounting, book-keeping, clerical, clerklly, office, pink collar\*, scribal, stenographic, subordinate, typing, white collar\*, written; CONCEPT 536
- clerical** [adj2] *concerning clergy* apostolic, canonical, churchly, cleric, ecclesiastic, ecclesiastical, episcopal, holy, ministerial, monastic, monkish, papal, parsonical, parsonish, pastoral, pontifical, prelat, priestly,

- rabbinical, sacerdotal, sacred, theocratical;  
CONCEPT 536
- clerk** [*n*] *assistant* agent, amanuensis, auditor, bookkeeper, cashier, copyist, counter jumper\*, counterperson, employee, notary, office helper, operator, paper pusher\*, paper shuffler\*, pencil pusher\*, pen pusher\*, receptionist, recorder, registrar, salesperson, secretary, seller, shopper-son, stenographer, teller, transcriber, white collar\*, worker; CONCEPT 348
- clever** [*adj*] *bright, ingenious* able, adept, adroit, alert, apt, astute, brainy, brilliant, cagey, canny, capable, competent, crackerjack\*, cunning, deep, dexterous/dextrous, discerning, egghead\*, expert, foxy\*, gifted, good, handy, intelligent, inventive, keen, knowing, knowledgeable, many-sided, nimble, nobody's fool\*, pretty, pro, qualified, quick, quick on trigger\*, quick-witted, rational, resourceful, sagacious, savvy, sensible, sharp, shrewd, skilled, skillful, slick, sly, smart, sprightly, talented, versatile, wise, witty; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* awkward, foolish, idiotic, ignorant, naive, senseless, stupid, unclever
- cleverness** [*n*] *brightness, ingenuity* ability, adroitness, astuteness, brains, calculation, caniness, dexterity, discernment, flair, gift, gumption, intelligence, quickness, quick wit, resourcefulness, sagacity, sense, sharpness, shrewdness, skill, smartness, talent, wisdom, wit; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* foolishness, ignorance, naivety, senselessness, stupidity
- cliché** [*n*] *overused, hackneyed phrase* adage, banality, boiler plate\*, bromide, buzzword, chestnut\*, commonplace, corn\*, counterword, familiar tune, motto, old story\*, platitude, pot-boiler, prosaism, proverb, rubber stamp\*, saying, shibboleth, slogan, stale saying, stereotype, threadbare phrase, triteness, trite remark, triviality, truism, vapid expression; CONCEPTS 275,278 —*Ant.* coinage, nuance
- click** [*n/v*] *metallic sound* bang, beat, clack, snap, tick; CONCEPTS 65,595
- click** [*v*] *fall into place* become clear, be compatible, be on same wavelength\*, come off\*, feel a rapport\*, get on\*, go, go off well\*, go over, hit it off\*, make a hit\*, make sense, match, meet with approval, pan out\*, prove out, succeed, take to each other\*; CONCEPT 704
- client** [*n*] *customer* applicant, believer, buyer, chump, consumer, dependent, disciple, follower, front, habitué, head, mark, patient, patron, protégé, protégée, purchaser, shopper, walk-in, ward; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* manager, owner
- clientele** [*n*] *customers of business* audience, business, clientage, clientry, clients, constituency, cortege, dependents, following, market, patronage, patrons, public, regulars, trade; CONCEPTS 325,417 —*Ant.* management, ownership
- cliff** [*n*] *overhang on hill or mountain* bluff, crag, escarpment, face, precipice, rock face, rocky height, scar, scarp, steep rock, wall; CONCEPT 509
- cliffhanger** [*n*] *something suspenseful* close call, close shave\*, narrow escape, shocker, spine-chiller, squeaker\*, thriller, white knuckle; CONCEPTS 410,679
- climactic/climacteric** [*adj*] *decisive* acute, climactical, critical, crucial, desperate, dire, paramount, peak; CONCEPT 567 —*Ant.* anticlimacteric, anticlimactic, bathetic, indecisive, trivial, undecided
- climate** [*n*] *weather of region* altitude, aridity, atmospheric conditions, characteristic weather, clime, conditions, humidity, latitude, meteorological character, meteorologic conditions, temperature; CONCEPT 524
- climate** [*n*] *mood of situation* ambience, ambient, atmosphere, disposition, environment, feeling, medium, milieu, mise-en-scène, mood, surroundings, temper, tendency, trend; CONCEPT 673
- climax** [*n*] *peak, culmination* acme, apex, apogee, ascendancy, capsheaf, capstone, climacteric, crest, crowning point, extremity, head, height, highlight, high spot, intensification, limit, maximum, meridian, ne plus ultra, orgasm, payoff\*, pinnacle, pitch, summit, tip-top, top, turning point, utmost, zenith; CONCEPTS 706,836 —*Ant.* anticlimax, cliffhanger
- climax** [*v*] *come to top; culminate* accomplish, achieve, break the record\*, cap, come, come to a head\*, conclude, content, crown, end, finish, fulfill, hit high spot, orgasm, peak, please, reach a peak, reach the zenith, rise to crescendo\*, satisfy, succeed, terminate, top, tower; CONCEPTS 375,704,706 —*Ant.* delve, dip, drop, fall off
- climb** [*v*] *crawl, move up* ape up\*, ascend, clamber, escalate, escalate, go up, mount, rise, scale, soar, top; CONCEPT 166 —*Ant.* descend, dismount, go down, retreat
- clinch** [*v*] *secure a goal* assure, cap, conclude, confirm, decide, determine, seal, seize, set, settle, sew up, verify; CONCEPT 706
- clinch** [*v*] *hold securely; grab* bolt, clamp, clasp, clench, clutch, cuddle, embrace, enfold, fasten, fix, grab hold of, grapple, grasp, grip, hug, lay hands on, make fast, nail, press, rivet, secure, seize, snatch, squeeze; CONCEPTS 191,219 —*Ant.* let go
- clinch** [*n*] *settling event* capper, closer, coup de grâce, crowning blow\*, culmination, death-blow\*, deciding moment, finisher, finishing touch; CONCEPTS 230,635,676
- cling** [*v*] *attach to* adhere, be true to, cherish, clasp, cleave to, clutch, cohere, continue, embrace, endure, fasten, freeze to, grasp, grip, hang in, hang onto, hold fast, hug, last, linger, squeeze, stay put, stick, stick like glue\*; CONCEPTS 85,160,190 —*Ant.* detach, let go, unfasten
- clinic** [*n*] *medical center* dispensary, hospital, infirmary, sick bay, surgery center; CONCEPTS 312,439,449
- clinical** [*adj*] *dispassionate* analytic, antiseptic, cold, detached, disinterested, emotionless, impersonal, objective, scientific, unemotional; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* feeling, passionate, subjective
- clink** [*n/v*] *bang against, ring* chink, clang, jangle, jingle, sound, tingle, tinkle; CONCEPTS 65,595
- clip** [*v*] *cut short* bob, crop, curtain, cut, cut back, decrease, dock, lower, mow, pare, prune, reduce, shave, shear, shorten, skive, slash, snip, trim, truncate; CONCEPT 137 —*Ant.* lengthen
- clip** [*v*] *punch* blow, box, clout, cuff, knock, punch, smack, sock, thump, wallop, whack; CONCEPT 189



**clique** [*n*] *group of friends* bunch, cabal, camarilla, camp, circle, clan, club, coterie, crew, crowd, crush, faction, gang, in-group, insiders, lobby, Mafia, mob, organization, outfit, pack, posse, ring, set, society; CONCEPTS 387,417

**cloak** [*n*] *cover; coat* beard, blind, camouflage, cape, capote, disguise, facade, face, front, guise, manteau, mantle, mask, pretext, semblance, shawl, shield, show, veneer, wrap; CONCEPTS 451,475,680

**cloak** [*v*] *disguise* blanket, camouflage, coat, conceal, cover, curtain, dissemble, dissimulate, dress up, hide, mask, obscure, pretext, screen, shroud, veil; CONCEPT 188 —*Ant.* reveal, un-cloak, uncover

**lobber** [*v*] *hit, beat* belt, blast, drub, lambaste\*, lick, shellac\*, slam, slug, smash, smear, smother, thrash, trim, wallop, whip; CONCEPTS 189,252

**clock** [*n*] *timekeeping device* alarm, Big Ben\*, chroniker\*, chronograph, chronometer, digital watch, hourglass, pendulum, stopwatch, sundial, tattler, ticker\*, tick-tock\*, timekeeper, timemarker, timepiece, timer, turnip\*, watch; CONCEPTS 463,819

**clockwork** [*n*] *being on time; precision* accuracy, consistency, perfect timing, regularity, smoothness; CONCEPT 818

**clod** [*n*] *stupid person* blockhead\*, boor, chump, clown, dimwit\*, dolt, dope\*, dumbbell, dummy, dunce, fool, imbecile, lame-brain\*, lout, oaf, simpleton; CONCEPTS 412,423

**clog** [*n*] *blockage* bar, block, blockade, burden, cumbance, dead weight, drag, encumbrance, hindrance, impedance, impediment, obstruction, snag; CONCEPTS 121,674 —*Ant.* clearance, opening

**clog** [*v*] *block, hinder* burden, choke, close, congest, curb, dam up, encumber, entrammel, fetter, fill, glut, hamper, impede, jam, leash, obstruct, occlude, plug, seal, shackle, stopper, stop up, stuff, tie, tammal; CONCEPTS 121,130,190 —*Ant.* clear, free, open, unblock, unclog, unencumber, unstop

**cloister** [*n*] *secluded religious place* abbey, cell, chapter house, convent, friary, hermitage, house, lamasery, monastery, nunnery, order, priory, priory, religious community, retreat, sanctuary; CONCEPTS 368,516

**cloistered** [*adj*] *secluded* cloistral, confined, hermitic, hidden, insulated, recluse, reclusive, restricted, seclude, seclusive, sequestered, sheltered, shielded, shut off, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 554,583 —*Ant.* free, open, unsecluded

**clone** [*n*] *exact duplicate* act-alike, copy, double, duplicate, look-alike computer, reproduction, twin; CONCEPTS 664,667,716

**clone** [*v*] *copy exactly* copy, duplicate, repeat, replicate, reproduce; CONCEPTS 91,171

**close** [*adj*1] *near, nearby* abutting, across the street, adjacent, adjoining, approaching, around the corner, at hand, contiguous, convenient, give or take a little\*, handy, hard by, immediate, imminent, impending, in spitting distance\*, in the ball park\*, near-at-hand, nearest, nearby, neighboring, next, nigh, proximate, under one's nose\*, warm; CONCEPT 586

—*Ant.* away, beyond, detached, far, faraway

**close** [*adj*2] *dense, cramped* circumscribed,

close-grained, compact, confined, confining, congested, consolidated, cropped, crowded, firm, impenetrable, impermeable, jam-packed, narrow, packed, restricted, short, solid, substantial, thick, tight; CONCEPTS 481,483,774

—*Ant.* loose, open, uncramped

**close** [*adj*3] *accurate, precise* conscientious, exact, faithful, lifelike, literal, resembling, similar, strict; CONCEPTS 535,563 —*Ant.* far, imprecise, inaccurate

**close** [*adj*4] *intimate* attached, buddy-buddy\*, chummy, confidential, cozy with, dear, devoted, familiar, inseparable, kissing cousins\*, loving, making it with\*, on top of each other\*, palsywalsy\*, private, related, thick\*, thick as thieves\*, thick with\*; CONCEPTS 372,555 —*Ant.* unfriendly

**close** [*adj*5] *oppressive, humid* airless, breathless, choky, confined, fusty, heavy, moldy, motionless, muggy, musty, stagnant, stale, stale-smelling, sticky, stifling, stuffy, suffocating, sultry, sweltering, sweltry, thick, tight, uncomfortable, unventilated; CONCEPTS 525,605 —*Ant.* cool, dry

**close** [*adj*6] *secret, reserved* buttoning one's lip\*, buttoning up\*, clammung up\*, close-lipped, closemouthed, hidden, hush-hush\*, mum's the word\*, on the Q. T.\*, private, reticent, retired, secluded, secretive, silent, taciturn, tight chops\*, tight-lipped\*, uncommunicative, unforthcoming, zipping one's lips\*; CONCEPTS 267,576 —*Ant.* open, unreserved

**close** [*adj*7] *stingy* chintzy\*, closefisted, illiberal, mean, mingy, miserly, narrow, niggardly, parsimonious, penny-pinching, penurious, skimpy, skinflint\*, tight, tight-fisted, ungenerous; CONCEPTS 334,404 —*Ant.* generous, giving

**close** [*n*] *ending* adjournment, cease, cessation, completion, conclusion, culmination, denouement, desistance, end, finale, finish, period, stop, termination, windup; CONCEPTS 119,832 —*Ant.* beginning, commencement, opening, start

**close** [*v*1] *obstruct, seal* bang, bar, block, bolt, button, caulk, choke, clap, clench, clog, confine, congest, cork, dam, exclude, fasten, fill, lock, occlude, plug, prevent passage, put to, retard flow, screen, secure, shut, shut off, shutter, slam, stopper, stop up, stuff, turn off; CONCEPTS 113,121,201 —*Ant.* open, release, unclose, unplug, unseal, unstop

**close** [*v*2] *complete, finish, stop* button down\*, button up\*, call it a day\*, call off, cap, cease, clear, clinch, conclude, consummate, culminate, cut loose, determine, discontinue, do, drop the curtain\*, end, fold, fold up, halt, pack it in\*, put a lid on\*, put to bed\*, sew up\*, shut down, shutter, terminate, ultimate, wind down\*, wind up\*, wrap up\*; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* begin, continue, not finish, open, start

**close** [*v*3] *join, unite* agree, bind, chain, coalesce, come together, connect, couple, encounter, fuse, grapple, inclose, meet, put together, tie, tie up; CONCEPT 113 —*Ant.* disjoin, disunite, open

**close call** [*n*] *narrow escape* cliffhanger, close shave\*, heart stopper\*, near miss, photofinish, squeaker\*, white-knuckler\*; CONCEPT 102

**closed** [*adj*1] *shut, out of service* bankrupt, dark, fastened, folded, gone fishing\*, locked,

not open, out of business\*, out of order\*, padlocked, sealed, shut down; CONCEPT 576

—*Ant.* in business, open, running, working  
**closed** [adj2] *finished, terminated* concluded, decided, ended, final, over, resolved, settled; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* beginning, continuing, open, started, starting, unsettled

**closed** [adj3] *exclusive, independent* restricted, self-centered, self-contained, self-sufficient, self-sufficing, self-supported, self-supporting, self-sustained, self-sustaining; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* open, welcoming

**closely** [adv] *approximately, carefully* by the skin of one's teeth\*, exactly, firmly, hard, heedfully, in conjunction with, intently, intimately, jointly, meticulously, mindfully, minutely, nearly, punctiliously, scrupulously, searchingly, sharply, similarly, strictly, thoughtfully; CONCEPTS 487,557,573

**closemouthed** [adj] *silent, reserved* buttoned up\*, clammed up\*, close, close-lipped, dummed up, have tight chops\*, hush-hush, on the Q. T.\*, quiet, reticent, sedate, taciturn, tight-lipped, uncommunicative, zipped one's lips\*; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* chatty, open, talkative

**closed** [n] *storage cupboard, usually tall* ambry, bin, buffet, cabinet, chest of drawers, clothes room, cold storage, container, depository, locker, receptacle, recess, repository, room, safe, sideboard, vault, walk-in, wardrobe; CONCEPT 440

**closure** [n1] *conclusion* cease, cessation, close, closing, desistance, end, ending, finish, stop, stoppage, termination; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* beginning, introduction, opening, start

**closure** [n2] *plug, seal* blockade, bolt, bung, cap, cork, fastener, latch, lid, obstruction, occludent, occlusion, padlock, stop, stopper, stopple, tampon, tap; CONCEPTS 471,680 —*Ant.* opening

**clot** [n] *blockage, mass of coagulation* array, batch, battery, body, bulk, bunch, bundle, clotting, clump, cluster, coagulum, coalescence, conglutination, consolidation, curd, curdling, embolism, embolus, glob, gob, group, grume, lump, occlusion, precipitate, set, thickness, thrombus; CONCEPTS 432,466, 470 —*Ant.* opening

**clot** [v] *coagulate* clabber, coalesce, congeal, curdle, gel, gelate, gelatinize, glop up\*, jell, jellify, jelly, lopper\*, lump, set, solidify, thicken; CONCEPT 469 —*Ant.* loose, thin

**cloth** [n] *fabric* bolt, calico, cotton, dry goods, goods, material, stuff, synthetics, textiles, tissue, twill, weave, yard goods; CONCEPT 473

**clothe** [v] *cover with apparel* accouter, apparel, array, attire, bedizen, bedrape, breech, bundle up, caparison, cloak, coat, costume, dandify, deck, disguise, dizen, do up\*, drape, dress, dress up, dud\*, endow, endue, enwrap, equip, fit, fit out, garb, gown, guise, habitate, habit, invest, jacket, livery, mantle, outfit, primp, raiment, rig, robe, spruce, suit up, swaddle, swathe, tog, turn out, vest; CONCEPT 167 —*Ant.* reveal, take off, unclothe, uncover

**clothes/clothing** [n] *personal attire* accouterment, apparel, array, caparison, civvies\*, costume, covering, drag\*, drapery, dress, duds\*, ensemble, equipment, finery, frippery, frock, full feather\*, garb, garments, gear,

get-up\*, habiliment, habit, hand-me-downs, livery, mufti, outfit, overclothes, panoply, rags\*, raiment, regalia, rigging\*, sack\*, sports-wear, Sunday best\*, tailleur, tatters\*, things\*, threads\*, toggery\*, togs, tout ensemble, trappings, trousseau, underclothes, vestment, vesture, vines\*, wardrobe, wear, weeds\*, zoot suit\*; CONCEPT 451

**cloud** [n1] *mass of water particles in air* billow, brume, darkness, dimness, film, fog, fogginess, frost, gloom, haze, haziness, mare's tail\*, mist, murk, nebula, nebulosity, obscurity, ol' butter-milk sky\*, overcast, pea soup\*, pother, puff, rack, scud, sheep, smog, smoke, smother, steam, thunderhead, vapor, veil, woolpack; CONCEPTS 437,524

**cloud** [n2] *crowd* army, dense mass, flock, horde, host, legion, multitude, rout, scores, shower, swarm, throng; CONCEPTS 417,432

**cloud** [v1] *become foggy or obscured* adumbrate, becloud, befog, blur, darken, dim, eclipse, envelop, fog, gloom, mist, obfuscate, overcast, overshadow, shade, shadow, veil; CONCEPTS 469,526 —*Ant.* clear, unfog, unveil

**cloud** [v2] *confuse* addle, becloud, befuddle, disorient, distort, distract, impair, muddle, muddy, obscure, perplex, puzzle; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* clear up, explain, explicate

**cloudy** [adj] *hazy; darkened* blurred, confused, dark, dense, dim, dismal, dull, dusky, emulsified, foggy, gloomy, heavy, indefinite, indistinct, leaden, lowering, misty, mucky, muddy, murky, mushy, nebulous, nontranslucent, nontransparent, not clear, nubilous, obscure, opaque, overcast, somber, sullen, sunless, vaporous; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* clear, cloudless

**clout** [n] *power* authority, influence, prestige, pull\*, standing, sway, weight; CONCEPT 686

**clout** [v] *hit* blow, box, clip, clobber, cuff, rap, slap, smack, sock, strike, thump, wallop, whack; CONCEPTS 189,200

**clown** [n1] *joking person* antic, buffoon, comedian, comic, cut-up\*, dolt, druff, farceur, fool, funnyperson, funster, gagman\*, gagster\*, harlequin, humorist, jester, joker, jokesmith, jokester, life of the party\*, madcap, merry-andrew, merrymaker, mime, mountebank, mummer, picador, pierrot, prankster, punch, punchinello\*, quipster, ribald, wag, wise-cracker, wit\*, zany\*; CONCEPT 423

**clown** [n2] *stupid, ignorant person* blockhead\*, boor, bucolic, buffoon, bumpkin\*, chuff, churl, clodhopper\*, gawk, hayseed\*, hick\*, hind, jake, lout, mucker\*, oaf, peasant, rube, rustic, swain, yahoo\*, yokel; CONCEPTS 412,423

**clown** [v] *joke* act crazy, act the fool\*, bug out\*, cut up\*, fool around, have fun, jest, kid around; CONCEPT 386

**clay** [v] *overflow* disgust, fill, glut, gorge, jade, nauseate, pall, sate, satiate, satisfy, sicken, stall, stodge, suffice, surfeit, weary; CONCEPT 740

**claying** [adj] *sickly sweet* cheesy\*, cornball\*, corny\*, cutesy\*, drippy\*, gooey\*, honeyed, mushy\*, over-sentimental, oversweet, saccharine, sappy, sentimental, sugary, syrupy; CONCEPT 401

**club** [n1] *bat, stick* baton, billy\*, blackjack, bludgeon, business\*, conk buster\*, convincer\*, cosh, cudgel, hammer, hickory, mace, mallet,

- nightstick, persuader\*, quarterstaff, rosewood, sap, shill, shillelagh, staff, swatter, truncheon, works\*; CONCEPTS 470,499
- club** [n2] *social organization* affiliation, alliance, association, bunch, circle, clique, company, crew, faction, gang, guild, hangout\*, league, lodge, meeting, mob, order, outfit, ring, set, society, sodality, stamping ground\*, union; CONCEPTS 387,439
- club** [n3] *golfing tool* brassie, cleek, driver, iron, mashie, midiron, niblick, putter, spoon, stick, wedge, wood; CONCEPT 364
- club** [v] *hit hard with object* bash, baste, batter, beat, blackjack, bludgeon, clobber, clout, cosh, cudgel, fustigate, hammer, pommel, pound, pummel, strike, whack; CONCEPT 189
- clue** [n] *hint, evidence* cue, dead giveaway\*, hot lead\*, indication, inkling, intimation, key, lead, mark, notion, pointer, print, proof, sign, solution, suggestion, suspicion, telltale, tip, tip-off\*, trace, track, wind; CONCEPT 274
- clue** [v] *give information* acquaint, advise, apprise, fill in, give the lowdown\*, give the skinny on\*, hint, indicate, inform, intimate, lead to, leave evidence, leave trace, leave tracks, notify, point to, post, suggest, tell, warn, wise up; CONCEPT 60 —**Ant.** hide, keep secret
- clump** [n1] *mass of something* array, batch, blob, body, bunch, bundle, chunk, cluster, clutter, gob, group, hodgepodge, hunk, jumble, knot, lot, lump, nugget, parcel, set, shock, wad; CONCEPTS 432,470
- clump** [n2] *thumping noise* clatter, clomp, galumph, scuff, stomp, stumble, thud; CONCEPT 595
- clump** [v] *make thumping noise* barge, bumple, clatter, clomp, galumph, hobble, limp, lumber, plod, scuff, stamp, stomp, stumble, stump, thud, thump, tramp; CONCEPTS 65,595
- clumsy** [adj] *not agile; awkward* all thumbs\*, blundering, blunderous, bulky, bumbling, bungling, butterfingered\*, clownish, crude, elephantine, gauche, gawkish, gawky, graceless, ham-handed\*, heavy, heavy-handed, helpless, hulking, ill-shaped, incompetent, inelegant, inept, inexperienced, inexpert, lubberly, lumbering, lumpish, maladroit, oafish, ponderous, splay, stumbling, unable, unadept, uncoordinated, uncouth, uncluttered, uneasy, ungainly, unhandy, unskillful, untactful, untalented, untoward, unwieldy, weedy; CONCEPTS 401,402, 584 —**Ant.** adroit, agile, athletic, clever, coordinated, couth, dexterous, expert, graceful
- cluster** [n] *group of something* array, assemblage, band, batch, bevy, blob, body, bunch, bundle, chunk, clump, clutch, collection, covey, crew, gathering, hunk, knot, lot, pack, party, set; CONCEPT 432 —**Ant.** individual, one
- cluster** [v] *assemble, group* accumulate, aggregate, associate, bunch, bunch up, bundle, collect, crowd around, cumulate, flock, gang around, gather, package, parcel, round up; CONCEPT 109 —**Ant.** disperse, dissemble, let go, scatter
- clutch** [n] *strong hold* clamp, clasp, clench, clinch, connection, coupling, grapple, grasp, grip, gripe, link; CONCEPT 190
- clutch** [v] *grab, snatch* catch, cherish, clasp, clench, clinch, cling to, collar, embrace, fasten, glom\*, grapple, grasp, grip, harbor, hold, hook, keep, nab, nail\*, put the snare on\*, seize, snag, snatch, take; CONCEPTS 190,191 —**Ant.** let go, unfasten
- clutches** [n] *personal power* claws, control, custody, grasp, grip, hands, keeping, possession, sway; CONCEPTS 388,641,710
- clutter** [n] *disarray, mess* ataxia, chaos, confusion, derangement, disorder, hodgepodge, huddle, jumble, litter, medley, melange, muddle, rummage, scramble, shuffle, tumble, untidiness; CONCEPTS 432,674 —**Ant.** neatness, order, tidiness
- clutter** [v] *cause mess, disarray* dirty, jumble, litter, muddle, scatter, snarl, strew; CONCEPT 254 —**Ant.** array, clean up, neat, order, tidy
- coach** [n1] *instructor, usually in recreation* drill instructor, educator, mentor, physical education instructor, skipper, teacher, trainer, tutor; CONCEPTS 350,366 —**Ant.** player, pupil, student
- coach** [n2] *carriage* bus, car, chaise, charabanc, fourwheeler, gocart, perambulator, stage, trolley\*, train, vehicle, victoria; CONCEPT 505
- coach** [v] *instruct, usually in recreation* break in\*, cram, drill, educate, hone, lay it out for\*, lick into shape\*, prepare, pull one's coat\*, put through the grind\*, put through the mill\*, ready, school, teach, train, tutor; CONCEPTS 285,363 —**Ant.** accept, learn, listen
- coagulate** [v] *clot* clabber, coalesce, compact, concentrate, concrete, condense, congeal, consolidate, curdle, dry, gel, gelate, gelatinize, glop up\*, harden, inspissate, jell, jellyfy, jelly, lopper\*, set, solidify, thicken; CONCEPT 469 —**Ant.** dilute, dissolve, melt, open, thin, unclot
- coagulation** [n] *clotting* agglomeration, caseation, concentration, concretion, condensation, congelation, consolidation, curdling, embolism, gelatination, incrustation, inspissation, jellification, thickening; CONCEPT 469 —**Ant.** dissolution, melting, opening, thinning
- coalesce** [v] *blend, come together* adhere, amalgamate, associate, bracket, cleave, cling, cohere, combine, commingle, commix, conjoin, connect, consolidate, fuse, hook up with\*, incorporate, integrate, join, join up with, link, merge, mingle, mix, relate, stick, tie in with\*, unite, wed; CONCEPTS 112,113 —**Ant.** divide, separate
- coalition** [n] *allied group, association* affiliation, alliance, amalgam, amalgamation, anschluss, bloc, coadunation, combination, combine, compact, confederacy, confederation, conjunction, consolidation, conspiracy, faction, federation, fusion, integration, league, melding, merge, merger, merging, party, ring, unification, union; CONCEPT 381 —**Ant.** disassociation
- coarse** [adj1] *not fine, rude* base, bawdy, blue\*, boorish, brutish, cheap, common, crass, crude, dirty, earthy, filthy, foul, foul-mouthed, gross, gruff, immodest, impolite, improper, impure, incult, indelicate, inelegant, loutish, low, lowbred, lowdown and dirty\*, mean, nasty, obscene, off-color, offensive, raffish, raunchy, raw, ribald, rough, roughneck\*, rude, scatological, smutty\*, tacky, uncivil, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unrefined, vulgar, vulgarian; CONCEPTS 401,545 —**Ant.** gentle, nice, polite, refined, sophisticated

**coarse** [*adj*2] *rough, unrefined* chapped, coarse-grained, crude, grainy, granular, harsh, homespun, impure, inferior, loose, lumpy, mediocre, particulate, poor quality, rough-hewn, rugged, unfinished, unpolished, unprocessed, unpurified; CONCEPTS 574,606 —**Ant.** delicate, refined, smooth, soft

**coarseness** [*n*] *rudeness, vulgarity* bawdiness, boorishness, callousness, crassness, crudity, earthiness, harshness, indelicacy, offensiveness, poor taste, rawness, ribaldry, roughness, smut\*, smuttiness\*, uncouthness, unevenness, unrefinement; CONCEPTS 633,645 —**Ant.** delicacy, manners, politeness, refinement, sophistication

**coast** [*n*] *border by water* bank, beach, coastline, littoral, margin, seaboard, seacoast, seashore, seaside, shore, shoreline, strand; CONCEPTS 509,514

**coast** [*v*] *glide along without much effort* cruise, drift, float, freewheel, get by\*, ride on current, sail, skate, slide, smooth along\*, taxi; CONCEPTS 150,704

**coastal** [*adj*] *bordering the water* along a coast, littoral, marginal, marshy, riverine, seaside, skirting; CONCEPT 583

**coat** [*n*1] *animal hair* crust, ectoderm, epidermis, felt, fleece, fur, hide, husk, integument, leather, membrane, pelage, pellicle, pelt, peltry, protective covering, rind, scale, scarfskin, shell, skin, wool; CONCEPT 399

**coat** [*n*2] *covering* bark, coating, crust, finish, glaze, gloss, lacquer, lamination, layer, overlay, painting, plaster, priming, roughcast, set, tinge, varnish, wash, whitewashing; CONCEPT 259

**coat** [*n*3] *personal outerwear* cape, cloak, cut-away, flogger, frock, greatcoat, jacket, mackinaw, mink, overcoat, pea, raincoat, slicker, suit, tails, threads, topcoat, trench, tux, tuxedo, ulster, windbreaker, wrap; CONCEPT 451

**coat** [*v*] *cover with layer of material* apply, cover, crust, enamel, foil, glaze, incrust, laminate, paint, plaster, plate, smear, spread, stain, surface, varnish; CONCEPTS 172,202 —**Ant.** reveal, uncover

**coating** [*n*] *covering* blanket, bloom, coat, crust, dusting, encrustation, film, finish, glaze, lamination, layer, membrane, patina, sheet, skin, varnish, veneer; CONCEPT 475

**coax** [*v*] *persuade* allure, argue into, arm-twist\*, barter, beguile, blandish, blarney, butter up\*, cajole, come on, con, decoy, entice, flatter, get, hook, importune, induce, influence, inveigle, jawbone\*, lure, pester, plague, press, prevail upon, rope in\*, soft-soap\*, soothe, sweet-talk, talk into, tease, tempt, urge, wangle, wheedle, work on, worm; CONCEPT 68 —**Ant.** allow, not care

**cobweb** [*n*] *entanglement; filament* fiber, gossamer, labyrinth, mesh, net, network, snare, tissue, toil, web, webbing; CONCEPTS 517,674

**cocaine** [*n*] *illegal drug* blow\*, coke\*, controlled substance, crack\*, crystal\*, freebase\*, happy dust\*, ice\*, joy powder\*, mojo\*, narcotic, nose candy\*, poison\*, snort\*, snow\*, speedball\*, stardust\*, stuff\*, sugar\*, white horse\*, white lady\*, wings\*; CONCEPT 307

**cock** [*n*] *rooster* capon, chanticleer, chicken, cock-a-doodle-doo\*, cockalorum, cockerel; CONCEPT 394

**cock** [*v*] *aim up toward* erect, hump, perk up, pile, prick, raise, stack, stand erect, stand up, stick up; CONCEPT 201

**cockeyed** [*adj*] *crooked, askew* absurd, askance, askant, asymmetrical, awry, cam, canted, crazy, crooked, cross-eyed, lopsided, ludicrous, nonsensical, preposterous, squint, strabismic; CONCEPT 586 —**Ant.** level, straight

**cocky/cocksure** [*adj*] *self-assured, full of oneself* arrogant, brash, bumptious, certain, conceited, confident, egotistical, hotdogging\*, hotshot\*, hubristic, know-it-all\*, lordly, nervy, overconfident, overweening, positive, presumptuous, self-confident, smart aleck\*, smart guy\*, smarty\*, smarty pants\*, sure, swaggering, swollen-headed, vain, wise guy\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —**Ant.** humble, modest, uncertain, unself-confident, unsure

**cocoon** [*v*] *protect with covering* cushion, encase, envelop, insulate, pad, saddle, swathe, truss, wrap; CONCEPTS 130,134

**coddle** [*v*] *indulge, pamper* baby, caress, cater to, cosset, cotton, favor, humor, make much of, make over, mollycoddle, nurse, pet, play up to, spoil; CONCEPTS 110,295 —**Ant.** ignore, turn away

**coddle** [*v*2] *boil lightly, usually eggs* brew, cook, poach, simmer, steam; CONCEPT 170

**code** [*n*1] *secret language* system cipher, cryptograph; CONCEPTS 276,284

**code** [*n*2] *law, rule* canon, charter, codex, constitution, convention, custom, digest, discipline, ethics, etiquette, manners, maxim, method, regulation, system; CONCEPTS 318,688

**co-dependent** [*adj*] *unhealthy psychological reliance of one person on another* addicted, attached, hooked, interconnected, interdependent, mutually dependent, slavish trust, unhealthy confidence; CONCEPTS 404,542

**codicil** [*n*] *added part to document* addendum, addition, appendix, postscript, rider, supplement; CONCEPT 270

**codify** [*v*] *systematize* arrange, catalogue, classify, code, collect, condense, digest, order, organize, summarize, tabulate; CONCEPTS 39,84 —**Ant.** disorganize, unsystematize

**coerce** [*v*] *compel, press* beset, browbeat, bulldoze\*, bully, concuss, constrain, cow, dragoon, drive, force, high pressure\*, hinder, impel, intimidate, lean on, make, make an offer they can't refuse\*, menace, oblige, pressurize, push, put the squeeze on\*, repress, restrict, shotgun\*, strong-arm, suppress, terrorize, threaten, twist one's arm\*, urge; CONCEPTS 14,68 —**Ant.** leave alone

**coercion** [*n*] *compulsion, pressure* browbeating, bullying, constraint, duress, force, intimidation, menace, menacing, persuasion, restraint, strong-arm tactic\*, threat, threatening, violence; CONCEPTS 14,68

**coexistence** [*n*] *happening or being at same time, place* accord, coetaneousness, coevality, coincidence, concurrence, conformity, conjunction, contemporaneousness, harmony, order, peace, simultaneousness, synchronicity; CONCEPT 407

**coffee** [*n*] *hot beverage made from beans of a tree* battery acid\*, brew, café, café au lait, café noir, cappuccino, decaf, decoction, demitasse, espresso, forty weight\*, hot stuff\*, ink\*,

- jamocho\*, java\*, joe\*, mocha\*, mud\*, perk\*, varnish remover\*; CONCEPT 454
- coffer** [*n*] *large box* case, casket, chest, exchequer, repository, strongbox, treasure chest, treasury, war chest\*; CONCEPT 494
- coffin** [*n*] *box for dead person* casket, catafalque, crate, funerary box, pall, pine box, pine drape\*, sarcophagus; CONCEPTS 368,479,494
- cog** [*n*] *main part of device* cogwheel, differential, fang, gear, pinion, prong, rack, ratchet, tine, tooth, transmission, tusk, wheel; CONCEPT 464
- cogency** [*n*] *effectiveness* bearing, concern, connection, conviction, convincingness, force, forcefulness, pertinence, point, potency, power, punch, relevance, strength, validity, validness; CONCEPTS 376,676 —*Ant.* impotence, ineffectiveness, invalidity, weakness
- cogent** [*adj*] *effective* apt, compelling, conclusive, consequential, convictive, convincing, fitting, forceful, forcible, inducing, influential, irresistible, justified, meaningful, momentous, persuasive, pertinent, potent, powerful, puissant, relevant, satisfactory, satisfying, significant, solid, sound, strong, suasive, telling, urgent, valid, weighty, well-grounded; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* impotent, ineffective, invalid, weak
- cogitate** [*v*] *think deeply about* brainstorm\*, cerebration, chew the cud\*, conceive, consider, contemplate, deliberate, envisage, envision, figure, flash on\*, imagine, kick around\*, meditate, mull over, muse, noodle around\*, ponder, reason, reflect, ruminate, speculate, stew over\*; CONCEPTS 17,24 —*Ant.* ignore
- cogitation** [*n*] *deep thought* brainwork, cerebration, consideration, contemplation, deliberation, meditation, reflection, rumination, speculation; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* ignorance
- cognate** [*adj*] *alike, associated* affiliated, agnate, akin, allied, analogous, comparable, connate, connatural, connected, consanguine, general, generic, incident, kindred, like, related, same, similar, universal; CONCEPTS 487,573 —*Ant.* disassociated, dissimilar, unlike, unallied, unconnected, unlike
- cognizance/cognition** [*n*] *understanding* acknowledgment, apprehension, attention, awareness, comprehension, discernment, insight, intelligence, knowledge, mind, need, notice, observation, observation, perception, percipience, reasoning, recognition, regard; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* ignorance, misunderstanding
- cognizant** [*adj*] *aware* acquainted, alive, apprehensive, au courant, awake, conscious, conversant, down with, familiar, grounded, hep to\*, hip to\*, informed, in on, in the know, in the picture\*, judicious, knowing, knowledgeable, observant, on the beam\*, on to\*, perceptive, plugged in, savvy, sensible, sentient, tuned in\*, up on\*, versed, wise to\*, with it\*, witting; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, unaware, unfamiliar, uninformed, unknowledgeable, unwitting
- cohabit** [*v*] *live together* be roommates with, conjugate, couple, have relations, live illegally, live with, mingle, play house\*, room together, shack up\*, share address, take up housekeeping\*; CONCEPTS 226,375,384
- cohere** [*v1*] *stick to, cling* adhere, associate, bind, blend, cleave, coalesce, combine, connect, consolidate, fuse, glue, hold, join, merge, unite; CONCEPTS 85,113,160 —*Ant.* divide, fall off, separate
- cohere** [*v2*] *agree, conform* accord, be connected, be consistent, check, check out, comport, conform, correspond, dovetail, fit in, go, hang together, harmonize, hold, hold water, make sense, relate, square; CONCEPTS 8,636,667 —*Ant.* disagree, dispute, not conform
- coherence** [*n*] *agreement* adherence, attachment, bond, cementation, cling, clinging, comprehensibility, concordance, conformity, congruity, connection, consistency, consonance, construction, continuity, correspondence, inseparability, inseparableness, integrity, intelligibility, rationality, relations, solidarity, stickage, tenacity, union, unity; CONCEPTS 388,684 —*Ant.* disagreement, incoherence, incongruity, nonsense, unintelligibility
- coherent** [*adj*] *understandable* articulate, comprehensible, consistent, identified, intelligible, logical, lucid, meaningful, orderly, organized, rational, reasoned, sound, systematic; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* disorganized, incomprehensible, irrational, not understandable, unintelligible, unrational, unsystematic
- cohort** [*n*] *partner in activity* accomplice, adherent, aide, ally, assistant, associate, companion, company, comrade, confrere, consociate, contingent, disciple, follower, friend, hand, legion, mate, myrmidon, pal, partisan, regiment, satellite, sidekick, stall, supporter; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* enemy, opponent
- coiffure** [*n*] *hairstyle* afro, beehive, blow dry\*, braids, corn rows, crew cut, DA\*, dreadlocks, dreads, flip, fuzz cut\*, hair, hair-comb, haircut, hairdo, permanent, pigtailed, plait, ponytail, razor cut\*, tail, tease, trim, wave; CONCEPTS 418,718
- coil** [*n*] *thread that curls* braid, circle, convolution, corkscrew, curlicue, gyration, helix, involution, lap, loop, ring, roll, scroll, spiral, tendril, turn, twine, twirl, twist, whorl, wind; CONCEPT 436
- coil** [*v*] *curl around, entwine* convolute, convolve, corkscrew, fold, intertwine, interweave, lap, loop, make serpentine, rotate, scroll, sinuate, snake, spiral, spire, turn, twine, twist, wind, wrap around, wreath, writhe; CONCEPTS 201,758
- coin** [*n*] *metallic money* bread\*, cash, change, chicken feed\*, chips\*, coinage, copper, currency, dough, gold, jack\*, legal tender, meter money\*, mintage, money, piece, scratch\*, silver, small change\*, specie; CONCEPT 340 —*Ant.* bill, dollar
- coin** [*v*] *create, invent* brainstorm\*, compose, conceive, contrive, counterfeit, dream up, fabricate, forge, formulate, frame, head trip\*, make up, make up off the top of one's head\*, manufacture, mint, mold, originate, spark, spitball\*, stamp, strike, think up, trump up\*; CONCEPTS 36,173
- coincide** [*v*] *go along with; coexist* accompany, accord, acquiesce, agree, be concurrent, befall, be the same, come about, concert, concur, correspond, equal, eventuate, harmonize, identify,

jibe, match, occur simultaneously, quadrate, square, sync, synchronize, tally; CONCEPTS 667,714 —*Ant.* clash, deviate, differ, disagree, mismatch

**coincidence** [n1] *agreement; coexistence* accompaniment, accord, accordance, collaboration, concomitance, concurrence, conformity, conjunction, consonance, correlation, correspondence, parallelism, synchronism, union; CONCEPTS 667,684,714 —*Ant.* clash, deviation, difference, disagreement, divergence, mismatch

**coincidence** [n2] *accidental happening* accident, chance, eventuality, fate, fluke, fortuity, happening, happy accident, incident, luck, stroke of luck; CONCEPTS 4,230 —*Ant.* design, plan, scheme

**coincident** [adj] *concurring, happening together* ancillary, attendant, attending, coinciding, collateral, concomitant, consonant, contemporaneous, contemporary, coordinate, correspondent, incident, satellite, simultaneous, synchronous; CONCEPTS 548,820

**coincidental** [adj] *accidental* casual, chance, circumstantial, fluky, fortuitous, incidental, unintentional, unplanned; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* decided, deliberate, designed, planned

**cold** [adj1] *chilly, freezing* algid, arctic, below freezing, below zero, benumbed, biting, bitter, blasting, bleak, boreal, brisk, brumal, chill, chilled, cool, crisp, cutting, frigid, frore, frosty, frozen, gelid, glacial, have goose bumps\*, hawkish, hiemal, hyperborean, icebox, iced, icy, inclement, intense, keen, nipping, nippy, numbed, numbing, one-dog night\*, penetrating, piercing, polar, raw, rimy, severe, sharp, shivery, Siberian, sleety, snappy, snowy, stinging, two-dog night\*, wintry; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* hot, warm

**cold** [adj2] *aloof, unresponsive* apathetic, cold-blooded, cool, dead, distant, emotionless, frigid, frosty, glacial, icy, impersonal, imperturbable, indifferent, inhibited, inhospitable, joyless, lukewarm, matter-of-fact, passionless, phlegmatic, reserved, reticent, spiritless, standoffish, stony, unconcerned, undemonstrative, unenthusiastic, unfeeling, unimpassioned, unmoved, unresponsive, unsympathetic; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* animated, ardent, eager, enthusiastic, excited, fervid, friendly, interested, sympathetic, warm, zealous

**cold** [n] *frigid conditions* ague, algidity, algor, chill, chilliness, coldness, congelation, draft, freeze, frigidity, frost, frostbite, frostinness, frozenness, gelidity, gelidness, glaciation, goose flesh, iciness, inclemency, rawness, refrigeration, shivering, shivers, snow, wintertime, wintriness; CONCEPTS 524,610 —*Ant.* heat, warmth

**cold-blooded** [adj] *cruel, heartless* barbarous, brutal, callous, cold, dispassionate, hard-boiled, hardened, hard-hearted, imperturbable, inhuman, matter-of-fact, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, relentless, ruthless, savage, steely, stony-hearted, uncompassionate, unemotional, unfeeling, unmoved; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* compassionate, demonstrative, feeling, friendly, merciful, nice, sympathetic, warm-blooded

**cold feet** [n] *fear of carrying out an activity* anxiety, fear, reservations, second thoughts, timidity; CONCEPT 27

**cold fish** [n] *unemotional person* aloof person, iceberg\*, unfeeling person; CONCEPT 412

**cold-hearted** [adj] *unfeeling* cold, detached, hard, hard-hearted, harsh, heartless, indifferent, insensitive, stony-hearted, uncaring, unemotional, unfriendly, unkind, unloving, unsympathetic; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* warm-hearted

**cold shoulder** [n] *snub* aloofness, brush-off, coldness, dismissal, disregard, iciness; CONCEPTS 30,633

**coliseum** [n] *arena for events* amphitheater, bowl, hippodrome, open-air theater, stade, stadium, theater; CONCEPT 438

**collaborate** [v] *work together* be in cahoots\*, coact, cofunction, collude, come together, concert, concur, conspire, cooperate, coproduce, do business with, get together, glue oneself to\*, go partners\*, hook on, hook up\*, interface, join forces, join together, join up with, participate, team up, throw in together\*, throw in with\*, tie in, work with; CONCEPTS 100,351,384 —*Ant.* disagree, divorce, part

**collaboration** [n] *cooperation* alliance, association, collusion, combination, concert, fraternization, joint effort, participation, partnership, teamwork, working together; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* noncooperation

**collaborator** [n] *person who works with another* assistant, associate, colleague, confederate, co-worker, fellow traveller, helper, partner, quisling, running dog, teammate, team player\*; CONCEPTS 348,423

**collage** [n] *mixture of pictures* abstract composition, found art, photomontage; CONCEPT 259

**collapse** [n] *downfall, breakdown* bankruptcy, basket case\*, cataclysm, catastrophe, cave-in, conk out\*, crackup\*, crash, debacle, destruction, disintegration, disorganization, disruption, exhaustion, failure, faint, flop, prostration, ruination, ruining, smash, smashup, subsidence, undoing, wreck; CONCEPTS 230,316,410,674 —*Ant.* build-up, increase, rise, success

**collapse** [v] *fall apart, break down* belly up\*, bend, break, cave in, conk out\*, crack up\*, crumple, deflate, disintegrate, droop, drop, exhaust, fail, faint, fall down, flag, flake out, fold, founder, give, give in, give out, give way, go\*, go to pieces\*, keel over, languish, shatter, subside, succumb, tire, topple, weaken, weary, wilt, yield; CONCEPTS 252,469,702 —*Ant.* build, increase, rise

**collar** [n] *neck attire* bertha, choker, dicky, Eton, fichu, fraise, frill, jabot, neckband, ruff, torque, Vandyke; CONCEPTS 450,452

**collar** [v] *apprehend* abduct, appropriate, arrest, bag, capture, catch, cop\*, corner, get, grab, hook, lay hands on, nab, nail\*,prehend, secure, seize, take, tree; CONCEPTS 90,317 —*Ant.* let go, lose, release

**collate** [v] *sort collection* adduce, analogize, assemble, bracket, collect, compare, compose, contrast, examine, gather, group, match, order, relate, verify; CONCEPTS 84,158

**collateral** [adj] *indirect, secondary* accessory, accompanying, added, adjunctive, adjuvant, ancillary, appurtenant, attendant, auxiliary, circuitous, coincident, complementary, concomitant, concurrent, confirmatory, coordinate, corresponding, corroborative, dependent,

incident, lateral, not lineal, parallel, related, roundabout, satellite, side, sub, subordinate, subservient, subsidiary, supporting, tributary, under; CONCEPTS 546,567,831 —*Ant.* chief, direct, main, primary, principal

**collateral** [*n*] *monetary deposit* assurance, bond, endorsement, guarantee, pledge, promise, security, surety, warrant, wealth; CONCEPT 344

**colleague** [*n*] *associate, fellow worker* aide, ally, assistant, auxiliary, buddy, chum, coadjutor, cohort, collaborator, companion, compatriot, compeer, comrade, confederate, confrere, co-worker, crony, friend, helper, pal, partner, teammate, workmate; CONCEPTS 348,423 —*Ant.* antagonist, detractor, enemy, opponent, opposer

**collect** [*v1*] *accumulate, come together* aggregate, amass, array, assemble, cluster, compile, congregate, congress, convene, converge, convoke, corral, flock, flock together, gather, get hold of, group, heap, hoard, muster, rally, rendezvous, round up, save, scare up, stockpile; CONCEPTS 109,114 —*Ant.* dispense, disperse, disseminate, distribute, divide, scatter, share

**collect** [*v2*] *obtain (money)* acquire, dig up, muster, pass the hat\*, raise, requisition, secure, solicit; CONCEPT 342 —*Ant.* compensate, give, meed

**collected** [*adj*] *composed, calm* confident, cool, easy, easygoing, levelheaded, nonchalant, peaceful, placid, poised, possessed, quiet, sanguine, self-possessed, serene, still, sure, temperate, together, tranquil, unflappable, unperturbable, unperturbed, unruffled; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* agitated, disorganized, excited, mixed up, upset, worried

**collection** [*n*] *group, accumulation* accumulating, acquiring, acquisition, agglomeration, amassing, amassment, anthology, assemblage, assembling, assembly, assortment, batch, bringing together, caboodle, clump, cluster, collation, combination, company, compilation, congeries, congregation, convocation, crowd, cumulation, digest, gathering, heap, hoard, kit, levy, lot, mass, medley, mess, miscellany, mobilization, muster, number, obtaining, omnibus, pile, quantity, securing, selection, set, stack, stock, stockpile, store; CONCEPTS 109,432

**collective** [*adj*] *composite* aggregate, assembled, collated, combined, common, compiled, concentrated, concerted, conjoint, consolidated, cooperative, corporate, cumulative, gathered, grouped, heaped, hoarded, joint, massed, mutual, piled, shared, unified, united; CONCEPT 585 —*Ant.* divided, separate

**college** [*n*] *institution of higher education* alma mater, association, brainery\*, halls of ivy\*, halls of knowledge\*, institute, lyceum, organization, seminary, university; CONCEPTS 287,288,289

**college student** [*n*] *person studying at institution of higher education* first year student, grad student\*, graduate student, junior, senior, sophomore, undergrad\*, undergraduate student; CONCEPT 350

**collide** [*v*] *slam into* bang, beat, break up, bump, clash, conflict, crash, crunch\*, disagree, fender-bend\*, fragment, hit, jolt, meet head-on\*, pile up\*, plow into\*, pulverize\*, scrap\*, shatter, sideswipe, smash, splinter, strike, wrack up\*; CONCEPTS 189,248

**collision** [*n*] *accident* blow, bump, butt, concussion, contact, crash, demolition, destruction, dilapidation, encounter, fender bender\*, head-on\*, hit, impact, jar, jolt, knock, percussion, pileup\*, rap, ruin, shock, sideswipe, slam, smash, strike, thud, thump, wreck; CONCEPTS 189,230,674

**collocate** [*v*] *compile* accumulate, assemble, collect, collimate, gather, parallel; CONCEPT 84

**colloquial** [*adj*] *particular, familiar to an area, informal* chatty, common, conversational, demotic, dialectal, everyday, idiomatic, jive\*, popular, street\*, vernacular; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* correct, formal, standard, stilted

**colloquy** [*n*] *conversation, debate* buzz session, chat, chimeft\*, chitchat, clambake\*, colloquium, confab\*, confabulation, conference, converse, dialogue, discourse, discussion, flap\*, gab fest\*, gam\*, groupthink\*, huddle\*, palaver, parley, powwow\*, rap\*, rap session\*, seminar, talk, talkfest\*; CONCEPT 266

**collusion** [*n*] *secret understanding, often with intent to defraud* bait and switch\*, bill of goods\*, bunco\*, cahoots\*, complicity, con game\*, connivance, conspiracy, craft, deceit, diddling\*, dodge, double-cross, fast shuffle, flam\*, flimflam\*, fraudulent artifice, graft, guilt, guiltiness, gyp, intrigue, plot, racket, scam, scheme, shell game\*, skunk\*, sting\*, trick, whitewash; CONCEPTS 114,660

**cologne** [*n*] *fragrance product* fragrance, perfume, scent, toilet water; CONCEPTS 599,600

**colonial** [*adj*] *pioneering, relating to a nonindependent or new territory* crude, dependent, dominion, early American, emigrant, frontier, immigrant, new, outland, pilgrim, pioneer, prerevolutionary, primitive, provincial, puritan, territorial, transplanted, uncultured, unsettled, unsophisticated, wild; CONCEPTS 549,799 —*Ant.* modern, new

**colonization** [*n*] *settlement of area* clearing, establishment, expanding, expansion, founding, immigration, migration, opening up, peopling, pioneering, populating, settlement, settling, squatting, transplanting; CONCEPTS 198,298

**colony** [*n*] *community* antecedents, clearing, dependency, dominion, mandate, new land, offshoot, outpost, possession, protectorate, province, satellite, settlement, subject state, swarm, territory; CONCEPTS 379,512

**color** [*n1*] *pigment, shade* blush, cast, chroma, chromaticity, chromatism, chromism, colorant, coloration, coloring, complexion, dye, glow, hue, intensity, iridescence, luminosity, paint, pigmentation, polychromasia, saturation, stain, tinct, tincture, tinge, tint, undertone, value, wash; CONCEPT 622

**color** [*n2*] *deceptive appearance* deception, disguise, excuse, facade, face, false show, front, guise, mask, plea, pretense, pretext, put-on, semblance, show; CONCEPTS 59,716

**color** [*v1*] *make pigmented; shade* adorn, blacken, bloom, blush, burn, chalk, crayon, crimson, darken, daub, dye, embellish, emblazon, enamel, enliven, flush, fresco, gild, glaze, gloss, illuminate, imbue, infuse, lacquer, paint, pigment, pinken, redden, rouge, stain, stipple, suffuse, tinge, tint, tone, variegate, wash; CONCEPTS 250,469 —*Ant.* discolor, pale, whiten

**color** [v2] *distort, exaggerate* angle\*, belie, cook up\*, disguise, doctor\*, embroider\*, fake, falsify, fudge\*, garble, gloss over, magnify, misrepresent, misstate, overstate, pad\*, pervert, prejudice, slant\*, taint, twist\*, warp\*; CONCEPTS 49,63 —**Ant.** be truthful, represent

**colored** [adj1] *not white* dyed, flushed, glowing, hued, shaded, stained, tinted, tinted, washed; CONCEPT 618 —**Ant.** white

**colored** [adj2] *distorted* angled, biased, false, falsified, jaundiced, misrepresented, one-sided, partial, partisan, perverted, prejudiced, prepossessed, tampered with, tendentious, warped; CONCEPT 582 —**Ant.** genuine, honest, real, truthful

**colorful** [adj1] *brilliant, intensely* hued bright, chromatic, flashy, florid, gaudy, gay, hued, intense, jazzy, kaleidoscopic, loud, motley, multi-colored, picturesque, prismatic, psychedelic, rich, showy, splashy, variegated, vibrant, vivid; CONCEPTS 617,618 —**Ant.** colorless, drab, dreary, faded, plain, uncolored, uncolorful

**colorful** [adj2] *full of life, interesting* brave, characterful, distinctive, flaky\*, gay, glamorous, graphic, jazzy, lively, picturesque, rich, stimulating, unusual, vivid; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** boring, dull, lifeless, plain, uninteresting

**colorless** [adj1] *without hue* achromatic, achromic, anemic, ashen, ashy, blanched, bleached, cadaverous, doughy, drab, dull, faded, flat, ghostly, livid, lurid, neutral, pale, sickly, uncolored, wan, washed out, waxen, white; CONCEPT 618 —**Ant.** brilliant, colored, colorful, motley, rich, stimulating, vibrant, vivid

**colorless** [adj2] *unlively, uninteresting* characterless, dreary, dull, insipid, lackluster, lifeless, prosaic, run-of-the-mill\*, tame, unmemorable, unpassioned, vacuous, vapid; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** brilliant, distinctive, intense, interesting, lively, stimulating, vibrant

**colossal** [adj] *very large* barn door\*, behemoth, blimp\*, cyclopean, elephantine, enormous, gargantuan, giant, gigantic, huge, humongous\*, immense, jumbo, mammoth, mondo\*, monstrous, mountainous, super, titanic, vast; CONCEPT 781 —**Ant.** small, teeny, tiny

**colossus** [n] *giant thing* behemoth, Cyclops, Gargantua, giant, Godzilla, Goliath, Hercules, Leviathan, mammoth, Samson, titan; CONCEPT 424

**colt** [n] *young horse* filly, fledgling, foal, rookie, sapling, yearling, youngling, youngster; CONCEPT 394

**column** [n1] *line, procession* cavalcade, company, file, list, platoon, queue, rank, row, string, train; CONCEPTS 432,727

**column** [n2] *pillar* brace, buttress, caryatid, colonnade, cylinder, mast, minaret, monolith, monument, obelisk, pedestal, peristyle, pier, pilaster, post, prop, pylon, shaft, standard, stay, stèle, support, totem, tower, underpinning, upright; CONCEPT 440

**coma** [n] *deep unconsciousness* blackout, dullness, faint, hebétude, insensibility, lethargy, oblivion, sleep, slumber, somnolence, stupor, swoon, syncope, torpidity, torpor, trance; CONCEPT 315 —**Ant.** alertness, consciousness, wakefulness

**comatose** [adj] *unconscious* cold, dead, dead to the world\*, dopey, drowsy, drugged, hebétudinous, unconscious, insensible, lethargic, slout, out cold\*, out to lunch\*, senseless, sleepy, sluggish, slumberous, somnolent, soporose, stupefied, stupid, stuporous, torpid, vegged out\*; CONCEPT 539 —**Ant.** alert, awake, conscious

**comb** [v1] *arrange hair* adjust, card, cleanse, curry, disentangle, dress, groom, hackle, hatchel, lay smooth, rasp, scrape, separate, smooth, sort, straighten, tease, untangle; CONCEPT 162

**comb** [v2] *search by ransacking* beat, beat the bushes\*, examine, finecomb\*, forage, go through with fine-tooth comb\*, grub, hunt, inspect, investigate, leave no stone unturned\*, look high and low\*, probe, rake, ransack, rummage, scour, screen, scrutinize, search high heaven\*, sift, sweep, turn inside out\*, turn upside down\*; CONCEPT 216

**combat** [n] *battle* action, affray, battle royal\*, brush, brush-off, conflict, contest, encounter, engagement, fight, flap, fray, jackpot\*, mix-up\*, run-in\*, service, shoot-out\*, skirmish, struggle, war, warfare; CONCEPTS 86,106 —**Ant.** accord, compromise, peace, retreat, surrender, truce

**combat** [v] *fight* battle, buck, clash, contend, contest, cope, cross swords with\*, defy, dispute, do battle with, duel, engage, fight, go up against, oppose, put up a fight\*, repel, resist, shoot it out\*, strive, struggle, traverse, war, withstand; CONCEPTS 86,106 —**Ant.** agree, compromise, retreat, run, surrender

**combatant** [n] *fighter* adversary, antagonist, assailant, attacker, battler, belligerent, contender, enemy, foe, serviceman, soldier, warrior; CONCEPT 358

**combative** [adj] *aggressive* antagonistic, belligerent, belligerent, cantankerous, contentious, cussed, energetic, fire-eating\*, gladiatorial, hawkish, militant, ornery\*, pugnacious, quarrelsome, ructious, scrappy, strenuous, trigger-happy\*, truculent, warlike, warring; CONCEPTS 401,404 —**Ant.** agreeable, compromising, peaceful, peaceloving

**combination** [n1] *mixture, blend* aggregate, amalgam, amalgamation, blending, brew, coalescence, combo, composite, compound, connection, consolidation, everything but kitchen sink\*, fusion, junction, medley, merger, miscellany, mishmash\*, mix, olio, order, sequence, solution, soup, stew, succession, synthesis, unification, union; CONCEPT 432 —**Ant.** detachment, division, parting, separation

**combination** [n2] *alliance, association* affiliation, bloc, cabal, cahoots, camarilla, cartel, circle, clique, club, coadunation, coalition, combine, compound, confederacy, confederation, conjunction, connection, consolidation, consortium, conspiracy, coterie, faction, federation, gang, guild, hookup\*, mafia, melding, mergence, merger, merging, partnership, party, pool, ring, set, syndicate, tie-up\*, trust, unification, union; CONCEPT 381 —**Ant.** dissolution, disunion, separation, severance

**combine** [v] *connect, integrate* amalgamate, associate, band, bind, blend, bond, bracket, bunch up, coadjute, coalesce, commingle,



- compound, conjoin, cooperate, couple, dub, fuse, get together, glue oneself to, hitch on\*, hook on\*, incorporate, interface, join, league, link, marry, merge, mingle, mix, network, plug into, pool, put together, relate, slap on\*, stand in with, synthesize, tack on\*, tag on\*, team up with\*, throw in together\*, tie up with\*, unify, unite, wed; **CONCEPT 113** —**Ant.** detach, disconnect, dissolve, divide, part, separate
- combustible** [adj] *able to be exploded* burnable, comburent, combustible, explosive, fiery, firing, flammable, ignitable, incendiary, inflammable, kindling, volatile; **CONCEPTS 485,537** —**Ant.** noncombustible, nonexplosive
- combustion** [n] *explosion; on fire* agitation, candescence, disturbance, flaming, ignition, kindling, oxidation, thermogenesis, tumult, turmoil; **CONCEPTS 521,676,724**
- come** [v1] *advance, approach* appear, arrive, attain, be accessible, be at disposal, become, be convenient, be handy, be obtainable, be ready, blow in\*, bob up, breeze in\*, burst, buzz\*, check in\*, clock in\*, close in, draw near, drop in, enter, fall by, fall in, flare\*, get, get in, happen, hit, hit town\*, make it, make the scene\*, materialize, move, move toward, near, occur, originate, pop in\*, pop up\*, punch in\*, punch the clock\*, reach, ring in\*, roll in\*, show, show up, sign in, sky in\*, spring in, turn out, turn up, wind up at; **CONCEPT 159** —**Ant.** depart, go, leave, recede, retreat
- come** [v2] *happen* befall, betide, break, chance, come to pass, develop, fall, hap\*, occur, take place, transpire, turn out; **CONCEPT 4**
- come** [v3] *extend, reach* add up, aggregate, amount, become, come over, develop, expand, get, go, grow, join, mature, number, run, run into, spread, stretch, sum to, total, turn, wax; **CONCEPTS 239,701**
- come about** [v] *happen* arise, befall, come to pass, occur, result, take place, transpire; **CONCEPT 701**
- come across** [v] *encounter, find* bump into, chance upon, discover, happen upon, hit upon, light upon, meet, notice, stumble upon, uncover, unearth; **CONCEPTS 38,183**
- come along** [v] *progress, develop* do well, get on, improve, mend, perk up, pick up, rally, recover, recuperate, show improvement; **CONCEPT 700**
- come at** [v1] *reach, attain* accomplish, achieve, discover, feel for, find, grasp, succeed, touch, win; **CONCEPTS 34,706**
- come at** [v2] *attack* assail, assault, charge, fall upon, fly at, go for, invade, light into\*, rush; **CONCEPT 86**
- comeback** [n1] *recovery, triumph* improvement, rally, rebound, resurgence, return, revival, victory, winning; **CONCEPT 706** —**Ant.** failure
- comeback** [n2] *snappy retort* answer back, quip, rejoinder, repartee, reply, response, retaliation, riposte; **CONCEPT 278**
- come back** [v] *return* come again, do better, reappear, recover, recur, re-enter, remigrate, resume, triumph; **CONCEPT 239** —**Ant.** depart, go, leave
- come between** [v] *alienate* divide, estrange, interfere, interpose, interrupt, intervene, med-
- dle, part, put at odds, separate; **CONCEPTS 14,386** —**Ant.** bring together, join, unite
- come by** [v1] *acquire* get, lay hold of, obtain, procure, secure, take possession of, win; **CONCEPTS 124,129** —**Ant.** give, lose, miss
- come by** [v2] *visit someone* call, come over, drop by, drop in, look in, look up, meet, pay a call, pop in, run in, see, step in, stop by, visit; **CONCEPT 227**
- come clean** [v] *acknowledge information* admit, confess, explain, make clean breast\*, own up, reveal; **CONCEPTS 49,57** —**Ant.** hide, hold, secret
- comedian** [n] *funny person, often professional* actor, banana\*, card\*, clown, comic, cutup, droll, entertainer, farceur, humorist, jester, joker, jokester, laugh, merry-andrew, million laughs\*, quipster, stand-up comic, stooge\*, top banana\*, wag, wisecracker, wit\*, zany\*; **CONCEPTS 352,423**
- comedown** [n] *letdown, blow* anticlimax, blow, collapse, comeuppance, crash, cropper\*, decline, defeat, deflation, demotion, descent, disappointment, discomfiture, dive, down, downfall, failure, fall, flop\*, humiliation, prat-fall\*, reverse, ruin, setback, undoing, wreck; **CONCEPTS 674,699** —**Ant.** ascent, boon, boost, fortune, promotion
- come down** [v] *worsen* decline, decrease, degenerate, descend, deteriorate, fail, fall, go downhill, reduce, suffer; **CONCEPT 698** —**Ant.** boost, improve
- come down on** [v] *criticize strongly* attack, dress down, jump on, land on, rebuke, reprimand, scold; **CONCEPT 52** —**Ant.** compliment, laud, praise
- come down with** [v] *contract illness* be stricken with, catch, contract, fall ill, fall victim to, sicken, take, take sick; **CONCEPTS 93,303** —**Ant.** be immune
- comedy** [n] *funny entertainment* ball\*, burlesque, camp, chaffing, comicality, comicalness, comic drama, drollery, drollness, facetiousness, farce, field day\*, fun, fun and games\*, funnies\*, funniness, gag show, grins, high camp\*, high time, hilarity, hoopla, humor, humorousness, interlude, jesting, joking, laughs, light entertainment, merry-go-round\*, picnic, play on, satire, schtick\*, send-up, sitcom\*, slapstick, takeoff, travesty, vaudeville, wisecracking, witticism, wittiness; **CONCEPTS 263,293** —**Ant.** tragedy
- come forward** [v] *volunteer services* appear, make proposal, offer services, present oneself, proffer oneself; **CONCEPT 67**
- come from** [v] *arise, emanate* accrue, derive from, ejaculate, emerge, end up, flow, hail from, issue, originate, proceed, result, rise, spring, stem, turn out; **CONCEPTS 105,179**
- come in** [v] *enter place* alight, appear, arrive, cross threshold, disembark, finish, immigrate, intrude, land, pass in, reach, set foot in, show up; **CONCEPT 159** —**Ant.** depart, exit, go, leave
- come in for** [v] *be eligible for something* acquire, bear brunt, endure, get, receive, suffer; **CONCEPTS 23,124**
- comely** [adj] *beautiful* a ten\*, attractive, beautiful, becoming, blooming, buxom, fair, fine, good-looking, gorgeous, graceful, handsome,

nice, pleasing, pretty, pulchritudinous, stunning, wholesome, winsome; CONCEPT 579

—*Ant.* bad-looking, despicable, disagreeable, offensive, repellent, repulsive, revolting, ugly, unattractive

**come off** [v] *transpire* befall, betide, break, chance, click, come about, develop, go, go off, go over, hap\*, happen, occur, pan out, prove out, succeed, take place; CONCEPT 4 —*Ant.* not happen

**come on** [v1] *advance, progress* develop, gain, improve, increase, make headway, proceed; CONCEPT 704 —*Ant.* decline, deteriorate, fall, reduce, retreat, worsen

**come on** [v2] *appear, enter* begin, come across, come into, come upon, encounter, meet, pass in, set foot in\*, take place; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* depart, exit, go, leave

**come out** [v1] *make public* appear, be announced, be brought out, be disclosed, be divulged, be exposed, be issued, be made known, be promulgated, be published, be released, be reported, be revealed, break\*, debut, get out, leak\*, out, transpire; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* hide

**come out** [v2] *conclude* end, result, terminate, transpire; CONCEPT 119

**come out with** [v] *disclose information* acknowledge, bring out, chime in\*, come clean, declare, deliver, divulge, lay open, own, own up, say, state, tell, throw out, utter; CONCEPT 107 —*Ant.* hide, secret

**come through** [v1] *accomplish goal* achieve, be successful, be victorious, carry out, chip in, contribute, kick in, pitch in, prevail, score, succeed, triumph, win; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* fail

**come through** [v2] *survive bad situation* endure, live through, persist, pull through, ride, ride out, survive, weather storm\*, withstand; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* fail

**come unglued** [v] *go to pieces* break down, come apart at the seams\*, come unstuck, come unwrapped, disintegrate, fall apart, fall to bits\*, fall to pieces\*, malfunction; CONCEPTS 252, 469

**come up** [v] *happen suddenly* arise, crop up, occur, rise, spring up, turn up; CONCEPT 119

**come upon** [v] *happen upon* bump into\*, chance, come across, encounter, meet; CONCEPTS 38, 384

**comeuppance** [n] *deserved fate* due, due reward, just deserts, just punishment, recompense, requital, retribution; CONCEPT 679

**come up to** [v] *meet expectations* admit of comparison with, approach, arrive, bear comparison with, come near, compare with, equal, extend, get near, match, measure up to, rank with, reach, resemble, rival, stand comparison with; CONCEPT 667

**come up with** [v] *suggest, create* advance, bring forth, compose, detect, discover, find, furnish, invent, offer, originate, present, produce, propose, provide, recommend, stumble upon, submit, uncover; CONCEPTS 75, 173

**comfort** [n1] *good feeling; ease* abundance, alleviation, amenity, assuagement, bed of roses\*, cheer, cheerfulness, complacency, contentment, convenience, coziness, creature comforts\*, enjoyment, exhilaration, facility, gratification, happiness, luxury, opulence, peacefulness, pleasure, plenty, poise, quiet,

relaxation, relief, repose, rest, restfulness, satisfaction, snugness, succor, sufficiency, warmth, well-being; CONCEPTS 230, 410, 720

—*Ant.* aggravation, annoyance, bother, botheration, distress, exasperation, irritation, torment, torture

**comfort** [n2] *aid, help* alleviation, assist, compassion, compensation, consolation, encouragement, hand, lift, pity, relief, secours, solace, succor, support, sympathy; CONCEPTS 337, 712

—*Ant.* hindrance, hurt, injury, torment, torture

**comfort** [v] *make to feel better* abate, aid, allay, alleviate, ameliorate, assist, assuage, bolster, buck up\*, calm, cheer, commiserate with, compose, condole, confirm, console, delight, divert, ease, encourage, enliven, free, gladden, grant respite, hearten, help, inspirit, invigorate, lighten burden, make well, mitigate, nourish, put at ease, quiet fears, reanimate, reassure, refresh, relieve, remedy, revitalize, revive, salve, soften, solace, soothe, strengthen, stroke, succor, support, sustain, sympathize, uphold, upraise; CONCEPTS 7, 22, 572 —*Ant.* aggravate, annoy, bother, distress, exasperate, hurt, irritate, provoke, torment, torture, trouble, vex

**comfortable** [adj1] *good feeling* adequate, agreeable, appropriate, at rest, cared for, cheerful, complacent, contented, convenient, cozy, delightful, easy, enjoyable, enjoying, gratified, hale, happy, healthy, hearty, loose, loose-fitting, made well, pleasant, pleased, protected, relaxed, relaxing, relieved, rested, restful, restored, satisfactory, satisfying, serene, sheltered, snug, snug as a bug in a rug\*, soft, soothed, strengthened, untroubled, useful, warm, well-off; CONCEPT 572 —*Ant.* discontented, hopeless, miserable, neglected, uncomfortable, unhappy, upset

**comfortable** [adj2] *affluent, wealthy* ample, easy, enough, prosperous, substantial, sufficient, suitable, well-heeled\*, well-off, well-to-do; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* destitute, hopeless, needy, pitiable, poor, uncomfortable, wretched

**comfortable** [adj3] *more than adequate* ample, commodious, cushy, luxurious, palatial, rich, roomy, spacious; CONCEPT 485

**comfort food** [n] *satisfying food* home cooking, meat and potatoes, Mom's food, plain food, prepackaged food; CONCEPTS 457, 460, 461

**comforting** [adj] *cheering* abating, allaying, alleviating, analeptic, assuaging, consolatory, consoling, curing, encouraging, freeing, health-giving, heart-warming, inspiriting, invigorating, lightening, mitigating, reassuring, refreshing, relieving, remedying, restoring, revitalizing, revivifying, softening, solacing, soothing, succoring, sustaining, tranquilizing, upholding, warming; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* aggravating, depressing, dispiriting, distressing, disturbing, irritating, upsetting, worrying

**comic** [n] *funny person, often professional* banana\*, buffoon\*, card\*, clown, comedian, droll, humorist, jester, joker, jokester, life of the party\*, million laughs\*, quipster, stand-up comic, stooge\*, top banana\*, wag\*, wit\*; CONCEPTS 352, 423 —*Ant.* tragedian

**comic/comical** [adj] *amusing* absurd, batty, boffo\*, camp\*, comical, crazy, dippy, diverting, dizzy, droll, entertaining, facetious,

farfarcial, flaky\*, fool, foolheaded, for grins\*, freaky, funny, gelastic, goofus\*, goofy, gump\*, horse's tail\*, humorous, ironic, jerky, jocular, joking, joshing, laughable, light, loony, ludicrous, Mickey Mouse\*, nutty, off the wall\*, priceless, ridiculous, risible, schtick\*, screwy, side-splitting, silly, wacky, waggish, whimsical, witty; CONCEPTS 401,529 —*Ant.* sad, serious, sober, solemn, tragic, unfunny

**coming** [*adj*] *approaching, promising* about to happen, advancing, almost on one, anticipated, aspiring, at hand, certain, close, converging, deserving, docking, drawing near, due, en route, eventual, expected, fated, foreseen, forthcoming, future, gaining upon, getting near, immediate, imminent, impending, in prospect, instant, in store, in the offing, in the wind\*, in view, marked, near, nearing, next, nigh, oncoming, ordained, predestined, preparing, progressing, prospective, pursuing, running after, subsequent, to be, up-and-coming; CONCEPTS 537,799

**coming** [*n*] *arrival* accession, advent, approach, landing, reception; CONCEPTS 119,159 —*Ant.*

departing, departure, exit, going, leaving

**command** [*n1*] *directive, instruction* act, adjuration, ban, behest, bidding, call, canon, caveat, charge, citation, commandment, decree, demand, devoir, dictate, dictation, dictum, direction, duty, edict, enactment, exaction, fiat, imperative, imposition, injunction, interdiction, law, mandate, notification, obligation, order, ordinance, precept, prescript, proclamation, prohibition, proscription, regulation, request, requirement, requisition, responsibility, rule, subpoena, summons, ultimatum, warrant, will, word, writ; CONCEPTS 274,662 —*Ant.* contradiction, countermand, opposition, recall, reversal, revocation

**command** [*n2*] *rule, power* ability, absolutism, aplomb, authority, authorization, charge, coercion, compulsion, constraint, control, despotism, domination, dominion, expertise, expertness, expertness, government, grasp, grip, hold, jurisdiction, know-how\*, leadership, management, might, prerogative, primacy, restraint, right, royalty, skill, sovereignty, strings\*, supervision, supremacy, sway, tyranny, upper hand\*; CONCEPT 376 —*Ant.* subordination

**command** [*v1*] *demand* adjure, appoint, authorize, ban, bar, beckon, bid, call, call for, call on, call the signals\*, call upon, charge, check, cite, compel, debar, dictate, direct, enact, enjoin, exact, forbid, force upon, give directions, give orders, grant, impose, inflict, inhibit, instruct, interdict, lay down the law, mark out, oblige, ordain, order, ordinate, proclaim, prohibit, put foot down\*, require, requisition, restrain, rule out, send for, set, subpoena, summon, take charge, take lead, task, tell, warn; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* contradict, countermand, oppose, recall, reverse, revoke

**command** [*v2*] *rule, have power* administer, boss, charge, check, coach, coerce, compel, conduct, conquer, constrain, control, curb, determine, dictate, direct, dominate, domineer, exact, exercise power, force, govern, guide, have authority, head, hinder, hold office, influence, lead, manage, officiate, oppress, overbear, override, predominate, prescribe, preside over,

prevail, push, regulate, reign, reign over, repress, restrain, run, stop, subdue, superintend, supervise, sway, take over, tyrannize, wield; CONCEPTS 133,298 —*Ant.* tyrann

**commandeer** [*v*] *seize, take over* accroach, activate, annex, appropriate, arrogate, assume\*, confiscate, conscript, draft, enslave, expropriate, grab, hijack, liberate, moonlight requisition\*, preempt, requisition, sequester, sequestrate, snatch, take, usurp; CONCEPTS 90,142

**commander** [*n*] *leader of military or other organization* administrator, big cheese\*, boss, captain, chief, CO\*, commandant, czar, director, don, exec, guru, head, head honcho\*, head person, higher up, high priest/priestess\*, kingfish\*, kingpin\*, lead-off person\*, mastermind, officer, point person\*, ruler, skipper, top banana\*, top brass\*, top dog\*; CONCEPTS 347,358 —*Ant.* follower

**commanding** [*adj*] *superior, authoritative* advantageous, arresting, assertive, autocratic, bossy, compelling, controlling, decisive, dictatorial, dominant, dominating, forceful, imperious, imposing, impressive, in charge, lofty, peremptory, striking; CONCEPTS 536,574 —*Ant.* indecisive, inferior, unassertive, uncontrolling

**commemorate** [*v*] *honor, observe* occasion admire, celebrate, immortalize, keep, memorialize, monument, monumentalize, observe, pay tribute to, perpetuate, remember, salute, solemnize; CONCEPTS 69,377,384 —*Ant.* dishonor, forget, neglect

**commemoration** [*n*] *honoring, observance* celebration, ceremony, custom, memorial service, monumentalization, recognition, remembrance, tribute; CONCEPT 377 —*Ant.* forgetting, neglect, negligence, unobservance

**commemorative** [*adj*] *in honor of something* celebratory, commemorative, dedicatory, in memory, in remembrance, memorial, observing; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* dishonoring, forgetful, neglectful, neglecting

**commence** [*v*] *start* action arise, begin, come into being, come into existence, embark on, enter upon, get cracking\*, get going, get one's feet wet\*, get show on road\*, hit the ground running\*, inaugurate, initiate, jump into, kick off\*, launch, lead off, open, originate, start the ball rolling\*, take up, tear into; CONCEPTS 119, 234 —*Ant.* cease, complete, end, finish, stop

**commencement** [*n*] *ceremony marking the beginning of stage* admission, alpha, birth, bow, celebration, convocation, countdown, curtain-raiser\*, dawn, dawning, genesis, graduation, initiation, kickoff\*, onset, opener, opening, outset, proem, services, start, starting point, tee off\*; CONCEPT 377 —*Ant.* cessation, completion, end, ending, finish, stop

**commend** [*v1*] *recommend, praise* acclaim, accredit, advocate, applaud, approve, boost, build, build up, compliment, countenance, endorse, eulogize, extol, give a posy\*, gold star\*, hail, hand it to\*, hats off to\*, hear it for\*, kudize, laud, pat on the back\*, puff up, sanction, speak highly of, stroke, support; CONCEPTS 69,75 —*Ant.* censure, criticize, disapprove, rebuke, reprimand

**commend** [*v2*] *hand over with confidence* assign, commit, confer, confide, consign, deliver,

entrust, proffer, relegate, resign, tender, trust, turn over, yield; CONCEPTS 108,132 —*Ant.* deny, keep, refuse

- commendable** [adj] *praiseworthy* admirable, creditable, deserving, estimable, excellent, exemplary, laudable, meritable, meritorious, praisable, thankworthy, worthy; CONCEPTS 527,572 —*Ant.* blameworthy, poor, unworthy
- commendation** [n] *giving of praise*; *acclaim* acclamation, approbation, approval, award, bouquet, Brownie points\*, credit, encomium, encouragement, good opinion, honor, panegyric, pat on the back\*, pat on the head\*, pay, plum, points\*, posy, PR\*, puff, pumping up\*, rave, recommendation, shot in the arm\*, stroke, stroking, tribute; CONCEPTS 69,337 —*Ant.* blame, censure, criticism, disapproval, reprimand
- commensurate** [adj] *adequate, corresponding* appropriate, coextensive, comparable, compatible, consistent, due, equal, equivalent, fit, fitting, in accord, proportionate, sufficient, symmetrical; CONCEPTS 563,566 —*Ant.* inadequate, inappropriate, incommensurate, unacceptable, unfitting
- comment** [n] *statement of opinion*; *explanation* animadversion, annotation, backtalk\*, buzz\*, comeback\*, commentary, crack\*, criticism, dictum, discussion, editorial, elucidation, exposition, footnote, gloss, hearsay, illustration, input, judgment, mention, mouthful, note, obiter, observation, opinion, remark, report, review, two cents' worth\*, wisecrack\*; CONCEPTS 51,278 —*Ant.* quiet, silence
- comment** [v] *make statement of opinion, explanation* affirm, animadvert, annotate, assert, bring out, clarify, commentate, conclude, construe, criticize, disclose, elucidate, explain, explicate, expound, express, gloss, illustrate, interject, interpose, interpret, mention, note, notice, observe, opine, pass on, point out, pronounce, reflect, remark, say, state, touch upon; CONCEPTS 51,57 —*Ant.* keep quiet, refrain
- commentary** [n] *analysis* annotation, appreciation, comment, consideration, criticism, critique, description, discourse, exegesis, explanation, exposition, gloss, narration, notes, obiter dictum, observation, remark, review, treatise, voice-over; CONCEPTS 51,278
- commentator** [n] *reporter* analyst, annotator, announcer, correspondent, critic, expositor, interpreter, observer, pundit, reviewer, sportscaster, writer; CONCEPT 356
- commerce** [n] *buying and selling* business, dealing, dealings, economics, exchange, industry, marketing, merchandising, merchantry, retailing, trade, traffic, truck, wholesaling; CONCEPTS 325,770
- commercial** [adj] *concerning business, marketing* across the counter\*, bartering, commissary, economic, exchange, financial, fiscal, for sale, in demand, in the market, market, marketable, mercantile, merchandising, monetary, pecuniary, popular, profitable, profit-making, retail, retailing, saleable, sales, supplying, trade, trading, wholesale, wholesaling; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* noncommercial
- commercial** [adj2] *intended for financial gain* exploited, for profit, investment, materialistic, mercenary, monetary, money-making,

pecuniary, profitmaking, venal, Wall Street\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* noncommercial, not-for-profit

- commercialize** [v] *prepare for saleability* advertise, cheapen, degrade, depreciate, develop as business, lessen, lower, make bring returns, make marketable, make pay, make profitable, make saleable, market, sell; CONCEPT 324
- commingle** [v] *blend* amalgamate, combine, commix, compound, inmix, integrate, intermingle, intermix, join, merge, mingle, unite; CONCEPT 109 —*Ant.* divide, separate
- commiserate** [v] *listen to woes of another* ache, compassionate, condole, console, feel, feel for, have mercy, pity, share sorrow, sympathize; CONCEPTS 110,596 —*Ant.* be indifferent, turn away
- commission** [n1] *task, duty* agency, appointment, authority, brevet, certificate, charge, consignment, delegation, deputation, diploma, embassy, employment, errand, function, instruction, legation, mandate, mission, obligation, office, permit, power of attorney, proxy, trust, warrant, work; CONCEPT 362
- commission** [n2] *share of a profit* allowance, ante, bite\*, bonus, brokerage, chunk, compensation, cut, cut-in\*, discount, end\*, factorage, fee, indemnity, juice, pay, payment, percentage, piece, piece of the action\*, rake-off\*, remuneration, royalty, salary, slice\*, stipend, taste, vigorish; CONCEPTS 329,344
- commission** [n3] *group working together toward goal* board, commissioners, committee, delegation, deputation, representative; CONCEPT 381
- commission** [v] *authorize or delegate task* accredit, appoint, assign, bespeak, bid, charge, command, commit, confide to, consign, constitute, contract, crown, depute, deputize, dispatch, employ, empower, enable, engage, enlist, enroll, entrust, hire, inaugurate, induct, instruct, invest, license, name, nominate, ordain, order, select, send; CONCEPTS 50,88,324,351 —*Ant.* retract, unauthorize
- commit** [v1] *perform an action* accomplish, achieve, act, carry out, complete, contravene, do, effectuate, enact, execute, go for broke\*, go in for\*, go out for\*, offend, perpetrate, pull, pull off\*, scandalize, sin, transgress, trespass, violate, wreak; CONCEPTS 6,87 —*Ant.* cease, desist, end, idle, loaf, rest, stop, wait
- commit** [v2] *deliver, entrust* allocate, allot, apportion, authorize, charge, commend, commission, confer trust, confide, consign, convey, delegate, deliver, depend upon, deposit, depute, deputize, destine, dispatch, employ, empower, engage, give, give to do, grant authority, hand over, hold, ice, imprison, institutionalize, invest, invest, leave to, make responsible for, move, offer, ordain, promise, put away, put in the hands of, relegate, rely upon, remove, send, shift, submit, transfer, turn over to, vest; CONCEPTS 108,143,217 —*Ant.* keep, keep from
- commitment** [n] *assurance; obligation* charge, committal, devoir, duty, engagement, guarantee, liability, must, need, ought, pledge, promise, responsibility, undertaking, vow, word; CONCEPTS 71,271,274 —*Ant.* broken promise, denial, refusal

**committee** [*n*] *group working on project*  
board, bureau, cabinet, chamber, commission, consultants, convocation, council, investigators, jury, panel, representatives, task force, trustees;  
CONCEPT 381

**commodious** [*adj*] *ample, spacious* big, capacious, comfortable, convenient, expansive, extensive, large, loose, roomy, wide; CONCEPTS 773,781 —*Ant.* confined, cramped, inconvenient, small, squeezed, uncomfortable

**commodity** [*n*] *merchandise, possession*  
article, asset, belonging, chattel, goods, line, material, object, produce, product, property, specialty, stock, thing, vendible, ware;  
CONCEPTS 338,710

**common** [*adj*1] *average, ordinary* accepted, banal, bourgeois, casual, characteristic, colloquial, conformable, commonplace, conventional, current, customary, daily, everyday, familiar, frequent, general, habitual, hackneyed, homely, humdrum, informal, mediocre, monotonous, natural, obscure, passable, plain, prevailing, prevalent, probable, prosaic, regular, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, simple, stale, standard, stereotyped, stock, trite, trivial, typical, undistinguished, universal, unvaried, usual, wearisome, workaday, worn-out; CONCEPT 547 —*Ant.* abnormal, extraordinary, infrequent, noteworthy, rare, scarce, uncommon, unusual, valuable

**common** [*adj*2] *generally known; held in common* accepted, coincident, collective, communal, communicative, community, commutual, congruous, conjoint, conjunct, constant, corporate, correspondent, customary, general, generic, in common, intermutual, joint, like, mutual, popular, prevailing, prevalent, public, reciprocal, shared, social, socialistic, united, universal, usual, well-known, widespread; CONCEPT 530

**common** [*adj*3] *low, coarse* baseborn, characterless, cheap, colorless, crass, déclassé, hack, hackneyed, impure, inferior, low-grade, mean, middling, nondescript, passable, pedestrian, Philistine, plebeian, poor, prosy, raffish, second-class, second-rate, shoddy, sleazy, stale, trite, undistinguished, vulgar; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* aristocratic, cultured, excellent, high, noble, refined, sophisticated, superior

**commonly** [*adv*] *usually as a rule, by ordinary*, frequently, generally, more often than not, ordinarily, regularly; CONCEPTS 530,541 —*Ant.* uncommonly, unusually

**commonplace** [*adj*] *usual, everyday* boiler plate\*, characterless, clichéd, colorless, conventional, corny\*, customary, dime-a-dozen\*, familiar, familiar tone, garden variety\*, hackneyed, humdrum, lowly, mainstream, matter-of-course, mediocre, middle-of-the-road\*, middling, mundane, natural, normal, obvious, ordinary, pedestrian, plebeian, prevalent, prosaic, run-of-the-mill\*, stale, starch, stereotyped, threadbare, trite, typical, uneventful, unexceptional, uninteresting, unnoteworthy, vanilla\*, widespread, workaday, worn-out; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* exceptional, infrequent, peculiar, rare, uncommon, unusual

**commonplace** [*n*] *clichéd saying or idea*  
banality, bromide\*, chestnut\*, cliché, corn\*, inanity, motto, platitude, prosaicism, prosaism, prose, rubber stamp\*, shallowness, shibboleth,

stereotype, tag, triteness, triviality truism;  
CONCEPTS 278,689

**common-sense** [*adj*] *reasonable* astute, commonsensical, cool, down-to-earth, hard-headed, judicious, levelheaded, matter-of-fact, practical, rational, realistic, sane, sensible, shrewd, sound; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* foolish, impractical, insane, unreasonable, unsensible, unsound

**common sense** [*n*] *good reasoning* acumen, cool, good sense, gumption, horse sense\*, intelligence, levelheadedness, practicality, prudence, reasonableness, sense, sound judgment, soundness, wisdom, wit; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* foolishness, impracticality, insanity, unreasonableness

**commonwealth** [*n*] *political or geographic area* body politic, citizenry, citizens, commonality, democracy, federation, nation, people, polity, republic, society; CONCEPTS 301,512

**commotion** [*n*] *clamor, uproar* ado, agitation, annoyance, backwash, ballyhoo\*, bedlam, big scene\*, big stink\*, brouhaha, bustle, clatter, combustion, confusion, convulsion, discomposure, disquiet, dither, excitement, ferment, fermentation, flap, flurry, furor, fuss, hell broke loose\*, hubbub, hurly-burly, insurgence, insurrection, lather\*, mutiny, outcry, pandemonium, perturbation, pother, racket, rebellion, revolt, riot, rumpus, stew, stir, to-do, tumult, turbulence, upheaval, uprising, upset, upturn, vexation, welter, whirl; CONCEPTS 388,674 —*Ant.* calm, calmness, peace, quiet, quietude, repose, silence, stillness, tranquility

**communal** [*adj*] *collective; shared* common, communistic, community, conjoint, cooperative, general, intermutual, joint, mutual, neighborhood, public; CONCEPTS 536,708 —*Ant.* individual, personal, private, unshared

**commune** [*n*] *group living together* collective, commonage, commonality, community, cooperative, family, kibbutz, municipality, neighborhood, rank and file, village; CONCEPT 379

**commune** [*v*] *communicate, experience with another* confer, confide in, contemplate, converse, discourse, discuss, mediate, muse, parley, ponder, reflect; CONCEPTS 17,266

**communicable** [*adj*] *able to be contracted* catching, communicative, contagious, expansive, infectious, pandemic, taking, transferable, transmittable; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* incontractable, noncommunicable, noncontagious

**communicate** [*v*1] *give or exchange information, ideas* acquaint, advertise, advise, announce, be in touch, betray, break, broadcast, carry, connect, contact, convey, correspond, declare, disclose, discover, disseminate, divulge, enlighten, get across, get through, hint, impart, imply, inform, interact, interface, keep in touch, let on, let out, make known, network\*, pass on, phone, proclaim, publicize, publish, raise, reach out, relate, report, reveal, ring up, signify, spread, state, suggest, tell, touch base\*, transfer, transmit, unfold, write; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* bottle up, conceal, cover, keep, keep quiet, suppress, withhold

**communicate** [*v*2] *mutually exchange information* answer, associate with, be close to, be in touch, be near, buzz, cable, chat, commune with, confabulate, confer, converse, correspond, discourse, drop a line\*, drop a note\*, establish

- contact, get on the horn\*, give a call, give a ring\*, have confidence of, hear from, reach, reply, talk, telephone, wire, write; CONCEPT 56
- communication** [n1] *giving, exchanging information, ideas* advice, advisement, announcing, articulation, assertion, communion, connection, contact, conversation, converse, correspondence, correspondingly, declaration, delivery, disclosing, dissemination, elucidation, expression, intelligence, interchange, intercommunication, intercourse, link, making known, mention, notifying, publication, reading, reception, revelation, talk, talking, telling, transfer, translating, transmission, utterance, writing; CONCEPT 266 —**Ant.** concealment, cover, quiet, suppression, withholding
- communication** [n2] *information transmitted* account, advice, announcement, briefing, bulletin, communiqué, conversation, converse, declaration, directive, disclosure, dispatch, excerpt, goods\*, hot story\*, ideas, info\*, information, inside story\*, intelligence, language, lowdown, message, missive, news, note, pipeline, poop\*, précis, prophecy, publicity, report, revelation, scoop\*, skinny\*, speech, statement, summary, tidings, translation, utterance, warning, word, work; CONCEPT 274
- communications** [n] *systems of information exchange* information technology, means, media, publicity, public relations, route, telecommunications, transport, travel; CONCEPTS 349, 770
- communicative** [adj] *informative* candid, chatty, communicable, conversable, conversational, demonstrative, effusive, enlightening, expansive, forthcoming, frank, garrulous, gushing, loquacious, open, outgoing, talkative, unreserved, voluble; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** close-mouthed, reserved, reticent, unfriendly, uninformative, unsociable
- communio** [n1] *affinity, agreement* accord, association, closeness, close relationship, communing, concord, contact, converse, fellowship, harmony, intercommunication, intercourse, intimacy, participation, rapport, sympathy, togetherness, unity; CONCEPT 684 —**Ant.** antagonism, contention, disagreement, discord, disunity, division, hostility, variance
- communio** [n2] *sacrament in church; body of believers sharing a sacrament* breaking of bread, church, creed, denomination, Eucharist, faith, Lord's Supper, Mass, persuasion, religion, sacrament; CONCEPT 367
- communism** [n] *socialist government* Bolshevism, collectivism, Leninism, Marxism, rule of the proletariat, socialism, state ownership, totalitarianism; CONCEPT 301 —**Ant.** capitalism, democracy
- community** [n1] *society, area of people* association, body politic, center, colony, commonality, commonwealth, company, district, general public, hamlet, locality, nation, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, people, populace, public, residents, society, state, stamping ground\*, territory, turf; CONCEPTS 379, 512
- community** [n2] *agreement, similarity* affinity, identity, kinship, likeness, sameness, semblance; CONCEPTS 664, 670 —**Ant.** disagreement, dissimilarity
- commute** [v1] *travel to work* drive, go back and forth, take the bus/subway/train; CONCEPT 224
- commute** [v2] *reduce punishment* alleviate, curtail, decrease, mitigate, modify, remit, shorten, soften; CONCEPTS 236, 247, 317 —**Ant.** increase, lengthen
- commute** [v3] *exchange, trade* barter, change, convert, interchange, metamorphose, substitute, switch, transfer, transfigure, transform, translate, transmogrify, transmute, transpose; CONCEPTS 104, 232 —**Ant.** keep
- commuter** [n] *daily traveler, usually for work* city worker, driver, straphanger\*, suburbanite, traveler; CONCEPT 348
- compact** [adj1] *condensed* appressed, bunched, close, compressed, crowded, dense, firm, hard, impenetrable, impermeable, packed, pressed, solid, thick, tight; CONCEPTS 481, 483, 774 —**Ant.** loose, slack, uncondensed
- compact** [adj2] *short, brief* boiled down, compendious, concise, epigrammatic, in a nutshell\*, laconic, make a long story short\*, marrowy, meaty, pithy, pointed, short and sweet\*, succinct, terse, to the point; CONCEPTS 773, 798 —**Ant.** big, large, lengthy, long, unabridged
- compact** [n] *agreement* alliance, arrangement, bargain, bond, concordat, contract, convention, covenant, deal, engagement, entente, indenture, pact, settlement, stipulation, transaction, treaty, understanding; CONCEPTS 271, 684 —**Ant.** disagreement
- compact** [v] *make condensed* combine, compress, concentrate, condense, consolidate, contract, cram, integrate, pack, set, solidify, stuff, unify, unite; CONCEPTS 137, 208 —**Ant.** enlarge, loosen, slacken, thin, uncondense
- compact disc** [n] *recording of music or speech* album, CD, cut\*, cylinder, demo, digital recording, disk, laser disk, record, release, track; CONCEPT 262
- companion** [n] *helper, friend* accompaniment, accomplice, aide, ally, assistant, associate, attendant, buddy, chaperon, colleague, comate, complement, comrade, concomitant, confederate, consort, convoy, counterpart, cousin, co-worker, crony, cuz\*, double, escort, guide, match, mate, nurse, pal, pard\*, partner, playmate, protector, roomie\*, safeguard, sidekick; CONCEPT 423 —**Ant.** enemy, foe, foreigner, opponent, stranger
- companionable** [adj] *friendly* affable, amicable, buddy buddy\*, clubby\*, complacent, congenial, conversable, convivial, cordial, cozy, cozy with, familiar, genial, good-natured, gregarious, intimate, mellow, neighborly, outgoing, pally, palsy\*, sociable, social, tight, tight with\*; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** antagonistic, foreign, opposing, unfriendly
- companionship** [n] *friendship, accompaniment* affiliation, alliance, amity, camaraderie, company, comradeship, conviviality, esprit de corps, rapport, society, togetherness, union; CONCEPT 388 —**Ant.** antagonism, strangeness
- company** [n1] *crowd of people* aggregation, assemblage, assembly, association, band, body, circle, clan, clique, club, collection, community, concourse, congregation, convention, corps, cortege, coterie, crew, ensemble, gang\*, gathering, group, horde, jungle\*, league, mob\*, muster, order, outfit, pack, party, retinue, ring,

- ruck, set, team, throng, troop, troupe, turnout, zoo\*; CONCEPT 417
- company** [n2] *business concern* association, business, concern, corporation, enterprise, establishment, firm, house, megacorp\*, multinational, outfit, partnership, syndicate; CONCEPT 325
- company** [n3] *social friend, guest* boarder, caller, companionship, cortege, party, presence, retinue, society, visitor; CONCEPTS 417,423
- comparable** [adj1] *worthy of comparison* a match for, as good as, commensurate, commensurate, equal, equipollent, equipotential, equivalent, in a class with, on a par, proportionate, tantamount; CONCEPT 566 —**Ant.** incomparable, unequal, unworthy
- comparable** [adj2] *corresponding, similar* agnate, akin, alike, analogous, cognate, consonant, corresponding, like, parallel, related, relative, undifferentiated, uniform; CONCEPTS 487,573 —**Ant.** dissimilar, unlike
- comparative** [adj] *approximate, close to* allusive, analogous, approaching, by comparison, comparable, conditional, connected, contingent, contrastive, correlative, corresponding, equivalent, in proportion, like, matching, metaphorical, near, not absolute, not positive, parallel, provisional, qualified, related, relative, restricted, rivaling, similar, vying, with reservation; CONCEPT 487 —**Ant.** unequal, unlike
- compare** [v1] *examine in contrast* analyze, approach, balance, bracket, collate, confront, consider, contemplate, contrast, correlate, divide, equal, examine, hang, hold a candle to\*, inspect, juxtapose, match, match up, measure, observe, oppose, parallel, place in juxtaposition, ponder, rival, scan, scrutinize, segregate, separate, set against, set side by side, size up, stack up against\*, study, touch, weigh, weigh against another; CONCEPTS 24,103
- compare** [v2] *liken, equate* allegorize, approach, approximate to, assimilate, balance, bear comparison, be in the same class as\*, be on a par with\*, bring near, come up to, compete with, connect, correlate, distinguish between, draw parallel, equal, equate, hold a candle to\*, identify with, link, make like, match, notice similarities, parallel, put alongside, relate, resemble, show correspondence, stack up with\*, standardize, tie up, vie; CONCEPT 39
- comparison** [n] *contrasting; corresponding* allegory, analogizing, analogy, analyzing, association, balancing, bringing together, collating, collation, comparability, connection, contrast, correlation, discrimination, distinguishing, dividing, estimation, example, exemplification, identification, illustration, juxtaposition, likeness, likening, measuring, metaphor, observation, opposition, paralleling, ratio, relating, relation, resemblance, segregation, separation, similarity, testing, weighing; CONCEPTS 24,39,529
- compartment** [n] *section, subdivision* alcove, area, bay, berth, booth, carrel, carriage, category, cell, chamber, corner, cubbyhole, cubicle, department, division, hole, locker, niche, nook, part, piece, pigeonhole, place, portion, slot, stall; CONCEPT 434
- compass** [n] *boundary, periphery* ambit, area, bound, circle, circuit, circumference, circumscription, confines, domain, enclosure, environs, expanse, extent, field, limit, limitation, orbit, perimeter, precinct, purlieu, purview, radius, range, reach, realm, restriction, round, scope, sphere, stretch, sweep, zone; CONCEPTS 484,651,788
- compass** [v1] *enclose* beset, besiege, blockade, circle, circumscribe, encircle, encompass, environ, gird, girdle, hem in, ring, round, surround; CONCEPT 758
- compass** [v2] *achieve, get* accomplish, annex, attain, bring about, effect, execute, fulfill, gain, have, land, obtain, perform, procure, realize, secure, win; CONCEPTS 142,706 —**Ant.** fail, lose
- compassion** [n] *tender feeling* benevolence, charity, clemency, commiseration, compunction, condolence, consideration, empathy, fellow feeling, grace, heart, humaneness, humanity, kindness, lenity, mercy, softheartedness, softness, sorrow, sympathy, tenderheartedness, tenderness, yearning; CONCEPTS 410,633 —**Ant.** cruelty, harshness, hatred, indifference, meanness, mercilessness, tyranny
- compassionate** [adj] *having tender feelings* all heart, being big\*, benevolent, bleeding heart\*, charitable, commiserative, forbearing, going easy on\*, humane, humanitarian, indulgent, kindhearted, kindly, lenient, living with, merciful, old sofie\*, piteous, pitying, responsive, softhearted, soft shell\*, sparing, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, understanding, warm, warmhearted; CONCEPTS 401,403 —**Ant.** cruel, hard, harsh, hateful, indifferent, mean, merciless, tyrannous
- compatibility** [n] *harmony in relationship* affinity, agreeableness, agreement, amity, congeniality, congruity, consonance, empathy, fit, like-mindedness, rapport, single-mindedness, sympathy, unity; CONCEPT 388 —**Ant.** disharmony, incompatibility
- compatible** [adj] *agreeable, in harmony* accordant, adaptable, appropriate, congenial, congruent, congruous, consistent, consonant, cooperative, cotton to\*, fit, fitting, getting along with, harmonious, having good vibes\*, hitting it off\*, in keeping, in sync with\*, in the groove\*, like-minded, meet, on the same wavelength\*, proper, reconcilable, simpatico, suitable, sympathetic, together; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** antagonistic, antipathetic, disagreeable, incompatible, inharmonious, unsuitable, unsuited
- compel** [v] *force to act* bulldoze\*, coerce, concuss, constrain, crack down, dragoon, drive, enforce, exact, hustle, impel, make, make necessary, necessitate, oblige, put the arm on\*, put the chill on\*, restrain, shotgun\*, squeeze, throw weight around\*, turn on the heat\*, urge; CONCEPTS 14,384 —**Ant.** block, check, delay, deter, hinder, impede, obstruct, stop
- compendious** [adj] *abridged* abbreviated, brevilouquent, brief, close, compact, compendary, comprehensive, concise, condensed, contracted, curt, inclusive, laconic, short, short and sweet\*, succinct, summarized, summary, synoptic; CONCEPTS 773,789 —**Ant.** enlarged, lengthened, unabridged
- compendium** [n] *abridgment* abstract, aperçu, brief, conspectus, digest, epitome, essence, guide, handbook, manual, overview, pandect,

précis, sketch, summary, survey, syllabus, sylloge; CONCEPT 283

**compensate** [v1] *make restitution* atone, come down with\*, commit, guerdon, indemnify, make good\*, pay, pay up, plank out\*, pony up\*, recompense, recoup, refund, reimburse, remunerate, repay, requite, reward, satisfy, shell out\*, take care of, tickle the palm\*; CONCEPTS 108, 126, 341 —*Ant.* deprive, fine, forfeit, lose

**compensate** [v2] *offset, make up for* abrogate, annul, atone for, balance, better, cancel out, counteract, counterbalance, counterpoise, countervail, fix, improve, invalidate, make amends, negate, negative, neutralize, nullify, outweigh, redress, repair, set off; CONCEPTS 126, 212 —*Ant.* damage, deprive, penalize

**compensation** [n] *repayment; rectification* advantage, allowance, amends, atonement, benefit, bonus, bread\*, consideration, counterclaim, coverage, damages, defrayal, deserts\*, earnings, fee\*, gain, honorarium, indemnification, indemnity, meet, pay, payment, payoff, premium, profit, quittance, reciprocity, reckoning, recompense, recoupment, redress, reimbursement, remittal, remittance, remuneration, reparation, reprisal, requital, restitution, reward, salary, salt, satisfaction, scale, settlement, shake, stipend, take\*, take-home\*, wage; CONCEPTS 337, 344 —*Ant.* damage, deprivation, fine, forfeiture, loss, penalty

**compete** [v] *go up against in contest* attempt, bandy, battle, be in the running\*, bid, challenge, clash, collide, contend, contest, cope with, emulate, encounter, essay, face, fence, fight, go after, go for\*, go for broke\*, go for the gold\*, grapple, in the hunt\*, jockey for position\*, joust, lock horns\*, match strength, match wits\*, oppose, participate in, pit oneself against\*, play, rival, run for, scramble for\*, seek prize, spar, strive, struggle, take on, take part, tilt, try, tussle, vie, wrestle; CONCEPT 92

**competence** [n] *ability* adequacy, appropriateness, capability, capacity, competency, cutting it\*, cutting the mustard\*, expertise, fitness, hacking it\*, know-how, makings, making the grade\*, might, moxie, proficiency, qualification, qualifiedness, savvy, skill, suitability, the goods\*, the right stuff\*, what it takes\*; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* inability, inadequacy, incapability, incompetence, inefficiency, ineptness

**competent** [adj] *able* adapted, adequate, all around, appropriate, au fait, being a pistol\*, capable, clever, complete, crisp, decent, dynamite, efficient, endowed, enough, equal, fireball\*, fit, fool, good, know ins and outs\*, know one's business\*, know one's stuff\*, know the answers\*, know the ropes\*, know the score\*, no slouch\*, on the ball\*, paid one's dues\*, pertinent, polished, proficient, qualified, satisfactory, savvy, skilled, sufficient, suitable, there\*, up to it, up to snuff\*, up to speed\*, wicked\*; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* inadequate, incapable, incompetent, inefficient, inept, unable

**competition** [n] *contest* antagonism, athletic event, bout, candidacy, championship, clash, concours, contention, controversy, counteraction, dog eat dog\*, do or die\*, emulation, encounter, engagement, event, fight, game, go for it, go for the gold\*, horse race\*, jungle\*,

match, matchup, meeting, one on one\*, one-upping, opposition, pairing off, puzzle, quiz, race, racing, rat race\*, rivalry, run, sport, strife, striving, struggle, tilt, tournament, trial, tug-of-war, warfare; CONCEPTS 92, 363

**competitive** [adj] *willing to oppose* aggressive, ambitious, antagonistic, at odds, combative, competing, cutthroat, dog-eat-dog\*, emulous, killer\*, killer instinct\*, opposing, rival, street-wise, vying; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* noncompetitive, unambitious

**competitor** [n] *person willing to enter contest* adversary, antagonist, challenger, competition, contestant, corival, dark horse\*, emulator, favorite, opponent, opposition, rival; CONCEPTS 366, 423

**compilation** [n] *assemblage* accumulating, accumulation, aggregating, anthology, assembling, assortment, collecting, collection, collocating, combining, compiling, consolidating, garner, garnering, gathering, incorporating, joining, treasury, unifying; CONCEPTS 109, 432

**compile** [v] *assemble, accumulate* abridge, amass, anthology, arrange, assemble, bring together, collate, collect, colligate, collocate, compose, concentrate, congregate, consolidate, cull, draw together, edit, garner, gather, get together, glean, group, heap up, marshal, muster, organize, put together, recapitulate, unite; CONCEPTS 79, 84, 109 —*Ant.* disassemble, disperse, scatter, separate

**complacent** [adj] *contented* conceited, confident, easy-going, egoistic, egotistic, gratified, happy, obsequious, pleased, satisfied, self-assured, self-contented, self-pleased, self-possessed, self-righteous, self-satisfied, serene, smug, unconcerned; CONCEPTS 401, 403 —*Ant.* concerned, discontent, discontented, dissatisfied

**complain** [v] *grumble about* accuse, ascribe, attack, beef\*, bellyache\*, bemoan, bewail, bitch, carp, cavil, charge, contravene, criticize, defy, demur, denounce, deplore, deprecate, differ, disagree, disapprove, dissent, expostulate, find fault, fret, fuss, gainsay, grieve, gripe, groan, grouse, growl, grumble, impute, indict, kick up a fuss\*, lament, lay, look askance, make a fuss, moan, nag, object, oppose, protest, refute, remonstrate, repine, reproach, snivel, sound off, take exception to, wail, whimper, whine, yammer; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* applaud, approve, be content, be happy, commend, praise, recommend, sanction

**complaint** [n1] *statement of disagreement, discontent* accusation, annoyance, beef\*, cavil, CC\*, charge, clamor, criticism, dissatisfaction, expostulation, fault-finding, grievance, gripe, grouse, grumble, guff\*, jeremiad, kick, lament, moan, objection, plaint, protest, protestation, rap, remonstrance, remonstrator, representation, reproach, rumble\*, squawk, stink, trouble, wail, whine; CONCEPTS 52, 689 —*Ant.* applause, approval, commendation, contentedness, happiness, praise, recommendation, sanction

**complaint** [n2] *illness, affliction* affection, ailment, condition, disease, disorder, ill, indisposition, infirmity, malady, sickness, syndrome, upset; CONCEPTS 306, 316 —*Ant.* health

**complaisance** [n] *agreeableness* accommodativeness, acquiescence, compliance, courtesy,



deference, friendliness, kindness, obligingness, politeness, respect; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* antagonism, disagreeableness, discontent, dissatisfaction, obstinacy

**complaisant** [*adj*] agreeable accommodating, amiable, amicable, conciliatory, deferential, easy, easy-going, friendly, generous, good-humored, good-natured, good-tempered, indulgent, lenient, mild, obliging, polite, solicitous, submissive; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* antagonistic, disagreeable, discontented, dissatisfied, obstinate

**complement** [*n*] *companion, counterpart* accompaniment, addition, aggregate, augmentation, balance, capacity, completion, consummation, correlate, correlative, counterpart, enhancement, enrichment, entirety, filler, finishing touch, makeweight, pendant, quota, remainder, rest, rounding-off\*, supplement, total, totality; CONCEPTS 635,824

**complement** [*v*] *complete* accomplish, achieve, cap, clinch, conclude, consummate, crown, finish, fulfill, integrate, perfect, round off, top off; CONCEPTS 91,119,234 —*Ant.* take away

**complementary** [*adj*] *filling, completing* complementary, complemental, completing, completory, conclusive, correlative, correspondent, corresponding, crowning, equivalent, fellow, integral, integrative, interconnected, interdependent, interrelated, interrelating, matched, mated, paired, parallel, reciprocal; CONCEPTS 577,824 —*Ant.* independent, unrelated

**complete** [*adj1*] *total, not lacking* all, entire, exhaustive, faultless, full, full-dress, gross, hook line and sinker\*, imperforate, intact, integral, integrated, lock stock and barrel\*, organic, outright, plenary, replete, the works\*, thorough, thoroughgoing, unabbreviated, unabridged, unbroken, uncondensed, uncut, undiminished, undivided, undocked, unexpurgated, unimpaired, unitary, unreduced, whole, whole enchilada\*, whole-hog\*, whole-length, whole nine yards\*; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* defective, deficient, imperfect, incomplete, lacking, missing, needy, short, wanting

**complete** [*adj2*] *finished* accomplished, achieved, all-embracing, all-inclusive, all over, all over but the shouting\*, attained, compassed, concluded, consummate, done, done with, down, effected, ended, entire, executed, fini\*, finished off, full, full-fledged, home free\*, perfect, plenary, realized, sweeping, terminated, that's it\*, through; CONCEPT 528 —*Ant.* imperfect, incomplete, unfinished

**complete** [*adj3*] *utter, absolute* blank, blanket, categorical, consummate, downright, dyed-in-the-wool\*, flawless, impeccable, out-and-out, outright, perfect, positive, sheer, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, unblemished, unconditional, unmitigated, unqualified, whole; CONCEPTS 531,535

**complete** [*v*] *carry out* action accomplish, achieve, actualize, bring to fruition, bring to maturity, call it a day\*, cap, carry off, close, conclude, consummate, crown, determine, develop, discharge, do, do thoroughly, effect, effectuate, elaborate, end, equip, execute, fill, finalize, finish, fulfill, furnish, get through, go the limit\*, go through with, go whole hog\*, halt, make good\*, make up, perfect, perform,

put to bed\*, realize, refine, round off, round out, settle, sew up\*, supplement, terminate, ultimate, wind up\*, wrap up\*; CONCEPT 91 —*Ant.* forget, give up, halt, ignore, neglect, stop

**completely** [*adv*] *entirely* absolutely, all the way\*, altogether, competently, comprehensively, conclusively, effectively, en masse, exclusively, exhaustively, extensively, finally, from A to Z\*, from beginning to end\*, fully, heart and soul\*, hook line and sinker\*, in all, in entirety, in full, in toto\*, on all counts\*, painstakingly, perfectly, quite, solidly, thoroughly, totally, to the end, to the limit, to the max\*, to the nth degree\*, ultimately, unabridged, unanimously, unconditionally, undividedly, utterly, wholly, without omission; CONCEPT 531

**completion** [*n*] *accomplishment, finishing* achievement, attainment, close, conclusion, consummation, culmination, curtains\*, dispatch, end, expiration, finalization, finis, finish, fruition, fulfillment, hips\*, integration, perfection, realization, swan song\*, windup\*, wrap-up; CONCEPTS 119,706 —*Ant.* anticlimax, imperfection

**complex** [*adj1*] *involved, intricate* circuitous, complicated, composite, compound, compounded, confused, conglomerate, convoluted, elaborate, entangled, heterogeneous, knotty, labyrinthine, manifold, mingled, miscellaneous, mixed, mixed-up, mosaic, motley, multifarious, multiform, multiple, multiplex, tangled, tortuous, variegated; CONCEPT 562 —*Ant.* clear, easy, evident, homogeneous, obvious, plain, simple, uniform

**complex** [*adj2*] *difficult to understand* abstruse, bewildering, Byzantine, circuitous, complicated, confused, convoluted, crabbed, cryptic, Daedalean, discursive, disordered, disturbing, enigmatic, entangled, excursive, Gordian, hidden, impenetrable, inscrutable, interwoven, intricate, involved, jumbled, knotted, knotty, labyrinthine, mazy, meandering, mingled, mixed, muddled, obscure, paradoxical, perplexing, puzzling, rambling, recondite, round-about, sinuous, snarled, sophisticated, tangled, tortuous, undecipherable, unfaithful, winding; CONCEPTS 402,529 —*Ant.* apparent, clear, direct, discernible, easy, evident, obvious, plain

**complex** [*n1*] *composite, aggregate* association, compound, conglomerate, ecosystem, entanglement, group, network, organization, scheme, structure, syndrome, synthesis, system, totality; CONCEPTS 432,770

**complex** [*n2*] *psychological problem* anxiety, a thing about something\*, exaggerated reaction, fear, fixation, fixed idea, hang-up\*, idée fixe, insanity, mania, neurosis, obsession, phobia, preoccupation, repression; CONCEPT 410

**complexion** [*n1*] *skin coloring, appearance* cast, color, coloration, coloring, flush, front, glow, hue, looks, mug\*, phiz\*, pigmentation, skin, skin tone, texture, tinge, tint, tone; CONCEPTS 405,622

**complexion** [*n2*] *someone's character* appearance, aspect, cast, countenance, disposition, guise, humor, ilk, individualism, individuality, kind, light, look, make-up, nature, personality,

seeming, semblance, sort, stamp, style, temper, temperament, type; **CONCEPT 411**

**complexity** [*n*] *complicatedness* complication, convolution, elaboration, entanglement, intricacy, involvement, multiplicity, ramification; **CONCEPT 663** —*Ant.* clarity, directness, ease, obvious, simplicity

**compliance** [*n*] *agreement* acquiescence, amenability, assent, complaisance, concession, concurrence, conformity, consent, deference, docility, obedience, observance, passivity, resignation, submission, submissiveness, tractability, yielding; **CONCEPTS 411, 684** —*Ant.* defiance, denial, disagreement, disobedience, dissension, dissent, fight, nonconformity, refusal, veto

**complicate** [*v*] *confuse, make difficult* add fuel to fire\*<sup>\*</sup>, bedevil, clog, combine, confound, convolute, derange, disarrange, disorder, elaborate, embroil, entangle, fold, foul up\*, handicap, impede, infold, interfuse, interrelate, interweave, involve, jumble, make intricate, make waves\*, mix up, muck up\*, muddle, multiply, obscure, open can of worms\*, perplex, ravel, render unintelligible, screw up\*, snafu\*, snag, snarl up\*, tangle, twist, upset; **CONCEPTS 7, 19** —*Ant.* disentangle, ease, explain, facilitate, make simple, untangle

**complicated** [*adj*] *difficult, complex* abstruse, arduous, Byzantine, can of worms\*, convoluted, Daedalean, difficult, elaborate, entangled, fancy, gasser\*, Gordian, hard, hi-tech\*, interlaced, intricate, involved, knotty, labyrinthine, mega factor\*, mixed, perplexing, problematic, puzzling, recondite, sophisticated, troublesome, various, wheels within wheels\*; **CONCEPTS 562, 565** —*Ant.* easy, facile, simple

**complication** [*n*] *difficult situation* aggravation, complexity, confusion, development, difficulty, dilemma, drawback, embarrassment, entanglement, factor, intricacy, obstacle, problem, snag, web; **CONCEPTS 230, 674** —*Ant.* ease, peace, simplicity

**complicity** [*n*] *conspiracy* abetment, agreement, collaboration, collusion, complot, concurrence, confederacy, connivance, engineering, guilt, guiltiness, implication, intrigue, involvement, machination, manipulation, partnership; **CONCEPTS 388, 660** —*Ant.* ignorance, innocence, noninvolvement, refusal

**compliment** [*n*] *praise, flattery* acclaim, acclamation, admiration, adulation, applause, appreciation, approval, blessing, bouquet\*, buttering up\*, cajolery, commendation, comp, confirmation, congratulations, courtesy, encomium, endorsement, eulogy, favor, felicitation, good word, homage, honor, kudo, laud, laudation, laurels, notice, orchid\*, ovation, panegyric, pat on the back\*, posy\*, regard, respects, sanction, sentiment, tribute, veneration, warm fuzzy\*; **CONCEPTS 69, 278** —*Ant.* blame, censure, complaint, criticism, denunciation, insult, libel, slander

**compliment** [*v*] *praise, flatter* acclaim, adulate, applaud, butter up\*, cajole, celebrate, charm, cheer, commemorate, commend, congratulate, endorse, eulogize, exalt, extol, fawn upon, felicitate, give bouquet\*, glorify, hail, hand it to\*, honor, ingratiate oneself with, kudize\*, laud, magnify, make much of, panegyric, pat on the

back\*, pay respects, pay tribute to, please, puff up\*, recommend, roose, salute, sanction, satisfy, sing praises of, soothe, speak highly of, take off hat to\*, toast, trade last\*, wish joy to, worship; **CONCEPT 69** —*Ant.* blame, censure, complain, criticize, denounce, insult, libel, slander

**complimentary** [*adj*1] *flattering* adulatory, appreciative, approbative, approbatory, approving, celebrating, commendatory, congratulatory, courtly, encomiastic, encomiastical, eulogistic, fair-spoken, fawning, highly favorable, honeyed, honoring, laudatory, panegyric, plauditory, polite, praiseful, respectful, sycophantic, unctuous, well-wishing, with highest recommendation, with high praise; **CONCEPT 267**

—*Ant.* blaming, censoring, critical, denouncing, disparaging, insulting, reproachful, unflattering  
**complimentary** [*adj*2] *free* as a perk\*, chargeless, comp, costless, courtesy, donated, free lunch\*, free of charge, gratis, gratuitous, honorary, on the house\*; **CONCEPT 334** —*Ant.* for sale

**comply** [*v*] *abide by, follow agreement or instructions* accede, accord, acquiesce, adhere to, agree to, cave in, come around, conform to, consent to, cry uncle\*, defer, discharge, ditto\*, don't make waves\*, don't rock the boat\*, fit in, fold, fulfill, give in, give out, give up, go along with, go with the flow\*, keep, knuckle to\*, knuckle under\*, mind, obey, observe, perform, play ball\*, play the game\*, put out, quit, respect, roll over and play dead\*, satisfy, shape up, stay in line\*, straighten up, submit, throw in towel\*, toss it in\*, yes one\*, yield; **CONCEPTS 8, 35, 91** —*Ant.* decline, deny, disobey, oppose, rebuff, refuse, reject, resist

**component** [*adj*] *constituent* basic, composing, elemental, fundamental, inherent, integral, intrinsic, part and parcel of\*, part of; **CONCEPTS 546, 567**

**component** [*n*] *part, element* constituent, factor, fixings, ingredient, item, making, makings, peripheral, piece, plug-in, segment, unit; **CONCEPTS 831, 834** —*Ant.* whole

**compose** [*v*1] *be part of construction* be an adjunct, be an element of, belong to, be made of, build, compound, comprise, consist of, constitute, construct, enter in, fashion, form, go into, make, make up, merge in; **CONCEPTS 168, 642** —*Ant.* destroy, disarrange, disperse, ruin, scatter

**compose** [*v*2] *create writing, artwork, or music* author, bang out\*, cast, clef\*, coin a phrase, comp, conceive, contrive, cook up\*, design, devise, discover, draw up, dream up, fabricate, forge, form, formulate, frame\*, fudge together\*, ghost\*, ghostwrite, imagine, indite, invent, knock off\*, knock out\*, make up, note down, orchestrate, originate, pen, poetize, produce, push pencil\*, put down, put pen to paper\*, score, scribble, script, set type, set up, time, turn out, whip up\*, write; **CONCEPTS 79, 173, 174**

**compose** [*v*3] *calm, bring under control* adjust, allay, appease, arrange, assuage, balm, becalm, check, collect, comfort, console, contain, control, cool, ease, ease up, hold in, lessen, let up, lull, mitigate, moderate, modulate, pacify, placate, quell, quiet, re-collect, reconcile, regulate, rein, relax, repress, resolve, restrain, settle,

simmer down, slacken, smother, soften, solace, soothe, still, suppress, temper, tranquilize, tune down; CONCEPTS 7,22,117 —*Ant.* agitate, anger, arouse, distress, excite, upset

**composed** [adj] *calm, collected* at ease, calmed, clearheaded, commonsensical, confident, cool, cool as cucumber\*, disimpassioned, dispassionate, easy, easygoing, have one's act together\*, imperturbable, keeping a stiff upper lip\*, keeping one's shirt on\*, levelheaded, nonchalant, not turn a hair\*, placid, poised, possessed, quieted, relaxed, repressed, sedate, self-assured, self-possessed, sensible, serene, serious, soothed, staid, suppressed, sure of oneself, temperate, together, tranquil, unflappable, unruffled, untroubled; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* agitated, angered, annoyed, aroused, distressed, excited, perturbed, upset, worried

**composer** [n] *songwriter* melodist, serialist, singer-songwriter, songsmith, songster, tunesmith, writer; CONCEPT 352

**composite** [adj] *combined, mixed* blended, complex, compound, conglomerate, melded, synthesized; CONCEPT 490 —*Ant.* homogeneous, simple, unblended, uncombined, uniform, unmixed

**composite** [n] *combination, mixture* amalgam, amalgamation, blend, combo, commixture, complex, compost, compound, conglomerate, fusion, immixture, intermixture, medley, mix, olio, pasteup\*, stew\*, synthesis, union; CONCEPTS 260,432

**composition** [n1] *structure, arrangement* agreement, architecture, balance, beauty, combination, concord, configuration, consonance, constitution, content, design, distribution, form, formation, harmony, layout, make-up, placing, proportion, relation, rhythm, spacing, style, symmetry, weave; CONCEPTS 733,757

**composition** [n2] *written or musical creation* arrangement, article, chart, concerto, dissertation, drama, essay, exercise, exposition, fiction, getup\*, literary work, manuscript, melody, music, novel, number, opus, paper, piece, play, poetry, rhapsody, romance, score, setup\*, short story, song, stanza, study, symphony, theme, thesis, tune, verse, work, writing; CONCEPTS 259,260,263,271

**compost** [n] *organic material* admixture, blend, commixture, composition, compound, fertilizer, fusion, humus, manure, mix, mixture, mulch, ordure, pile; CONCEPT 509

**composure** [n] *calmness, collectedness* accord, aplomb, assurance, balance, calm, contentment, control, cool\*, cool head\*, coolheadedness, coolness, dignity, disposition, ease, equanimity, equilibrium, evenness, even temper, fortitude, harmony, imperturbability, inexcitability, levelheadedness, moderation, nonchalance, peace of mind, placidity, poise, polish, presence of mind, quiet, quietude, repose, sang-froid, sedateness, self-assurance, self-control, self-possession, serenity, sobriety, stability, tranquility; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* agitation, arousal, discomposure, excitement, perturbedness, upset

**compound** [n] *combination, mixture* admixture, aggregate, alloy, amalgam, amalgamation, blend, combo, commixture, composite, composition, compost, conglomerate, fusion, goulash,

medley, mishmash\*, soup, stew, synthesis, union; CONCEPTS 260,432

**compound** [v1] *mix, combine* admix, amalgamate, associate, blend, bracket, coagment, coalesce, commingle, commix, concoct, connect, couple, fuse, immix, intermingle, join, link, make up, meld, mingle, synthesize, unite; CONCEPT 109 —*Ant.* divide, separate, unmix

**compound** [v2] *make difficult; complicate* add to, aggravate, augment, confound, confuse, exacerbate, extend, heighten, intensify, magnify, make complex, make intricate, multiply, worsen; CONCEPTS 231,240 —*Ant.* better, make easy, uncomplicate

**comprehend** [v1] *understand* appreciate, apprehend, assimilate, capiche\*, catch, click, cognize, conceive, dig\*, discern, envisage, envision, fathom, get\*, get the picture\*, gotcha\*, grasp, have, know, make out\*, perceive, read, savvy\*, see, take in, tumble\*; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misinterpret, mistake, misunderstand

**comprehend** [v2] *include* comprise, contain, embody, embrace, enclose, encompass, have, involve, subsume, take in; CONCEPT 118 —*Ant.* exclude, not include

**comprehensible** [adj] *understandable* apprehensible, clear, coherent, comprehensible, conceivable, explicit, fathomable, graspable, intelligible, knowable, lucid, luminous, plain; CONCEPTS 402,529 —*Ant.* exclusive, incomplete, nonunderstandable, unintelligible

**comprehension** [n] *understanding* aha\*, apperception, apprehension, awareness, capacity, cognizance, conception, discernment, double take\*, grasp, intelligence, judgment, ken, knowledge, perception, prehension, realization, sense, slow take\*, take\*; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* incomprehension, misinterpretation, mistake, misunderstanding

**comprehensive** [adj] *inclusive* absolute, across the board\*, all-embracing, all-inclusive, blanket, broad, catholic, compendious, complete, comprising, containing, discursive, encircling, encyclopedic, exhaustive, expansive, extensive, far-reaching, full, general, global, in depth, infinite, lock stock and barrel\*, of great scope, overall, sweeping, synoptic, the big picture\*, the whole shebang\*, the works\*, thorough, umbrella, wall-to-wall\*, whole, wide, widespread; CONCEPTS 531,772 —*Ant.* exclusive, incomprehensive, particular, selective, specific

**compress** [v] *compact, condense* abbreviate, abridge, abstract, bind, boil down, coagulate, concentrate, consolidate, constrict, contract, cram, cramp, crowd, crush, decrease, dehydrate, densen, densify, epitomize, force into space, make brief, narrow, pack, press, press together, ram, reduce, restrict, shorten, shrink, shrivel, squash, squeeze, stuff, summarize, synopate, telescope, tighten, wedge, wrap; CONCEPTS 208,236,247 —*Ant.* blow up, expand, extend, fill, increase, loosen, stretch, uncompress, uncondense

**comprise** [v] *make up, consist of* add up to, amount to, be composed of, be contained in, compass, compose, comprehend, constitute, contain, cover, embody, embrace, encircle, enclose, encompass, engross, form, hold, include, incorporate, involve, span, subsume, sum up,

take in; CONCEPT 643 —*Ant.* except, exclude, fail, fall short, lack, need, want

**compromise** [*n*] *agreement, give-and-take* accommodation, accord, adjustment, arrangement, bargain, compact, composition, concession, contract, copout\*, covenant, deal, fifty-fifty\*, half and half, half measure, happy medium\*, mean, middle course, middle ground, pact, sellout, settlement, trade-off, understanding, win-win situation\*; CONCEPTS 230,684 —*Ant.* contest, controversy, difference, disagreement, dispute, dissension, dissent, quarrel

**compromise** [*v*1] *give and take* adjust, agree, arbitrate, compose, compound, concede, conciliate, find happy medium\*, find middle ground\*, go fifty-fifty\*, make a deal, make concession, meet halfway, negotiate, play ball with\*, settle, split the difference\*, strike balance, trade off; CONCEPT 8 —*Ant.* contest, differ, disagree, dispute, dissent, quarrel

**compromise** [*v*2] *put in jeopardy* blight, cop out\*, discredit, dishonor, embarrass, endanger, explode, expose, give in, hazard, imperil, implicate, jeopardize, mar, menace, peril, prejudice, put under suspicion, risk, ruin, sell out, spoil, weaken; CONCEPTS 101,240 —*Ant.* guard, protect, save

**compulsion** [*n*] *drive, obligation* coercion, constraint, demand, drive, driving, duress, duty, engrossment, exigency, force, hang-up, have on the brain\*, monkey\*, necessity, need, obsession, preoccupation, prepossession, pressure, tiger by the tail\*, urge, urgency; CONCEPTS 410,532 —*Ant.* freedom, free will, independence, liberty, license

**compulsive** [*adj*] *driving, obsessive* besetting, compelling, enthusiastic, irresistible, overwhelming, passionate, uncontrollable, urgent; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* controlled, easy-going, free, independent

**compulsory** [*adj*] *binding* compulsory, de rigueur, forced, imperative, imperious, mandatory, necessary, obligatory, required, requisite; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* free, liberalized, liberated, optional, unstipulated, voluntary

**compunction** [*n*] *regret, sorrow* attrition, conscience, contrition, misgiving, penitence, penitency, pity, punctiliousness, qualm, reluctance, remorse, repentance, rue, ruth, second thoughts, shame, stab of conscience, sympathy; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* defiance, meanness, no remorse

**computation** [*n*] *performing arithmetic* calculation, ciphering, computing, counting, data processing, estimating, estimation, figuring, gauge, guess, reckoning, summing, totalling; CONCEPT 764 —*Ant.* conjecture, guesstimation

**compute** [*v*] *calculate, estimate* add up, cast up, cipher, count, count heads, count noses, cut ice\*, dope out\*, enumerate, figure, figure out, gauge, keep tabs\*, measure, rate, reckon, run down, size up, sum, take account of, take one's measure, tally, tot\*, total, tote\*, tote up\*; CONCEPT 764 —*Ant.* conjecture, guess, guesstimate, surmise

**computer** [*n*] *calculating, data processing machine* abacus, adding machine, analog, artificial intelligence, brain\*, calculator, clone, CPU, data processor, digital, electronic brain\*, laptop\*, MAC, mainframe, micro\*, microcom-

puter, mini\*, minicomputer, number cruncher\*, PC, personal computer, thinking machine\*; CONCEPTS 269,463

**computerese** [*n*] *computer technical language* computer jargon, computer terminology, computer terms, hacker talk, tech talk; CONCEPT 275

**computer geek** [*n*] *computer expert* computer specialist, engineer, guru, hacker, programmer, techie; CONCEPT 348

**comrade** [*n*] *ally* associate, bosom buddy, buddy, chum, colleague, comate, companion, compatriot, compeer, confederate, confidant, confidante, co-worker, crony, friend, intimate, mate, pal, partner, sidekick; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* enemy, foe, opponent

**con** [*n*] *trick* bluff, cheat, crime, deception, double-cross, dupe, fraud, gold brick\*, graft, mockery, swindle, take in; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* honesty, truthfulness

**con** [*v*] *deceive, defraud* bamboozle\*, bilk, cajole, cheat, chicane, coax, double-cross, dupe, flimflam\*, fool, hoax, hoodwink, hornswoggle\*, humbug, inveigle, mislead, rip off\*, rook, sweet-talk\*, swindle, trick, wheedle; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* be forthright, be honest

**concatenation** [*n*] *connection, sequence* chain, connecting, continuity, integration, interlocking, link, linking, nexus, series, succession, uniting; CONCEPTS 721,727 —*Ant.* interruption

**concave** [*adj*] *curved, depressed* biconcave, cupped, dented, dimpled, dipped, excavated, hollow, hollowed, incurvate, incurvated, incurved, indented, round, rounded, sagging, scooped, sinking, sunken; CONCEPT 486 —*Ant.* convex, distended

**conceal** [*v*] *hide, disguise* beard, burrow, bury, cache, camouflage, cloak, couch, cover, cover up, dissemble, ditch, duck, ensconce, enshroud, harbor, hole up\*, keep dark, keep secret, lie low\*, lurk, mask, masquerade, obscure, plant\*, put in a hole\*, screen, secrete, shelter, skulk, slink, sneak, stash, stay out of sight, stow, tuck away, veil, wrap; CONCEPT 188 —*Ant.* disclose, divulge, expose, lay bare, let out, open, reveal, show, tell, uncover

**concealed** [*adj*] *hidden, secret* buried, cached, camouflaged, covered, covered up, covert, enshrouded, guarded, holed up, hushed up, hush-hush\*, incog\*, incognito, inconspicuous, masked, obscure, obscured, on the Q, T, \*, perdu, planted, privy, put in the hole\*, recon-dite, screened, secreted, shrouded, stashed, tucked away, ulterior, under wraps\*, unseen, veiled; CONCEPTS 576,619 —*Ant.* bare, clear, disclosed, exposed, obvious, open, plain, revealed, shown, told, uncovered

**concealment** [*n*] *hiding, secrecy* beard, blind, camouflage, cover, covering, cover-up, curtain, disguise, dissimulation, fig leaf\*, front, hide-away, hide-out, laundromat, mask, obliteration, obscuration, occultation, privacy, red herring\*, secretion, smoke screen\*, veil, wraps\*; CONCEPTS 188,631 —*Ant.* disclosure, divulgence, exposition, revelation, showing, telling

**concede** [*v*] *acknowledge, give in* accept, accord, admit, allow, avow, award, bury the hatchet\*, capitulate, cave in, cede, confess, cry uncle\*, ditto\*, fess up\*, fold, give up, go along with, go with the flow\*, grant, hand over,

knuckle under, let on, own, own up, play ball with\*, quit, relinquish, say uncle\*, surrender, throw in the towel\*, waive, yes one\*, yield; CONCEPTS 35,57,82,235 —*Ant.* contradict, disacknowledge, disagree, dispute, dissent, fight, refuse, reject, repudiate

**conceit** [*n*] *egotism* amour-propre, arrogance, complacency, complacency, consequence, immodesty, narcissism, outrecuidance, pomposity, pride, self-admiration, self-exaltation, self-importance, self-love, self-regard, smugness, snottiness, stuffiness, swagger, swelled head\*, vainglory, vainness, vanity; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* humility, meekness, modesty, self-consciousness, shyness, timidity, unself-confidence

**conceited** [*adj*] *egotistical* arrogant, big-headed\*, big talking, cocky, conceity, full of hot air\*, gall, ham\*, hot stuff\*, immodest, know-it-all, loudmouth, narcissistic, overweening, phony, puffed up\*, self-important, smart-alecky\*, snotty\*, stuck up\*, swollen-headed\*, vain, vainglorious, windbag\*; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* diffident, humble, meek, modest, self-conscious, shy, timid, unself-confident

**conceivable** [*adj*] *reasonable, easy to understand* believable, convincing, credible, earthy, imaginable, likely, mortal, possible, probable, supposable, thinkable; CONCEPTS 529,552

—*Ant.* difficult, inconceivable, unbelievable, unimaginable, unreasonable, unthinkable

**conceive** [*v*1] *understand* accept, appreciate, apprehend, assume, believe, catch, compass, comprehend, deem, dig, envisage, expect, fancy, feel, follow, gather, get, grasp, imagine, judge, perceive, realize, reckon, suppose, suspect, take, twig; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misunderstand, not believe

**conceive** [*v*2] *create* become pregnant, brainstorm, cogitate, consider, contrive, cook up\*, depicture, design, develop, devise, dream up, envisage, envision, fancy, feature, form, formulate, head trip\*, image, imagine, make up, meditate, originate, ponder, produce, project, purpose, realize, ruminate, spark, speculate, spitball, think up, trump up\*; visualize; CONCEPTS 35,173,251 —*Ant.* abort, destroy

**concentrate** [*v*1] *think about closely* apply, attend, be engrossed in, bring to bear, brood over, center, consider closely, contemplate, crack one's brains\*, direct attention, establish, examine, fixate, fix attention, focus, focus attention, get on the beam\*, give attention, hammer\*, hammer away at\*, head trip\*, intensify, knuckle down, meditate, muse, need, occupy thoughts, peruse, ponder, pour it on\*, put, put mind to, rack one's brains\*, rivet, ruminate, scrutinize, set, settle, study, sweat, think hard, weigh; CONCEPT 17

**concentrate** [*v*2] *gather, collect* accumulate, agglomerate, aggregate, amass, assemble, bunch, center, centralize, cluster, coalesce, collect, combine, compact, compress, congest, conglomerate, congregate, consolidate, construct, contract, converge, cramp, crowd, draw together, eliminate, embody, focalize, focus, forgather, garner, get to the meat\*, heap, heap up, hoard, huddle, integrate, intensify, localize, mass, muster, narrow, pile, reduce, salt away,

store, strengthen, swarm, unify, zero in\*; CONCEPTS 84,109 —*Ant.* disperse, scatter

**concentrated** [*adj*1] *condensed, reduced* boiled down, complete, crashed\*, entire, evaporated, fixed, full-bodied, lusty, potent, rich, robust, straight, strong, stuffed\*, telescoped\*, thick, thickened, total, unadulterated, undiffused, undiluted, undivided, unmingled, unmixed, whole; CONCEPTS 483,554 —*Ant.* diffuse, loose, thin

**concentrated** [*adj*2] *intense* all-out, deep, desperate, exquisite, fierce, furious, hard, intensive, terrible, vehement, vicious; CONCEPTS 326,569 —*Ant.* diffuse, diluted, free, loose

**concentration** [*n*1] *consolidation of effort* absorption, amassing, application, assembly, bringing to bear, centering, centralization, close attention, clustering, coalescing, combination, compacting, compression, concern, congregation, consolidation, convergence, converging, debate, deliberation, fixing, flocking, focusing, heed, huddling, intensification, massing, narrowing, need, single-mindedness, study, unity; CONCEPT 677

**concentration** [*n*2] *aggregation* accumulation, army, array, audience, band, cluster, collection, company, concourse, convergence, flock, group, herd, horde, mass, miscellany, mob, party; CONCEPT 432 —*Ant.* dispersal, scattering, separation

**concept** [*n*] *idea* abstraction, apprehension, approach, big idea\*, brainchild\*, brain wave\*, conceit, conception, conceptualization, consideration, fool notion\*, hypothesis, image, impression, intellection, notion, perception, slant, supposition, theory, thought, twist, view, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 532,689 —*Ant.* being, concrete

**conception** [*n*1] *understanding; idea* apprehension, appreciation, apprehension, clue, cogitating, cognition, communing, comprehension, conceit, concentrating, concept, consideration, considering, deliberating, design, dreaming, envisaging, explanation, exposition, fancy, fancying, image, imagining, impression, inkling, intellection, interpretation, meditating, meditation, mental grasp, musing, notion, perception, philosophizing, picture, plan, realization, representation, speculating, speculation, thought, version; CONCEPTS 409,410,689 —*Ant.* being, concrete

**conception** [*n*2] *beginning, birth* fertilization, formation, germination, impregnation, inception, initiation, insemination, invention, launching, origin, outset, start; CONCEPTS 119,302,373,375 —*Ant.* abortion, death

**concern** [*n*1] *business, responsibility* affair, burden, care, charge, company, corporation, deportment, entanglement, enterprise, establishment, field, firm, house, interest, involvement, job, jungle\*, matter, megacorp\*, mission, multinational, occupation, organization, outfit, shooting match\*, task, thing, transaction, worry, zoo\*; CONCEPTS 325,362,532

**concern** [*n*2] *interest; anxiety* apprehension, attention, bearing, care, carefulness, concernment, consideration, disquiet, disquietude, distress, heed, heedfulness, important matter, matter, reference, regard, relation, relevance, solicitude, tender loving care, unease, worry; CONCEPTS 410,690 —*Ant.* disinterest, unconcern

**concern** [*v1*] *affect personally* apply to, bear on, become involved, be relevant to, bother, disquiet, distress, disturb, interest, involve, make anxious, make uneasy, pertain to, perturb, regard, take pains, touch, trouble, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19,22

**concern** [*v2*] *relate to, have reference to* answer to, appertain to, apply to, be about, be applicable to, bear on, bear upon, be connected with, be dependent upon, be interdependent with, belong to, be pertinent to, be well taken, deal with, depend upon, have a bearing on, have connections with, have implications for, have relation to, have significance for, have to do with, involve, pertain to, refer to, regard; CONCEPT 532 —*Ant.* unconcern

**concerned** [*adj1*] *worried anxious, biting one's nails\**, bothered, butterflies in stomach\*, distressed, disturbed, exercised, in a stew\*, on pins and needles\*, perturbed, tied up in knots\*, troubled, uneasy, upset, uptight, worried sick\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* happy, undisturbed, unperturbed, untroubled, unworried

**concerned** [*adj2*] *involved with* active, affected, attentive, caring, down with, implicated, in on, interested, mixed up, privy to, solicitous; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* disinterested, inattentive, uncaring, unconcerned, uninvolved

**concerning** [*prep*] *having to do with* about, anent, apropos of, as regards, germane to, in regard to, in the matter of, pertaining to, re, regarding, relating to, relevant to, respecting, touching, with reference to, with regard to; CONCEPT 563

**concert** [*n1*] *musical performance* gig, jam session, musical, musicale, recital, rockfest, selections, show; CONCEPT 263

**concert** [*n2*] *agreement, harmony* accord, chorus, collaboration, concord, concordance, consonance, joint, league, togetherness, tune, unanimity, union, unison; CONCEPTS 388,684 —*Ant.* disagreement, disharmony, disunity

**concerted** [*adj*] *coordinated* agreed upon, collaborative, combined, joint, mutual, planned, prearranged, united; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* disarranged, disordered, disorganized, separate, uncoordinated

**concession** [*n*] *yielding, adjustment* acknowledgment, admission, allowance, assent, authorization, boon, buyback, compromise, confession, copout\*, deal, giveback, giving in, grant, indulgence, permission, permit, privilege, rollback, sellout, surrender, trade-off, warrant; CONCEPTS 13,50,67,88 —*Ant.* denial, difference, disagreement, disputation, fighting, protest, refusal, repudiation

**conciliatory** [*adj*] *placid, yielding* appeasing, assuaging, calm, civil, disarming, irenic, mollifying, pacific, peaceable, placating, placatory, propitiative, quiet, willing; CONCEPT 401

—*Ant.* antagonistic, fighting, refusing, stubborn

**concise** [*adj*] *short, to the point* abridged, boiled down\*, brevilouquent, brief, compact, compendary, compendious, compressed, condensed, curt, epigrammatic, in a nutshell\*, laconic, lean, marrowy, meaty, pithy, short and sweet\*, succinct, summary, synoptic, terse; CONCEPTS 773,798 —*Ant.* expansive, lengthy, long, long-winded, redundant, repetitive, wordy

**conclave** [*n*] *secret meeting* assembly, buzz session\*, cabinet\*, confab\*, conference, council, encounter, gathering, get-together, huddle, meet, parley, powwow\*, private meeting, session; CONCEPTS 324,384

**conclude** [*v1*] *finish, come to an end* achieve, bring down curtain\*, call it a day\*, cease, cinch, clinch, close, close out, complete, consummate, crown, desist, draw to close, end, halt, knock off, put the lid on\*, put to bed\*, round off, stop, terminate, top off, ultimate, wind up, wrap up; CONCEPTS 119,234 —*Ant.* begin, commence, introduce, preface, start

**conclude** [*v2*] *decide, deduce* add up to, adjudge, analyze, assume, be afraid, boil down to\*, collect, derive, draw, figure, gather, have a hunch\*, infer, intuit, judge, make, make out, presume, ratiocinate, reason, reckon, sum up, suppose, surmise, the way one sees it\*; CONCEPTS 18,37

**conclude** [*v3*] *settle, resolve* accomplish, achieve, bring about, carry out, clinch, confirm, decide, determine, effect, establish, fix, pull off, rule, work out; CONCEPT 18 —*Ant.* unsettle

**conclusion** [*n1*] *end* cease, cessation, close, closure, completion, consequence, culmination, denouement, desistance, development, ending, end of the line\*, eventuality, finale, finish, issue, outcome, payoff, period, result, stop, termination, upshot, windup, wrap; CONCEPTS 119,832 —*Ant.* beginning, commencement, introduction, preface, prelude, start

**conclusion** [*n2*] *judgment, decision* agreement, conviction, corollary, deduction, determination, illation, inference, opinion, ratiocination, resolution, resolve, sequitur, settlement, verdict; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* concept, theory

**conclusive** [*adj*] *definite, final* absolute, all out\*, clear, clinching, cogent, compelling, convincing, deciding, decisive, demonstrative, determinate, determinative, flat out\*, incontrovertible, indisputable, irrefragable, irrefragible, irrefutable, irrevocable, litmus test\*, precise, resolving, revealing, settling, straight out, telling, ultimate, unambiguous, unanswerable, unarguable, unconditional, undeniable, unmistakable, unquestionable, what you see is what you get\*; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* inconclusive, indefinite

**concoct** [*v*] *formulate, think up* ad lib, batch\*, brew\*, compound, contrive, cook up, create, design, devise, discover, dream up, envisage, envision, fabricate, frame\*, hatch, invent, make up, mature, originate, plan, plot, prefab\*, prepare, project, scheme, slap together\*, throw together\*, vamp; CONCEPTS 36,173,251

**concoction** [*n*] *creation, blend* brew, combination, compound, contrivance, intention, medley, mixture, plan, preparation, project, solution; CONCEPTS 260,432,660

**concomitant** [*adj*] *contributing, accompanying* accessory, adjuvant, agreeing, ancillary, associated with, associative, attendant, attending, belonging, coefficient, coetaneous, coeval, coexistent, coincident, coincidental, collateral, complementary, concordant, concurrent, conjoined, conjoined with, connected, contemporaneous, contemporary, coordinate, corollary, coterminous, coupled with, fellow, incident, in tempo, in time, isochronal, isochronous, joint, satellite, synchronal, synchronous, synergetic,

synergistic; CONCEPT 577 —*Ant.* accidental, chance, unrelated

**concord** [n1] *unity, harmony* accord, agreement, amity, calmness, chime, comity, concert, concordance, consensus, consonance, friendship, goodwill, peace, placidity, rapport, serenity, tranquility, tune, unanimity, understanding, unison; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* discord, disunity

**concord** [n2] *agreement, treaty* compact, concordat, contract, convention, entente, pact, protocol; CONCEPTS 271,684 —*Ant.* disagreement, discord

**concourse** [n1] *passageway* avenue, boulevard, entrance, foyer, hall, highway, lobby, lounge, meeting place, path, rallying point\*, road, street; CONCEPTS 440,501

**concourse** [n2] *crowd, group* assemblage, assembly, collection, concursion, confluence, convergence, crush, gang, gathering, joining, junction, linkage, meeting, mob, multitude, rout, throng; CONCEPT 432

**concrete** [adj1] *actual, factual* accurate, corporeal, definite, detailed, explicit, material, objective, particular, precise, real, sensible, solid, specific, substantial, tangible; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* abstract, ideal, immaterial, intangible

**concrete** [adj2] *hardened* caked, calcified, cemented, compact, compressed, congealed, conglomerated, consolidated, dried, firm, indurate, monolithic, petrified, poured, precast, set, set in stone\*, solid, solidified, steeled, strong, unyielding; CONCEPT 604 —*Ant.* bending, flexible, pliable

**concur** [v] *agree, approve* accede, accord, acquiesce, assent, band, be consonant with, be in harmony, coadjute, coincide, collaborate, combine, come together, consent, cooperate, cut a deal\*, equal, harmonize, jibe\*, join, league\*, meet, okay\*, pass on\*, shake on\*, unite; CONCEPTS 8,10,82 —*Ant.* argue, differ, disagree, disapprove, dispute, object, oppose, reject

**concurrent** [adj1] *simultaneous* circumstantial, coeval, coexisting, coincident, concerted, concomitant, contemporaneous, incidental, in sync, parallel, synchronal, synchronous; CONCEPT 799

**concurrent** [adj2] *agreeing, converging* allied, at one, centrolineal, coinciding, compatible, concerted, confluent, consentient, consistent, convergent, cooperating, coterminous, harmonious, in agreement, in rapport, joined, like-minded, meeting, mutual, of the same mind, unified, uniting; CONCEPT 563 —*Ant.* disagreeing, divergent, nonconcurrent

**concussion** [n] *collision, shaking* blast, blow, buffeting, bump, clash, clout, crack, crash, hit, impact, injury, jar, jarring, jolt, jolting, jounce, pounding, punch, shock, trauma; CONCEPT 189

**condemn** [v] *blame, convict* adjudge, belittle, blow whistle on\*, call down\*, castigate, censure, chide, come down on\*, criticize, damn, decry, denounce, denunciate, deprecate, depreciate, disapprove, disparage, doom, find fault with, find guilty, frame, hang something on\*, judge, knock, lay at one's door\*, let have it\*, name, pass sentence on\*, pin it on\*, point finger at\*, pronounce, proscribe, punish, put away, put down, reprehend, reproach, reprobate, reprove, send up, send up the river\*, sentence, skin, thumbs down on\*, upbraid; CONCEPTS 44,52,317

—*Ant.* absolve, acquit, approve, clear, discharge, exonerate, free, pardon, release, set free

**condemnation** [n] *blaming, conviction* accusation, blame, censure, damnation, denouncement, denunciation, disapproval, doom, judgment, proscription, reproach, reprobation, reproof, sentence, stricture; CONCEPTS 44,52,317 —*Ant.* absolution, acquittal, clearance, discharge, exoneration, freeing, pardon, release

**condensation** [n1] *abridgment* abstract, boil-down\*, breviary, brief, compendium, compression, concentration, consolidation, conspectus, contraction, curtailment, digest, epitome, essence, précis, reduction, summary, synopsis; CONCEPTS 283,730 —*Ant.* unabridgment

**condensation** [n2] *water buildup* condensate, crystallization, deliquescence, dew, distillation, liquefaction, precipitate, precipitation, rainfall; CONCEPT 514 —*Ant.* dryness

**condense** [v] *abridge* abbreviate, blue pencil\*, boil down, chop, coagulate, compact, compress, concentrate, constrict, contract, curtail, cut, cut down, decoct, densen, digest, edit, encapsulate, epitomize, inventory, precipitate, précis, press together, put in a nutshell\*, reduce, shorten, shrink, snip, solidify, sum, summarize, summarize, synopsise, telescope, thicken, trim; CONCEPTS 236,247 —*Ant.* enlarge, expand, lengthen

**condescend** [v] *stoop, humble oneself* accommodate, accord, acquiesce, agree, be courteous, bend, come down off high horse\*, comply, concede, degrade oneself, deign, demean oneself, descend, favor, grant, high hat\*, lower oneself, oblige, see fit, submit, talk down to, toss a few crumbs\*, unbend, vouchsafe, yield; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* rise above

**condescending** [adj] *snobby, lordly* arrogant, complaisant, disdainful, egotistic, la-dee-da\*, lofty, patronizing, snobbish, snooty\*, snotty\*, supercilious, superior, uppish, uppity; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* approachable, friendly, humble

**condescension** [n] *disdain, superiority* airs, civility, deference, haughtiness, loftiness, lordliness, patronage, patronizing attitude, superciliousness, toleration; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* friendliness, humility, inferiority

**condiment** [n] *flavoring* catsup, dressing, gravy, horseradish, ketchup, mustard, pepper, relish, salsa, salt, sauce, seasoning, spice, zest; CONCEPTS 457,461

**condition** [n1] *circumstances* action, ballgame\*, case, estate, happening, how it goes\*, how things are\*, how things stack up\*, lay of the land\*, like it is\*, mode, order, plight, position, posture, predicament, quality, rank, repair, reputation, riff, scene, shape, situation, size of it\*, sphere, spot, standing, state, state of affairs, status, status quo, trim, way things are\*, way things shape up\*, where it's at\*; CONCEPTS 639,696

**condition** [n2] *requirement, limitation* arrangement, article, catch, codicil, contingency, demand, essential, exception, exemption, fine print\*, kicker\*, modification, must, necessity, postulate, precondition, prerequisite, provision, proviso, qualification, requisite, reservation, rule, sine qua non, small print\*, stipulation, strings\*, terms; CONCEPTS 270,688

**condition** [n3] *physical shape, fitness* appearance, aspect, build, constitution, fettle, form, health, kilter, mint, order, phase, repair, state, status, tone, trim; CONCEPTS 316,757

**condition** [n4] *illness* affection, ailment, complaint, disease, ill, infirmity, malady, predicament, problem, syndrome, temper, weakness; CONCEPT 306

**condition** [v] *adapt, prepare* accustom, brainwash, build up, educate, equip, habituate, inure, loosen up, make ready, modify, practice, program, ready, shape up, sharpen, tone up, toughen up, train, warm up, whip into shape\*, work out, work over; CONCEPTS 35,202

**conditional** [adj] *dependent* codicillary, contingent, depending on, fortuitous, granted on certain terms, guarded, iffy\*, incidental, inconclusive, limited, modified, not absolute, obscure, provisional, provisory, qualified, relative, reliant, relying on, restricted, restrictive, subject to, tentative, uncertain, with grain of salt\*, with reservations, with strings attached\*; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* independent, unconditional, unlimited, unqualified, unrestricted

**condolence** [n] *sympathy* comfort, commiseration, compassion, condolement, consolation, fellow feeling, solace; CONCEPT 633

**condom** [n] *birth control* contraceptive, French letter\*, johnny\*, prophylactic, protection, raincoat\*, rubber\*, safe, sheath; CONCEPT 307

**condominium** [n] *tenant-owned apartment house* apartment, condo, co-op, timeshare, townhouse; CONCEPT 516

**condone** [v] *make allowance for* buy\*, disregard, excuse, forget, forgive, give green light\*, go along with, ignore, lap up\*, let it come\*, let it go by\*, let pass\*, look the other way\*, nod at\*, okay, overlook, pardon, pass over, remit, wink at\*; CONCEPTS 10,23 —*Ant.* censure, condemn, forbid, not allow, prevent

**conducive** [adj] *favorable for* accessory, calculated to produce, contributive, contributory, helpful, leading, productive of, promotive, tending, useful; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* adverse, discouraging, hindering, unconducive, unfavorable, unhelpful

**conduct** [n1] *administration* care, carrying on\*, channels, charge, control, direction, execution, guidance, handling, intendance, leadership, management, manipulation, organization, oversight, plan, policy, posture, red tape\*, regimen, regulation, rule, running, strategy, superintendence, supervision, tactics, transaction, treatment, wielding; CONCEPT 117

**conduct** [n2] *behavior* address, attitude, bearing, carriage, comportment, demeanor, department, manner, manners, mien, posture, stance, tenue, ways; CONCEPT 633

**conduct** [v1] *administer* accompany, attend, call the tune\*, carry on\*, chair, chaperon, control, convey, direct, engineer, escort, govern, guide, handle, head, keep, lead, manage, operate, ordain, organize, oversee, pilot, preside over, regulate, ride herd on\*, rule, run, run things, shepherd, steer, supervise, trailblaze\*, usher, wield baton\*; CONCEPT 117

**conduct** [v2] *comport oneself* acquit, act, bear, behave, carry, demean, deport, go on, quit; CONCEPT 384

**conduct** [v3] *transport* accompany, attend, bring, carry, chaperon, companion, convoy, escort, guide, lead, move, pass on, pilot, route, send, shepherd, show, steer, transfer; CONCEPT 187 —*Ant.* leave

**conductor** [n] *leader* director, guide, maestro, manager, marshal, master, supervisor; CONCEPTS 347,350,354

**conduit** [n] *passage* aqueduct, cable, canal, channel, conductor, course, culvert, duct, flow, flume, gully, gutter, lead-in, lead-out, main, pipe, pipeline, race, sewer, spout, trough, tube, watercourse; CONCEPTS 499,501

**cone** [n] *circular-shaped object with pointed end* conoid, pyramid, raceme, strobile, strobiloid; CONCEPT 436

**confection** [n] *sweet food* cake, candy, dainty, jam, pastry, sweet; CONCEPT 457

**confederacy** [n] *coalition* alliance, anschluss, bond, compact, confederation, conspiracy, covenant, federation, government, league, organization, union; CONCEPTS 299,301

**confederate** [adj] *allied* amalgamated, associated, combined, corporate, federal, federated, in alliance, incorporated, leagued, organized, syndicated, unionized; CONCEPT 536

**confederate** [n] *abettor* accessory, accomplice, ally, associate, coconspirator, collaborator, colleague, conspirator, fellow, fellow traveler, partner; CONCEPT 412

**confer** [v1] *discuss, deliberate* advise, argue, bargain, blitz\*, brainstorm\*, breeze\*, colloque, confab\*, confabulate, consult, converse, deal, debate, discourse, flap\*, gab\*, get heads-together\*, give meeting\*, groupthink\*, huddle, jaw, kick ideas around\*, negotiate, parley, pick one's brain\*, powwow\*, speak, talk, toss ideas around\*, treat; CONCEPT 56

**confer** [v2] *giving honor, award* accord, allot, award, bestow, donate, gift with, give, grant, lay on, present, provide, sweeten the kitty\*, vouchsafe; CONCEPT 132 —*Ant.* dishonor, taking

**conference** [n1] *convention, colloquium* appointment, argument, chat, colloquy, confabulation, conferring, congress, consultation, conversation, convocation, deliberation, discussion, forum, gabfest\*, groupthink\*, huddle, interchange, interview, meeting, palaver, parley, powwow\*, round robin, round table, seminar, symposium, talk, think-in\*, ventilation; CONCEPTS 56,324,386

**conference** [n2] *league of athletic teams* association, athletic union, circuit, league, loop, organization, ring; CONCEPT 365

**confess** [v] *admit, confirm* acknowledge, affirm, allow, assert, attest, aver, avow, blow, blurt out, chirp, clue in, come clean\*, come out, concede, confide, declare, disclose, divulge, dump on\*, evince, finger\*, fink\*, grant, humble oneself, leak\*, let on\*, level with, make clean breast of\*, manifest, narrate, open one's heart\*, own, own up, post, profess, prove, rat on\*, recognize, relate, reveal, sing\*, snitch\*, sound off\*, spill the beans\*, spit out\*, squeal\*, tip hand\*, unload\*, vent, weasel\*; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* conceal, deny, disavow, disown, hide, mask, repudiate, secrete



**confession** [*n*] *admittance of information* acknowledgment, admission, affirmation, allowance, assenting, assertion, avowal, concession, declaration, disclosing, disclosure, divulgence, enumeration, exposé, exposure, making public, narration, owning up, proclamation, profession, publication, recitation, relation, revealing, revelation, song\*, squawk\*, squeal\*, statement, story, telling, unbosoming, utterance; CONCEPTS 60,274 —*Ant.* concealment, cover, denial, disavowal, secret

**confidant** [*n*] *close friend* acquaintance, adherent, adviser, alter ego, bosom buddy, companion, crony, familiar, intimate, mate, pal; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* enemy, foe

**confide** [*v*] *divulge information* admit, bend an ear\*, breathe, buzz\*, confess, crack to, disclose, hint, impart, insinuate, intimate, lay it on\*, lay the gaff\*, let in on\*, reveal, spill to\*, suggest, tell, unload on\*, whisper; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, secrete, suppress

**confide** [*v*2] *entrust* bestow, charge, commend, commit, consign, delegate, hand over, present, relegate, trust; CONCEPT 108 —*Ant.* keep

**confidence** [*n*] *belief in oneself* aplomb, assurance, backbone, boldness, brashness, certainty, cool, courage, daring, dash, determination, elan, faith in oneself, fearlessness, firmness, fortitude, grit, hardihood, heart, impudence, intrepidity, mettle, morale, nerve, pluck, poise, presumption, reliance, resoluteness, resolution, self-possession, self-reliance, spirit, spunk, sureness, tenacity; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* uncertainty, unconfidence

**confidence** [*n*2] *belief in something* assurance, credence, dependence, faith, hope, reliance, stock, store, sure bet\*, trust; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* apprehension, distrust, doubt, fear, uncertainty, unconfidence

**confident** [*adj*] *certain, assured* bet on\*, bold, brave, cocksure, convinced, counting on, courageous, dauntless, depending on, expectant, expecting, fearless, having faith in, high\*, hopeful, intrepid, positive, presuming, presumptuous, puffed up\*, pushy, racked, sanguine, satisfied, secure, self-assured, self-reliant, self-sufficient, sure, trusting, unafraid, undaunted, upbeat, uppity\*, valiant; CONCEPTS 403,404 —*Ant.* uncertain, unsure

**confidential** [*adj*] *secret* arcane, backdoor, classified, closet, hushed, hush-hush\*, inside, intimate, off the record\*, private, privy; CONCEPTS 267,576 —*Ant.* common, familiar, known, public, well-known

**confidentially** [*adv*] *in secret* behind closed doors\*, between ourselves, between us, between you and me\*, covertly, don't breathe a word\*, hushedly, in confidence, in on the ground floor\*, off the cuff\*, off the record\*, personally, privately, sub rosa; CONCEPTS 267,576 —*Ant.* commonly, familiarly, openly, publicly

**configuration** [*n*] *arrangement* composition, contour, disposition, figure, form, Gestalt, outline, shape, structure; CONCEPTS 84,727

**confine** [*v*] *enclose, limit* bar, bind, bound, cage, circumscribe, constrain, cool, cool down, cramp, delimit, detain, enslave, fix, hem in, hinder, hog-tie\*, hold back, ice\*, immerse, imprison, incarcerate, intern, jail, keep, put a

lid on\*, put away, put on ice\*, repress, restrain, restrict, send up, shorten, shut up; CONCEPTS 121,130 —*Ant.* free, let go, liberate, release

**confined** [*adj*] *limited, enclosed* bedfast, bedridden, bottled up, bound, chilled, circumscribed, compassed, cooped up, cramp, cramped, detained, flattened out, grounded, hampered, held, hog-tied\*, iced\*, immured, imprisoned, incarcerated, in chains, incommensurable, indisposed, in jail, invalidated, jailed, laid up, locked up, on ice\*, pent, restrained, restricted, sealed up, shut in, sick; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* free, liberated, unlimited

**confinement** [*n*] *imprisonment; restriction* bonds, bounding, bounds, check, circumscription, coercion, constraint, constraint, control, cramp, curb, custody, delimitation, detention, immuration, incarceration, internment, jail, keeping, limitation, repression, safekeeping, trammels; CONCEPTS 90,191 —*Ant.* freedom, liberation

**confines** [*n*] *boundaries* borders, bounds, circumference, compass, country, dimension, edge, end, environs, extent, limits, orbit, periphery, precinct, proportions, purlieu, purview, radius, range, reach, region, scope, sweep, term, terrain, territory; CONCEPTS 484,745,788 —*Ant.* open

**confirm** [*v*] *ratify, validate, prove* affirm, approve, attest, authenticate, back, bear out, bless, buy, certify, check, check out, circumstantiate, corroborate, debunk, double-check, endorse, establish, explain, give green light\*, give high sign\*, give stamp of approval\*, give the go-ahead\*, give the nod\*, justify, lap up, make good\*, make sure, okay, rubber-stamp\*, sanction, settle, sign, sign off on\*, size up, subscribe, substantiate, support, thumbs up\*, underpin, uphold, verify, vouch, warrant, witness; CONCEPTS 57,103 —*Ant.* annul, cancel, contradict, destroy, disprove, invalidate, oppose, veto, void

**confirm** [*v*2] *reinforce* assure, buttress, clinch, establish, fix, fortify, invigorate, make firm, settle, strengthen; CONCEPTS 244,250 —*Ant.* contradict, deny, destroy, oppose, repudiate, void

**confirmation** [*n*] *ratification, validation, proof* acceptance, accepting, accord, admission, affirmation, affirming, agreement, approval, assent, attestation, authenticating, authentication, authorization, authorizing, avowal, consent, corroborating, corroboration, endorsement, evidence, go ahead\*, green light\*, nod, okay, passage, passing, proving, recognition, sanction, sanctioning, stamp of approval\*, substantiation, support, supporting, testament, testimonial, testimony, validating, verification, verifying, visa, witness; CONCEPTS 661,685 —*Ant.* annulment, cancellation, contradiction, denial, destruction, opposition, veto, void

**confirmed** [*adj*] *habitual; rooted* accepted, accustomed, chronic, deep-rooted, deep-seated, dyed-in-the-wool\*, entrenched, firmly established, fixed, habituated, hardened, hard-shell\*, ingrained, inured, inveterate, long-established, proved, seasoned, settled, staid, valid, worn; CONCEPTS 542,798 —*Ant.* indefinite, infrequent, sporadic, uncommitted, unconfirmed, undecided

**confiscate** [*v*] *steal; seize* accroach, annex, appropriate, arrogate, assume, commander, confiscate, expropriate, glom on to\*, grab,

hijack, impound, liberate, moonlight requisition\*, possess oneself of, preempt, sequester, sequestrate, swipe, take, take over, usurp; CONCEPTS 139,142 —*Ant.* give, offer

**conflagration** [*n*] *large fire blaze*, bonfire, burning, flaming, holocaust, inferno, rapid oxidation, up in smoke\*, wildfire; CONCEPTS 249,478

**conflict** [*n1*] *fight, warfare* battle, clash, collision, combat, competition, contention, contest, emulation, encounter, engagement, fracas, fray, rivalry, set-to, strife, striving, struggle, tug-of-war, war; CONCEPTS 106,320 —*Ant.* agreement, calm, concord, peace, stability

**conflict** [*n2*] *disagreement, discord* affray, animosity, antagonism, bad blood\*, brush, competition, concours, contention, contest, dance, difference, disaccord, dispute, dissension, dissent, dissidence, disunity, divided loyalties, faction, factionalism, flap, fray, friction, fuss, hassle, hostility, interference, meeting, opposition, row, ruckus, run-in, set-to, strife, variance; CONCEPTS 106,388,674 —*Ant.* accord, agreement, concord, harmony, peace

**conflict** [*v*] *be at odds* brawl, bump heads with\*, clash, collide, combat, contend, contest, contrast, cross swords with, differ, disaccord, disagree, discord, disharmonize, disturb, fight, interfere, jar, lock horns with\*, mismatch, oppose, romp, run against tide\*, scrap, slug, square off with, strive, struggle, tangle, vary; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* agree, be calm, harmonize

**conflicting** [*adj*] *contradictory* adverse, antagonistic, antipathetic, at odds with, clashing, contrarian, contrary, dissonant, discordant, discrepant, dissonant, incompatible, incongruent, incongruous, inconsistent, inconstant, opposed, opposing, paradoxical, unfavorable, unmixable; CONCEPTS 542,570 —*Ant.* agreeable, harmonious, nonconflicting, peaceful

**confluence** [*n*] *coming together* assemblage, assembly, concourse, concurrence, concursion, conflux, convergence, crowd, gathering, host, junction, meeting, mob, multitude, union; CONCEPTS 109,114

**conform** [*v1*] *adjust, adapt* accommodate, attune, be guided by, clean up act\*, comply, coordinate, don't make waves\*, don't rock the boat\*, fall in with, fit, follow, follow beaten path\*, follow the crowd, go by the book\*, go with the flow\*, harmonize, integrate, keep, make room, meet halfway, mind, move over, obey, observe, play the game\*, proportion, quadrate, reconcile, reconcile, roll with punches\*, run with the pack\*, shape up, square, straighten up, suit, tailor, tailor-make\*, toe the line\*, tune, yield; CONCEPT 13 —*Ant.* differ, fight, refuse

**conform** [*v2*] *correspond, match* accord, agree, assimilate, be regular, dovetail, fit in, fit the pattern, go, harmonize, jibe, square, suit, tally; CONCEPT 664 —*Ant.* mismatch, not correspond

**conformable** [*adj*] *appropriate; matching* adapted, agreeable, alike, amenable, applicable, assorted, comparable, compliant, consistent, docile, fitted, fitting, harmonious, in agreement, like, matched, obedient, orderly, proper, regular, resembling, similar, submissive, suitable, suited, tractable, unified, useable, well-regu-

lated; CONCEPTS 487,558,563,573 —*Ant.* inappropriate, mismatched, nonconforming

**conformation** [*n*] *shape* anatomy, arrangement, build, cast, configuration, figure, form, formation, frame, framework, outline, structure, symmetry, type; CONCEPTS 754,757

**conformist** [*n*] *person in agreement* Babbitt, bourgeois, brick in a wall\*, conventionalist, emulator, follower, one of the herd\*, rubber stamp\*, sheep\*, traditionalist, yes man\*; CONCEPTS 361,423

**conformity** [*n1*] *compliance* acquiescence, allegiance, assent, consent, conventionality, docility, obedience, observance, orthodoxy, resignation, submission, willingness; CONCEPTS 13,689 —*Ant.* difference, fight, nonconformity, refusal

**conformity** [*n2*] *correspondence, harmony* accord, affinity, agreement, coherence, conformance, congruity, consistency, consonance, likeness, resemblance, similarity; CONCEPT 664 —*Ant.* disagreement, discord, nonconformity

**confound** [*v*] *confuse* abash, amaze, astonish, astound, baffle, befog, bewilder, blend, bug\*, commingle, confute, discombobulate\*, discomfit, discountenance, dumbfound, embarrass, faze, fiddle, flabbergast, jumble, metagrobolize, misidentify, mix, mix up\*, mystify, nonplus, perplex, pose, puzzle, rattle, screw up\*, startle, surprise, throw\*; CONCEPTS 16,42 —*Ant.* clarify, clear up, enlighten, explain, make clear, relate

**confront** [*v*] *challenge* accost, affront, beard, brave, call one's bluff\*, come up against\*, dare, defy, encounter, face down\*, face up to\*, face with\*, flout, front, go one-on-one\*, go up against\*, make my day\*, meet, meet eyeball-to-eyeball\*, oppose, repel, resist, scorn, stand up to, tell off, withstand; CONCEPTS 46,52,54 —*Ant.* back down

**confrontation** [*n*] *conflict* affray, battle, contest, crisis, dispute, encounter, fight, meeting, set-to, showdown, strife; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**confuse** [*v1*] *bewilder someone* abash, addle, amaze, astonish, baffle, becloud, bedevil, befuddle, bemuse, cloud, clutter, complicate, confound, darken, daze, demoralize, discomfit, discompose, disconcert, discountenance, disorient, distract, embarrass, faze, fluster, fog, frustrate, fuddle, involve, lead astray, mess up\*, misinform, mislead, mortify, muddle, mystify, nonplus, obscure, perplex, perturb, puzzle, rattle, render uncertain, shame, stir up, stump, throw off, throw off balance\*, trouble, unHINGE, unsettle, upset, worry; CONCEPT 16 —*Ant.* clarify, clear up, enlighten, explain

**confuse** [*v2*] *mix up; involve* bedlamize, blend, clutter, confound, disarrange, disarray, discombobulate\*, discreate, disorder, disorganize, embroil, encumber, entangle, intermingle, involve, jumble, litter, mess up\*, mingle, mistake, muddle, muss up, rumple, snarl up, tangle, touse, tumble; CONCEPT 112 —*Ant.* order, organize, separate

**confused** [*adj1*] *disoriented mentally* abashed, addled, at a loss\*, at sea\*, at sixes and sevens\*, baffled, befuddled, bewildered, come apart\*, dazed, discombobulated\*, disconcerted,

disorganized, distracted, flummoxed, flustered, fouled up\*, glassy-eyed\*, gone\*, misled, mixed up, muddled, nonplussed, not with it\*, out to lunch\*, perplexed, perturbed, punch-drunk\*, pучeы\*, puzzled, screwy\*, shook up\*, shot to pieces\*, slaphappy, spaced out\*, stumped, taken aback, thrown, thrown off balance\*, unglued\*, unscrewed\*, unzipped\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* clear, organized, oriented, understanding

**confused** [adj2] *mixed up, disordered* anarchic, blurred, chaotic, disarranged, disorderly, disorganized, haywire, in a muddle, in disarray, involved, jumbled, messy, miscalculated, miscellaneous, mistaken, misunderstood, obscured, out of order, snafu\*, snarled, topsyturvy, unsettled, untidy; CONCEPT 585 —*Ant.* methodical, ordered, organized, separated, systematic

**confusion** [n1] *disorientated* abashing, abashment, adding, agitation, befuddlement, befuddling, bemusement, bewilderment, blurring, chagrin, cluttering, commotion, confounding, demoralization, disarranging, discomfiting, discomfiture, disorientation, distraction, disturbing, dither, dumbfounding, embarrassing, embarrassment, embroiling, flap, fluster, lather, mixup mystification, obscuring, perplexing, perplexity, perturbation, pothier, puzzlement, stew, stirring up, tangling, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, unsettling, upsetting; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* clarity, order, organization, orientation, sense

**confusion** [n2] *disoriented state* abashment, ado, anarchy, astonishment, bustle, chaos, clutter, commotion, complexity, complication, consternation, daze, difficulty, disarray, discomposure, dislocation, disorganization, distraction, emotional upset, ferment, fog, fracas, haze, hodge-podge, imbrogllo, intricacy, jumble, labyrinth, mess, mistake, muddle, mystification, pandemonium, perturbation, racket, riot, row, shambles, stir, stupefaction, surprise, tangle, trouble, tumult, turmoil, untidiness, upheaval, uproar, wildness; CONCEPTS 410,727 —*Ant.* calm, clarity, composure, method, order, organization, orientation, system

**confute** [v] *disprove, refute* blow sky high\*, break, bring to naught, confound, contradict, controvert, defeat, demolish, dismay, disprove, expose, invalidate, knocks props out from under\*, negate, oppugn, overcome, overthrow, overturn, overwhelm, parry, prove false, prove wrong, put down, rebut, set aside, shut up, silence, subvert, tap, upset, vanquish; CONCEPTS 46,95 —*Ant.* affirm, attest, confirm, endorse, prove, verify

**congeal** [v] *coagulate* cake, clabber, clot, concrete, condense, curdle, dry, freeze, gel, gelate, gelatinate, gelatinize, glob up\*, harden, indurate, jelly, jellyfish, jelly, refrigerate, set, solidify, stiffen, thicken; CONCEPTS 250,469 —*Ant.* dissolve, liquify, melt, separate, thin

**congenial** [adj] *friendly, compatible* adapted, affable, agreeable, amical, clubby, companionable, compatible, complaisant, congruous, consistent, consonant, conversable, convivial, cooperative, cordial, delightful, favorable, fit, genial, good-humored, gracious, happy, harmonious, jovial, kindly, kindred, like-minded, mellow, pleasant, pleasing, regular fellow,

right neighborly, sociable, social, suitable, sympathetic, well-suited; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* disagreeable, ill-suited, incompatible, uncongenial, unfriendly, unsympathetic  
**congenital** [adj] *inborn* complete, connate, congenital, constitutional, inbred, indigenous, indwelling, ingrained, inherent, inherited, innate, intrinsic, inveterate, latent, native, natural, thorough, unacquired, utter; CONCEPTS 314,549 —*Ant.* contracted

**congested** [adj] *blocked, clogged* chock-full, choked, closed, crammed, crowded, filled, glutted, gorged, gridlocked, jam-full, jammed, jam-packed, massed, mobbed, obstructed, occluded, overcrowded, overfilled, overflowing, packed, packed like sardines\*, plugged, stopped, stoppered, stuffed, stuffed-up, teeming, up to the rafters\*; CONCEPTS 481,483,774 —*Ant.* clear, free, open, unblocked, unclogged, uncongested, uncrowded

**congestion** [n] *blockage* bottleneck\*, clogging, crowdedness, crowding, excess, jam, mass, overcrowding, overdevelopment, overpopulation, press, profusion, rubber-necking\*, snarl-up\*, surfeit, surplus, traffic jam; CONCEPTS 230,432 —*Ant.* opening

**conglomerate** [adj] *composite* amassed, assorted, blended, clustered, heterogeneous, indiscriminate, massed, melded, miscellaneous, mixed, motley, multifarious, promiscuous, varied, variegated; CONCEPTS 490,589 —*Ant.* individual, separate, single

**conglomerate** [n] *composite organization* agglomerate, agglomeration, aggregate, aggregation, cartel, chain, combine, conglomeration, group, multinational, pool, syndicate, trust; CONCEPTS 323,325

**conglomeration** [n] *accumulation, potpourri* agglomeration, aggregate, aggregation, amassment, assortment, collection, combination, combo\*, composite, cumulation, everything but the kitchen sink\*, hoard, hodge-podge, mass, medley, miscellany, mishmash\*, mixed bag\*, trove; CONCEPT 432

**congratulate** [v] *compliment on achievement, luck* applaud, bless, boost, felicitate, give a big cigar\*, give bouquet\*, give regards, gold star\*, hand it to\*, hear it for\*, laud, pat on back, praise, rejoice with, salute, stroke\*, toast, wish happy returns\*, wish joy to, wish one well; CONCEPTS 51,69 —*Ant.* commiserate, criticize, harp

**congratulations** [n] *complimentation on achievement, luck* best wishes, compliments, felicitations, give a "hear-hear"\*, good going\*, good wishes, good work, greetings, hail; CONCEPTS 69,278 —*Ant.* commiseration, condolences, criticism

**congregate** [v] *assemble, come together* besiege, bunch up\*, collect, concentrate, congress, convene, converge, convoke, corral, flock\*, forgather, gang around, gang up, gather, hang out\*, make the scene\*, mass, meet, meet up, muster, pack, raise, rally, rendezvous, round up, swarm, team, through; CONCEPTS 109,114 —*Ant.* divide, scatter, separate

**congregation** [n] *assembled group, especially concerned with church-going* aggregation, assemblage, assembly, audience, churchgoers, collection, company, confab\*, crowd, disciples,

flock, following, gathering, get-together, group, host, laity, meet, meeting, multitude, muster, parish, parishioners, public, sit-in, throng, turnout; CONCEPTS 369,387,417

**congress** [*n*] *delegation of representatives* assembly, association, caucus, chamber, club, committee, conclave, conference, convention, convocation, council, delegates, government, guild, league, legislative body, legislature, meeting, order, parliament, senate, society, the Hill, the house, union; CONCEPTS 299,387

**congruent** [*adj*] *agreeable, harmonious* coinciding, compatible, concurring, conforming, consistent, corresponding, identical, in agreement; CONCEPT 563 —*Ant.* disagreeable, incongruent, unharmonious

**congruous** [*adj*] *corresponding, suitable* accordant, appropriate, apt, becoming, coincidental, compatible, concordant, congruent, consistent, consonant, correspondent, fit, fitting, harmonious, meet, proper, seemingly, sympathetic; CONCEPTS 558,563 —*Ant.* disagreeing, incongruous, unfitting, unharmonious, unsuitable

**conical/conic** [*adj*] *shaped cylindrically and with a point* coned, cone-shaped, conoid, conoidal, funnel-shaped, pointed, pyramidal, sharp, strobilate, strobiloid, tapered, tapering; CONCEPT 486

**conjectural** [*adj*] *speculative* academic, assumed, doubtful, figured, guessing, guesstimated\*, hypothetical, on a hunch\*, on a long shot\*, putative, reputed, supposed, suppositional, suppositious, suppositive, surmised, surmising, suspect, tentative, theoretical, uncertain, unresolved; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* certain, factual, proven, real, truthful

**conjecture** [*n*] *speculation, assumption* conclusion, fancy, guess, guesstimate\*, guesswork, hunch, hypothesis, inference, notion, opinion, perhaps, presumption, shot in the dark\*, sneaking suspicion, stab in the dark\*, supposition, surmise, theorizing, theory; CONCEPTS 28,274, 689 —*Ant.* fact, proof, reality, truth

**conjecture** [*v*] *speculate* assume, believe, conceive, conclude, deem, estimate, expect, fancy, feel\*, figure, gather, glean, guess, guesstimate\*, hazard a guess\*, hypothesize, imagine, infer, judge, presume, pretend, suppose, surmise, suspect, take a shot\*, take a stab\*, take for granted, theorize, think; CONCEPTS 28,51 —*Ant.* prove

**conjugal** [*adj*] *marital* bridal, connubial, hymeneal, married, matrimonial, nuptial, spousal, wedded; CONCEPT 555

**conjunction** [*n*] *combination* affiliation, agreement, alliance, association, cahoots, coincidence, concomitance, concurrence, congruency, conjointment, hookup\*, juxtaposition, parallelism, partnership, tie-up\*, union; CONCEPTS 388,714 —*Ant.* detachment, disconnection, division, separation

**conjure** [*v1*] *appeal to, implore* adjure, ask, beg, beseech, brace, crave, entreat, importune, pray, supplicate, urge; CONCEPT 48 —*Ant.* disgust, turn off

**conjure** [*v2*] *cast spell* bewitch, call upon, charm, enchant, ensorcel, entrance, exorcise, fascinate, invoke, levitate, play tricks, raise, rouse, summon, voodoo; CONCEPT 14

**conjure up** [*v*] *bring to mind* call, contrive,

create, evoke, materialize, produce as by magic, recall, recollect, remember, review, summon, urge; CONCEPT 38 —*Ant.* forget, ignore, neglect

**connect** [*v*] *combine, link* affix, ally, associate, attach, bridge, cohere, come aboard, conjoin, consociate, correlate, couple, equate, fasten, get into, hitch on, hook on, hook up, interface, join, join up with, marry, meld with, network with, plug into, relate, slap on, span, tack on, tag, tag on, tie in, tie in with, unite, wed, yoke; CONCEPTS 85,113,160 —*Ant.* disconnect

**connected** [*adj*] *related, affiliated* akin, allied, applicable, associated, banded together, bracketed, coherent, combined, consecutive, coupled, in on with\*, joined, linked, pertinent, undivided, united; CONCEPTS 482,577 —*Ant.* disconnected, disjointed, unaffiliated, uncombined, unconnected, unrelated

**connection** [*n1*] *person who aids another in achieving goal* acquaintance, agent, ally, associate, association, contact, friend, go-between, intermediary, kin, kindred, kinship, mentor, messenger, network, reciprocity, relation, relative, sponsor; CONCEPTS 348,423 —*Ant.* disconnection, gap, opening

**connection** [*n2*] *something that connects, links* affiliation, alliance, association, attachment, bond, combination, conjointment, conjunction, coupling, fastening, hookup, joining, joint, junction, juncture, link, linkage, network, partnership, seam, tie, tie-in, tie-up, union; CONCEPTS 499,720 —*Ant.* disconnection

**connection** [*n3*] *something that communicates, relates* affinity, application, association, bearing, bond, commerce, communication, correlation, correspondence, intercourse, interrelation, kinship, link, marriage, nexus, partnership, reciprocity, relation, relationship, relevance, tie-in, togetherness; CONCEPTS 388,664

**connive** [*v*] *plot, scheme* angle, be in cahoots with\*, cabal, cogitate, collude, conspire, contrive, cook up, devise, fiddle\*, finagle, frame, frame up, intrigue, machinate, operate, promote, wangle, wire, work hand in glove\*; CONCEPT 36

**connoisseur** [*n*] *authority* adept, aesthete, aficionado, appreciator, arbiter, bon vivant, buff\*, cognoscente, critic, devotee, dilettante, epicure, expert, fan, freak\*, gourmet, judge, maven\*, nut\*, one into\*, savant, specialist; CONCEPTS 352,376 —*Ant.* ignoramus

**connotation** [*n*] *implication* association, coloring, essence, hint, meaning, nuance, overtone, significance, suggestion, undertone; CONCEPTS 682,689 —*Ant.* denotation

**connote** [*v*] *imply* add up to, betoken, denote, designate, evidence, express, hint at, import, indicate, insinuate, intend, intimate, involve, mean, signify, spell, suggest; CONCEPTS 75,118 —*Ant.* denote

**connubial** [*adj*] *marital* conjugal, hymeneal, married, matrimonial, nuptial, spousal, wedded; CONCEPT 555

**conquer** [*v1*] *defeat, overcome* beat, bring to knees\*, checkmate, circumvent, clobber, control, cream\*, crush, discomfit, drub, foil, frustrate, get the better of\*, humble, lick, master, outwit, overmaster, overpower, override, overthrow, prevail, quell, reduce, rout, shut down,

subdue, subjugate, succeed, surmount, throw, thwart, total\*, trample underfoot, trash, triumph, vanquish, whip, wipe off map\*, worst, zap\*; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* capitulate, fail, give up, lose, retreat, succumb, surrender, yield

**conquer** [v2] *win; obtain* achieve, acquire, annex, best, master, occupy, overcome, overrun, prevail, seize, succeed, triumph; CONCEPTS 90,141,706 —*Ant.* forfeit, lose, surrender

**conqueror** [n] *champion* conquistador, defeater, hero, subduer, subjugator, vanquisher, victor, winner; CONCEPTS 354,358 —*Ant.* loser

**conquest** [n1] *defeat, victory* acquisition, annexation, appropriation, big win\*, clean sweep\*, conquering, coup, defeating, discomfiture, grand slam\*, invasion, killing\*, occupation, overthrow, rout, routing, score, splash\*, subdual, subjection, subjugation, success, takeover, triumph, vanquishment, win; CONCEPTS 95,706 —*Ant.* failure, forfeit, loss, surrender, yielding

**conquest** [n2] *enchantment; person enchanted* acquisition, adherent, admirer, captivation, catch, enthrallment, enticement, fan, feather in cap\*, follower, prize, seduction, supporter, worshiper; CONCEPTS 410,423

**consanguinity** [n] *family relationship* affiliation, affinity, agnate, blood-relationship, brotherhood, cognate, connection, family tie, filiation, kin, kindred, kinship, kinship, lineage, race, sisterhood, strain; CONCEPTS 296,388

**conscience** [n] *moral sense* censor, compunction, demur, duty, inner voice, morals, principles, qualms, right and wrong, scruples, shame, small voice\*, squeam, still small voice\*, super-ego; CONCEPTS 645,689 —*Ant.* immorality

**conscientious** [adj1] *thorough, careful* complete, diligent, exact, exacting, faithful, fastidious, fussy, hanging in\*, hanging tough\*, heart and soul into\*, heedful, meticulous, minding p's and q's\*, painstaking, particular, playing safe, punctilious, punctual, reliable, tough, walking on eggs\*; CONCEPTS 531,538 —*Ant.* careless, inexact, irresponsible, uncared, unconscious, unscrupulous

**conscientious** [adj2] *moral, upright* conscientious, high-minded, high-principled, honest, honorable, incorruptible, just, pious, principled, responsible, right, scrupulous, straightforward, strict, true; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* corrupt, dishonest, immoral, unjust, vulgar

**conscious** [adj1] *alert, awake* able to recognize, acquainted, aesthetic, alive to, apperceptive, apprised, assured, attentive, au courant, aware, certain, cognizant, conversant, discerning, felt, hep to\*, informed, in on\*, in right mind, keen, knowing, known, mindful, noticing, noting, observing, on to\*, perceiving, perceptive, recognizing, remarking, responsive, seeing, sensible, sensitive to, sentient, supraliminal, sure, understanding, vigilant, watchful, wise to\*, with it\*, witting; CONCEPTS 402,539 —*Ant.* ignorant, impassive, indifferent, senseless, unaware, unconscious, unmindful, unresponsive

**conscious** [adj2] *intentional* affected, calculated, deliberate, knowing, mannered, premeditated, rational, reasoning, reflective, responsible, self-conscious, studied, willful; CONCEPTS

403,535 —*Ant.* indifferent, not deliberate, unconscious, unfeeling, unintentional, unstudied

**consciousness** [n] *knowledge* alertness, apprehension, awareness, care, carefulness, cognizance, concern, heed, heedfulness, mindfulness, realization, recognition, regard, sensibility; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* senselessness, stupidity, unconsciousness

**consecrate** [v] *hold in high religious regard* anoint, beatify, bless, dedicate, devote, exalt, hallow, honor, ordain, sanctify, set apart, venerate; CONCEPTS 69,367 —*Ant.* deprecate

**consecutive** [adj] *in sequence* after, chronological, connected, constant, continuing, continuous, ensuing, following, going on, increasing, in order, in turn, later, logical, numerical, one after another, progressive, running, sequent, sequential, serial, serialized, seriate, seriatim, succedent, succeeding, successional, successive, understandable, uninterrupted; CONCEPTS 585,799 —*Ant.* broken, discontinuous, infrequent, intermittent, interrupted, unconsuetive

**consensus** [n] *general agreement* accord, concord, concurrence, consent, harmony, unanimity, unison, unity; CONCEPTS 684,689 —*Ant.* disagreement

**consent** [n] *agreement; concession* accord, acquiescence, allowance, approval, assent, authorization, blank check\*, blessing, carte blanche\*, compliance, concurrence, go-ahead\*, green light\*, leave, okay\*, permission, permit, right on\*, sanction, say so\*, stamp of approval\*, sufferance, understanding, yes; CONCEPTS 684,685 —*Ant.* denial, difference, disagreement, disapproval, dissension, objection, opposition, protest, refusal

**consent** [v] *agree* accede, accept, acquiesce, allow, approve, assent, bless, comply, concede, concur, fold, give in, give the nod\*, give up, knuckle under, let, make a deal, okay\*, permit, roll over, sanction, say uncle\*, say yes, sign off on\*, subscribe, throw in the towel\*, yes\*, yield; CONCEPTS 8,50,88 —*Ant.* differ, disagree, disapprove, dissent, object, oppose, protest, refuse

**consequence** [n1] *result, outcome of action* aftereffect, aftermath, bottom line\*, can of worms\*, chain reaction\*, effect, end, event, fallout, follow through, follow-up, issue, outgrowth, payoff, reaction, repercussion, sequel, sequence, spin-off, upshot, waves\*; CONCEPT 230 —*Ant.* beginning, cause, commencement, inception, origin, rise, source, start

**consequence** [n2] *importance, significance* account, concern, exigency, fame, honor, import, interest, magnitude, moment, momentousness, need, note, pith, portent, renown, reputation, repute, signification, value, weight, weightiness; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* insignificance, unimportance, worthlessness

**consequence** [n3] *person's status* cachet, dignity, distinction, eminence, notability, position, prestige, rank, repute, standing, state, stature, status; CONCEPT 388

**consequent** [adj] *resultant* consistent, ensuing, following, indirect, inferable, intelligent, logical, rational, reasonable, resulting, sensible, sequential, sound, subsequent, successive, understandable; CONCEPTS 537,548 —*Ant.*

beginning, causal, commencing, originating, preparatory, starting

**consequential** [*adj*] *significant* big, considerable, eventful, far-reaching, grave, important, material, meaningful, momentous, serious, substantial, weighty; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* inconsequential, insignificant, uneventful, unimportant

**conservation** [*n*] *preservation* attention, care, cherishing, conservancy, conserving, control, custody, directing, economy, governing, guardianship, guarding, keeping, maintenance, management, managing, preserval, preserving, protecting, protection, safeguarding, safekeeping, salvation, saving, stewardship, storage, supervising, supervision, sustentation, upkeep; CONCEPTS 134, 257 —*Ant.* destruction, neglect, spending, squandering, waste

**conservationist** [*n*] *environmental activist* environmentalist, green\*, guardian, preservationist, tree hugger\*; CONCEPTS 414, 423

**conservative** [*adj*] *cautious, moderate, tending to preserve the status quo* bourgeois, constant, controlled, conventional, die-hard, fearful, firm, foguish\*, fuddy-duddy\*, guarded, hard hat\*, hidebound, holding to, illiberal, in a rut\*, inflexible, middle-of-the-road\*, not extreme, obstinate, old guard\*, old line\*, orthodox, quiet, reactionary, redneck\*, right, right of center\*, right-wing, sober, stable, steady, timid, Tory\*, traditional, traditionalistic, unchangeable, unchanging, uncreative, undaring, unimaginative, unprogressive, white bread\*; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* exaggerated, incautious, left-wing, liberal, progressive, radical

**conservative** [*n*] *person who is cautious, moderate; an opponent of change* bitter-ender\*, classicist, conserver, conventionalist, diehard, hard hat\*, middle-of-the-roader\*, moderate, moderatist, obstructionist, old guard\*, old liner\*, preserver, reactionary, redneck\*, right, rightist, right-winger, silk-stocking\*, standpat, stick-in-the-mud\*, Tory\*, traditionalist, unprogressive; CONCEPT 359 —*Ant.* left-winger, liberal, progressive, radical

**custodian** [*n*] *caretaker of collection* curator, custodian, guardian, keeper, protector, restorer; CONCEPT 348

**conservatory** [*n*] *greenhouse* cold frame, glasshouse, hot house, nursery; CONCEPT 439

**conserve** [*v*] *save, protect* cut back, cut down on, go easy on\*, hoard, keep, maintain, nurse, preserve, safeguard, scrimp, skimp, sock away\*, squirrel\*, squirrel away\*, stash, steward, store up, support, sustain, take care of, use sparingly; CONCEPT 134 —*Ant.* destroy, neglect, spend, squander, use, waste

**consider** [*v*] *turn over in one's mind* acknowledge, allow for, assent to, chew over\*, cogitate, concede, consult, contemplate, deal with, deliberate, dream of, envisage, examine, excogitate, favor, flirt with\*, grant, inspect, keep in mind, look at, meditate, mull over, muse, perpend, ponder, provide for, reason, reckon with, recognize, reflect, regard, revolve, ruminate, scan, scrutinize, see, see about, speculate, study, subscribe to, take into account, take under advisement, take up, think out, think over, toss around\*; CONCEPTS 17, 24 —*Ant.* discard, dismiss, forget, ignore, neglect, reject

**consider** [*v*2] *regard a certain way* analyze, appraise, bear in mind, believe, care for, count, credit, deem, estimate, feel, hold, hold an opinion, judge, keep in view, look upon, make allowance for, reckon with, reflect, remember, respect, sense, set down, suppose, take for, take into account, think, think of, view; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* abandon, dismiss, disregard, ignore, leave, reject

**considerable** [*adj*1] *abundant, large* ample, appreciable, astronomical, big, bountiful, comfortable, commodious, extensive, goodly, great, hefty, huge, large-scale, lavish, major, marked, much, noticeable, plentiful, pretty, reasonable, respectable, sizable, substantial, tidy, tolerable; CONCEPT 781 —*Ant.* inconceivable, insignificant, little, slight, small, undistinguished, unnoticeable

**considerable** [*adj*2] *important* big, consequential, distinguished, doozie\*, dynamite, essential, fab\*, fat, influential, material, meaningful, momentous, mondo\*, noteworthy, renowned, significant, solid gold\*, something, something else\*, substantial, super, super-duper\*, to the max\*, unreal\*, venerable, weighty; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* insignificant, unimportant, unnoteworthy, unnoticeable

**considerably** [*adv*] *significantly* appreciably, far, greatly, markedly, noticeably, quite, rather, remarkably, somewhat, substantially, very much, well; CONCEPT 569 —*Ant.* insignificantly, little, slightly, unappreciably, unremarkably

**considerate** [*adj*] *respectful of others* accommodating, amiable, attentive, benevolent, big, charitable, chivalrous, circumspect, compassionate, complaisant, concerned, cool, discreet, forbearing, generous, kind, kindly, like a sport\*, magnanimous, mellow, mindful, obliging, patient, polite, solicitous, sympathetic, tactful, tender, thoughtful, unselfish, warmhearted; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* disrespectful, impatient, inattentive, inconsiderate, mean, scornful, selfish, thoughtless, unfeeling, unmindful

**consideration** [*n*1] *mental analysis* application, attention, cogitation, concentration, contemplation, debate, deliberation, discussion, examination, forethought, heed, reflection, regard, review, scrutiny, study, thinking, thought; CONCEPT 24 —*Ant.* disregard, disrespect, failure, heedlessness, ignorance, neglect, negligence, omission, thoughtlessness

**consideration** [*n*2] *concern; something mentally examined* development, difficulty, emergency, estate, evidence, exigency, extent, factor, fancy, idea, incident, issue, items, judgment, magnitude, minutiae, notion, occasion, occurrence, particulars, perplexity, plan, point, problem, proposal, puzzle, scope, situation, state, thought, trouble; CONCEPT 532 —*Ant.* omission

**consideration** [*n*3] *high regard* attentiveness, awareness, concern, considerateness, esteem, estimation, favor, forbearance, friendliness, heed, heedfulness, kindness, kindness, mercy, mindfulness, respect, solicitude, tact, thoughtfulness, tolerance; CONCEPTS 32, 410 —*Ant.* disdain, disregard

**consideration** [*n*4] *payment* baksheesh, commish\*, commission, fee\*, payback, percentage,

perk, perquisite, recompense, remuneration, reward, salary, something to sweeten pot\*, tip, wage; CONCEPT 344 —*Ant.* debt

**considered** [adj] *deliberate, thought-out* advised, aforthought, contemplated, designed, designful, examined, express, given due consideration, gone into, intentional, investigated, mediated, premeditated, prepense, studied, studios, thought-about, thought-through, treated, voluntary, weighed, well advised, well chosen, willful; CONCEPTS 402,529 —*Ant.* disregarded, forgotten, neglected, unplanned, unstudied

**considering** [adj] *taking everything in mind* all in all, all things considered, as, as long as, because, everything being equal, for, forasmuch as, inasmuch as, in consideration of, in light of, inasmuch as, in view of, now, pending, seeing, since, taking into account; CONCEPT 529

**consign** [v] *entrust, hand over for care* address, appoint, assign, authorize, commend to, commission, commit, confide, convey, delegate, deliver, deposit with, dispatch, forward, give, issue, put in charge of, relegate, remit, route, send, ship, transfer, transmit, turn over; CONCEPTS 108,143,217 —*Ant.* hold, keep, receive, retain

**consignment** [n1] *entrusting, handing over* assignment, committal, dispatch, distribution, relegation, sending shipment, transmittal; CONCEPTS 108,143,217 —*Ant.* holding, keeping, retention

**consignment** [n2] *something entrusted to another's care* batch, delivery, goods, shipment; CONCEPT 338

**consist** [v] *exist, reside* abide, be, be contained in, be expressed by, be found in, dwell, inhere, lie, repose, rest, subsist; CONCEPT 539

**consistency** [n1] *thickness* bendability, bendability, compactness, density, elasticity, fabric, firmness, flexibility, frangibility, hardness, limberness, moldability, organization, plasticity, pliability, softness, solidity, suppleness, texture, viscosity, viscosity, viscosness; CONCEPTS 611,722

**consistency** [n2] *constancy, regularity* accord, agreement, apposition, appropriateness, aptness, coherence, cohesion, compatibility, concord, concurrence, conformability, congruity, consonance, correspondence, evenness, fitness, harmony, homogeneity, invariability, likeness, proportion, similarity, stability, steadfastness, steadiness, suitability, symmetry, uniformity, union, unity; CONCEPTS 637,656,670 —*Ant.* erraticism, incongruity, inconsistency, inconstancy, irregularity, variation

**consistent** [adj1] *constant, regular* dependable, even, expected, homogeneous, invariable, logical, of a piece, persistent, rational, same, steady, true, true to type, unchanging, undeviating, unailing, uniform, unvarying; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* disagreeing, erratic, incongruous, inconsistent, inconstant, irregular, varying

**consistent** [adj2] *agreeing, compatible* accordant, according to, agreeable, all of a piece, coherent, conforming with, congenial, congruous, consonant, equable, harmonious, like, logical, matching, sympathetic; CONCEPT 563 —*Ant.* disagreeing, incompatible, inconsistent, unfitting, unsuitable

**consist of** [v] *made up of* amount to, be composed of, comprise, contain, embody, include, incorporate, involve; CONCEPT 643

**consolation** [n] *relief, comfort* alleviation, assuagement, cheer, comfort, compassion, ease, easement, encouragement, fellow feeling, help, lenity, pity, solace, succor, support, sympathy; CONCEPTS 32,410 —*Ant.* agitation, annoyance, antagonism, discouragement, disturbance, trouble, upset

**console** [v] *relieve, comfort* animate, assuage, buck up\*, calm, cheer, condole with, encourage, express sympathy, gladden, inspirit, lift, solace, soothe, tranquilize, untrouble, upraise; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* agitate, annoy, antagonize, depress, discourage, dispirit, disturb, hurt, sadden, trouble, upset

**consolidate** [v] *combine; make firm* add to, amalgamate, amass, band, bind, blend, build up, bunch up, cement, centralize, compact, compound, concatenate, concentrate, condense, conjoin, connect, densen, develop, federate, fortify, fuse, harden, hitch, hitch on, hook up with, incorporate, join, league, mass, meld, mix, plug into, pool, reinforce, render solid, secure, set, slap on, solidify, stabilize, strengthen, tack on, tag on, team up with\*, thicken, throw in together\*, tie in, tie up with, unify; CONCEPTS 109,250 —*Ant.* disjoin, disperse, divide, part, separate

**consolidation** [n] *combination, fortification* alliance, amalgamation, association, coadunation, coalition, compression, concentration, condensation, federation, fusion, incorporation, melding, mergence, merger, merging, reinforcement, solidification, strengthening, unification; CONCEPTS 109,469 —*Ant.* dispersal, division, parting, separation, severance, weakening

**consonance** [n] *agreement, consistency* accord, chime, chorus, concert, concord, conformity, congruence, congruity, correspondence, harmony, suitability, tune; CONCEPT 664 —*Ant.* disagreement, discord, dissonance, incompatibility, incongruence, incongruity, nonconformity

**consonant** [adj] *agreeing, consistent* accordant, according, agnate, akin, alike, analogous, blending, coincident, comparable, compatible, concordant, conformable, congenial, congruous, correspondent, corresponding, harmonious, in agreement, in rapport, like, parallel, similar, suitable, sympathetic, uniform; CONCEPT 563 —*Ant.* disagreeing, dissonant, incompatible, incongruent, incongruous, inconsistent, in consonant

**consort** [n] *associate, partner* accompaniment, companion, concomitant, friend, husband, mate, spouse, wife; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* antagonist, enemy, foe

**consort** [v1] *be friendly with; fraternize* accompany, associate, attend, bear, befriender, bring, carry, chaperon, chum together\*, chum with\*, clique with, company, conduct, convoy, gang up with\*, go around with\*, hang around with\*, hang out with\*, hang with\*, join, keep company, mingle, mix, pal, pal around with, pal with, run around with\*, run with, take up with, tie up with; CONCEPTS 114,384

**consort** [v2] *agree* accord, coincide, comport,

concur, conform, correspond, dovetail, harmonize, march, square, tally; CONCEPT 664 —*Ant.* disagree

**conspicuous** [*n*] *summary* abstract, digest, outline, overview, précis, resume, review, rundown\*, summation, synopsis; CONCEPT 283

**conspicuous** [*adj1*] *obvious, easily seen* apparent, clear, discernible, distinct, evident, manifest, noticeable, open-and-shut\*, patent, perceptible, plain, visible; CONCEPT 619 —*Ant.* concealed, hidden, imperceptible, inconspicuous, obscure, secret, unnoticeable, unremarkable, unseen

**conspicuous** [*adj2*] *important, prominent* arresting, arrestive, blatant, celebrated, commanding, distinguished, eminent, famed, famous, flagrant, flashy, garish, glaring, glitzy\*, illustrious, influential, jazzy, loud, marked, notable, noted, notorious, outstanding, pointed, rank, remarkable, renowned, salient, screaming, showy, signal, splashy, stick out like sore thumb\*, striking, tony\*, well-known; CONCEPTS 542, 567 —*Ant.* inconspicuous, obscure, unimportant, unknown, unremarkable

**conspiracy** [*n*] *collusion in plan* cabal, complot, confederacy, connivance, countermeine, counterplot, covin, disloyalty, fix, frame\*, game, hookup\*, intrigue, league, little game\*, machination, perfidy, plot, practice, put-up job\*, scheme, sedition, treacherousness, treachery, treason, trick, trickery; CONCEPT 660

**conspirator** [*n*] *schemer* accomplice, backstabber\*, betrayer, caballer, collaborator, colluder, highbinder, plotter, subversive, traitor; CONCEPT 412

**conspire** [*v1*] *plot, scheme with someone* be in cahoots\*, cabal, cogitate, colloque, collude, confederate, connive, contrive, cook up\*, cooperate, devise, get in bed with\*, hatch, intrigue, machinate, maneuver, operate, promote, put out a contract\*, wangle, wire, work something out\*; CONCEPTS 36, 192

**conspire** [*v2*] *agree, concur* cabal, colleague, combine, complot, conduce, consort, contribute, cooperate, join, tend, unite, work together; CONCEPT 8 —*Ant.* disagree

**constancy** [*n*] *fixedness* abidingness, adherence, allegiance, ardor, attachment, certainty, decision, dependability, determination, devotedness, devotion, doggedness, eagerness, earnestness, endurance, faith, fealty, fidelity, firmness, honesty, honor, integrity, love, loyalty, permanence, perseverance, principle, regularity, resolution, stability, staunchness, steadfastness, steadiness, surety, tenacity, trustiness, trustworthiness, truthfulness, unchangeableness, unflinchingness, uniformity, zeal; CONCEPTS 32, 410, 637 —*Ant.* change, changeableness, fluctuation, inconstancy, instability, irregularity, unsteadiness

**constant** [*adj1*] *fixed* connected, consistent, continual, equable, even, firm, habitual, homogeneous, immutable, invariable, like the Rock of Gibraltar\*, monochrome, monophonic, monotonous, nonstop, of a piece, permanent, perpetual, regular, regularized, solid as rock\*, stable, stable, standardized, steadfast, steady, together, unalterable, unbroken, unchanging, unflappable, unfluctuating, uniform, uninterrupted,

unvarying; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* changeable, fickle, fluctuating, inconstant, irregular, unstable, unsteady, varying, wavering

**constant** [*adj2*] *neverending* abiding, ceaseless, chronic, continual, continuous, endless, enduring, eternal, everlasting, incessant, interminable, lasting, nonstop, perpetual, persistent, persisting, relentless, sustained, unending, uninterrupted, unrelenting, unremitting; CONCEPTS 649, 798 —*Ant.* concluding, ending, interrupted, stopping, terminable, terminating

**constant** [*adj3*] *loyal, determined* allegiant, attached, dependable, devoted, dogged, faithful, fast, persevering, resolute, staunch, tried-and-true, true, trustworthy, trusty, unflinching, unflinching, unshaken, unwavering; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* disloyal, fickle, flagging, inconstant, undecided, undetermined, untrue, untrustworthy

**consternation** [*n*] *dismay, distress* alarm, amazement, anxiety, awe, bewilderment, confusion, distraction, dread, fear, fright, horror, muddle, muddlement, panic, perplexity, shock, stupefaction, terror, trepidation, trepidity, wonder; CONCEPT 230 —*Ant.* calm, composure, happiness, peacefulness, tranquility

**constituency** [*n*] *voting public* balloters, body of voters, body politic, citizenry, city, county, district, electorate, electors, faction, nation, people, precinct, state, system, voters, voting area, ward; CONCEPT 379

**constituent** [*adj1*] *component, part* basic, combining, composing, constituting, division, elemental, essential, factor, forming, fraction, fundamental, ingredient, integral, portion; CONCEPTS 826, 834, 835 —*Ant.* whole

**constituent** [*adj2*] *voting* ballot, citizen, electing, electoral, official, overruling; CONCEPT 536

**constituent** [*n*] *element* board, component, division, essential, factor, fixins\*, fraction, ingredient, makings, part, part and parcel\*, plug-in\*, portion, principle, unit; CONCEPTS 826, 834 —*Ant.* whole

**constitute** [*v1*] *comprise, form* aggregate, complement, complete, compose, compound, construct, cook up\*, create, develop, dream up\*, embody, enact, establish, fill out, fix, flesh out\*, found, frame, fudge together\*, incorporate, integrate, make, make up, set up; CONCEPTS 173, 184, 251

**constitute** [*v2*] *authorize* appoint, commission, decree, delegate, depute, deputize, designate, draft, empower, enact, establish, legislate, make, name, nominate, ordain, order; CONCEPTS 50, 88 —*Ant.* deny, refuse

**constitution** [*n1*] *physical make-up and health* architecture, build, character, composition, construction, content, contents, design, disposition, essence, form, formation, frame, habit, habitus, nature, physique, structure, temper, temperament, type, vitality; CONCEPT 757

**constitution** [*n2*] *establishment* charter, code, composition, custom, formation, lawmaking, legislation, organization, written law; CONCEPTS 271, 318

**constitutional** [*adj1*] *inherent* built-in, congenital, deep-seated, essential, inborn, inbred, ingrained, innate, intrinsic, natural, organic, vital; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* contracted, learned



**constitutional** [adj2] *provided for by law* approved, chartered, democratic, ensured, lawful, legal, representative, statutory, vested; CONCEPT 319

**constitutional** [n] *walk* airing, ambulation, footwork, legwork, perambulation, ramble, saunter, stroll, turn, walk; CONCEPT 149

**constrain** [v] *force; restrain* ban, bar, bind, bottle up, bridle, chain, check, coerce, compel, conuss, confine, constrict, cool off\*, cork, curb, deny, deprive, disallow, drive, hem in\*, hog-tie\*, hold back, hold down, hold in, immure, impel, imprison, incarcerate, inhibit, intern, jail, keep lid on\*, make, necessitate, oblige, pressure, pressurize, put half nelson on\*, shotgun\*, stifle, urge, withhold; CONCEPTS 14,121,130 —**Ant.** free, let go, release

**constraint** [n1] *force* a must\*, coercion, compulsion, driving, duress, goad, hang-up\*, impelling, impulsion, monkey\*, motive, necessity, no-no\*, pressure, repression, restraint, spring, spur, suppression, violence; CONCEPTS 14,121

**constraint** [n2] *shyness* bashfulness, diffidence, embarrassment, hang-up\*, humility, inhibition, modesty, repression, reservation, reserve, restraint, timidity; CONCEPT 411 —**Ant.** aggression

**constraint** [n3] *restriction* arrest, captivity, check, circumscription, confinement, constraint, cramp, curb, damper, detention, deterrent, hindrance, limitation, restraint; CONCEPTS 130,652 —**Ant.** allowance, permission

**constrict** [v] *inhibit* astringe, choke, circumscribe, clench, compress, concentrate, condense, confine, constringe, contract, cramp, curb, draw together, limit, narrow, pinch, restrain, restrict, shrink, squeeze, strangle, stragulate, tauten, tense, tighten, tuck; CONCEPTS 130,191,219 —**Ant.** expand, free, let go, loosen, open, release

**constriction** [n] *blockage* binding, choking, compression, constraint, contraction, cramp, impediment, limitation, narrowing, pressure, reduction, restriction, squeezing, stenosis, stricture, tightness; CONCEPTS 130,191,219 —**Ant.** opening

**construct** [v] *assemble, build* build up, cobble up\*, compose, compound, constitute, cook up\*, create, design, dream up\*, elevate, engineer, envision, erect, establish, fabricate, fashion, forge, form, formulate, found, frame, fudge together\*, hammer out\*, hoke up\*, imagine, invent, make, manufacture, organize, prefab\*, produce, put out, put together, put up, raise, rear, set up, shape, throw together, throw up\*, trump up\*, uprear, whip up\*; CONCEPTS 168,173,251 —**Ant.** annihilate, break, demolish, destroy, dismantle, raze, ruin

**construction** [n1] *creation, building* architecture, arrangement, assembly, build, cast, composition, conception, constitution, contour, cut, development, disposition, edifice, elevation, erecting, erection, fabric, fabricating, fabrication, figuration, figure, form, format, formation, foundation, improvisation, invention, makeup, making, manufacture, mold, origination, outline, plan, planning, prefab, prefabrication, putting up, raising, rearing, roadwork, shape, structure, system, systematization, turn, type;

CONCEPTS 168,439,757 —**Ant.** destruction, disfigurement, disorganization, ruin, ruins  
**construction** [n2] *explanation* apprehension, construal, definition, exegesis, explication, exposé, exposition, inference, interpretation, reading, rendering, rendition, translation, version; CONCEPT 274

**constructive** [adj] *helpful* effective, positive, practical, productive, useful, valuable; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** destructive, hurting, injurious, negative, unhelpful

**construe** [v] *deduce; explain* analyze, decipher, define, explicate, expound, figure it to be\*, infer, interpret, one's best guess\*, parse, read, render, spell out, take, translate, understand; CONCEPTS 37,57

**consul** [n] *representative* delegate, emissary, envoy, lawyer, legate; CONCEPTS 354,355

**consulate** [n] *embassy* consular office, government office, ministry; CONCEPTS 439,449

**consult** [v] *ask, confer* argue, ask advice of, be closeted with, brainstorm\*, call in, cogitate, colloque, commune, compare notes, confab, confabulate, consider, debate, deliberate, discuss, examine, flap\*, groupthink\*, huddle, interrogate, interview, kick ideas around\*, negotiate, parlay, pick one's brains\*, powwow\*, put heads together\*, question, refer to, regard, respect, review, seek advice, seek opinion of, take account of, take a meeting\*, take counsel, talk over, toss ideas around\*, treat, turn to; CONCEPTS 17,48,56

**consultant** [n] *professional advisor* advisor, authority, counsel, expert, freelancer, guide, master, maven, mentor, pro\*, specialist, veteran; CONCEPTS 348,350

**consultation** [n] *asking, conference* appointment, argument, buzz session\*, clambake\*, confab\*, conference, council, deliberation, dialogue, discussion, examination, groupthink\*, hearing, huddle, interview, meeting, powwow\*, second opinion\*, session; CONCEPTS 48,114,324

**consume** [v1] *use up* absorb, apply, avail oneself of, deplete, devour, dissipate, dominate, drain, drivel, eat up, employ, engross, exhaust, expend, finish, finish up, fritter away, frivol away, go, go through, have recourse to, lavish, lessen, monopolize, obsess, preoccupy, profit by, put away, put to use, run out of, run through, spend, squander, throw away, trifle, utilize, vanish, wash up, waste, wear out; CONCEPT 225 —**Ant.** accumulate, collect, gather, neglect, not use, store

**consume** [v2] *eat, drink* absorb, bolt, chow down\*, devour, down, eat up, feed, gobble\*, gorge, gulp, guzzle, Hoover\*, ingest, ingestigate, inhale, meal, mow\*, nibble, partake, polish off\*, punish, put away\*, put down\*, scarf\*, snack, stuff one's face\*, swallow, swill, take, toss down\*, wolf\*; CONCEPT 169 —**Ant.** fast, starve

**consume** [v3] *destroy* annihilate, crush, decay, demolish, devastate, eat up, exhaust, expend, extinguish, lay waste, overwhelm, ravage, raze, ruin, suppress, waste, wreck; CONCEPT 252 —**Ant.** build, construct

**consumer** [n] *person who buys merchandise, services* buyer, customer, end user, enjoyer, purchaser, shopper, user; CONCEPT 348 —**Ant.** marketer, merchandiser

**consummate** [*adj*] *ultimate, best* able, absolute, accomplished, complete, conspicuous, downright, faultless, finished, flawless, gifted, ideal, impeccable, inimitable, matchless, out-and-out\*, peerless, perfect, perfected, polished, positive, practiced, ripe, skilled, superb, superlative, supreme, talented, thoroughgoing, total, trained, transcendent, unmitigated, unqualified, unsurpassable, utter, virtuosic, whole; CONCEPTS 528,572 —*Ant.* incomplete, unfinished, worst

**consummate** [*v*] *achieve, finish* accomplish, button down\*, call a day\*, can\*, carry out, clean up, clinch, close, come, come through, compass, complete, conclude, crown, drop curtain\*, effectuate, end, fold up, get it together\*, go the distance\*, halt, knock off, mop up, perfect, perform, polish off\*, put away\*, put finishing touch on\*, put lid on\*, put to bed\*, sew up, sign, take care of, terminate, top it off, ultimate, wind up, wrap, wrap up; CONCEPTS 234,704,706 —*Ant.* neglect

**consummation** [*n*] *achievement, fulfillment* cleanup, completion, culmination, doing it to a T\*, end, mop-up, payoff, perfection, realization, to a finish, wind-up\*, wrap, wrap-up\*; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* failure, unfulfillment

**consumption** [*n*] *devouring; use* burning, consuming, damage, decay, decrease, depletion, desolation, destruction, devastation, diminution, dispersion, dissipation, drinking, eating, exhaustion, expenditure, loss, misuse, ruin, swallowing, using up, utilization, waste, wear and tear; CONCEPTS 156,169,225,252 —*Ant.* fasting, starvation

**contact** [*n1*] *form of communication* acquaintance, association, channel, commerce, communion, companionship, connection, influence, intercourse, junction, meeting, network, touch, union, unity; CONCEPTS 278,388,687

**contact** [*n2*] *touching* approximation, closeness, collision, connection, contiguity, contingence, hit, impingement, junction, juxtaposition, nearness, propinquity, proximity, relation, strike, taction, touch, union; CONCEPT 747 —*Ant.* avoidance

**contact** [*v*] *communicate with* approach, be in touch with, buzz\*, call, check with, connect, get, get ahold of, get in touch with, interact, interface, network\*, phone, reach, reach out, relate, speak to, talk, telephone, touch base\*, visit, write to; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* avoid

**contagion** [*n*] *infection* bane, contamination, corruption, illness, miasma, pestilence, plague, poison, pollution, taint, transmission, venom, virus; CONCEPT 306

**contagious** [*adj*] *communicable* catching, deadly, endemic, epidemic, epizootic, impartible, infectious, inoculable, pestiferous, pestilential, poisonous, spreading, taking, transmissible, transmittable; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* noncommunicable

**contain** [*v1*] *include, hold* accommodate, be composed of, comprehend, comprise, consist of, embody, embrace, enclose, encompass, have, have capacity for, hold, incorporate, involve, seat, subsume, take in; CONCEPTS 112,736,742 —*Ant.* exclude

**contain** [*v2*] *hold back, control* bottle up\*, check, collect, compose, cool\*, cork\*, curb,

harness, hog-tie\*, hold in, keep back, keep lid on\*, put half nelson on\*, rein, repress, restrain, restrict, simmer down, smother, stifle, stop; CONCEPTS 94,191

**container** [*n*] *holder for physical object* alembic, bag, beaker, bin, bottle, bowl, box, bucket, bunker, caisson, can, canister, canteen, capsule, carafe, carton, cask, casket, cauldron, chamber, chest, churn, cistern, cradle, crate, clobber, dish, ewer, firkin, flask, hamper, hod, hopper, humidor, hutch, jar, jeroboam, jug, kettle, magnum, package, packet, pail, pit, pod, poke, pot, pottery, pouch, purse, receptacle, reliquary, repository, sac, sack, scuttle, stein, storage, tank, tub, utensil, vase, vat, vessel, vial; CONCEPT 494

**contaminate** [*v*] *adulterate* alloy, befoul, corrupt, debase, debauch, defile, deprave, desecrate, dirty, harm, infect, injure, muck up, pervert, poison, pollute, profane, radioactivate, soil, spoil, stain, sully, taint, tarnish, vitiate; CONCEPTS 252,254 —*Ant.* clean, cure, heal, purify, sterilize

**contamination** [*n*] *adulteration* contagion, corruption, decay, defilement, dirtying, disease, epidemic, filth, foulness, impurity, infection, pestilence, plague, poisoning, pollution, radioactivation, rottenness, spoliation, taint; CONCEPTS 230,306,674 —*Ant.* cleaning, cure, healing, purification, sterilization

**contemplate** [*v1*] *think about seriously; plan* aim, aspire to, brood over, chew over, consider, cool out\*, deliberate, design, envisage, excogitate, expect, foresee, intend, kick around\*, mean, meditate on, mind, mull over, muse over, observe, percolate, perpend, ponder, propose, purpose, reflect upon, ruminate, size up, speculate, study, take in, think of, weigh; CONCEPTS 17,36 —*Ant.* discard, disregard, forget, neglect, scorn, slight

**contemplate** [*v2*] *gaze* at audit, behold, consider, examine, eye, inspect, notice, observe, peer, penetrate, peruse, pierce, pore over, probe, pry, regard, scan, scrutinize, see, stare at, study, survey, view, witness; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* disregard, look away, scorn

**contemplation** [*n1*] *deep thought; planning* ambition, cogitation, consideration, deliberation, design, intention, meditation, musing, plan, pondering, purpose, reflection, reverie, rumination, study; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* disdain, disregard, neglect, rejection, slight

**contemplation** [*n2*] *gazing* at examination, inspection, looking at, observation, scrutiny, survey, viewing; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* avoidance, disregard

**contemplative** [*adj*] *deep in thought* attentive, cogitative, in brown study\*, intent, introspective, lost, meditative, musing, pensive, pondering, rapt, reflecting, reflective, ruminative, speculative, thinking, thoughtful; CONCEPTS 402,403 —*Ant.* disdainful, disregarding, negligent, rejecting, scornful, shallow, unreflective

**contemporary** [*adj1*] *modern* abreast, à la mode\*, au courant, contempo\*, current, existent, extant, hot off press\*, in fashion, instant, in vogue, just out\*, latest, leading-edge\*, mod\*, new, newfangled, now, present, present-day, recent, red-hot\*, state-of-the-art\*, today\*, topical, ultramodern, up\*, up-to-date, up-to-the-minute,

voguish, with it\*; CONCEPTS 578,589,797  
 —*Ant.* old, old-fashioned, past, preceding  
**contemporary** [*adj*2] *existing, occurring at same time* accompanying, associated, attendant, coetaneous, coeval, coexistent, coexisting, coincident, concomitant, concurrent, connected, contemporaneous, current, linked, present, related, simultaneous, synchronal, synchronic, synchronous; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* future, past, preceding, succeeding  
**contempt** [*n*1] *disdain, disrespect* antipathy, audacity, aversion, condescension, contumely, defiance, derision, despisal, despisement, despite, disesteem, disregard, distaste, hatred, indignity, malice, mockery, neglect, recalcitrance, repugnance, ridicule, scorn, slight, snobbery, stubbornness; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* admiration, affection, approbation, approval, endorsement, love, regard, respect, sanction  
**contempt** [*n*2] *state of disgrace* discredited, disesteem, disfavor, dishonor, disrepute, humiliation, ignominy, infamy, insignificance, opprobrium, shame, stigma; CONCEPTS 388,674 —*Ant.* endorsement, regard, respect  
**contemptible** [*adj*] *despicable, shameful* abhorrent, abject, abominable, bad, base, beggarly, cheap, crass, curdish, degenerate, despicable, detestable, dirty, disgusting, hateful, heel, ignoble, ignominious, inferior, low, low-down\*, lowest, mean, odious, outcast, paltry, pitiable, pitiful, poor, sad, scummy\*, scurvy\*, shabby, sordid, sorry\*, swinish, unworthy, vile, worthless, wretched; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* admirable, admired, good, honorable, loved, respectable, worthy  
**contemptuous** [*adj*] *arrogant, insolent* audacious, bold, cavalier, cheeky, cold-shoulder, condescending, contumelious, cool, derisive, derisory, disdainful, disrespectful, dog it\*, hard, hard-nosed, haughty, high and mighty\*, high hat\*, insulting, on high horse\*, opprobrious, sardonic, scornful, sneering, snippy, snobbish, snotty\*, snotty\*, supercilious, temperamental, uppity, upstage; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* humble, polite, respected, shy  
**contend** [*v*1] *compete, fight* argue, battle, clash, confront, contest, controvert, cope, dispute, emulate, encounter, face, give all one's got\*, give one's all\*, go after, go for, go for broke\*, go for it\*, go for jugular\*, grapple, have at\*, jockey for position\*, jostle, knock oneself out\*, litigate, lock horns\*, make play for\*, meet, mix it up with\*, oppose, oppugn, push, push for, resist, rival, scramble for, shoot at, shoot for, skirmish, stand, strive, struggle, tangle with, tug, vie, withstand; CONCEPTS 92,106 —*Ant.* abandon, desert, give up, leave, retreat  
**contend** [*v*2] *argue* affirm, allege, assert, aver, avow, blast, charge, claim, come at, cross, debate, defend, dictate, dispute, enjoin, fly in face of\*, gang up on, go at, have at\*, have bone to pick\*, hold, insist, jump on, justify, lace into\*, lay into\*, let have it\*, light into\*, lock horns with\*, maintain, mix, mix it up\*, prescribe, put up argument, report, rip\*, say, set to, sock it to one\*, stick it to\*, take on, tell, urge, vindicate, warrant, zap\*; CONCEPT 46 —*Ant.* cede, give in, give up, surrender  
**content** [*adj*] *happy, agreeable* appeased, at

ease, can't complain\*, comfortable, complacent, contented, fat dumb and happy\*, fulfilled, gratified, pleased as punch\*, satisfied, smug, tickled pink\*, willing; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* depressed, disagreeable, discontent, dissatisfied, disturbed, needy, unhappy, upset, wanting  
**content** [*n*1] *comfort, happiness* contentment, ease, gratification, peace, peace of mind, pleasure, satisfaction; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* discontent, displeasure, uncomfatableness, unhappiness  
**content** [*n*2] *essence, meaning* burden, composition, constitution, gist, idea, matter, significance, subject, subject matter, substance, text, thought; CONCEPT 682  
**content** [*n*3] *capacity, volume* filling, load, measure, packing, size; CONCEPTS 719,740  
**content** [*v*] *please* appease, bewitch, captivate, charm, delight, enrapture, gladden, gratify, humor, indulge, make happy, mollify, placate, reconcile, satisfy, suffice, thrill, tickle; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* anger, displeasure, disturb, upset  
**contented** [*adj*] *at ease; happy* at peace, cheerful, comfortable, complacent, content, glad, gratified, pleased, satisfied, serene, thankful; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* depress, discontent, discontented, dissatisfied, disturbed, unhappy, unsatisfied, upset  
**contention** [*n*1] *competition* altercation, argument, battle, beef\*, belligerency, bone of contention\*, bone to pick\*, combat, conflict, contest, controversy, difference, discord, discord, dispute, dissension, dissent, dissidence, disunity, enmity, feuding, fight, flak\*, hassle, hostility, quarrel, rivalry, run-in, scene, scrap, set-to\*, squabble, static, strife, struggle, variance, war, wrangle, wrangling; CONCEPTS 92,106 —*Ant.* affection, consideration, friendliness, friendship, good will, kindness, sympathy  
**contention** [*n*2] *argument for idea* advancement, affirmation, allegation, assertion, asseveration, avowal, belief, charge, claim, contestation, declaration, demurrer, deposition, discussion, explanation, ground, hurrah, hypothesis, idea, maintaining, opinion, plea, position, predication, profession, rumpus, stand, thesis, view; CONCEPTS 46,278,689  
**contentious** [*adj*] *quarrelsome* antagonistic, argumentative, belligerent, combative, disagreeable, factious, perverse, petulant, querulous, testy; CONCEPTS 401,542  
**contentment** [*n*] *comfort, happiness* complacency, content, contentedness, ease, equanimity, fulfillment, gladness, gratification, peace, pleasure, repletion, satisfaction, serenity; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* discomfort, discontent, displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, sadness, unhappiness  
**contents** [*n*] *elements of larger object* capacity, cargo, chapters, connotation, constituents, details, divisions, essence, filling, freight, furnishing, gist, guts, implication, ingredients, innards, inside, lading, load, meaning, nub, packing, shipment, significance, size, space, stuffing, subject matter, subjects, substance, sum, text, themes, topics, volume; CONCEPT 835  
**contest** [*n*1] *competition* challenge, concurs, discussion, game, match, meet, meeting,

proving, rencounter, sport, testing, tournament, trial, trying; CONCEPTS 92,363

**contest** [n2] *fight, struggle* action, affray, altercation, battle, battle royal\*, beef\*, brawl, brush, combat, conflict, controversy, debate, discord, dispute, emulation, encounter, engagement, fray, go\*, hassle, rivalry, row, rumble\*, run-in, scrap, set-to\*, shock, skirmish, static, strife, striving, tug-of-war, warfare, wrangle; CONCEPTS 106,320 —*Ant.* agreement, calm, peace, quiet, stillness, tranquility

**contest** [v1] *argue, challenge* blast, call in question, debate, dispute, doubt, give it one's all\*, go for it\*, go for jugular\*, jockey for position\*, jump on, litigate, mix it up with\*, object to, oppose, push, question, scramble for, shoot for\*, stand up for, tangle; CONCEPT 46 —*Ant.* agree, allow, give up, resign

**contest** [v2] *fight* altercation, attack, battle, brawl, break with, buck, compete, conflict, contend, cross, defend, duel, feud, fight over, gang up on, hassle, knuckle with, lay a finger on\*, lay out, put on gloves\*, put up dukes\*, quarrel, repel, rival, row, rumpus, scrap, scuffle, set to, sock\*, square off, strike, struggle, take on, tilt, traverse, vie, withstand, wrangle; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* agree

**contestant** [n] *competitor* adversary, antagonist, aspirant, battler, candidate, challenger, combatant, contender, contester, dark horse\*, disputant, entrant, favorite, hopeful, member, participant, player, rival, scrapper\*, team member, warrior; CONCEPT 366

**context** [n] *framework, circumstances* ambience, background, conditions, connection, frame of reference, lexicon, relation, situation, substance, text, vocabulary; CONCEPTS 682,696

**contiguous** [adj] *adjacent, in contact* abutting, adjoining, approximal, beside, bordering, close, contactual, conterminous, juxtaposed, juxtapositional, meeting, near, near-at-hand, nearby, neighboring, next, next door to, next to, touching; CONCEPT 586 —*Ant.* divided, separated

**continence** [n] *self-restraint* abstemiousness, abstinence, asceticism, celibacy, chastity, forbearance, moderation, refraining, self-control, sobriety, temperance, virtue; CONCEPT 633

**continent** [adj] *chaste, pure* abstemious, abstentious, abstinent, ascetic, austere, bridled, celibate, curbed, inhibited, modest, restrained, self-restrained, sober, temperate; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* impure, incontinent, unchaste

**contingency** [n] *chance happening; possibility* accident, break, chance, crisis, crossroads, emergency, event, eventuality, exigency, fortuity, happening, if it's cool\*, incident, juncture, likelihood, occasion, odds, opportunity, pass, pinch, predicament, probability, strait, turning point, uncertainty, zero hour\*; CONCEPTS 650,679,693 —*Ant.* certainty, definiteness, reality, surety, truth

**contingent** [adj] *conditional; possible* accidental, casual, chance, controlled by, dependent, fluky, fortuitous, haphazard, incidental, likely, odd, probable, probably, random, subject to, unanticipated, uncertain, unexpected, unforeseeable, unforeseen, unpredictable; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* certain, definite, real, sure, truthful, unconditional

**contingent** [n] *group of followers* batch, body, bunch, deputation, detachment, disciples, mission, quota, sect, section, set; CONCEPT 417

**continual** [adj] *constant, incessant* aeonian, around-the-clock, ceaseless, connected, consecutive, continuous, dateless, endless, enduring, eternal, everlasting, frequent, interminable, oft-repeated, permanent, perpetual, persistent, persisting, recurrent, regular, relentless, repeated, repetitive, running, staying, steady, timeless, unbroken, unceasing, unchanging, unending, unflagging, unflinching, uninterrupted, unremitting, unvarying, unwaning; CONCEPTS 534,798 —*Ant.* broken, ceasing, checked, halting, inconstant, infrequent, intermittent, interrupted, occasional, temporary

**continuance** [n] *duration* constancy, continuation, endurance, extension, guts\*, longevity, period, permanence, perpetuation, protraction, run, survival, term, vitality; CONCEPTS 637,804,807 —*Ant.* arrest, end, ending, finish, hindrance, obstruction, stop, stoppage

**continuation** [n] *addition; maintenance* assiduity, augmenting, continuance, continuing, continuity, duration, endurance, enduring, extension, furtherance, going on, increase, increasing, line, maintaining, perpetuating, perpetuation, persisting, postscript, preservation, preserving, producing, production, prolongation, prolonging, propagation, protracting, protraction, sequel, succession, supplement, sustaining, sustenance, tenacity; CONCEPTS 640,651,804 —*Ant.* cessation, end, finish, halt, stop, termination

**continue** [v1] *persist, carry on* abide, advance, carry forward, draw out, endure, extend, forge ahead, get on with it\*, go on, hang in\*, keep at, keep on, keep on truckin'\*, keep the ball rolling\*, keep up, last, lengthen, linger, live on, loiter, maintain, make headway, move ahead, never cease, outlast, outlive, perdure, persevere, persist in, press on, progress, protract, prolong, promote, pursue, push on, reach, remain, rest, ride, run on, stand, stay, stay on, stick at, stick to, survive, sustain, uphold; CONCEPT 239 —*Ant.* cease, complete, desist, discontinue, end, finish, halt, stop

**continue** [v2] *begin again; resume* begin over, begin where one left off, carry on, carry over, go on with, pick up, proceed, recapitulate, recommence, reestablish, reinstate, reinstitute, renew, reopen, restart, restore, return to, take up; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* complete, desist, discontinue, end, finish

**continuity** [n] *progression* chain, cohesion, connection, constancy, continuance, continuousness, continuum, dovetailing, durability, duration, endurance, extension, flow, interrelationship, linking, perpetuity, persistence, prolongation, protraction, sequence, stability, stamina, succession, survival, train, uniting, unity, vitality, whole; CONCEPT 721 —*Ant.* break, discontinuity, intermittence, interruption, stoppage

**continuous** [adj] *constant, unending* connected, consecutive, continued, day and night\*, endless, everlasting, extended, for ever and ever, interminable, looped, no end of\*, no end to, on a treadmill\*, perpetual, prolonged,

regular, repeated, stable, steady, timeless, unbroken, unceasing, undivided, unflinching, uninterrupted; CONCEPTS 482,798 —**Ant.** ceasing, completed, discontinuous, ending, finished, halting, intermittent, interrupted, sporadic, stopping

**contort** [v] *disfigure, distort* bend, convolute, curve, deform, gnarl, knot, misshape, torture, twist, warp, wind, wrench, writhe; CONCEPTS 147,184 —**Ant.** beautify, smooth

**contortion** [n] *distortion, mutilation* anamorphosis, crookedness, deformation, deformity, dislocation, grimace, malformation, misproportion, misshapement, pout, twist, ugliness, unsightliness, wryness; CONCEPTS 436,580 —**Ant.** beauty, smoothness

**contour** [n] *outline, profile* curve, delineation, figuration, figure, form, lineament, lines, relief, shape, silhouette; CONCEPT 436

**contraband** [adj] *black-market; unlawful* banned, bootleg, bootlegged, disapproved, excluded, forbidden, hot\*, illegal, illicit, interdicted, prohibited, proscribed, shut out, smuggled, taboo, unauthorized, verboten; CONCEPTS 319,545 —**Ant.** allowed, lawful, legal, permitted

**contraband** [n] *black-market production* bootlegging, counterfeiting, crime, dealing, goods\*, moonshine\*, piracy, plunder, poaching, rum-running\*, smuggling, stuff, swag, theft, trafficking, violation, wetbacking\*; CONCEPTS 192,338 —**Ant.** legal goods

**contraceptive** [n] *birth control method* armor, barrier method, coil, condom, diaphragm, foam, hormone, intrauterine device, IUD, jelly, loop, pill, planned parenthood, preventative, preventive medicine, prophylactic, rhythm method, ring, rubber, safety, shield, spermicidal cream, sponge, vaginal suppository; CONCEPTS 307,446

**contract** [n] *agreement, deal* arrangement, bargain, bond, commission, commitment, compact, concordat, convention, covenant, deposition, dicker\*, engagement, evidence, guarantee, handshake\*, indenture, liability, mise, obligation, pact, paper, pledge, promise, proof, record, settlement, stipulation, treaty, understanding; CONCEPTS 271,684 —**Ant.** disagreement, misunderstanding

**contract** [v1] *condense* abate, abbreviate, abridge, become smaller, clench, compress, confine, constrict, consume, curtail, decline, decrease, deflate, draw in, dwindle, ebb, edit, epitomize, evaporate, fall away, fall off, grow less, lessen, lose, narrow, omit, purse, recede, reduce, shrink, shrivel, subside, syncopeate, take in, tighten, wane, waste, weaken, wither, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 169,236,247 —**Ant.** amplify, dilate, enlarge, expand, extend, increase, lengthen, spread, stretch

**contract** [v2] *come to terms* accept offer, adjust, agree, arrange, assent, bargain, become indebted, bound, buy, circumscribe, clinch, close, come around, commit, consent, covenant, dicker\*, engage, enter into, firm a deal\*, give one's word, go along with\*, hammer out deal\*, initial\*, ink\*, it's a deal\*, limit, make terms, negotiate, obligate, owe, pact, pledge, promise, put in writing, set, settle, shake hands on it\*, sign for, sign papers, sign up, stipulate, swear

to, undertake, work out details\*; CONCEPTS 8,50,88 —**Ant.** break off, disagree

**contract** [v3] *catch disease* acquire, afflict, be afflicted with, become infected with, be ill with, bring on, cause, come down with, decline, de-range, develop, disorder, fall, fall victim to, get, go down with, incur, indispose, induce, obtain, sicken, sink, succumb to, take, take one's death, upset, weaken; CONCEPTS 93,308 —**Ant.** give

**contraction** [n] *drawing in; shortening* abbreviating, abbreviation, abridging, abridgment, compression, condensation, condensing, confinement, confining, constriction, curtailing, curtailment, cutting down, decrease, decreasing, deflating, deflation, diminishing, diminution, drawing together, dwindling, elision, evaporating, evaporation, lessening, lopping, narrowing, omission, omitting, receding, recession, reducing, reduction, shrinkage, shrinking, shrivelling, tensing, tightening, withdrawal, withdrawing; CONCEPTS 469,776 —**Ant.** amplification, dilation, enlargement, expansion, extension, increase, lengthening, spread, stretch

**contradict** [v] *be at variance* with belie, buck, call in question\*, challenge, confront, contravene, controvert, counter, counteract, cross, dare, deny, differ, disaffirm, disclaim, disprove, dispute, fly in the face of\*, gainsay, have bone to pick\*, impugn, negate, negative, oppose, refuse to accept, repudiate, take on, thumbs down\*, traverse; CONCEPTS 46,54,665 —**Ant.** accept, agree, approve, concede, confirm, corroborate, OK, reconcile, sign, verify, vouch

**contradiction** [n] *variance to something* bucking, conflict, confutation, contravention, defiance, denial, difference, disagreement, discrepancy, dispute, dissension, gainsaying, incongruity, inconsistency, negation, opposite, opposition; CONCEPTS 46,278,665 —**Ant.** acceptance, agreement, approval, concession, confirmation, corroboration, OK, reconcilement, verification

**contradictory** [adj] *antagonistic* adverse, against, agin, anti, antipodal, antipodean, antithetic, antithetical, con, conflicting, contrary, converse, counter, counteractive, diametric, discrepant, incompatible, incongruous, inconsistent, irreconcilable, negating, no go\*, nullifying, opposing, opposite, ornerly\*, paradoxical, polar, repugnant, reverse; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** agreeing, confirming, consistent, reconcilable, reconciled, vouching

**contraption** [n] *device* apparatus, appliance, contrivance, doohickey\*, gadget, gizmo\*, machine, mechanism, rig, Rube Goldberg device\*, thingamajig\*, widget; CONCEPTS 463,499

**contrary** [adj] *antagonistic; opposite* adverse, anti, antipathetic, antipodal, antipodean, antithetical, balky, clashing, conflicting, contradictory, contrarian, contumacious, converse, counter, diametric, discordant, dissentient, dissident, froward, headstrong, hostile, inconsistent, inimical, insubordinate, intractable, negative, nonconforming, nonconformist, obstinate, opposed, ornerly\*, paradoxical, perverse, rebellious, recalcitrant, recusant, refractory, restive, reverse, stubborn, unruly, wayward, wrongheaded; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** accommodating, agreeing, alike, concordant,

correspondent, harmonious, homogeneous, like, obliging, similar

**contrast** [*n*] *difference* adverse, antithesis, comparison, contradiction, contradistinction, contraposition, contrariety, converse, differentiation, disagreement, disparity, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, distinction, divergence, diversity, foil, heterogeneity, incompatibility, incongruousness, inconsistency, inequality, inverse, oppositeness, opposition, reverse, unlikeness, variance, variation; CONCEPTS 561,665 —*Ant.* agreement, conformity, copy, equality, facsimile, homogeneousness, likeness, similarity, uniformity, unity

**contrast** [*v*] *compare, differ* balance, be a foil to\*, be contrary to, be dissimilar, be diverse, be unlike, be variable, bracket, collate, conflict, contradict, depart, deviate, differentiate, disagree, distinguish, diverge, hang, hold a candle to\*, match up, mismatch, oppose, separate, set in opposition, set off, stack up against\*, stand out, vary, weigh; CONCEPTS 39,561,665 —*Ant.* accord, agree, be alike, be equal, be similar, coincide, concur, conform

**contravene** [*v*] *go against, contradict* abjure, breach, break, combat, conflict with, counteract, cross, defy, disaffirm, disobey, encroach, exclude, fight, gainsay, hinder, impugn, infract, infringe, interfere, interpose, intrude, negate, offend, oppose, overstep, refute, reject, repudiate, resist, spurn, thwart, transgress, traverse, trespass, violate; CONCEPTS 46,106,121,192 —*Ant.* agree, aid, allow, approve, assent, assist, concur, consent, endorse, help, permit, uphold

**contribute** [*v1*] *donate, provide* accord, add, afford, ante up, assign, bequeath, bequest, bestow, chip in, come through, commit, confer, devote, dispense, dole out\*, dower, endow, enrich, furnish, give, give away, go Dutch\*, grant, hand out, kick in\*, pitch in\*, pony up\*, present, proffer, sacrifice, share, subscribe, subsidize, supply, sweeten the kitty\*, tender, will; CONCEPTS 108,140 —*Ant.* harm, hurt, neglect, oppose, shun, subtract, take, take away, withdraw, withhold

**contribute** [*v2*] *be partly responsible for* add to, advance, aid, assist, augment, be conducive, be instrumental, conduce, do one's bit\*, finger in the pie\*, fortify, get in the act\*, have a hand in\*, help, lead, put in two cents\*, redound, reinforce, sit in on, strengthen, supplement, support, tend, uphold; CONCEPTS 83,110,244 —*Ant.* counteract, disapprove, neglect, shun, withhold

**contribution** [*n*] *gift, offering* addition, a hand, alms, augmentation, benefaction, beneficence, bestowal, charity, donation, do one's part\*, gifting, grant, handout, helping hand, improvement, increase, input, present, significant addition, subscription, supplement, write-off\*; CONCEPTS 337,340

**contrite** [*adj*] *regretful* apologetic, attritional, chastened, compunctious, conscience-stricken, humble, penitent, penitential, remorseful, repentant, sorrowful, sorry; CONCEPT 403

—*Ant.* hurtful, indifferent, mean, unrepentant

**contrition** [*n*] *regret* attrition, compunction, contriteness, humiliation, penance, penitence, penitency, remorse, repentance, rue, ruth,

self-reproach, sorrow; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* hurtfulness, indifference, meanness

**contrivance** [*n1*] *plan, fabrication* angle, artifice, brainchild, coinage, design, dodge, expedient, formation, gimmick, intrigue, invention, inventiveness, machination, measure, plot, project, ruse, scheme, slant, stratagem, switch, trick, twist; CONCEPT 660 —*Ant.* disorganization

**contrivance** [*n2*] *gadget* apparatus, appliance, brainchild, coinage, contraption, convenience, creation, device, discovery, engine, equipment, gear, gimcrack\*, harness, implement, instrument, invention, machine, material, mechanism, tackle, thingamabob\*, thingamajig\*, tool, utensil, whatsis\*, widget\*; CONCEPTS 260,463,499

**contrive** [*v1*] *invent, design* come up with, concoct, construct, cook up, create, devise, dream up\*, engineer, fabricate, fashion, forge, form, formulate, frame\*, handle, hatch, improvise, make, make up\*, manipulate, manufacture, move, plan, plot, project, rig\*, scheme, throw together\*, trump up\*, vamp, wangle, whip up\*; CONCEPTS 36,173 —*Ant.* disorganize

**contrive** [*v2*] *bring about, succeed with difficulty* achieve, angle, arrange, carry out, cogitate, collude, compass, concoct, connive, develop, devise, effect, elaborate, engineer, execute, finagle\*, hatch, hit upon, intrigue, jockey\*, machinate, manage, maneuver, manipulate, mastermind, negotiate, pass, plan, play games\*, plot, project, scheme, shift, swing, work out, wrangle; CONCEPTS 36,91,94 —*Ant.* demolish, destroy, ruin, stop, waste, wreck

**contrived** [*adj*] *overly planned* affected, artificial, elaborate, fake, false, forced, labored, manipulated, overdone, phony, recherché, strained, unnatural, unspontaneous; CONCEPTS 564,582

**control** [*n*] *command, mastery* ascendancy, authority, bridle, charge, check, clout, containment, curb, determination, direction, discipline, domination, dominion, driver's seat\*, force, government, guidance, inside track, juice, jurisdiction, limitation, management, manipulation, might, oversight, predominance, qualification, regimentation, regulation, restraint, restriction, ropes, rule, strings\*, subjection, subordination, superintendence, supervision, supremacy, sway, upper hand\*, weight, wire pulling\*; CONCEPT 376 —*Ant.* helplessness, powerlessness, relinquishment, renouncement, weakness

**control** [*v1*] *have charge of* administer, administer, advise, be in saddle\*, boss, bully, call, call the signals\*, command, conduct, deal with, direct, discipline, dominate, domineer, govern, guide, handle, head, head up\*, hold purse strings\*, hold sway over\*, hold the reins\*, instruct, lead, manage, manipulate, overlook, oversee, pilot, predominate, push buttons\*, quarterback\*, regiment, regulate, reign over, rule, run\*, run the show\*, run things\*, steer, subject, subjugate, superintend, supervise; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* abandon, forsake, give up, let go, relinquish, renounce, resign

**control** [*v2*] *curb, hold back* adjust, awe, bridle, check, collect, compose, constrain, contain, cool, corner, cow, limit, monopolize, quell, regulate, rein in, repress, restrain, simmer down\*, smother, subdue; CONCEPT 130 —*Ant.* chance, jump in, let go, risk, rush

**controversial** [*adj*] *at issue* arguable, argumentative, contended, contentious, contestable, controvertible, debatable, disputable, disputatious, disputed, doubtful, doubtful, dubious, dubitable, in dispute, litigious, moot, open to discussion\*, open to question\*, polemical, questionable, suspect, uncertain, under discussion; CONCEPTS 535, 546 —*Ant.* agreeable, incontrovertible, peaceful, uncontroversial, undisputed, undoubted, unquestionable

**controversy** [*n*] *debate, dispute* altercation, argument, beef\*, bickering, brush, contention, difference, discussion, disputation, dissention, embroilment, falling-out\*, flak, fuss, hurrah, miff, polemic, quarrel, row, rumpus, scene, scrap, squabble, strife, tiff\*, words, wrangle, wrangling; CONCEPTS 46, 278, 665 —*Ant.* accord, agreement, forbearance, harmony, peace, quiet

**controvert** [*v*] *oppose, argue* break, challenge, confound, confute, contest, contradict, counter, debate, deny, disconfirm, discuss, disprove, dispute, oppugn, question, rebut, refute, wrangle; CONCEPTS 21, 46 —*Ant.* agree, forbear, harmonize, make peace, restrain

**contumacious** [*adj*] *headstrong, obstinate* alienated, contrary, disaffected, estranged, factious, froward, haughty, inflexible, insubordinate, insurgent, intractable, intransigent, irreconcilable, mutinous, obdurate, perverse, pig-headed, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, seditious, stubborn, unyielding; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* following, obedient, subordinate, tractable, willing

**contusion** [*n*] *bruise, injury* bang, bump, cut, discoloration, knock, mouse, swelling, wale, wound; CONCEPT 309

**conundrum** [*n*] *puzzle* brain-teaser, closed book\*, enigma, mystery, mystification, poser\*, problem, puzzlement, riddle, why\*; CONCEPTS 532, 666, 690

**convalescent** [*adj*] *improving, recuperating* ambulatory, discharged, dismissed, gaining strength, getting better, getting over something\*, getting well, healing, mending, on the mend\*, past crisis, perked up\*, rallying, recovering, rejuvenated, rejuvenating, released, restored, strengthening; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* failing, faltering, regressing, sickly, weak, worsening

**convene** [*v*] *bring together; meet* assemble, call, call in, collect, come together, congregate, convoke, corral, gather, get together, hold meeting, muster, open, rally, round up, scare up\*, sit, summon, unite; CONCEPTS 60, 114, 324 —*Ant.* adjourn, call off, cancel, disperse, dissemble

**convenience** [*n1*] *availability, usefulness; useful thing* accessibility, accessory, accommodation, advancement, advantage, agreeableness, aid, amenity, appliance, appropriateness, assistance, avail, benefit, comfort, comforts, contribution, cooperation, decency, ease, enjoyment, facility, fitness, furtherance, handiness, help, life, luxury, means, ministration, ministry, openness, opportuneness, promotion, receptiveness, relief, satisfaction, service, serviceability, succor, suitability, suitability, support, time saver, use, utility; CONCEPTS 658, 712 —*Ant.* inconvenience, inexpedience, inutility, unsuitability, uselessness, waste

**convenience** [*n2*] *spare time* chance, freedom,

hour, leisure, liberty, occasion, one's own sweet time\*, opportunity, place, preference, spare moment\*, suitable time, whenever; CONCEPT 807

**convenient** [*adj1*] *appropriate, useful* acceptable, accommodating, adaptable, adapted, advantageous, agreeable, aiding, assisting, available, beneficial, comfortable, commodious, conducive, contributive, decent, favorable, fit, fitted, good, handy, helpful, in public interest, opportune, proper, ready, roomy, seasonable, serviceable, suitable, suited, timely, time-saving, user-friendly\*, well-planned; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* awkward, inappropriate, inconvenient, ineffectual, inopportune, unadaptable, unhandy, unsuited, unuseful

**convenient** [*adj2*] *nearby* accessible, adjacent, adjoining, all around, at elbows\*, at fingertips\*, at hand, available, central, close, close at hand, close-by, contiguous, easy to reach, handy, immediate, in neighborhood, next, next door, nigh, on deck\*, on tap\*, under one's nose\*, within reach; CONCEPT 586 —*Ant.* distant, far, inconvenient, out-of-the-way, unavailable

**convent** [*n*] *nunery* abbey, cloister, monastery, religious community, retreat, school; CONCEPTS 368, 516

**convention** [*n1*] *conference* assemblage, assembly, clambake, confab\*, congress, convocation, council, delegates, delegation, get together, meet\*, meeting, members, powwow\*, rally, representatives, show; CONCEPTS 114, 324, 417

**convention** [*n2*] *practice, tradition* canon, code, covenant, custom, etiquette, fashion, form, formality, habit, law, percept, precept, propriety, rule, understanding, usage; CONCEPT 688 —*Ant.* strangeness

**convention** [*n3*] *agreement* bargain, bond, compact, concord, concordat, contract, covenant, pact, protocol, stipulation, transaction, treaty; CONCEPTS 271, 684 —*Ant.* disagreement, discord

**conventional** [*adj1*] *common, normal* accepted, accustomed, button-down, commonplace, correct, current, customary, decorous, everyday, expected, fashionable, formal, general, habitual, in established usage, ordinary, orthodox, plain, popular, predominant, prevailing, prevalent, proper, regular, ritual, routine, square, standard, stereotyped, straight, traditional, tralatitious, typical, usual, well-known, wonted; CONCEPTS 530, 547 —*Ant.* abnormal, exotic, foreign, irregular, strange, uncommon, unconventional, uncustomary, unusual

**conventional** [*adj2*] *unoriginal* bigoted, bourgeois, commonplace, conforming, conservative, demure, doctrinal, dogmatic, drippy, hackneyed, hidebound, humdrum, illiberal, inflexible, in rut, insular, isolationist, lame, literal, moderate, moral, narrow, narrow-minded, not heretical, obstinate, parochial, pedestrian, prosaic, puritanical, rigid, routine, rube\*, run-of-the-mill, sober, solemn, square, stereotyped, straight, straight-laced, strict, stuffy, uptight; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* different, exotic, foreign, new, original, strange, unique

**converge** [*v*] *gather* assemble, coincide, combine, come together, concenter, concentrate, concur, encounter, enter in, focalize, focus, join, meet, merge, mingle, rally, unite;

CONCEPTS 113,114 —*Ant.* disperse, diverge, divide, scatter, separate, spread

**conversant** [*adj*] *experienced, familiar with* abreast, acquainted, alive, apprehensive, au courant, au fait, aware, cognizant, comprehending, unconscious, cool\*, down with\*, hep\*, hip\*, informed, into, kept posted, knowing, knowledgeable, learned, on the beam\*, perceptive, perceptive, plugged in\*, practiced, proficient, sensible, sentient, skilled, up\*, up-to-date, versant, versed, well-informed, witting; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, inexperienced, quiet, silent

**conversation** [*n*] *dialogue, discourse* chat, colloquy, comment, communication, communion, confab\*, confabulation, conference, consultation, converse, debate, discussion, exchange, expression, gab\*, gossip, hearing, intercourse, jive\*, observation, palaver, parley, pillow talk\*, powwow\*, questioning, remark, repartee, speech, talk, talkfest\*, tête-à-tête\*, ventilation\*, visit, yak\*; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* quiet, quietude, silence

**converse** [*adj*] *opposite* antipodal, antipodean, antithetical, contradictory, contrary, counter, counterpole, different, reverse, reversed, transposed; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* complementary, equal, same, similar

**converse** [*n*] *opposite* antipode, antipole, antithesis, contra, contrary, counter, counterpole, inverse, obverse, other side, reverse; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* equal, same, similarity

**converse** [*v*] *talk* chat, chew the fat\*, chitchat\*, commune, confer, discourse, exchange, gab\*, parley, rap\*, schmooze\*, speak, use, yak\*; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* be quiet, be silent

**conversion** [*n*] *change, adaptation* about-face\*, alteration, born again\*, change of heart\*, changeover, exchange, flip-flop\*, flux, growth, innovation, metamorphosis, metanoia, metasis, modification, novelty, passage, passing, permutation, progress, proselytization, qualification, reclamation, reconstruction, reformation, regeneration, remodelling, reorganization, resolution, resolving, reversal, see the light\*, switch, transfiguration, transformation, translation, transmogrification, transmutation, turning, turning around; CONCEPTS 232,701 —*Ant.* idleness, sameness

**convert** [*n*] *new believer* catechumen, disciple, follower, neophyte, novice, novitiate, proselyte; CONCEPT 361

**convert** [*v1*] *change; adapt* alter, apply, appropriate, commute, downlink, download, interchange, make, metamorphose, modify, remodel, reorganize, restyle, revise, switch, switch over, transfigure, transform, translate, transmogrify, transmute, transpose, turn; CONCEPTS 232,701 —*Ant.* endure, hold, idle, keep, persist, remain, stay, wait

**convert** [*v2*] *change belief, especially regarding religion* actuate, alter conviction, assimilate to, baptize, be born again\*, bend, bias, brainwash, bring, bring around, budge, cause to adopt, change into, change of heart\*, convince, create anew, impel, incline, lead, lead to believe, make over, move, persuade, proselyte, proselytize, redeem, reform, regenerate, save, see the light\*, sway, turn; CONCEPTS 12,14,35 —*Ant.* hold, remain

**convertible** [*adj*] *changeable* able to be changed, adaptable, adjustable, exchangeable, modifiable, swappable, switchable; CONCEPT 534

**convex** [*adj*] *rounded, curving outward* arched, bent, biconvex, bulged, bulging, bulgy, gibbous, outcurved, protuberant, raised; CONCEPT 486

—*Ant.* concave, depressed, sinking

**convey** [*v1*] *transport* back, bear, bring, carry, channel, conduct, dispatch, ferry, fetch, forward, funnel, grant, guide, hump, lead, lug, move, pack, pipe, ride, schlepp\*, send, shoulder, siphon, support, tote, trajet, transfer, transmit, truck; CONCEPTS 187,217 —*Ant.* hold, keep, maintain, retain

**convey** [*v2*] *express message* break, carry, communicate, conduct, disclose, impart, make known, pass on, project, put across, relate, reveal, send, tell, transmit; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* keep secret, refrain, withhold

**conveyance** [*n*] *transport* car, carriage, carrying, communication, machine, movement, transfer, transference, transmission, transportation, vehicle; CONCEPTS 143,301,303 —*Ant.* hold, possession

**convict** [*n*] *criminal* captive, con, culprit, felon, jailbird\*, long-termer\*, loser\*, malefactor, prisoner, repeater\*; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* victim

**convict** [*v*] *find guilty* adjudge, attain, bring to justice, condemn, declare guilty, doom, frame, imprison, pass sentence on, pronounce guilty, put away, put the screws to\*, rap\*, send up\*, send up the river\*, sentence, throw the book at\*; CONCEPTS 18,317 —*Ant.* exonerate, free, liberate, release

**conviction** [*n1*] *belief, opinion* confidence, creed, doctrine, dogma, eye, faith, feeling, judgment call, mind, persuasion, principle, reliance, say so\*, sentiment, slant, tenet, view; CONCEPT 689

**conviction** [*n2*] *guilty sentence; assurance* assuredness, certainty, certitude, condemnation, condemning, confidence, determining guilt, earnestness, fall, fervor, firmness, rap, reliance, sureness, surety, unfavorable verdict; CONCEPTS 317,410 —*Ant.* overturning

**convince** [*v*] *gain the confidence* of argue into, assure, brainwash, bring around, bring home to\*, bring to reason\*, change, demonstrate, draw, effect, establish, get, hook\*, induce, make a believer\*, overcome, persuade, prevail upon, prompt, prove, put across, refute, satisfy, sell\*, sell one on\*, sway, talk into, turn, twist one's arm\*, win over; CONCEPT 68

**convincing** [*adj*] *persuasive* acceptable, authentic, believable, cogent, conclusive, credible, dependable, faithful, hopeful, impressive, incontrovertible, likely, moving, plausible, possible, powerful, presumable, probable, rational, reasonable, reliable, satisfactory, satisfying, solid, sound, swaying, telling, trustworthy, trusty, valid; CONCEPTS 267,537,552 —*Ant.* doubtful, dubious, implausible, improbable, incredible, unconvincing, unlikely, unpersuasive

**convivial** [*adj*] *fun-loving* back-slapping\*, cheerful, clubby\*, companionable, convertible, entertaining, festal, festive, friendly, gay, genial, glad-handing\*, happy, hearty, hilarious, holiday, jocund, jolly, jovial, lively, merry, mirthful,



pleasant, sociable, vivacious; CONCEPTS 401, 404  
 —*Ant.* blah, dull, serious, solemn, staid

**convocation** [*n*] *assembly* assemblage, conclave, concourse, confab\*, conference, congregation, congress, convention, council, diet, get-together, meet, meeting, powwow\*, synod, turnout; CONCEPT 114

**convoluted** [*adj*] *complicated* baffling, complex, confused, elaborate, impenetrable, intricate, involved, labyrinthine, perplexing, puzzling, serpentine, tangled, tortuous; CONCEPT 562 —*Ant.* simple, straightforward

**convolution** [*n*] *loop, spiral coil*, coiling, complexity, contortion, curlicue, flexing, gyration, helix, intricacy, involution, serpentine, sinuosity, sinuousness, snaking, swirl, tortuousness, twist, undulation, winding; CONCEPT 436 —*Ant.* line, straightness

**convoy** [*n*] *guard, escort* attendance, attendant, companion, protection; CONCEPT 423

**convoy** [*v*] *protect, escort* accompany, attend, bear, bring, chaperon, companion, company, conduct, consort, defend, guard, pilot, safeguard, shepherd, shield, usher, watch; CONCEPTS 96, 110 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**convulsion** [*n1*] *muscle spasm* algospasm, attack, contortion, contraction, cramp, epilepsy, fit, paroxysm, seizure, throe, tremor; CONCEPT 308

**convulsion** [*n2*] *disturbance* agitation, cataclysm, clamor, commotion, disaster, ferment, furor, outcry, quaking, rocking, seism, shaking, shock, tottering, trembling, tumult, turbulence, upheaval, upturn; CONCEPTS 152, 748 —*Ant.* harmony, peace

**cook** [*n*] *person who prepares food* baker, chef, hash slinger\*, mess sergeant, servant, sous chef; CONCEPT 348

**cook** [*v*] *prepare food, usually using heat* bake, barbecue, blanch, boil, braise, brew, broil, brown, burn, coddle, curry, decoct, deep fry, devil, doctor\*, escallop, fix, French fry, fricassee, fry, griddle, grill, heat, imbue, melt, microwave, mull, nuke\*, panfry, parboil, parch, percolate, poach, pressure-cook, reduce, roast, ruin\*, sauté, scald, scorch, sear, seethe, simmer, sizzle, spoil\*, steam, steep, stew, toast, warm up; CONCEPT 170

**cook up** [*v*] *devise* arrange, concoct, contrive, dream up, fabricate, falsify, formulate, frame, hatch, improvise, invent, make up, plan, plot, prepare, scheme, vamp; CONCEPTS 17, 36

**cool** [*adj1*] *cold, nippy* air-conditioned, algid, arctic, biting, chill, chilled, chilling, chilly, coldish, frigid, froze, frosty, gelid, hawkish, nipping, refreshing, refrigerated, shivery, snappy, wintry; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* hot, temperate, warm

**cool** [*adj2*] *calm, collected* assured, composed, coolheaded, deliberate, detached, dispassionate, impassive, imperturbable, levelheaded, nonchalant, philosophical, phlegmatic, placid, quiet, relaxed, self-controlled, self-possessed, serene, stolid, together, tranquil, unagitated, unemotional, unexcited, unflappable, unruffled; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* agitated, annoyed, excited, upset

**cool** [*adj3*] *aloof, disapproving* annoyed, apathetic, distant, frigid, impertinent, impudent,

incurious, indifferent, insolent, lukewarm, offended, offhand, offish, procacious, reserved, solitary, standoffish, unapproachable, uncommunicative, unenthusiastic, unfriendly, uninterested, unresponsive, unsociable, unwelcoming, withdrawn; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* approving, friendly, kind, responsive, warm

**cool** [*adj4*] *excellent boss\**, dandy, divine, glorious, hunky-dory\*, keen, marvelous, neat, nifty, sensational, swell; CONCEPT 572 —*Ant.* poor, square, uncool, unpopular

**cool** [*v1*] *chill* abate, air-condition, air-cool, ally, calm, freeze, frost, infrigidate, lessen, lose heat, mitigate, moderate, reduce, refrigerate, temper; CONCEPT 255 —*Ant.* heat, warm

**cool** [*v2*] *take a break; abate* allay, assuage, calm, calm down, chill, compose, control, dampen, lessen, mitigate, moderate, quiet, reduce, rein, repress, restrain, simmer down, suppress, temper; CONCEPTS 240, 384 —*Ant.* continue, go on, increase, step up

**coop** [*n*] *pen* birdcage, cage, corral, enclosure, hutch, lock-up, mew, pound; CONCEPT 494

**coop** [*v*] *confine* cage, close in, corral, detain, enclose, fence in, hem in, hold captive, hold prisoner, impound, imprison, incarcerate, intern, keep, lock up, pen, put under lock and key\*, shut in, shut up, trap; CONCEPT 191 —*Ant.* set free

**cooperate** [*v*] *aid, assist* abet, advance, agree, back up, band, befriend, be in cahoots\*, chip in, coadjute, coincide, collaborate, combine, comply with, concert, concur, conduce, conspire, contribute, coordinate, espouse, forward, further, go along with, help, join forces, join in, league\*, lend a hand\*, participate, partner, pitch in\*, play ball\*, pool resources, pull together, second, share in, show willingness, side with, stick together, succor, take part, unite, uphold, work side by side, work together; CONCEPTS 110, 112 —*Ant.* block, delay, disturb, encumber, handicap, hinder, impede, obstruct, prevent, stop

**cooperation** [*n*] *mutual effort* aid, alliance, assistance, cahoots\*, coercion, coadjuvancy, coalition, collaboration, combination, combined effort, communion, company, concert, concurrence, confederacy, confederation, confunction, conspiracy, doing business with, esprit de corps, federation, fusion, give-and-take, harmony, help, helpfulness, logrolling\*, participation, partisanship, partnership, playing ball\*, reciprocity, responsiveness, service, society, symbiosis, synergism, synergy, teaming, teamwork, unanimity, union, unity; CONCEPTS 110, 112, 388, 677 —*Ant.* blockage, delay, encumbrance, handicap, hindrance, obstruction, prevention, stoppage

**cooperative** [*adj1*] *joint, unified* agreeing, coaxing, coactive, coadjuvant, coefficient, collaborating, collaborative, collective, collegial, collusive, combined, combining, common, concerted, concurring, coordinated, hand in glove\*, harmonious, in league, interdependent, joining, participating, reciprocal, shared, symbiotic, synergistic, synergic, team, united, uniting; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* disjoint, disobliging, disunited, divided, separate, uncooperative, uncoordinated

**cooperative** [*adj2*] *helpful* accommodating, companionable, obliging, responsive, sociable,

supportive, useful; CONCEPTS 538,555

—*Ant.* disobliging, encumbering, hindering, hurting, preventing, uncooperative, unhelpful, unresponsive

**co-opt** [v] *to assimilate in order to take over or appropriate* absorb, accept, admit, adopt, bring in, bring into line, bring into the fold, connaturalize, convert, draw in, elect, embrace, encompass, enfold, homogenize, homologize, include, incorporate, make one's own, take in, take over; CONCEPTS 232,701

**coordinate** [adj] *equivalent* alike, coequal, correlative, correspondent, counterpart, equal, equalized, like, parallel, same, tantamount; CONCEPT 566 —*Ant.* different, dissimilar, unequal, unparallel

**coordinate** [v] *match, relate* accommodate, adjust, agree, atune, combine, conduce, conform, correlate, get it together\*, get one's act together\*, harmonize, integrate, mesh, organize, pool, proportion, pull together, quarterback\*, reconcile, reconcile, regulate, shape up, synchronize, systematize, team up; CONCEPTS 36,84,158 —*Ant.* disintegrate, mismatch, uncoordinate, unrelate

**cop** [n] *policeperson* deputy, flatfoot\*, fuzz\*, lawman, officer of the law, patrolman, patrolwoman, peace officer, policeman, police officer, policewoman, sheriff, the man\*; CONCEPTS 299,354

**cope** [v] *manage, contend* battle with, buffet, carry on, confront, deal, dispatch, encounter, endure, face, get a handle on\*, get by, grapple, hack\*, hack it\*, handle, hold one's own\*, live with, make good of it\*, make it\*, make out\*, make the grade\*, pit oneself against\*, rise to occasion, struggle, struggle through, suffer, survive, tangle, tussle, weather, wrestle; CONCEPTS 23,35

**copious** [adj] *abundant* alive with, a mess of\*, ample, aplenty, bounteous, bountiful, coming out of ears\*, crawling with\*, extensive, exuberant, full, galore, generous, heavy, lavish, liberal, lush, luxuriant, no end\*, overflowing, plenteous, plentiful, plenty, profuse, prolix, replete, rich, superabundant, thick with, verbose, wordy; CONCEPT 771 —*Ant.* lacking, meager, needing, needy, poor, rare, scarce, wanting

**copiousness** [n] *abundance* affluence, amplitude, bountifulness, bounty, cornucopia, exuberance, fullness, horn of plenty\*, lavishness, luxuriance, plentifulness, plenty, richness, superabundance; CONCEPT 767 —*Ant.* lack, need, poorness, rareness, scarcity, want

**cop out** [v] *abandon, quit* back down, back off, back out, backpedal, desert, dodge, excuse, give the slip\*, have alibi, rationalize, renege, renounce, revoke, skip, use pretext, welsch, withdraw; CONCEPTS 121,156 —*Ant.* be ready, face, ready, take on

**copulate** [v] *have sexual relations* be carnal, breed, cohabit, conjugate, couple, do it\*, fool around\*, fornicate, go all the way\*, go to bed\*, have coition, have relations, have sex, lay\*, lie with, make it\*, make love, make out\*, mate, sleep together, sleep with, unite; CONCEPT 375 —*Ant.* abstain, refrain

**copy** [n] *duplicate, imitation* archetype, carbon, carbon copy\*, cast, clone, counterfeit, counterpart, ditto\*, ectype, effigy, ersatz, facsimile,

forgery, hard copy, image, impersonation, impression, imprint, likeness, microfiche, mimeograph, miniature, mirror, model, offprint, parallel, pattern, photocopy, photograph, photostat, portrait, print, reflection, replica, replication, representation, reprint, reproduction, rubbings, similarity, simulacrum, simulation, study, tracing, transcript, transcription, type, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 269,667,716 —*Ant.* original, origination, source

**copy** [v1] *duplicate* carbon, cartoon, clone, counterfeit, delineate, depict, ditto, draw, dupe, engrave, engross, fake, forge, imitate, knock off\*, limn, manifold, mimeo, mirror, mold, paint, paraphrase, photocopy, photostat, picture, plagiarize, portray, reduplicate, reflect, repeat, replicate, represent, reproduce, rewrite, sculpture, simulate, sketch, stat, trace, transcribe, Xerox\*; CONCEPT 171

**copy** [v2] *imitate* act like, ape, burlesque, do, do a take-off\*, do like\*, echo, embody, emulate, epitomize, fake, follow, follow example, follow suit, go like\*, illustrate, incarnate, knock off\*, make like\*, mimic, mirror, mock, model, parody, parrot, personify, phony, pirate, play a role, prefigure, repeat, sham, simulate, steal, take leaf out of book\*, take off\*, travesty, typify; CONCEPTS 59,139,242 —*Ant.* be original

**coquet** [v] *tease* dally, flirt, fool, gold-dig\*, lead on, make eyes at\*, operate, philander, string along, titillate, toy, trifle, vamp, wanton, wink at\*; CONCEPTS 375,384 —*Ant.* be shy

**cord** [n] *rope* bond, connection, cordage, fiber, line, link, string, tendon, tie, twine; CONCEPTS 470,680

**cordial** [adj] *friendly, sociable* affable, affectionate, agreeable, amicable, buddy-buddy\*, cheerful, clubby, companionable, congenial, convivial, cozy, earnest, genial, glowing, gracious, happy, heartfelt, heart-to-heart, hearty, invigorating, jovial, mellow, neighborly, palsywally\*, polite, red-carpet\*, responsive, sincere, social, sympathetic, tender, warm, warm-hearted, welcoming, wholehearted; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* aloof, cool, disagreeable, hostile, indifferent, inhospitable, uncordial, unfriendly, unpleasant, unsociable

**cordiality** [n] *friendliness, sociability* affability, agreeability, agreeableness, amenity, amiability, approbation, approval, earnestness, enjoyableness, favor, geniality, gratefulness, heartiness, mutuality, pleasantness, reciprocity, responsiveness, sincerity, sweetness and light\*, sympathy, understanding, warmth, wholeheartedness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* aloofness, coolness, hostility, ill will, indifference, unfriendliness, unsociability

**core** [n] *center, gist* amount, base, basis, body, bottom line, bulk, burden, consequence, corpus, crux, essence, focus, foundation, heart, import, importance, kernel, main idea, mass, meat\*, meat and potatoes\*, middle, midpoint, midst, nitty gritty\*, nub, nucleus, origin, pith, pivot, purport, quick, root, significance, staple, substance, thrust, upshot; CONCEPTS 442,668,826 —*Ant.* covering, exterior, exteriority, outside, perimeter, surface

**corner** [n1] *angle* bend, branch, cloverleaf, crook, crossing, edge, fork, intersection, joint,

junction, projection, ridge, rim, shift, V\*, veer, Y\*; CONCEPTS 436,484,513

**corner** [n2] *niche* angle, cavity, compartment, cranny, hideaway, hide-out, hole, indentation, nook, recess, retreat; CONCEPTS 440,471,513

**corner** [n3] *predicament* box, difficulty, dilemma, distress, fix, hole, impasse, impediment, jam, knot, pickle, plight, scrape, tight spot; CONCEPTS 674,675

**corner** [v] *trap* bottle, bring to bay, capture, catch, collar\*, fool, get on ropes\*, have up a tree\*, mousetrap\*, nab, put out, seize, tree, trick, trouble; CONCEPTS 59,90 —*Ant.* allow, let go, release

**cornerstone** [n] *vital element* anchor, base, essential, foundation, key element, keystone, linchpin, main ingredient, mainspring, mainstay, pillar; CONCEPTS 442,826

**corny** [adj] *trite, clichéd* banal, commonplace, dull, feeble, hackneyed, mawkish, melodramatic, old-fashioned, old hat\*, sentimental, showworn, stale, stereotyped, stupid, tired, warmed-over; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* new, original, unique

**corollary** [n] *conclusion, deduction* aftereffect, analogy, consequence, culmination, effect, end, end product, induction, inference, issue, precipitate, result, sequel, sequence, upshot; CONCEPTS 230,410,529

**corporal** [adj] *bodily, physical* anatomical, carnal, corporeal, fleshly, fleshy, gross, human, material, objective, phenomenal, sensible, somatic, substantial, tangible; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* cerebral, immaterial, intangible, mental, spiritual

**corporate** [adj] *allied* amalgamated, associated, collaborative, collective, combined, common, communal, concerted, incorporated, joint, pooled, shared, united; CONCEPTS 563,577

**corporation** [n] *business organization, usually large* association, bunch, business, clan, company, corporate body, crew, crowd, enterprise, gang, hookup\*, jungle\*, legal entity, megacorp\*, mob, multinational, octopus\*, outfit, partnership, ring, shell, society, syndicate, zoo\*; CONCEPT 325

**corporeal** [adj] *bodily, physical* anatomical, carnal, corporal, fleshly, fleshy, human, material, mortal, objective, phenomenal, sensible, somatic, substantial, tangible; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* cerebral, immaterial, intangible, mental, spiritual

**corps** [n] *group trained for action* band, body, brigade, company, contingent, crew, detachment, division, outfit, party, posse, regiment, squad, squadron, team, troop, troupe, unit; CONCEPTS 294,322,417

**corpse** [n] *dead body* body, bones\*, cadaver, carcass, carrion, deceased, departed, mort\*, remains, stiff\*; CONCEPTS 390,417

**corpulent** [adj] *fat, chubby* baby elephant\*, beefy\*, blimp\*, bulky, burly, embonpoint, fat, fleshy, gross, having a bay window\*, having a spare tire\*, heavy, hefty, husky, large, lusty, obese, overblown, overweight, plump, portly, roly-poly\*, rotund, stout, tubby, weighty, well-padded\*; CONCEPTS 406,491,773 —*Ant.* skinny, slender, slight, thin

**corpus** [n] *body of text* bulk, collection, compi-

lation, complete works, core, entirety, extant works, mass, oeuvre, opera omnia, staple, substance, whole; CONCEPT 271

**corral** [n] *enclosure* compound, paddock, pen, pound, stockade; CONCEPT 494

**corral** [v] *enclose* cage, confine, coop up, fence in, lock up, pen, shut in, shut up; CONCEPT 191 —*Ant.* set free

**correct** [adj1] *accurate, exact* according to Hoyle\*, actual, amen\*, appropriate, cooking with gas\*, dead on\*, equitable, factual, faithful, faultless, flawless, for sure, free of error, impeccable, just, legitimate, nice, okay, on target\*, on the ball\*, on the beam\*, on the button\*, on the money\*, on the nose\*, on track\*, perfect, precise, proper, regular, right, right as rain\*, righteous, right on\*, right stuff\*, rigorous, stone, strict, true, undistorted, unmistakable, veracious, veridical; CONCEPTS 542,557,574 —*Ant.* flawed, imprecise, inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, wrong

**correct** [adj2] *proper, appropriate* acceptable, becoming, careful, comme il faut, conforming, conventional, decent, decorous, diplomatic, done, fitting, meticulous, nice, okay, punctilious, right, right stuff\*, scrupulous, seemly, standard, suitable; CONCEPTS 401,558 —*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, incorrect, unfitting, unsuitable

**correct** [v1] *fix, adjust* alter, ameliorate, amend, better, change, clean up, clean up act\*, cure, debug\*, doctor\*, do over, edit, emend, fiddle with, fix up, get with it\*, go over, help, improve, launder, make over, make right, make up for, mend, pay dues\*, pick up, polish, put in order, reclaim, reconstruct, rectify, redress, reform, regulate, remedy, remodel, reorganize, repair, retouch, review, revise, right, scrub\*, set right, set straight, shape up, straighten out, touch up, turn around, upgrade; CONCEPT 126 —*Ant.* blow, blunder, goof, mistake

**correct** [v2] *discipline, chastise* administer, admonish, castigate, chasten, chide, penalize, punish, reprimand, reprove; CONCEPTS 52,122 —*Ant.* be permissive, coddle, indulge, pamper, pet, spoil

**correction** [n1] *adjustment; fixing* alteration, amelioration, amending, amendment, changing, editing, emendation, improvement, indemnification, mending, modification, rectification, redress, reexamination, remodeling, repair, reparation, rereading, revisal, revising, righting; CONCEPT 126 —*Ant.* blunder, goof, mistake

**correction** [n2] *discipline* admonition, castigation, chastisement, punishment, punition, reformation, reproof, rod; CONCEPT 122 —*Ant.* allowance, coddling, indulgence, permissiveness, petting, spoiling

**corrective** [adj] *healing, curing* antidotal, counteracting, curative, disciplinary, palliative, penal, punitive, reformatory, rehabilitative, remedial, restorative, therapeutic; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* harmful, hurtful, hurting, injurious, paining

**correctly** [adv] *right* accurately, befittingly, decently, decorously, fitly, fittingly, justly, nicely, perfectly, precisely, properly, rightly, to a T\*, well; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* flawed, inaccurately, incorrectly, mistakenly, wrongly

**correctness** [n1] *accuracy* definiteness, definitiveness, definitude, exactitude, exactness,

faultlessness, fidelity, preciseness, precision, regularity, truth; CONCEPTS 638,654 —**Ant.** fault, flaw, imperfection, impreciseness, inaccuracy, incorrectness, inexactness, wrong

**correctness** [n2] *propriety* bon ton, civility, correctitude, decency, decorousness, decorum, fitness, good breeding, order, orderliness, properness, rightness, seemliness; CONCEPTS 633,656 —**Ant.** impropriety, incorrectness, infidelity, unacceptableness, unseemliness, unsuitability, unsuitableness

**correlate** [v] *equate, compare* associate, be on same wavelength\*, connect, coordinate, correspond, have good vibes\*, interact, parallel, relate mutually, tie in\*, tune in on\*; CONCEPT 39 —**Ant.** differ, disassociate, disconnect, imbalance

**correlation** [n] *equating, equivalence* alternation, analogue, complement, correspondence, correspondent, counterpart, interaction, interchange, interconnection, interdependence, interrelation, interrelationship, match, parallel, pendant, reciprocity, relationship; CONCEPTS 388,667 —**Ant.** difference, disassociation, disconnection, imbalance

**correspond** [v1] *agree, complement* accord, amount, approach, assimilate, be consistent, be identical to, be similar to, coincide, compare, conform, correlate, dovetail, equal, fit, harmonize, lip sync, match, partake of, reciprocate, resemble, rival, square, tally, touch; CONCEPT 664 —**Ant.** differ, disagree

**correspond** [v2] *communicate in writing* answer, drop a kite\*, drop a line\*, drop a note\*, epistolize, exchange letters, have pen pal, hear from, keep in touch, pen, put pen to paper\*, reply, scribble, send letter, send word, write; CONCEPTS 79,266

**correspondence** [n1] *agreement* accord, analogy, coherence, coincidence, comparability, comparison, concurrence, conformity, congruity, consistency, correlation, equivalence, fitness, harmony, likeness, match, regularity, relation, resemblance, similarity, symmetry; CONCEPT 664 —**Ant.** difference, disagreement

**correspondence** [n2] *communication by writing* exchange of letters, letters, mail, messages, post, reports, writing; CONCEPTS 79,277,278

**correspondent** [n] *person communicating in writing* contributor, epistler, epistolarian, freelancer, gazetteer, journalist, letter writer, pen pal, reporter, stringer\*, writer; CONCEPTS 348,423

**corresponding** [adj] *equivalent, matching* agnate, akin, alike, analogous, answering, comparable, complementary, consonant, correlative, correspondent, coterminous, identical, interrelated, kin, kindred, like, parallel, reciprocal, similar, synonymous, undifferentiated; CONCEPT 566 —**Ant.** differing, disparaging, dissimilar, mismatched, unlike

**corridor** [n] *hallway* aisle, couloir, entrance hall, entranceway, foyer, hall, ingress, lobby, passage, passageway; CONCEPT 440

**corroborate** [v] *back up information, story* approve, authenticate, bear out, certify, check on, check out, check up, confirm, declare true, document, double check, endorse, establish, give nod\*, justify, okay, prove, ratify, rubber-stamp\*,

strengthen, substantiate, support, sustain, validate, verify; CONCEPTS 49,57 —**Ant.** contradict, deny, disallow, disclaim, refute, reject

**corrode** [v] *wear away; eat away* bite, canker, consume, corrupt, destroy, deteriorate, erode, gnaw, impair, oxidize, rot, rust, scour, waste; CONCEPTS 156,169,186,250 —**Ant.** aid, build, fortify, help

**corrosion** [n] *disintegration* decay, decomposition, degeneration, deterioration, erosion, oxidation, rust, wear; CONCEPTS 309,720

**corrosive** [adj] *consuming, wearing; bitter* acerb, acerbic, acrid, biting, caustic, corroding, cutting, destructive, erosive, incisive, sarcastic, strongly acid, trenchant, venomous, virulent, wasting; CONCEPT 537 —**Ant.** contributing, fortifying, supporting

**corrugated** [adj] *ridged, grooved* channelled, creased, crinkled, crumpled, flexed, fluted, folded, furrowed, puckered, roughened, rumpled, wrinkled; CONCEPTS 485,606 —**Ant.** flat, smooth

**corrupt** [adj1] *dishonest* base, bent, bribable, crooked, debauched, double-dealing, exploiting, extortionate, faithless, fast and loose\*, fixed, foul, fraudulent, gone to the dogs\*, inconstant, iniquitous, knavish, mercenary, nefarious, on the take\*, open, padded\*, perfidious, praetorian, profiteering, racket up\*, reprobate, rotten, shady, snide, suborned, tainted, treacherous, two-faced, underhanded, unethical, unfaithful, unprincipled, unscrupulous, untrustworthy, venal, wide open\*; CONCEPT 545 —**Ant.** decent, honest, honorable, principled, pure, trustworthy, truthful, uncorrupt, upright

**corrupt** [adj2] *debased, vicious* abandoned, abased, baneful, boorish, degenerate, degraded, deleterious, deprived, dishonored, dissolute, evil, flagitious, infamous, loose, low, miscreant, monstrous, nefarious, perverse, profligate, rotten, villainous; CONCEPTS 401,545 —**Ant.** clean, decent, helpful, high, kind, noble, sound, wholesome

**corrupt** [adj3] *adulterated, rotten* altered, contaminated, decayed, defiled, distorted, doctored, falsified, foul, infected, noxious, polluted, putrescent, putrid, tainted; CONCEPTS 485,613 —**Ant.** clean, pure, purified, sound, wholesome

**corrupt** [v] *pervert; pollute* abuse, adulterate, animalize, bastardize, blemish, blight, bribe, contaminate, damage, debase, debauch, decay, decompose, deface, defile, deform, degrade, demean, demoralize, deprave, depreciate, despoil, disfigure, disgrace, dishonor, fix, grease palm\*, harm, hurt, ill-treat, impair, infect, injure, lower, lure, maltreat, mar, mistreat, misuse, outrage, pull down, putrefy, ravage, reduce, rot, ruin, spoil, square, stain, suborn, subvert, taint, undermine, violate, vitiate, warp, waste; CONCEPTS 14,240 —**Ant.** better, chasten, cleanse, dignify, improve, purify

**corruption** [n1] *dishonesty* breach of trust, bribery, bribing, crime, crookedness, demoralization, exploitation, extortion, fiddling, fraud, fraudulency, graft, jobbery, malfeasance, misrepresentation, nepotism, on the take\*, payoff, payola\*, profiteering, racket\*, shadiness\*, shady deal\*, shuffle, skimming, squeeze\*,

- unscrupulousness, venality; CONCEPT 645  
 —*Ant.* decency, honesty, honor, truthfulness, wholesomeness
- corruption** [n2] *baseness* atrocity, decadence, degeneration, degradation, depravity, evil, immorality, impurity, infamy, iniquity, looseness, lubricity, perversion, profligacy, sinfulness, turpitude, vice, viciousness, vulgarity, wickedness; CONCEPTS 633,645 —*Ant.* decency, goodness, honor, kindness, wholesomeness
- corruption** [n3] *adulteration* debasement, decay, defilement, distortion, doctoring, falsification, foulness, infection, noxiousness, pollution, putrefaction, putrescence, rot, rottenness; CONCEPT 723 —*Ant.* cleanliness, cleanness, pureness, purification, purity, sterility
- cosmetic** [adj] *beautifying; relating to appearance* corrective, gooky\*, improving, makeup, nonessential, painted, remedial, restorative, superficial, surface, touching-up; CONCEPT 579 —*Ant.* disfiguring
- cosmic** [adj] *limitless; universal* catholic, cosmogonical, cosmogonic, cosmopolitan, ecumenical, empyrean, global, grandiose, huge, immense, infinite, measureless, planetary, vast, worldwide; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* bounded, limited
- cosmopolitan** [adj] *worldly-wise* catholic, cultivated, cultured, ecumenical, global, gregarious, metropolitan, planetary, polished, public, smooth, sophisticated, universal, urbane, well-travelled, worldly, worldwide; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* country, rural, rustic
- cosmos** [n1] *universe* creation, galaxy, macrocosm, macrocosmos, megacosm, nature, solar system, star system, world; CONCEPTS 511,770
- cosmos** [n2] *ordered system* harmony, order, organization, scheme, structure; CONCEPTS 727,770
- cost** [n1] *expense; price paid* amount, arm and a leg\*, bad news\*, bite\*, bottom dollar\*, bottom line\*, charge, damage\*, disbursement, dues, expenditure, figure, line, nick\*, nut\*, outlay, payment, price, price tag, rate, score\*, setback\*, squeeze\*, tab, tariff, ticket, toll, top dollar\*, value, worth; CONCEPTS 328,336
- cost** [n2] *penalty, sacrifice* damage, deprivation, detriment, expense, forfeit, forfeiture, harm, hurt, injury, loss, suffering; CONCEPTS 676,679 —*Ant.* repayment, retribution
- cost** [v1] *command a price of* amount to be asked, be demanded, be given, be marked at, be needed, be paid, be priced at, be received, be valued at, be worth, bring in, come to, mount up, move back, nick\*, rap\*, require, sell at, sell for, set back, take, to the tune of\*, yield; CONCEPTS 328,336
- cost** [v2] *harm; exact a penalty* do disservice to, expect, hurt, infuriate, lose, necessitate, obligate, require; CONCEPT 246
- cost-effective** [adj] *economical* practical, profitable, worthwhile; CONCEPT 542
- costly** [adj1] *expensive* an arm and leg\*, cher\*, dear, excessive, executive, exorbitant, extortionate, extravagant, fancy, high, highly priced, high-priced, inordinate, precious, premium, pricey, steep, stiff\*, top, valuable; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* cheap, inexpensive, reasonable
- costly** [adj2] *priceless* gorgeous, inestimable, invaluable, lavish, luxurious, opulent, precious, rich, splendid, sumptuous, valuable; CONCEPT 567 —*Ant.* cheap, not valuable, poor
- costly** [adj3] *harmful, damaging* catastrophic, deleterious, disastrous, loss-making, ruinous, sacrificial; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* aiding, helpful
- costume** [n] *set of clothes* apparel, attire, clothing, dress, duds\*, ensemble, fashion, garb, getup\*, guise, lively, mode, outfit, rig\*, robes\*, style, suit, uniform, wardrobe; CONCEPT 451
- cot** [n] *temporary bed* army bed, berth, bunk, camp bed, folding bed, gurney, small bed, trundle; CONCEPT 443
- cottage** [n] *tiny house; lodging* box, bungalow, cabana, cabin, caboose, camp, carriage house, chalet, cot, home, hut, lean-to, lodge, ranch, shack, shanty, small house; CONCEPT 516
- couch** [n] *sofa; long, upholstered furniture* bed, chair, chaise longue, chesterfield, davenport, daybed, divan, lounge, love seat, ottoman, resting place, settee; CONCEPT 443
- couch** [v] *express in particular way* formulate, frame, phrase, put, set forth, utter, word; CONCEPT 51
- couch potato** [n] *inactive person* bystander, goof-off\*, idler, laggard, lazy person, loafer, lotuseater\*, lounger, observer, slouch, sluggard, spectator, televiewer\*, TV viewer, viewer; CONCEPT 423
- cough** [n] *expelled air with sound* ahem, bark, cold, croup, frog in throat\*, hack, hem, tickle in throat\*, whoop; CONCEPTS 65,316
- cough** [v] *expelling air with sound* bark, choke, clear throat, convulse, expectorate, hack, hawk, hem, spit up, vomit, whoop; CONCEPTS 65,308
- council** [n] *people assembled for purpose* assembly, board, body, brain trust\*, cabinet, chamber, clan, committee, conclave, confab\*, conference, congregation, congress, convention, convocation, diet, directorate, gang, gathering, governing body, groupthink\*, huddle\*, kitchen cabinet\*, meet, ministry, mob, official family, outfit, panel, parliament, powwow\*, ring, senate, synod; CONCEPTS 299,325,381
- counsel** [n1] *guidance* admonition, advice, advisement, caution, consideration, consultation, deliberation, direction, forethought, information, instruction, kibitz\*, recommendation, steer, suggestion, tip, tip-off\*, two cents' worth\*, warning, word to the wise\*; CONCEPTS 75,274
- counsel** [n2] *legal representative* adviser, advocate, attorney, barrister, bomber\*, counselor, legal adviser, legal beagle\*, legal eagle\*, lip\*, mouthpiece\*, patch\*, shyster\*, solicitor; CONCEPT 355
- counsel** [v] *give advice* admonish, advise, advocate, caution, charge, confab\*, direct, enjoin, exhort, give pointer, give two cents\*, guide, huddle\*, inform, instruct, keep posted, kibitz\*, order, prescribe, prompt, put bug in ear\*, put heads together\*, put on to, recommend, reprehend, show the ropes\*, steer, suggest, teach, tip, tip off\*, tout, urge, warn, wise one up\*; CONCEPTS 75,317
- counselor** [n] *legal representative; adviser* advocate, ambulance chaser\*, attorney, counsel, front\*, guide, instructor, legal beagle\*, legal eagle\*, lip\*, mentor, mouthpiece\*, pleader, solicitor, squeal\*, teacher\*; CONCEPT 355

**count** [*n*] *tally; number calculation, computation, enumeration, numbering, outcome, poll, reckoning, result, sum, total, whole; CONCEPT 766* —*Ant.* estimate, guess

**count** [*v*1] *add, check in order* add up, calculate, cast, cast up, cipher, compute, enumerate, estimate, figure, foot, keep tab, number, numerate, reckon, run down, score, sum, take account of, tally, tell, tick off, total, tot up; *CONCEPT 764* —*Ant.* estimate, guess

**count** [*v*2] *consider, deem* await, esteem, expect, hope, impute, judge, look, look upon, rate, regard, think; *CONCEPTS 18,43* —*Ant.* disregard, ignore

**count** [*v*3] *have importance* carry weight, cut ice\*, enter into consideration, import, matter, mean, militate, rate, signify, tell, weigh; *CONCEPT 668*

**count** [*v*4] *include* await, expect, hope, look, number among, take into account, take into consideration; *CONCEPTS 26,112* —*Ant.* exclude

**countenance** [*n*1] *appearance, usually of the face* aspect, biscuit\*, cast, demeanor, expression, face, features, gills\*, kisser\*, look, looks, map\*, mask, mien, mug\*, phizog\*, physiognomy, poker face\*, potato\*, puss\*, visage; *CONCEPTS 716,718*

**countenance** [*n*2] *self-control* calmness, composure, presence of mind, self-composure; *CONCEPT 633*

**countenance** [*v*] *approve, support* abet, accept, advocate, aid, applaud, approbate, back, bear with, champion, commend, condone, confirm, cope, encourage, endorse, favor, get behind, give green light\*, give stamp of approval\*, give the nod\*, go along with, go for, grin and bear it\*, handle, help, hold with, invite, live with\*, nod at, okay\*, put John Hancock on\*, put up with, sanction, sign off on\*, sit still for\*, smile on\*, stand for, stomach something\*, swallow\*, thumbs up\*, uphold; *CONCEPTS 10,50,88* —*Ant.* deny, disagree, disapprove, discourage, fight, oppose, refuse

**counter** [*adj*] *opposite, opposing* adverse, against, antagonistic, anti, antipodal, antipodean, antithetical, conflicting, contradictory, contrary, contrasting, converse, diametric, hindering, impeding, obstructive, obverse, opposed, polar, reverse; *CONCEPTS 544,581* —*Ant.* agreeing, concurring, corresponding, corroborating, equal, same, similar

**counter** [*adv*] *contrary, reverse* against, at variance with, contrarily, contrariwise, conversely, in defiance of, opposite, versus; *CONCEPTS 544,581* —*Ant.* equally, same, similarly

**counter** [*v*] *answer, respond in retaliation* backtalk, beat, balk, buck, circumvent, contravene, counteract, counterwork, cross, dash, disappoint, fly in the face of\*, foil, frustrate, have bone to pick\*, hinder, hit back, match, meet, offset, oppose, parry, pit, play off, resist, respond, retaliate, return, ruin, take on, thumbs down\*, vie, ward off; *CONCEPTS 45,121*

**counteract** [*v*] *do opposing action* annul, buck, cancel, cancel out, check, contravene, correct, counterbalance, countercheck, countervail, counterwork, cross, defeat, fix, foil, frustrate, go against, halt, hinder, invalidate, negate, negative, neutralize, offset, oppose, prevent,

rectify, redress, resist, right, thwart; *CONCEPTS 87,96,126* —*Ant.* aid, approve, assist, help, support

**counterbalance** [*v*] *offset an action* amend, atone for, balance, cancel, compensate, correct, counteract, counterpoise, countervail, equalize, make up for, outweigh, rectify, redeem, set off; *CONCEPTS 87,96,126*

**counterfeit** [*adj*] *fake, simulated* affected, assumed, bent, bogus\*, brummagem, copied, crock, deceptive, delusive, delusory, ersatz, faked, false, feigned, fictitious, fishy\*, forged, framed, fraudulent, Hollywood\*, imitation, misleading, mock, not genuine, not kosher\*, phony\*, pirate, plant\*, pretended, pretentious, pseudo, put-on\*, queer, sham, snide, soft shell\*, spurious, suppositious, two-faced\*, won't fly\*, wrong; *CONCEPTS 549,582* —*Ant.* genuine, real, true

**counterfeit** [*n*] *fake, forgery* actor, bogus\*, bum, copy, deceit, deception, dummy, facsimile, fraud, gyp, hoax, humbug, imitation, imposture, junque\*, phony, pseudo, put-on\*, reproduction, sell\*, sham, simulacrum; *CONCEPTS 648,725* —*Ant.* reality, real thing

**counterfeit** [*v*] *make deceitful imitation* act like, affect, ape, assume, bluff, fraud, cheat, circulate bad money, clone, coin, copy, defraud, delude, ditto, do, do like\*, dupe, fabricate, fake, feign, forge, go like\*, imitate, impersonate, knock off\*, make like\*, make money, mimeo, mimic, mint, phony\*, phony up\*, pretend, put on\*, sham, simulate, stat, Xerox\*; *CONCEPTS 59,171* —*Ant.* be honest

**countermand** [*v*] *annul, cancel a command* override, recall, repeal, rescind, retract, retreat, reverse, revoke; *CONCEPTS 50,53,88* —*Ant.* allow, approve, permit, sanction

**counterpart** [*n*] *match; identical part or thing* analogue, carbon copy\*, complement, copy, correlate, correlative, correspondent, dead ringer\*, ditto\*, doppelganger, duplicate, equal, equivalent, fellow, like, look alike, mate, obverse, opposite, opposite number, peas in a pod\*, pendant, ringer\*, spit and image\*, spitting image\*, supplement, tally, twin, two of a kind; *CONCEPTS 667,834* —*Ant.* opposite

**countless** [*adj*] *innumerable* bags of\*, endless, gobs\*, heap\*, immeasurable, incalculable, infinite, innumeros, jillion\*, legion, limitless, loads\*, lots of, many, measureless, mess\*, mint\*, mucho\*, multitudinous, myriad, numberless, oodles\*, passel of\*, peck, pile, raft\*, scads\*, slew\*, stack\*, tidy sum, umpteen\*, uncountable, uncounted, untold, wad\*, whole slew\*, zillion\*; *CONCEPTS 762,781* —*Ant.* calculable, countable, counted, limited, measurable, numbered, numerable

**count on/count upon** [*v*] *depend on; rely* aim for, bank on, bargain for, believe, believe in, bet bottom dollar\*, bet on, expect from, heed, lean on, pin faith on, place confidence in, plan on, reckon on, rest on, score, stake on, swear by, tab, take as gospel truth\*, take for granted, take on trust, trust; *CONCEPTS 12,26* —*Ant.* disbelieve, distrust, not expect

**count out** [*v*] *disregard, exclude* bar, bate, debar, eliminate, except, get rid of, leave out, leave out of account, mark off, pass over, rule

out, suspend; CONCEPT 25 —*Ant.* consider, figure on, include, regard

**country** [*adj*] *rural, pastoral* agrarian, agrestic, Arcadian, bucolic, campestrial, countrified, georgic, homey, out-country, outland, provincial, rustic, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined, unsophisticated; CONCEPTS 401,536,589 —*Ant.* city, metropolitan, urban

**country** [*n1*] *political territory; nation* citizenry, citizens, commonwealth, community, constituents, electors, grass roots, homeland, inhabitants, kingdom, land, native land, patria, people, polity, populace, public, realm, region, society, soil, sovereign state, state, terrain, voters; CONCEPTS 379,508,510

**country** [*n2*] *rural area; area away from city* back country, backwoods, boondocks\*, boonies\*, bush, countryside, cow country\*, farmland, farms, forests, green belt\*, hinterland, middle of nowhere\*, outback, outdoors, province, sticks\*, up country\*, wide open space\*, wilderness, wilds, woodlands, woods; CONCEPTS 508,513 —*Ant.* city, metropolis, urbanity

**country mile** [*n*] *long distance* far piece, good way, great distance; CONCEPTS 651,739,790

**countryside** [*n*] *non-city environment* back roads\*, boonies\*, country, environment, landscape, non-urban area, scenery, setting, sticks\*, surroundings, terrain; CONCEPT 508

**county** [*n*] *province or district of area* canton, constituency, division, shire; CONCEPTS 508,513

**coup** [*n*] *achievement, often by maneuver* accomplishment, action, coup de maître, coup d'état, deed, exploit, feat, overthrow, plot, revolution, stratagem, stroke, stroke of genius\*, stunt, successful stroke, tour de force, upset; CONCEPT 706

**coup de grâce** [*n*] *finishing blow* blow, clincher\*, comeuppance, deathblow, defeat, final blow, final stroke, kill, knockout, mercy stroke, mortal blow, quietus; CONCEPTS 95,252

**coup d'état** [*n*] *violent seizure* coup, overthrow, palace revolution, power play\*, putsch\*, rebellion, revolt, revolution, takeover; CONCEPTS 86,90,320

**couple** [*n*] *pair of things* brace, couplet, deuce\*, doublet, duo, dyad, husband and wife, item, newlyweds, set, span, team, twain, twosome, yoke; CONCEPTS 432,766

**couple** [*v*] *join two things* bracket, bring together, buckle, clasp, coalesce, cohabit, come together, conjoin, conjugate, connect, copulate, harness, hitch, hook up, link, marry, match, pair, unite, wed, yoke; CONCEPTS 113,114,297,375 —*Ant.* disconnect, disjoin, divide, separate, unbuckle, uncouple

**coupon** [*n*] *discount ticket* advertisement, box top\*, card, certificate, credit slip, detachable portion, order blank, premium certificate, ration slip, redeemable part, redemption slip, slip, token, voucher; CONCEPT 331

**courage** [*n*] *boldness, braveness* adventur-ousness, adventurousness, audacity, backbone, bravery, bravura, daring, dash, dauntlessness, determination, élan, endurance, enterprise, fearlessness, firmness, fortitude, gallantry, game-ness, grit, guts, hardihood, heroism, intrepidity, lion-heartedness, mettle, nerve, pluck, power,

proWess, pugnacity, rashness, recklessness, resolution, spirit, spunk, stoutheartedness, temerity, tenacity, valor, venturesomeness; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* cowardice, faint-heartedness, fear, meekness, timidity, weakness

**courageous** [*adj*] *brave, bold* adventuresome, adventurous, assured, audacious, cool, dare-devil, daring, dauntless, doughty, fearless, fiery, fire-eating\*, gallant, game, gritty\*, gutsy\*, hardy, heroic, high-spirited, impavid, indomitable, intrepid, lionhearted, martial, nervy, plucky\*, red-blooded\*, resolute, Spartan, stalwart, stand tall\*, stouthearted, strong, tenacious, tough, Trojan\*, unafraid, undaunted, valiant, valorous, venturesome, venturous; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* cowardly, faint-hearted, fearful, fearing, meek, shy, timid, weak

**courier** [*n*] *messenger* bearer, carrier, dispatcher, emissary, envoy, express, go-between, gofer\*, gopher\*, herald, intelligencer, internuncio, runner; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* receiver, sender

**course** [*n1*] *progress, advance* advancement, chain, channels, consecution, continuity, develop-ment, flow, furtherance, line, manner, march, movement, order, plan, policy, polity, procedure, program, progression, red tape\*, row, scheme, sequel, sequence, series, string, succession, system, unfolding, way; CONCEPTS 704,727

**course** [*n2*] *path, channel* aisle, aqueduct, boards, byway, canal, circuit, conduit, direc-tion, duct, flow, groove, itinerary, lap, line, movement, orbit, passage, range, road, route, run, rut, scope, stream, tack, track, trail, trajec-tory, watercourse, way; CONCEPTS 501,514

**course** [*n3*] *length of action* duration, elapsing, lapse, passage, passing, progress, sweep, term, time; CONCEPT 804

**course** [*n4*] *plan of study* class, conference, curriculum, discussion group, interest, labora-tory, lecture, matriculation, meeting, method, period, preparation, procedure, program, regimen, schedule, seminar, session, speciality, subject; CONCEPT 287

**course** [*v*] *flow; run* career, chase, dart, dash, follow, gallop, gush, hasten, hunt, hurry, hustle, pursue, race, rush, scamper, scoot, scurry, speed, spring, stream, surge, tumble; CONCEPTS 150,152

**court** [*n1*] *yard, garden of building* cloister, close, compass, courtyard, curtilage, enclosure, forum, patio, piazza, plaza, quad, quadrangle, square, street; CONCEPTS 509,513

**court** [*n2*] *ruler's attendants* castle, cortege, entourage, hall, lords and ladies, palace, retinue, royal household, staff, suite, train; CONCEPTS 296,348

**court** [*n3*] *judicial system* bar, bench, court of justice, forum, judge, justice, kangaroo court\*, law court, magistrate, seat of judgment, session, tribunal; CONCEPTS 299,318

**court** [*n4*] *building for legal proceedings* bar, bench, city hall, county courthouse, courthouse, courtroom, federal building, hall of justice, justice building, law court, municipal building, tribunal; CONCEPTS 318,439

**court** [*n5*] *wooing* address, attention, homage, love, respects, suit; CONCEPT 32

**court** [*v*] *fawn over, pay attention* to allure, ask in marriage, attract, beseech, bid, bootlick,

captivate, charm, chase, cultivate, curry favor, date, entice, entreat, flatter, follow, gallant, go out with, go steady, go together, go with, grovel, importune, invite, keep company with, make love to, make overture, make time with\*, pander to, pay addresses to, pay court to, please, pop the question\*, praise, propose, pursue, run after\*, seek, seek the hand of, serenade, set one's cap\*, solicit, spark, spoon\*, sue, sweetheart, take out, woo; CONCEPTS 32, 384 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore

**courteous** [*adj*] *gentle, mannerly* affable, attentive, ceremonious, civil, civilized, complaisant, considerate, courtly, cultivated, debonair, elegant, gallant, genteel, gracious, polished, polite, refined, respectful, soft-spoken, suave, thoughtful, urbane, well-behaved, well-bred, well-mannered, well-spoken; CONCEPTS 267, 401 —*Ant.* bad-mannered, discourteous, impolite, rude, uncivil, uncourteous, unmannerly, unrefined

**courtesy** [*n*] *good manners* address, affability, amenities, amiability, attentiveness, ceremony, chivalry, civility, comity, complaisance, consideration, cordiality, courteousness, courtliness, cultivation, culture, deference, elegance, familiarity, favor, friendliness, gallantness, gallantry, generosity, geniality, gentleness, good behavior, good breeding, graciousness, indulgence, kindness, polish, politeness, refinement, respect, reverence, solicitude, suavity, sympathy, tact, thoughtfulness, urbanity; CONCEPTS 633, 644

—*Ant.* bad manners, discourtesy, impoliteness, pompousness, rudeness, unmannerliness

**courtesy** [*n*] *favor, indulgence* accommodation, benevolence, bounty, charity, chivalry, compassion, consent, consideration, dispensation, generosity, kindness, liberality, service, unselfishness; CONCEPTS 337, 388, 633 —*Ant.* discourtesy, disfavor, disregard

**courtly** [*adj*] *refined manner* adulatory, affable, aristocratic, august, ceremonious, chivalrous, civil, civilized, complimentary, conventional, cultured, decorous, dignified, elegant, flattering, formal, gallant, gracious, high-bred, imposing, lofty, obliging, polished, polite, preux, prim, refined, stately, studied, urbane; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* impolite, indecorous, inelegant, low-bred, provincial, rough, uncivil, unpolished, unrefined

**courtship** [*n*] *dating, romance* courting, engagement, keeping company\*, love, lovemaking, pursuit, suit, wooing; CONCEPT 388

**cove** [*n*] *inlet, small niche* anchorage, arm, bay, bayou, bight, cave, cavern, creek, estuary, firch, frith, gulf, harbor, hole, lagoon, nook, retreat, slough, sound, wash; CONCEPT 509

**covenant** [*n*] *pact, promise* agreement, arrangement, bargain, bond, commitment, compact, concordat, contract, convention, deal, deed, dicker\*, handshake\*, papers, stipulation, transaction, treaty, trust; CONCEPT 684 —*Ant.* disagreement

**covenant** [*v*] *agree* bargain, concur, contract, engage, pledge, plight, promise, stipulate, swear, undertake, vow; CONCEPTS 8, 71, 317

—*Ant.* break, disagree

**cove** [*n*] *wrapping, cover-up* awning, bark, binding, camouflage, canopy, canvas, cap, caparison, case, ceiling, cloak, clothing, coating,

covering, coverlet, disguise, dome, dress, drop, envelope, facade, false front\*, fig leaf, front, guise, hood, integument, jacket, lid, marquee, mask, masquerade, overlay, paint, parasol, polish, pretense, put-on\*, roof, screen, seal, semblance, sheath, sheet, shroud, smoke screen\*, spread, stopper, tarp, tarpaulin, tegument, tent, top, umbrella, varnish, veil, veneer, window-dressing, wrapper, wraps; CONCEPTS 484, 750

**cover** [*n*] *hiding place* asylum, camouflage, concealment, covert, defense, drop, front, guard, harbor, harborage, haven, port, protection, refuge, retreat, safety, sanctuary, screen, security, shelter; CONCEPT 198

**cover** [*v*] *wrap, hide* blanket, board up, bury, bush up, cache, camouflage, canopy, cap, carpet, cloak, clothe, coat, conceal, cover up, crown, curtain, daub, disguise, do on the sly\*, dress, eclipse, encase, enclose, enfold, ensconce, enshroud, envelop, hood, house, invest, layer, mantle, mask, obscure, overcast, overlay, overspread, protect, put on, screen, secrete, set on, shade, shield, shroud, stash\*, superimpose, superpose, surface, veil; CONCEPT 172 —*Ant.* lay bare, lay out, reveal, uncover, unwrap

**cover** [*v*] *protect, guard* bulwark, defend, fend, house, reinforce, safeguard, screen, secure, shelter, shield, watch over; CONCEPT 96 —*Ant.* abandon, disregard, forget, ignore, leave alone

**cover** [*v*] *include, contain* be enough, comprehend, comprise, consider, deal with, embody, embrace, encompass, examine, incorporate, involve, meet, provide for, reach, refer to, suffice, survey, take account of; CONCEPT 643 —*Ant.* exclude

**cover** [*v*] *describe in published writing* broadcast, detail, investigate, narrate, recount, relate, report, tell of, write up; CONCEPTS 60, 79 —*Ant.* disregard, forget, ignore

**cover** [*v*] *fill in for, compensate* balance, counterbalance, double for, insure, make good, make up for, offset, relieve, stand in for\*, substitute, take over, take the rap for\*; CONCEPTS 110, 126

**cover** [*v*] *travel across area* cross, do, journey over, pass over, pass through, range, track, traverse, trek; CONCEPT 224

**covert** [*adj*] *clandestine, underhanded* buried, camouflaged, cloaked, concealed, disguised, dissembled, furtive, hidden, hush-hush\*, incog\*, incognito, masked, obscured, private, privy, QT\*, secret, shrouded, stealthy, sub rosa, surreptitious, ulterior, undercover, underhand, under-the-table\*, under wraps\*, unsuspected, veiled; CONCEPTS 544, 548 —*Ant.* aboveboard, candid, frank, honest, open, overt, public, unconcealed

**covertly** [*adv*] *clandestine, underhandedly* by stealth, clandestinely, furtively, hush-hush\*, in camera, in holes and corners\*, on the QT\*, on the quiet, on the sly, privately, secretly, slyly, stealthily, sub rosa, surreptitiously, undercover, under wraps\*, wildcat\*; CONCEPTS 544, 548 —*Ant.* candidly, frankly, honestly, openly, overtly, publicly

**cover-up** [*n*] *concealment* burial\*, camouflage, closeting, complicity, conspiracy, disguising, dissimulation, evasion, front, masking, pretense, smoke-screen, whitewash; CONCEPT 188

**covet** [*v*] *desire strongly* aspire to, begrudge, choose, crave, desiderate, envy, fancy, hanker



for\*, have eye on\*, have hots for\*, itch for\*, long for, lust after, spoil for, thirst for, want, wish for, yearn for, yen for\*; CONCEPT 20 —**Ant.** abjure, be generous, give, not want

**covetous** [adj] *greedy; very desirous* acquisitive, avaricious, avid, close-fisted, eager, ensurient, envious, gluttonous, grabby, grasping, green-eyed\*, grudging, hogging, itchy\*, jealous, keen, mercenary, piggish\*, prehensile, rapacious, ravenous, selfish, swinish\*, voracious, yearning; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** benevolent, generous, giving

**cow** [v] *browbeat, intimidate* abash, appall, awe, bludgeon, bluster, buffalo, bulldoze, bully, daunt, discomfit, disconcert, dishearten, dismay, dragoon, embarrass, enforce, faze, frighten, hector, lean on\*, overawe, push around\*, rattle, scare, showboat\*, strong-arm\*, subdue, terrorize, turn on the heat\*, unnerve, walk heavy\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,52 —**Ant.** encourage, hearten, inspire

**coward** [n] *person who is scared, easily intimidated* alarmist, baby\*, caitiff, chicken\*, chicken heart\*, chicken liver\*, craven, crn, dastard, deserter, faintheart, faint-of-heart, fraidy-cat\*, funk, gutless\*, invertebrate\*, jellyfish\*, lily liver, malingering, mouse\*, pessimist, poltroon, quitter, rabbit\*, recreate, scaredy cat\*, shirk, shirker, skulker, sneak, weakling, white liver\*, wimp\*, yellow\*, yellow belly\*; CONCEPT 423 —**Ant.** aggressor, hero

**cowardice** [n] *timidity* cold feet\*, faintheartedness, fear, fearfulness, funk, gutlessness, mouseiness, pusillanimity, wimpiness; CONCEPT 27

**cowardly** [adj] *fearful* afraid, anxious, apprehensive, backward, base, caitiff, chicken-hearted, cowering, cowhearted, craven, dastardly, diffident, dismayed, fainthearted, frightened, gutless, having the willies\*, jittery, lacking courage, lily-livered\*, nervous, no guts, panicky, paper tiger\*, pigeonhearted\*, pusillanimous, recreate, retiring, running scared, scared, shrinking, shy, soft\*, spineless\*, timid, timorous, weak, weak-kneed\*, worthless, yellow\*, yellow-bellied\*; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** bold, brave, courageous, daring, dauntless, unafraid, undaunted, unfeared

**cowboy** [n] *mounted cattle hand* bronco, bronco-buster, buckaroo, cattle herder, cattleman, cowhand, cowpoke, cowpuncher, drover, gaucho, herdsman, rancher, stockman, vaquero, wrangler; CONCEPT 258

**cower** [v] *hide, hover in fear* apple-polish\*, blench, bootlick\*, brownnose\*, cringe, crouch, draw back, fawn, flinch, grovel, honey\*, kowtow\*, quail\*, recoil, shrink, skulk, sneak, toady\*, tremble, truckle, wince; CONCEPTS 188,384 —**Ant.** come out

**coy** [adj] *very modest* backward, bashful, blushing, coquettish, demure, diffident, evasive, flirtatious, humble, kittenish, overmodest, prudish, rabbitry, reserved, retiring, self-effacing, shrinking, shy, skittish, timid, unassertive; CONCEPTS 401,404 —**Ant.** aggressive, forward, immodest, impudent, unshy

**cozy** [adj] *comforting, soft, warm* comfortable, comfy, cuddled up, cushy, easeful, in clover, intimate, in velvet\*, on bed of roses\*, restful, safe, secure, sheltered, snug, snug as bug in

rug\*, snuggled down, tucked up; CONCEPTS 485,605,606 —**Ant.** uncomfortable

**crabby/crabbed** [adj] *in a bad mood* acid, acrid, acrimonious, awkward, bad-tempered, blunt, brusque, captious, choleric, churlish, cranky\*, cross, crotchety, crusty\*, cynical, difficult, dour, fretful, gloomy, glum, grouchy\*, harsh, huffy, ill-humored, ill-tempered, irascible, irritable, misanthropic, morose, nasty-tempered, peevish, perverse, petulant, prickly, saturnine, snappish, snappy, sour, splenetic, sulky, sullen, surly, tart, testy, tough, trying, unsociable; CONCEPTS 401,403 —**Ant.** happy

**crack** [adj] *super, first-rate* able, ace, adept, best, capital, choice, crackerjack\*, deluxe, elite, excellent, expert, first-class, handpicked, pro\*, proficient, skilled, skillful, superior, talented; CONCEPTS 528,542,574 —**Ant.** bad, inferior, poor

**crack** [n1] *break, crevice* breach, chink, chip, cleft, cranny, crevasse, cut, discontinuity, division, fissure, fracture, gap, hole, interstice, interval, rent, rift, rima, rimation, rime, split; CONCEPTS 469,513

**crack** [n2] *loud sound, usually from hitting* bang, bash, belt, blast, blow, boom, buffet, burst, clap, clip, clout, crash, cuff, explosion, go, noise, pop, report, shot, slam, slap, smack, smash, snap, splintering, splitting, stab, stroke, thump, thwack, wallop, whack, wham; CONCEPTS 189,595

**crack** [n3] *attempt to do something* fling, go, opportunity, pop, shot, stab, try, whack, whirl; CONCEPT 87

**crack** [n4] *joke* dig, funny remark, gag, insult, jest, jibe, quip, remark, return, smart remark, wisecrack, witticism; CONCEPT 273

**crack** [v1] *break, usually into parts* burst, chip, chop, cleave, crackle, crash, damage, detonate, explode, fracture, hurt, impair, injure, pop, ring, rive, sever, shiver, snap, splinter, split; CONCEPT 248 —**Ant.** fix, mend

**crack** [v2] *lose self-control* become deranged, become insane, blow one's mind\*, blow up, break down, bug out\*, collapse, flip\*, give way\*, go bonkers\*, go crazy, go to pieces\*, lose it\*, succumb, yield; CONCEPT 13 —**Ant.** be calm, compose

**crack** [v3] *hit very hard* bash, buffet, clip, clout, cuff, slap, thump, thunder, wallop, whack; CONCEPT 189

**crack** [v4] *discover meaning, answer* break, cryptanalyze, decipher, decode, decrypt, fathom, figure out, get answer, solve, work out; CONCEPTS 37,38 —**Ant.** misunderstand

**crackdown** [n] *restraint* clampdown, crush, end, repression, stop, strike, suppression; CONCEPTS 240,832

**cracker** [n] *hard, often salted, baked wafer* biscuit, bun, cookie, hardtack, pretzel, rusk, saltine; CONCEPT 457

**crack up** [v] *break down mentally* become demented, become psychotic, blow a fuse\*, collapse, come apart at seams\*, decline, derange, deteriorate, fail, flip out\*, freak out\*, go bonkers\*, go crazy, go nuts, go off deep end\*, go off rocker\*, go out of mind\*, go to pieces\*, have breakdown, schizz out\*, sicken; CONCEPT 13 —**Ant.** be calm

**cradle** [n1] *small bed for baby* baby bed, bassinet, cot, crib, hamper, Moses basket, pannier, trundle bed; CONCEPT 443

**cradle** [n2] *early childhood; origins* babyhood, beginning, birthplace, fount, fountain, fountain-head, infancy, nativity, nursery, origin, source, spring, ultimate cause, wellspring; CONCEPTS 648,817

**cradle** [v] *hold in arms; nurture* lull, nestle, nourish, nurse, rock, support, tend, watch over; CONCEPTS 190,295

**craft** [n1] *expertise, skill* ability, adeptness, adroitness, aptitude, art, artistry, cleverness, competence, cunning, dexterity, expertness, ingenuity, knack, know-how\*, proficiency, technique; CONCEPTS 409,706

**craft** [n2] *deceit, scheme* art, artfulness, artifice, cageyness, canniness, contrivance, craftiness, cunning, disingenuity, duplicity, foxiness, guile, ruse, shrewdness, slyness, stratagem, strategy, subterfuge, subtlety, trickery, wiles, wiliness; CONCEPTS 645,660 —*Ant.* honesty, openness

**craft** [n3] *business, discipline* art, calling, career, employment, handicraft, line, métier, occupation, profession, pursuit, trade, vocation, work; CONCEPT 360 —*Ant.* avocation, entertainment, recreation

**craft** [n4] *water or air vehicle* aircraft, airplane, air ship, barge, blimp, boat, bottom, plane, ship, shipping, spacecraft, vessel, watercraft, zep-pelin; CONCEPTS 504,506

**craftsperson** [n] *person skilled in art* artificer, artisan, journey-person, machinist, maker, manufacturer, mechanic, skilled worker, smith, specialist, technician, wright; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* bumbler, unskilled

**crafty** [adj] *clever, scheming* adroit, artful, astute, cagey, calculating, canny, crazy like fox\*, cunning, deceitful, deep, designing, devious, disingenuous, duplicitous, foxy\*, fraudulent, guileful, insidious, intelligent, keen, knowing, sharp, shrewd, slick, slippery\*, sly, smart, smooth, street smart\*, streetwise\*, subtle, tricky, vulpine, wily; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* honest, naive, unclever

**craggy** [adj] *jagged* asperous, broken, cragged, harsh, precipitous, rock-bound, rocky, rough, rugged, scabrous, scraggy, stony, uneven, unlevel, unsmooth; CONCEPTS 490,606 —*Ant.* flat, smooth

**cram** [v1] *fill to overflowing; compress* charge, chock, choke, compact, crowd, crush, devour, drive, force, gobble, gorge, guzzle, heap, ingurgitate, jam, jam-pack\*, load, overcrowd, overeat, overflow, pack, pack 'em in\*, pack in, pack it in\*, pack like sardines\*, press, ram, sardine\*, satiate, shove, slop, slosh, squash, squeeze, stive, stuff, tamp\*, thrust, wedge, wolf\*; CONCEPTS 208,740 —*Ant.* let out, open, release

**cram** [v2] *study intensely* bum midnight oil\*, heavy booking\*, hit the books\*, megabook\*, mug up\*, read, review, revise; CONCEPT 17

**cramp** [n] *muscle spasm* ache, charley horse\*, circumscription, confinement, constipation, contraction, convulsion, crick, hindrance, impediment, kink, obstruction, pain, pang, restriction, shooting pain, stiffness, stitch, stricture, twinge; CONCEPTS 308,728

**cramp** [v] *hinder, restrain* bottle up\*, box up\*, check, circumscribe, clamp, clasp, clog, confine, constrain, coop up\*, encumber, fasten, grip, hamper, hamstring, handicap, impede, inhibit, limit, object, obstruct, restrict, shackle, stymie, thwart; CONCEPTS 130,191 —*Ant.* allow, let go, release

**cramped** [adj] *congested, overcrowded* awkward, circumscribed, close, closed in, confined, crabbed, crowded, hemmed in\*, illegible, incommodious, indecipherable, irregular, jammed in, little, minute, narrow, packed, pent, restricted, small, squeezed, tight, tiny, tucked up, two-by-four\*, uncomfortable; CONCEPTS 483,773 —*Ant.* free, open, uncongested, uncramped, uncrowded, uninhibited, unobstructed

**cranky** [adj] *in bad mood* bad-humored, bearish, cantankerous, choleric, crabby, cross, crotchety, cussed, disagreeable, got up on wrong side of bed\*, grouchy, grumpy, hot-tempered, ill-humored, irascible, irritable, like a bear\*, mean, ornery\*, out of sorts, perverse, quick-tempered, ratty, snappish, tetchy, ugly, vinegary; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* amiable, cheerful, happy

**cranny** [n] *nook, opening* breach, byplace, chink, cleft, crack, crevice, fissure, gap, hole, interstice, niche; CONCEPTS 440,513

**crappy** [adj] *poor* cheap, inferior, junky, lousy, shoddy, sub-par, trashy, useless, worthless; CONCEPT 571

**crapshoot** [n] *big chance* iffy proposition, risk, risky business, shot in the dark\*, spin of the roulette wheel\*; CONCEPTS 675,693

**crash** [n1/v1] *bang; banging sound* blast, boom, burst, clang, clap, clash, clatter, clattering, crack, din, peal, racket, slam, smash, smashing, sound, thunder, thunderclap, wham; CONCEPTS 65,521,595

**crash** [n2] *collision, accidental hitting* accident, bump, collapse, concussion, crack-up\*, crunch, debacle, ditch, fender bender\*, fender tag\*, impact, jar, jolt, percussion, pileup, ram, rear-ender\*, shock, sideswipe, smash, smashup\*, splashdown\*, stack-up\*, thud\*, thump\*, total\*, washout\*, wreck; CONCEPT 189

**crash** [n3] *computer system failure* abend, head crash, program crash, program error, program failure, system crash, system error; CONCEPTS 699,706

**crash** [v2] *break into pieces* bang into, crack up, crunch, dash, disintegrate, fracture, fragment, pile up, shatter, shiver, sideswipe, smash, smash up, splinter, total\*, wrack up\*; CONCEPT 248

**crash** [v3] *fall* bite the dust\*, bump, collapse, collide, crash-land, ditch, dive, drive into, drop, fall flat\*, fall headlong, fall prostrate, give way, go in\*, hurtle, lurch, meet, overbalance, overturn, pancake\*, pitch, plough into\*, plunge, prang, slip, smash, splash down, sprawl, topple, tumble, upset, washout\*; CONCEPT 181

**crass** [adj] *coarse, insensitive* asinine, blundering, boorish, bovine, churlish, dense, doltish, gross, indelicate, inelegant, loutish, lowbrow, lumpish, oafish, obtuse, Philistine, raw, rough, rude, stupid, uncouth, unrefined, vulgar, witless; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* careful, delicate, kind, nice, refined, sensitive, tactful

**crate** [n] *wooden container* box, cage, carton, case, chest, package; CONCEPT 494

**crave** [*v*1] *desire intensely* ache for, covet, cry out for, die for\*, dream, eat one's heart out\*, fancy, give eyeteeth for\*, hunger for\*, itch for\*, long for, lust after, need, pine for\*, require, sigh for, spoil for, suspire, thirst for\*, want, yearn for, yen for\*; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* abjure, dislike, hate, not want, spurn

**crave** [*v*2] *beg ask, beseech, call for, demand, entreat, implore, necessitate, petition, plead for, pray for, require, seek, solicit, supplicate, take;* CONCEPTS 48,53 —*Ant.* not want

**craven** [*adj*] *weak, timid* chicken\*, cowardly, dastardly, fearful, gutless, lily-livered\*, mean-spirited, poltroonish, pusillanimous, scared, timorous, weak-kneed\*, wimpish\*, wimpy\*, wussy\*, yellow\*, yellow-bellied\*; CONCEPTS 401,550 —*Ant.* bold, brave, courageous, heroic, strong

**craven** [*n*] *timid person* catiff, chicken\*, coward, dastard, fraidy cat\*, nebbish, poltroon, quitter, recreant, scaredy cat\*, weakling, wheyface, wimp\*, wuss\*, yellow belly\*; CONCEPT 423

**craving** [*n*] *strong desire* appetite, appetition, hankering, hunger, hurting, itch\*, longing, lust, munchies\*, need, passion, thirst, urge, yearning, yen\*; CONCEPTS 20,709 —*Ant.* dislike, distaste, hate, indifference

**crawl** [*v*1] *move very slowly* clamber, creep, drag, drag oneself along, go on all fours, go on belly, grovel, hang back, inch, lag, loiter along, lollygag\*, move at snail's pace\*, move on hands and knees, plod, poke, pull oneself along, scrabble, slide, slither, squirm, worm, wriggle, writhe; CONCEPT 151

**crawl** [*v*2] *humble oneself* abase oneself, apple-polish\*, brownnose\*, cringe, fawn, grovel, toady, truckle; CONCEPTS 35,48

**craze** [*n*] *fad, strong interest* chic, cry, enthusiasm, fashion, fever, furor, infatuation, in thing\*, kick\*, mania, mode, monomania, newest wrinkle\*, novelty, passion, preoccupation, rage, the last word\*, the latest thing\*, trend, vogue, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 532,690

**craze** [*v*] *make insane* bewilder, confuse, demerit, derange, distemper, distract, drive mad, enrage, frenzy, infatuate, inflame, madden, unbalance, unhinge; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* balance, clear up, steady

**crazed** [*adj*] *insane* berserk, certifiable, crazy, demented, deranged, frenzied, hysterical, lunatic, mad, maniac, manic, mental\*, out of one's mind, psychopathic, raving; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* sane

**crazy** [*adj*1] *mentally strange* ape, barmy, batty, berserk, bonkers\*, cracked, crazed, cuckoo, daft, delirious, demented, deranged, dingy\*, dippy\*, erratic, flaky, flipped\*, flipped out\*, freaked out\*, fruity\*, idiotic, insane, kooky, lunatic, mad, maniacal, mental\*, moonstruck\*, nuts, nutty, nutty as fruitcake\*, of unsound mind, out of one's mind, out of one's tree\*, out to lunch\*, potty\*, psycho\*, round the bend\*, schizo\*, screwball\*, screw loose\*, screwy\*, silly, touched\*, unbalanced, unglued\*, unhinged\*, unzipped\*, wacky; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* balanced, realistic, reasonable, responsible, sane, sensible, smart

**crazy** [*adj*2] *unrealistic, fantastic* absurd, balmy, beyond all reason, bizarre, cockeyed, derisory,

eccentric, fatuous, foolhardy, foolish, goofy\*, half-baked\*, harebrained\*, idiotic, ill-conceived, impracticable, imprudent, inane, inappropriate, insane, irresponsible, loony, ludicrous, nonsensical, odd, out of all reason, outrageous, peculiar, preposterous, puerile, quixotic, ridiculous, senseless, short-sighted, silly, strange, unworkable, weird, wild; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* believable, realistic, reasonable, sensible

**crazy** [*adj*3] *infatuated, in love* ardent, beside oneself\*, devoted, eager, enamored, fanatical, hysterical, keen, mad, passionate, smitten, wild, zealous; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**creak** [*v*] *grind, grate with high noise* chirr, crepitate, groan, rasp, scrape, scratch, screech, sound, squeak, squeal; CONCEPTS 65,186,215

**cream** [*n*1] *lotion, oil* cerate, cream, cosmetic, demulcent, emulsion, essence, jelly, liniment, moisturizer, ointment, paste, salve, unction, unguent; CONCEPTS 466,467,468

**cream** [*n*2] *the best choice, crème de la crème\**, elite, fat, favorite, finest, flower, pick, pride, prime\*, prize, skim\*, top; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* worst

**creamy** [*adj*] *smooth, buttery* creamed, feathery, fluffy, gloppy\*, gooey, gooky\*, goopy\*, greasy, gunky, luscious, lush, milky, oily, rich, soft, velvety; CONCEPT 606

**crease** [*n*] *fold, wrinkle* bend, bulge, cockle, corrugation, furrow, groove, line, overlap, pleat, plica, pucker, ridge, rimple, rivel, ruck, rugosity, tuck; CONCEPTS 452,757

**crease** [*v*] *fold, rump* bend, cockle, corrugate, crimp, crinkle, crumple, dog-ear\*, double up, plait, pleat, pucker, purse, ridge, ruck up, screw up\*, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 158,219

**create** [*v*] *develop in mind or physically* actualize, author, beget, bring into being, bring into existence, bring to pass, build, cause to be, coin, compose, conceive, concoct, constitute, construct, contrive, design, devise, discover, dream up, effect, erect, establish, fabricate, fashion, father, forge, form, formulate, found, generate, give birth to, give life to, hatch, imagine, initiate, institute, invent, invest, make, occasion, organize, originate, parent, perform, plan, procreate, produce, rear, set up, shape, sire, spawn, start; CONCEPTS 173,239,251 —*Ant.* destroy, ruin

**creation** [*n*1] *development of entity* conception, constitution, establishment, formation, formulation, foundation, generation, genesis, imagination, inception, institution, laying down, making, nascency, nativity, origination, procreation, production, setting up, siring; CONCEPT 173 —*Ant.* destruction, ruin

**creation** [*n*2] *all living things* cosmos, life, living world, macrocosm, macrocosmos, megacosm, nature, totality, universe, world; CONCEPTS 389,429 —*Ant.* death

**creation** [*n*3] *invention, concoction* achievement, brainchild, chef-d'oeuvre, concept, handiwork, magnum opus, opus, piece, pièce de résistance, production, work, work of genius; CONCEPTS 259,260

**creative** [*adj*] *artistic, imaginative* clever, cool\*, demiurgic, deviceful, fertile, formative, gifted, hip\*, ingenious, innovational, innovative,

innovatory, inspired, inventive, leading-edge\*, original, originaive, productive, prolific, stimulating, visionary, way out\*; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* uncreative, ungifted, unimaginative, uninspired, unproductive, untalented

**creativity** [*n*] *artistry* cleverness, genius, imagination, imaginativeness, ingenuity, inspiration, inventiveness, originality, resourcefulness, talent, vision; CONCEPTS 409,410

**creator** [*n*] *inventor*; *God* architect, author, begetter, brain, deity, designer, founder, framer, generator, initiator, maker, originator, prime mover, producer, sire; CONCEPTS 348,352,361 —*Ant.* destroyer, destructor

**creature** [*n*] *being, beast* animal, body, brute, creation, critter\*, fellow, individual, living being, living thing, lower animal, man, mortal, party, person, personage, quadruped, soul, varmint\*, woman; CONCEPT 389 —*Ant.* abstract, inanimate

**credence** [*n*] *trust, acceptance* accepting, admission, admitting, assurance, belief, certainty, confidence, credit, dependence, faith, reliance, stock, store; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* distrust, faithlessness

**credentials** [*n*] *references, attestation* accreditation, authorization, card, certificate, character, deed, diploma, docket, document, documentation, endorsement, letter of credence, letter of introduction, license, missive, papers, passport, proof, recommendation, sanction, testament, testimonial, title, token, voucher, warrant; CONCEPTS 271,685

**credibility** [*n*] *believableness* believability, chance, integrity, likelihood, plausibility, possibility, probability, prospect, reliability, satisfactoriness, solidity, soundness, soundness, tenability, trustworthiness, validity; CONCEPTS 650,725 —*Ant.* implausibility, improbability, unreasonableness

**credible** [*adj*] *believable* aboveboard, colorable, conceivable, conclusive, creditable, dependable, determinative, honest, honest to God\*, imaginable, likely, plausible, possible, probable, probably, rational, reasonable, reliable, satisfactory, satisfying, seeming, sincere, solid, sound, straight, supposable, tenable, thinkable, trustworthy, trusty, up front\*, valid; CONCEPTS 552,582 —*Ant.* implausible, impossible, improbable, inconceivable, incredible, unbelievable, unimaginable, unlikely, untenable

**credit** [*n1*] *recognition; trust* acclaim, acknowledgment, approval, attention, belief, Brownie points\*, commendation, confidence, credence, distinction, faith, fame, glory, honor, kudos\*, merit, notice, pat on the back\*, points\*, praise, reliance, strokes\*, thanks, tribute; CONCEPTS 69,410 —*Ant.* disacknowledgement, disapproval, disbelief, disclaimer, discredit, dishonor, disregard, disrespect

**credit** [*n2*] *reputation, status* authority, character, clout, esteem, estimation, fame, good name, influence, position, prestige, regard, renown, repute, standing, weight; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* discredit, disrespect, ill repute

**credit** [*n3*] *deferred payment arrangement*; *assets* balance, bond, capital outlay, continuance, debenture, extension, installment buying, installment plan, lien, loan, mortgage, on

account, on the arm\*, on the cuff\*, plastic\*, respite, securities, stock, surplus cash, tab, trust, wealth; CONCEPT 335 —*Ant.* cash

**credit** [*v1*] *believe, depend* on accept, bank on, buy, consider, deem, fall for\*, feel, hand it to one, have faith in, hold, pat on back, rely on, sense, swallow\*, take as gospel truth\*, take stock in\*, think, trust; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* disbelieve, mistrust, not buy, not subscribe

**credit** [*v2*] *accredit, assign* to ascribe to, attribute to, chalk up to, charge to, defer, impute, lay, refer; CONCEPT 18 —*Ant.* discredit, renege

**creditable** [*adj*] *praiseworthy* admirable, batting a thousand\*, believeable, commendable, decent, deserving, estimable, excellent, exemplary, honest, honorable, laudable, meritorious, nasty\*, not too shabby\*, organic, palmary, reputable, reputed, respectable, salt of the earth\*, satisfactory, suitable, well-thought-of, worthy; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* disrespected, unworthy

**credulous** [*adj*] *gullible, naive* accepting, believing, born yesterday\*, dupable, easy mark\*, falling for\*, green, overtrusting, simple, swallow whole, taken in, trustful, trusting, uncritical, unquestioning, unsophisticated, unsuspecting, unsuspecting, unwary; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* skeptical, suspecting, suspicious, untrusting

**creed** [*n*] *belief, principles* articles of faith, canon, catechism, church, confession, conviction, cult, doctrine, dogma, faith, ideology, persuasion, profession, religion, tenet, weltanschauung; CONCEPTS 688,689

**creek** [*n*] *stream of water* brook, brooklet, burn, crick, ditch, race, rill, rindler, river, rivulet, run, runnel, spring, streamlet, tributary, watercourse; CONCEPT 514

**creep** [*v*] *crawl along, usually on ground* approach unnoticed, crawl on all fours, edge, glide, grovel, gumshoe\*, inch, insinuate, lurk, pussyfoot, scabble, scramble, skulk, slink, slither, snake\*, sneak, squirm, steal, tiptoe, worm, wriggle, writhe; CONCEPT 151

**creepy** [*adj*] *nasty, scary* awful, direful, disgusting, disturbing, dreadful, eerie, frightening, ghoulish, gruesome, hair-raising, horrible, itching, itchy, macabre, menacing, nightmarish, ominous, shuddersome, sinister, terrifying, threatening, unpleasant, weird; CONCEPT 570 —*Ant.* good, nice, normal, pleasant, pleasing, unscary

**crecendo** [*n*] *increase to climax* apex, ascension, building, climb, crest, critical mass, culmination, elevation, escalation, intensification, peak, pinnacle, rise, summit, surge, upsurge, zenith; CONCEPT 836

**crecent** [*adj*] *sickle-shaped* bowed, bow-shaped, concave, convex, crescentic, crescentiform, curved, falcate, semicircular; CONCEPT 486

**crecent** [*n*] *sickle-shaped object* bow, concave figure, convex figure, crescentoid, curve, demilune, half-moon, horned moon, lune, meniscus, new moon, old moon, sickle; CONCEPT 436

**crest** [*n1*] *highest point* acme, apex, apogee, climax, crescendo, crown, culmination, fastigium, head, height, noon, peak, pinnacle, ridge, roof, summit, top, vertex; CONCEPT 836 —*Ant.* bottom, nadir

**crest** [n2] *emblem, symbol* badge, bearings, charge, device, insignia; CONCEPT 284

**crest** [n3] *topknot on head of animal* aigrette, caruncle, chine, cockscomb, comb, crown, feather, hogback, mane, panache, plume, ridge, tassel, tuft; CONCEPT 399

**crestfallen** [adj] *disappointed* ass in a sling\*, blue, cast down, chapfallen, dejected, depressed, despondent, disconsolate, discouraged, disheartened, dispirited, down, downcast, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, in a funk\*, inconsolable, low, sad, singing the blues\*, taken down\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheered, elated, encouraged, excited, happy, hearty, inspired

**cretin** [n] *obnoxious stupid person* creep, fool, idiot, imbecile, loser, moron; CONCEPTS 350,423

**crevice/crevasse** [n] *crack, gap* abyss, chasm, chink, cleft, crack, cranny, cut, division, fissure, fracture, hole, interstice, opening, precipice, rent, rift, slit, split; CONCEPTS 509,513

**crew** [n] *group working together* aggregation, assemblage, band, bevy, bunch, cluster, collection, company, complement, congregation, corps, covey, crowd, faction, gang, hands, herd, horde, lot, mob, organization, pack, party, posse, retinue, sailors, sect, set, squad, swarm, team, troop, troupe, workers, working party; CONCEPTS 381,417

**crib** [n] *baby bed* bassinet, bin\*, box\*, bunk, cot, cradle, manger, Moses basket\*, rack\*, stall\*, trundle bed; CONCEPT 443

**crick** [n] *muscle spasm* ache, charley horse\*, convulsion, cramp, jarring, kink, pain, stitch, twinge, wrench; CONCEPTS 308,728

**crime** [n] *offense against the law* abomination, antisocial behavior, atrocity, breach, break, caper, case, corruption, criminality, delict, delictum, delinquency, depravity, dereliction, enormity, evil, evil behavior, fast one\*, fault, felony, hit, illegality, immorality, infraction, infringement, iniquity, job, lawlessness, malefaction, malfeasance, misconduct, misdeed, misdemeanor, mortal sin, outrage, racket, scandal, sneak, tort, transgression, trespass, unlawful act, vice, villainy, violation, wickedness, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPT 192 —*Ant.* good deed, kindness

**criminal** [adj] *lawless, felonious* bent, caught, corrupt, crooked, culpable, deplorable, dirty, heavy, hung up\*, illegal, illegitimate, illicit, immoral, indictable, iniquitous, nefarious, off base\*, out of line\*, peccant, racket, scandalous, senseless, shady\*, smoking gun\*, unlawful, unrighteous, vicious, villainous, wicked, wildcat\*, wrong; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* correct, lawful, legal, moral, right, righteous

**criminal** [n] *person who breaks the law* bad actor\*, blackmailer, black marketeer, con, convict, crook, culprit, delinquent, desperado, deuce, evildoer, ex-con, felon, fugitive, gangster, guerilla, heavy\*, hood\*, hoodlum, hooligan\*, hustler, inside person\*, jailbird, lawbreaker, malefactor, mobster, mug, muscle\*, offender, outlaw, racketeer, repeater, scofflaw, sinner, slippery cel\*, thug\*, transgressor, trespasser, wrongdoer, yardbird\*; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* law, police

**crimp** [v] *fold or curl* coil, crease, crimple, crinkle, crisp, crumple, flow, frizz, pleat,

rimple, ruck, screw, scrunch, set, swirl, undulate, wave, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 137,213,250

—*Ant.* straighten

**cringe** [v] *flinch, recoil from danger* blench, cower, crawl, crouch, dodge, draw back, duck, eat dirt, grovel, kneel, quail, quiver, shrink, shy, start, stoop, tremble, wince; CONCEPTS 188,195 —*Ant.* come forward

**crinkle** [v] *crumple, ruffle* cockle, coil, crackle, crease, crimp, crimple, curl, fold, hiss, pucker, ruck, rumple, rustle, scallop, screw, scrunch, seam, swish, twist, whisper, wind, wreath, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 65,137,213,250 —*Ant.* straighten

**cripple** [v1] *disable; make lame* attenuate, blunt, debilitate, disarm, dislimb, dismember, enfeeble, hamstring\*, hurt, immobilize, incapacitate, injure, lame, maim, mangle, mutilate, palsy, paralyze, prostrate, sap, sideline\*, stifle, undermine, unstrengthen, weaken; CONCEPT 246 —*Ant.* aid, assist, enable, help, strengthen, support

**cripple** [v2] *hinder action, progress* bring to standstill, cramp, damage, destroy, halt, hamstring\*, impair, put out of action\*, ruin, spoil, stifle, vitiate; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* aid, allow, assist, capacitate, encourage, help

**crippled** [adj] *disabled* bedridden, broken, damaged, defective, deformed, enfeebled, game, gimp\*, halt, hamstring\*, handicapped, harmed, hog-tied\*, housebound, impaired, incapacitated, laid up\*, lame, maimed, mangled, marred, mutilated, out of commission\*, paralyzed, sidelined\*; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* healthy, walking

**crisis** [n] *critical situation* big trouble\*, catastrophe, change, climacteric, climax, confrontation, contingency, corner, crossroad, crunch\*, crux, culmination, deadlock, dilemma, dire straits\*, disaster, embarrassment, emergency, entanglement, exigency, extremity, height, hot potato\*, hour of decision\*, imbroglio, impasse, juncture, mess, moment of truth\*, necessity, pass, perplexity, pickle\*, pinch\*, plight, point of no return\*, predicament, pressure, puzzle, quandary, situation, stew, strait, trauma, trial, trouble, turning point, urgency; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**crisp** [adj1] *brittle, dry* crispy, crumbly, crunchy, crusty, firm, fresh, friable, green, plump, ripe, short, unsofted; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* flexible, limp, soft

**crisp** [adj2] *fresh, chilly* bracing, brisk, clear, cloudless, invigorating, refreshing, stimulating; CONCEPTS 525,605 —*Ant.* temperate, warm

**crisp** [adj3] *short, curt in presentation* abrupt, biting, brief, brusque, clear, clear-cut, cutting, incisive, penetrating, piquing, pithy, provoking, stimulating, succinct, tart, terse; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* lengthy, long

**crisp** [adj4] *smart, snappy in appearance* clean-cut, neat, orderly, spruce, tidy, well-groomed, well-pressed; CONCEPT 579 —*Ant.* ruffled, rumpled

**criterion** [n] *test, gauge for judgment* archetype, basis, benchmark, canon, example, exemplar, fact, foundation, law, measure, model, norm, opinion, original, paradigm, pattern, point of comparison, precedent, principle, proof, prototype, rule, scale, standard, touchstone,

yardstick; CONCEPTS 290,688 —*Ant.* change, conjecture, fancy, guess, possibility, probability

**critic** [*n*] *analyst, interpreter* analyzer, annotator, arbiter, authority, caricaturist, cartoonist, commentator, connoisseur, diagnostic, evaluator, expert, expositor, judge, pundit, reviewer, sharpshooter; CONCEPT 348

**critic** [*n2*] *faultfinder, detractor* aristarch, attacker, backseat driver\*, belittler, blamer, carper, caviler, censor, censurer, complainant, complainer, defamer, disapprover, disparager, dispenser, doubter, fretter, hypercritic, maligner, muckraker, mud-slinger\*, nagger\*, nit-picker\*, panner\*, quibbler, reviler, scolder, sidewalk superintendent\*, slanderer, vilifier, worrier, zipper\*; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* complimenter, praiser

**critical** [*adj1*] *fault-finding, detracting* analytical, belittling, biting, calumnatory, captious, carping, caviling, cavillous, censorious, censuring, choleric, condemning, critic, cutting, cynical, demanding, demeaning, derogatory, diagnostic, disapproving, discerning, discriminating, disparaging, exacting, expective, finicky, fussy, hairsplitting, humbling, hypercritical, lowering, nagging, niggling, nit-picking\*, overcritical, particular, penetrating, reproachful, sarcastic, satirical, scolding, severe, sharp, trenchant, withering; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* complimentary, laudatory, praising

**critical** [*adj2*] *urgently important* acute, all-important, climactic, conclusive, consequential, crucial, dangerous, deciding, decisive, desperate, determinative, dire, expective, grave, hairy\*, hazardous, high-priority, integral, momentous, perilous, pivotal, precarious, pressing, risky, serious, significant, strategic, urgent, vital, weighty; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* trivial, uncritical, unimportant

**critical mass** [*n*] *crisis point* critical point, critical stage, crossroads\*, crunch time, do or die time\*, high noon\*, irreversible momentum, moment of truth, point of no return, sink or swim time\*, the Rubicon, turning point; CONCEPT 674

**criticism** [*n1*] *interpretation, analysis* appraisal, appreciation, assessment, comment, commentary, critique, elucidation, essay, estimate, evaluation, examination, exposition, judgment, notice, observation, opinion, pan\*, rating, rave\*, review, reviewal, scorcher, sideswipe\*, sleighride\*, study, write-up; CONCEPTS 271,277, 278 —*Ant.* estimation, guess, supposition

**criticism** [*n2*] *verbal disapproval* animadversion, aspersion, bad press\*, blast, brickbats, Bronx cheer\*, call down\*, carping, cavil, caviling, censure, critical remarks, cut\*, denunciation, disparagement, faultfinding, flak\*, hit\*, knock\*, nit-picking, objection, opprobrium, pan, panning, put down, quibble, rap on knuckles\*, reproof, roast\*, slam\*, slap\*, slap on wrist\*, static, stricture, swipe\*, vitriol, zipper\*; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* approval, compliment, praise

**criticize** [*v1*] *disapprove, judge as bad* animadvert on, bash, blame, blast, blister, carp, castigate, censure, chastise, chide, clobber, come down on, condemn, cut down\*, cut to bits\*, cut up\*, denounce, denunciate, disparage, do a number on\*, dress down\*, excoriate, find fault, fluff\*, fulminate against, fustigate, give bad

press\*, hit, jump on\*, knock\*, lambaste\*, nag at, nit-pick, pan, pick at, rap\*, reprehend, reprimand, reprobate, reprove, rip\*, roast\*, scathe, scorch\*, skin\*, skin alive\*, slam\*, slog\*, slug\*, take down\*, trash\*, trim\*, zap\*; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* approve, compliment, laud, praise

**criticize** [*v2*] *analyze, interpret* appraise, assess, comment upon, evaluate, examine, give opinion, judge, pass judgment on, probe, review, scrutinize, study; CONCEPTS 37,103 —*Ant.* estimate, guess, suppose

**critique** [*n*] *analysis, essay* appraisal, assessment, comment, commentary, criticism, editorial, examination, exposition, flak\*, judgment, notice, pan\*, putdown\*, rap\*, rave\*, review, reviewal, slam\*, slap\*, study, take-down\*, write-up, zipper\*; CONCEPTS 51,52, 271 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**croak** [*v*] *make husky, squawking noise* caw, crow, gasp, grunt, quack, squawk, utter huskily, utter throatily, wheeze; CONCEPT 77

**crony** [*n*] *ally, companion* accomplice, acquaintance, associate, bosom buddy\*, buddy, chum, colleague, comate, comrade, confidant, friend, good buddy\*, intimate, mate, pal, partner, sidekick\*; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* enemy, foe

**crook** [*n*] *criminal, thief* cheat, filcher, knave, pilferer, purloiner, racketeer, robber, rogue, scoundrel, shark\*, shyster\*, swindler, villain; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* law, police

**crook** [*v*] *bend, angle* bow, curve, flex, fork, hook, meander, notch, round, slither, snake, wind, zigzag; CONCEPTS 213,738 —*Ant.* straighten

**crooked** [*adj1*] *bent, angled* agee, anfractuous, angular, asymmetric, awry, bowed, catawampus\*, circuitous, cockeyed\*, contorted, crippled, curved, curving, deformed, deviating, devious, disfigured, distorted, errant, gnarled, hooked, incurving, indirect, irregular, kinky, knurly, lopsided, meandering, mishappen, not straight, oblique, out of shape, rambling, roundabout, screwy\*, serpentine, sinuous, skewed, slanted, snaky, spiral, tilted, topsy-turvy\*, tortile, tortuous, twisted, twisting, uneven, warped, winding, zigzag; CONCEPTS 486,490, 581 —*Ant.* straight

**crooked** [*adj2*] *evil, corrupt* crafty, criminal, deceitful, devious, dishonest, dishonorable, double-dealing, dubious, fraudulent, illegal, indirect, iniquitous, lying, nefarious, questionable, ruthless, shady, shifty, suborned, treacherous, underhand, unlawful, unprincipled, unscrupulous, untruthful; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* good, honest, law-abiding, lawful, moral

**crop** [*n*] *harvest of fruit, vegetable* annual production, byproduct, crops, fruitage, fruits, gathering, gleaning, output, produce, product, reaping, season's growth, vintage, yield; CONCEPT 429

**crop** [*v*] *cut, trim off* chop, clip, curtail, detach, detruncate, disengage, hew, lop, mow, pare, pollard, prune, reduce, shave, shear, shorten, skive, slash, snip, top, truncate; CONCEPT 176

**cross** [*adj*] *very angry; in a bad mood* annoyed, cantankerous, captious, caviling, choleric, churlish, crabby\*, cranky, crotchety\*, crusty, disagreeable, faultfinding, fractious, fretful, grouchy, grumpy, ill-humored, ill-tempered,

impatient, irascible, irritable, jumpy, out of humor, peeved, peevish, pettish, petulant, put out\*, querulous, quick-tempered, ratty, short, snappy, splenic, sullen, surly, testy, tetchy, touchy, vexed, waspish; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* animated, cheerful, happy, pleasant

**cross** [v1] *traverse an area* bridge, cruise, cut across, extend over, ford, go across, meet, move across, navigate, overpass, pass over, ply, sail, span, transverse, voyage, zigzag; CONCEPTS 159, 224 —*Ant.* remain, stay

**cross** [v2] *intersect, lie across* bisect, crisscross, crosscut, decussate, divide, intercross, intertwine, lace, lie athwart of, rest across; CONCEPTS 738,747 —*Ant.* divide, part, separate

**cross** [v3] *hybridize, mix* blend, crossbreed, cross-fertilize, cross-mate, cross-pollinate, interbreed, intercross, mingle, mongrelize; CONCEPTS 250,257 —*Ant.* unmix

**cross** [v4] *betray, hinder* backtalk, block, bollix, buck, crab, cramp, crimp, deny, double-cross, flummock, foil, foul up\*, frustrate, have bone to pick\*, impede, interfere, knock props out\*, louse up\*, obstruct, oppose, resist, sell\*, sell out\*, snafu\*, stab in the back\*, stonewall\*, stump, stymie, take on, take wind out of sails\*, thwart; CONCEPTS 7,19,59,121 —*Ant.* abet, aid, assist, help

**cross-examine** [v] *ask pointed questions* catechize, check, cross-question, debrief, examine, grill, interrogate, investigate, pump, put the screws to\*, question, quiz, sweat, third-degree\*; CONCEPTS 48,53,317

**crossing** [n] *pathway to traverse larger path* bridge, cloverleaf, crossroad, crosswalk, crossway, decussation, exchange, grade crossing, grating, gridiron, interchange, intersection, junction, loop, network, overpass, passage, screen, traversal, traverse, underpass; CONCEPTS 501,513

**crosswise/crossways** [adj] *across, at an angle* angular, aslant, athwart, at right angles, awry, contrariwise, crisscross, cross, crossing, diagonally, from side to side, horizontally, longways, on the bias, over, perpendicular, sideways, thwart, transversal, transverse, transversely, traverse, vertically; CONCEPT 581

**crochety** [adj] *irritable, often due to old age* awkward, bad-tempered, bearish, cantankerous, contrary, crabby\*, cranky, cross, cross-grained, crusty, curmudgeonly, difficult, disagreeable, eccentric, fractious, grouchy, grumpy, irritable, obstinate, obstreperous, odd, ornery\*, peevish, queer, surly, testy, unusual, vinegary\*, waspish, waspy; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, pleasant

**crouch** [v] *stoop low; cringe* bend, bend down, bow, cower, dip, duck, grovel, huddle, hunch, hunker down, kneel, quail, squat, scrooch down, squat, stoop, wince; CONCEPT 213 —*Ant.* stretch

**crow** [v] *brag, exult* babble, blow, bluster, boast, cackle, caw, cock-a-doodle-doo\*, cry, flourish, gas, gloat, glory in, gurgle, jubilate, mouth, prate, puff, rodomontade, squawk, strut, swagger, triumph, vaunt, whoop; CONCEPT 49

**crowd** [n1] *large assembly* army, array, blowout, bunch, cattle, circle, clique, cloud, cluster, company, concourse, confluence, conflux, congeries, congregation, coterie, crew,

crush, deluge, drove, faction, flock, flood, gaggle, great unwashed\*, group, herd, horde, host, jam, legion, lot, mass, masses, meet, mob, multitude, muster, organization, pack, party, people, posse, press, rabble, rank and file\*, scores, sellout, set, stream, surge, swarm, throng, troupe, tumult; CONCEPTS 381,417

**crowd** [n2] *special group of friends* bunch, circle, clique, coterie, faction, group, in-crowd, lot, posse, push, set; CONCEPTS 387,417

**crowd** [v] *cram, press into area* bear, bunch, bundle, chock, cluster, congest, congregate, crush, deluge, elbow, flock, gather, huddle, jam, jam-pack\*, jostle, mass, muster, overcrowd, pack, pack 'em in\*, pack like sardines\*, pile, push, ram, sardine\*, shove, squash, squeeze, squish\*, stream, surge, swamp, swarm, throng, top off, troop; CONCEPTS 208,740 —*Ant.* abandon, leave, retreat

**crowded** [adj] *busy, congested* awash, brimful, brimming, chock-full, clean, close, compact, crammed, cramped, crushed, dense, elbow-to-elbow\*, filled to the rafters\*, fit to bust\*, full, full house\*, full up\*, huddled, jammed, jam-packed\*, loaded, lousy with\*, massed, mobbed, mob scene\*, overflowing, packed, populous, sardined\*, sold out, SRO\*, standing room only\*, stiff with\*, stuffed, swarming, teeming, thick, thickset, thronged, tight, topped off, up to here\*, up to the hilt\*, wall-to-wall\*; CONCEPTS 481,483,774 —*Ant.* empty, uncongested, uncrowded, unfilled

**crow** [n1] *top; best* acme, apex, climax, crest, culmination, fastigium, head, meridian, peak, perfection, pinnacle, roof, summit, tip, top, ultimate, vertex, zenith; CONCEPTS 706,836 —*Ant.* bottom, worst

**crow** [n2] *tiara for royalty* chaplet, circlet, coronal, coronet, diadem, garland, headband, headdress, wreath; CONCEPT 452

**crow** [n3] *royalty* crowned head, monarch, monarchy, potentate, ruler, sovereign, sovereignty, supreme ruler, the throne; CONCEPT 422

**crow** [v1] *reward, dignify* adorn, arm, authorize, commission, coronate, delegate, determine, dower, enable, endow, endue, ennoble, enthrone, erect, establish, exalt, festoon, fix, heighten, honor, inaugurate, induct, install, invest, raise, sanction, settle, set up, stabilize, strengthen; CONCEPTS 50,69,88 —*Ant.* dishonor, disregard, fine, punish

**crow** [v2] *be the culmination of* cap, climax, complete, consummate, crest, finish, fulfill, perfect, put finishing touch on, round off, surmount, terminate, top, top off; CONCEPTS 234,706

**crow** [v3] *hit, usually on head* buff, box, cuff, knock, punch, smite, strike; CONCEPT 189

**crowning** [adj] *climactic* consummate, culminating, excellent, final, paramount, principal, sovereign, supreme, ultimate; CONCEPTS 531,548

**crucial** [adj] *critical, important* acute, central, clamorous, climactic, climatic, compelling, deciding, decisive, desperate, dire, essential, hanging by thread\*, high-priority, imperative, insistent, momentous, necessary, on thin ice\*, pivotal, pressing, searching, showdown\*, touch and go\*, touchy, urgent, vital; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* inessential, trivial, uncritical, unimportant

**crucify** [v1] *execute; torture near to death excruciate, hang, harrow, kill, martyr, martyrize, nail to cross, persecute, rack, torment, torture; CONCEPT 252 —Ant. exalt*

**crucify** [v2] *browbeat, destroy with words afflict, agonize, bedevil, bother, harrow, ill-treat, lampoon, pan, ridicule, smite, tear to pieces\*, torment, torture, try, wipe the floor with\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,52 —Ant. compliment, exalt, laud, praise*

**crude** [adj1] *vulgar, unpolished in manner awkward, backward, barnyard\*, boorish, cheap, cloddish, clumsy, coarse, crass, dirty, earthy, filthy, foul, grody\*, gross\*, ignorant, ill-bred, indecent, indelicate, inelegant, insensible, lewd, loud, loud-mouthed, loutish, lowbred, oafish, obscene, raunchy\*, raw, rough, rude, savage, smutty\*, tacky\*, tactless, uncouth, unenlightened, ungainly, unskillful; CONCEPTS 267,401 —Ant. gentle, nice, polished, refined, tasteful*

**crude** [adj2] *unrefined, natural amateurish, callow, coarse, green, harsh, homemade, homespun, immature, impure, inexperienced, in the rough\*, makeshift, outline, prentice, primitive, raw, rough, rough-hewn, rude, rudimentary, rustic, simple, sketchy, thick, undeveloped, unfinished, unformed, ungraded, unmatured, unmilled, unpolished, unprepared, unprocessed, unproficient, unsorted, untaught, untrained, unworked, unwrought; CONCEPTS 562,578, 589,797 —Ant. formal, planned, refined, sophisticated, stilted*

**cruel** [adj] *vicious, pitiless; causing pain atrocious, barbarous, bestial, bitter, bloodthirsty, brutal, brutish, callous, cold-blooded, degenerate, demonic, depraved, evil, excruciating, ferocious, fierce, flinty, hard, hard-hearted, harsh, hateful, heartless, hellish, implacable, inexorable, inhuman, inhumane, malevolent, merciless, monstrous, painful, pernicious, poignant, rancorous, relentless, revengeful, ruthless, sadistic, sinful, spiteful, tyrannical, unfeeling, unkind, unnatural, unrelenting, vengeful, vicious, virulent, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,570 —Ant. charitable, compassionate, considerate, feeling, gentle, kind, merciful, sympathetic, thoughtful, un cruel*

**cruelty** [n] *brutality, harshness animality, barbarism, barbarity, bestiality, bloodthirstiness, brutishness, callousness, coarseness, coldness, depravity, despotism, ferocity, fiendishness, fierceness, hard-heartedness, heartlessness, inhumanity, insensibility, insensitivity, malice, malignity, masochism, mercilessness, murderousness, persecution, rancor, ruthlessness, sadism, savageness, savagery, severity, spite, spitefulness, torture, truculence, unfeelingness, unkindness, venom, viciousness, wickedness; CONCEPT 633 —Ant. charity, compassion, consideration, feeling, gentility, kindness, mercy, niceness, thoughtfulness*

**cruise** [n] *sailing expedition boat trip, crossing, jaunt, journey, sail, sailing, sea trip, voyage; CONCEPTS 224,292,363*

**cruise** [v] *sail boat, coast, drift, fare, gad, gallivant, go, hie, jaunt, journey, keep steady pace, meander, navigate, pass, proceed, push on, repair, travel, voyage, wander about, wend; CONCEPTS 147,151,159,224*

**crumb** [n] *tiny bit, morsel atom, dab, dash, dram, drop, grain, iota, jot, mite, ounce, particle, pinch, scrap, seed, shred, sliver, smidgen, snippet, soupçon, speck; CONCEPT 831*

**crumble** [v] *break or fall into pieces break up, collapse, crumb, crush, decay, decompose, degenerate, deteriorate, disintegrate, dissolve, fragment, go to pieces, granulate, grind, molder, perish, powder, pulverize, putrefy, triturate, tumble; CONCEPTS 181,248,469 —Ant. build, put together*

**crumbly** [adj] *brittle breakable, corroded, crisp, crunchy, decayed, degenerated, deteriorated, deteriorating, disintegrated, eroded, fragile, frail, frangible, friable, oxidized, perishing, powdery, pulverizable, rotted, rotten, rusted, shivery, short, soft, worn; CONCEPTS 485,606 —Ant. flexible, pliable, soft*

**crummy** [adj] *lousy cheap, contemptible, crappy\*, grotty, inferior, miserable, pathetic, poor, rotten, second-rate, shabby, sub-par, third-rate, useless, worthless; CONCEPT 571*

**crumple** [v] *make or become wrinkled break down, buckle, cave in, collapse, crease, crimp, crinkle, crinkle, crush, fall, fold, give way, go to pieces, pucker, rimple, ruck, rumple, screw, scrunch, shrivel, wad, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 184,208,252 —Ant. straighten*

**crunch** [n] *crucial point crisis, critical point, crux, difficulty, emergency, hour of decision\*, moment of truth\*, problem, test, trouble, trying time\*; CONCEPTS 388,674,675 —Ant. trivia*

**crunch** [v] *grind, chew beat, bite, champ, chaw, chomp, crush, gnaw, masticate, munch, ruminate, scrunch; CONCEPTS 169,186*

**crunchy** [adj] *brittle chewy, crackling, crisp, crispy, crumbly, crusty; CONCEPT 606*

**crusade** [n] *campaign for cause cause, demonstration, drive, evangelism, expedition, holy war, jihad, march, movement, push; CONCEPT 300*

**crush** [n1] *crowd of animate beings drove, gathering, horde, huddle, jam, multitude, party, press, push, throng, tumult; CONCEPTS 417,432*

**crush** [n2] *infatuation begin, desire, flame, love affair, passion, puppy love\*, torch; CONCEPT 20 —Ant. dislike, hate, hatred*

**crush** [v1] *compress, smash beat, bray, break, bruise, buck, comminute, contritrate, contuse, crease, crowd, crumble, crush, embrace, enfold, express, hug, jam, kablooey\*, mash, pound, powder, press, pulverize, push, romp, rumple, squash, squeeze, squish, total\*, trample, tread, triturate, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 208,219,246,252 —Ant. let go, release, uncompress, un wrinkle*

**crush** [v2] *defeating soundly annihilate, bear down, beat, blot out\*, blow away\*, conquer, defeat, demolish, extinguish, force down, ice\*, kill, obliterate, overcome, overpower, overwhelm, quell, quell, reduce, ruin, squelch, stamp out\*, strangle, subdue, subjugate, suppress, vanquish, wreck; CONCEPTS 95,252 —Ant. lose, surrender, yield*

**crush** [v3] *humiliate abash, browbeat, chagrin, dispose of, dump, hurt, mortify, overwhelm, put away\*, put down\*, quash, quell, shame, suppress; CONCEPTS 7,19 —Ant. build up, compliment, encourage, inspirit, praise*



**crust** [*n*] *stiff outer layer; coating* band, bloom, border, caking, coat, concretion, covering, edge, encrustation, film, hull, incrustation, integument, layer, outside, rind, scab, shell, skin, surface, verge; CONCEPT 484

**crusty** [*adj1*] *irritable, often due to old age* abrupt, bluff, blunt, brief, brusque, cantankerous, captious, choleric, crabbed, crabby\*, cranky, cross, curt, dour, gruff, harsh, ill-humored, irascible, peevish, prickly, sarcastic, saturnine, scornful, short, short-tempered, snappish, snarling, snippety, snippy, splenetic, surly, testy, touchy, vinegary\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, nice, pleasant

**crusty** [*adj2*] *brittle on outside* crisp, crispy, crunchy, friable, hard, short, well-baked, well-done; CONCEPTS 462, 606 —*Ant.* flexible, pliable, pliant, soft, soggy

**crux** [*n*] *most important part* body, bottom line\*, core, decisive point, essence, gist, heart, kernel, matter, meat\*, meat and potatoes\*, nitty-gritty, nub, pith, purport, substance, thrust; CONCEPTS 668, 826 —*Ant.* trivia

**cry** [*n1*] *weeping and making sad sounds* bawl, bawling, bewailing, blubber, blubbering, howl, howling, keening, lament, lamentation, mourning, shedding tears, snivel, snivelling, sob, sobbing, sorrowing, tears, the blues\*, wailing, weep, whimpering, yowl; CONCEPTS 77, 469

**cry** [*n2*] *calling out; yelling* acclamation, bark, bawl, bay, bellow, cackle, call, caw, chatter, cheer, clack, clamor, cluck, coo, crow, ejaculation, exclamation, expletive, fuss, gobble, groan, grunt, hiss, holler, howl, howl, hulla-baloo, hurrah, meow, mewling, moo, motto, nicker, note, outcry, pipe, quack, report, roar, ruckus, scream, screech, shout, shriek, song, squall, squawk, squeak, trill, uproar, vociferation, wail, whine, whinny, whistle, whoop, yammer, yawp\*, yell, yelp, yoo-hoo; CONCEPTS 47, 77, 278

**cry** [*v1*] *weep and make sad sounds* bawl, bemoan, bewail, blub, blubber, boohoo\*, break down, burst into tears\*, caterwaul, choke up, complain, crack up\*, deplore, dissolve in tears\*, fret, grieve, groan, howl, keen, lament, let go, let it all out\*, mewl, moan, mourn, put on the weeps\*, regret, ring the blues\*, shed bitter tears\*, shed tears, sigh, sniff, snivel, sob, sorrow, squall, turn on waterworks\*, wail, weep, whimper, whine, yammer, yowl; CONCEPTS 77, 469

**cry** [*v2*] *call out, yell* bark, bawl, bay, bellow, bleat, cackle, call, caw, chatter, cheer, clack, clamor, cluck, coo, croak, crow, ejaculate, exclaim, gabble, growl, grunt, hail, hiss, holler, holler out, hoot, howl, low, meow, moo, nicker, pipe, quack, roar, scream, screech, shout, shriek, sing out, snarl, squawk, trill, tweet, twitter, vociferate, whinny, whistle, whoop, yawp\*, yelp; CONCEPTS 47, 77

**cry** [*v3*] *advertise* announce, bark\*, broadcast, build up, hawk, hype\*, press-agent\*, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish, puff\*, trumpet\*; CONCEPT 324

**crybaby** [*n*] *malcontent* bellyacher, complainer, critic, faultfinder, griper, grumbler, moaner, sissy, softy\*, whiner, wimp\*, wuss\*; CONCEPT 412

**crypt** [*n*] *burial place* catacomb, cave, cavern, cell, chamber, compartment, grave, grotto, mausoleum, room, sepulcher, tomb, undercroft, vault; CONCEPT 305

**cryptic** [*adj*] *secret; obscure in meaning* abstruse, ambiguous, apocryphal, arcane, cabalistic, dark, Delphian, Delphic, enigmatic, equivocal, esoteric, evasive, hidden, incomprehensible, inexplicable, murky, mysterious, mystic, mystical, mystifying, occult, opaque, oracular, perplexing, puzzling, recondite, secretive, strange, tenebrous, unclear, unfathomable, uninformative, vague, veiled; CONCEPTS 267, 576, 682 —*Ant.* clear, obvious, plain, seen, straightforward

**crystal** [*adj*] *clear, transparent* clear-cut, limpid, lucent, lucid, luminous, pellucid, translucent, transpicuous, unblurred; CONCEPTS 617, 618 —*Ant.* clouded, foggy

**cubicle** [*n*] *office compartment* booth, cell, chamber, cubbyhole, desk, nook, office, pigeon-hole, room, stall, work area; CONCEPT 434

**cuddle** [*v*] *hold fondly, closely* bundle, burrow, caress, clasp, cosset, curl up, dandle, embrace, enfold, feel up\*, fondle, huddle, hug, kiss, love, nestle, nuzzle, pet, snug, snuggle, touch; CONCEPTS 190, 375 —*Ant.* push away

**cuddly** [*adj*] *huggable, embraceable* caressible, cuddlesome, kissable, lovable, plump, snuggly, soft, warm; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* despicable, disgusting

**cudgel** [*n*] *baton for hitting* bastinado, bat, billy\*, billyclub, birch, blackjack, bludgeon, cane, club, cosh\*, ferule, mace, nightstick, paddle, rod, sap, shill, shillelagh, spontoon, stick, switch, truncheon; CONCEPT 500

**cue** [*n*] *signal to act* catchword, clue, hint, hot lead\*, idea, indication, inkling, innuendo, in the wind\*, intimation, job, key, lead, mnemonic, nod, notion, prod, prompt, prompting, reminder, sign, suggestion, telltale\*, tip-off, warning; CONCEPTS 278, 284, 628

**cuff** [*n*] *beating with hands* belt, biff, box, buffet, chop, clip, clout, hit, knock, poke, punch, rap, slap, smack, sock, thump, wallop, whack; CONCEPT 189

**cuff** [*v*] *beat with hands* bat, belt, biff, box, buffet, clap, clobber\*, clout, hit, knock, pummel, punch, slap, smack, spank, thump, whack; CONCEPT 189

**cuisine** [*n*] *food* cooking, dishes, eats\*, fare, grub\*, meal, menu; CONCEPT 459

**cull** [*v1*] *pick out for reason* choose, discriminate, elect, extract, glean, mark, optate, opt for, pluck, prefer, select, sift, single out, take, thin, thin out, winnow; CONCEPTS 41, 142

**cull** [*v2*] *gather* accumulate, amass, collect, extract, garner, glean, pick up, round up; CONCEPT 109

**culminate** [*v*] *come to a climax* cap, climax, close, come to a head\*, conclude, crown, end, end up, finish, go over the mountain\*, go the route\*, rise to crescendo, round off, shoot one's wad\*, terminate, top off\*, wind up\*; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* begin, commence, open, start

**culmination** [*n*] *conclusion; climactic stage* acme, all the way\*, apex, apogee, blow off\*, capper\*, climax, completion, consummation, critical mass, crown, crowning touch, finale,

finish, height, limit, maximum, meridian, ne plus ultra, noon, payoff, peak, perfection, pinnacle, punch line\*, summit, top, zenith; CONCEPTS 230,635,676 —*Ant.* beginning, commencement, opening, start

**culpable** [adj] *responsible for action* amiss, answerable, at fault, blamable, blameful, blameworthy, caught, caught in the act\*, caught red-handed\*, censurable, demeritorious, dirty, found wanting, guilty, hung up, impeachable, indictable, in the wrong, liable, off base, out of line\*, punishable, reprehensible, responsible, sinful, smoking gun\*, to blame, unholy, wrong; CONCEPTS 404,545 —*Ant.* blameless, inculpable, innocent, not guilty, right

**culprit** [n] *person responsible for wrongdoing* con, convict, criminal, delinquent, evildoer, ex-con, felon, fugitive, guilty party, jailbird\*, malefactor, miscreant, offender, rascal, sinner, transgressor, wrongdoer, yardbird\*; CONCEPT 412

**cult** [n1] *group sharing belief* band, body, church, clan, clique, creed, denomination, faction, faith, following, party, persuasion, religion, school, sect; CONCEPTS 369,387

**cult** [n2] *worship; form of ceremony* admiration, ceremony, craze, creed, cultus, devotion, faddism, faith, idolization, liturgy, persuasion, religion, reverence, rite, ritual, veneration; CONCEPTS 410,689

**cultivate** [v1] *develop land for growing* breed, crop, dress, farm, fertilize, garden, harvest, labor, manage, mature, plant, plow, prepare, propagate, raise, ripen, seed, tend, till, work; CONCEPTS 253, 257 —*Ant.* destroy, ignore, neglect

**cultivate** [v2] *enrich situation; give special attention* advance, ameliorate, better, bolster, bring on, brownnose\*, butter up\*, cherish, civilize, court, develop, discipline, elevate, encourage, enrich, foster, further, get in with\*, get next to\*, get on good side of\*, improve, nourish, nurse, nurture, play up to\*, polish, promote, refine, run after, seek friendship, shine up to\*, suck up to\*, take pains with, train; CONCEPTS 244,384 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**cultivate** [v3] *nurture, take care of* aid, ameliorate, better, cherish, devote oneself to, educate, encourage, forward, foster, further, help, improve, instruct, nurse, patronize, promote, pursue, raise, rear, refine, support, teach, train; CONCEPTS 110,295 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**cultivation** [n1] *development of land for growing* agrology, agronomics, agronomy, farming, gardening, horticulture, planting, plowing, tillage, tilling, working; CONCEPT 257

**cultivation** [n2] *culture, sophistication, education* advancement, aestheticism, breeding, civility, civilization, delicacy, discernment, discrimination, enlightenment, gentility, good taste, grounding, improvement, learning, letters, manners, polish, progress, refined taste, refinement, schooling, taste; CONCEPTS 411,655,673 —*Ant.* ignorance, unsophistication

**cultivation** [n3] *nurture, help* advancement, advocacy, development, encouragement, enhancement, fostering, furtherance, patronage, promotion, support; CONCEPTS 110,657 —*Ant.* destruction, harm, hurt, neglect

**cultural** [adj] *educational, enlightening* adorn-

ing, advancing, artistic, beautifying, beneficial, broadening, civilizing, constructive, corrective, developmental, dignifying, disciplining, edifying, educative, elevating, ennobling, enriching, expanding, glorifying, helpful, humane, humanizing, influential, inspirational, instructive, learned, liberal, liberalizing, nurturing, ornamenting, polishing, promoting, raising, refined, refining, regenerative, socializing, stimulating, uplifting, widening; CONCEPTS 537,555,589

**culture** [n1] *breeding, education, sophistication* ability, accomplishment, address, aestheticism, art, capacity, civilization, class, courtesy, cultivation, delicacy, dignity, discrimination, dress, elegance, elevation, enlightenment, erudition, experience, fashion, finish, gentility, good taste, grace, improvement, kindness, learning, manners, nobility, perception, polish, politeness, practice, proficiency, refinement, savoir-faire, science, skill, tact, training, urbanity; CONCEPTS 388,633,678

**culture** [n2] *ideas, values of a people* arts and sciences, civilization, convention, customs, development, ethnology, folklore, folkways, grounding, habit, humanism, knowledge, lifestyle, mores, society, the arts, way of life; CONCEPTS 388,689

**culture** [n3] *development of land* agriculture, agrology, agronomics, agronomy, cultivation, farming, gardening, raising, tending; CONCEPT 257

**cultured** [adj] *well-bred, experienced* able, accomplished, advanced, aesthetic, appreciative, au courant, blue-stocking\*, chivalrous, civilized, courteous, cultivated, distingue, educated, elegant, enlightened, erudite, gallant, genteel, highbrow\*, high-class, informed, intellectual, intelligent, knowledgeable, lettered, liberal, literary, literate, mannerly, polished, polite, refined, savant, scholarly, sensitive, sophisticated, tasteful, tolerant, traveled, understanding, up-to-date, urbane, versed, well-informed; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* ignorant, inexperienced, stupid, unsophisticated

**culvert** [n] *ditch for flow of water* canal, channel, conduit, drain, duct, gutter, pipe, watercourse; CONCEPT 509

**cumbersome** [adj] *clumsy, awkward* bulky, burdensome, clunker, clunking, clunky, cumbersome, embarrassing, galumphing, heavy, hefty, incommodious, inconvenient, leaden, massive, oppressive, ponderous, tiresome, unhandy, unmanageable, unwieldy, wearisome, weighty; CONCEPTS 544,773 —*Ant.* graceful

**cumulative** [adj] *accruing; growing in size or effect* accumulative, additive, additory, advancing, aggregate, amassed, augmenting, chain, collective, heaped, heightening, increasing, incescent, intensifying, magnifying, multiplying, snowballing\*, summative; CONCEPTS 540,548,786 —*Ant.* decreasing, subtracting

**cunning** [adj] *devious* acute, artful, astute, cagey, canny, crafty, crazy like fox\*, deep, fancy footwork\*, foxy, guileful, insidious, keen, knowing, Machiavellian, sharp, shifty, shrewd, slick, slippery, sly, sly boots\*, smart, smarts, smooth, street-smart\*, streetwise\*, subtle, tricky, wary, wily; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* gullible, kind, naive, shy

**cunning** [adj2] *imaginative* able, adroit, canny, clever, crackerjack\*, deft, dexterous, ingenious, intelligent, masterful, skillful, slighty, sly, smart, smooth, subtle, well-laid, well-planned; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* unclever, unimaginative

**cup** [n] *container for drinking* beaker, bowl, cannikin, chalice, cupful, demitasse, draught, drink, goblet, grail, mug, potion, stein, taster, teacup, tumbler, vessel; CONCEPT 494

**cupboard** [n] *storage cabinet* buffet, closet, depository, facility, locker, press, repository, sideboard, storeroom, wardrobe; CONCEPT 443

**cupidity** [n] *greed, strong desire* acquisitiveness, avarice, avariciousness, avidity, covetousness, craving, eagerness, graspingness, greediness, hunger, infatuation, itching\*, longing, lust, passion, possessiveness, rapaciousness, rapacity, voracity, yearning; CONCEPTS 20,709 —*Ant.* dislike, distaste

**cur** [n1] *rotten, lowly animate being* blackguard, black sheep\*, bum, cad, coward, dog\*, good-for-nothing\*, heel\*, hound\*, ne'er-do-well\*, rat\*, riffraff\*, scoundrel, scum\*, skunk\*, snake\*, stinker\*, toad\*, villain, worm\*, wretch, yellow dog\*; CONCEPTS 389,412

**cur** [n2] *animal of mixed breed* crossbreed, hybrid, mongrel, mutt; CONCEPT 394

**curable** [adj] *able to be improved, fixed* amenable, capable, correctable, corrigible, healable, improvable, mendable, not hopeless, not too bad, reparative, restorable, subject to cure; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* incurable, unhelpable

**curative** [adj] *healing, health-giving* alleviative, beneficial, corrective, curing, healthful, helpful, invigorating, medicable, medicative, medicinal, pick-me-up\*, remedial, remedying, restorative, salutary, sanative, shot in the arm\*, therapeutic, tonic, vulnerary, what the doctor ordered\*, wholesome; CONCEPTS 314,537 —*Ant.* harmful, hurting, injurious, painful

**curator** [n] *caretaker of collection* administrator, conservator, custodian, director, guardian, keeper, manager, steward; CONCEPT 348

**curb** [n] *restraining device; check* barrier, border, brake, bridle, chain, control, deterrent, edge, harness, hindrance, ledge, limitation, lip, rein, restrainer, restraint, restriction, rim; CONCEPTS 376,497,652,745 —*Ant.* encouragement, opening

**curb** [v] *repress, restrict* abstain, bit, bottle up\*, box in, bridle, bring to screeching halt\*, check, clog, constrain, contain, control, cook\*, cool down, cool off, deny, entrammel, fetter, hamper, hinder, hobble, hog-tie\*, hold back, hold down, hold in, ice\*, impede, inhibit, keep lid on\*, keep tight rein on\*, leash, manacle, moderate, muzzle, refrain, rein in, restrain, retard, scrub\*, send up, shackle, subdue, suppress, tame, tie, tie up, withhold; CONCEPTS 121,130 —*Ant.* aid, assist, encourage, foster, help

**curdle** [n] *sour; change into coagulated substance* acetate, acidity, acidulate, clabber, clot, coagulate, condense, congeal, curd, ferment, go off, spoil, thicken, turn, turn sour; CONCEPT 456

**cure** [n] *solution to problem, often health* aid, alleviation, antidote, assistance, catholicism, corrective, counteractant, counteragent, countermeasure, drug, elixir, elixir vitae, fix, healing,

healing agent, help, medicament, medicant, medication, medicine, nostrum, panacea, pharmon, physic, placebo, proprietary, quick fix\*, recovery, redress, remedy, reparation, restorative, therapeutic, treatment; CONCEPTS 110,307,311 —*Ant.* disease, problem

**cure** [v1] *heal, ease bad situation* alleviate, ameliorate, attend, better, cold turkey\*, correct, doctor, dose, dress, dry out\*, help, improve, kick, kick the habit\*, make better, make healthy, make whole, medicate, mend, minister to, nurse, palliate, quit cold\*, rectify, redress, rehabilitate, relieve, remedy, repair, restore, restore to health, right, shake, sweat it out\*, treat; CONCEPTS 126,244,310 —*Ant.* depress, hurt, injure

**cure** [v2] *cook, age food* dry, fire, harden, keep, kipper, pickle, preserve, salt, smoke, steel, temper; CONCEPT 170

**curio** [n] *knickknack* antique, bauble, bibelot, bygone, collectible, collector's item, objet d'art, toy, trifle, trinket, whatnot; CONCEPT 446

**curiosity** [n1] *intense desire to know, understand* concern, eagerness, inquiring mind, inquiringness, inquisitiveness, interest, interest-iness, intrusiveness, investigation, meddlingness, meddling, mental acquisitiveness, nosiness, officiousness, prying, questioning, regard, searching, snoopingness, snooping, thirst for knowledge; CONCEPTS 20,410 —*Ant.* disinterest, indifference

**curiosity** [n2] *odd item* anomaly, bibelot, bygone, conversation piece, curio, exoticism, freak, knickknack, marvel, monstrosity, nonesuch, objet d'art, oddity, peculiar object, prodigy, rarity, singular object, trinket, unusual object, wonder; CONCEPT 260 —*Ant.* normality

**curious** [adj1] *desiring knowledge, understanding* analytical, disquisitive, examining, impertinent, inquiring, inquisitive, inspecting, interested, interfering, intrusive, investigative, meddlesome, meddling, nosy, peeping, peering, prurient, prying, puzzled, questioning, scrutinizing, searching, snoop\*, tampering; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* uninterested, incurious, indifferent, uninterested

**curious** [adj2] *very odd* bizarre, exotic, extraordinary, marvelous, mysterious, novel, oddball, peculiar, puzzling, quaint, queer, rare, remarkable, singular, strange, unconventional, unexpected, unique, unorthodox, unusual, weird, wonderful; CONCEPTS 547,564 —*Ant.* average, normal, ordinary, usual

**curl** [n] *loop, ringlet, curve* coil, crimp, crispatation, curlicue, flourish, frizz, kink, quirk, spiral, swirl, twist, wave, whorl; CONCEPTS 418,436 —*Ant.* line

**curl** [v] *bend, loop* buckle, coil, contort, convolute, corkscrew, crimp, crinkle, crisp, crook, curve, entwine, fold, form into ringlets, frizz, indent, kink, lap, meander, ringlet, ripple, roll, scallop, snake, spiral, swirl, turn, twine, whirl, twist, undulate, wave, wind, wreath, writhe, zigzag; CONCEPTS 147,184,213 —*Ant.* straighten

**curly** [adj] *looping, forming ringlets* coiled, convoluted, corkscrew, crimped, crimp\*, crinkling, crinkly, crisp, curled, curling, frizzed, frizzy, fuzzy, kinky, looped, permed, spiralled,

waved, waving, wavy, winding, wound;  
CONCEPTS 406,486 —**Ant.** straight

**currency** [n] *paper and coin money of a country*  
almighty dollar\*, bills, bread\*, cabbage\*, cash,  
chicken feed\*, coinage, coins, cold cash\*,  
dinero\*, dough\*, folding money, green stuff\*,  
legal tender, medium of exchange, moolah\*,  
notes, piece of change\*, roll\*, specie, wad\*;  
CONCEPT 340

**current** [adj] *contemporary; common* accepted,  
accustomed, afoot, circulating, common knowl-  
edge, customary, cutting-edge\*, doing, existent,  
extant, fad, fashionable, general, going around,  
hot\*, in, in circulation, in progress, instant, in  
the mainstream, in the news, in use, in vogue,  
leading-edge\*, mod\*, modern, now\*, on front  
burner\*, ongoing, popular, present, present-day,  
prevailing, prevalent, rampant, regnant, rife,  
ruling, state-of-the-art, swinging, topical,  
trendy, up-to-date, widespread; CONCEPTS  
530,820 —**Ant.** antiquated, old, old-fashioned,  
past, uncommon, uncontemporary

**current** [n] *flow of something, usually water*  
course, draught, drift, ebb and flow, flood,  
flux, jet, juice, progression, river, run, rush,  
spate, stream, tidal motion, tide; CONCEPTS  
514,519,738

**curriculum** [n] *course of study* educational pro-  
gram, modules, program of studies, schedule,  
studies, subjects, syllabus; CONCEPT 287

**curse** [n1] *hateful, swearing remark* anathema,  
ban, bane, blaspheming, blasphemy, commina-  
tion, cursing, cussing\*, cuss word\*, damning,  
denunciation, dirty name\*, dirty word\*, double  
whammy\*, execration, expletive, four-letter  
word\*, fulmination, imprecation, malediction,  
malison, naughty words\*, no-no\*, oath, obju-  
ration, obloquy, obscenity, profanity, profanity,  
sacrilege, swearing, swear word, vilification,  
whammy\*; CONCEPTS 54,278 —**Ant.** compli-  
ment, praise

**curse** [n2] *misfortune wished upon someone*  
affliction, bane, burden, calamity, cancer, cross,  
disaster, evil, evil eye\*, hydra, jinx, ordeal,  
pestilence, plague, scourge, torment, tribula-  
tion, trouble, vexation, voodoo; CONCEPTS  
674,675

**curse** [adj1] *damned, doomed for bad ending*  
accursed, bedeviled, blankety-blank\*, blasted,  
blessed, blighted, cast out, confounded, dog-  
gone\*, excommunicate, execrable, fey, fore-  
doomed, hell fire\*, ill-fated, infernal, snakebit\*,  
star-crossed, unholy, unsanctified, villainous,  
voodooed\*; CONCEPTS 548,571 —**Ant.** blessed

**curse** [adj2] *detestable, hateful* abominable,  
accursed, atrocious, damnable, devilish, dis-  
gusting, execrable, fiendish, heinous, infamous,  
infernal, loathsome, odious, pernicious, pre-  
sential, vile; CONCEPTS 404,571 —**Ant.** great,  
kind, nice, sweet

**cursor** [adj] *casual, hasty* brief, careless,  
depthless, desultory, fast, half-assed\*, half-  
baked\*, haphazard, hit or miss\*, hurried, off-  
hand, passing, perfunctory, quick, random,  
rapid, shallow, short, sketchy, slapdash, slight,  
sloppy, speedy, summary, superficial, swift,  
uncritical; CONCEPTS 562,588,589 —**Ant.**  
complete, meticulous, painstaking, perfect,  
thorough, unhurried

**curt** [adj] *abrupt, rude* blunt, breviloquent,  
brief, brusque, churlish, compendary, compen-  
dious, concise, crusty, gruff, imperious, laconic,  
offhand, peremptory, pithy, sharp, short, short  
and sweet, snappish, snipety, snippy, succinct,  
summary, tart, terse, unceremonious, uncivil,  
ungracious; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** ceremonious,  
civil, gracious, lengthy, polite

**curtail** [v] *cut short; abridge* abbreviate, boil  
down, chop, clip, contract, cramp, cut, cut  
back, decrease, diminish, dock, downsize, get to  
meat\*, halt, lessen, lop, minify, pare down, put  
in nutshell\*, reduce, retrench, roll back, shorten,  
slash, trim, truncate; CONCEPTS 130,236,247  
—**Ant.** extend, increase, lengthen, prolong

**curtain** [n] *window covering* blind, decoration,  
drape, drapery, film, hanging, jalousie, oleo,  
portiere, rag, roller, screen, shade, shield,  
shroud, shutter, valance, veil, Venetian blind;  
CONCEPT 444

**curtains** [n] *the end* bitter end, death, end of  
life, end of the line\*, exit, extinction, lights  
out\*, taps\*; CONCEPTS 195,304

**curvaceous** [adj] *voluptuous, full-figured*  
bosomy, buxom, curvesome, curvilinear, curvy,  
rounded, shapely, statuesque, well-developed,  
well-proportioned, well-rounded, zaftig\*;  
CONCEPTS 406,490 —**Ant.** flat

**curvature** [n] *rounded part of thing, usually  
body part* arc, arch, arching, bend, bow,  
curve, curving, curvity, deflection, flexure,  
incurvation, round, shape; CONCEPTS 754,757

**curve** [n] *arched, rounded line or object* ambit,  
arc, arch, bend, bight, bow, camber, catenary,  
chord, circle, circuit, circumference, compass,  
concavity, contour, crook, curlicue, curvation,  
curvature, ellipse, festoon, flexure, hairpin,  
half-moon, helix, horseshoe, hyperbola,  
incurvation, incurvature, loop, meniscus,  
ogee, parabola, quirk, rondure, round, sinuosity,  
sweep, swerve, trajectory, turn, vault, whorl;  
CONCEPT 436 —**Ant.** line

**curve** [v] *bending in a shape or course* arc, arch,  
bend, bow, buckle, bulge, coil, concave, con-  
vex, crook, crumple, curl, deviate, divert, gy-  
rate, hook, incurve, infect, loop, round, skew,  
snake, spiral, stoop, swerve, turn, twist, veer,  
wind, wreath; CONCEPTS 147,184,213,738  
—**Ant.** straighten

**curved** [adj] *bowed, bent* arched, arched, arci-  
form, arondi, biflected, circular, compass,  
crooked, curly, curvaceous, curvilinear, decli-  
nate, elliptical, enbowed, humped, incurvate,  
incurved, looped, loopy, round, rounded,  
serpentine, sigmoid, sinuous, skewed, snaky,  
S-shaped, sweeping, swirly, turned, twisted,  
twisting, twisty, wreathed; CONCEPTS 486,490  
—**Ant.** straight

**cushion** [n] *pillow, pad* beanbag, bolster,  
buffer, bumper, fender, hassock, headrest, mat,  
rest, seat, sham, squab, woosack; CONCEPTS  
444,464,484

**cushion** [v] *pad, protect* from blow bolster,  
buttress, cradle, dampen, deaden, insulate,  
muffle, pillow, seclude, soften, stifle, support,  
suppress; CONCEPT 680

**cushy** [adj] *lush, comfortable* agreeable,  
comfy\*, easy, pleasant, plump, soft\*, undemand-  
ing; CONCEPT 334

**custodian** [*n*] *caretaker, maintenance person* baby sitter, bodyguard, Cerberus, clavier, cleaner, cleaning person, concierge, curator, escort, guardian, housesitter, keeper, maintenance person, manager, overseer, protector, sitter, steward, super\*, superintendent, supervisor, swamper\*, warden, watchdog, watchperson; CONCEPT 348

**custody** [*n1*] *supervision, charge of something* aegis, auspices, care, conservation, custodianship, guardianship, keeping, management, observation, preservation, protection, safekeeping, salvation, superintendence, trusteeship, tute-lage, ward, wardship, watch; CONCEPT 117

**custody** [*n2*] *confinement, jailing* arrest, detention, duress, imprisonment, incarceration, jail, keeping; CONCEPTS 90,691 —*Ant.* freedom, liberation, liberty

**custom** [*n1*] *habitual action* addiction, beaten path\*, characteristic, consuetude, daily grind\*, fashion, form, grind\*, groove, habit, habitude, hang-up\*, into\*, manner, matter of course, mode, observance, practice, praxis, precedent, procedure, proprieties, routine, rule, second nature\*, shot, swim, thing, trick, usage, use, way, wont; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* departure, deviation, difference, divergence, irregularity

**custom** [*n2*] *ritual, traditional action* attitude, canon, ceremony, character, convention, conventionalism, design, dictates, established way, etiquette, fashion, folkways, form, formality, inheritance, manner, matter of course, method, mode, mold, mores, observance, observation, pattern, performance, policy, practice, praxis, precedent, precept, rite, routine, rule, second nature\*, style, system, taste, type, unwritten law, unwritten rule, usage, use, vogue, way; CONCEPTS 644,688 —*Ant.* departure, deviation

**customarily** [*adv*] *ordinarily; as a rule* as a matter of course, as usual, commonly, consistently, conventionally, frequently, generally, habitually, naturally, normally, regularly, routinely, traditionally, usually, wontedly; CONCEPTS 530,547 —*Ant.* differently, divergently, occasionally, rarely, sometimes

**customary** [*adj*] *usual, established* accepted, according to Hoyle\*, accustomed, acknowledged, by the numbers\*, chronic, common, confirmed, conventional, established, everyday, familiar, fashionable, frequent, general, habitual, household, in a rut\*, in the groove\*, normal, ordinary, orthodox, playing it safe\*, popular, prescriptive, recognized, regular, regulation, routine, same old\*, SOP\*, standard, standard operating procedure\*, stipulated, traditional, understood, universal, wonted; CONCEPTS 530,547 —*Ant.* abnormal, different, irregular, occasional, rare, sometime, unusual

**customer** [*n*] *buyer of goods, services* client, clientele, consumer, habitué, patron, prospect, purchaser, regular shopper; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* owner

**cut** [*n1*] *incision* carving, chip, chop, cleavage, cleft, dissection, fissure, furrow, gash, groove, intersection, kerf, laceration, mark, nick, nip, notch, opening, passage, penetration, pierce, prick, rabbit, rent, rip, scarification, sculpture, section, shave, slash, slit, slot, snip, stab, stroke, trench, trim, wound; CONCEPT 309

**cut** [*n2*] *reduction, diminution* cutback, decrease, decrement, downsize, economy, fall, lessening, lowering, reduction, saving; CONCEPTS 698,776 —*Ant.* increase

**cut** [*n3*] *portion of profit* allotment, allowance, bite, chop\*, division, kickback\*, lot, member, moiety, part, partage, percentage, piece, quota, section, segment, share, slice; CONCEPT 344

**cut** [*n4*] *style, shape of clothing* configuration, construction, fashion, figure, form, look, mode; CONCEPTS 655,754

**cut** [*n5*] *insult* abuse, hateful remark, indignity, offense; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* compliment, nicety, praise

**cut** [*n6*] *type, kind* cast, description, feather, ilk, lot, mold, sort, stamp; CONCEPT 378

**cut** [*v1*] *sever, chop with sharp instrument*; *incise* amputate, behead, bisect, bite, carve, chine, chip, chisel, cleave, clip, crop, curtain, decussate, dice, dispatch, dissect, dissever, divide, facet, fell, flitch, gash, guillotine, hack, hash, hew, intersect, lacerate, lay open, level, lop, massacre, mince, mow, mow down, nick, notch, part, penetrate, perforate, pierce, prune, puncture, quarter, rabbit, raze, reap, rend, rip, rive, saber, saw, scarily, scissor, score, scythe, separate, shave, shear, sickle, skive, slash, slaughter, slay, slice, slit, sliver, snip; CONCEPT 252

**cut a deal** [*v*] *make a deal* bargain, barter, bicker, dicker\*, do business, hammer out a deal\*, negotiate, trade, work out a deal\*; CONCEPT 324

**cutback** [*n*] *decrease* abatement, belt-tightening, curtailment, decline, decrement, economy, lessening, lowering, reduction, reversal; CONCEPT 698 —*Ant.* increase, raise

**cute** [*adj*] *perky, attractive* adorable, beautiful, charming, dainty, delightful, pleasant, pretty; CONCEPTS 404,579 —*Ant.* homely, ugly

**cut in** [*v*] *interrupt* break in, butt in\*, chisel in\*, horn in\*, interfere, interpose, intervene, intrude, move in, obtrude; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* allow

**cut off** [*v1*] *prevent; interrupt* block, break in, bring to end, catch, close off, disconnect, discontinue, halt, insulate, intercept, intersect, intervene, intrude, isolate, obstruct, renounce, segregate, separate, sequester, suspend; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* allow, encourage, permit

**cut off** [*v2*] *disinherit in will* cut out of will, disown, renounce; CONCEPT 317 —*Ant.* give

**cut out** [*v*] *excise, remove* carve, cease, delete, displace, eliminate, exclude, excise, extirpate, extract, give up, oust, pull out, refrain from, sever, stop, supersede, supplant, usurp; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* add, include

**cut out for** [*adj*] *adapted* adequate, competent, designed, equipped, fit, fitted, good for, qualified, suitable, suited; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inadequate, incompetent, unfitted, unqualified, unsuitable, unsuited, wrong

**cut short** [*v*] *bring to an end; leave unfinished* abbreviate, abort, abridge, break off, check, diminish, end, finish, halt, hinder, intercept, interrupt, postpone, quit, shorten, stop, terminate; CONCEPTS 121,234 —*Ant.* continue, lengthen, prolong

**cutthroat** [*adj*] *ruthless* barbarous, blood-thirsty, cruel, dog-eat-dog\*, ferocious, hard as nails\*, merciless, pitiless, relentless, savage, unprincipled, vicious; CONCEPTS 401, 404

**cutting** [*adj*] *nasty, hateful* acerbic, acid, acrimonious, barbed, biting, bitter, caustic, clear-cut, crisp, hurtful, incisive, ingoing, malicious, penetrating, piercing, pointed, probing, raw, sarcastic, sardonic, scathing, severe, sharp, stinging, trenchant, wounding; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* kind, nice, pleasant

**cutting edge** [*n*] *newest technology* advancement, avant-garde, fore, forefront, front line, innovation, invention, leading edge, new wave, point, vanguard; CONCEPT 668

**cut up** [*v1*] *make fun of; criticize* censure, condemn, crucify, denounce, give a rough time\*, knock, pan\*, rap, reprehend, reprobate, ridicule, skin, vilify; CONCEPT 52

**cut up** [*v2*] *be rowdy* act up, caper, carry on\*, cavort, clown, fool around, joke, misbehave, play, play jokes, romp, roughhouse, show off, whoop it up\*; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* be serious

**cut up** [*v3*] *chop, mince* carve, dice, divide, slice; CONCEPT 176

**cybernetics** [*n*] *science studying brain function to design analogous mechanical systems* artificial intelligence, automatic technology, automation, autonetics, electronic communication, radiodynamics, robotization, telematics; CONCEPTS 274, 349

**cyberpunk** [*n*] *computer hacker* computer nerd, engineer, geek, hacker, programmer; CONCEPT 348

**cyberspace** [*n*] *computer world* communications, computer network, data bank, data network, electronic highway, electronic mail, email, global village, infobahn\*, information space, information superhighway\*, information technology, Internet, online community, virtual community, virtual library, virtual reality, Web, World Wide Web, WWW; CONCEPTS 349, 770

**cycle** [*n*] *era, phase* aeon, age, alternation, chain, circle, circuit, course, one, isochronism, loop, orbit, period, periodicity, revolution, rhythm, ring, rotation, round, run, sequel, sequence, series, succession, wheel; CONCEPTS 816, 817

**cyclical** [*adj*] *happening at regular intervals* circular, patterned, periodic, recurrent, recurring, regular, repeated, repetitive, seasonal; CONCEPTS 816, 817

**cynic** [*n*] *nonbeliever* carper, caviler, detractor, disbeliever, doubter, doubting Thomas\*, egoist, egotist, flouter, misanthrope, misanthropist, misogamist, misogynist, mocker, pessimist, questioner, satirist, scoffer, skeptic, sneerer, unbeliever; CONCEPTS 361, 423 —*Ant.* believer, optimist

**cynical** [*adj*] *nonbelieving; doubtful* contemptuous, derisive, ironic, misanthropic, misanthropical, mocking, pessimistic, sarcastic, sardonic, scoffing, scornful, skeptical, sneering, suspicious, unbelieving, wry; CONCEPTS 267, 403 —*Ant.* believing, hopeful, optimistic, trusting, undoubting

**cyst** [*n*] *unusual growth* bag, bleb, blister, injury, pouch, sac, sore, vesicle, wen; CONCEPT 306

## D

**dab** [*n*] *small quantity* bit, blob, dollop, drop, fleck, flick, pat, peck, smidgen, smudge, speck, spot, stroke, tap, touch; CONCEPT 835 —*Ant.* glob, mass

**dab** [*v*] *blot up; touch lightly* bedaub, besmeer, daub, pat, peck, plaster, smear, smudge, stipple, swab, tap, wipe; CONCEPT 612

**dabble** [*v*] *play at; tinker* amuse oneself with, be amateur, dally, dilly-dally\*, fiddle with\*, flirt with\*, horse around\*, idle, kid around\*, mess around\*, monkey\*, monkey around\*, muck around\*, not be serious\*, play, play around\*, play games with, toy with, trifle, trifle with, work superficially; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* take seriously

**dabbler** [*n*] *amateur* abecedarian, beginner, dilettante, loafer, nonprofessional, novice, potterer, pretender, smatterer, tinkerer, trifler, tyro, uninitiate; CONCEPTS 348, 366 —*Ant.* professional

**dad** [*n*] *father* daddy\*, old man\*, pa\*, papa\*, pappy\*, parent, pop; CONCEPTS 394, 400, 414, 419, 423

**daffy** [*adj*] *silly, crazy* clownish, crackers\*, daft, demented, deranged, dotty, foolish, goofy\* loony\*, nuts, nutty\*; CONCEPT 403

**daft** [*adj*] *stupid; crazy* absurd, asinine, bedlamite, bonkers, cracked\*, crackers\*, daffy\*, demented, deranged, dopey\*, flaky\*, foolish, fried\*, giddy, half-baked\*, idiotic, inane, insane, in the ozone\*, lunatic, mad, mental\*, nuts, nutty\*, off the wall\*, out of one's gourd\*, ridiculous, screwy\*, silly, simple, touched, unbalanced, unhinged\*, unsound, wacky, whacko\*, witless; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* brainy, bright, intelligent, smart, understanding

**dagger** [*n*] *knife* anlace, bayonet, blade, bodkin, cutlass, dirk, poniard, sidearm, skean, stiletto, stylet, switchblade, sword; CONCEPTS 495, 499

**daily** [*adj*] *occurring every day; during the day* circadian, common, commonplace, constantly, cyclic, day after day, day by day, day-to-day, diurnal, everyday, from day to day, often, once a day, once daily, ordinary, per diem, periodic, quotidian, regular, regularly, routine; CONCEPTS 541, 801 —*Ant.* at night, nightly, nocturnal

**dainty** [*adj1*] *delicate, fragile, fine* airy, attractive, beautiful, bonny, charming, choice, comely, cute, darling, delectable, delicious, delightful, diaphanous, elegant, ethereal, exquisite, fair, feeble, frail, graceful, lacy, light, lovely, neat, nice, palatable, petite, pleasing, precious, pretty, rare, recherché, refined, savory, select, soft, subtle, superior, sweet, tasteful, tasty, tender, thin, toothsome, trim, well-made; CONCEPTS 490, 491, 606 —*Ant.* clumsy, coarse, harsh, heavy, rough

**dainty** [*adj2*] *finicky, particular* acute, choosy, delicate, fastidious, finical, finicking, fussy, mincing, nice, perceptive, pnersnickety\*, refined, scrupulous, tasteful; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* accepting, easy

**dairy** [*n*] *producer of milk products* buttery, cow barn, creamery, dairy farm, factory, farm, pasteurizing plant; CONCEPTS 449, 517

**dalliance** [*n1*] *dawdling* dabbling, delay,

delaying, dilly-dallying\*, frittering, frivolling, idling, loafing, loitering, playing, poking\*, procrastinating, procrastination, puttering, toying, trifling; CONCEPTS 151,210,681

—**Ant.** hastening, hurrying, push, rush

**dalliance** [*n*] *love affair*, a little on the side\*, amorous play, carrying on\*, fling, fooling around\*, frolicking, hanky-panky\*, messing around\*, relationship, seduction, toying\*, working late at office\*; CONCEPTS 114,375,388

**dally** [*v*] *dawdle, delay* boondoggle\*, drag, fool around, fool with, fritter away, hang about\*, horse around\*, idle, jerk off\*, lag, linger, loiter, lollygag\*, play around\*, play games with\*, procrastinate, put off, putter, tarry, trail, trifle with, waste time, while away; CONCEPTS 151,210,681 —**Ant.** hasten, hurry, push, rush

**dally/dally with** [*v*] *have love affair* be insincere with, carry on, cosset, fool around\*, frivol, frolic, gambol, have a fling, lead on, play around\*, rollick, romp, tamper, wanton; CONCEPTS 114,375

**dam** [*n*] *embankment, wall* bank, barrage, barrier, dike, ditch, gate, grade, hindrance, levee, milldam, millpond, obstruction, weir; CONCEPT 470

**dam** [*v*] *hold back; block* bar, barricade, brake, check, choke, clog, close, confine, hinder, hold in, impede, obstruct, repress, restrain, restrict, retard, slow, stop up, suppress; CONCEPTS 130,191 —**Ant.** free, let go, liberate, release, unblock, unplug, unloose

**damage** [*n*] *injury, loss* accident, adulteration, adversity, affliction, bane, blemish, blow, breakage, bruise, casualty, catastrophe, cave-in, contamination, corruption, debasement, depreciation, deprivation, destruction, deterioration, detriment, devastation, disservice, disturbance, evil, hardship, harm, hurt, illness, impairment, infliction, knockout, marring, mischief, mishap, mutilation, outrage, pollution, ravage, reverse, ruin, ruining, spoilage, stroke, suffering, waste, wound, wreckage, wrecking, wrong; CONCEPTS 309,674 —**Ant.** advantage, benefit, blessing, boon, favor, improvement, profit

**damage** [*v*] *cause injury, loss* abuse, bang up\*, batter, bleach, blight, break, burn, contaminate, corrode, corrupt, crack, cripple, deface, defile, dirty, discolor, disfigure, disintegrate, dismantle, fade, gnaw, harm, hurt, impair, incapacitate, infect, injure, lacerate, maim, maltreat, mangle, mar, mutilate, pollute, ravage, rot, ruin, rust, scathe, scorch, scratch, smash, split, spoil, stain, tamper with, tarnish, tear, undermine, viliate, weaken, wear away, wound, wreak havoc on\*, wreck, wrong; CONCEPTS 246,252 —**Ant.** benefit, bless, enhance, favor, fix, improve, mend, perfect, repair

**damaged** [*adj*] *broken, not working* beat-up, bent, blemished, busted, dinged, down, flawed, flubbed\*, fouled up, glitched\*, gone, hurt, impaired, imperfect, injured, in need of repair, in poor condition, in smithereens\*, kaput\*, loused up\*, marred, messed up\*, mucked up\*, no go\*, on the blink\*, on the fritz\*, out of action\*, out of kilter\*, out of whack\*, run-down, screwed up\*, shot, snafued\*, spoiled, sunk\*, totaled\*, unsound; CONCEPTS 485,560

—**Ant.** fixed, mended, ok, perfect, repaired, unbroken, undamaged, working

**damage(s)** [*n*] *cost for problem* amends, bill, charge, compensation, expense, fine, forfeit, indemnity, reimbursement, reparation, satisfaction, total; CONCEPTS 123,329 —**Ant.** award, compensation, profit, recompense, reward

**damaging** [*adj*] *hurtful to reputation* bad, deleterious, detrimental, disadvantageous, evil, harmful, injurious, mischievous, noxious, noxious, prejudicial, ruinous; CONCEPT 537

—**Ant.** beneficial, favorable, helpful

**damn** [*v*] *condemn, denounce* abuse, anathematize, attack, ban, banish, blaspheme, blast, castigate, cast out, censure, complain of, confound, convict, criticize, cry down, curse, cuss\*, darn, denunciate, doom, drat, excommunicate, excoriate, execrate, expel, flame, fulminate against, imprecate, inveigle against, jinx, object to, objugate, pan\*, penalize, proscribe, punish, revile, sentence, slam, swear, thunder against\*; CONCEPTS 52,54 —**Ant.** bless, cherish, commend, elevate, exalt, favor, glorify, laud, praise, promote

**damnable** [*adj*] *atrocious, horrible* abhorrent, abominable, accursed, blamed, blessed, culpable, cursed, dang\*, darn, depraved, despicable, detestable, dratted, execrable, hateful, odious, offensive, outrageous, wicked; CONCEPTS 545,570 —**Ant.** admirable, blessed, cherished, exalted, favorable, favored, good, laudatory, loveable, praiseworthy

**damnation** [*n*] *everlasting punishment* condemnation, doom, hell, perdition, suffering, torment; CONCEPT 679

**damned** [*adj*] *hateful, unwelcome* accursed, all-fired\*, anathematized, bad, blankety-blank\*, blasted, blessed\*, bloody\*, blooming\*, condemned, confounded, cursed, cussed\*, damnable, dang\*, darn\*, darned\*, despicable, detestable, doggone\*, done for\*, doomed, dratted\*, execrable, gone to blazes\*, infamous, infernal\*, loathsome, lost, lousy, reprobate, revolting, unhappy, voodooed\*; CONCEPTS 545,570 —**Ant.** blessed, cherished, favored, likeable, loveable, nice, praiseworthy, welcome

**damp** [*adj*] *wet, humid* clammy, cloudy, dank, dewy, drenched, dripping, drizzly, drizzly, irriquoous, misty, moist, muggy, oozy, saturated, soaked, soaking, sodden, soggy, sopping, steam bath\*, steamy, sticky, vaporous, waterlogged, wettish; CONCEPT 603 —**Ant.** arid, desiccated, dried, dry, parched

**dampen** [*v*] *make wet* bedew, besprinkle, dabble, humidify, moisten, rinse, spray, sprinkle, water, wet; CONCEPT 256 —**Ant.** dry

**dampen** [*v*] *spoil spirits* allay, check, chill, cloud, cool, curb, dash, deaden, deject, depress, diminish, discourage, dismay, dispirit, dull, humble, inhibit, moderate, muffle, mute, restrain, stifle; CONCEPTS 7,19 —**Ant.** brighten, encourage, hearten, inspirit, uplift

**damsel** [*n*] *maiden* colleen, lady, lass, lassie, miss, virgin, woman, young girl, young woman; CONCEPTS 414,415

**dance** [*n*] *moving feet and body to music* bob\*, boogie, boogie down\*, bunny hop, caper, careen, cavort, Charleston, conga, cut a rug\*, disco, flit\*, foot it\*, foxtro, frolic, gambol,

get down\*, hoof it\*, hop, hustle, jig, jitter\*, jitterbug, jive\*, jump, leap, one-step, prance, promenade, rhumba, rock, rock 'n' roll, samba, shimmy, skip, spin, step, strut, sway, swing, tango, tap, tread, trip, trip the light fantastic\*, twist, two-step, waltz, whirl; CONCEPTS 292,363

**dance** [n2] party for moving to music ball, brawl, disco, formal, hoodown, hop, jump, masquerade, mingle, prom, promenade, shindig, social, sock hop; CONCEPT 383

**dancer** [n] ballerina ballet dancer, belly-dancer, chorus girl, coryphee, danseur, danseuse, go-go dancer, hooper\*, line-dancer, prima ballerina, show girl, tap-dancer; CONCEPT 352

**dandle** [v] caress, cuddle amuse, cosset, cradle, dance, fondle, love, nuzzle, pet, play, ride on knee, rock, sport, toss, toy\*; CONCEPTS 147,190

**dandruff** [n] scurf flakes, seborrhea; CONCEPT 831

**dandy** [adj] fine, excellent capital, cool\*, exemplary, famous, first-class, first-rate, five-star\*, fly\*, glorious, grand, great, groovy\*, hunky-dory\*, keen, marvelous, model, neat, nifty, paragon, peachy\*, prime, splendid, superior, swell, terrific; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** bad, inferior, not good, second-rate, unacceptable

**danger** [n] hazard, troublesome situation clouds, crisis, double trouble\*, dynamite, emergency, endangerment, exigency, exposure, hot potato\*, insecurity, instability, jeopardy, menace, peril, pitfall, possibility, precariousness, precipice, probability, risk, risky business\*, slipperiness, storm, thin ice\*, threat, uncertainty, venture, vulnerability; CONCEPT 675 —**Ant.** care, carefulness, guard, preservation, safety, security

**dangerous** [adj] hazardous, troubling alarming, bad, breakneck\*, chancy, critical, dangerous, deadly, delicate, dynamite, exposed, fatal, formidable, hairy\*, heavy\*, hot\*, impending, impregnable, insecure, jeopardous, loaded, malignant, menacing, mortal, nasty, on collision course\*, parlous, perilous, portentous, precarious, pressing, queasy, risky, serious, serpentine, shaky, speculative, terrible, thorny\*, threatening, ticklish\*, touch-and-go\*, touchy, treacherous, ugly\*, unhealthy, unsafe, unstable, urgent, viperous, vulnerable, wicked; CONCEPT 548 —**Ant.** careful, guarded, safe, secure, unharzardous, untroubled

**dangerously** [adv] precariously alarmingly, carelessly, critically, daringly, desperately, gravely, harmfully, hazardously, perilously, precariously, recklessly, riskily, seriously, severely, unsafely, unsecurely; CONCEPT 548 —**Ant.** carefully, on guard, safely, securely

**dangle** [v] suspend brandish, depend, droop, entice, flap, flaunt, flourish, hang, hang down, lure, sling, sway, swing, tantalize, tempt, trail, wave; CONCEPTS 153,190

**dangling** [adj] supported from above drooping, droopy, hanging, pendent, pendulous, suspended; CONCEPT 485

**dank** [adj] clammy chilly, close, damp, dewy, dripping, humid, moist, muggy, slimy, soggy, steamy, sticky, wet, wetish; CONCEPT 603 —**Ant.** dry, parched

**dapper** [adj] well-groomed, neat bandbox,

brisk, chic, chichi, classy, clean, dainty, dashing, doggy\*, dressed to kill\*, dressed to nines\*, jaunty, natty, nice, nifty, nimble, nobby, posh, prim, rakish, ritzy, sassy, sharp, showy, smart, snazzy\*, snug, spiff, spiffy, spruce, spry, stylish, swank, swanky, swell, trim, turned out, well turned out; CONCEPT 579 —**Ant.** dirty, dishevelled, ruffled, rumpled, scruffy, shabby, sloppy, tousled, ungroomed, wrinkled

**dappled** [adj] mottled, freckled brindle, brindled, checkered, discolored, flecked, motley, multicolor, multicolored, multihued, parti-colored, piebald, pied, speckled, spotted, stippled, varicolored, variegated, versicolor, versicolored; CONCEPT 618 —**Ant.** uncolored, uncolored, unflecked, unspotted

**dare** [n] challenge, defiance cartel, defy, provocation, stump, taunt; CONCEPTS 53,87

**dare** [v1] challenge, defy someone beard, brave, bully, call one's bluff, confront, cope, denounce, disregard, face, face off, front, goad, insult, knock chip off shoulder\*, laugh at, make my day\*, meet, mock, muster courage, oppose, outdare, provoke, resist, run the gauntlet, scorn, spurn, square off, step over the line, take one on, taunt, threaten, throw down gauntlet; CONCEPTS 14,53

**dare** [v2] take a risk; be courageous adventure, attempt, be bold, brave, endanger, endeavor, gamble, go ahead, hazard, make bold, pluck up, presume, risk, run the risk, speculate, stake, take a chance, take heart, try, try one's hand\*, undertake, venture; CONCEPTS 35,87 —**Ant.** be careful, hold back, refrain

**daredevil** [n] thrill-seeker adventurer, hotdog\*, madcap, risk-taker, show-off, stuntman, stunt-person, stuntwoman; CONCEPT 423

**daring** [adj] adventurous adventuresome, audacious, bold, brassy\*, brave, cheeky, cocky, courageous, crusty, fearless, fire eating\*, foolhardy, forward, game, go for broke\*, gritty, gutsy\*, gutty\*, hot shot\*, impudent, impulsive, intrepid, nervy, obtrusive, out on a limb\*, plucky, rash, reckless, salty\*, smart, smart-alecky\*, spunky\*, temerarious, valiant, venturesome; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** afraid, bashful, chicken, cowardly, fearful, meek, shy, timid, unadventurous, unwilling

**dark** [adj1] lack of light aphotic, atramentous, black, blackish, caliginous, Cimmerian, clouded, cloudy, crepuscular, darkened, dim, dingy, drab, dull, dun, dusk, dusky, faint, foggy, gloomy, grimy, ill-lighted, indistinct, inky, lightless, lurid, misty, murky, nebulous, obfuscous, obscure, opaque, overcast, pitch-black, pitch-dark, pitchy, rayless, shaded, shadowy, shady, somber, sooty, stygian, sunless, tenebrous, unlighted, unit, vague; CONCEPT 617 —**Ant.** bright, brilliant, illuminated, light, lucid, luminous, radiant, shining, visible, vivid

**dark** [adj2] shaded complexion, hair adumbral, bistered, black, brunet, brunette, dark-complexioned, dark-skinned, dusky, ebony, ebony, sable, swart, swarthy, tan; CONCEPTS 406,618 —**Ant.** light

**dark** [adj3] hidden, secret abstruse, analogic, arcane, cabalistic, complicated, concealed, cryptic, deep, Delphian, enigmatic, esoteric, intricate, knotty, mysterious, mystic, mystical,



mystifying, not known, obscure, occult, puzzling, recondite; CONCEPTS 402,576,582  
 —*Ant.* apparent, distinct, evident, manifest, plain, visible

**dark** [adj4] *grim, hopeless* bleak, cheerless, dismal, doleful, drab, foreboding, gloomy, joyless, morbid, morose, mournful, ominous, sinister, somber, unpropitious; CONCEPT 548  
 —*Ant.* bright, brilliant, encouraging, hopeful, shining

**dark** [adj5] *evil, satanic* atrocious, bad, corrupt, damnable, foul, hellish, horrible, immoral, infamous, infernal, nefarious, sinful, sinister, vile, wicked; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* good, moral

**dark** [adj6] *ignorant* benighted, uncultivated, unenlightened, unlettered, unread; CONCEPT 402

**dark** [adj7] *angry, upset* down, forbidding, frowning, glowering, glum, ominous, scowling, sulky, sullen, threatening; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, pleased

**dark** [n1] *place, time without light* caliginosity, darkness, dead of night, dimness, dusk, duskiness, evening, gloom, midnight, murk, murkiness, night, nightfall, nighttime, obscurity, opacity, semidarkness, shade, shadows, twilight, witching hour; CONCEPTS 620,810 —*Ant.* brightness, day, daylight, daytime, illumination, light, lightness, morning

**dark** [n2] *ignorance; mystery* concealment, denseness, inscrutability, seclusion, secrecy, thickness; CONCEPTS 409,410 —*Ant.* cognizance, enlightening, intelligence, sense, sensibility, understanding

**darken** [v] *become shaded, unlit* becloud, bedim, blacken, cloud over, cloud up, deepen, dim, eclipse, fog, gray, haze, make dim, murk, obfuscate, obscure, overcast, overshadow, shade, shadow, tone down\*; CONCEPT 469  
 —*Ant.* brighten, illuminate, lighten, whiten

**dark horse** [n] *long shot* hundred-to-one shot, improbability, outside chance, sleeper, small chance, underdog, unexpected winner, unknown, unlikelyhood, unlikely winner; CONCEPTS 366,423

**darkness** [n1] *place, time that is unlit* black, blackness, blackout, brownout, caliginosity, Cimmerian shade, cloudiness, crepuscule, dark, dimness, dusk, duskiness, eclipse, gloom, lightlessness, murk, murkiness, nightfall, obscurity, pitch darkness, shade, shadiness, shadows, smokiness, tenebrosity, twilight; CONCEPT 620 —*Ant.* brightness, day, daylight, daytime, illumination, light, lightness, morning

**darkness** [n2] *ignorance; mystery* blindness, concealment, denseness, inscrutability, isolation, privacy, seclusion, secrecy, unawareness; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* cognizance, enlightening, intelligence, sense, sensibility, understanding

**darling** [n] *sweetheart, favorite person* angel\*, apple of one's eye\*, baby\*, beloved, boyfriend, dear, dearest, dearie\*, dear one, fair-haired boy\*, flame, friend, girlfriend, heart's desire\*, honeybunch, lamb\*, light of my life\*, love, lover, one and only\*, pet\*, precious, sugar\*, sweetie, treasure\*, truelove; CONCEPT 423  
 —*Ant.* enemy, foe

**darn** [interj] *damn* confound it, cripes, damn it, dang\*, darnation, doggone, drat\*, gosh-darn; CONCEPTS 52,54

**dart** [v] *race away; propel* bound, career, cast, course, dash, flash, fling, flit, float, fly, gallop, hasten, heave, hurry, hurtle, launch, move quickly, pitch, plunge, run, rush, sail, scamper, scoot, scud, scurry, shoot, skim, speed, spring, sprint, spurt, start, tear, throw, thrust, whiz; CONCEPTS 150,195,222

**dash** [n1] *fast race for short distance* birr, bolt, dart, haste, onset, run, rush, sortie, sprint, spurt, zip; CONCEPT 150

**dash** [n2] *flair, style* animation, birr, brio, éclat, élan, energy, esprit, flourish, force, impressiveness, intensity, life, might, oomph\*, panache, power, spirit, strength, vehemence, verve, vigor, vim, vivacity, zing, zip; CONCEPTS 411,655,673 —*Ant.* drab, dullness, frumpiness

**dash** [n3] *small amount; suggestion* bit, drop, few drops, flavor, grain, hint, lick, little, part, pinch, scattering, seasoning, smack, smidgen, soupçon, sprinkle, sprinkling, squirt, streak, suspicion, taste, tincture, tinge, touch, trace, trifle, zest; CONCEPT 831 —*Ant.* glob, lump

**dash** [v1] *run very fast for short distance* boil, bolt, bound, career, charge, chase, course, dart, fly, gallop, get on it\*, haste, hasten, hurry, lash, make a run for it\*, make it snappy\*, race, rush, rush at, scamper, scoot, scurry, shoot, speed, spring, sprint, tear; CONCEPT 150

**dash** [v2] *break by hitting or throwing violently* beat, bludgeon, cast, charge, crash, cudgel, destroy, fling, hit, hurl, hurtle, lunge, plunge, shatter, shiver, slam, sling, smash, splash, splatter, splinter, throw; CONCEPTS 189,222,248 —*Ant.* aid, assist, encourage, help, inspirit

**dash** [v3] *discourage, frustrate* abash, baffle, balk, beat, bilk, blast, blight, chagrin, chill, circumvent, cloud, confound, dampen, disappoint, discomfort, dismay, dispirit, foil, nip, ruin, spoil, thwart; CONCEPTS 7,19,121

**dashboard** [n] *instrument panel* control panel, indicator panel, instrument board; CONCEPTS 463,499

**dashing** [adj] *bold, flamboyant* adventurous, alert, animated, chic, dapper, daring, dazzling, debonair, elegant, exclusive, exuberant, fashionable, fearless, gallant, gay, jaunty, keen, lively, modish, plucky, rousing, showy, smart, spirited, sporty, stylish, swank, swashbuckling, swish, vivacious; CONCEPTS 404,589 —*Ant.* boring, calm, drab, dull, plain, unimpressive, unstylish

**dastardly** [adj] *rotten* base, contemptible, cowardly, craven, despicable, low, mean, pusillanimous, underhanded, vile; CONCEPTS 404,545,570,571,574

**data** [n] *information in visible form* abstracts, brass tacks\*, chapter and verse\*, circumstances, compilations, conclusions, details, documents, dope, dossier, evidence, experiments, facts, figures, goods, info, input, knowledge, materials, measurements, memorandums, notes, picture, proof, reports, results, scoop, score, statistics, testimony, whole story\*; CONCEPT 274

**data bank** [n] *database* computerized information, data processing, storage; CONCEPT 274

**data processor** [n] *computer* calculator, CPU, laptop, MAC, Macintosh, mainframe, microcomputer, number cruncher, PC, personal computer, word processor; CONCEPTS 269,463

**date** [*n1*] *point in time; particular day or time* age, century, course, day, duration, epoch, era, generation, hour, juncture, moment, period, quarter, reign, span, spell, stage, term, time, while, year; CONCEPTS 800,801,802,815

**date** [*n2*] *social engagement* appointment, assignation, call, interview, meeting, rendezvous, tryst, visit; CONCEPTS 114,386

**date** [*n3*] *person accompanying another socially* blind date, boyfriend, companion, escort, friend, girlfriend, lover, partner, steady, sweetheart; CONCEPT 423

**date** [*v1*] *assign a time* affix a date to, belong to, carbon-date, chronicle, come from, determine, exist from, fix, fix the date of, isolate, mark, measure, originate in, put in its place, record, register; CONCEPTS 18,37

**date** [*v2*] *see person socially* associate with, attend, consort with, court, deceive it\*, escort, fix up, go around together\*, go around with\*, go out with, go steady, go together, keep company, make a date, see, step around, take out, woo; CONCEPT 114

**date** [*v3*] *become obsolete* antique, archaize, obsolesce, obsolete, outdated, show one's age; CONCEPT 105

**dated** [*adj*] *out-of-date* antiquated, archaic, behind the times, obsolescent, obsolete, old-fashioned, old hat, outdated, outmoded, out of style, passé, unfashionable; CONCEPTS 530,578,797

**daub** [*v*] *coat; make dirty* begrime, besmear, bespray, blur, cover, dab, deface, dirty, fleck, grime, paint, plaster, slap on, smear, smirch, smudge, spatter, speckle, splatter, spot, spread, stain, sully, variegate, varnish; CONCEPTS 172,250

**daughter** [*n*] *female child* female offspring, girl, offspring, woman; CONCEPTS 415,424

**daunt** [*v*] *frighten, alarm* appall, baffle, browbeat, bully, consternate, cow, deter, discourage, dishearten, dismay, dispirit, foil, horrify, intimidate, overawe, put off\*, scare, shake, subdue, terrify, thwart; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* aid, assist, embolden, encourage, hearten, help, incite, inspire, stimulate, undaunt, urge

**dauntless** [*adj*] *bold, courageous* aweless, brave, daring, doughty, fearless, gallant, game, heroic, indomitable, intrepid, invincible, lionhearted, resolute, stouthearted, unafraid, unconquerable, undaunted, unfearing, unflinching, valiant, valorous; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* afraid, daunted, discouraged, disheartened, fearful, frightened, intimidated, scared, terrified

**davenport** [*n*] *sofa; small desk* chesterfield, convertible sofa, couch, daybed, futon, secretary, sofa bed, writing desk; CONCEPT 443

**dawdle** [*v*] *delay; waste time* amble, bum around\*, dally, diddle-daddle\*, dilly-dally\*, drag, fool around\*, fritter away\*, get no place fast\*, goof off\*, hang around\*, hang out\*, idle, lag, laze, lazy, loaf, loiter, loll, lounge, mosey\*, poke\*, procrastinate, put off, saunter, scrounge around, shlep along\*, sit around\*, sit on one's butt\*, stay, stroll, tarry, toddle, trifle, wait, warm a chair\*; CONCEPTS 210,681 —*Ant.* forward, hasten, hurry, push, rush, speed

**dawn** [*n1*] *beginning of day* aurora, break of day, bright, cockcrow, crack of dawn, dawning,

daybreak, daylight, day peep, early bright, first blush, first light, light, morn, morning, sunrise, sunup, wee hours\*; CONCEPTS 810,815 —*Ant.* dusk, end, evening, eventide, setting, sundown, sunset

**dawn** [*n2*] *a beginning* advent, alpha, birth, commencement, dawning, emergence, foundation, genesis, head, inception, onset, opening, origin, outset, outstart, rise, source, start, unfolding; CONCEPT 832 —*Ant.* conclusion, end, ending, finish

**dawn** [*v*] *start* appear, begin, develop, emerge, glimmer, initiate, lighten, loom, open, originate, rise, show itself, unfold; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* end, finish, set

**day** [*n1*] *light part of every 24 hours* astronomical day, bright, dawn-to-dark, daylight, daytime, diurnal course, early bright, light, light of day, mean solar day, nautical day, sidereal day, sunlight, sunrise-to-sunset, sunshine, working day; CONCEPTS 801,803,810,821 —*Ant.* evening, night

**day** [*n2*] *era* age, ascendancy, cycle, epoch, generation, height, heyday, period, prime, term, time, years, zenith; CONCEPTS 802,816

**daybook** [*n*] *journal* album, datebook, diary, Filofax™, ledger, log, logbook, memo pad, notebook, record, scrapbook; CONCEPTS 280,283

**daybreak** [*n*] *beginning of light hours* aurora, break of day, bright, cockcrow, crack of dawn, dawn, dawning, daylight, day peep, dayspring, early bright, first light, morn, morning, sunrise, sunup; CONCEPTS 810,815 —*Ant.* darkness, eventide, sundown, sunset

**daycare** [*n*] *child care center* babysitter, kindergarten, nursery school, playgroup, pre-K, pre-school; CONCEPT 295

**daydream** [*n*] *fantasy thought of when awake* castle in the air\*, conceiving, dream, fancy, fancying, figment of imagination, fond hope, fool's paradise\*, head trip\*, imagination, imagining, in a zone\*, mind trip\*, musing, phantasm, phantasy, pie in the sky\*, pipe dream, reverie, stargazing, trip\*, vision, wish, woolgathering; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* reality

**daydream** [*v*] *make up fantasy* build castles in air\*, conceive, dream, envision, fancy, fantasize, hallucinate, imagine, moon, muse, pipe dream\*, stargaze, trip out\*, woolgather; CONCEPTS 17,36

**daylight** [*n*] *light part of 24 hours* aurora, dawn, day, daybreak, daytime, during the day, light, light of day, sunlight, sunrise, sunshine; CONCEPT 810 —*Ant.* darkness, evening, night, sunset

**daze** [*n*] *confusion* befuddlement, bewilderment, distraction, gauze, glaze, haze, lala-land\*, maze, muddledness, nadaville\*, narcosis, shock, stupefaction, stupor, trance; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* expectation, understanding

**daze** [*v*] *confuse, shock* addle, amaze, astonish, astound, befog, befuddle, benumb, bewilder, blind, blur, confound, dazzle, disorder, distract, dizzy, dumbfound, flabbergast, fuddle, mix up, muddle, mystify, numb, overpower, overwhelm, paralyze, perplex, petrify, puzzle, rock, stagger, startle, stun, stupefy, surprise; CONCEPTS 16,42 —*Ant.* expect

**dazzle** [*v*] *confuse, amaze* astonish, awe, bedazzle, blind, blur, bowl over\*, daze, excite, fascinate, glitz\*, hypnotize, impress, overawe, overpower, overwhelm, razzle-dazzle, strike dumb\*, stupefy, surprise; CONCEPTS 16,42 —*Ant.* bore

**dazzling** [*adj*] *radiant* beaming, bright, brilliant, flashy, glaring, glittering, ravishing, resplendent, sensational, shining, sparkling, splendid, stunning; CONCEPT 617

**deacon** [*n*] *clergyman* church officer, cleric, elder, priest; CONCEPT 361

**deactivate** [*v*] *decommission* demilitarize, disband, make inactive, shut down, shut off; CONCEPTS 25,121,188

**dead** [*adj*1] *no longer alive* asleep, bereft of life, bloodless, bought the farm\*, breathless, buried, cadaverous, checked out\*, cold, cut off, deceased, defunct, departed, done for\*, erased, expired, extinct, gone, gone to meet maker\*, gone to reward\*, inanimate, inert, late, lifeless, liquidated, mortified, no more, not existing, offed\*, out of one's misery\*, passed away, perished, pushing up daisies\*, reposing, resting in peace, spiritless, stiff, unanimated, wasted; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* alive, animated, being, existent, existing, live, living, subsisting

**dead** [*adj*2] *indifferent, cold* anesthetized, apathetic, asleep, boring, callous, deadened, dull, flat, frigid, glazed, inert, insensitive, insipid, lukewarm, numb, numbed, paralyzed, senseless, spiritless, stagnant, stale, still, tasteless, torpid, unfeeling, uninteresting, unresponsive, vapid, wooden; CONCEPT 550 —*Ant.* active, animated, interested, live, living, responsive, spirited, warm

**dead** [*adj*3] *not working* barren, bygone, defunct, departed, exhausted, extinct, gone, inactive, inoperable, inoperative, lost, obsolete, spent, stagnant, sterile, still, tired, unemployed, unprofitable, useless, vanished, wearied, worn, worn out; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* active, alive, animate, animated, live, operative, working

**dead** [*adj*4] *complete, total* absolute, bloody, downright, entire, final, out-and-out\*, outright, perfect, sure, thorough, unconditional, unmitigated, unqualified, utter, whole; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* continuing, enduring, incomplete, unfinished

**dead** [*adv*] *completely, totally* absolutely, direct, directly, due, entirely, exactly, right, straight, straightly, undeviatingly, wholly; CONCEPTS 531,772 —*Ant.* incompletely

**deadbeat** [*n*] *freeloader* bum, debtor, leech, loafer, moocher, parasite, sponge; CONCEPTS 412,423

**deaden** [*v*] *diminish, muffle, quiet* abate, alleviate, anesthetize, numb, blunt, check, chloroform, consume, cushion, damp, dampen, depress, deprive, desensitize, destroy, devitalize, dim, dope, drown, dull, etherize, exhaust, freeze, frustrate, gas, hush, impair, incapacitate, injure, knock out, KO\*, lay out, lessen, mute, numb, paralyze, put out of order\*, put to sleep, quieten, reduce, repress, retard, slow, smother, soften, stifle, stun, stupefy, suppress, tire, tone down, unnerve, weaken; CONCEPTS 130,240 —*Ant.* animate, build, enliven, increase, strengthen

**dead end** [*n*] *cul-de-sac; deadlock* blank wall, blind alley, Catch-22, corner, draw, impasse, nowhere to turn, obstacle, road block, stalemate, standoff, stumbling block; CONCEPT 674

**deadline** [*n*] *due date* bound, cutoff, limit, period, target date, time frame, time limit, zero hour; CONCEPTS 513,745,815,832

**deadlock** [*n*] *stalemate, impasse* box\*, Catch-22\*, cessation, checkmate, corner, dead end, dead heat, dilemma, draw, full stop, gridlock, halt, hole, pause, pickle, plight, posture, predicament, quandary, standoff, standstill, tie, wall\*; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* agreement, breakthrough

**deadly** [*adj*1] *causing end of life* baleful, baneful, bloodthirsty, bloody, cannibalistic, carcinogenic, cruel, dangerous, death-dealing, deathly, deleterious, destroying, destructive, fatal, grim, harmful, homicidal, injurious, intermercine, killing, lethal, malignant, mortal, mortiferous, murderous, noxious, pernicious, pestiferous, pestilent, pestilential, poisonous, ruthless, savage, slaying, suicidal, toxic, unrelenting, venomous, violent, virulent; CONCEPT 537

—*Ant.* animating, energizing, harmless, healthful, healthy, invigorating, wholesome

**deadly** [*adj*2] *ghostly* ashen, corpse-like, dead, deadened, deathful, deathlike, deathly, ghostly, pallid, wan, white; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* lively

**dead-on** [*adj*] *accurate* by the book, dead-center, definite, direct, exact, on the button\*, on the mark\*, on the money\*, on the nose\*, precise, to the point; CONCEPT 535

**deadpan** [*adj*] *expressionless* blank, impassive, nobody home\*, poker-faced, serious, stony, straight-faced, unreadable, vacant, wooden; CONCEPT 406

**deaf** [*adj*1] *without hearing* deafened, earless, hard of hearing, stone deaf\*, unable to hear; CONCEPT 591 —*Ant.* hearing

**deaf** [*adj*2] *unwilling* bullheaded\*, headstrong, indifferent, intractable, mulish\*, oblivious, obstinate, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded\*, self-willed, strong-willed, stubborn, to listen blind, unaware, unconcerned, unhearing, unmoved; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* attentive, aware, conscious, listening, willing

**deafening** [*adj*] *very loud* at full volume, blaring, booming, ear-piercing\*, ear-popping\*, ear-splitting\*, noisy, ringing, roaring, rowdy, screaming, thunderous, turned up, vociferous; CONCEPTS 592,594

**deal** [*n*1] *agreement, bargain* accord, arrangement, buy, compromise, conception, contract, pact, pledge, prearrangement, transaction, understanding; CONCEPT 684 —*Ant.* disagreement, misunderstanding

**deal** [*n*2] *amount, share* abundance, degree, distribution, extent, plenty, plethora, portion, quantity, shake, superabundance, transaction; CONCEPTS 344,787,835

**deal** [*n*3] *distribution of playing cards* appointment, chance, cut and shuffle\*, fresh start, game, hand, opportunity, round; CONCEPT 363

**deal** [*v*2] *do business* bargain, barter, bicker, buy and sell, dicker\*, hammer out deal\*, handle, horse trade\*, knock down price\*, negotiate, sell, stock, swap, trade, traffic, treat, work out deal; CONCEPT 324 —*Ant.* deny, refuse

**deal** [v3] *distribute* administer, allot, apportion, assign, bestow, come across with\*, deliver, disburse, dish out\*, dispense, disperse, disseminate, divide, divvy\*, dole out\*, drop, fork out\*, fork over\*, give, hand out, impart, inflict, measure, mete out, partake, participate, partition, render, reward, share, strike; CONCEPTS 108,140 —*Ant.* hold, keep

**deal/deal with** [v1] *handle, manage* act, approach, attend to, behave, behave toward, clear, concern, conduct oneself, consider, control, cope with, direct, discuss, get a handle on something\*, hack it\*, handle, have to do with, live with\*, make a go of it\*, make it\*, oversee, play, review, rid, see to, serve, take, take care of, treat, unburden, use; CONCEPTS 94,117 —*Ant.* mismanage

**dealer** [n] *business owner* banker, bursar, businessperson, chandler, changer, dispenser, marketer, merchandiser, merchant, retailer, trader, tradesperson, trafficker, vendor, wholesaler; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* customer

**dealings** [n] *business relations* affairs, balls in air\*, business, commerce, concerns, doings, intercourse, irons in fire\*, matters, proceedings, ropes\*, sale, strings\*, things, trade, traffic, transactions, truck, wire pulling\*, wires\*; CONCEPT 324

**dean** [n] *leader of institution* administrator, authority, dignitary, doyen, ecclesiastic, guide, lead, legislator, pilot, president, principal, professor, senior, tack; CONCEPT 350 —*Ant.* pupil, student

**dear** [adj1] *beloved, favorite* cherished, close, darling, doll face, endeared, esteemed, familiar, intimate, loved, pet, precious, prized, respected, treasured; CONCEPTS 555,567 —*Ant.* common, despised, hateful, unimportant, valueless, worthless

**dear** [adj2] *very expensive* an arm and a leg\*, at a premium, cher\*, costly, fancy, high, high-priced, out of sight\*, overpriced, pretty penny\*, pricey\*, prized, steep, stiff\*, valuable; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* cheap, inexpensive, low-priced, valueless, worthless

**dear** [n] *beloved person* darling, favorite, heartthrob, honey, love, loved one, lover, pet, precious, sweetheart, treasure; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* despised, hate

**dearly** [adv1] *extremely* greatly, profoundly, to a great extent, very, very much; CONCEPT 772

**dearly** [adv2] *lovingly* affectionately, devotedly, fondly, tenderly, yearningly; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* hatefully

**dearth** [n] *insufficiency, scarcity* absence, default, defect, deficiency, exiguousness, famine, inadequacy, infrequency, lack, meagerness, miss, need, paucity, poverty, privation, rareness, scantiness, scantness, shortage, slim pickings\*, sparsity, uncommonness, want; CONCEPTS 646,674,709 —*Ant.* abundance, excess, plentifulness, plenty, sufficiency

**death** [n] *end of life* afterlife, annihilation, bereavement, casualty, cessation, curtains\*, darkness, decease, demise, departure, destruction, dissolution, downfall, dying, end, ending, eradication, eternal rest, euthanasia, exit, expiration, extermination, extinction, fatality, finis\*, finish, grave, grim reaper\*, heaven, loss,

mortality, necrosis, obliteration, oblivion, paradise, parting, passing, passing over, quietus, release, repose, ruin, ruination, silence, sleep, termination, tomb; CONCEPT 304 —*Ant.* being, birth, entity, existence, life, living

**deathly** [adj1] *suggesting end of life* appalling, cadaverous, corpse-like, deathlike, defunctive, dreadful, gaunt, ghastly, grim, gruesome, haggard, horrible, macabre, pale, pallid, wan, wasted; CONCEPTS 579,618 —*Ant.* animated, beginning, blooming, blossoming, lively

**deathly** [adj2] *fatal* deadly, extreme, intense, lethal, mortal, mortiferous, noxious, pestilent, pestilential, terrible; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* benign, harmless, healthful, healthy, life-giving, strengthening

**debacle** [n] *catastrophe* beating, blue ruin\*, breakdown, collapse, crack-up\*, crash, defeasance, defeat, devastation, disaster, dissolution, downfall, drubbing, failure, fiasco, havoc, licking, overthrow, reversal, rout, ruin, ruination, shellacking\*, smash, smashup, trouncing, vanquishment, washout, wreck; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* boon, miracle, wonder

**debase** [v1] *degrade, shame* abase, bemean, cast down, cheapen, corrupt, cripple, debauch, debilitate, demean, demoralize, deprave, devalue, devalue, disable, disgrace, dishonor, drag down\*, dump on\*, enfeeble, fluff off\*, humble, humiliate, lower, put away, put down, reduce, sap, shoot down, sink, take down\*, take down a peg\*, undermine, weaken; CONCEPTS 7,19,52,54 —*Ant.* elevate, honor, laud, praise, upgrade, value

**debase** [v2] *adulterate* abase, animalize, bastardize, bestialize, contaminate, corrupt, damage, defile, depreciate, doctor, dope up\*, impair, load, pervert, pollute, sophisticate, spoil, taint, vitiate, weight, worsen; CONCEPTS 240,250 —*Ant.* clean, clear, enhance, improve, purify

**debatable** [adj] *controversial* arguable, between rock and hard place\*, between sixes and sevens\*, betwixt and between\*, bone of contention\*, borderline, chancy\*, contestable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, iffy\*, in dispute, moot, mootable\*, open to question, problematic, problematical, questionable, the jury's out\*, touch and go\*, uncertain, undecided, unsettled, up for discussion; CONCEPTS 267,535 —*Ant.* certain, inarguable, incontrovertible, indubious, questionable, sure, uncontestable, undoubted

**debate** [n] *discussion of issues; consideration* agitation, altercation, argument, argumentation, blah-blah\*, cogitation, contention, contest, controversy, controverting, deliberation, dialectic, disputation, dispute, forensic, hassle, match, meditation, mooting, polemic, rebutting, reflection, refuting, tiff, words, wrangle; CONCEPTS 56,532 —*Ant.* agreement

**debate** [v] *argue, discuss* agitate, altercate, answer, bandy, bicker, bump heads\*, canvass, chew the fat\*, cogitate, confab\*, confute, consider, contend, contest, controvert, cross swords\*, deliberate, demonstrate, differ, discept, disprove, dispute, hammer away\*, hash over\*, hassle, have at it\*, kick around\*, knock around\*, lock horns\*, moot, oppose, pettifog, pick a bone\*, prove, put up argument, question, reason, rebut, refute, rehash, set to, talk back\*,

talk game\*, thrash out\*, toss around\*, wrangle;  
 CONCEPTS 24,56 —*Ant.* agree, go along  
**debauch** [*v*] *deprave, corrupt* abuse, bastardize,  
 bestialize, betray, brutalize, debase, defile,  
 deflower, demoralize, fornicate, fraternize,  
 go bad\*, go to hell\*, intrigue, inveigle, lead  
 astray\*, live in the gutter\*, lure, pervert,  
 pollute, ravish, ruin, seduce, subvert, tempt,  
 violate, vitiate, warp; CONCEPTS 14,240,375  
 —*Ant.* clean, cleanse, improve, purify, upgrade  
**debauched** [*adj*] *violated, corrupted* abandon-  
 ed, corrupt, debased, defiled, degenerate,  
 degraded, depraved, deteriorated, dissipated,  
 dissolute, fast, gone bad\*, gone to the dogs\*,  
 immoral, in the gutter\*, licentious, perverted,  
 profligate, reprobate, vitiated, wanton,  
 wicked; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* clean, cleansed,  
 improved, pure, purified, uncorrupt, unpolluted,  
 virtuous  
**debauchery** [*n*] *immoral self-indulgence*  
 bender\*, binge, blowout\*, burning candle at  
 both ends\*, bust, carousal, depravity, dissipa-  
 tion, dissoluteness, drunk\*, excess, fast living\*,  
 fornication, gluttony, incontinence, indulgence,  
 intemperance, intimacy, la dolce vita\*,  
 lasciviousness, lechery, lewdness, license,  
 licentiousness, life in fast lane\*, lust, orgy,  
 overindulgence, revel, revelry, seduction,  
 sensuality, sybaritism, tear\*; CONCEPTS 633,  
 645 —*Ant.* benevolence, giving, mercifulness,  
 unselfishness  
**debenture** [*n*] *certificate of debt* bond, I.O.U.,  
 promise to pay, voucher; CONCEPTS 318,684  
**debilitate** [*v*] *incapacitate* attenuate, blunt,  
 cripple, devitalize, disable, enervate, enfeeble,  
 eviscerate, exhaust, extenuate, harm, hurt, in-  
 jure, mar, prostrate, relax, sap, spoil, unbrace,  
 undermine, unstrengthen, weaken, wear out;  
 CONCEPTS 240,246 —*Ant.* aid, assist, cure,  
 energize, help, invigorate, mend, strengthen  
**debility** [*n*] *incapacity, weakness* decrepitude,  
 disease, enervation, enfeeblement, exhaustion,  
 faintness, feebleness, frailty, infirmity, languor,  
 malaise, sickness, unhealthiness; CONCEPT 316  
 —*Ant.* ability, capability, health, strength, vigor  
**debonair** [*adj*] *charming, elegant* affable, buoy-  
 ant, casual, cheerful, courteous, dashing, de-  
 tached, happy, jaunty, lighthearted, nonchalant,  
 pleasant, refined, smooth, sprightly, suave, ur-  
 bane, well-bred; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* awkward,  
 clumsy, inelegant, uncharming, undebonair  
**debrief** [*v*1] *question* ask questions, cross-  
 examine, examine, gather intelligence, give  
 the third degree\*, grill, interrogate, interview,  
 investigate, probe, put through the wringer\*,  
 quiz, work over; CONCEPTS 48,53  
**debrief** [*v*2] *silence* censor, dummy up\*, gag,  
 hold one's tongue\*, hush up, mute, muzzle,  
 put the lid on, quash, say nothing, shut up,  
 sit on\*, soft-pedal\*, squelch, stifle, suppress;  
 CONCEPT 266  
**debris** [*n*] *litter, waste* bits, crap\*, detritus,  
 dregs, dross, fragments, garbage, junk, offal,  
 pieces, refuse, remains, ruffraff, rubbish, rubble,  
 ruins, trash, wreck, wreckage; CONCEPT 260  
 —*Ant.* cleanliness, neatness, purity  
**debt** [*n*] *money owed to others* albatross\*,  
 arrearage, arrears, bad news\*, baggage\*, below  
 the line\*, bill, bite\*, capital, check, chit\*, claim,

commitment, credit, cuff\*, damage\*, dead  
 horse\*, debenture, debit, deficit, due, dues,  
 duty, encumbrance, indebtedness, in hock\*, in  
 the hole\*, in the red\*, invoice, IOU, liability,  
 manifest, mortgage, note, obligation, outstand-  
 ings\*, price tag\*, promissory note, receipt,  
 reckoning, red ink\*, responsibility, score, tab,  
 tally, voucher; CONCEPTS 329,344 —*Ant.* asset,  
 cash, credit, excess, profit  
**debug** [*v*] *troubleshoot* adjust, correct, fix, iron  
 out, remedy, remove errors, repair, sort out,  
 straighten out, unravel, unscramble, untangle,  
 work the bugs out of; CONCEPTS 126,212  
**debunk** [*v*] *disprove, ridicule* cut down to size\*,  
 deflate, demystify, discover, disparage, expose,  
 lampoon, mock, puncture, show up\*, uncloak,  
 unmask, unshroud; CONCEPTS 49,60 —*Ant.*  
 prove, uphold  
**debut** [*n*] *first public appearance* admission,  
 appearance, beginning, bow, coming out\*,  
 coming out party\*, entrance, entree, first step\*,  
 graduating, graduation, inauguration, incoming,  
 initiation, introduction, launching, opener, pre-  
 sentation; CONCEPT 386 —*Ant.* closing, finale  
**debutante** [*n*] *young woman* deb, teenage girl,  
 young girl, young lady; CONCEPTS 415,424  
**decadence** [*n*] *perversion; deterioration of*  
*morality* corruption, debasement, decay,  
 declension, decline, degeneracy, degeneration,  
 degradation, devolution, dissipation, dissolu-  
 tion, downfall, downgrade, evil, excess, fall,  
 gluttony, incontinence, intemperance, lascivi-  
 ousness, lechery, lewdness, licentiousness,  
 regression, sensuality, sybaritism; CONCEPT 645  
 —*Ant.* humility, morality  
**decadent** [*adj*] *corrupt, self-indulgent* debased,  
 debauched, decaying, declining, degenerate,  
 degraded, depraved, dissolute, effete, evil,  
 gone bad, gone to the dogs\*, immoral, lost,  
 moribund, override, perverted, wanton, wicked;  
 CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* benevolent, good, humble,  
 kind, moral  
**decal** [*n*] *sticker* advertisement, decalcomania,  
 decorative picture, emblem, symbol, token;  
 CONCEPTS 259,284,625  
**decamp** [*v*] *depart suddenly* beat it, bolt, break  
 camp, clear out, depart, disappear, escape,  
 evacuate, flee, head for the hills\*, hightail\*,  
 hit the road\*, make a break for it, make oneself  
 scarce\*, make tracks\*, run away, scam,  
 skedaddle\*, slip away, vamoose; CONCEPTS  
 102,150,195  
**decanter** [*n*] *vessel* bottle, canteen, carafe,  
 container, cruet, flask, jug, magnum, pitcher,  
 wine bottle; CONCEPT 494  
**decapitate** [*v*] *behead* ax, bring to the block\*,  
 chop off one's head, decollate, execute,  
 guillotine; CONCEPT 176  
**decay** [*n*] *breaking down, collapse* adulteration,  
 atrophy, blight, caries, consumption, corrosion,  
 crumbling, decadence, decline, decomposition,  
 decrease, decrepitude, degeneracy, degenera-  
 tion, depreciation, deterioration, dilapidation,  
 disintegration, disrepair, dissolution, downfall,  
 dying, extinction, fading, failing, gangrene, im-  
 pairment, mortification, perishing, putrefaction,  
 putrescence, putridity, putridness, rot, rotting,  
 ruin, ruination, rust, senescence, spoilage,  
 spoilation, wasting, wasting away, withering;

CONCEPTS 230,674,716 —*Ant.* development, flourish, germination, growth, improvement, ripening, strength, strengthening

**decay** [*v*] *deteriorate, crumble* atrophy, become contaminated, be impaired, blight, break up, collapse, corrode, curdle, decline, decompose, defile, degenerate, depreciate, discolor, disintegrate, dissolve, dry-rot, dwindle, fade, fail, get worse, go bad, go to seed\*, go to the dogs\*, hit rock bottom\*, hit the skids\*, lessen, mildew, mold, molder, mortify, pejorate, perish, pollute, putrefy, putresce, reach depths, rot, sap, shrivel, sicken, sink, slump, spoil, suppurate, turn, waste, waste away, weaken, wear away, wither; CONCEPTS 240,246,469

—*Ant.* build, develop, flourish, germinate, grow, improve, ripen, strengthen

**decayed** [*adj*] *rotten, falling apart* addled, bad, carious, carrion, corroded, decomposed, effete, gangrenous, moldered, overripe, perished, putrefied, putrescent, putrid, rank, riddled, rotted, ruined, spoiled, wasted, withered; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* developing, flourishing, germinating, growing, improving, ripening

**decease** [*n*] *death* buying the farm\*, curtains\*, defunction, demise, departure, dissolution, dying, grim reaper\*, passing, passing away, passing over, quietus, release, silence, sleep, taps\*, the end; CONCEPT 304 —*Ant.* birth

**decease** [*v*] *pass away; expire* buy a one-way ticket\*, call off all bets\*, cease, check out\*, cool off\*, croak\*, deep six\*, depart, die, drop, go, pass, pass away, pass on, pass over, perish, succumb; CONCEPT 304 —*Ant.* bear, be born

**deceased** [*adj*] *dead* asleep, bit the dust\*, cold\*, defunct, departed, exanimate, expired, extinct, finished, former, gave up the ghost\*, gone, inanimate, kicked the bucket\*, late, lifeless, lost, passed on, pushing up daisies\*; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* alive, born, lively, living

**deceit** [*n*] *practice of misleading* ambidexterity, ambidextrousness, artifice, cheating, chicanery, chicanery, cozening, craft, craftiness, cunning, deceitfulness, deception, defrauding, dirty dealing\*, dirty pool\*, dishonesty, dissemblance, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity, entrapping, fraud, fraudulence, guile, hypocrisy, imposition, overreaching, pretense, slyness, smoke and mirrors\*, trapping, treachery, trickery, two-facedness\*, two-timing\*, underhandedness; CONCEPTS 59,633 —*Ant.* frankness, honesty, openness, truth, truthfulness, uprightness

**deceit** [*n*2] *particular type of trick, misleading* artifice, blind, cheat, chicanery, crocodile tears\*, deception, dirty trick\*, dirty work\*, duplicity, fake, feint, flimflam\*, fraud, fraudulence, hoax, humbug, imposture, misrepresentation, pretense, ruse, sell, sellout, sham, shift, smoke and mirrors\*, snow job\*, soft soap\*, spoof, stratagem, subterfuge, sweet talk\*, swindle, trick, whitewash\*, wile; CONCEPTS 59,660

**deceitful** [*adj*] *dishonest, insincere* artful, astucious, astute, beguiling, clandestine, counterfeit, crafty, cunning, deceiving, deceptive, delusive, delusory, designing, disingenuous, double-dealing, duplicitous, fallacious, false, feline, foxy, fraudulent, furtive, guileful, hypocritical, illusory, imposturous, indirect,

insidious, knavish, lying, mendacious, misleading, rascal, roguish, shifty, slick, sly, sneaky, stealthy, subtle, treacherous, tricky, two-faced\*, underhand, underhanded, untrustworthy, untruthful, wily; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* faithful, frank, honest, loyal, open, sincere, trustworthy, truthful, upright

**deceive** [*v*] *mislead; be dishonest* bamboozle\*, beat, beat out of, beguile, betray, bilk, buffalo\*, burn, cheat, circumvent, clip, con, cozen, cross up, defraud, delude, disappoint, double-cross, dupe, ensnare, entrap, fake, falsify, fleece, fool, gouge, gull, hoax, hoodwink, hook\*, humbug, impose upon, lead on, outwit, play joke on, pull fast one\*, put on, rob, scam, screw, sell, skin, suck in\*, swindle, take advantage of, take for, take for ride\*, take in, take to cleaners\*, trick, victimize; CONCEPTS 7,19,59 —*Ant.* be honest

**decency** [*n*] *respectable behavior* appropriateness, ceremoniousness, civility, conventionality, correctness, courtesy, decorum, dignity, etiquette, fitness, fittingness, formality, good form, good manners, honesty, modesty, propriety, respectability, righteousness, seamliness, virtue; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* immodesty, immorality, impropriety, indecency, obsceneness, obscenity

**decent** [*adj*1] *respectable, appropriate* approved, becoming, befitting, chaste, clean, comely, comme il faut, conforming, continent, correct, decorous, delicate, ethical, fit, fitting, good, honest, honorable, immaculate, mannerly, modest, moral, nice, noble, on the up and up\*, polite, presentable, proper, prudent, pure, reserved, right, seemly, spotless, stainless, standard, straight, straight arrow\*, straight shooting\*, suitable, trustworthy, unblemished, undefiled, untarnished, upright, virtuous, worthy; CONCEPTS 401,558 —*Ant.* inappropriate, indecent, poor, unrespectable, unsuitable, unsuited

**decent** [*adj*2] *kind, generous* accommodating, courteous, friendly, gracious, helpful, obliging, thoughtful, virtuous; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* disobliging, indecent, unaccommodating, ungenerous, unkind

**decent** [*adj*3] *sufficient, tolerable* acceptable, adequate, all right, ample, average, comfortable, common, competent, enough, fair, fair to middling\*, good, mediocre, middling, moderately good, passable, presentable, reasonable, respectable, right, satisfactory, sufficing, unexceptional, unimpeachable, unobjectionable; CONCEPTS 533,558,572 —*Ant.* indecent, insufficient, intolerable, unsuitable

**deception** [*n*1] *misleading; being dishonest* beguilement, betrayal, blarney\*, boondoggle\*, cheat, circumvention, cozenage, craftiness, cunning, deceit, deceitfulness, deceptiveness, defraudation, dirt, disinformation, dissimulation, double-dealing, dupery, duplicity, equivocation, falsehood, fast one\*, flimflam\*, fraud, fraudulence, guile, hokum\*, hypocrisy, imposition, insincerity, juggling, legerdemain, lying, mendacity, pretense, prevarication, snow job\*, sophism, treachery, treason, trickery, trickiness, trumpery, untruth; CONCEPTS 7,19,59 —*Ant.* frankness, honesty, honor, openness, trustworthiness, truth, truthfulness, uprightness

**deception** [*n*2] *trick* artifice, bilk, bluff, catch, cheat, chicanery, con, confidence game, con

game\*, cover-up, crock, decoy, device, dodge, fallacy, fast one\*, fast shuffle\*, feint, fib, fraud, gimmick, hoax, hogwash\*, hustle, illusion, imposture, jive\*, lie, malarkey\*, mare's-nest\*, pretext, ride\*, ruse, scam, sham, shift, shuck, snare, snow job\*, stall, sting, story, stratagem, subterfuge, swindle, trap, trick, whitewash\*, wile, wrinkle\*; CONCEPTS 59,230

**deceptive** [adj] *dishonest* ambiguous, astucious, beguiling, bum\*, catchy, crafty, cunning, deceitful, deceiving, deluding, delusive, delusory, designing, disingenuous, fake, fallacious, false, fishy, foxy, fraudulent, illusory, imposturous, indirect, insidious, lying, misleading, mock, oblique, off\*, phony, plausible, rascal, roguish, scheming, seeming, serpentine, shifty, slick, slippery, sly, sneaky, snide, specious, spurious, subtle, treacherous, tricky, two-faced\*, underhand, underhanded, unreliable, wily; CONCEPTS 401,582 —*Ant.* forthright, frank, honest, open, truthful, upright

**decide** [v] *make a determination; settle an issue* adjudge, adjudicate, agree, arrive at conclusion, award, call shots\*, cast the die\*, choose, clinch, clinch, come to agreement, come to conclusion, come to decision, commit oneself, conclude, conjecture, decree, determine, draw a conclusion, elect, end, establish, figure, fix upon, form opinion, gather, go down line\*, guess, have final word\*, judge, make a decision, make up mind, mediate, opt, pick, poll, purpose, reach decision, resolve, rule, select, set, surmise, take a stand, tap, vote, will; CONCEPT 18 —*Ant.* defer, delay, hesitate, postpone, procrastinate, put off, wait

**decided** [adj1] *certain, definite* absolute, assured, categorical, cinched, clear, clear-cut, clinched, destined, determined, distinct, emphatic, explicit, express, fated, for sure\*, indisputable, in the bag\*, nailed\*, on ice\*, positive, prearranged, predetermined, pronounced, resolved, runaway\*, settled, sure, unalterable, unambiguous, undeniable, undisputed, unequivocal, unmistakable, unquestionable; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* indefinite, uncertain, undecided

**decided** [adj2] *determined, strong-willed* assertive, bent, certain, cocksure, decisive, deliberate, earnest, emphatic, established, firm, fixed, inflexible, intent, iron-jawed\*, mulish, positive, purposeful, resolute, resolved, serious, set, settled, strong-minded, sure, unbending, unflinching, unhesitating, unwavering, unyielding; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* deferential, delaying, hesitant, postponing, procrastinating, undecided

**decidedly** [adv] *certainly* absolutely, bloody\*, by all means, clearly, decisively, determinedly, distinctly, downright, emphatically, flat out\*, for a fact\*, in spades\*, no catch\*, no holds barred\*, no ifs ands or buts\*, no mistake\*, no strings attached\*, of course, positively, powerful, real, really, right, straight out, strongly, sure, surely, terribly, terrifically, unequivocally, unmistakably; CONCEPT 535

**deciding** [adj] *determining* chief, conclusive, critical, crucial, decisive, important, influential, key, necessary, prime, principal, significant; CONCEPTS 546,568 —*Ant.* inconclusive, insignificant, secondary, trivial, uncritical, unimportant

**decimate** [v] *destroy* annihilate, butcher\*, commit genocide, execute, exterminate, kill off, massacre, obliterate, slaughter, stamp out, wipe out; CONCEPT 252

**decipher** [v] *figure out, understand* analyze, break, break down, bring out, cipher, construe, crack, decode, deduce, disentangle, dope out, elucidate, encipher, explain, expound, find the key, interpret, make clear, make out, puzzle out, read, render, reveal, solve, spell, translate, unfold, unravel, unriddle; CONCEPTS 15,31,37 —*Ant.* code, encode, scramble

**decision** [n1] *conclusion; resolution reached* accommodation, accord, adjudication, adjudication, adjustment, agreement, arbitration, arrangement, choice, compromise, declaration, determination, end, finding, judgment, opinion, outcome, prearrangement, preference, reconciliation, resolution, result, ruling, selection, sentence, settlement, showdown, the call, the nod, understanding, verdict; CONCEPTS 278,689 —*Ant.* deferment, deferral, delay, indecision, postponement

**decision** [n2] *strength of mind or will* backbone, decidedness, decisiveness, determination, doggedness, earnestness, firmness, fortitude, grit, iron will, obstinacy, obstinance, perseverance, persistence, pluck\*, purpose, purposefulness, purposiveness, resoluteness, resolution, resolve, seriousness, spine, stubbornness, volition, will, will power; CONCEPTS 410,411 —*Ant.* indecision, indefiniteness, indeterminacy, procrastination, wavering

**decisive** [adj] *definite* absolute, all out\*, assured, bent, certain, conclusive, crisp, critical, crucial, decided, definitive, determined, fateful, final, firm, flat out\*, forceful, imperative, imperious, incisive, influential, intent, litmus test\*, momentous, peremptory, positive, resolute, resolved, set, settled, significant, straight out\*, strong-minded, trenchant; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* indecisive, indefinite, procrastinating, unpositive

**deck** [v] *put on clothing, usually nice* accouter, adorn, appoint, array, attire, beautify, bedeck, clothe, decorate, dress, dress up, embellish, festoon, garland, garnish, grace, gussy up\*, ornament, prettify, primp, slick, trim; CONCEPT 167 —*Ant.* disrobe, unclothe

**declaim** [v] *proclaim; get on a soapbox* attack, bloviate, blow hot air\*, declare, decry, denounce, harangue, hold forth, inveigh, lecture, mouth, orate, perorate, pile it on\*, proclaim, rail, rant, recite, soapbox\*, speak, spiel\*, spout\*, talk big\*; CONCEPTS 49,51

**declaration** [n1] *assertion of belief or knowledge* acknowledgment, admission, advertisement, affirmation, allegation, announcement, answer, attestation, averment, avowal, bomb\*, broadcast, communication, deposition, disclosure, enunciation, explanation, exposition, expression, hot air\*, information, notice, notification, oath, pitch, presentation, profession, promulgation, protestation, publication, remark, report, revelation, saying, say so\*, spiel\*, statement, story, testimony, two cents' worth\*, utterance; CONCEPTS 49,274,278 —*Ant.* denial, disavowal, retraction

**declaration** [n2] *official proclamation* acclamation, affidavit, allegation, announcement,

article, attestation, bulletin, canon, charge, confirmation, constitution, credo, creed, denunciation, deposition, document, edict, gospel, indictment, manifesto, notice, notification, plea, proclamation, profession, promulgation, pronouncement, pronunciamiento, resolution, testament, testimony, ultimatum; CONCEPTS 271, 274, 278 —*Ant.* denial, retraction

**declare** [v1] *make known clearly or officially* acknowledge, advance, advocate, affirm, allege, allege, announce, argue, assert, asseverate, attest, aver, avow, be positive, blaze, bring forward, certify, cite, claim, confess, confirm, contend, convey, demonstrate, disclose, enunciate, give out, inform, insist, maintain, manifest, notify, pass, proclaim, profess, promulgate, pronounce, propound, publish, put forward, reaffirm, reassert, render, repeat, reveal, set forth, show, sound, state, stress, swear, tell, testify, validate, vouch; CONCEPTS 49, 60

—*Ant.* deny, disavow, retract

**declare** [v2] *claim as possession* acknowledge, admit, avouch, avow, confess, convey, disclose, divulge, impart, indicate, manifest, notify, own, profess, represent, reveal, state, swear; CONCEPTS 57, 60 —*Ant.* deny, disclaim

**declassify** [v] *open to the public display*, exhibit, make available, make public, publicize, show; CONCEPT 261

**decline** [n1] *lessening* abatement, backsliding, comedown, cropper\*, decay, decrepitude, degeneracy, degeneration, descent, deterioration, devolution, diminution, dissolution, dive, downfall, downgrade, downturn, drop, dwindling, ebb, ebbing, enfeeblement, failing, failure, fall, falling off, flop, lapse, on the skids\*, pratfall, recession, relapse, senility, skids\*, slump, wane, waning, weakening, worsening; CONCEPTS 674, 698, 699 —*Ant.* betterment, improvement, increase, rise

**decline** [n2] *downward change in value, position* declivity, decrease, depression, descent, dip, downslide, downswing, downtrend, downturn, drop, drop-off, fall-off, hill, incline, lapse, loss, lowering, pitch, sag, slide, slip, slope, slump; CONCEPTS 336, 346, 738 —*Ant.* ascent, increase, rise

**decline** [v1] *say no* abjure, abstain, avoid, balk, beg to be excused, bypass, demur, deny, desist, disapprove, dismiss, don't buy\*, forbear, forgo, gainsay, nix\*, not accept, not hear of, not think of, pass on\*, refrain, refuse, reject, renounce, reprobate, repudiate, send regrets, shy, spurn, turn down, turn thumbs down\*; CONCEPTS 45, 51 —*Ant.* accept, say yes

**decline** [v2] *lessen, become less* abate, backslide, cheapen, decay, decrease, degenerate, depreciate, deteriorate, diminish, disimprove, disintegrate, droop, drop, dwindle, ebb, fade, fail, fall, fall off, flag, go downhill\*, go to pot\*, go to the dogs\*, hit the skids\*, languish, lapse, lose value, lower, pine, recede, relapse, retrograde, return, revert, rot, sag, settle, shrink, sink, slide, subside, wane, weaken, worsen; CONCEPTS 240, 698 —*Ant.* improve, increase, rise

**decline** [v3] *descend* dip, droop, drop, fall, go down, lower, sag, set, settle, sink, slant, slope; CONCEPTS 151, 181 —*Ant.* ascend, go up, rise

**decode** [v] *decipher* break, clear up, crack, crack the code, decrypt, figure out, find the solution, interpret, make clear, read, solve, translate, unravel, unriddle, unscramble, untangle, work out; CONCEPTS 15, 31, 37

**decommission** [v] *withdraw from active service* deactivate, demilitarize, make inactive, retire, shut down, shut off; CONCEPTS 25, 121

**decompose** [v1] *rot, break up* break down, crumble, decay, disintegrate, dissolve, fall apart, fester, molder, putrefy, putresce, spoil, taint, turn; CONCEPT 469 —*Ant.* combine, develop, grow, improve

**decompose** [v2] *analyze by taking apart* anatomize, atomize, break down, break up, decompose, disintegrate, dissect, dissolve, distill, resolve, separate; CONCEPTS 24, 103 —*Ant.* combine, join, put together, unite

**decomposition** [n] *rot, breakdown* atomization, corruption, decay, disintegration, dissipation, dissolution, division, putrefaction, putrescence, putridity; CONCEPTS 230, 674 —*Ant.* combination, development, growth, improvement

**deconstructionist** [n/adj] *exposing a text's multiple meanings* critical, debunking, demystifying, demythifying, hermeneutical, reinterpreting, revisionist; CONCEPT 268

**decontaminate** [v] *clean* antiseptize, cleanse, disinfect, fumigate, make sterile, purify, sanitize, sterilize, wash; CONCEPTS 161, 165

**decor** [n] *colors, furnishings of a place* adornment, color scheme, decoration, interior design, ornamentation; CONCEPTS 622, 723

**decorate** [v1] *beautify, embellish* add finishing touches, adorn, bedeck, bedizen, brighten, burnish, color, deck, do up\*, dress out\*, dress up\*, enhance, enrich, festoon, finish, fix up, frill, furbish, garnish, gild, grace, gussy up\*, idealize, illuminate, jazz up\*, ornament, paint, perfect, prank, renovate, spruce up\*, trim; CONCEPTS 162, 177

**decorate** [v2] *honor and give medal* cite, laureate, pin medal on, plume; CONCEPT 132

**decoration** [n1] *beautification, embellishment* adornment, beautifying, bedecking, bedizenment, designing, elaboration, enhancement, enrichment, festooning, flounce, flourish, frill, furbelow, garnish, garnishing, illumination, improvement, ornament, ornamentation, redecorating, spangle, trimming; CONCEPTS 162, 177 —*Ant.* eyesore

**decoration** [n2] *particular type of embellishment* appliqué, arabesque, bauble, braid, color, curlicue, design, dingbat\*, doodad\*, extravagance, fandangle\*, festoon, filigree, finery, flounce, flourish, fretwork, frill, frippery, furbelow, fuss, garbage\*, garnish, garniture, gewgaws, gilt, gimcracks\*, gingerbread, inlay, jazz\*, lace, ornament, parquetry, plaque, ribbon, scroll, sequin, spangle, thing\*, tinsel, tooling, trimming, trinket, wreath; CONCEPTS 259, 260

**decoration** [n3] *medal of honor* accolade, award, badge, bays, citation, colors, cross, distinction, emblem, garter, kudos, laurels, medal, mention, order, Purple Heart, ribbon, star; CONCEPT 337

**decorative** [adj] *beautifying* adorning, cosmetic, embellishing, enhancing, fancy, florid,



nonfunctional, ornamental, prettifying, pretty; CONCEPT 579 —*Ant.* ugly

**decorous** [*adj*] *appropriate, suitable* au fait, becoming, befitting, ceremonial, ceremonious, civilized, comely, comme il faut, conforming, conventional, correct, decent, demure, de rigueur, dignified, done, elegant, fit, fitting, formal, good, mannerly, meet, moral, nice, polite, prim, proper, punctilious, refined, respectable, right, reasonable, sedate, seemly, staid, well-behaved; CONCEPTS 401,558 —*Ant.* impolite, inappropriate, indecent, indecorous, unbecoming, unfit, unrefined, unseemly, unsuitable

**decorum** [*n*] *appropriate behavior, good manners* breeding, civility, conduct, convenance, convention, correctness, correctness, courtliness, decency, demeanor, deportment, dignity, etiquette, form, formality, gentility, good grace, gravity, habits, order, orderliness, politeness, politesse, properness, propriety, protocol, punctilio, respectability, seemliness, tact, usage; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* bad behavior, bad manners, impoliteness, indecency, rudeness

**decoy** [*n*] *bait, trap* allurement, attraction, beard\*, blind, blow off\*, booster, camouflage, catch, chicane, chicanery, come-on, deception, drawing card, ensnarement, enticement, facade, fake, front, imitation, inducement, inveiglement, lure, nark, plant, pretense, seducement, shill, sitting duck\*, snare, stick, stoolie\*, stool pigeon\*, temptation, trick, trickery; CONCEPTS 59,230,680

**decoy** [*v*] *bait, entrap* allure, come on, con, deceive, delude, egg one on\*, ensnare, ensorcell, entice, fascinate, inveigle, lead on\*, lead up garden path\*, lure, mislead, mousetrap\*, rope in\*, seduce, shill, steal, suck in\*, tempt, toll, tout, trap, wile; CONCEPTS 16,59

**decrease** [*n*] *diminishing, lessening* abatement, compression, condensation, constriction, contraction, cutback, decline, declining, decrecence, depression, diminution, discount, downturn, dwindling, ebb, falling off, loss, reduction, shrinkage, striction, subsidence, waning; CONCEPT 698 —*Ant.* addition, development, enlargement, expansion, growth, increase, raise

**decrease** [*v*] *grow less or make less* abate, calm down, check, contract, crumble, curb, curtail, cut down, decay, decline, degenerate, depreciate, deteriorate, devalueate, die down, diminish, droop, drop, drop off, dry up, dwindle, ease, ebb, evaporate, fade, fall off, lessen, let up, lighten, lose edge, lower, modify, narrow down, peter out, quell, quiet, reduce, restrain, run low, settle, shrink, shrivel, sink, slacken, slack off, slash, slow down, slump, soften, subside, tail off, wane, waste, weaken, wear away, wear down, wither; CONCEPTS 240,698 —*Ant.* add, develop, enlarge, expand, grow, increase, raise

**decree** [*n*] *mandate, legal order* act, announcement, behest, bidding, charge, charging, command, commandment, declaration, decretum, dictum, direction, directive, edict, enactment, injunction, instruction, judgment, law, order, ordinance, precept, prescript, proclamation, pronouncement, pronouncement, rap\*, regulation, rule, ruling, say, statute, the riot act\*, the word\*, ukase; CONCEPTS 318,685

**decree** [*v*] *order rule or action* announce, command, compel, constrain, decide, declare, demand, determine, dictate, enact, force, impose, lay down the law\*, oblige, ordain, prescribe, proclaim, pronounce, put one's foot down\*, read the riot act\*, require, rule, set; CONCEPTS 50,53,81,88,317

**decrepit** [*adj*] *deteriorated, debilitated, especially as a result of age* aged, anile, antiquated, battered, bedraggled, broken-down, creaky, crippled, dilapidated, doddering, effete, feeble, flimsy, fragile, frail, haggard, incapacitated, infirm, insubstantial, old, quavering, ramshackle, rickety, run-down, seedy, senile, shabby, shaking, superannuated, tacky, threadbare, tired, tottering, tumble-down, unsound, used, wasted, weak, weakly, weather-beaten, worn, worn-out; CONCEPTS 406,485 —*Ant.* fit, healthy, young

**decriminalize** [*v*] *legalize* allow, declare lawful, legitimize, make legal, permit, regulate, sanction; CONCEPTS 298,317

**decry** [*v*] *criticize, blame* abuse, asperse, bad-mouth\*, belittle, calumniate, censure, condemn, cry down, defame, denounce, depreciate, derogate, detract, devalue, diminish, discount, discredit, disgrace, disparage, do a number on\*, downgrade, dump on\*, hit\*, knock\*, lower, malign, mark down, minimize, opprobriate, pan\*, poor-mouth\*, put down, rail against, rap, reprehend, reprobate, run down, slam\*, take away, take swipe at\*, throw stones at\*, traduce, underestimate, underrate, undervalue, vilify, write off; CONCEPTS 44,52 —*Ant.* applaud, compliment, exalt, laud, praise

**dedicate** [*v1*] *donate, set aside for special use* address, allot, apply, apportion, appropriate, assign, commit, consign, devote, give, give over to, inscribe, offer, pledge, restrict, surrender; CONCEPTS 18,50,88,135 —*Ant.* misapply, misuse, steal, take

**dedicate** [*v2*] *sanctify* anoint, bless, consecrate, hallow, set apart; CONCEPTS 69,367 —*Ant.* alienate, desecrate, misuse

**dedicated** [*adj*] *loyal, hard-working* committed, devoted, enthusiastic, faithful, given over to, old faithful\*, purposeful, single-hearted, single-minded, sworn, true blue\*, true to the end\*, wholehearted, zealous; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* apathetic, lazy

**dedication** [*n1*] *faithfulness, loyalty* adherence, allegiance, commitment, devotedness, devotion, single-mindedness, wholeheartedness; CONCEPTS 411,657 —*Ant.* disloyalty, unfaithfulness

**dedication** [*n2*] *speech of praise; sanctification* address, celebration, consecration, devotion, envoy, glorification, hallowing, inscription, message; CONCEPTS 69,367 —*Ant.* apathy

**deduce** [*v*] *figure out, understand* add up, analyze, assume, be afraid, boil down, cogitate, collect, conceive, conclude, consider, deduct, deem, derive, draw, fancy, figure, gather, glean, have a hunch\*, imagine, infer, judge, make, make out, presume, presuppose, ratiocinate, read into, reason, regard, surmise, take to mean; CONCEPTS 15,24

**deducible** [*adj*] *understandable* a priori, consequent, deductive, derivable, dogmatic, following, inferable, inferential, provable, reasoned, traceable; CONCEPTS 402,529

**deduct** [*v*] *take away or out; reduce* abstract, allow, bate, cut back, decrease by, diminish, discount, dock, draw back, knock off, lessen, rebate, reduce, remove, roll back, subtract, take, take from, take off, withdraw, write off; CONCEPTS 236,247 —*Ant.* add, increase, raise

**deduction** [*n1*] *conclusion, understanding* answer, assumption, cogitation, concluding, consequence, consideration, contemplation, corollary, deliberation, derivation, finding, illation, inference, inferring, judgment, meditation, mulling, musing, opinion, pondering, ratiocination, reasoning, reflection, result, rumination, sequitur, speculation, thinking, thought; CONCEPTS 15,24,689 —*Ant.* confusion

**deduction** [*n2*] *something subtracted* abatement, abstraction, allowance, credit, cut, decrease, decrement, depreciation, diminution, discount, dockage, excision, rebate, reduction, removal, subtraction, withdrawal, write-off; CONCEPTS 763,776 —*Ant.* addition, increase, rise

**deed** [*n1*] *achievement* accomplishment, act, action, adventure, ballgame, big idea\*, bit, byplay, cause, commission, crusade, do, enterprise, exploit, fact, feat, follow through, game, happenin'\*, performance, plan, quest, reality, securing, stunt, thing\*, tour de force, truth, winning; CONCEPTS 4,706

**deed** [*n2*] *legal paper assigning property; contract* agreement, bargain, certificate, charter, compact, conveyance, covenant, document, indenture, instrument, lease, papers, proof, record, release, security, title, transaction, voucher, warranty; CONCEPTS 271,318

**deem** [*v*] *regard, consider* account, allow, appraise, assume, be afraid, believe, calculate, conceive, conjecture, credit, daresay, divine, esteem, estimate, expect, feel, guess, hold, imagine, judge, know, presume, reckon, sense, set store by, suppose, surmise, suspect, think, understand, view; CONCEPTS 12,28

**deep** [*adj1*] *extending very far, usually down* abysmal, abyssal, below, beneath, bottomless, broad, buried, deep-seated, distant, downreaching, far, fathomless, immersed, inmost, low, profound, rooted, subaqueous, submarine, submerged, subterranean, sunk, underground, unfathomable, wide, yawning; CONCEPTS 737,777 —*Ant.* shallow

**deep** [*adj2*] *abstract, complicated in meaning* abstruse, acute, arcane, complex, concealed, Delphic, difficult, discerning, esoteric, hard to understand, heavy\*, hermetic, hidden, incisive, intricate, learned, mysterious, obscure, occult, Orphic, penetrating, profound, recondite, sagacious, secret, serious, Sibylline, wise; CONCEPTS 402,529 —*Ant.* frivolous, ignorant, shallow, superficial, trivial, unintelligent

**deep** [*adj3*] *scheming, devious* acute, artful, astute, canny, contriving, crafty, cunning, designing, foxy, guileful, insidious, intriguing, keen, knowing, plotting, sharp, shrewd, sly, tricky, wily; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* aboveboard, artless, open

**deep** [*adj4*] *absorbed, engrossed in activity* abstracted, centered, concentrated, enfolded, engaged, fixed, focused, immersed, intent, into, lost, musing, preoccupied, rapt, set, wrapped,

wrapped up; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* flighty, superficial

**deep** [*adj5*] *intense in effect on senses* bass, booming, dark, extreme, full-toned, grave, great, hard, low, low-pitched, low-toned, profound, resonant, rich, sonorous, strong, vivid; CONCEPTS 537,594,618 —*Ant.* light, pale, quiet, soft

**deep** [*n*] *the sea* blue\*, brine, briny\*, Davy Jones's locker\*, drink\*, main, middle, ocean, Poseidon's realm\*, the high seas; CONCEPT 514

**deepen** [*v1*] *make depth greater* dig, dig out, dredge, excavate, expand, extend, hollow, scoop out, scrape out; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* fill

**deepen** [*v2*] *make more intense* aggravate, develop, enhance, expand, extend, grow, heighten, increase, intensate, intensify, magnify, mount, redouble, reinforce, rise, rouse, strengthen; CONCEPTS 236,245,697 —*Ant.* lighten, pale, quieten, soften

**deeply** [*adv*] *completely, intensely* acutely, affectingly, distressingly, feelyingly, genuinely, gravely, intensely, mournfully, movingly, passionately, profoundly, sadly, seriously, severely, surely, thoroughly, to the quick; CONCEPTS 531,772 —*Ant.* incompletely, little, slightly

**deep-seated** [*adj*] *ingrained* built-in, chronic, confirmed, deep down, deeply felt, deep-rooted, dyed-in-the-wool, established, fixed, habitual, inborn, inbred, inherent, lodged in one's brain\*, longstanding, longtime, subconscious; CONCEPTS 535,549

**deep space** [*n*] *region beyond Earth's solar system* intergalactic space, interplanetary space, interstellar space, outer space; CONCEPTS 370,511

**deface** [*v*] *mar, mutilate* blemish, contort, damage, deform, demolish, destroy, dilapidate, disfigure, distort, harm, impair, injure, mangle, misshape, obliterate, ruin, scratch, spoil, sully, tarnish, trash\*, vandalize, wreck; CONCEPTS 246,252 —*Ant.* adorn, beautify, decorate, embellish, fix, mend, ornament, repair

**de facto** [*adv*] *in reality* actual, actually, existing, genuinely, in effect, in fact, real, really, tangible, truly, veritably; CONCEPT 582

**defamation** [*n*] *libel, slander* aspersion, backbiting, backstabbing, belittlement, black eye\*, calumny, character assassination, cheap shot\*, denigration, depreciation, detraction, dirt, dirty laundry\*, disparagement, dump\*, dynamite, hit, knock, lie, low-down dirty\*, mud, obloquy, opprobrium, scorcher, slam\*, slap in face\*, slime, slur, smear, tale, traducement, vilification; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* approval, commendation, compliment, exaltation, praise

**defamatory** [*adj*] *libelous, slanderous* abusive, calumnious, contemptuous, denigrating, derogatory, detracting, detractive, disparaging, injurious, insulting, maligning, opprobrious, traducing, vilifying, vituperative; CONCEPTS 267,537 —*Ant.* approving, commending, complimentary, exalting, praising

**defame** [*v*] *inflict libel or slander* asperse, bad-mouth\*, belie, besmirch, blacken, blister, calumniate, cast aspersions on, cast slur on, denigrate, detract, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, disparage, do a number on\*, knock, malign, pan\*, put zingers on\*, roast, scandalize, scorch,

slam, smear, speak evil of\*, stigmatize, throw mud at\*, traduce, vilify, villainize, vituperate; CONCEPTS 7,19,54 —*Ant.* approve, commend, compliment, exalt, praise

**default** [*n*] *failure; want* absence, blemish, blunder, dearth, defect, deficiency, delinquency, dereliction, disregard, error, fault, imperfection, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, lapse, miss, neglect, nonpayment, offense, omission, overlooking, oversight, privation, shortcoming, slight, transgression, vice, weakness, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 335,699,709 —*Ant.* advantage, payment, perfection, satisfaction, success

**default** [*v*] *dodge payment* bilk, defraud, dishonor, evade, fail, leave town\*, meet under arch\*, neglect, put on the cuff\*, rat\*, repudiate, run out on\*, see in the alley, shirk, skate\*, skip, skip out on\*, stiff\*, swindle, welch, welsh; CONCEPTS 59,63,330 —*Ant.* pay

**defeat** [*n1*] *overthrow; beating* ambush, annihilation, beating, blow, break, breakdown, check, collapse, conquest, count, debacle, defeasance, destruction, discomfiture, downthrow, drubbing\*, embarrassment, extermination, failure, fall, insuccess, killing\*, KO\*, lacing, licking, loss, massacre, mastery, nonsuccess, paddling, rebuff, repulse, reverse, rout, ruin, scalping, setback, shellacking\*, slaughter, subjugation, thrashing, trap, trashing, trimming, triumph, trouncing, vanquishment, waxing, whaling, whipping, whitewashing\*; CONCEPT 95

—*Ant.* conquest, success, triumph, victory, win  
**defeat** [*n2*] *frustration* disappointment, discomfiture, downfall, failure, foil, loss, rebuff, repulse, reversal, reverse, setback, thwarting; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* attainment, mastery, success, triumph

**defeat** [*v1*] *conquer in military manner* ambush, annihilate, bar, bear down, beat, best, block, butcher, crush, decimate, demolish, discomfit, drown, entrap, finish off, halt, hinder, impede, lick, mow down, obliterate, obstruct, outflank, outmaneuver, overpower, overrun, overthrow, overwhelm, parry, prevail over, quell, reduce, repel, repress, repulse, roll back, rout, route, sack, scatter, shipwreck, sink, slaughter, smash, subdue, subjugate, suppress, surmount, swamp, torpedo\*, trample, trash, upset, vanquish, whip, wipe out; CONCEPTS 95,320 —*Ant.* give up, lose, surrender

**defeat** [*v2*] *conquer in athletic contest* beat, bust\*, clobber\*, cream\*, deck\*, drop\*, drub\*, edge, flax\*, flog\*, floor\*, knock out\*, KO\*, lambaste\*, lick, outhit, outjump, outplay, outrun, overpower, plow under\*, pommel\*, pound\*, powder\*, pulverize\*, run roughshod over\*, skin\*, steamroll\*, take, take it all\*, take to cleaners\*, tan\*, thrash, total, trounce, wallop\*, whack\*, whomp\*, win, work over\*, zap\*; CONCEPTS 95,363 —*Ant.* give up, lose, surrender

**defeat** [*v3*] *frustrate* baffle, balk, beat down\*, beat the system\*, blank, block, bury, cast down, cause setback, checkmate, circumvent, confound, contravene, cook\*, counterplot, cross, disappoint, discomfit, disconcert, disprove, edge out\*, foil, invalidate, neutralize, nonplus, nose out\*, nullify, outwit, overturn, put end to\*, puzzle, quell, reduce, refute, ruin, scuttle,

shave\*, shellac\*, skunk\*, spoil, squash, stump, subdue, subjugate, surmount, take wind out of sails\*, throw for loop\*, thwart, undo, victimize; CONCEPTS 14,121 —*Ant.* abet, aid, encourage, help, inspire

**defect** [*n*] *blemish, imperfection* birthmark, blot, blotch, break, bug, catch, check, crack, deficiency, deformity, discoloration, drawback, error, failing, fault, flaw, foible, frailty, gap, glitch, gremlin, hole, infirmity, injury, irregularity, kink, knot, lack, mark, marring, mistake, patch, rift, rough spot, scar, scarcity, scratch, seam, second, shortage, shortcoming, sin, speck, spot, stain, taint, unsoundness, vice, want, weakness, weak point; CONCEPTS 309,580,646 —*Ant.* advantage, improvement, perfection, strength

**defect** [*v*] *break from belief; faith* abandon, abscond, apostatize, back out, break faith\*, change sides, depart, desert, fall away from, forsake, go, go back on, go over, go over the fence\*, lapse, leave, pull out, quit, rat\*, rebel, reject, renege, renounce, revolt, run out, schism, sell out\*, spurn, take a walk\*, tergiversate, tergiverser, turn, turn coat\*, walk out on, withdraw; CONCEPTS 198,367 —*Ant.* come in, join

**defection** [*n*] *abandonment* alienation, apostasy, backsliding, deficiency, dereliction, desertion, disaffection, disloyalty, disownment, divorce, estrangement, failing, failure, faithlessness, forsaking, lack, parting, rebellion, recreation, rejection, repudiation, retreat, revolt, separation, severance, sundering, tergiversation, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 195,198 —*Ant.* joining

**defective** [*adj*] *broken, not working* abnormal, amiss, blemished, damaged, deficient, faulty, flawed, impaired, imperfect, inadequate, incomplete, injured, insufficient, lacking, on the bum\*, out of order, poor, seconds, sick, subnormal, unfinished, unhealthy, unsound, wanting; CONCEPTS 560,565 —*Ant.* excellent, faultless, flawless, perfect, unbroken

**defend** [*v1*] *protect* avert, battle, beat off, bulwark, care for, cherish, conserve, contend, cover, entrench, espouse, fend off, fight, fight for, fortify, foster, garrison, guard, guard against, hedge, hold, hold at bay, house, insure, keep safe, look after, maintain, mine, nourish, oppose, panoply, preserve, prevent, provide sanctuary, repel danger, resist, retain, safeguard, save, screen, secure, shelter, shield, stave off, sustain, take in, uphold, war, ward off, watch, watch over, withstand; CONCEPTS 96,110 —*Ant.* abandon, attack, desert, leave, quit, relinquish, resign, surrender

**defend** [*v2*] *show support* for advocate, aid, apologize for, argue, assert, back, back up, bear one out\*, befriend, champion, come to defense of, cover for, endorse, espouse, exculpate, exonerate, explain, go to bat for\*, guarantee, justify, maintain, plead, prove a case, put in a good word\*, rationalize, recommend, ride shotgun for\*, say in defense, second, speak up for, stand by, stand up for, stick up for, stonewall\*, support, sustain, thump for, uphold, vindicate, warrant; CONCEPTS 10,49

—*Ant.* deny, forsake, renounce  
**defendant** [*n*] *accused* appellant, litigant, offender, prisoner, suspect; CONCEPT 412

**defense** [*n1*] *armament; protection system*  
 aegis, armor, arms, barricade, bastille, bastion, bulwark, buttress, citadel, cover, deterrence, dike, embankment, fastness, fence, fort, fortification, fortress, garrison, guard, immunity, munitions, palisade, parapet, position, protection, rampart, redoubt, resistance, safeguard, security, shelter, shield, stockade, stronghold, trench, wall, ward, warfare, weaponry, weapons; CONCEPTS 321,322,500 —*Ant.* desertion, flight, surrender

**defense** [*n2*] *explanation, justification* answer, apologetics, apologia, apologizing, apology, argument, cleanup, copout\*, exculpation, excuse, excusing, exoneration, explaining, extenuation, fish story\*, jive, off-time\*, plea, rationalization, rejoinder, reply, response, retort, return, song and dance\*, story, vindication, whitewash\*; CONCEPTS 57,278 —*Ant.* betrayal, capitulation, yielding

**defenseless** [*adj*] *powerless, vulnerable* caught, endangered, exposed, hands tied\*, helpless, indefensible, in line of fire\*, like a clay pigeon\*, like a sitting duck\*, naked\*, on the line\*, on the spot\*, open, out on limb\*, pigeon\*, poor, unarmed, unguarded, unprotected, up the creek\*, weak, wide open\*; CONCEPTS 555,576 —*Ant.* powerful, strong

**defensible** [*adj*] *justifiable* condonable, defensible, excusable, fit, logical, pardonable, permissible, plausible, proper, tenable, valid, vindicable, warrantable; CONCEPT 528 —*Ant.* indefensible, invalid, unjustifiable, unvindicable

**defensive** [*adj*] *protective, watchful* arresting, averting, balking, checking, conservative, coping with, defending, foiling, forestalling, frustrating, guarding, in opposition, interrupting, opposing, preservative, preventive, protective, resistive, safeguarding, thwarting, uptight\*, warding off, withstanding; CONCEPTS 401,550 —*Ant.* undefensive, unprotective, unwary, unwatchful

**defer** [*v1*] *hold off, put off* adjourn, block, delay, detain, extend, give rain check\*, hang fire\*, hinder, hold up, impede, intermit, lay over, lengthen, obstruct, postpone, procrastinate, prolong, prorogue, protract, put on back burner\*, put on hold\*, put on ice\*, remit, retard, set aside, shelve, slow, stall, stay, suspend, table, waive; CONCEPTS 121,130 —*Ant.* advance, expedite, forge, forward, hasten, hurry

**defer** [*v2*] *yield* accede, accommodate, acquiesce, adapt, adjust, admit, agree, assent, bow, buckle, capitulate, cave, comply, concede, cringe, fawn, give in to, knuckle\*, knuckle under\*, kowtow\*, obey, submit, succumb, truckle; CONCEPT 83 —*Ant.* advance, force, forge

**deference** [*n1*] *obedience, compliance* acquiescence, capitulation, complaisance, condescension, docility, obeisance, submission, yielding; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* disobedience, impoliteness, noncompliance

**deference** [*n2*] *attention, homage* acclaim, civility, consideration, courtesy, esteem, honor, obeisance, politeness, regard, respect, reverence, thoughtfulness, veneration; CONCEPTS 10,410 —*Ant.* dishonor, disregard, ignorance

**deferential** [*adj*] *respectful, considerate* civil,

complaisant, courteous, disarming, duteous, dutiful, ingratiating, ingratulatory, insinuating, insinuitive, obedient, obeisant, obsequious, polite, regardful, reverential, saccharine, silken, silky, submissive; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* arrogant, disobedient, disrespectful, immodest, impolite, inconsiderate, noncompliant

**deferment/deferral** [*n*] *postponement* adjournment, delay, holdover\*, moratorium, pause, putting off\*, stay, suspension; CONCEPTS 121,130 —*Ant.* advance, expedition, forging

**deferred** [*adj*] *put off till a later time* adjourned, assessed, charged, delayed, funded, held up, indebted, in waiting, negotiated, on hold\*, on the shelf\*, pigeonholed\*, postponed, prolonged, protracted, remanded, renegotiated, retarded, scrubbed\*, stalled, staved off, temporized; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* advanced, forwarded, furthered, hastened, hurried

**defiance** [*n*] *disobedience, disregard* affront, audacity, back talk\*, big talk\*, boldness, bravado, brazenness, call, cartel, challenge, command, confrontation, contempt, contrariness, contumacy, dare, defy, effrontery, enjoiner, factiousness, gas\*, guts\*, hot air\*, impudence, impugment, insolence, insubordination, insurgence, insurgency, intractableness, lip\*, muster\*, opposition, order, perversity, provocation, rebellion, rebelliousness, recalcitrance, revolt, sass\*, spite, stump, summons, temerity, throwing of the gauntlet\*, unruliness; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* acquiescence, obedience, regard, respect, submission, subordination

**defiant** [*adj*] *disobedient, disregardful* aggressive, audacious, bold, challenging, contumacious, daring, gutsy\*, insolent, insubmissive, insubordinate, mutinous, obstinate, provocative, rebellious, recalcitrant, reckless, refractory, resistant, resistive, sassy\*, truculent; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* acquiescent, obedient, respectful, submissive, submitting, subordinating

**deficiency** [*n*] *imperfection, inadequacy* absence, bug\*, dearth, defalcation, default, deficit, deficit, demerit, dereliction, failing, failure, fault, flaw, frailty, glitch\*, inability to hack it\*, insufficiency, insufficiency, lack, loss, need, neglect, paucity, privation, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, shortcoming, sin, want, weakness; CONCEPTS 635,666,674 —*Ant.* adequacy, enough, faultlessness, perfection, plenty, satisfaction, sufficiency, superfluity

**deficient** [*adj*] *imperfect, inadequate* amiss, bad, damaged, defective, exiguous, faulty, flawed, found wanting, impaired, incomplete, inferior, infrequent, injured, insufficient, lacking, marred, meager, not cut out for\*, not enough, not make it\*, not up to scratch\*, outta gas\*, rare, scant, scanty\*, scarce, second fiddle\*, second string, short, shy, sketchy, skimpy, third string\*, unassembled, unequal, unfinished, unsatisfactory, wanting, weak; CONCEPTS 531,565 —*Ant.* adequate, ample, enough, excessive, faultless, flawless, perfect, satisfactory, sufficient, superfluous

**deficit** [*n*] *shortage of something needed, required* arrears, dead horse\*, defalcation, default, deficiency, due bill, dues, inadequacy, in hock\*, insufficiency, insufficiency, in the hole\*, in the red, lack, loss, paucity, red ink\*,

scantiness, shortcoming, shortfall, underage; CONCEPTS 335,646 —*Ant.* enough, excess, plenty, superfluousness

**deficit spending** [*n*] *paying out in excess of income debt, debt explosion, deficit financing, in the red, megadebt, negative cash flow, no assets, overspending*; CONCEPTS 324,330,344

**defile** [*v*] *corrupt, violate* abuse, adulterate, defoul, besmirch, contaminate, debase, deflower, degrade, desecrate, dirty, discolor, disgrace, dishonor, hurt, maculate, make foul, mess up\*, molest, muck up\*, pollute, profane, rape, ravish, scuzz up\*, seduce, shame, smear, soil, stain, sully, taint, tar, tarnish, trash, vitiate; CONCEPTS 54,156,246 —*Ant.* clean, cleanse, hallow, honor, purify, sanctify

**defiled** [*adj*] *corrupted, violated* besmirched, common, cooked, desecrated, dirty, dishonored, exposed, impure, mucked up\*, polluted, profaned, ravished, spoiled, tainted, trashed\*, unclean, vitiated; CONCEPT 570 —*Ant.* clean, cleansed, hallowed, honorable, pure, purified, sanctified

**define** [*v*] *give description* ascertain, assign, call a spade a spade\*, characterize, construe, decide, delineate, denominate, denote, designate, detail, determine, dub, elucidate, entitle, etch, exemplify, explain, expound, formalize, illustrate, interpret, label, lay it out\*, nail it down\*, name, prescribe, represent, specify, spell out, tag, translate; CONCEPTS 55,57,62 —*Ant.* confuse, distort, tangle, twist

**define** [*v*2] *delineat, outline* belt, border, bound, circumscribe, compass, confine, curb, delineate, demarcate, distinguish, edge, encircle, enclose, encompass, envelop, establish, fence in, fix, flank, gird, girdle, limit, mark, mark out, rim, set, set bounds to, settle, stake out, surround, verge, wall in; CONCEPTS 18,60,758

**definite** [*adj*1] *exact, clear* audible, bold, categorical, clean-cut, clear-cut, clearly defined, complete, crisp, definitive, determined, distinct, distinguishable, downright, explicit, express, fixed, forthright, full, graphic, incisive, marked, minute, not vague, obvious, palpable, particular, plain, positive, precise, pronounced, ringing, severe, sharp, silhouetted, specific, straightforward, tangible, unambiguous, undubitable, unequivocal, unmistakable, visible, vivid, well-defined, well-grounded, well-marked; CONCEPT 557 —*Ant.* imprecise, indefinite, indistinct, inexact, not clear, obscure, uncertain, unclear, undefined, vague

**definite** [*adj*2] *fixed, certain, positive* assigned, assured, beyond doubt, circumscribed, convinced, decided, defined, determinate, determined, established, guaranteed, limited, narrow, precise, prescribed, restricted, set, settled, sure; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* indeterminate, inexact, uncertain, unfixed, unlimited, vague

**definitely** [*adv*] *certainly* absolutely, beyond any doubt, categorically, clearly, decidedly, doubtless, doubtlessly, easily, explicitly, expressly, far and away\*, finally, indubitably, no ifs ands or buts about it\*, obviously, plainly, positively, specifically, surely, undeniably, unequivocally, unmistakably, unquestionably, without doubt, without fail, without question; CONCEPTS 535,552 —*Ant.* doubtfully, dubiously, indefinitely, questionably

**definition** [*n*] *description* analogue, annotation, answer, characterization, clarification, clue, comment, commentary, cue, delimitation, delineation, demarcation, denotation, determination, diagnosis, drift, elucidation, exemplification, explanation, explication, exposition, expounding, fixing, formalization, gloss, individuation, interpretation, key, outlining, rationale, rendering, rendition, representation, settling, signification, solution, statement of meaning, terminology, translation; CONCEPTS 274,278,689 —*Ant.* ambiguity, nonsense, vagueness

**definitive** [*adj*] *authoritative* absolute, actual, categorical, clear-cut, closing, complete, completing, concluding, conclusive, decisive, definite, determining, downright\*, ending, exhaustive, express, final, finishing, flat out\*, last, limiting, nailed down, perfect, plain, precise, real, reliable, settling, specific, straight out, terminal, terminating, ultimate, unambiguous; CONCEPTS 531,535,574 —*Ant.* incomplete, inconclusive, inexact, interim, temporary, unreliable

**deflate** [*v*] *reduce or cause to contract* collapse, decrease, depreciate, depress, devalue, diminish, empty, exhaust, flatten, puncture, shrink, squash, void; CONCEPTS 236,247,776 —*Ant.* blow up, expand, inflate

**deflate** [*v*2] *humiliate* chasten, cut down to size\*, dash, debunk, disconcert, dispirit, humble, kick in the teeth\*, knock down\*, let down easy\*, let wind out of sails\*, mortify, puncture balloon\*, put down\*, shoot down\*, take down\*; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* boost, build up, inflate

**deflect** [*v*] *bounce off; turn aside* avert, bend, cover up, curve, deviate, disperse, diverge, divert, fend, glance off, hold off, hook, keep off, parry, pivot, ricochet, sheer, shy, sidetrack, slew, slip, swerve, twist, veer, volte-face, wheel, whip, whirl, wind; CONCEPTS 147,189,194

**deflower** [*v*] *ravish; take away beauty* assault, defile, deflorate, depredate, desecrate, despoil, devour, force, harm, have, mar, molest, outrage, possess, ravage, ravish, ruin, seduce, spoil, violate; CONCEPT 375

**deforestation** [*n*] *clear-cutting* denuding, desertification, erosion, logging; CONCEPTS 252,257,698

**deform** [*v*] *distort, disfigure* batter, blemish, buckle, contort, cripple, damage, deface, flaw, gnarl, grimace, impair, injure, knot, maim, malforn, mangle, mar, misshape, mutilate, ruin, skew, spoil, twist, warp, wince; CONCEPTS 246,250 —*Ant.* beautify, improve

**deformed** [*adj*] *disfigured, distorted* askew, awry, bent, blemished, bowed, buckled, contorted, cramped, crippled, crooked, curved, damaged, disjointed, gnarled, grotesque, humpbacked, hunchbacked, ill-made, irregular, knotted, maimed, malformed, mangled, marred, misproportioned, misshapen, out of shape, scarred, twisted, ugly, warped; CONCEPTS 485,486 —*Ant.* beautified, beautiful, graceful, improved, shapely, symmetrical

**deformity** [*n*] *disfigurement, distortion* aberration, abnormality, asymmetry, buckle, contortion, corruption, crookedness, damage, defacement, defect, depravity, evil, grossness, hideousness, impairment, injury, irregularity,

knot, malconformation, malformation, misproportion, misshape, misshapeness, repulsiveness, ugliness, unattractiveness, unnaturalness, unsightliness, warp; CONCEPT 580 —*Ant.* beauty, grace, shapeliness

**defraud** [*v*] *cheat, bilk* bamboozle, beguile, burn, chouse, circumvent, clip, con, cozen, deceive, delude, do, do number on\*, do out of\*, dupe, embezzle, fleece, flimflam, foil, hoax, jive\*, milk\*, outwit, pilfer, pull fast one\*, rip off\*, rob, shaft\*, shuck\*, stick\*, sucker into\*, swindle, take\*, take in\*, take to the cleaner's\*, trick, victimize; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* contribute, help, repay, support

**defray** [*v*] *pay* bear the cost\*, chip in\*, cover cost, finance, foot the bill\*, fund, pay for, pick up the bill\*, pick up the check\*, pick up the tab\*, settle; CONCEPTS 108, 115, 327, 341, 351

**deft** [*adj*] *agile, clever* able, adept, adroit, apt, crack, cute, dexterous, expert, fleet, handy, having good hands, having know-how, ingenious, neat, nimble, proficient, prompt, quick, ready, skilled, skillful; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* awkward, clumsy, inept, unhandy, unskillful

**defunct** [*adj*] *extinct, not functioning* asleep, bygone, cold, dead, deceased, departed, done for\*, down the drain\*, exanimate, expired, gone, had it\*, inanimate, inoperative, invalid, kaput\*, late, lifeless, lost, nonexistent, obsolete, out of commission\*, vanished; CONCEPTS 539, 560 —*Ant.* alive, existent, existing, functioning, live, operating, operative, valid, working

**defuse** [*v*] *disarm; smooth over* alleviate, cripple, deactivate, demilitarize, diminish, disable, lessen, moderate, mollify, pacify, pad, restrain, soften, soothe, subdue, weaken; CONCEPTS 7, 22, 142, 211, 320

**defy** [*v*] *challenge, frustrate* baffle, beard, brave, confront, contemn, dare, defeat, deride, despise, disregard, elude, face, float, fly in face of\*, foil, front, gibe\*, hang tough\*, hurl defiance at, ignore, insult, make my day\*, mock, oppose, outdare, provoke, repel, repulse, resist, ridicule, scorn, slight, spurn, stick\*, stick fast\*, take one on\*, thwart, venture, violate, withstand; CONCEPTS 78, 87 —*Ant.* give in, obey, surrender, yield

**degeneracy** [*n1*] *corruption* abasement, decadence, degradation, depravity, dissoluteness, downfall, immorality, inferiority, meanness, poorness; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* morality

**degeneracy** [*n2*] *decay, deterioration* atrophy, debasement, declination, decline, decrease, depravation, devolution, downfall, downgrade; CONCEPTS 230, 469 —*Ant.* development, improvement

**degenerate** [*adj*] *corrupt, deteriorated* base, debased, debauched, decadent, decayed, degenerated, degraded, demeaned, deprived, dissolute, effete, failing, fallen, flititious, immoral, infamous, low, mean, miscreant, nefarious, overripe, perverted, retrograde, retrogressive, rotten, sinking, unhealthy, vicious, villainous, vitiated, wicked, worsen; CONCEPTS 545, 570 —*Ant.* moral, upright, virtuous

**degenerate** [*v*] *decay, deteriorate* backslide, come apart at seams\*, corrode, corrupt, decline, decrease, deprave, descend, die on vine\*, disimprove, disintegrate, fall off, go downhill\*,

go to pieces\*, go to the dogs\*, lapse, lessen, regress, retrogress, return, revert, rot, sink, slip, vitiate, worsen; CONCEPTS 469, 698, 702 —*Ant.* develop, improve

**degradation** [*n*] *depravity, shame* abasement, debasement, decadence, decline, degeneracy, degeneration, demotion, derogation, deterioration, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, downgrading, evil, humiliation, ignominy, mortification, perversion, reduction; CONCEPTS 230, 410 —*Ant.* admiration, approval, elevation, honor, promotion, upgrade

**degrade** [*v*] *shame, humiliate* abase, belittle, bemean, bench, break, bump, bust, canker, cast down, cheapen, corrupt, cut down to size\*, debase, debauch, declass, decry, degenerate, demean, demote, depose, deprave, derogate, deteriorate, detract, diminish, disbar, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, disparage, downgrade, humble, impair, injure, lessen, lower, mudsling\*, pan\*, pervert, put down, reduce, rule out, run down\*, shoot down\*, sink, slam, take down\*, take down a peg\*, tear down\*, vitiate, weaken; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 240 —*Ant.* admire, approve, elevate, honor, promote, upgrade

**degrading** [*adj*] *debasing* cheapening, demeaning, derogatory, disgraceful, downgrading, humiliating, lowering; CONCEPTS 267, 555, 570

**degree** [*n1*] *unit of measurement* amount, amplitude, caliber, dimension, division, expanse, extent, gauge, gradation, grade, height, intensity, interval, length, limit, line, link, mark, notch, period, plane, point, proportion, quality, quantity, range, rate, ratio, reach, rung, scale, scope, severity, shade, size, space, stage, stair, standard, step, stint, strength, tenor, term, tier; CONCEPTS 651, 783, 792

**degree** [*n2*] *recognition of achievement; rank or grade of position* approbation, approval, baccalaureate, caliber, class, compass, credentials, credit, dignification, dignity, distinction, eminence, grade, height, honor, level, magnitude, order, pitch, point, position, potency, qualification, quality, quantity, range, rank, reach, scope, sheepskin, shingle, sort, stage, standard, standing, station, status, strength, testimonial, testimony; CONCEPTS 388, 706

**dehydrate** [*v*] *take moisture out of* cottonmouth, desiccate, drain, dry, dry out, dry up, evaporate, excise, parch, sear; CONCEPTS 250, 469 —*Ant.* hydrate, moisten, wet

**deify** [*v*] *elevate, glorify* adore, apostheosize, consecrate, ennoble, enthrone, exalt, extol, idealize, idolize, immortalize, venerate, worship; CONCEPTS 69, 367 —*Ant.* degrade, dishonor, lower

**deign** [*v*] *lower oneself* condescend, consent, deem worthy, patronize, see fit\*, stoop, think fit\*, vouchsafe; CONCEPT 35 —*Ant.* be proud, hold head high

**deity** [*n*] *god, worshiped being* celestial, celestial being, creator, divine being, divinity, goddess, godhead, idol, immortal, supreme being; CONCEPTS 368, 370

**déjà vu** [*n*] *already seen or experienced* familiarity, past-life experience, recall, recognition, remembrance; CONCEPTS 40, 529

**dejected** [*adj*] *depressed, blue* abject, all torn up\*, atrabillious, black, bleak, broody, bummed

out\*, cast down, cheerless, clouded, crestfallen, dampened, dashed, despondent, disconsolate, discouraged, disheartened, dismal, dispirited, doleful, down, downcast, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, down in the mouth\*, dragged, drooping, droopy, gloomy, glum, heavyhearted, hurting\*, in the pits\*, low, low-spirited, melancholy, miserable, moody, mopey\*, mopish\*, morose, sad, sagging, shot down\*, spiritless, woebegone, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, encouraged, happy, joyous

**delay** [*n*] *deferment, interruption* adjournment, bind, check, cooling-off period\*, cunctation, dawdling, demurral, detention, discontinuation, downtime\*, filibuster, hangup\*, hindrance, holding, holding pattern\*, hold-up\*, impediment, interval, jam, lag, lingering, logjam\*, loitering, moratorium, obstruction, postponement, problem, procrastination, prorogation, putting off\*, remission, reprieve, retardation, retardment, setback, showstopper\*, stall, stay, stop, stoppage, surcease, suspension, tarrying, tie-up, wait; CONCEPTS 121, 130, 666 —*Ant.* advance, dispatch, expedition, furtherance, hastening, hurry, rush, speed

**delay** [*v*] *cause stop in action* adjourn, arrest, bar, bide time, block, check, choke, clog, confine, curb, dawdle, defer, detain, deter, dilly-dally\*, discourage, drag, encumber, filibuster, gain time, hamper, hold, hold over, impede, inhibit, interfere, intermit, keep, keep back, lag, lay over, linger, loiter, obstruct, postpone, prevent, procrastinate, prolong, prorogue, protract, put off, remand, repress, restrict, retard, shelve, slacken, stall, stave off, stay, suspend, table, tarry, temporize, withhold; CONCEPTS 121, 130, 237 —*Ant.* advance, dispatch, expedite, further, hasten, hurry, rush, speed

**delectable** [*adj*] *delicious, enjoyable* adorable, agreeable, ambrosial, appetizing, charming, choice, dainty, darling, delicate, delightful, delish, divine, enticing, exquisite, gratifying, heavenly, inviting, luscious, lush, palatable, pleasant, pleasurable, rare, sapid, satisfying, savory, scrumptious, tasty, toothsome, yummy; CONCEPTS 574, 579, 613 —*Ant.* bad, disagreeable, horrible, nauseating, offensive, repulsive, sickening, unpleasant, unsatisfying

**delegate** [*n*] *representative, often governmental* agent, alternate, ambassador, appointee, catchpole\*, commissioner, consul, deputy, emissary, envoy, factor, front\*, legate, member, member of congress, minister, mouthpiece, nominee, people's choice, pinch hitter\*, plenipotentiary, proxy, regent, rep\*, replacement, senator, spokesperson, stand-in, substitute, surrogate, vicar, viceroy; CONCEPT 354

**delegate** [*v1*] *give authority; empower* accredit, appoint, assign, authorize, cast, charge, choose, commission, constitute, depute, deputize, designate, elect, give nod, invest, license, mandate, name, nominate, ordain, place trust in, select, swear in, warrant; CONCEPTS 50, 88 —*Ant.* keep

**delegate** [*v2*] *assign responsibility* authorize, consign, devolve, entrust, give, hand over, hold responsible for, parcel out\*, pass on\*, relegate, send on errand, send on mission, shunt, transfer; CONCEPTS 50, 88, 143 —*Ant.* keep

**delegation** [*n1*] *assignment of responsibility* appointment, apportioning, authorization, charge, commissioning, committal, consigning, consignment, conveyance, conveying, deputation, deputization, deputizing, devolution, entrustment, giving over, installation, investiture, mandate, nomination, ordination, reference, referring, relegation, sending away, submittal, submitting, transferal, transference, transferring, trust; CONCEPTS 50, 88, 143, 685 —*Ant.* keeping

**delegation** [*n2*] *group of representatives* commission, contingent, deputation, embassy, envoys, gathering, legation, mission, organization; CONCEPTS 299, 301

**delete** [*v*] *erase, remove* annul, black out, bleep, blot out, blue-pencil\*, cancel, clean, clear up, cross out, cut, cut out, decontaminate, destroy, drop, edit, efface, eliminate, exclude, expunge, obliterate, omit, pass up, rub, rub out, rule out, sanitize, snip, squash, squelch, sterilize, strike out, trim, wipe out, X-out\*; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* add, put in

**deleterious** [*adj*] *harmful, damaging* bad, destroying, destructive, detrimental, hurtful, injurious, mischievous, nocent, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial, prejudicious, ruining, ruinous; CONCEPTS 537, 570 —*Ant.* aiding, assisting, helpful

**deliberate** [*adj*] *intentional* advised, aforethought, calculated, careful, cautious, cold-blooded, conscious, considered, cut-and-dried\*, designed, designful, done on purpose, express, fixed, intended, judged, meticulous, planned, pondered, prearranged, predesigned, predetermined, predetermined, premeditated, prepenne, projected, provident, prudent, purposed, purposeful, purposive, reasoned, resolved, schemed, scrupulous, studied, studious, thoughtful, thought out, voluntary, wary, weighed, willful, with forethought, witting; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* chance, indeterminate, unintentional, unmethodical, unsystematic, unwitting

**deliberate** [*v*] *think about seriously; discuss* argue, bat it around\*, cerebration, chew over\*, cogitate, consider, consult, contemplate, debate, excogitate, hammer away at\*, judge, kick around, knock around, meditate, mull over, muse, ponder, pour it on\*, put on thinking cap\*, rack brains\*, reason, reflect, revolve, roll, ruminate, run up a flagpole\*, speculate, stew over\*, study, sweat over\*, talk over, turn over, weigh; CONCEPTS 17, 24, 56

**deliberately** [*adv*] *intentionally* advisedly, after consideration, apurpose, by design, calculatingly, consciously, designed, determinedly, emphatically, freely, in cold blood, independently, knowingly, meaningfully, on purpose, pointedly, premeditatedly, prepenne, purposely, purposively, resolutely, studiously, to that end, voluntarily, willfully, with a view to, with eyes wide open\*, with malice aforethought\*, without qualms, wittingly; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* indeterminately, unintentionally, unwittingly

**deliberation** [*n*] *serious thought, discussion* application, attention, brainwork, calculation, care, carefulness, caution, cerebration, circumstance, cogitation, confabulation, conference, consideration, consultation, debate, forethought, heed, meditation, prudence, purpose, rap,

ratiocination, reflection, speculation, study, ventilation, wariness; CONCEPTS 17,24,56

**delicacy** [*n*1] *daintiness, fineness of structure* airiness, debility, diaphaneity, elegance, ethereality, exquisiteness, fragility, frailness, frailty, gossameriness, infirmity, lightness, slenderness, smoothness, softness, subtlety, tenderness, tenuity, translucency, transparency, weakness; CONCEPTS 611,733 —*Ant.* coarseness, heaviness, indelicacy, inelegance, robustness, roughness

**delicacy** [*n*2] *delicious, gourmet food* ambrosia, banquet, *bonne bouche*, dainty, delight, dessert, feast, goody, indulgence, luxury, morsel, nectar, pleasure, rarity, regale, relish, savory, special, sweet, tidbit, treat; CONCEPT 457

**delicate** [*adj*1] *dainty, weak* aerial, balmy, breakable, choice, delectable, delicious, delightful, elegant, ethereal, exquisite, faint, filmy, fine, fine-grained, finespun, flimsy, fracturable, fragile, frail, frangible, gauzy, gentle, gossamery, graceful, hairline, mild, muted, nice, pale, pastel, rare, *recherché*, select, shatterable, shattery, slight, soft, subdued, subtle, superior, tender; CONCEPTS 490,574,606 —*Ant.* coarse, harsh, heavy, indelicate, inelegant, robust, rough, strong

**delicate** [*adj*2] *sickly* ailing, debilitated, decrepit, feeble, flimsy, fragile, frail, infirm, shatterable, shattery, slender, slight, susceptible, tender, unhealthy, weak; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* healthful, healthy, strong

**delicate** [*adj*3] *fussy, discriminating* alert, careful, critical, dainty, fastidious, finical, finicking, finicky, gentle, nice, particular, persnickety, prudish, pure, refined, scrupulous, sensitive, squeamish, thin-skinned; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* imprecise, indelicate, indiscriminating, uncritical

**delicate** [*adj*4] *difficult, sticky (situation)* critical, hair-trigger\*, precarious, sensitive, ticklish, touchy, tricky, uncertain, unpredictable, volatile; CONCEPT 565

**delicate** [*adj*5] *careful, tactful* accurate, adept, cautious, considerate, deft, detailed, diplomatic, discreet, expert, foresighted, heedful, masterly, minute, politic, precise, proficient, prudent, sensitive, skilled, tactical, wary; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* indelicate, inelegant, insensitive, uncareful, unscrupulous

**delicately** [*adv*] *carefully* beautifully, cautiously, daintily, deftly, elegantly, exquisitely, fastidiously, finely, gracefully, lightly, precisely, sensitively, skillfully, softly, subtly, tactfully; CONCEPTS 542,544 —*Ant.* indelicately, strongly, uncarefully

**delicatessen** [*n*] *eatery* café, cafeteria, charcuterie, deli, restaurant, sandwich shop, subway shop; CONCEPT 449

**delicious** [*adj*] *pleasing, especially to the taste* adorable, ambrosial, appetizing, choice, dainty, darling, delectable, delightful, *delish*\*, distinctive, divine, enjoyable, enticing, exquisite, fit for king\*, good, gratifying, heavenly, luscious, lush, mellow, mouthwatering, nectarous, nice, palatable, piquant, pleasant, rare, rich, rapid, savory, scrumptious, spicy, sweet, tasteful, tasty, tempting, titillating, toothsome, well-prepared, well-seasoned, yummy\*; CONCEPTS

572,613 —*Ant.* disagreeable, distasteful, horrible, unpleasant, unsavory

**delight** [*n*] *enjoyment, happiness* contentment, delectation, ecstasy, enchantment, felicity, fruition, gladness, glee, gratification, hilarity, jollity, joy, joyance, mirth, pleasure, rapture, relish, satisfaction, transport; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* depression, disappointment, dismay, melancholy, misery, pain, sorrow, trouble, unhappiness

**delight** [*v*] *make happy; experience happiness* allure, amuse, arride, attract, be the ticket\*, charm, cheer, content, delectate, divert, enchant, enrapture, entertain, exult, fascinate, freak out, gladden, glory, go over big\*, gratify, groove\*, hit the spot\*, jubilate, knock dead\*, knock out\*, please, pleasure, ravish, rejoice, satisfy, score, send, slay, thrill, tickle pink\*, tickle to death\*, turn on, wow; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* depress, disappoint, dismay, distress, pain, trouble

**delighted** [*adj*] *very happy* captivated, charmed, ecstatic, elated, enchanted, entranced, excited, fulfilled, gladdened, gratified, joyous, jubilant, overjoyed, pleasantly surprised, pleased, thrilled; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* depressed, disappointed, dismayed, melancholy, miserable, pained, sorrowful, troubled, unhappy

**delightful** [*adj*] *pleasant, charming* adorable, agreeable, alluring, ambrosial, amusing, attractive, beautiful, captivating, cheery, clever, congenial, darling, delectable, delicious, enchanting, engaging, enjoyable, entertaining, fair, fascinating, gratifying, heavenly, ineffable, lovely, luscious, lush, pleasing, pleasurable, rapturous, ravishing, refreshing, satisfying, scrumptious, thrilling, yummy\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* bad, disappointing, horrible, unamusing, unenjoyable, unhappy, unpleasant

**delight in** [*v*] *take pleasure from* admire, adore, amuse oneself, appreciate, be content, be pleased, cherish, dig\*, eat up\*, enjoy, feast on, get a kick out of\*, get high on\*, get off on\*, glory in, groove on\*, indulge in, like, live a little\*, live it up\*, love, luxuriate in, relish, revel in, savor; CONCEPTS 32,410 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**delineate** [*v*] *describe; outline* characterize, chart, define, depict, detail, draft, draw, figure, lay out, limn, mark, plot, portray, represent, sketch out, trace; CONCEPTS 36,55,174

**delinquency** [*n*] *misconduct* crime, default, dereliction, failure, fault, lapse, misbehavior, misdeed, misdemeanor, neglect, nonobservance, offense, oversight, weakness, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 192,645 —*Ant.* good behavior

**delinquent** [*adj*] *irresponsible, defaulting* behind, blamable, blameworthy, careless, censurable, criminal, culpable, defaultant, derelict, disregarding, faulty, guilty, lax, neglectful, negligent, offending, overdue, procrastinating, red-handed\*, remiss, reprehensible, shabby, slack, tardy, unpaid; CONCEPTS 401,570 —*Ant.* behaving, careful, responsible

**delinquent** [*n*] *criminal, often young* behind, blackguard, black sheep\*, culprit, dawdler, deadbeat\*, deadhead\*, debtor, defaulter, derelict, desperado, evader, fallen angel\*, felon, hoodlum\*, jailbird\*, JD\*, juvenile delinquent, juvie\*, lawbreaker, loafer, lounger, malefactor,



miscrant, neglecter, no show\*, offender, outlaw, punk\*, recreant, reprobate, sinner, wrongdoer, young offender; CONCEPT 412

**delirious** [*adj*1] *mentally imbalanced* aberrant, bewildered, confused, crazed, crazy, demented, deranged, deviant, deviate, disarranged, disordered, distracted, disturbed, flipped\*, flipped out\*, hallucinatory, incoherent, insane, irrational, lightheaded, lunatic, mad, maniac, maniacal, manic, off one's head\*, out of one's head\*, out of one's skull\*, rambling, raving, unhinged, unreasonable, unsettled, wandering; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* balanced, collected, normal, sane

**delirious** [*adj*2] *excited; very happy* beside oneself\*, carried away\*, corybantic, crazy, delighted, drunk\*, ecstatic, enthused, frantic, frenetic, frenzied, furious, hysterical, intoxicated, mad, overwrought, rabid\*, rapturous, thrilled, transported, wild; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* unexcited, unhappy

**delirium** [*n*] *madness* aberration, ardor, dementia, derangement, ecstasy, enthusiasm, fervor, fever, frenzy, furor, fury, hallucination, hysteria, insanity, lunacy, mania, passion, rage, raving, transport, zeal; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* balance, calmness, saneness

**deliver** [*v*1] *transfer, carry* bear, bring, cart, come across with\*, convey, dish out\*, distribute, drop, fork over\*, gimme\*, give, hand, hand-carry, hand over, pass, put on, put out, remit, transport, truck; CONCEPTS 108,217 —*Ant.* hold, keep, retain

**deliver** [*v*2] *relinquish possession* abandon, cede, commit, give up, grant, hand over, let go, resign, surrender, transfer, turn over, yield; CONCEPTS 116,131 —*Ant.* capture, limit, restrain, restrict

**deliver** [*v*3] *free, liberate* acquit, discharge, emancipate, loose, ransom, redeem, release, rescue, save, unshackle; CONCEPT 127 —*Ant.* confine, detain, imprison, restrain, restrict

**deliver** [*v*4] *announce, proclaim* address, bring out, broach, chime in, come out with, communicate, declare, express, give, give forth, impart, present, pronounce, publish, read, say, state, tell, throw out, utter, vent, voice; CONCEPTS 51,60 —*Ant.* be quiet, keep, withhold

**deliver** [*v*5] *administer; throw aim, deal*, direct, dispatch, fling, give, hurl, inflict, launch, pitch, send, strike, transmit; CONCEPTS 217,222

**deliver** [*v*6] *discharge, give forth* accouch, bear, birth, born, dispense, feed, find, hand, hand over, produce, provide, release, supply, turn over; CONCEPTS 179,374

**deliverance** [*n*] *liberation* acquittal, delivery, emancipation, extrication, freeing, redemption, release, rescue, salvation, saving; CONCEPT 134

**delivery** [*n*1] *transfer, transmittal* carting, commitment, consignment, conveyance, dispatch, distribution, drop, freighting, giving over, handing over, impartment, intrusting, mailing, parcel post, portage, post, rendition, shipment, surrender, transmission; CONCEPTS 108,217 —*Ant.* hold, keep, retention

**delivery** [*n*2] *articulation of message* accent, diction, elocution, emphasis, enunciation, inflection, intonation, modulation, pronunciation, speech, utterance; CONCEPTS 47,595 —*Ant.* quiet, secrecy

**delivery** [*n*3] *childbirth* accouchement, bearing, birth, birthing, bringing forth, Caesarian section, childbirth, confinement, geniture, labor, lying-in, parturition, travail; CONCEPTS 302,373,374

**delivery** [*n*4] *giving of freedom* deliverance, emancipation, escape, freeing, liberation, pardon, release, rescue, salvage, salvation; CONCEPT 127 —*Ant.* capture, confinement, imprisonment, restraint

**delivery room** [*n*] *birthing room* birthing center, hospital room; CONCEPTS 312,439,449

**delude** [*v*] *deceive, fool* beguile, betray, bluff, caboodle\*, cheat, con, cozen, disinform, do a number on\*, double-cross, dupe\*, gull\*, hoax\*, hoodwink\*, illude, impose on, jive\*, juggle\*, lead up garden path\*, misguide, mislead, mousetrap\*, outfox, play trick on, snow\*, string along, sucker\*, take in, trick; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* be truthful

**deluge** [*n*] *downpour, flood of something* avalanche, barrage, cataclysm, cataract, drencher, flux, inundation, niagara, overflowing, overrunning, pour, rush, spate, torrent; CONCEPTS 432,524,787

**deluge** [*v*1] *inundate with water* douse, drench, drown, engulf, flood, flush, gush, overflow, overrun, overwhelm, pour, sluice, soak, sop, souse, stream, submerge, swamp, wet, whelm; CONCEPT 256

**deluge** [*v*2] *overwhelm* abound, crowd, engulf, flood, glut, inundate, overcome, overload, overrun, oversupply, snow\*, snow under\*, swamp, teem; CONCEPTS 42,140

**delusion** [*n*] *misconception, disbelief* apparition, blunder, casuistry, chicanery, daydream, deception, deceptiveness, dream, eidolon, error, fallacy, false impression, fancy, fantasy, figment\*, fool's paradise\*, ghost, hallucination, head trip\*, ignis fatuus, illusion, lapse, mirage, misapprehension, mistake, optical illusion, oversight, phantasm, phantom, pipe dream\*, self-deception, shade, speciousness, spuriousness, trickery, trip, vision; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* actuality, certainty, fact, reality, surety, truth

**delusive** [*adj*] *deceptive* apparent, beguiling, chimerical, deceiving, deluding, fallacious, false, fanciful, fantastic, illusive, illusory, imaginary, misleading, ostensible, quixotic, seeming, specious, spurious, visionary; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* actual, certain, factual, honest, real, truthful

**deluxe** [*adj*] *superior, plush* choice, costly, dainty, delicate, elegant, exclusive, expensive, exquisite, first-class, grand, luscious, lush, luxuriant, luxurious, opulent, palatial, posh, rare, recherché, rich, ritzy, select, special, splendid, sumptuous, super, swank, swanky; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* inferior, poor

**delve** [*v*] *dig into task, action* burrow, dig, dredge, examine, excavate, explore, ferret out\*, go into, gouge out, inquire, investigate, jump into, leave no stone unturned\*, look into, probe, prospect, ransack, really get into\*, research, rummage, scoop out, search, seek, shovel, sift, spade, trowel, turn inside out\*, unearth; CONCEPTS 87,103,216

**demagogue** [*n*] *agitating person* agitator, fanatic, firebrand\*, fomentor, haranger,

hothead\*, incendiary, inciter, inflamer, instigator, politician, rabble-rouser\*, radical, rebel, revolutionary, soapbox orator\*, troublemaker; CONCEPTS 359,412

**demand** [*n*] *question, request* appeal, application, arrogation, bid, bidding, call, call for, charge, claim, clamor, command, counterclaim, entreatment, entreaty, exaction, impetration, imploration, importunity, imposition, inquiry, insistence, interest, interrogation, lien, necessity, need, occasion, order, petition, plea, prayer, pursuit, requirement, requisition, rush, sale, search, solicitation, stipulation, suit, supplication, trade, ultimatum, use, vogue, want; CONCEPT 662 —*Ant.* grant, offer, reply

**demand** [*v*1] *ask strongly for something* abuse, appeal, apply, arrogate, badger, beg, beseech, besiege, bid, challenge, charge, cite, claim, clamor for, coerce, command, compel, constrain, counterclaim, direct, dun, enjoin, entreat, exact, expect, force, hit, hit up, impetrate, implore, importune, inquire, insist on, interrogate, knock, nag, necessitate, oblige, order, pester, petition, postulate, pray, press, question, request, require, requisition, solicit, stipulate, sue for, summon, supplicate, tax, urge, whistle for; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* give, grant, offer, reply

**demand** [*v*2] *require* ask, call for, command, crave, cry out for, fail, involve, lack, necessitate, need, oblige, take, want; CONCEPTS 26,646 —*Ant.* give, present, supply

**demanding** [*adj*] *challenging, urgent* ambitious, backbreaker\*, bothersome, clamorous, critical, dictatorial, difficult, exacting, exhausting, exigent, fussy, grievous, hard, imperious, importunate, insistent, nagging, onerous, oppressive, pressing, querulous, strict, stringent, taxing, tough, troublesome, trying, wearing, weighty; CONCEPTS 542,565 —*Ant.* easy, facile, trivial, unchallenging, undemanding

**demarcation** [*n*] *boundary, division* bound, confine, delimitation, differentiation, distinction, enclosure, limit, margin, separation, split, terminus; CONCEPT 745

**demean** [*v*] *humble, humiliate* abase, bad-mouth\*, belittle, bemean, cast down, condemn, cut down to size\*, cut rate, debase, decry, degrade, derogate, descend, despise, detract, dis\*, disparage, dump on\*, knock down\*, lower, pan\*, poor-mouth\*, scorn, sink, stoop\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,54 —*Ant.* boost, enhance, improve, upgrade

**demeanor** [*n*] *behavior, manner* address, air, attitude, bearing, carriage, comportment, conduct, deportment, disposition, mien, poise, port, presence, set; CONCEPTS 411,633

**demented** [*adj*] *crazy, insane* bananas\*, bemused, crackbrained\*, daft, delirious, deranged, distracted, distraught, flipped out\*, foolish, frenzied, fruity\*, hysterical, idiotic, in the ozone\*, lunatic, mad, maniac, maniacal, manic, non compos mentis, nutty as a fruit-cake\*, out of one's gourd\*, out of one's tree\*, psycho, psychopathic, psychotic, schitzy\*, schizoid\*, unbalanced, unglued\*, unhinged\*, unsound, whacko\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* balanced, rational, reasonable, sane, sensible

**dementia** [*n*] *senility* Alzheimer's disease, derangement, insanity, madness, mental decay,

mental deterioration, mental disorder, personality change, softening of the brain\*, unbalance; CONCEPTS 316,410

**demise** [*n*] *fate, usually death* annihilation, collapse, curtains, decease, departure, dissolution, downfall, dying, end, ending, expiration, extinction, failure, fall, final thrill\*, last out\*, last roundup\*, lights out\*, number's up\*, passing, quietus, ruin, silence, sleep, termination; CONCEPTS 105,304,679 —*Ant.* birth

**democracy** [*n*] *government in which people participate* commonwealth, egalitarianism, emancipation, equalitarianism, equality, freedom, justice, liberal government, representative government, republic, suffrage; CONCEPTS 299, 688,689

**democratic** [*adj*] *representative, self-governing* autonomous, common, communal, constitutional, egalitarian, equal, free, friendly, individualistic, informal, just, libertarian, orderly, popular, populist, self-ruling, socialist; CONCEPTS 319,536

**demography** [*n*] *study of human population* anthropology, census-taking, population analysis, population density, population growth, population size, population studies, population vital statistics; CONCEPT 349

**demolish** [*v*] *destroy; consume* annihilate, break, bulldoze, burst, crack, crush, decimate, defeat, devastate, devour, dilapidate, dismantle, eat, flatten, gobble up, knock down, level, obliterate, overthrow, overturn, pulverize, put away, put in toilet\*, raze, ruin, sink, smash, take apart, take out, tear down, torpedo\*, total\*, trash\*, undo, wax\*, wipe off map\*, wrack, wreck; CONCEPTS 169,252 —*Ant.* build, construct, fix, produce, rebuild, repair, restore

**demolition** [*n*] *destruction* annihilation, bulldozing, explosion, extermination, knocking down, leveling, razing, wrecking; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* building, construction, fixing, production, repair

**demon** [*n*] *evil, devilish being or influence* archfiend, beast, brute, fiend, goblin, hellion, imp, incubus, little devil\*, malignant spirit, monster, rattle, rogue, Satan, succubus, vampire, villain; CONCEPTS 370,412 —*Ant.* angel, god

**demonic** [*adj*] *evil* aroused, bad, crazed, demonic, demiaical, devilish, diabolic, diabolical, fiendish, fired, frantic, frenetic, frenzied, hellish, impious, infernal, insane, inspired, mad, maniacal, manic, possessed, satanic, serpentine, unhallowed, violent, wicked; CONCEPTS 404,545 —*Ant.* angelic, godlike, good, moral

**demonstrable** [*adj*] *provable, evident* ascertainable, attestable, axiomatic, certain, conclusive, deducible, evincible, incontrovertible, indubitable, inferable, irrefutable, obvious, palpable, positive, self-evident, undeniable, unmistakable, verifiable; CONCEPTS 529,535 —*Ant.* distorted, doubtful, obscure, undemonstrable, unverifiable, vague

**demonstrate** [*v*1] *display, show* authenticate, determine, establish, evidence, evince, exhibit, expose, flaunt, indicate, make evident, make out, manifest, prove, roll out\*, show and tell\*, test, testify to, trot out\*, try, validate; CONCEPT 97 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**demonstrate** [v2] *explain, illustrate* confirm, debunk, describe, express, give for instance, make clear, ostend, proclaim, set forth, show how, teach, testify to, walk one through\*; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* confuse, distort, falsify, misrepresent

**demonstrate** [v3] *display or take public action for a cause* exhibit, fast, lie in, manifest, march, march on, parade, picket, protest, rally, sit in, stage walkout, strike, walkout; CONCEPTS 261,300

**demonstration** [n1] *display of proof* affirmation, confirmation, description, evidence, exhibition, explanation, exposition, expression, illustration, induction, manifestation, presentation, proof, show, spectacle, substantiation, test, testimony, trial, validation; CONCEPT 261 —*Ant.* concealment, hiding

**demonstration** [n2] *display of belief in cause by taking public action* fast, lie-in\*, love-in\*, march, mass lobby, parade, peace march, picket, picket line, protest, rally, sit-in\*, strike, teach-in\*, walkout; CONCEPTS 261,300

**demonstrative** [adj1] *expressive, communicative* affectionate, candid, effusive, emotional, evincive, expansive, explanatory, expository, frank, gushing, histrionic, illustrative, indicative, loving, open, outgoing, outpouring, outspoken, plain, profuse, symptomatic, tender, unconstrained, unreserved, unrestrained, warm-hearted; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* cold, cool, inexpressive, reserved, restrained, uncommunicative, undemonstrative, unemotional

**demonstrative** [adj2] *conclusive* authenticating, certain, convincing, decisive, definite, final, proving, showing, specific, validating; CONCEPTS 531,537 —*Ant.* anticlimactic, confusing, inconclusive, mysterious

**demonstrator** [n] *protester* agitator, boycottter, disrupter, dissenter, marcher, objector, picketer, radical, revolver, revolutionary, rioter, striker, troublemaker; CONCEPT 412

**demoralize** [v1] *depress, unnerve* abash, blow out, blow up, chill, cripple, damp, dampen, daunt, debilitate, deject, disarrange, disconcert, discountenance, discourage, dishearten, disorder, disorganize, disparage, dispirit, disturb, embarrass, enfeeble, get to\*, jumble, muddle, nonplus, psych out\*, rattle, sap, send up\*, shake, snarl, take apart\*, take steam out\*, undermine, unglue\*, unman, unsettle, unzip\*, upset, weaken; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* boost, comfort, encourage, uplift

**demoralize** [v2] *corrupt, pervert* bastardize, bestialize, brutalize, debase, debauch, deprave, lower, vitiate, warp; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* make good, moralize, purify

**demote** [v] *downgrade, lower in rank* bench\*, break, bump, bust, declass, degrade, demean, demerit, dismiss, disrate, hold back, kick downstairs\*, lower, reduce, relegate, set back; CONCEPTS 233,351 —*Ant.* improve, promote, rate, upgrade

**demur** [v] *disagree* balk, cavil, challenge, combat, complain, deprecate, disapprove, dispute, doubt, fight, hem and haw\*, hesitate, object, oppose, pause, protest, pussyfoot\*, refuse, remonstrate, resist, scruple, shy, stick, stickle, strain, take exception\*, vacillate, wait and

see\*, waver; CONCEPTS 46,54 —*Ant.* accept, agree, consent, go along

**demure** [adj] *reserved, affected* backward, bashful, blushing, close, coy, decorous, diffident, earnest, humble, modest, nice, prim, prissy, proper, prudish, reticent, retiring, sedate, serious, shy, silent, skittish, sober, solemn, staid, strait-laced, timid, unassertive, unassuming, unassured; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* aggressive, bold, extroverted, outgoing, shameless, strong

**den** [n1] *cavern, hideaway* atelier, burrow, cave, cloister, couch, cubbyhole, haunt, hide-out, hole, hotbed, lair, lodge, nest, retreat, sanctuary, sanctum, shelter, snuggery, study; CONCEPTS 448,513

**den** [n2] *room for relaxation or informal entertaining* family room, library, media room, playroom, recreation room, rec room\*, rumpus room, studio, TV room; CONCEPTS 440,448

**denial** [n] *dismissal, refusal of belief in statement* abnegation, abstaining, adjuration, brush-off, cold shoulder\*, contradiction, controversy, declination, disallowance, disapproval, disavowal, disclaimer, dismissing, disproof, dissent, forswearing, gainsaying, nay, negation, negative, nix\*, nonacceptance, noncommittal, no way\*, prohibition, protestation, rebuff, rebuttal, refraining, refusing, refusal, refutation, rejecting, rejection, reengagement, renoucement, renunciation, repudiating, repudiation, repulse, retraction, turnaround, veto; CONCEPTS 45,54 —*Ant.* affirmation, agreement, approval, avowal, claim, corroboration, vouching

**denigrate** [v] *belittle, malign* asperse, bad mouth\*, besmirch, blacken, blister, calumniate, decry, defame, dis\*, disparage, give black eye\*, impugn, knock\*, libel, mudsling\*, put down\*, revile, rip up\*, roast\*, run down\*, scandalize, slander, tear down\*, traduce, vilify; CONCEPTS 52,54 —*Ant.* boost, cherish, compliment, praise

**denizen** [n] *resident* citizen, dweller, habitant, indweller, inhabitant, inhabiter, liver, national, native, occupant, resider, subject; CONCEPT 413 —*Ant.* alien, foreigner, immigrant

**denomination** [n1] *religious belief* church, communion, connection, creed, cult, faith, group, persuasion, religion, school, sect; CONCEPTS 368,689

**denomination** [n2] *classification* body, category, class, grade, group, size, type, unit, value; CONCEPT 378

**denomination** [n3] *name* appellation, appellative, brand, cognomen, compellation, designation, flag, handle, identification, label, moniker, nomen, slot, style, surname, tab, tag, term, title; CONCEPT 683

**denotation** [n] *meaning, description* designation, explanation, implication, indication, signification, specification; CONCEPTS 268,682

**denote** [v] *designate, mean* add up, announce, argue, bespeak, betoken, connote, evidence, express, finger, flash, hang sign on\*, imply, import, indicate, insinuate, intend, make, mark, peg, prove, put down for, put finger on\*, show, signify, spell, stand for, symbol, symbolize, tab, tag, typify; CONCEPTS 55,682

**denouement** [n] *the end result* climax, close, completion, conclusion, culmination, end, final

curtain\*, finale, last act\*, resolution, windup\*;  
CONCEPT 832

**denounce** [*v*] *condemn, attack* accuse, adjudicate, arraign, blacklist, blame, boycott, brand, castigate, censure, charge, charge with, criticize, damn, declaim, decry, denunciate, derogate, dress down, excoriate, expose, finger\*, hang something on\*, impeach, implicate, impugn, incriminate, indict, inveigh against, knock, ostracize, proscribe, prosecute, rap, rat\*, rebuke, reprehend, reprimand, reproach, reprobate, reprove, revile, scold, show up, skin\*, smear, stigmatize, take to task, threaten, upbraid, vilify, vituperate; CONCEPTS 44,52

—*Ant.* approve, commend, compliment, praise  
**dense** [*adj1*] *compressed, thick* close, close-knit, compact, condensed, crammed, crowded, heaped, heavy, impenetrable, jammed, jam-packed\*, massed, opaque, packed, packed like sardines\*, piled, solid, substantial, thickset; CONCEPT 483 —*Ant.* open, scattered, sparse, thin, uncompressed

**dense** [*adj2*] *slow, stupid* blockheaded\*, boorish, doltish, dull, dumb, fatheaded\*, ignorant, imbecilic, impassive, lethargic, numskulled\*, oafish, obtuse, phlegmatic, simple, slow-witted, sluggish, stolid, thick, torpid; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* brainy, clever, intelligent, smart

**density** [*n*] *bulk, mass* body, closeness, compactness, concretion, consistency, crowdedness, denseness, frequency, heaviness, impenetrability, massiveness, quantity, solidity, substantiality, thickness, tightness; CONCEPT 722 —*Ant.* openness, sparsity, thinness

**dent** [*n*] *depression, scrape, chip* cavity, concavity, crater, crenel, cut, dimple, dint, dip, embrasure, furrow, hollow, impression, incision, indentation, nick, notch, pit, scallop, score, scratch, sink, trough; CONCEPT 580 —*Ant.* bulge

**dent** [*v*] *chip, scrape, depress* dig, dimple, dint, furrow, gouge, hollow, imprint, indent, make concave, mark, nick, notch, perforate, pit, press in, push in, ridge, scratch; CONCEPTS 176,189, 208,246 —*Ant.* bulge

**dentures** [*n*] *false teeth* artificial teeth, bridge, choppers\*, dental plate, implants, partial, set of teeth; CONCEPT 393

**denude** [*v*] *strip* bare, disrobe, expose, fleece, lay bare\*, peel, uncover, undress; CONCEPT 211

**denunciation** [*n*] *condemnation, criticism* accusation, arraignment, blame, castigation, censure, charge, cursing, damning, denouncement, derogation, dressing down\*, fulmination, incrimination, indictment, invective, knock\*, obloquy, rap\*, reprehension, reprimand, reprobation, smearing, stigmatization, upbraiding, vilification; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* appreciation, approval, commendation, compliment, praise

**deny** [*v*] *disagree, renounce, decline* abjure, abnegate, ban, begrudge, call on, contradict, contravene, controvert, curb, disacknowledge, disallow, disavow, disbelieve, discard, disclaim, discredit, disown, disprove, doubt, enjoin from, eschew, exclude, forbid, forgo, forsake, gainsay, hold back, keep back, negate, negative, not buy, nullify, oppose, rebuff, rebut, recant, refuse, refute, reject, repudiate, restrain, revoke, sacrifice, say no to, spurn, taboo, take exception to, turn down, turn thumbs down\*, veto, withhold;

CONCEPTS 46,49,52 —*Ant.* accede, acknowledge, admit, affirm, agree, allow, concede, confess, corroborate, go along, grant

**deodorant** [*n*] *something that freshens* air freshener, antiperspirant, cleanser, cosmetic, deodorizer, disinfectant, fumigant, fumigator, smoke screen\*; CONCEPT 492

**deodorize** [*v*] *freshen* aerate, air, depollute, disinfect, fumigate, neutralize, purify, sanitize, sterilize, sweeten, ventilate; CONCEPTS 161,244

**depart** [*v1*] *leave, retreat* abandon, abdicate, absent, beat it\*, blast off\*, cut and run\*, cut out\*, decamp, desert, disappear, emigrate, escape, evacuate, exit, get away, git\*, go, go away, go forth, hit the bricks\*, hit the road\*, hit the trail\*, make a break\*, march out, migrate, move on, move out, part, perish, pull out, quit, remove, retire, sally forth\*, say goodbye\*, scam\*, secede, set forth, shove off\*, slip away\*, split\*, start, start out, take leave, tergiversate, troop\*, vacate, vanish, withdraw; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrive, come, enter

**depart** [*v2*] *diverge from normal, expected* abandon, cast, desert, deviate, differ, digress, disagree, discard, dissent, excuse, forsake, ramble, reject, repudiate, stray, swerve, turn aside, vary, veer, wander; CONCEPTS 665,697

—*Ant.* continue, keep to, linger, stay, wait  
**departed** [*adj*] *dead* bought the farm\*, buried, deceased, expired, gone, in the grave\*, laid to rest\*, late, passed away, pushing up daisies\*, six feet under\*, stiff; CONCEPT 539

**department** [*n1*] *section of organization, area* administration, agency, arena, arena, beat, board, branch, bureau, canton, circuit, commission, commune, constituency, division, force, office, parish, precinct, quarter, range, staff, station, subdivision, territory, tract, unit, ward; CONCEPTS 381,440,508

**department** [*n2*] *area of interest, expertise* activity, administration, assignment, avocation, bailiwick, berth, bureau, business, capacity, class, classification, domain, dominion, duty, field, function, incumbency, jurisdiction, line, niche, occupation, office, province, realm, responsibility, slot, specialty, sphere, spot, station, vocation, walk of life, wing; CONCEPT 349

**department store** [*n*] *retail store* anchor store, chain store, dime store, discount store, five-and-dime store, outlet store, shop, store; CONCEPTS 325,439,448,449

**departure** [*n1*] *leaving* abandonment, adieu, bow out\*, congé, decampment, desertion, egress, egression, embarkation, emigration, escape, evacuation, exit, exodus, expatriation, farewell, flight, getaway\*, going, going away, goodbye\*, hegira, migration, parting, passage, powder\*, quitting, recession, removal, retirement, retreat, sailing, separation, setting forth, setting out, stampede, start, takeoff, taking leave, taking off, vacation, vanishing act\*, walkout, withdrawal, withdrawing; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrival, coming, entrance

**departure** [*n2*] *deviation from normal, expected* aberration, branching off, branching out, change, declination, deflection, difference, digression, divergence, diversion, innovation, in thing\*, last word\*, latest thing\*, new wrinkle\*, novelty, rambling, shift, straying, turning,

variance, variation, veering, wandering; CONCEPTS 665,697 —*Ant.* abidance, continuation, keeping, stay

**depend** [*v*] *count on, rely upon* bank on\*, bet bottom dollar on\*, bet on\*, build upon, calculate on, confide in, gamble on\*, lay money on\*, lean on\*, reckon on, trust in, turn to; CONCEPT 26

**depend** [*v*2] *be contingent on* be at mercy of, be based on, be conditioned, be connected with, be determined by, be in control of, be in the power of, be subject to, be subordinate to, bottom, found, ground, hang, hang in suspense, hang on, hinge on, pend, rest, rest on, rest with, revolve around, revolve on, stand on, stay, trust to, turn on; CONCEPT 711

**dependable** [*adj*] *reliable, responsible* always there, carrying the load\*, certain, constant, faithful, good as one's word\*, loyal, rocklike\*, secure, stable, staunch, steadfast, steady, sturdy, sure, to be counted on, tried, tried-and-true, true, trustworthy, trusty, unfailing; CONCEPTS 542,560 —*Ant.* dishonest, irresponsible, uncertain, undependable, unreliable, unsteady, unsure

**dependence/dependency** [*n*1] *confidence, reliance* assurance, belief, credence, expectation, faith, hope, interdependence, responsibility, responsibility, stability, steadiness, stock, trust, trustiness, trustworthiness; CONCEPTS 410, 689 —*Ant.* freedom, independence, strength

**dependence/dependency** [*n*2] *addiction, need* attachment, contingency, habit, helplessness, hook, inability, security blanket, servility, subjection, subordination, subservience, vulnerability, weakness, yoke; CONCEPTS 20,709 —*Ant.* independence, subtraction, want

**dependent** [*adj*1] *weak, helpless* abased, clinging, counting on, debased, defenseless, humbled, immature, indigent, inferior, lesser, minor, poor, reliant, relying on, secondary, subordinate, tied to apron strings\*, under, under thumb\*, unsustaining, vulnerable; CONCEPTS 404,574 —*Ant.* independent, mature, strong, unreliant

**dependent** [*adj*2] *contingent, determined* by accessory to, ancillary, appurtenant, conditional, controlled by, counting, depending, incidental to, liable to, provisory, reckoning, regulated by, relative, reliant, relying, subject to, subordinate, subservient, susceptible, sustained by, trusting, under control of; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* free, independent

**depict** [*v*] *describe, render in drawing or writing* characterize, delineate, design, detail, illustrate, image, interpret, limn, narrate, outline, paint, picture, portray, relate, report, represent, reproduce, sculpt, sketch, state; CONCEPTS 79,174 —*Ant.* confuse, distort, mix up

**depiction** [*n*] *description, rendering* delineation, drawing, illustration, image, likeness, outline, picture, portraiture, portrayal, presentment, representation, sketch; CONCEPTS 259,268

**deplete** [*v*] *consume, exhaust* supply bankrupt, bleed\*, decrease, dig into, diminish, drain, draw, dry up, empty, evacuate, expend, finish, impoverish, lessen, milk\*, reduce, sap, spend, squander, suck dry\*, undermine, use up, wash up, waste, weaken; CONCEPTS 142,169,225 —*Ant.* add, augment, expand, fill, give, increase

**depleted** [*adj*] *consumed, exhausted* all in\*, bare, bleary\*, collapsed, decreased, depreciated,

destitute, devoid of, drained, effete, emptied, far-gone\*, in want, kaput\*, lessened, out of, pooled out\*, reduced, sapped, short of, sold, sold out, spent, sucked out\*, used, used up, vacant, washed out, wasted, weakened, without resources, worn, worn out; CONCEPTS 576,771 —*Ant.* augmented, enlarged, increased, unconsumed, unused

**deplorable** [*adj*] *unfortunate, shameful* afflictive, awful, blameworthy, bumper\*, calamitous, dire, dirty, disastrous, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, distressing, dolorous, downer\*, dreadful, execrable, faulty, godawful\*, grievous, grim, heartbreaking, heartrending, horrifying, intolerable, lamentable, lousy, melancholy, miserable, mournful, opprobrious, overwhelming, pitiable, poor, regrettable, reprehensible, rotten, sad, scandalous, sickening, stinking, terrible, tragic, unbearable, unsatisfactory, woeful, wretched; CONCEPTS 529,570,574 —*Ant.* cheerful, delightful, excellent, good, happy, shameless

**deplore** [*v*] *regret; condemn* abhor, be against, bemoan, bewail, carry on, censure, complain, cry, denounce, deprecate, disapprove of, eat one's heart out\*, grieve for, hate, hurt, lament, moan, mourn, object to, repent, rue, sing the blues\*, sorrow over, take on, weep; CONCEPTS 21,29 —*Ant.* approve, be happy, delight, praise, rejoice, revel

**deploy** [*v*] *redistribute, station troops or weapons* arrange, display, dispose, expand, extend, fan out, form front, open, position, put out patrol, set out, set up, spread out, take battle stations, unfold, use, utilize; CONCEPTS 158,213,320 —*Ant.* not use, withhold

**deport** [*v*] *banish* cast out, dismiss, displace, exile, expatriate, expel, expulse, extradite, oust, relegate, ship out, transport; CONCEPTS 198,211,217 —*Ant.* allow, permit, stay

**deportation** [*n*] *banishment* displacement, eviction, exile, expatriation, expulsion, extradition, ostracism, relegation, removal, transportation; CONCEPTS 198,211,217 —*Ant.* approval, permission

**department** [*n*] *carriage, manner of person* actions, address, air, appearance, aspect, bearing, behavior, cast, comportment, conduct, demeanor, mien, port, posture, set, stance; CONCEPT 633

**depose** [*v*] *oust from position* boot out, bounce, break, can\*, cashier, chuck, degrade, demote, dethrone, discrown, dismiss, displace, downgrade, drum out, eject, freeze out\*, give heaven's ho\*, impeach, kick out\*, overthrow, remove from office, ride out on rail\*, run out of town\*, send packing\*, subvert, throw out, throw out on ear\*, uncrown, unfrack, unmake, unseat, upset; CONCEPTS 133,298,320

**deposit** [*n*1] *down payment; money saved* drop, installment, money in the bank, partial payment, pledge, retainer, security, stake, warranty; CONCEPTS 340,344 —*Ant.* debit, withdrawal

**deposit** [*n*2] *accumulation of solid alluvium*, delta, deposition, dregs, drift, grounds, lees, precipitate, precipitation, sediment, settlements, silt; CONCEPTS 432,470,471

**deposit** [*v*] *locate, put in place for safekeeping* accumulate, amass, bank, collect, commit,

deliver, ditch, drop, entrust, garner, give in trust, hoard, install, invest, keep, lay, lay away, park, place, plant\*, plop\*, plunk\*, plunk down\*, precipitate, put aside, put by, repose, rest, salt away\*, save, settle, sit down, sock away\*, squirrel away\*, stash, stock up, store, stow, transfer, treasure; CONCEPTS 134,201,330

—*Ant.* take away, take out

**deposition** [n1] *dethroning, ousting* degradation, discharge, dismissal, displacement, ejection, impeachment, overthrow, removal, unfrocking; CONCEPTS 133,298,320

**deposition** [n2] *attestation of truth, especially in legal matters* affidavit, affirmation, allegation, announcement, declaration, evidence, sworn statement, testimony; CONCEPTS 271,318

**depository** [n] *storage place* archive, arsenal, bank, bunker, cache, collection, depot, gallery, magazine, museum, repertory, repository, safe, safe-deposit box, store, storehouse, tomb, vault, warehouse; CONCEPT 435

**depot** [n] *storage place; station* annex, armory, base, depository, destination, garage, halting-place, haven, junction, loft, lot, magazine, office, repository, stopping-place, store, storehouse, storeroom, terminal, terminus, waiting room, warehouse, yard; CONCEPTS 435,449

**deprave** [v] *corrupt, lead astray* bastardize, bestialize, brutalize, debase, debauch, degrade, demoralize, pervert, seduce, subvert, vitiate, warp; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* ennoble, improve, moralize

**depraved** [adj] *corrupt, immoral* abandoned, bad, base, debased, debauched, degenerate, degraded, dirty\*, dirty-minded, dissolute, evil, fast\*, filthy\*, flagitious, gone to the dogs\*, kinky\*, lascivious, lewd, licentious, low, mean, miscreant, nefarious, perverted, profligate, putrid, rotten, shameless, sinful, twisted, unhealthy, unnatural, vicious, vile, villainous, vitiated, vitiated, wanton, warped, wicked; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* good, honorable, just, moral, noble, pure, uncorrupt, upright, virtuous

**depravity** [n] *corruption, immorality* abandonment, baseness, contamination, criminality, debasement, debauchery, degeneracy, degradation, depravation, evil, iniquity, lewdness, licentiousness, perversion, profligacy, sensuality, sinfulness, vice, viciousness, vitiation, wickedness; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* good, honor, justice, morality, nobility, purity, uprightness, virtue

**deprecate** [v] *belittle, condemn* cut down to size\*, depreciate, derogate, detract, disapprove of, discommend, discountenance, disesteem, disfavor, disparage, expostulate, frown, mudslinging\*, not go for\*, object, pooch-pooch\*, poor mouth\*, protest against, put down\*, rip\*, run down\*, take dim view of, take down, take exception to; CONCEPTS 7,19,52 —*Ant.* approve, build up, commend, compliment, endorse, laud, praise

**depreciate** [v1] *devalue, lose value* abate, cheapen, decay, decrease, decry, deflate, depress, deteriorate, devalorize, diminish, downgrade, drop, dwindle, erode, fall, lessen, lower, mark down, reduce, soften, underrate, undervalue, worsen, write down, write off; CONCEPTS 698,776 —*Ant.* gain value, increase, overrate, raise, rate

**depreciate** [v2] *belittle, ridicule* abuse, asperse, attack, calumniate, censure, clamor against, condemn, contemn, decry, defame, denigrate, denounce, deprecate, deride, derogate, detract, discount, discountenance, discredit, disgrace, disparage, dispraise, fault, find fault with, humble, knock, look down on\*, lower, malign, minimize, put down, rap, revile, roast\*, run down\*, scoff at, scorn, slam, slander, slight, slur, smear, sneer at, spurn, take down a peg\*, traduce, underestimate, underrate, undervalue, vilify; CONCEPTS 7,19,52 —*Ant.* approve, commend, compliment, exalt, laud, praise, recommend

**depreciation** [n] *devaluation* accounting allowance, deflation, fall, loss of value, reduction, slump; CONCEPTS 137,236,240,247

**depredation** [n] *devastation, destruction* burglary, crime, desecration, desolation, despoiling, laying waste, marauding, pillage, plunder, ransacking, rapine, ravaging, robbery, sacking, spoliation, stealing, theft, wasting; CONCEPTS 192,252 —*Ant.* boon, construction, goodness, miracle, wonder

**depress** [v1] *deject, make despondent; exhaust* abase, afflict, ail, bear down, beat, beat down\*, bother, bug\*, bum out\*, cast down, chill\*, cow\*, damp, dampen, darken, daunt, debase, debilitate, degrade, desolate, devitalize, discourage, dishearten, dismay, dispirit, distress, disturb, drag\*, drain, dull, enervate, faze, keep under, lower, mock, mortify, oppress, perturb, press, put down\*, reduce, reduce to tears\*, run down\*, sadden, sap\*, scorn, slow, throw cold water on\*, torment, trouble, try, turn one off\*, upset, weaken, weary, weigh down\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,240 —*Ant.* cheer, comfort, encourage, excite, lift, make happy, stimulate

**depress** [v2] *devalue* cheapen, debase, depreciate, diminish, downgrade, impair, lessen, lower, reduce; CONCEPTS 240,330 —*Ant.* increase, raise

**depress** [v3] *push down* couch, demit, dip, droop, flatten, let down, level, lower, press down, settle, sink, smooch, squash; CONCEPT 208 —*Ant.* push up, raise, uplift

**depressant** [n] *sedative* calmant, downer, intoxicant, relaxant, tranquilizer; CONCEPT 7

**depressed** [adj1] *discouraged* bad, bleeding\*, blue\*, bummed out\*, cast-down, crestfallen, crummy\*, dejected, despondent, distressed, disconsolate, dispirited, down, down and out\*, downcast, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, down in the mouth\*, dragged\*, fed up\*, glum, grim, hurting, in a blue funk\*, in pain\*, in the dumps\*, in the pits\*, in the toilet\*, let down, low, low-down, low-spirited, lugubrious, melancholy, moody, morose, on a downer\*, pessimistic, ripped, sad, sob story\*, spiritless, taken down\*, torn up\*, unhappy, weeping, woe-begone; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, comforted, encouraged, happy, satisfied, unburdened

**depressed** [adj2] *concave, pushed down* hollow, indented, recessed, set back, sunken; CONCEPT 490 —*Ant.* bulging, convex, pushed up, raised

**depressed** [adj3] *disadvantaged* cheapened, depreciated, deprived, destitute, devalued, distressed, ghetto, ghost, impaired, needy, poor,

poverty-stricken, run-down, shanty, skid row\*, underprivileged, weakened; CONCEPTS 334,555 —*Ant.* blessed, flourishing, prosperous, rich

**depressing** [adj] *discouraging, upsetting* black, bleak, daunting, dejecting, disheartening, dismal, dispiriting, distressing, dreary, funereal, gloomy, heartbreaking, hopeless, joyless, melancholic, melancholy, mournful, oppressive, sad, saddening, somber; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* cheering, encouraging, happy

**depression** [n1] *low spirits; despair* abasement, abjection, abjectness, blahs\*, bleakness, blue funk\*, bummer, cheerlessness, dejection, desolation, desperation, despondency, disconsolation, discouragement, dispiritedness, distress, dole, dolefulness, dolor, downheartedness, dreariness, dullness, dumps, ennui, gloom, gloominess, heaviness of heart, heavyheartedness, hopelessness, lowness, lugubriousness, melancholia, melancholy, misery, mortification, qualm, sadness, sorrow, the blues\*, trouble, unhappiness, vapors\*, woefulness, worry; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* cheerfulness, encouragement, happiness, hope, hopefulness

**depression** [n2] *economic decline* bad times\*, bankruptcy, bear market\*, big trouble\*, bottom out\*, bust, crash, crisis, deflation, dislocation, downturn, drop, failure, hard times\*, inactivity, inflation, overproduction, panic, paralysis, rainy days\*, recession, retrenchment, sag, slide, slowness, slump, stagflation, stagnation, unemployment; CONCEPTS 324,330,335 —*Ant.* recovery, surge

**depression** [n3] *concavity, cavity* basin, bowl, crater, dent, dimple, dip, excavation, hole, hollow, impression, indentation, pit, pocket, sag, scoop, sink, sinkage, sinkhole, vacancy, vacuum, valley, void; CONCEPT 513 —*Ant.* bulge, convexity, protuberance

**deprivation** [n] *taking, keeping away; need* denial, deprival, destitution, detriment, disadvantage, dispossession, distress, divestiture, divestment, expropriation, hardship, loss, privation, removal, seizure, want, withdrawal, withholding; CONCEPTS 121,142,709 —*Ant.* bestowal, endowment, giving, indulgence, offer, offering, presentation, supply

**deprive** [v] *keep or take away something wanted, needed* bankrupt, bare, bereave, denude, despoil, disinherit, dismantle, dispossess, disrobe, divest, dock, expropriate, hold back, lose, oust, rob, seize, skim, stiff, strip, wrest; CONCEPTS 121,142 —*Ant.* appropriate, bestow, confer, endow, give, indulge, offer, present, supply

**depth** [n1] *distance down or across* base, bottom, declination, deepness, draft, drop, expanse, extent, fathoming, intensity, lower register, lowness, measure, measurement, pit, pitch, profoundness, profundity, remoteness, sounding; CONCEPTS 737,790 —*Ant.* height

**depth** [n2] *insight, wisdom* acuity, acumen, astuteness, brain, discernment, intellect, intelligence, keenness, penetration, profoundness, profundity, sagacity, sense, sharpness, weightiness; CONCEPT 409

**deputize** [v] *appoint as a deputy* assign, authorize, commission, consign, delegate, depute, entrust, mandate; CONCEPT 50

**deputy** [n] *assistant, agent* aide, ambassador, appointee, assembly member, backup, commissioner, councilor, delegate, dogcatcher\*, factor, legate, lieutenant, minister, proxy, regent, replacement, representative, second-in-command, sub, subordinate, substitute, surrogate; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* chief, manager

**derange** [v] *make crazy; confuse* confound, craze\*, dement, disarrange, disarray, discommodate, discompose, disconcert, disorder, disorganize, displace, distract, disturb, drive mad, frenzy, madden, make insane, mess up\*, misplace, muss\*, perplex, ruffle, rummage, unbalance, unHINGE\*, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 16,84 —*Ant.* calm, comfort

**deranged** [adj] *crazy, insane* ape\*, baked\*, bananas\*, berserk, cracked\*, crazed, delirious, demented, disarranged, disconcerted, disordered, displaced, distracted, dotty\*, flipped\*, flipped out\*, frantic, frenzied, fried\*, irrational, loco\*, lunatic, mad, maddened, maniac, maniacal, nuts\*, perplexed, schizzo\*, unbalanced, unglued\*, unHINGED\*, unscrewed\*, unsettled, unsound, unzipped\*, whacko\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* balanced, calm, ok, sane

**deregulate** [v] *remove imposed controls on a system* decontrol, denationalize, leave be, let alone, not interfere, not meddle, not tamper; CONCEPTS 94,117

**deregulation** [n] *the removal of imposed controls on a system* disinvolvement, free competition, free enterprise, free trade, isolationism, laissez-faire, liberalism, noninterference, nonintervention, self-regulating market; CONCEPT 299

**derelict** [adj1] *careless, negligent* behindhand, delinquent, disregardful, irresponsible, lax, regardless, remiss, slack, undependable, unreliable, untrustworthy; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* careful, caring

**derelict** [adj2] *deserted, forsaken* abandoned, castoff, desolate, dilapidated, dingy, discarded, faded, lorn, neglected, ownerless, relinquished, ruined, run-down, seedy, shabby, solitary, threadbare, uncouth; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* improved, populated

**derelict** [n] *destitute or down-and-out person* beggar, bum, castaway, dawdler, drifter, floater, grifter, hobo, ne'er-do-well\*, outcast, renegade, skidrow bum, stiff, stumblebum\*, tramp, vagabond, vagrant; CONCEPTS 412,423

**deride** [v] *make fun of; insult* banter, chaff, contemn, detract, dis\*, disdain, disparage, do a number on\*, dump on\*, flout, gibe, jeer, jolly, kid, knock, laugh at, lout, mock, pan, pooh-pooh\*, put down\*, quiz, rag\*, rally, razz\*, rib\*, ridicule, roast\*, scoff, scorn, slam, sneer, taunt, twit; CONCEPTS 52,54 —*Ant.* commend, compliment, flatter, praise, revere

**de rigeur** [adj] *proper, right* au fait, becoming, comme il faut, conventional, correct, decent, decorous, done, fitting, necessary, required; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* improper, wrong

**derision** [n] *insult, disrespect* backhanded compliment\*, brickbat\*, Bronx cheer\*, butt\*, comeback, contempt, contumely, crack, dig\*, disdain, disparagement, dump\*, jab, jest, joke, laughingstock, laughter, mockery, object of ridicule, parting shot, pilgarlic, put-down, railyery, ridicule, satire, scoffing, scorn, slam\*,

slap, sneering; CONCEPTS 52,278 —**Ant.** adulation, commendation, compliment, flattery, praise

**derisive** [adj] *ridiculing* cheeky\*, cocky, contemptuous, crusty, disdainful, flip\*, fresh, gally, insulting, jeering, mocking, nervy, out-of-line, rude, sarcastic, sassy, scoffing, scornful, smart\*, smart-alecky\*, taunting; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** complimentary, flattering, praising, respectful

**derivable** [adj] *deducible a priori*, attributable, available, determinable, dogmatic, extractable, inferable, likely, obtainable, reasoned, resultant, traceable; CONCEPT 529 —**Ant.** inconcludable, undervivable

**derivation** [n] *root, source* ancestry, basis, beginning, descent, etymology, foundation, genealogy, inception, origin, provenance, provenience, spin-off, well, wellspring, whence it came; CONCEPT 648 —**Ant.** conclusion, consequence, effect, end, outgrowth, result

**derivative** [adj] *borrowed, transmitted from source* acquired, ancestral, caused, cognate, coming from, connate, copied, evolved, hereditary, imitative, inferential, inferred, not original, obtained, plagiaristic, plagiarized, procured, reshaped, secondary, secondhand, subordinate, uninventive, unoriginal; CONCEPT 549 —**Ant.** inventive, original, unborrowed, unique

**derivative** [n] *product, descendant* by-product, offshoot, outgrowth, spin-off, wave; CONCEPT 260 —**Ant.** invention, original, root, source

**derive** [v] *deduce a conclusion* acquire, arrive, assume, collect, determine, develop, draw, educate, elaborate, elicit, evolve, excogitate, extract, follow, formulate, gain, gather, get, glean, infer, judge, make, make out, obtain, procure, put together, reach, receive, trace, work out; CONCEPTS 15,18 —**Ant.** create, invent

**derive from** [v] *come from*; arise descend, emanate, flow, head, issue, originate, proceed, rise, spring from, stem from; CONCEPT 648

**dernier cri** [n] *the latest thing* fad, look, the last word\*, the newest fashion, vogue; CONCEPT 655

**derogatory** [adj] *offensive, uncomplimentary* aspersing, belittling, calumnious, censorious, contumelious, critical, damaging, decrying, defamatory, degrading, demeaning, deprecatory, depreciative, despitelike, detracting, disdainful, dishonoring, disparaging, fault-finding, humiliating, injurious, malevolent, malicious, maligning, minimizing, opprobrious, reproachful, sarcastic, scornful, slanderous, slighting, spiteful, unfavorable, unflattering, vilifying; CONCEPTS 267,570 —**Ant.** appreciative, complimentary, favorable, flattering, praising

**derriere** [n] *backside* ass, bottom, buns, buttocks, can, cheeks, fanny, heinie, keister, posterior, rear, rear end, seat; CONCEPT 392

**descend** [v1] *move down, lower* a cascade, cataract, cave in\*, coast, collapse, crash, crouch, decline, deplane, detrain, dip, disembark, dismount, dive, dribble\*, drop, fall, fall prostrate, get down, get off, go down, gravitate, ground, incline, light, lose balance, penetrate, pitch, plop, plummet, plunge, prolapse, set, settle, sink, slant, slide, slip, slope, slough off, slump, stoop, stumble, submerge, subside, swoop, toboggan, topple, trickle, trip, tumble, weep; CONCEPTS 147,181,213 —**Ant.** ascend, go up, increase, rise

**descend** [v2] *condescend* abase oneself, concede, degenerate, deteriorate, humble oneself, lower oneself, patronize, stoop; CONCEPTS 23,35

**descend** [v3] *trace ancestry from*; be passed or handed down arise, derive, issue, originate, proceed, spring; CONCEPT 108

**descendant** [n] *person in line of ancestry* brood, child, children, chip off old block\*, get\*, heir, issue, kin, offshoot, offspring, posterity, product, progeniture, progeny, scion, seed, spin-off\*; CONCEPTS 296,414 —**Ant.** ascendant, predecessor

**descent** [n1] *moving down*; lowering cave-in, coast, coming down, crash, declension, declination, decline, declivity, dip, downgrade, droop, drop, drop-off, fall, falling, grade, gradient, header, hill, inclination, incline, landslide, plummeting, plunge, plunging, precipitation, prolapse, sag, settlement, sinkage, sinking, slant, slide, slip, slope, swoop, tailspin, topple, tumble; CONCEPTS 147,181,213,738 —**Ant.** ascension, ascent, elevation, increase, rise, upgrade

**descent** [n2] *line of ancestry* blood, extraction, family, family tree, genealogy, heredity, lineage, origin, parentage, pedigree, relationship; CONCEPT 296

**descent** [n3] *deterioration* abasement, anticlimax, cadence, comedown, debasement, decadence, decline, degradation, discomfiture, down, downcome, downfall, lapse, pathos, slump; CONCEPTS 230,674 —**Ant.** improvement, upgrade

**descent** [n4] *assault, attack* advance, foray, incursion, invasion, pounce, raid, swoop; CONCEPTS 86,320

**describe** [v] *explain in speech, writing* call, characterize, chronicle, communicate, construe, convey image, define, delineate, depict, detail, distinguish, draw, elucidate, epitomize, exemplify, explicate, expound, express, illuminate, illustrate, image, impart, interpret, label, limn, make apparent, make clear, make sense of, make vivid, mark out, name, narrate, outline, paint, particularize, picture, portray, recite, recount, rehearse, relate, report, represent, sketch, specify, state, tell, term, trace, transmit, write up; CONCEPT 55 —**Ant.** confuse, misrepresent, mix up

**description** [n1] *account in speech, writing* ABCs\*, blow by blow, brief, characterization, chronicle, confession, declaration, definition, delineation, depiction, detail, explanation, explication, fingerprint, information, make, monograph, narration, narrative, picture, portrayal, portrayal, presentment, recital, recitation, record, recountal, rehearsal, report, representation, rundown, sketch, specification, statement, story, summarization, summary, tale, version, vignette, writeup, yarn; CONCEPT 268 —**Ant.** misrepresentation

**description** [n2] *class, kind* brand, breed, category, character, classification, feather, genre, genus, ilk, kidney, nature, order, sort, species, stripe, type, variety; CONCEPT 378

**descriptive** [adj] *explanatory* anecdotic, characteristic, characterizing, circumstantial, classificatory, clear, definitive, delineative, depictive, describing, designating, detailed, eloquent, explicative, expository, expressive,



extended, graphic, identifying, illuminating, illuminative, illustrative, indicative, interpretive, lifelike, narrative, particularized, pictorial, picturesque, revealing, specific, true to life, vivid; CONCEPTS 267,557 —*Ant.* confusing, cursory, un-descriptive

**desecrate** [*v*] *abuse, violate* be foul, blaspheme, commit sacrilege, contaminate, defile, deplete, desolate, despoil, devastate, devour, dishonor, make lose face\*, mess up\*, pervert, pillage, pollute, profane, prostitute, ravage, sack\*, spoil, spoliage, waste; CONCEPTS 246,252 —*Ant.* honor, praise, sanctify

**desecration** [*n*] *violation, abuse* blasphemy, debasement, defilement, impiety, irreverence, profanation, sacrilege; CONCEPTS 246,252 —*Ant.* honor, praise, sanctification

**desegregate** [*v*] *eliminate segregation* abolish segregation, commingle, give equal access, integrate, open, unify; CONCEPTS 113,114

**desensitize** [*v*] *dull* anesthetize, numb, deaden, make inactive, make less sensitive, numb, render insensible; CONCEPTS 130,240

**desert** [*adj*] *barren, uncultivated* arid, bare, desolate, infertile, lonely, solitary, sterile, uninhabited, unproductive, untilled, waste, wild; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* cultivated, fertile, productive

**desert** [*n*] *wasteland; dry area* arid region, badland, barren, barren land, flats, lava bed, Sahara, sand dunes, solitude, wild, wilderness, wilds; CONCEPTS 508,517 —*Ant.* wetland

**desert** [*v*] *abandon, defect* abscond, apostatize, bail out\*, beach, betray, bolt, check out\*, chuck, cop out\*, crawl out, decamp, depart, duck\*, escape, flee, fly, forsake, give up, go, go AWOL\*, go back on, go over the hill\*, go west\*, jilt, leave, leave high and dry\*, leave in the lurch\*, leave stranded, light, maroon, opt out, play truant, pull out, quit, relinquish, renounce, resign, run out on\*, sneak off\*, split\*, strand, take a hike\*, take off, tergiversate, throw over, vacate, violate oath, walk; CONCEPTS 195,297 —*Ant.* aid, assist, come back, help, stay, support

**deserted** [*adj*] *abandoned, unoccupied* bare, barren, bereft, cast off, derelict, desolate, empty, forlorn, forsaken, godforsaken\*, isolated, left, left in the lurch\*, left stranded, lonely, lorn, neglected, relinquished, solitary, uncouth, uninhabited, vacant; CONCEPTS 485,577 —*Ant.* busy, crowded, populated, populous

**deserter** [*n*] *fugitive from responsibility* absconder, apostate, AWOL\*, backslider, betrayer, criminal, defector, delinquent, derelict, escapee, escaper, hokey player\*, lawbreaker, maroon, no-show\*, recreant, refugee, renegade, runaway, shirker, slacker, traitor, truant; CONCEPTS 358,412,423

**desertion** [*n*] *abandonment* abrogation, absconding, apostasy, avoidance, backsliding, betrayal, castoff, defecting, departing, departure, derelict, dereliction, disaffection, disavowal, disavowing, divorce, elusion, escape, evasion, falling away, falseness, flight, forsaking, going back on\*, leaving, marooning, perfidy, recency, rejection, relinquishment, renunciation, repudiation, resignation, retirement, retreat, running out on\*, secession, tergiversation,

treachery, truancy, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 195,297 —*Ant.* aid, assistance, help, staying

**deserts** [*n*] *what is due one* chastening, chastisement, comeuppance, compensation, deserving, discipline, disciplining, due, get hers\*, get his\*, guerdon, lumps\*, meed, merit, payment, penalty, punishment, recompense, requital, retribution, return, revenge, reward, right, talion, what is coming to one\*, what one is asking for\*; CONCEPTS 129,710

**deserve** [*v*] *be entitled to be given one's due\**, be in line for\*, be worthy of, demand, earn, gain, get, get comeuppance\*, get what is coming to one\*, have it coming\*, have the right to, justify, lay claim to, merit, procure, rate, warrant, win; CONCEPT 129

**deserving** [*adj*] *worthy, meritorious* admirable, commendable, due, estimable, fitting, laudable, needy, praisable, praiseworthy, righteous, rightful, thankworthy; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* undeserving, unworthy

**desiccate** [*v*] *take moisture out of* anhydrate, dehydrate, deplete, devitalize, divest, drain, dry, dry up, evaporate, exsiccate, parch, sear, shrivel, wither, wizen; CONCEPTS 137,250 —*Ant.* moisten, moisturize, wet

**design** [*n1*] *sketch, draft* architecture, arrangement, blueprint, chart, comp, composition, conception, constitution, construction, delineation, depiction, diagram, doodle, drawing, dummy, form, formation, idea, layout, makeup, map, method, model, outline, paste-up, pattern, perspective, picture, plan, scheme, study, tracery, tracing, treatment; CONCEPTS 268,625,660

**design** [*n2*] *artful conception* arrangement, configuration, construction, depiction, device, doodle, drawing, figure, form, illustration, motif, motive, organization, painting, pattern, picture, portrait, shape, sketch, style; CONCEPT 259

**design** [*n3*] *intention* action, aim, angle, animus, big picture\*, brainchild\*, child\*, conation, conspiracy, deliberation, end, enterprise, game plan\*, gimmick, goal, intentment, intrigue, lay of the land\*, machination, meaning, notion, object, objective, picture, pitch, plan, play, plot, point, project, proposition, purport, purpose, recipe, reflection, scenario, scene, schema, scheme, setup, story, target, thinking, thought, trick, undertaking, view, volition, what's cooking\*, will; CONCEPTS 410,660

**design** [*v1*] *plan, outline* accomplish, achieve, arrange, block out, blueprint, cast, chart, construct, contrive, create, delineate, describe, devise, diagram, dope out, draft, draw, effect, execute, fashion, form, frame, fulfill, invent, lay out, perform, produce, project, set out, sketch, sketch out, trace, work out; CONCEPT 36 —*Ant.* disorder, disorganize

**design** [*v2*] *create, conceive* compose, contrive, cook up\*, devise, dream up\*, fabricate, fashion, form, frame, invent, make up, originate, produce, think up; CONCEPTS 43,173

**design** [*v3*] *intend, mean to do* aim, contemplate, contrive, destine, devise, make, mind, plan, prepare, project, propose, purpose, scheme, tailor; CONCEPTS 35,36

**designate** [*v1*] *name, entitle* baptize, call, christen, cognominate, denominate, dub, label, nickname, nominate, style, term, title; CONCEPT 62

**designate** [v2] *specify as selection* allocate, allot, appoint, apportion, appropriate, assign, authorize, button down\*, characterize, charge, choose, commission, connote, constitute, define, delegate, denote, depute, deputize, describe, dictate, earmark\*, elect, evidence, favor, finger\*, indicate, individualize, make, mark, mete, name, nominate, opt, peg\*, pick, pin down, pinpoint, prefer, put down for\*, reseve, set apart, set aside, show, single, slot, stipulate, tab\*, tag\*, tap\*; CONCEPTS 41, 129

**designation** [n1] *name, label, mark* appellation, appellative, class, classification, cognomen, compellation, denomination, description, epithet, identification, key word, moniker, nickname, nomen, style, title; CONCEPT 683

**delegation** [n2] *delegation, selection* appointment, classification, identification, indication, pigeonhole\*, recognition, specification; CONCEPT 41

**designedly** [adv] *intentionally* apurpose, by design, calculatedly, deliberately, knowingly, on purpose, prepensely, purportedly, purposely, purposively, studiously, willfully, wittingly; CONCEPTS 402, 535 —*Ant.* innocently, unconsciously, unintentionally, unknowingly, unwittingly

**designer** [n] *creator* architect, author, costumer, couturier, deviser, engineer, fabricator, fashion designer, fashioner, inventor, maker, originator, planner, producer; CONCEPT 352

**designing** [adj] *plotting, crafty* artful, astute, conniving, conspiring, crooked, cunning, deceitful, devious, heedful, intriguing, Machiavellian, observant, scheming, sharp, shrewd, sly, treacherous, tricky, unscrupulous, wily; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* aboveboard, artless, honest, not clever, unplanned

**desirable** [adj1] *attractive, seductive* adorable, alluring, beautiful\*, charming, covetable, enticing, fascinating, fetching, sexy; CONCEPTS 372, 579 —*Ant.* bad, disagreeable, disgusting, unattractive, undesirable

**desirable** [adj2] *advantageous, good* acceptable, advisable, agreeable, beneficial, covetable, eligible, enviable, expedient, grateful, gratifying, helpful, pleasing, preferable, profitable, useful, welcome, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 560, 572 —*Ant.* bad, detrimental, disadvantageous, evil, harmful, hurtful, injurious, unprofitable

**desire** [n1] *want, longing* admiration, ambition, appetite, ardor, aspiration, attraction, avidity, cupiscence, covetousness, craving, craze, cupidity, devotion, doting, eagerness, fancy, fascination, fervor, fondness, frenzy, greed, hankering\*, hunger, inclination, infatuation, itch\*, lasciviousness, lechery, libido, liking, love, lust, mania, motive, need, passion, predilection, proclivity, propensity, rapaciousness, rapture, ravenousness, relish, salacity, solicitude, thirst, urge, voracity, will, wish, yearning; CONCEPTS 20, 709 —*Ant.* aversion, disgust, dislike, distaste, hate, hatred, repulsion

**desire** [n2] *request* appeal, entreaty, hope, importunity, petition, solicitation, supplication, want, wish; CONCEPT 662 —*Ant.* answer, antagonism, reply

**desire** [v1] *want, long for* aim, aspire to, be smitten, be turned on by\*, choose, cotton to,

covet, crave, desiderate, die over\*, enjoy, fall for\*, fancy, give eyeteeth for\*, go for\*, hanker after\*, have eyes for\*, have the hots for\*, hunger for, like, lust after, make advances to, partial to, pine, set heart on\*, spoil for, sweet on\*, take a liking to\*, take a shine to\*, take to\*, thirst, wish for, yearn for; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* not want

**desire** [v2] *ask, request* beg, bespeak, entreat, importune, petition, seek, solicit; CONCEPT 48 —*Ant.* answer

**desirous** [adj] *aspiring, hopeful* acquisitive, ambitious, amorous, anxious, avid, covetous, craving, desiring, eager, enthusiastic, grasping, greedy, hot\*, itchy\*, keen, longing, lustful, passionate, prehensile, ready, stimulated, turned on\*, willing, wishful, wishing, yearning; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* reluctant, unambitious, unenthusiastic, unhelpful

**desist** [v] *stop, refrain from* abandon, abstain, avoid, break off, cease, discontinue, end, forbear, give over, give up, halt, have done with\*, knock off\*, leave off, not do, pause, quit, relinquish, resign, surcease, suspend, yield; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* carry on, continue, endure, go on, keep on, persevere, restart, resume

**desk** [n] *table* counter, davenport, escriptorio, lecturn, reading stand, rolltop, school desk, secretary, workspace, writing desk; CONCEPT 443

**desk jockey** [n] *an office worker* clerical worker, desk worker, pencil driver, pencil pusher, pen pusher, white-collar worker; CONCEPT 348

**desktop publishing** [n] *producing publications with computer software* desktop\*, electronic publishing, formatting, outputting, typesetting; CONCEPT 277

**desolate** [adj1] *unused, barren* abandoned, bare, bleak, derelict, desert, destroyed, dreary, empty, forsaken, godforsaken\*, isolated, lonely, lonesome, lorn, ruined, solitary, unfrequented, uninhabited, unoccupied, vacant, waste, wild; CONCEPTS 485, 560 —*Ant.* cultivated, populated, used

**desolate** [adj2] *depressed, despondent* abandoned, acheronian, bereft, black, bleak, blue, cheerless, comfortless, companionless, dejected, disconsolate, dismal, dolorous, down, downcast, forlorn, forsaken, funereal, gloomy, hurting, in a blue funk\*, inconsolable, joyless, lonely, lonesome, lorn, melancholy, miserable, somber, tragic, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, pleased

**desolate** [v] *ravage, destroy* depopulate, depredate, desecrate, despoil, devastate, devour, lay low, lay waste, pillage, plunder, ruin, sack, spoliage, waste; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* build, construct, improve

**desolation** [n1] *uninhabited area; barrenness* bareness, bleakness, desert, devastation, dissolution, extinction, forlornness, isolation, loneliness, ruin, solitariness, solitude, waste, wildness, wreck; CONCEPTS 517, 710 —*Ant.* civilization

**desolation** [n2] *distress, unhappiness* anguish, dejection, despair, gloom, gloominess, loneliness, melancholy, misery, mourning, sadness, sorrow, woe, wretchedness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* cheer, comfort, happiness, joy

**despair** [*n*] *depression, hopelessness* anguish, dashed hopes, dejection, desperation, despondency, discouragement, disheartenment, forlornness, gloom, melancholy, misery, ordeal, pain, sorrow, trial, tribulation, wretchedness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* cheer, cheerfulness, confidence, faith, happiness, hopefulness, joy, joyfulness, trust

**despair** [*v*] *give up hope* abandon, be hopeless, despond, destroy, drop, flatten, give way, have heavy heart\*, let air out\*, lose faith, lose heart, relinquish, renounce, resign, surrender, take down, yield; CONCEPT 21 —*Ant.* anticipate, expect, have faith, hope, wish for

**despairing** [*adj*] *upset, despondent* anxious, at end of one's rope\*, blue, brokenhearted, can't win\*, cynical, dejected, depressed, desperate, disconsolate, downcast, forlorn, frantic, grief-stricken, hopeless, inconsolable, in pain\*, in the dumps\*, in the pits\*, in the soup\*, melancholic, melancholy, miserable, not a prayer\*, no-win\*, oppressed, pessimistic, sad, shot down\*, strabillious, suicidal, sunk\*, weighed down\*, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* confident, encouraged, expectant, hopeful

**desperado** [*n*] *criminal* bandit, convict, cutthroat, gangster, hoodlum, lawbreaker, mugger, outlaw, ruffian, thug; CONCEPT 412

**desperate** [*adj1*] *reckless, outrageous* atrocious, audacious, bold, careless, dangerous, daring, death-defying, determined, devil-may-care, foolhardy, frantic, frenzied, furious, hasty, hazardous, headlong, headstrong, heinous, impetuous, incautious, madcap, monstrous, precipitate, rash, risky, scandalous, shocking, venturesome, violent, wild; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* confident, content, satisfied, secure, unworried

**desperate** [*adj2*] *extreme, intense* acute, climactic, concentrated, critical, crucial, dire, drastic, exquisite, fierce, furious, great, terrible, urgent, vehement, very grave, vicious, violent; CONCEPTS 537,540,569 —*Ant.* calm, content, contented, satisfactory, satisfied

**desperate** [*adj3*] *hopeless* at end of one's rope\*, back to the wall\*, can't win\*, dead duck\*, despairing, despondent, desponding, downcast, forlorn, futile, gone\*, goner\*, hard up\*, inconsolable, in the soup\*, in the toilet\*, irrecoverable, irremediable, ir retrievable, no-chance\*, no-way\*, no-win\*, running out of time\*, sad, sunk\*, up against it\*, up the creek\*, useless, vain, wretched; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* hopeful

**desperately** [*adv1*] *severely* badly, carelessly, dangerously, dramatically, fiercely, gravely, greatly, harmfully, hysterically, like crazy\*, like mad\*, perilously, seriously; CONCEPT 569 —*Ant.* calmly, easily, trivially

**desperately** [*adv2*] *frightfully* appallingly, fearfully, hopelessly, shockingly; CONCEPT 403

**desperation** [*n1*] *hopelessness* agony, anguish, anxiety, concern, dejection, depression, desolation, despair, dependency, discomfort, disconsolateness, distraction, distress, fear, gloom, grief, heartache, melancholy, misery, pain, pang, sorrow, torture, trouble, unhappiness, worry; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* confidence, contentment, security

**desperation** [*n2*] *rashness* carelessness, defiance, foolhardiness, frenzy, heedlessness, impetuosity, madness, recklessness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* calm, cautiousness, collectedness, peace, peacefulness

**despicable** [*adj*] *hateful*; *beyond contempt* abject, awful, base, beastly, cheap, contemptible, degrading, detestable, dirty, disgraceful, disreputable, down, ignominious, infamous, insignificant, loathsome, low, low-life\*, mean,no-good\*, pitiful, reprehensible, shameful, slimy\*, sordid, vile, worthless, wretched; CONCEPTS 404,570 —*Ant.* desirous, honorable, likeable, loveable, respectable, virtuous, worthy

**despise** [*v*] *look down on* abhor, abominate, allergic to\*, contemn, deride, detest, disdain, disregard, eschew, execrate, feel contempt for, flout, hate, have no use for\*, loathe, look down nose at\*, misprize, neglect, put down\*, reject, renounce, repudiate, revile, scorn, shun, slight, snub, spurn, undervalue, wipe out\*; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* admire, appreciate, cherish, like, love

**despite** [*prep*] *in spite of, regardless* of against, although, even though, even with, in contempt of, in defiance of, in the face of, notwithstanding, undeterred by; CONCEPT 544

**despoil** [*v*] *ravage, destroy* denude, depopulate, depredate, deprive, desecrate, desolate, devastate, devour, dispossess, divest, loot, maraud, pillage, plunder, raid, rifle, rob, sack, spoil, spoliolate, strip, vandalize, waste, wreak havoc, wreck; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* build, construct, improve

**despondent** [*adj*] *depressed* all torn up\*, blue\*, bummed-out\*, cast-down, dejected, despairing, disconsolate, discouraged, disheartened, dispirited, doleful, down, downcast, downhearted, forlorn, gloomy, glut, grief-stricken, grieving, hopeless, in a blue funk\*, in despair, in the pits\*, low, low-spirited, melancholy, miserable, morose, mourning, sad, shot down\*, sorrowful, woebegone, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, elated, happy, hopeful, spirited, up

**despot** [*n*] *dictator* autocrat, Hitler\*, monarch, oppressor, slavedriver, tyrant; CONCEPTS 354,412

**despotism** [*n*] *absolute power* authoritarianism, autocracy, dictatorship, tyranny; CONCEPT 133

**dessert** [*n*] *sweet treat* cake, candy, confection, cookie, frozen dessert, frozen treat, fruit, ice cream, last course, pastry, pie, pudding, sweet, sweet course, tart; CONCEPT 457

**destination** [*n*] *goal*; *place one wants to go* aim, ambition, design, end, harbor, haven, intention, journey's end, landing-place, object, objective, purpose, resting-place, station, stop, target, terminal, terminus; CONCEPTS 198,659 —*Ant.* beginning, source, start

**destine** [*v*] *predetermine, ordain* allot, appoint, assign, consecrate, decide, decree, dedicate, design, destine, devote, doom, doom to, earmark\*, fate, foreordain, intend, mark out, predestine, preform, preordain, purpose, reserve; CONCEPT 18

**destined** [*adj1*] *bound for, fated in near future* at hand, brewing\*, certain, closed, coming, compelled, compulsory, condemned, designed, directed, doomed, foreordained, forthcoming,

hanging over\*, impending, ineluctable, inescapable, inevitable, inexorable, in prospect, instant, in store, intended, in the cards\*, in the wind\*, looming, meant, menacing, near, ordained, overhanging, predesigned, predestined, predetermined, *que sera sera*\*, sealed, settled, stated, that is to be, that will be, threatening, to come, unavoidable, way the ball bounces\*;  
CONCEPT 537 —**Ant.** avoidable, unscheduled

**destined** [adj2] *en route, on the road to* appointed, appropriated, assigned, bent upon, booked, bound for, chosen, consigned, delegated, designated, determined, directed, entrained, heading, ordered to, prepared, routed, scheduled, specified; CONCEPT 584

**destiny** [n] *fate* afterlife, break\*, breaks\*, certainty, circumstance, conclusion, condition, constellation, course of events, cup, design, divine decree, doom, expectation, finality, foreordination, fortune, future, happenstance, hereafter, horoscope, inevitability, intent, intention, karma, kismet\*, lot, luck, Moirai, objective, ordinance, portion, predestination, predetermination, prospect, serendipity, the stars\*, way the ball bounces\*, way the cookie crumbles\*, what is written\*, wheel of fortune\*, world to come\*;  
CONCEPT 679 —**Ant.** choice, free will, volition

**destitute** [adj] *down and out; wanting* bankrupt, beggared, bereft, busted, dead broke\*, deficient, depleted, deprived of, devoid of, dirt poor\*, divested, drained, empty, exhausted, flat\*, flat broke\*, impecunious, impoverished, indigent, in need of, insolvent, lacking, moneyless, necessitous, needy, on the breadline\*, on the rocks\*, penniless, penurious, pinched, played out\*, poor, poverty-stricken, stony, strapped, stripped, totaled, wiped out\*, without; CONCEPT 334 —**Ant.** lucky, prosperous, rich, secure, wealthy

**destroy** [v] *demolish, devastate* abort, annihilate, annul, axe\*, blot out, break down, butcher\*, consume, cream\*, crush, damage, deface, desolate, despoil, dismantle, dispatch, end, eradicate, erase, exterminate, extinguish, extirpate, gut\*, impair, kill, lay waste, level, liquidate, maim, mar, maraud, mutilate, nuke\*, nullify, overturn, quash, quell, ravage, ravish, raze, ruin, sabotage, shatter, slay, smash, snuff out\*, spoliage, stamp out, suppress, swallow up\*, tear down, torpedo\*, total, trash\*, vaporize, waste, wax\*, wipe out, wreck, zap; CONCEPT 252 —**Ant.** build, construct, create, improve, repair, restore

**destruction** [n] *demolition, devastation* abolishing, abolition, annihilation, assassinating, bane, carnage, crashing, crushing, disintegrating, disrupting, dissolving, downfall, elimination, end, eradication, extermination, extinction, extinguishing, extirpation, havoc, invalidating, invalidation, liquidation, loss, massacre, murder, overthrow, ravaging, ruin, ruination, sacking, shattering, slaughter, slaying, subjugation, subversion, subverting, undoing, wreckage, wrecking; CONCEPTS 230, 252 —**Ant.** building, construction, creation, improvement, repair, restoration  
**destructive** [adj1] *injurious, devastating* annihilative, baleful, baneful, calamitous, cancerous, cataclysmic, catastrophic, consump-

tive, cutthroat, damaging, deadly, deleterious, detrimental, dire, disastrous, eradivative, evil, extirpative, fatal, fell, harmful, hurtful, interecine, lethal, lethiferous, mortal, noisome, noxious, pernicious, pestiferous, pestilential, ruinous, slaughterous, suicidal, toxic, venomous, wrackful, wreckful; CONCEPT 537 —**Ant.** aiding, assisting, building, creative, helpful, productive  
**destructive** [adj2] *hurtful, disparaging* abrasive, adverse, antagonistic, cankerous, caustic, contrary, corrosive, deleterious, derogatory, detrimental, discouraging, discrediting, erosive, hostile, injurious, invalidating, negative, offensive, opposed, troublesome, undermining, vicious; CONCEPTS 267, 537 —**Ant.** encouraging, hopeful, positive

**desultory** [adj] *random* aimless, chance, chaotic, deviating, erratic, haphazard, orderless, rambling, unmethodical, unstable, unsystematic, without purpose; CONCEPTS 535, 548, 557

**detach** [v] *disconnect, cut off* abstract, disaffiliate, disassemble, disassociate, disengage, disentangle, disjoin, dismount, dissociate, disunite, divide, divorce, free, isolate, loose, loosen, part, remove, segregate, separate, sever, sunder, take apart, tear off, uncouple, unfasten, unfix, unhitch, withdraw; CONCEPT 135 —**Ant.** attach, combine, connect, couple, link, merge, unite  
**detached** [adj1] *disconnected* alone, apart, discrete, disjoined, divided, emancipated, free, isolate, isolated, loose, loosened, removed, separate, severed, unaccompanied, unconnected; CONCEPT 490 —**Ant.** attached, combined, connected, coupled, linked, merged, united  
**detached** [adj2] *aloof, disinterested; neutral* abstract, apathetic, casual, cool\*, dispassionate, distant, impartial, impersonal, incurious, indifferent, laid-back\*, objective, out of it\*, poker-faced\*, remote, removed, reserved, spaced-out, spacey\*, staid, stolid, unbiased, uncommitted, unconcerned, uncurious, uninvolved, unpassioned, unprejudiced, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —**Ant.** biased, compassionate, engaged, interested, sympathetic

**detachment** [n1] *disconnection* disengagement, disjoining, dissolution, disunion, division, divorce, divorcement, partition, rupture, separation, severing, split-up; CONCEPTS 388, 747 —**Ant.** attachment, combination, connection, linkage, merger

**detachment** [n2] *aloofness* brown study\*, coldness, coolness, disinterestedness, dreaminess, impartiality, incuriosity, indifference, neutrality, nonpartisanship, objectivity, preoccupation, remoteness, reverie, unconcern, woolgathering\*; CONCEPT 633 —**Ant.** bias, compassion, interest, kindness, sympathy  
**detachment** [n3] *military troop* army, body, detail, division, force, organization, party, patrol, special force, squad, task force, troupe, unit; CONCEPT 322

**detail** [n1] *feature, specific aspect* ABCs\*, accessory, article, brass tacks\*, chapter and verse\*, circumstantiality, component, count, cue, design, dope\*, element, fact, factor, fine point, fraction, item, meat and potatoes\*, minor point, minuta, nicety, nitty-gritty\*, nuts and bolts\*, part, particular, peculiarity, plan, point, portion, respect, schedule, singularity,

specialty, specification, structure, technicality, thing, trait, trivia, triviality; CONCEPT 831  
—*Ant.* whole

**detail** [n2] *military troop* army, assignment, body, detachment, duty, fatigue, force, kitchen police, KP\*, organization, party, special force, squad, unit; CONCEPT 322

**detail** [v1] *specify, make clear* analyze, catalog, circumstantiate, communicate, delineate, depict, describe, designate, elaborate, embellish, enumerate, epitomize, exhibit, fly speck\*, get down to brass tacks\*, individualize, itemize, lay out, narrate, particularize, portray, produce, quote chapter and verse\*, recapitulate, recite, recount, rehearse, relate, report, reveal, set forth, show, specialize, spell out, spread, stipulate, summarize, sweat details\*, tell, uncover; CONCEPTS 55, 57, 60 —*Ant.* hide, misrepresent, suppress, withhold

**detail** [v2] *assign specific task* allocate, appoint, charge, commission, delegate, detach, send; CONCEPTS 50, 88

**detailed** [adj] *itemized, particularized* abundant, accurate, all-inclusive, amplified, at length, blow-by-blow\*, circumstantial, circumstantiated, clocklike, complete, complicated, comprehensive, copious, definite, described, developed, disclosed, elaborate, elaborated, enumerated, exact, exhausting, exhaustive, finicky\*, full, fussy\*, individual, individualized, intricate, meticulous, minute, narrow, nice, point-by-point, precise, seriatim, specific, specified, thorough, unfolded; CONCEPT 557 —*Ant.* brief, cursory, inexhaustive, non-specific, sparing, uncomplicated, undetailed

**detain** [v] *hold, keep back; arrest* apprehend, bog down\*, bust\*, buttonhole\*, check, confine, constrain, decelerate, delay, hang up\*, hinder, hold up\*, ice\*, impede, inhibit, intern, jail, mire, nab\*, pick up, pinch\*, pull in\*, put away\*, reserve, restrain, retard, run in, send up, set back, slow down, slow up, withhold; CONCEPTS 191, 317 —*Ant.* free, let go, liberate, release

**detect** [v] *discover* ascertain, catch, descry, dig up\*, disclose, distinguish, encounter, espy, expose, find, hit on\*, hit upon\*, identify, meet, meet with, nose out\*, note, notice, observe, recognize, reveal, scent, see, smell out\*, smoke out\*, spot, stumble on, track down, tumble into, turn up, uncover, unmask, wise up to\*; CONCEPTS 38, 183 —*Ant.* miss, not see, overlook, pass by

**detection** [n] *discovery* apprehension, disclosure, espial, exposé, exposure, ferreting out, find, revelation, strike, tracking down, uncovering, unearthing, unmasking; CONCEPTS 38, 183 —*Ant.* failure, miss, mistake

**detective** [n] *investigator of crime* agent, analyst, bird dog\*, bloodhound\*, bull\*, constable, cop, dick\*, eavesdropper, eye\*, fed\*, fink\*, flatfoot\*, gumshoe\*, informer, nark\*, peeper\*, P. I.\*, plainclothes officer, police officer, private eye, private investigator, prosecutor, reporter, roper, scout, sergeant, shadow\*, shamus\*, Sherlock Holmes\*, shoofly\*, sleuth, slewfoot\*, snooper\*, spy, tail\*; CONCEPT 348

**détente** [n] *peace* amity, cooling off, equal power, harmony, relaxation, relief, tranquility, truce; CONCEPTS 388, 691

**detention** [n] *confinement, imprisonment* apprehension, arrest, arrestation, bust\*, custody, delay, detainment, hindrance, holding back, holding pen\*, immurement, impeding, incarceration, internment, keeping in, nab, pen\*, pickup, pinch\*, quarantine, restraint, retention, time up the river\*, withholding; CONCEPTS 191, 317 —*Ant.* freedom, liberation, release

**deter** [v] *check, inhibit from action* act like a wet blanket\*, avert, block, caution, chill, cool, damp, dampen, daunt, debar, disadvice, discourage, dissuade, divert, forestall, forfend, frighten, hinder, impede, intimidate, obstruct, obviate, preclude, prevent, prohibit, put a damper on, put off, restrain, rule out, scare, shut out, stave off, stop, talk out of, throw cold water on\*, turn off, warn; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* encourage, instigate, persuade, promote, put on to, stimulate, support, turn on, urge

**detergent** [n] *soap* cleaner, solvent; CONCEPT 492

**deteriorate** [v] *decay, degenerate* adulterate, alloy, become worse, be worse for wear\*, break, corrode, corrupt, crumble, debase, debilitate, decline, decompose, degrade, deprave, depreciate, descend, disimprove, disintegrate, ebb, fade, fail, fall apart, flag, go downhill\*, go to pieces\*, go to pot\*, go to the dogs\*, hit the skids\*, impair, injure, languish, lapse, lessen, lose it, lose quality, lower, mar, pervert, regress, retrograde, retrogress, rot, sink, skid, slide, spoil, undermine, vitiate, weaken, wear away, worsen; CONCEPT 698 —*Ant.* build, construct, develop, get better, improve

**deterioration** [n] *decay, degeneration* abasement, adulteration, atrophy, corrosion, crumbling, debasement, decadence, decaying, declension, declination, decline, decomposition, degradation, degrading, depreciation, descent, devaluation, dilapidation, disintegration, dislocation, disrepair, downfall, downgrade, downturn, drop, fall, lapse, lessening, perversion, retrogression, rotting, ruin, slump, spoiling, vitiation, worsening; CONCEPTS 230, 698 —*Ant.* betterment, building, construction, development, improvement

**determination** [n1] *perseverance* assurance, backbone\*, boldness, bravery, certainty, certitude, constancy, conviction, courage, dauntlessness, decision, dedication, doggedness, dogmatism, drive, energy, fearlessness, firmness, fortitude, grit, guts\*, hardihood, heart\*, independence, indomitability, intrepidity, nerve\*, obstinacy, persistence, pluck\*, purpose, purposefulness, resoluteness, resolution, resolve, self-confidence, single-mindedness, spine\*, spunk\*, steadfastness, stiff upper lip\*, stubbornness, tenacity, valor, willpower; CONCEPTS 411, 657 —*Ant.* disinterest, doubt, hesitation, irresolution, spinelessness, vacillation

**determination** [n2] *conclusion* decision, judgment, measurement, opinion, perception, purpose, resolution, resolve, result, settlement, solution, verdict, visualization; CONCEPTS 685, 689 —*Ant.* beginning, start

**determine** [v1] *conclude, decide* actuate, arbitrate, call the shots\*, cinch, clinch, complete, dispose, drive, end, figure, finish,

fix upon, halt, impel, incline, induce, move, nail down\*, opt, ordain, persuade, pin down\*, predispose, regulate, resolve, rule, settle, take a decision, tap, terminate, ultimate, wind up\*, wrap up\*; CONCEPTS 18,35,234 —**Ant.** begin, start

**determine** [v2] *discover, find out* add up to\*, ascertain, boil down to\*, catch on, certify, check, demonstrate, detect, divine, establish, figure, figure out, have a hunch\*, hear, learn, make out, see, size up, tell, tumble, unearth, verify, work out; CONCEPTS 15,31 —**Ant.** miss, overlook

**determine** [v3] *choose, decide* destiny, doom, elect, establish, fate, finger\*, fix, foreordain, make up mind, predestine, predetermine, preform, preordain, purpose, resolve, settle; CONCEPT 18 —**Ant.** doubt, hesitate, waver

**determine** [v4] *dictate, govern, regulate* affect, bound, circumscribe, command, condition, control, decide, delimit, devise, direct, impel, impose, incline, induce, influence, invent, lead, limit, manage, mark off, measure, modify, plot, rule, shape; CONCEPT 94

**determined** [adj] *driven, persistent* bent, bent on, buckled down\*, constant, decided, decisive, dogged, earnest, firm, fixed, hard-as-nails\*, hardboiled\*, intent, mean business\*, obstinate, on ice\*, pat, persevering, purposeful, resolute, resolved, serious, set, set on, settled, single-minded, solid, steadfast, strong-minded, strong-willed, stubborn, tenacious, unflinching, unflinching, unhesitating, unwavering; CONCEPTS 404,542 —**Ant.** flexible, hesitating, irresolute, vacillating, wavering, weak

**deterrent** [n] *impediment, restraint* bridle, check, curb, defense, deterrent, discouragement, disincentive, hindrance, leash, obstacle, preventative, preventive, rein, shackle; CONCEPT 680 —**Ant.** catalyst, encouragement, incentive

**detest** [v] *hate; feel disgust toward* abhor, abominate, be allergic to, despise, dislike intensely, down on, execrate, feel aversion toward, feel hostility toward, feel repugnance toward, have no use for\*, loathe, recoil from, reject, repudiate; CONCEPT 29 —**Ant.** adore, cherish, like, love, prize, respect

**detestable** [adj] *loathsome, abominable* abhorred, abhorrent, accursed, atrocious, awful, despicable, disgusting, execrable, godawful\*, grody\*, gross\*, hateable, hateful, heinous, horrid, lousy, low-down, maggots, monstrous, obnoxious, odious, offensive, outrageous, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, rotten, shocking, sorry, vile; CONCEPTS 529,542 —**Ant.** admirable, adorable, adored, cherished, likeable, loveable, prized, respectable, respected

**dethrone** [v] *oust* degrade, depose, discrown, dismiss, displace, uncrown, unmake; CONCEPTS 298,320 —**Ant.** crown, enthrone, put in power

**detonate** [v] *set off* bomb bang, blast, blow up, burst, discharge, explode, fulminate, kablooney\*, let go, mushroom\*, push the button\*, shoot off, touch off, va-voom\*; CONCEPT 179 —**Ant.** dismantle

**detonation** [n] *explosion* bang, blast, blowout, blow-up, boom, discharge, ignition; CONCEPTS 179,320,521

**detour** [n] *indirect course* alternate route, back road, branch, bypass, bypath, byway,

circuit, circuitous route, circumbendibus\*, circumnavigation, circumvention, crotch, deviation, divergence, diversion, fork, roundabout way, runaround, secondary highway, service road, substitute, temporary route; CONCEPT 501

**detract** [v] *take away a part; lessen* backbite\*, belittle, blister, cheapen, cut rate, decrease, decry, depreciate, derogate, devalue, diminish, discount, discredit, disesteem, draw away, knock\*, laugh at, lower, minimize, misprize, reduce, subtract from, underrate, undervalue, vilipend, withdraw, write off; CONCEPTS 52,54,236,247 —**Ant.** add to, increase, optimize

**detraction** [n] *misrepresentation; slander* abuse, aspersion, backbiting\*, backstabbing\*, belittlement, calumny, damage, defamation, denigration, deprecation, derogation, disesteem, disparagement, harm, hit, hurt, injury, injustice, innuendo, insinuation, knock\*, libel, libeling, lie, maligning, minimization, muckraking\*, obloquy, pejorative, revilement, ridicule, running down\*, scandal, scandalmongering, scurrility, slam, smear campaign\*, tale, traducement, traducing, vilification, vituperation, wrong; CONCEPTS 52,54,63

—**Ant.** admiration, adulation, flattery, praise

**detriment** [n] *disadvantage* damage, disability, disservice, drawback, handicap, harm, hurt, impairment, injury, liability, loss, marring, mischief, prejudice, spoiling; CONCEPTS 309,674 —**Ant.** advantage, assistance, benefit, gain, help, profit

**detrimental** [adj] *damaging, disadvantageous* adverse, bad, baleful, deleterious, destructive, disturbing, evil, harmful, hurtful, ill, inimical, injurious, mischievous, negative, noxious, pernicious, prejudicial, unfavorable; CONCEPTS 537,570 —**Ant.** advantageous, assisting, beneficial, helpful, profitable

**detritus** [n] *debris* deposit, fragments, grains, leavings, rubble, scree, sediment, shavings; CONCEPT 260

**devalue** [v] *depreciate* cheapen, cut rate, debase, decrease, decry, devalorize, devalue, knock off, lower, mark down, nose dive, revalue, take down, underrate, undervalue, write down, write off; CONCEPTS 330,335 —**Ant.** increase, overvalue, raise

**devastate** [v] *demolish, destroy* depredate, desecrate, desolate, depauper, devour, do one in\*, lay waste, level, pillage, plunder, raid, ravage, raze, ruin, sack, smash, spoil, spoliolate, stamp out\*, take apart, total\*, trash\*, waste, wipe off map\*, wreck; CONCEPTS 246,252 —**Ant.** build, construct, enrich, help, improve

**devastation** [n] *destruction* confusion, defoliation, demolition, depredation, desolation, havoc, loss, pillage, plunder, ravages, ruin, ruination, spoliation, waste; CONCEPT 674 —**Ant.** building, construction, creation

**develop** [v1] *cultivate, prosper* advance, age, enroot, establish, evolve, expand, flourish, foster, grow, grow up, mature, mature, mellow, progress, promote, ripen, thrive; CONCEPTS 253,427,704 —**Ant.** halt, repress

**develop** [v2] *expand, work out* actualize, advance, amplify, augment, beautify, broaden, build up, cultivate, deepen, dilate, elaborate, enlarge, enrich, evolve, exploit, extend, finish,

heighten, improve, intensify, lengthen, magnify, materialize, perfect, polish, promote, realize, refine, spread, strengthen, stretch, unfold, widen; CONCEPTS 700,775 —*Ant.* circumscribe, compress, confine, decrease, lessen, narrow  
**develop** [v3] *begin; occur* acquire, arise, befall, betide, break, break out, breed, chance, come about, come off, commence, contract, ensue, establish, follow, form, generate, go, happen, invest, originate, pick up, result, start, transpire; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* cease, discontinue, end, halt, stop

**develop** [v4] *unfold; be made known* account for, acquire, actualize, disclose, disentangle, elaborate, evolve, exhibit, explain, explicate, foretell, form, materialize, produce, reach, realize, recount, state, uncoil, uncover, unfold, unravel, unroll, untwist, unwind; CONCEPTS 60,261

**developer** [n] *real estate developer* builder, planner, real estate investor; CONCEPT 348

**development** [n1] *growth* adding to, addition, adulthood, advance, advancement, advancing, augmentation, augmenting, boost, buildup, developing, elaborating, enlargement, evolution, evolution, evolving, expansion, flowering, hike, improvement, increase, increasing, making progress, maturation, maturing, maturity, ongoing, perfecting, progress, progression, reinforcement, reinforcing, ripening, spread, spreading, unfolding, unraveling, upgrowth, upping; CONCEPTS 700,704,775 —*Ant.* decline, decrease, stoppage

**development** [n2] *happening, incident* change, circumstance, conclusion, denouement, event, eventuality, eventuation, issue, materialization, occurrence, outcome, phenomenon, result, situation, transpiration, turn of events, upshot; CONCEPT 3

**deviant** [adj] *abnormal, different* aberrant, anomalous, atypical, bent, devious, divergent, freaky, heretical, heteroclitic, irregular, kinky, off-key, perverse, perverted, preternatural, queer, twisted, unorthodox, unrepresentative, untypical, variant, varying, wandering, wayward, weird; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* normal, regular, standard, usual

**deviate** [v] *stray from normal path* aberrate, angle off, avert, bear off, bend, bend the rules\*, break pattern, circumlocate, contrast, deflect, depart, depart from, differ, digress, divagate, diverge, drift, edge off\*, err, get around, go amiss, go haywire\*, go off on tangent\*, go out of control\*, go out of way, leave beaten path\*, not conform, part, shy, swerve, swim against stream\*, take a turn, turn, turn aside, vary, veer, wander; CONCEPTS 195,665,697 —*Ant.* go straight, keep, stay

**deviation** [n] *change, departure* aberration, alteration, anomaly, breach, crotch, deflection, detour, difference, digression, discrepancy, disparity, divergence, diversion, fluctuation, fork, hereticism, inconsistency, irregularity, modification, shift, transgression, turning, variance, variation; CONCEPTS 665,697,738 —*Ant.* conformity, sameness, straightforwardness, uniformity

**device** [n1] *instrument, tool* accessory, agent, apparatus, appliance, arrangement, article, construction, contraption, contrivance, creation,

doohickey\*, equipment, expedient, gadget, gear, gimmick, implement, invention, machine, makeshift, material, means, mechanism, medium, outfit, resort, resource, rigging\*, Rube Goldberg invention\*, shift, tackle, thingamabob\*, utensil, whatchamacallit\*, whatnot\*, whatsit\*; CONCEPTS 463,499

**device** [n2] *ploy, scheme, maneuver* artifice, cabal, chicanery, clever move, craft, craftiness, cunningness, design, dodge, evasion, expedient, fake, feint, finesse, gambit, game, gimmick, improvisation, loophole\*, machination, method, pattern, plan, plot, project, proposition, purpose, racket, ruse, shift, stratagem, strategy, stunt, subterfuge, trap, trick, wile; CONCEPT 660

**device** [n3] *symbol, emblem* badge, colophon, crest, design, ensign, figure, insignia, logo, motif, motto, pattern, scroll, sign, slogan, token; CONCEPT 284

**devil** [n] *demon* adversary, archfiend, beast, Beelzebub, bête noire, brute, common enemy, dastard, diablo, djinn, dybbuk, enfant terrible\*, evil one, fiend, genie, hellion, imp, knave, Lucifer, Mephistopheles, monster, ogre, Prince of Darkness, rogue, Satan, scamp, scoundrel, the dickens\*, the Erinyes, the Furies, villain; CONCEPTS 370,412 —*Ant.* angel, god

**devilish** [adj] *wicked* accursed, atrocious, bad, brutish, cloven-footed, cursed, damnable, demonic, demonic, detestable, diabolic, diabolical, evil, execrable, fiendish, hellborn, hellish, infernal, inhuman, iniquitous, Mephistophelian, nefarious, satanic, serpentine, unhallowed, villainous; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* angelic, godlike, good, moral

**devil's advocate** [n] *mediator* apologist, pleader, polemicist, sophist; CONCEPTS 348,423

**devious** [adj1] *dishonest, crafty* artful, calculating, crooked, deceitful, double-dealing, duplicitous, errant, erring, evasive, faking one out\*, fishy\*, foxy\*, fraudulent, guileful, indirect, insidious, insincere, not straightforward, oblique, obliquitous, playing games, playing politics\*, put on, roundabout, scheming, shady, shifty, shrewd, sly, sneaking, sneaky, surreptitious, treacherous, tricky, underhanded, wily; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* artless, frank, honest, open, straightforward, trustworthy, truthful

**devious** [adj2] *crooked; indirect* ambiguous, bending, circuitous, confounding, confusing, curving, detouring, deviating, digressing, digressory, diverting, errant, erratic, excursive, flexuous, misleading, obscure, out-of-the-way, rambling, remote, removed, roundabout, serpentine, straying, tortuous, twisting, wandering; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* direct, straight

**devise** [v] *conceive, dream up* ad-lib, arrange, blueprint\*, brainstorm\*, cast, chart, cogitate, come up with, concoct, construct, contrive, cook up\*, craft, create, design, discover, dope out\*, fake it, forge, form, formulate, frame\*, get off\*, hatch, head trip\*, imagine, improvise, intrigue, invent, machinate, make up, mastermind\*, plan, play it by ear\*, plot, prepare, project, scheme, shape, spark, think up, throw together, trump up\*, vamp, whip up\*, work out; CONCEPTS 36,43 —*Ant.* borrow

**devoid** [adj] *empty, wanting* bare, barren, bereft, deficient, denuded, destitute, free from,

innocent, lacking, needed, sans\*, unprovided with, vacant, void, without; CONCEPTS 483,485

—*Ant.* complete, filled, full

**devote** [*v*] *commit one's energies, thoughts* allot, apply, apportion, appropriate, assign, bestow, bless, concern oneself, confide, consecrate, consign, dedicate, donate, enshrine, entrust, give, give away, hallow, hand out, occupy oneself, pledge, present, reserve, sanctify, set apart, vow; CONCEPTS 17,108,112

—*Ant.* misappropriate, misuse, waste

**devoted** [*adj*] *committed, loyal* adherent, affectionate, ardent, behind one, caring, concerned, consecrated, constant, crazy about\*, dear, dedicated, devout, doting, dutiful, faithful, fervid, fond, gone on\*, lovesome, loving, staunch, steadfast, stuck on\*, thoughtful, true, true-blue\*, wild about\*, zealous; CONCEPT 542

—*Ant.* apathetic, disloyal, inconstant, neglectful, negligent, uncommitted, unfaithful, untrustworthy

**devotee** [*n*] *ardent supporter; fan* addict, adherent, admirer, aficionado, amateur, believer, booster, buff, disciple, enthusiast, fanatic, fancier, fiend, follower, groupie, habitué, junkie, lover, rooter, supporter, votariant, votary; CONCEPT 423

—*Ant.* adversary, antagonist, enemy

**devotion** [*n*] *commitment; loyalty* adherence, adoration, affection, allegiance, ardor, attachment, consecration, constancy, dedication, deference, devotedness, devotement, devoutness, earnestness, enthusiasm, faithfulness, fealty, fervor, fidelity, fondness, intensity, love, observance, passion, piety, reverence, sanctity, service, sincerity, spirituality, worship, zeal; CONCEPTS 32,657

—*Ant.* apathy, carelessness, indifference, neglect, negligence

**devour** [*v*] *swallow, consume* absorb, annihilate, appreciate, be engrossed by, be preoccupied, bolt, bolt down\*, chow down\*, cram\*, delight in, destroy, dispatch, do compulsively, do voraciously, drink in, eat, enjoy, exhaust, feast on, feed on, gloat over, gobble, gorge\*, go through, gulp, guzzle, Hoover\*, imbibe, ingest, inhale, partake of, pig out\*, polish off\*, ravage, rejoice in, relish, reel in, scarf down\*, spend, stuff, take, take in, use up, waste, wipe out, wolf\*, wolf down\*; CONCEPTS 169,225

—*Ant.* abstain, pick

**devout** [*adj*] *sincerely believing; devoted* adherent, adoring, ardent, deep, earnest, faithful, fervent, fervid, genuine, godly, goody-goody\*, goody two-shoes\*, heart-and-soul, heartfelt, holy, intense, orthodox, passionate, pietistic, pious, prayerful, profound, religious, reverent, revering, serious, sincere, venerating, worshipping, zealous; CONCEPT 542

—*Ant.* insincere, irreligious, unbelieving

**dew** [*n*] *moisture* condensation, water droplets; CONCEPTS 467,524

**dewy-eyed** [*adj*] *innocent* dove-like, green, inexperienced, naive, pure, sinless, uncorrupted, undefiled, unworldly, wide-eyed; CONCEPT 404

**dexterity** [*n*] *aptitude, ability* address, adroitness, aptness, art, artistry, cleverness, craft, cunning, deftness, effortlessness, expertise, expertness, facility, finesse, handiness, ingenuity, knack, know-how, mastery, neatness, nimbleness, proficiency, readiness, skill, skillfulness,

smoothness, tact, touch; CONCEPTS 409,630

—*Ant.* awkwardness, clumsiness, inability, ineptness

**dexterous** [*adj*] *ingenious, proficient* able, active, acute, adept, adroit, agile, apt, artful, canny, clever, crack\*, crackerjack\*, deft, effortless, expert, facile, handy, having the know-how\*, masterly, neat, nimble, nimble-fingered, prompt, quick, savvy, skilled, skillful, slick, sly, smooth; CONCEPTS 402, 527

—*Ant.* awkward, clumsy, inept, inexpert, unable, unhandy, unskilled

**diabolic** [*adj*] *evil, fiendish* atrocious, cruel, damnable, demonic, demonic, devilish, hellish, impious, infernal, Mephistophelian, monstrous, nasty, nefarious, satanic, serpentine, shocking, unhallowed, unpleasant, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked; CONCEPT 545

—*Ant.* gentle, kind, moral, nice

**diagnose** [*v*] *identify problem, disease* analyze, determinate, determine, diagnosticate, distinguish, interpret, investigate, pinpoint, place, pronounce, recognize, spot; CONCEPTS 38,310

—*Ant.* misdiagnose

**diagnosis** [*n*] *identification of problem, disease* analysis, conclusion, examination, interpretation, investigation, opinion, pronouncement, scrutiny, summary; CONCEPTS 283,689

**diagonal** [*adj*] *angled* askew, bevel, beveled, bias, biased, cater-cornered, catty-cornered, cornerways, cross, crossways, crosswise, inclining, kitty-cornered\*, oblique, skewing, slanted, slanting, transversal, transverse; CONCEPT 581

**diagonally** [*adv*] *at an angle* askew, aslant, cater-corner, catty-corner, cornerwise, crosswise, kitty-corner\*, obliquely, on a slant, on the bias, slantingways, slantways, slantwise, slaunchways; CONCEPT 581

**diagram** [*n*] *drawing, sketch of form or plan* big picture\*, blueprint, chart, description, design, draft, figure, floor plan, game, game plan, ground plan, layout, outline, perspective, representation, rough draft; CONCEPTS 625,660

**dial** [*v*] *tune to desired position* punch, ring, rotate, turn, twist, wheel, zero in on\*; CONCEPT 201

**dialect** [*n*] *local speech* accent, argot, cant, idiom, jargon, language, lingo, localism, patois, patter, pronunciation, provincialism, regionalism, slang, terminology, tongue, vernacular, vocabulary; CONCEPT 276

**dialectic** [*adj*] *logical, rational* analytic, argumentative, controversial, dialectical, persuasive, polemical, rationalistic; CONCEPT 529

—*Ant.* illogical, irrational

**dialectic** [*n*] *logic, reasoning* argumentation, contention, debate, deduction, discussion, disputation, forensic, logical argument, mooting, persuasion, polemics, question-and-answer method, ratiocination; CONCEPT 37

**dialogue/dialog** [*n*] *talk, exchange of ideas* chat, colloquy, communication, confab\*, confabulation, conference, conversation, converse, discourse, discussion, duologue, interlocution, lines\*, parlance, parley, powwow, remarks, repartee, script, sides, small talk\*; CONCEPT 56

**diameter** [*n*] *measurement across object* bore, breadth, broadness, caliber, module, width; CONCEPT 760



**diametric/diametrical** [*adj*] *opposed, conflicting* adverse, antipodal, antipodean, antithetical, contradictory, contrary, contrasting, converse, counter, facing, opposite, polar, reverse; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* approving, coinciding, like, same, similar

**diaphanous** [*adj*] *fine, see-through* chiffon, clear, cobweblike, delicate, filmy, flimsy, gauzy, gossamer, light, pellucid, pure, sheer, thin, translucent, transparent; CONCEPTS 490,606 —*Ant.* opaque, thick

**diarrhea** [*n*] *loose bowels* dysentery, flux, Montezuma's revenge\*, the runs\*, the trots\*; CONCEPT 306

**diary** [*n*] *recounting of activities in writing* account, agenda, appointment book, chronicle, daily record, daybook, engagement book, journal, log, minutes, notebook, record; CONCEPT 283

**diaspora** [*n*] *the spreading out of a group of people* disbandment, dispersal, dispersion, dissolution, escape, exodus, mass exodus, refugee flow; CONCEPT 195

**diatribe** [*n*] *harangue, criticism* abuse, castigation, denunciation, disputation, invective, jeremiad, objection, onslaught, philippic, reviling, screed, stricture, tirade, vituperation; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* praise, recommendation

**dibs** [*n*] *claim* dueness, entitlement, preemptive declaration, privilege, request, rights; CONCEPTS 278,318,376,709

**dicey** [*adj*] *risky* capricious, chancy, dangerous, difficult, erratic, fluctuant, iffy\*, incalculable, ticklish, tricky, uncertain, unpredictable, whimsical; CONCEPTS 535,552 —*Ant.* certain, safe, sure

**dichotomy** [*n*] *division* difference, difference of opinion, disagreement, disunion, separation, split; CONCEPTS 98,135

**dicker** [*v*] *bargain; argue about* barter, buy and sell, chaffer, cut a deal\*, haggle\*, hammer out a deal\*, huckster\*, negotiate, palter, trade, work out a deal\*; CONCEPTS 46,330 —*Ant.* agree

**dictate** [*n*] *command; rule* behest, bidding, code, decree, dictum, direction, edict, fiat, injunction, law, mandate, order, ordinance, precept, principle, requirement, statute, ultimatum, word; CONCEPTS 274,318,688 —*Ant.* request

**dictate** [*v1*] *command; give instructions* bid, bulldoze\*, call the play\*, call the shots\*, call the tune\*, charge, control, decree, direct, enjoin, govern, guide, impose, instruct, lay down, lay down the law, lead, manage, ordain, order, prescribe, pronounce, put foot down\*, read the riot act\*, regiment, rule, set, take the reins\*, walk heavy\*; CONCEPTS 53,60 —*Ant.* ask, implore, request

**dictate** [*v2*] *read out for the record* compose, deliver, draft correspondence, emit, formulate, give account, give forth, interview, orate, prepare draft, say, speak, talk, transmit, utter, verbalize; CONCEPTS 60,324

**dictator** [*n*] *absolute ruler* absolutist, adviser, authoritarian, autocrat, boss, chief, commander, despot, disciplinarian, fascist, Hitler\*, leader, magnate, mogul, oligarch, oppressor, ring-leader, slavedriver, totalitarian, tycoon, tyrant, usurper; CONCEPT 354

**dictatorial** [*adj*] *tyrannical, authoritarian* absolute, arbitrary, arrogant, autocratic, bossy,

clamorous, crack-the-whip\*, despotic, dictative, doctrinaire, dogmatic, domineering, egotistic, firm, haughty, imperative, imperious, iron-handed, oppressive, overbearing, peremptory, pompous, proud, stern, throwing weight around, totalitarian, unlimited, unrestricted; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* democratic, docile, passive

**dictatorship** [*n*] *absolute rule* authoritarianism, autocracy, coercion, despotism, fascism, garrison state, Nazism, reign of terror\*, totalitarianism, tyranny, unlimited rule; CONCEPTS 133, 299,641 —*Ant.* democracy

**diction** [*n*] *style of speech; articulation* command of language, delivery, elocution, eloquence, enunciation, expression, fluency, gift of gab\*, inflection, intonation, language, line, lingo, locution, oratory, parlance, phrase, phraseology, phrasing, pronunciation, rhetoric, usage, verbalism, verbiage, vocabulary, wordage, wording; CONCEPTS 47,276

**dictionary** [*n*] *book of word meanings* concordance, cyclopedia, encyclopedia, glossary, language, lexicon, palaver, promptory, reference, terminology, vocabulary; CONCEPT 280

**dictum** [*n1*] *saying; proverb* adage, aphorism, apothegm, axiom, brocard, gnome, maxim, moral, motto, precept, rule, saw, truism; CONCEPTS 278,689

**dictum** [*n2*] *decree, pronouncement* affirmation, assertion, command, declaration, dictate, edict, fiat, order; CONCEPT 278

**didactic** [*adj*] *educational* academic, advisory, donnish, edifying, enlightening, exhortative, expository, homiletic, hortative, instructive, moral, moralizing, pedagogic, pedantic, preachy, preceptive, schoolmasterist, sermonic, sermonizing, teacherish, teacherly, teachy; CONCEPT 548

**die** [*v1*] *pass away; stop living* be no more\*, be taken, breathe one's last\*, cease to exist, conk\*, croak\*, decease, demise, depart, drop, drop off, drown, expire, finish, give up the ghost\*, go way of all flesh\*, kick the bucket\*, perish, relinquish life, rest in peace, succumb, suffocate; CONCEPT 304 —*Ant.* be born, begin, live

**die** [*v2*] *wither, dwindle* abate, bate, break down, crumble, decay, decline, degenerate, deteriorate, dilapidate, diminish, disappear, droop, ease off, ebb, end, expire, fade, fade away, fade out, fail, fall, fizzle out\*, go bad\*, go down-hill\*, halt, lapse, let up, lose power, melt away, moderate, molder, pass, peter out\*, rankle, recede, retrograde, rot, run down, run low, run out, sink, slacken, stop, subside, vanish, wane, weaken, wear away, wilt; CONCEPTS 469,698 —*Ant.* develop, flourish, grow, improve

**die-hard** [*adj*] *uncompromising* conservative, convinced, dyed-in-the-wool\*, extremist, firm, fogyish, immovable, inflexible, intransigent, old-line\*, orthodox, Philistine, reactionary, right, standpat, Tory\*, traditionalistic, ultraconservative, unreconstructed; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* compromising, conceding, flexible

**diehard** [*n*] *overenthusiastic person* bitter ender\*, Bourbon\*, dyed-in-the-wool\*, extremist, fanatic, fogy, fundamentalist, intransigent, mossback\*, old liner\*, praetorian, pullback\*, reactionary, right, rightist, right-winger, standpat, standpatter, stick-in-the-mud\*, Tory\*,

true blue\*, ultraconservative\*, zealot; CONCEPTS 359, 423

**diet** [n1] *abstinence from food* dietary, fast, nutritional therapy, regime, regimen, restriction, starvation, weight-reduction plan; CONCEPT 660  
—*Ant.* indulgence

**diet** [n2] *daily intake of food* aliment, bite, comestibles, commons, daily bread, edibles, fare, goodies, grubbery, menu, nourishment, nutriment, nutrition, provisions, rations, snack, subsistence, sustenance, viands, victuals; CONCEPTS 457, 459

**diet** [v] *abstain from food* count calories\*, eat sparingly, fall off, fast, go without, lose weight, reduce, skinny down\*, slim, slim down, starve, tighten belt\*, watch weight\*; CONCEPT 169  
—*Ant.* gorge, indulge

**differ** [v1] *be dissimilar, distinct* alter, bear no resemblance, be distinguished from, be off the beaten path\*, be unlike, clash with, conflict with, contradict, contrast, depart from, deviate from, digress, disagree, divaricate from, diverge, diversify, jar with, lack resemblance, modify, not conform, not look like, qualify, reverse, run counter to, show contrast, sing a different tune\*, stand apart, take exception, turn, vary; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* agree, be same, conform

**differ** [v2] *clash; hold opposing views* bicker\*, bump heads\*, contend, debate, demur, discord, disagree, discept, discord, dispute, dissent, divide, fight, go after each other, go at it\*, hit a clinker\*, hit a sour note\*, jar\*, lock horns\*, object, oppose, protest against, quarrel, squabble, take issue, vary, war; CONCEPT 46  
—*Ant.* agree, consent, harmonize

**difference** [n1] *dissimilarity, distinctness* aberration, alteration, anomaly, antithesis, asymmetry, change, characteristic, contrariety, contrariness, contrast, departure, deviation, digression, incongruity, discrepancy, disparity, dissemblance, distinction, divergence, diversity, exception, heterogeneity, idiosyncrasy, inequality, irregularity, nonconformity, opposition, particularity, peculiarity, separateness, separation, singularity, unconformity, unlikeness, unorthodoxness, variance, variation, variety; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* accord, agreement, likeness, concurrence, conformity, likeness, sameness, similarity, uniformity

**difference** [n2] *opposing views* argument, beef\*, blowup\*, bone to pick\*, brannigan, brawl, brush\*, brush-off\*, catamaran, clash, conflict, contention, contrariety, contretemps, controversy, debate, disaccord, disagreement, discord, discordance, dispute, dissension, dissent, dissidence, disunity, dustup\*, estrangement, hassle, quarrel, row\*, run-in\*, scrap\*, set-to\*, spat\*, strife, tiff\*, variance, words\*, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46, 388 —*Ant.* agreement, assent, concurrence, consent

**different** [adj1] *dissimilar, unlike* a far cry from\*, altered, antithetic, at odds, at variance, changed, clashing, colorful, contradistinct, contradistinctive, contrary, contrasting, contrastive, deviating, differential, discrepant, disparate, distant, distinct, distinctive, divergent, divers, diverse, incommensurable, incomparable, inconsistent, individual, like night and day\*, mismatched, mismated, offbeat, opposed,

other, otherwise, particular, peculiar, poles apart\*, single, unlike, unequal, unrelated, unsimilar, variant, various; CONCEPTS 487, 564, 573 —*Ant.* alike, correspondent, homogeneous, like, resembling, same, similar

**different** [adj2] *separate, distinct* another, another story, atypical, bizarre, discrete, diverse, especial, express, extraordinary, individual, novel, original, other, out of the ordinary, particular, peculiar, rare, several, singular, something else, special, specialized, specific, startling, strange, uncommon, unconventional, unique, unusual, various; CONCEPT 564  
—*Ant.* conventional, correspondent, harmonious, normal, same, standard, unified, united

**different** [adj3] *miscellaneous, various* anthologized, assorted, asymmetrical, collected, disparate, dissonant, divergent, divers, diverse, diversified, diversiform, heterogeneous, incongruous, inconsistent, indiscriminate, jarring, manifold, many, multifarious, multiform, numerous, omnifarious, omniform, several, some, sundry, varicolored, varied, variegated, varietal, variform; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* normal, same, similar, standard, uniform

**differentiate** [v1] *make a distinction* antithesize, characterize, comprehend, contrast, demarcate, discern, discrepate, discriminate, extricate, individualize, individuate, know, know what's what\*, mark, mark off, redline\*, separate, set apart, set off, sever, severize, split hairs\*, tell apart, understand; CONCEPTS 15, 38 —*Ant.* associate, confuse, connect, group, link, mix up

**differentiate** [v2] *change; make different* adapt, alter, assort, convert, diversify, mismatch, mismate, modify, transform, variegate, vary; CONCEPT 232 —*Ant.* allow, leave

**diffidently** [adv] *in another way; otherwise* abnormally, adversely, antagonistically, antithetically, asymmetrically, conflictingly, contradictorily, contrarily, contrastingly, contrastively, discordantly, disparately, dissimilarly, distinctively, divergently, diversely, hostilely, in a different manner, incompatibly, incongruously, individually, negatively, nonconformably, on the contrary, on the other hand, oppositely, poles apart, separately, uniquely, unorthodoxly, unusually, variously, vice versa; CONCEPT 564

**difficult** [adj1] *hard on someone; hard to do* ambitious, arduous, backbreaker\*, bothersome, burdensome, challenging, crucial, demanding, diffidle, easier said than done\*, effortful, exacting, formidable, galling, Gargantuan\*, hard-won, heavy, Herculean\*, immense, intricate, irritating, labored, laborious, no picnic\*, not easy, onerous, operose, painful, problem, problematic, prohibitive, rigid, severe, stiff, strenuous, titanic, toilsome, tough, troublesome, trying, unyielding, uphill, upstream, wearisome; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* calm, easy, free, manageable, plain, simple, uncomplicated

**difficult** [adj2] *complicated; hard to comprehend* abstract, abstruse, baffling, bewildering, complex, confounding, confusing, dark, deep, delicate, enigmatic, enigmatical, entangled, esoteric, formidable, hard to explain, hard to solve, hidden, inexplicable, intricate, involved, knotty, labyrinthine, loose, meandering, mysterious,

mystical, mystifying, nice, obscure, obstinate, paradoxical, perplexing, problematical, profound, puzzling, rambling, subtle, tangled, thorny, ticklish, troublesome, unclear, unfaithful, unintelligible, vexing; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* easy, simple, straightforward, uncomplicated

**difficult** [*adj*3] *unmanageable socially* argumentative, bearish, boorish, dark, demanding, fastidious, finicky, fractious, fussy, grim, hard to please, impolite, intractable, irritable, oafish, obstreperous, perverse, picky, refractory, rigid, rude, tiresome, tough, troublesome, trying, unaccommodating, unamenable; CONCEPTS 404, 542, 555 —*Ant.* calm, friendly, sociable

**difficuly** [*n*1] *problem; situation requiring great effort* adversity, arduousness, awkwardness, barricade, check, complication, crisis, crux, dead end, deadlock, deep water\*, dilemma, distress, emergency, exigency, fix\*, frustration, hardship, hazard, hindrance, hitch\*, hot water\*, impasse, knot\*, labor, laboriousness, mess, misfortune, muddle, obstacle, obstruction, pain, painfulness, paradox, perplexity, pickle\*, predicament, quagmire, quandary, scrape\*, snag\*, stew\*, strain, strait, strenuousness, struggle, stumbling block\*, tribulation, trouble; CONCEPTS 674, 677

—*Ant.* calm, ease, felicity, peace, tranquility

**difficultly** [*n*2] *mental burden* ado, aggravation, annoyance, anxiety, bafflement, bother, care, charge, complication, crisis, depression, discouragement, distress, embarrassment, emergency, exigency, frustration, grievance, hangup, harassment, imbroglion, inconvenience, irritation, jam, maze, mess, millstone\*, misery, oppression, perplexity, pickle\*, pinch, predicament, pressure, puzzle, quandary, ramification, responsibility, scrape\*, setback, strain, strait, stress, strife, struggle, to-do\*, trouble, vicissitude, weight, worry; CONCEPTS 410, 532, 690 —*Ant.* calmness, contentment, peace, pleasure, satisfaction

**difficuly** [*n*3] *argument* altercation, beef\*, bickering, controversy, dispute, falling-out\*, fight, hassle, misunderstanding, quarrel, squabble, strife, trouble; CONCEPT 46 —*Ant.* harmony, peace

**diffidence** [*n*] *hesitancy; lack of confidence* backwardness, bashfulness, constraint, doubt, fear, hesitation, humility, insecurity, meekness, modesty, mousiness, reluctance, reserve, self-consciousness, sheepishness, shyness, timidity, timidness, timorousness, unassertiveness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* boldness, confidence

**diffident** [*adj*] *hesitant; unconfident* backward, bashful, blenching, chary, constrained, coy, demure, distrustful, doubtful, dubious, flinching, humble, insecure, meek, modest, mousy, rabbit, reluctant, reserved, retiring, self-conscious, self-effacing, sheepish, shrinking, shy, suspicious, timid, timorous, unassertive, unassuming, unassured, unobtrusive, unpoised, unsure, withdrawn; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* bold, confident

**diffuse** [*adj*1] *spread out* broadcast, catholic, circulated, diluted, dispersed, disseminated, distributed, expanded, extended, general, prevalent, propagated, radiated, scattered, separated, strewn, thin, unconcentrated, universal,

widespread; CONCEPTS 530, 583, 772 —*Ant.* compact, compressed, concentrated, confined, limited, restricted

**diffuse** [*adj*2] *wordy* circumlocutory, copious, diffusive, digressive, discursive, dull, exuberant, lavish, lengthy, long, long-winded, loose, meandering, palaverous, profuse, prolix, rambling, random, redundant, vague, verbose, waffling, windy; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* abbreviated, abridged, brief, short, succinct

**diffusion** [*n*] *spread; wide distribution* circulation, dispersal, dispersion, dissemination, dissipation, expansion, propaganda, propagation, scattering; CONCEPTS 634, 651 —*Ant.* collection, concentration

**dig** [*n*] *insult* crack, cut, cutting remark, gibe, inuendo, jeer, quip, slur, sneer, taunt, wisecrack; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* compliment, flattery, praise

**dig** [*v*1] *delve into; hollow out* bore, break up, bulldoze, burrow, cat, channel, clean, concave, deepen, depress, dig down, discover, dredge, drill, drive, enter, excavate, exhume, fork out, go into, gouge, grub, harvest, hoe, investigate, mine, penetrate, pierce, pit, probe, produce, quarry, root, root out, rout, sap, scoop, scoop out, search, shovel, sift, spade, till, tunnel, turn over, uncover, undermine, unearth; CONCEPT 178 —*Ant.* fill

**dig** [*v*2] *thrust object into* drive, gouge, jab, jog, nudge, plunge, poke, prod, punch, ram, sink, stab, stick; CONCEPT 208

**dig** [*v*3] *investigate; discover* bring to light\*, come across, come up with, delve, dig down, expose, extricate, find, go into, inquire, look into, probe, prospect, research, retrieve, root, search, search high and low\*, shake down\*, sift\*, turn inside out\*, turn upside down\*, uncover, unearth; CONCEPTS 31, 103, 216

**dig** [*v*4] *enjoy, like* appreciate, follow, go for\*, groove\*, love, mind, relish, understand; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* dislike

**dig** [*v*5] *understand* accept, apprehend, catch, comprehend, follow, grasp, recognize, see, take, take in; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misunderstand, not get

**digest** [*n*] *abridgement of something written* abstract, aperçu, brief, compendium, condensation, epitome, pandect, précis, résumé, short form, sketch, summary, survey, syllabus, sylloge, synopsis; CONCEPT 271 —*Ant.* unbridgement

**digest** [*v*1] *assimilate food* absorb, chymify, consume, dissolve, eat, incorporate, macerate, swallow, take; CONCEPT 169

**digest** [*v*2] *make shorter; abridge* abbreviate, abstract, boil down, classify, codify, compress, condense, cut, cut down, cut to bone\*, decrease, epitomize, get to the meat\*, inventory, methodize, nutshell\*, put in a nutshell\*, reduce, shorten, sum, summarize, summarize, sum up, survey, synopsise, systematize, tabulate, trim; CONCEPTS 236, 247 —*Ant.* detail, enlarge, expand, lengthen

**digest** [*v*3] *come to understand* absorb, analyze, assimilate, consider, contemplate, deliberate, grasp, master, meditate, ponder, study, take in, think about, think over; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misunderstand

**digest** [*v*4] *tolerate, endure* abide, bear, brook, go, stand, stomach, swallow, take; CONCEPT 23

**dig in** [*v*] *begin with enthusiasm* bite, burrow, chew, commence, consume, delve, eat, rise, set about, spring, start eating; CONCEPTS 100,169

—*Ant.* avoid, delay, postpone, procrastinate

**digit** [*n*] *number* Arabic, chiffer, cipher, figure, integer, notation, numeral, symbol, whole number; CONCEPTS 765,784

**digit** [*n2*] *small appendage of animate being* claw, extremity, fang, feeler, finger, fork, hook, index finger, phalange, pinkie, pointer, ring finger, thumb, toe; CONCEPT 392

**digital library** [*n*] *multimedia library* digital object library, electronic library, information superhighway, national information infrastructure, virtual library; CONCEPT 274

**dignified** [*adj*] *honorable* aristocratic, august, courtly, decorous, distinguished, distinguished, eminent, formal, grand, grave, great, high-brow\*, highfalutin\*<sup>\*</sup>, imperial, imperious, lofty, magisterial, magnificent, nifty\*, noble, proud, refined, regal, reserved, respected, solemn, somber, stately, superior, upright; CONCEPTS 404,555,574 —*Ant.* dishonorable, indecorous, undignified

**dignify** [*v*] *make honorable; glorify* adorn, advance, aggrandize, distinguish, elevate, ennoble, erect, exalt, grace, honor, magnify, prefer, promote, raise, sublime, uprear; CONCEPTS 244,700 —*Ant.* belittle, condemn, degrade, demote, detract, disgrace, humiliate, insult, shame

**dignitary** [*n*] *high ranking person* big gun\*, big kahuna\*, bigshot\*, bigwig\*, celebrity, luminary, official, person of influence, star, top cat\*<sup>\*</sup>; CONCEPTS 388,668

**dignity** [*n*] *excellence, nobility* address, cachet, character, consequence, courtliness, culture, decency, decorum, distinction, elevation, eminence, ethics, etiquette, glory, grace, grandeur, gravity, greatness, hauteur, honor, importance, loftiness, majesty, merit, morality, nobleness, perfection, poise, prestige, propriety, quality, rank, regard, renown, respectability, seemliness, self-respect, significance, solemnity, splendor, standing, state, stateliness, station, stature, status, sublimity, virtue, worth, worthiness; CONCEPTS 388,411,668 —*Ant.* lowliness

**digress** [*v*] *stray, deviate* aberrate, beat about the bush\*, be diffuse, circumlocute, depart, divagate, drift, excursion, get off the point, get off the subject, get sidetracked, go by way of\*, go off on a tangent\*, long way\*, meander, ramble, roam, swerve, turn aside, veer, wander, wander away; CONCEPTS 195,266,697 —*Ant.* be direct, stay

**digression** [*n*] *deviation; straying* apostrophe, aside, deflection, departure, detour, difference, discursion, divagation, divergence, diversion, drifting, episode, excursion, excursus, footnote, incident, note, obiter dictum, parenthesis, rambling, variation, wandering; CONCEPTS 278,665,697 —*Ant.* directness, straightness

**dilapidated** [*adj*] *falling apart; in ruins* battered, beat-up, broken-down, crumbling, crumbly, crummy\*, damaged, decayed, decaying, decrepit, derelict, dingy, dog-eared\*, faded, fallen-in, impaired, in a bad way\*, injured, marred, neglected, old, ramshackle, ratty\*, raunchy, rickety, rinky-dink\*, rundown, seedy, shabby, shaky, slummy, tacky,

threadbare, tumble-down, uncared for, unimproved, unkempt, used-up, worn-out; CONCEPTS 485,560 —*Ant.* in good repair, rebuilt

**dilate** [*v*] *stretch, widen* amplify, augment, be profuse, be prolix, broaden, develop, distend, enlarge, expand, expatiate, expound, extend, increase, inflate, lengthen, prolong, protract, puff out, spin off, swell; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* compress, constrict, contract, lessen, reduce

**dilatory** [*adj*] *procrastinating* backward, behindhand, dallying, delaying, deliberate, laggard, late, lax, lazy, leisurely, lingering, loitering, moratory, neglectful, negligent, putting off, remiss, slack, slow, sluggish, snail-like\*, tardy, tarrying, time-wasting, unhasty, unhurried; CONCEPTS 542,799 —*Ant.* diligent, eager, enthusiastic, hard-working, ready, zealous

**dilemma** [*n*] *crisis* bind\*, box\*, Catch-22\*, corner, difficulty, double bind\*, embarrassment, fix, hole, hooker\*, impasse, jam, mess, mire, perplexity, pickle\*, plight, predicament, problem, puzzle, quandary, scrape, spot, strait, tight corner\*; CONCEPTS 674,675 —*Ant.* miracle, solution, wonder

**dilettante** [*adj*] *amateurish* artsy fartsy\*, dabbling, green\*, half-baked\*, half-cocked\*, rookie, tenderfoot\*, unaccomplished, ungifted, unskilled; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* professional

**dilettante** [*n*] *amateur* abecedarian, aesthete, connoisseur, dabbler, dallier, greenhorn\*, non-professional, rookie, smatterer, tenderfoot\*, trifter, tyro, uninitiate; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* professional

**diligence** [*n*] *perseverance in carrying out action* activity, alertness, application, assiduity, assiduousness, attention, attentiveness, briskness, care, carefulness, constancy, earnestness, exertion, heed, heedfulness, industry, intensity, intent, intentness, keenness, laboriousness, pertinacity, quickness, sedulousness, vigor; CONCEPTS 657,677 —*Ant.* inactivity, indifference, laziness, lethargy, neglect

**diligent** [*adj*] *persevering, hard-working* active, assiduous, attentive, busy, careful, conscientious, constant, eager, eager beaver\*, earnest, grind\*, indefatigable, industrious, laborious, occupied, operose, painstaking, persistent, persisting, pertinacious, plugging\*, sedulous, steadfast, studious, tireless, unflagging, unrelenting, untiring; CONCEPTS 326,538,542 —*Ant.* inactive, indifferent, languid, lazy, lethargic, negligent

**dilly-dally** [*v*] *waste time* dawdle, delay, hem and haw\*, hesitate, linger, loiter, meander, mosey, move slowly, procrastinate, vacillate; CONCEPTS 151,210,681

**dilute** [*v*] *make thinner; weaken* adulterate, alter, attenuate, cook, cut, decrease, deliquesce, diffuse, diminish, doctor\*, doctor up\*, irrigate, lace, lessen, liquefy, mitigate, mix, moderate, modify, needle\*, phony up\*, plant, qualify, reduce, shave\*, spike, temper, water, water down; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* concentrate, strengthen, thicken

**diluted/dilute** [*adj*] *thinned, weakened* adulterated, attenuated, cut, impaired, impoverished, laced, light, moderated, reduced, shaved\*, spiked, tempered, washy, watered down, watery, watery, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPTS 485,606 —*Ant.* concentrated, strengthened, thickened

**dim** [*adj*1] *darkish* blah, bleary, blurred, caliginous, cloudy, dark, dingy, dreary, dull, dusk, dusky, faded, faint, flat, fuzzy, gloomy, gray, ill-defined, indistinct, lackluster, lightless, mat, monotone, monotonous, murky, muted, obscured, opaque, overcast, pale, poorly lit, shadowy, sullied, tarnished, tenebrous, unclear, unilluminated, vague, weak; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* bright, brilliant, clear, distinct, light

**dim** [*adj*2] *unfavorable with regard to opinion* depressing, disapproving, discouraging, gloomy, skeptical, somber, suspicious, unpromising; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* favorable, good

**dim** [*adj*3] *not very intelligent* boorish, dense, dim-witted, doltish, dull, dumb, oafish, obtuse, slow, slow on uptake\*, stupid, thick\*, weak-minded; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* bright, intelligent, smart

**dim** [*v*] *darken; obscure* becloud, bedim, befog, bleak, blur, cloud, dull, eclipse, fade, fog, haze, lower, muddy, obfuscate, pale, tarnish, turn down; CONCEPTS 250,627 —*Ant.* brighten, lighten

**dimensions/dimension** [*n*] *proportions; range* admeasurement, ambit, amplitude, bigness, bulk, capacity, compass, depth, dimensionality, extension, extensity, extent, greatness, height, importance, largeness, length, magnitude, measure, measurement, reach, scale, scope, size, volume, width; CONCEPTS 730,792

**diminish** [*v*1] *become or cause to be less* abate, abbreviate, attenuate, become smaller, close, contract, curtail, cut, decline, decrease, depreciate, die out, drain, dwindle, ebb, extenuate, fade away, lessen, lower, minimize, moderate, peter out, recede, reduce, retrench, shrink, shrivel, slacken, subside, taper, temper, wane, weaken; CONCEPTS 698,776 —*Ant.* develop, enlarge, expand, extend, grow, increase, lengthen, prolong

**diminish** [*v*2] *belittle* abase, bad-mouth\*, cheapen, cut down to size\*, decry, demean, depreciate, derogate, detract from, devalue, dispraise, dump on\*, give comeuppance\*, knock off high horse\*, minimize, pan\*, poormouth\*, put away\*, put down\*, run down\*, tear down\*; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* compliment, flatter, praise

**diminution** [*n*] *lessening, reduction* abatement, alleviation, contraction, curtailment, cut, cutback, decay, decline, decrease, deduction, retrenchment, weakening; CONCEPTS 698,776 —*Ant.* development, enlargement, expansion, growth, increase

**diminutive** [*adj*] *tiny, petite* bantam, bitsy\*, bitty\*, button\*, Lilliputian, little, midget, mini, miniature, minute, peewee\*, pint-sized, pocket, pocket-sized, small, teeny\*, teeny-weensy\*, teeny\*, teeny-weeny\*, undersize, wee\*, weeny\*; CONCEPT 789 —*Ant.* big, huge, large, tall

**dimple** [*n*] *indentation* cleft, concavity, dent, depression, divot, hollow, pit; CONCEPT 490

**dimwit** [*n*] *a stupid person* blockhead, bonehead, dolt, dullard, dunce, fool, idiot, ignoramus, imbecile, moron, numskull, simpleton, twit; CONCEPT 412

**din** [*n*] *loud, continuous* noise babel, bedlam, boisterousness, brouhaha, buzz, clamor, clangor, clash, clatter, commotion, confusion, crash, disquiet, hoo-ha\*, hubbub, hullabaloo\*,

hurly-burly\*, jangle, music, outcry, pandemonium, percussion, racket, row, shout, sound, stridency, tintamarre\*, tintinnabulation, tumult, uproar; CONCEPT 595

**dine** [*v*] *eat, often formally* banquet, breakfast, consume, do lunch\*, eat out\*, fall to\*, feast, feed on, lunch, sup, supper; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* abstain

**diner** [*n*] *casual restaurant with varied menu* Automat\*, bistro, booth, café, canteen, chuck wagon\*, coffee shop, concession, dump\*, eatery\*, eating house, facility, fast-food outlet, greasy spoon\*, grill, hash house\*, ice-cream parlor, lunch counter, lunchroom, lunch wagon, mess hall, quick-lunch, saloon, sandwich shop, snack bar, tearoom; CONCEPT 449

**dingy** [*adj*] *soiled, tacky* bedimmed, broken-down, colorless, dark, darkish, dilapidated, dim, dirty, discolored, drab, dreary, dull, dusky, faded, gloomy, grimy, muddy, murky, obscure, run-down, seedy, shabby, smirched, somber, sullied, tarnished, threadbare, tired; CONCEPTS 485,617 —*Ant.* bright, clean, immaculate, neat, pure, spotless

**dinky** [*adj*] *tiny, small* bush-league\*, dainty, insignificant, lesser, Lilliputian, mini, miniature, minor, minor-league\*, neat, petite, secondary, second rate\*, small-fry\*, small-time\*, trim; CONCEPT 789 —*Ant.* big, huge, large

**dinner** [*n*] *evening meal* banquet, blowout\*, chow\*, collation, din-din\*, eats\*, feast, feed-bag\*, fete, main meal, major munch\*, potluck, principal meal, refection, regale, repast, ribs\*, spread\*, supper, table d'hôte; CONCEPT 459

**dip** [*n*1] *submersion in liquid* bath, dive, douche, drenching, ducking, immersion, plunge, soak, soaking, swim; CONCEPT 256

**dip** [*n*2] *something for dunking* concoction, dilution, infusion, mixture, preparation, solution, suffusion, suspension; CONCEPTS 260,466

**dip** [*n*3] *depression; decline* basin, concavity, declivity, descent, downslope, downsinking, downtrend, drop, fall, fall-off, hole, hollow, inclination, incline, lowering, pitch, sag, sink, sinkage, sinkhole, slip, slope, slump; CONCEPTS 513,697,738 —*Ant.* ascent, increase, rise

**dip** [*v*1] *put into liquid* baptize, bathe, douse, drench, duck, dunk, immerse, irrigate, lave, lower, moisten, pitch, plunge, rinse, slop, slosh, soak, souse, splash, steep, submerge, submerge, wash, water, wet; CONCEPTS 201,256

**dip** [*v*2] *lower, descend* bend, decline, disappear, droop, drop down, fade, fall, go down, incline, nose-dive, plummet, plunge, reach, recede, sag, set, settle, sheer, sink, skew, skid, slant, slip, slope, slue, slump, spiral, subside, swoop, tilt, tumble, veer, verge; CONCEPT 181 —*Ant.* ascend, raise

**dip** [*v*3] *scoop, ladle* bail, bale, bucket, decant, dish, draft off, draw, draw out, dredge, handle, lade, lift, offer, reach into, shovel, spoon, strain; CONCEPTS 196,225

**dip into** [*v*] *try, sample* appropriate, browse, dabble, flip through, get, glance at, glance over, leaf through, peruse, play at, rifle through\*, run over, run through, scan, seize, skim, take, taste, thumb through\*; CONCEPTS 87,623

**diploma** [*n*] *certificate for achievement* authority, award, charter, commission, confirmation,

credentials, degree, honor, recognition, sheepskin, shingle, voucher, warrant; CONCEPTS 271,337

**diplomacy** [*n*] *tact* address, artfulness, craft, delicacy, delicatessen, discretion, expedience, finesse, negotiation, poise, politics, savoir-faire, skill, statecraft, subtlety; CONCEPTS 388,633

—*Ant.* bad manners, impoliteness, rudeness  
**diplomat** [*n*] *politician, consul* agent, ambassador, attaché, cabinet member, chargé d'affaires, conciliator, emissary, envoy, expert, go-between, legate, mediator, minister, moderator, negotiator, plenipotentiary, public relations person, representative, tactician; CONCEPTS 354,359

**diplomatic** [*adj*] *politic, tactful* adept, arch, artful, astute, bland, brainy, cagey, calculating, capable, clever, conciliatory, conniving, contriving, courteous, crafty, cunning, deft, delicate, dexterous, discreet, gracious, guileful, intriguing, opportunistic, polite, prudent, savvy, scheming, sensitive, sharp, shrewd, sly, smooth, strategic, suave, subtle, wily; CONCEPTS 401,542

—*Ant.* artless, impolite, rude, tactless  
**dire** [*adj*1] *urgent; crucial* acute, burning, clamant, clamorous, climacteric, critical, crying, desperate, drastic, exigent, extreme, immoderate, imperative, importunate, instant, pressing; CONCEPTS 546,568,799

—*Ant.* trivial, unimportant  
**dire** [*adj*2] *terrible, ominous* afflictive, alarming, appalling, awful, black, calamitous, cataclysmic, catastrophic, cruel, deplorable, depressing, disastrous, dismal, distressing, dreadful, fearful, fierce, frightful, gloomy, grievous, grim, heart-breaking, horrible, horrid, lamentable, oppressing, portentous, redoubtable, regrettable, ruinous, scowling, shocking, terrific, ugly, unfortunate, woeful; CONCEPTS 537,548,570

—*Ant.* fortunate, good, lucky, nice  
**direct** [*adj*1] *honest* absolute, bald, blunt, candid, categorical, downright, explicit, express, forthright, frank, matter-of-fact, open, outspoken, person-to-person, plain, plainspoken, point-blank, sincere, straight, straightforward, straight from the shoulder\*, talk turkey\*, unambiguous, unconcealed, undisguised, unequivocal, unreserved; CONCEPT 267

—*Ant.* devious, dishonest, indirect, wily  
**direct** [*adj*2] *undeviating; uninterrupted* beeline\*, continuous, even, horizontal, in beeline\*, in straight line, linear, nonstop, not crooked, point-blank, right, shortest, straight, straight ahead, straightaway, through, true, unbroken, unswerving; CONCEPTS 482,581

—*Ant.* changing, deviating, indirect, intermittent, interrupted, varying

**direct** [*adj*3] *face-to-face; next* to contiguous, firsthand, head-on, immediate, lineal, next, personal, primary, prompt, proximate, resultant, succeeding; CONCEPTS 585,586

—*Ant.* indirect  
**direct** [*v*1] *manage, oversee* administer, advise, be in the driver's seat\*, boss, call the shots\*, carry on, conduct, control, control the affairs of, dispose, dominate, govern, guide, handle, have the say, head up\*, influence, keep, lead, operate, ordain, preside over, quarterback\*, regulate, rule, run, run the show\*, run things\*, shepherd, superintend, supervise, take the

reins\*; CONCEPTS 94,117

—*Ant.* misguide, mismanage, neglect  
**direct** [*v*2] *give instructions; teach* address, advise, bid, charge, command, deliver, dictate, enjoin, give directions, give orders, inform, instruct, lecture, order, read, tell, warn; CONCEPTS 53,61

—*Ant.* misguide, mislead  
**direct** [*v*3] *point in a direction; guide* address, aim, beam, cast, conduct, escort, fix, focus, head, incline, indicate, intend, lay, lead, level, mean, move in, pilot, point, point the way, present, route, see, set, shepherd, show, sight, sight on, slant, steer, target, train, turn, zero in; CONCEPTS 187,201

—*Ant.* diverge, misdirect  
**direct** [*v*4] *send, usually by mail system* address, designate, inscribe, label, mail, mark, route, superscribe; CONCEPT 217

**direct** [*v*5] *put all of efforts toward* address, aim, apply, bend, buckle down, devote, endeavor, fix, give, set, settle, strive, throw, try, turn; CONCEPTS 87,677

**direction** [*n*1] *management* administration, charge, command, control, government, guidance, leadership, order, oversight, superintendence, supervision; CONCEPTS 299,325

**direction** [*n*2] *course, route* aim, angle, area, aspect, bearing, beeline\*, bent, bias, current, drift, end, inclination, line, objective, orientation, outlook, path, point of compass, proclivity, range, region, road, set, side, slant, spot, standpoint, stream, tack, tendency, that-away\*, tide, track, trajectory, trend, viewpoint, way; CONCEPTS 657,738

—*Ant.* deviation, misdirection, wrong way  
**direction(s)** [*n*3] *instructions, guidance* advice, advisement, assignment, briefing, directive, guidelines, indication, lowdown\*, notification, plan, prescription, recommendation, regulation, sealed order, specification, specs\*, steer\*, summons, tip, word\*; CONCEPTS 271,274

—*Ant.* misdirection, misinformation  
**directive** [*n*] *command, instruction* charge, communication, decree, dictate, edict, injunction, mandate, memo, memorandum, message, notice, order, ordinance, regulation, ruling, ukase, word; CONCEPTS 271,274,662

—*Ant.* answer  
**directly** [*adv*1] *the shortest route* as a crow flies\*, beeline\*, dead, direct, due, exactly, plump, precisely, right, slam bang\*, slap, smack, smack dab\*, straight, straightly, undeviatingly, unswervingly, without deviation; CONCEPTS 581,778

—*Ant.* indirectly  
**directly** [*adv*2] *as soon as possible* anon, at once, contiguously, dead\*, due, first off, forthwith, immediately, in a second, instantaneously, instanter, instantly, presently, promptly, pronto\*, quickly, right away, shortly, speedily, straightaway, straight off; CONCEPT 820

**directly** [*adv*3] *straightforwardly* candidly, face-to-face, honestly, in person, literally, openly, personally, plainly, point-blank, truthfully, unequivocally, verbatim, without prevarication, word for word; CONCEPT 267

—*Ant.* indirectly  
**director** [*n*] *manager* administrator, big person\*, boss, chair, chief, controller, exec, executive, executive officer, governor, head, head honcho\*, helmer, key player\*, kingpin\*, leader, organizer, overseer, person upstairs\*, player,

principal, producer, skipper\*, supervisor, top dog\*, top person\*; CONCEPTS 347,352

**directory** [*n*] *reference book; guide* agenda, almanac, atlas, blue book, book, catalogue, charts, gazeteer, hit list\*, index, laundry list\*, lineup, list, little black book\*, record, register, roster, scorecard, short list\*, social register, syllabus, white pages\*, who's who\*, yellow pages\*; CONCEPTS 280,283

**direful** [*adj*] *fearful; horrible* apocalyptic, appalling, awful, baleful, baneful, calamitous, dreadful, fateful, ghastly, gloomy, horrid, ill-boding, inauspicious, ominous, shocking, terrible, terrific, unlucky, unpropitious; CONCEPTS 537,570 —*Ant.* good, nice

**dirge** [*n*] *sad song* chant, coronach, cry, death march, death song, elegy, funeral song, hymn, jeremiad, keen, lament, march, monody, requiem, threnody; CONCEPT 595

**dirigible** [*n*] *airship* blimp, hot-air balloon, zeppelin; CONCEPT 504

**dirt** [*n*1] *grime, impurity* crud\*, dreck, dregs, excrement, feculence, filth, filthiness, gook\*, ground, gunk\*, mire, muck, mud, rottenness, scuz\*, sleaze, slime, smudge, smut, soil, stain, tarnish; CONCEPT 509 —*Ant.* cleanliness, pureness, purity, sterility

**dirt** [*n*2] *obscenity; immorality* chicanery, double-dealing, filth, fourberie, fraud, indecency, lubricity, pornography, smut; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* morality

**dirt** [*n*3] *soil* clay, dust, earth, loam, real estate, terra firma; CONCEPT 509

**dirt** [*n*4] *gossip* buzz, intimate intelligence, juicy morsel, news, rumor, talk, the lowdown; CONCEPTS 274,278

**dirt** [*adj*1] *soiled, unclean* bedraggled, begrimed, black, contaminated, cruddy\*, crummy, defiled, disarrayed, dishabile, disheveled, dreggy, dungy, dusty, filthy, foul, fouled, greasy, grimy, grubby, grungy\*, icky\*, lousy, messy, mucky\*, muddy, mung\*, murky, nasty, pippen\*, polluted, raunchy, scummy\*, scuzzy\*, slatterly, slimy, sloppy, slovenly, smudged, smutty, sooty, splattered, spotted, squalid, stained, straggly, sullied, undusted, unhygienic, unkempt, unlaundered, unsanitary, unsightly, unswept, untidy, unwashed, yucky\*; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* clean, pure, spotless, sterile

**dirty** [*adj*2] *obscene, pornographic* base, blue, coarse, contemptible, despicable, filthy, immoral, impure, indecent, lewd, low, mean, nasty, off-color, ribald, risqué, salacious, scatological, scurvy, smutty, sordid, squalid, unchaste, unclean, uncleanly, vile, vulgar; CONCEPTS 542,545 —*Ant.* clean, moral, upright

**dirty** [*adj*3] *dishonest* below the belt\*, cheating, corrupt, crooked, deceitful, double-dealing, foul, shabby, shady, shifty, sleazy, sneaky, sordid, underhanded, unethical, unscrupulous, untruthful; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* clean, nice

**dirty** [*v*] *cause to be soiled* begrime, besoil, blacken, blotch, blur, blotch, coat, contaminate, corrupt, debase, decay, defile, discolor, draggle, encrust, foul, grind, make dusty, make impure, mess up, moid, muddy, pollute, rot, smear, smirch, smoke, smudge, smutch, spatter, spoil, spot, stain, sully, sweat, taint, tar,

tarnish; CONCEPT 254 —*Ant.* clean, cleanse, purify, sterilize

**dirty old man** [*n*] *pervert* degenerate, lecher, sex maniac, sleazebag; CONCEPT 412

**dirty tricks** [*n*] *dishonest practices* dirty pool\*, funny business\*, malicious tactics, monkey business\*, shady business, skulduggery, unethical behavior; CONCEPTS 59,633,657

**disability** [*n*] *disadvantage, restriction* affliction, ailment, defect, detriment, disqualification, drawback, impairment, inability, incapacity, incompetency, inexperience, infirmity, injury, invalidity, lack, unfitness, weakness; CONCEPTS 309,316,410 —*Ant.* advantage, fitness, strength

**disable** [*v*] *render inoperative; cripple* attenuate, batter, blunt, damage, debilitate, disarm, disenable, disqualify, enervate, enfeeble, exhaust, hamstring\*, handicap, harm, hock\*, hogtie\*, hurt, immobilize, impair, incapacitate, invalidate, kibosh\*, knock out\*, maim, mangle, mar, mutilate, muzzle, paralyze, pinion, prostrate, put out of action\*, render incapable, ruin, sabotage, sap, shatter, shoot down\*, spoil, take out\*, throw monkey wrench in\*, total\*, unbrace, undermine, unfit, unstrengthen, weaken, wreck; CONCEPTS 130,246 —*Ant.* aid, assist, enable, help, improve

**disabled** [*adj*] *incapacitated* broken-down, confined, decrepit, disarmed, hamstring\*, handicapped, helpless, hurt, incapable, infirm, laid-up, lame, maimed, out-of-action\*, out-of-commission\*, paralyzed, powerless, run-down, sidelined, stalled, weakened, worn-out, wounded, wrecked; CONCEPTS 314,527 —*Ant.* able, healthy

**disadvantage** [*n*2] *hurt, loss* damage, deprivation, detriment, disservice, harm, injury, prejudice; CONCEPTS 230,309,679 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, blessing, gain, profit

**disadvantaged** [*adj*] *underprivileged* deprived, discriminated against, handicapped, hindered, impaired, impoverished, poor; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* privileged, prosperous, rich, wealthy

**disadvantageous** [*adj*] *detrimental, inconvenient* adverse, contrary, damaging, debit-side, deleterious, depreciative, depreciatory, derogatory, detracting, disparaging, downside, dyslogistic, harmful, hurtful, ill-timed, inexpedient, injurious, inopportune, objectionable, on the debit side, pejorative, prejudicial, slighting, uncomplimentary, unfavorable, unprofitable; CONCEPTS 334,537,555 —*Ant.* advantageous, convenient, helpful, well-timed

**disadvantage(s)** [*n*1] *difficulty, trouble* adverse circumstance, bar, blocking, burden, defect, deficiency, deprivation, detriment, disability, discommodity, drawback, failing, fault, flaw, fly in the ointment\*, hamper, handicap, hardship, hindrance, impediment, imperfection, imposition, inadequacy, inconvenience, inutility, lack, liability, limitation, minus, nuisance, objection, obstacle, privation, problem, restraint, snag, stumbling block\*, weakness, weak point; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* advantage, good fortune

**disaffect** [*v*] *lose affection for, estrange* agitate, alienate, antagonize, discompose, disquiet, disturb, disunify, disunite, divide, repel, upset,

wean; CONCEPTS 7,19,135,384 —*Ant.* content, make happy, please

**disaffected** [*adj*] *alienated, estranged* antagonistic, discontented, disloyal, dissatisfied, hostile, indifferent, mutinous, rebellious, seditious, uncompliant, unfriendly, unsubmitive;

CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* contented, happy, pleased

**disaffection** [*n*] *alienation, estrangement* animosity, antagonism, antipathy, aversion, breach, disagreement, discontent, dislike, disloyalty, dissatisfaction, hatred, hostility, ill will, repugnance, resentment, unfriendliness; CONCEPTS 388,410 —*Ant.* attraction, happiness, harmony, pleasure

**disagree** [*v1*] *be different* be discordant, be dissimilar, clash, conflict, contradict, counter, depart, deviate, differ, discord, disharmonize, dissent, diverge, run counter to, vary, war;

CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* agree, coincide, harmonize

**disagree** [*v2*] *argue; hold differing opinion* altercation, battle, bicker, brawl, break with, bring action, clash, contend, contest, controversialize, controvert, debate, differ, disaccord, discept, discord, dispute, dissent, divide, fall out\*, feud, fight, go for the jugular\*, haggle, have words\*, jump on\*, lay into\*, let have it, logomachize, object, oppose, palter, quarrel, quibble, rip, row, scrap, set to, skirmish, spar, spat, sue, take issue, take on, war, wrangle, zap\*; CONCEPTS 12,46

—*Ant.* accept, acquiesce, agree, concur, consent

**disagree** [*v3*] *be injurious* be distasteful, be disturbing, be sickening, be unsuitable, bother, discomfort, distress, go against the grain\*, hurt, injure, make ill, nauseate, sicken, trouble, upset; CONCEPT 246 —*Ant.* aid, help

**disagreeable** [*adj1*] *bad-tempered, irritable* bellicose, brusque, cantankerous, churlish, contentious, contrary, cross, difficult, disobliging, disputatious, eristic, grouchy, ill-natured, nasty, obnoxious, offensive, out of sorts, peevish, pettish, petulant, querulous, rude, snappy, surly, ugly, unfriendly, ungracious, unlikable, unpleasant, uptight, waspish, whiny; CONCEPT 401

—*Ant.* agreeable, friendly, happy, nice, pleasant

**disagreeable** [*adj2*] *disgusting, offensive* annoying, awful, bad, bothersome, displeasing, distasteful, distressing, drag, nasty, objectionable, obnoxious, pain, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, rotten, sour, unhappy, uninviting, unpalatable, unpleasant, unsavory, upsetting, woful; CONCEPTS 537,548 —*Ant.* agreeable, inoffensive, nice, pleasant, pleasing

**disagreement** [*n1*] *dispute, quarrel* altercation, animosity, antagonism, argument, atmospherics, bickering, breach, break, clash, clashing, conflict, contention, contest, controversy, cross-purposes, debate, difference, discord, dissent, dissidence, disunion, disunity, division, divisiveness, falling out, feud, fight, friction, hassle, hostility, ill feeling, ill will, jarring, misunderstanding, opposition, rupture, spat, split, squabble, strife, tension, variance, vendetta, words, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,388 —*Ant.* acquiescence, agreement, harmony, peace

**disagreement** [*n2*] *difference, unlikeness* clash, discord, discordance, discrepancy, disharmonism, disharmony, disparity, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, divergence, divergency, diversity, incompatibility, incongruity, incongruousness,

inconsistency, variance; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.*

agreement, likeness, sameness, similarity  
**disallow** [*v*] *reject, prohibit* abjure, cancel, censor, debar, deny, disacknowledge, disavow, disclaim, dismiss, disown, embargo, exclude, forbid, keep back, kill, nix\*, pass on, proscribe, put down, rebuff, refuse, repudiate, shut out, taboo\*, veto, withhold, zing\*; CONCEPTS 21,25,30 —*Ant.* allow, permit

**disappear** [*v*] *vanish; cease* abandon, abscond, be done for, be gone, be lost, be no more\*, be swallowed up, cease to exist, clear, come to naught, decamp, dematerialize, depart, die, die out, disperse, dissipate, dissolve, drop out of sight\*, ebb, end, end gradually, escape, evanesce, evanish, evaporate, exit, expire, fade, fade away, flee, fly, go, go south\*, leave, leave no trace, melt, melt away, pass, pass away, perish, recede, retire, retreat, sink, take flight, vacate, vamoose\*, wane, withdraw; CONCEPTS 102,105,195 —*Ant.* appear, arrive, come in

**disappearance** [*n*] *vanishing* ceasing to exist, decline and fall, dematerialization, departure, desertion, disappearing act, disintegration, dispersal, dissipation, dissolution, ebbing, eclipse, escape, evanescence, evaporation, exit, exodus, fading, flight, going, loss, melting, passing, receding, recession, removal, retirement, wane, wearing away, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 102,105,195 —*Ant.* appearance, arrival, coming, entrance

**disappoint** [*v*] *sadden, dismay; frustrate* abort, baffle, balk, bring to naught, bungle, cast down, chagrin, circumvent, come to nothing, dash, dash hopes\*, deceive, delude, disconcert, disenchant, disgruntle, dishearten, disillusion, dissatisfy, dumbfound, embitter, fail, fall down on, fall flat, fall short of, foil, founder, hamper, hinder, leave in the lurch\*, let down, miscarry, mislead, not show, put out, ruin prospects, stand up, tease, thwart, torment, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19,699 —*Ant.* delight, excite, make happy, please, satisfy

**disappointed** [*adj*] *let down, saddened* aghast, balked, beaten, chapfallen, complaining, crestfallen, defeated, depressed, despondent, disconcerted, discontented, discouraged, disenchant, disgruntled, disillusioned, dissatisfied, distressed, down, downcast, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, foiled, frustrated, hopeless, objecting, shot down, taken down, thwarted, unhappy, unsatisfied, upset, vanquished, worsted; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* delighted, excited, happy, pleased, satisfied

**disappointment** [*n1*] *saddening situation; letdown* bitter pill\*, blind alley\*, blow, blunder, bringdown, bummer, bust\*, calamity, defeat, disaster, discouragement, downer\*, downfall, drag, dud, error, failure, false alarm\*, faux pas\*, fiasco, fizzle, flash in the pan\*, impasse, inefficacy, lemon\*, miscalculation, mischance, misfortune, mishap, mistake, obstacle, old one-two\*, setback, slip, washout; CONCEPTS 230,674 —*Ant.* boost, comfort, happiness, help, miracle, pleasure, relief, success, wonder  
**disappointment** [*n2*] *mental upset; displeasure* adverse fate, adversity, bafflement, blow, chagrin, defeat, despondency, discontent, discouragement, disenchantment, disgruntlement,



disillusion, disillusionment, dissatisfaction, distress, failure, frustration, lack of success, letdown, mortification, nonsuccess, regret, setback, the knocks\*, unfulfillment; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* delight, encouragement, euphoria, happiness, pleasure, satisfaction

**disapproval** [n] *condemnation* blackball\*, black list\*, blame, boo\*, boycott, brickbat, call down, castigation, catcall\*, censure, criticism, denunciation, deprecation, disapprobation, discontent, disfavor, dislike, disparagement, displeasure, dissatisfaction, hiss\*, nix\*, objection, opprobrium, ostracism, reproach, reproof, slap on wrist\*, stricture, thumbs down\*, vitriol, zing\*; CONCEPTS 278,689 —*Ant.* agreement, approval, endorsement, sanction

**disapprove** [v] *condemn* blame, censure, chastise, criticize, damn, decry, denounce, deplore, deprecate, detract, disallow, discommend, discountenance, disesteem, disfavor, dislike, dismiss, dispraise, expostulate, find fault with, find unacceptable, frown on, look askance at, look down on, nix\*, object to, oppose, pan\*, pass on, refuse, reject, remonstrate, reprehend, reprobate, reprove, set aside, slam, spurn, take dim view of, take exception to, turn down, veto, zing\*; CONCEPTS 18,21,52 —*Ant.* agree, approve, endorse, like, love, sanction

**disarm** [v1] *render defenseless* conciliate, cripple, deactivate, debilitate, deescalate, demilitarize, demobilize, disable, disband, disqualify, incapacitate, invalidate, neutralize, occupy, pacify, paralyze, prostrate, skin, strip, subdue, subjugate, unarm, weaken; CONCEPTS 142,211,320 —*Ant.* arm

**disarm** [v2] *persuade* allure, attract, bewitch, captivate, charm, coax, convince, enchant, fascinate, seduce, set at ease, unarm, urge, win over; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,68

**disarmament** [n] *reduction of weapons* arms limitation, arms reduction, conquest, crippling, de-escalation, demilitarization, demobilization, disablement, disqualification, freeze, neutralizing, occupation, pacification, paralyzing, rendering powerless, subjugation; CONCEPTS 142,211,320 —*Ant.* arming, buildup

**disarming** [adj] *charming* bewitching, convincing, deferential, ingratiating, ingratiatory, insinuating, insinuate, inveigling, irresistible, likable, persuasive, saccharine, seductive, silky, winning; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* despicable, disgusting

**disarrange** [v] *disorder* derange, discompose, disturb, get out of order, jumble, mess, mix up, ruffle, scramble, shuffle, unsettle, untidy; CONCEPTS 240,250

**disarray** [n] *disorder, confusion, mess* anarchy, ataxia, chaos, clutter, disarrangement, discomposure, disharmony, dishevelment, disorganization, holy mess\*, indiscipline, jumble, muddle, shambles\*, snarl, tangle, topsy-turviness\*, unholy mess\*, unruliness, untidiness, upset; CONCEPTS 230,727 —*Ant.* arrangement, harmony, order, orderliness, organization

**disaster** [n] *accident, trouble* act of God\*, adversity, affliction, bad luck, bad news\*, bale, bane, blight, blow, bust, calamity, casualty, cataclysm, catastrophe, collapse, collision, crash, debacle, defeat, depression, emergency,

exigency, failure, fall, fell stroke\*, fiasco, flood, flop, grief, hard luck, harm, hazard, holocaust, hot water\*, ill luck, misadventure, mischance, misfortune, mishap, reverse, rock, rough, ruin, ruination, setback, slip, stroke, the worst\*, tragedy, undoing, upset, washout\*, woe; CONCEPTS 674,675 —*Ant.* blessing, good fortune, good luck, miracle, prosperity, success, triumph, win, wonder

**disaster area** [n] *scene of destruction* area of devastation, chaos, confusion, crisis zone, earthquake zone, emergency area, flood zone, havoc, hot spot, war zone; CONCEPTS 230,674

**disastrous** [adj] *detrimental, devastating* adverse, calamitous, cataclysmal, cataclysmic, catastrophic, destructive, dire, dreadful, fatal, fateful, hapless, harmful, ill-fated, ill-starred, luckless, ruinous, terrible, tragic, unfavorable, unfortunate, unlucky, unpropitious, untoward; CONCEPTS 537,548 —*Ant.* blessed, fortunate, lucky, miraculous, prosperous, successful, triumphant, winning, wondrous

**disavow** [v] *reject* abjure, contradict, deny, disacknowledge, disallow, disclaim, disown, drop out, forswear, gainsay, go back on word\*, impugn, negate, negative, refuse, renege, renig, repudiate, wash hands of\*, weasel out of\*, welsh, worm out of\*; CONCEPTS 18,25 —*Ant.* agree, approve, sanction, vouch for, vow

**disband** [v] *break up* demobilize, destroy, disperse, dissolve, fold, scatter, separate, thin out; CONCEPT 234

**disbelief** [n] *doubt, skepticism* atheism, distrust, dubiety, incredulity, mistrust, nihilism, rejection, repudiation, spurning, unbelief, unbelievingness, unfaith; CONCEPTS 21,689 —*Ant.* belief, trust

**disbelieve** [v] *doubt* discount, discredit, distrust, eschew, give no credence to, mistrust, not accept, not buy, not credit, not swallow\*, question, reject, repudiate, scoff at, scorn, scout, suspect, unbelieve; CONCEPT 21 —*Ant.* believe, trust

**disbelieving** [adj] *suspicious, doubting* aporetic, cagey, cynical, incredulous, leery, mistrustful, questioning, quizzical, show-me\*, skeptical, unbelieving; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* believing, trusting, unquestioning, unsuspecting

**disburse** [v] *spend money* acquit, ante up\*, come across, come through, come up with, contribute, cough up\*, deal, defray, dispense, disperse, distribute, divide, divvy\*, dole out\*, expend, foot the bill\*, give, lay out\*, measure out, outlay, partition, pay out, pony up\*, put out, shell out\*, use; CONCEPTS 108,341 —*Ant.* deposit, hoard, hold, retain, save, set aside

**disbursement** [n] *payment* cost, disposal, expenditure, expense, outgoing, outlay, spending; CONCEPT 344 —*Ant.* deposit, hoard, savings

**discard** [v] *get rid of* abandon, abdicate, abjure, adios\*, banish, can\*, cancel, cashier, cast aside, chuck, deep-six\*, desert, dispatch, dispense with, dispose of, dispossess, ditch, divorce, do away with, drop, dump, eject, eliminate, expel, forsake, free of, give up, have done with, jettison, junk\*, oust, part with, protest, put by, reject, relinquish, remove, renounce, repeal, repudiate, scrap, shake off, shed, sweep away, throw away, throw out,

throw overboard\*, toss aside, write off;  
**CONCEPT 180** —*Ant.* embrace, keep, retain  
**discern** [v] *catch sight of; recognize and understand* anticipate, apprehend, ascertain, behold, descry, detect, determine, difference, differentiate, discover, disrepute, discriminate, distinguish, divine, espy, extricate, figure out, find out, focus, foresee, get a load of\*, get the picture\*, get wise to, judge, know, make distinction, make out, note, notice, observe, perceive, pick out, read, remark, rubberneck\*, secern, see the light\*, see through, separate, severalize, spot, take in, view; **CONCEPTS 15,38** —*Ant.* disregard, neglect, overlook  
**discernible** [adj] *recognizable; distinct* apparent, appreciable, audible, clear, detectable, discoverable, distinguishable, noticeable, observable, obvious, palpable, perceivable, perceptible, plain, sensible, tangible, visible; **CONCEPTS 535,576,619** —*Ant.* indistinct, invisible, obscured, unnoticeable, unrecognizable  
**discerning** [adj] *discriminating* acute, astute, bright, brilliant, clear-sighted, clever, critical, gnostic, ingenious, insightful, intelligent, judicious, knowing, knowledgeable, penetrating, perceptive, perceptive, perspicacious, piercing, sagacious, sage, sensitive, sharp, shrewd, subtle, wise; **CONCEPT 402** —*Ant.* disregarding, neglectful, negligent, overlooking, undiscerning, undiscriminating  
**discharge** [n1] *setting free* acquittal, clearance, disimprisonment, exoneration, liberation, pardon, parole, probation, release, remittance; **CONCEPT 127** —*Ant.* hold, imprisonment, incarceration, keep, retention  
**discharge** [n2] *dismissal from responsibility* ax, bounce, bum's rush\*, congé, demobilization, ejection, gate, old leave ho\*, pink slip\*, the boot\*, the door\*, walking papers\*; **CONCEPTS 324,351** —*Ant.* assignment, delegation, employment, engagement, hiring  
**discharge** [n3] *detonation* barrage, blast, burst, explosion, firing, fusillade, report, salvo, shot, shower, volley; **CONCEPT 521** —*Ant.* loading  
**discharge** [n4] *pouring forth* elimination, emission, emptying, excretion, exudation, flow, ooze, pus, secretion, seepage, shower, suppuration, vent, voiding; **CONCEPTS 179,748** —*Ant.* damming  
**discharge** [n5] *unloading* disburdening, emptying, unburdening, unloading; **CONCEPT 211** —*Ant.* loading  
**discharge** [n6] *carrying out of responsibility* accomplishment, achievement, execution, fulfillment, observance, performance; **CONCEPT 706**  
**discharge** [n7] *payment of debt* acquittal, disbursement, liquidation, satisfaction, settlement; **CONCEPTS 341,344** —*Ant.* indebtedness, owing  
**discharge** [v1] *set free* absolve, acquit, allow to go\*, clear, disimprison, dismiss, emancipate, exonerate, expel, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, oust, pardon, release, unbind, unchain, unshackle; **CONCEPT 127** —*Ant.* detain, hold, imprison, keep  
**discharge** [v2] *dismiss from responsibility* absolve, ax, boot out\*, bounce, bump, bust, can\*, cashier, disburden, discard, disencumber, dispense, displace, eject, excuse, exempt, expel, fire, freeze out\*, give one notice, kick out, lay

off, let go, let off, let one go, let out, lock out\*, nix\*, oust, privilege from, relieve, remove, replace, ride out on rail\*, run out of town\*, show the door\*, spare, supersede, supplant, terminate, unload; **CONCEPTS 324,351** —*Ant.* assign, delegate, employ, engage, hire  
**discharge** [v3] *detonate weapon* blast, explode, fire, let off, set off, shoot, shoot off; **CONCEPT 179** —*Ant.* load  
**discharge** [v4] *pour forth* break out, disembogue, dispense, ejaculate, emit, empty, erupt, excrete, exude, give off, gush, leak, ooze, release, send forth, spew, void, vomit; **CONCEPTS 152,179** —*Ant.* dam  
**discharge** [v5] *unload* carry away, disburden, empty, off-load, remove, remove cargo, send, take away, take off, unburden, unload, unpack, unship, unstow; **CONCEPT 211** —*Ant.* load  
**discharge** [v6] *carry out responsibility* accomplish, achieve, do, execute, fulfill, meet, observe, perform; **CONCEPT 91**  
**discharge** [v7] *pay, settle* deb clear, honor, liquidate, meet, pay up, quit, relieve, satisfy, square up; **CONCEPT 341** —*Ant.* owe  
**discharge** [v8] *invalidate agreement* abrogate, annul, cancel, dissolve, quash, render void, vacate, void; **CONCEPT 121**  
**disciple** [n] *believer, follower* adherent, apostle, attendant, booster, buff, bug\*, catechumen, cohort, convert, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fiend, freak, groupie, hound\*, junkie\*, learner, nut\*, partisan, proselyte, pupil, rooter\*, satellite, sectary, sectator, student, supporter, votary, witness, zealot; **CONCEPTS 361,423** —*Ant.* god  
**disciplinarian** [n] *person who makes others work hard* authoritarian, bully, despot, drill sergeant, enforcer, formalist, master, sergeant, stickler, strict teacher, sundowner, teacher, trainer, tyrant; **CONCEPTS 350,354,423**  
**discipline** [n1] *regimen, training* conduct, control, cultivation, curb, development, domestication, drill, drilling, education, exercise, inculcation, indoctrination, limitation, method, orderliness, practice, preparation, regulation, restraint, self-command, self-control, self-government, self-mastery, self-restraint, strictness, subordination, will, willpower; **CONCEPTS 94,326,410** —*Ant.* chaos, confusion, disorder, disorganization, neglect, negligence, permissiveness  
**discipline** [n2] *punishment* castigation, chastisement, comeuppance, correction, getting yours\*, hell to pay\*, punishment, rod; **CONCEPTS 122,123** —*Ant.* award, reward  
**discipline** [n3] *field of study; subject of interest* area, branch of knowledge, course, curriculum, specialty; **CONCEPT 349**  
**disc jockey** [n] *radio personality* announcer, broadcaster, deejay\*, dj\*, pancake turner\*, radio performer, shock jock\*, video jockey, vj\*; **CONCEPT 348**  
**disclaim** [v] *deny* abandon, abjure, abnegate, belittle, contradict, contravene, criticize, decline, deprecate, disacknowledge, disaffirm, disallow, disavow, discard, disown, disparage, divorce oneself from, forswear, gainsay, minimize, negate, recant, refuse, reject, renounce, repudiate, retract, revoke, spurn, traverse, turn back on, wash hands of\*; **CONCEPT 54**

—*Ant.* accept, acknowledge, admit, allow, claim, own

**disclaimer** [*n*] *repudiation* abjuration, abnegation, clause, denial, disavowal, dissociation, renunciation, retraction, waiver; CONCEPT 45

**disclose** [*v*] *reveal, make public* acknowledge, admit, avow, bare, betray, blab, bring to light\*, broadcast, come out of the closet\*, communicate, confess, discover, display, divulge, exhibit, expose, give away, impart, lay bare, leak, let slip, make known, mouth\*, open, own, publish, relate, reveal, show, snitch\*, spill, spill the beans\*, squeal\*, tell, uncover, unfurl, unveil, utter; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, secrete, withhold

**disclosure** [*n*] *announcement, revelation* acknowledgment, admission, advertisement, betrayal, blow-by-blow\*, broadcast, confession, declaration, discovery, divulgation, divulgence, enlightenment, exposal, exposé, exposure, handout, impartment, impartation, leak, make, picture, publication, revealing, revealment, rundown, snitch\*, squeal\*, tip\*, tip-off\*, uncovering, unveiling, ventilation; CONCEPT 274 —*Ant.* secret

**disco** [*n*] *discotheque* club, dance hall, nightclub, nightspot; CONCEPTS 293, 439, 449

**discolor** [*v*] *fading, dirtying of hue* besmear, besmirch, blot, defile, mar, mark, rust, smear, soil, stain, streak, sully, tar, tarnish, tinge; CONCEPTS 250, 469 —*Ant.* brighten, color

**discomfit** [*v*] *defeat, frustrate; confuse* abash, annoy, baffle, balk, beat, bother, checkmate, confound, demoralize, discompose, disconcert, discontentance, disturb, embarrass, faze, fluster, foil, irk, outwit, overcome, perplex, perturb, prevent, rattle, ruffle, take aback, thwart, trump, unsettle, upset, vex, worry, worst; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 95 —*Ant.* surrender, yield

**discomfiture** [*n*] *embarrassment, frustration* abashment, agitation, beating, chagrin, come-down, confusion, conquest, defeatance, defeat, demoralization, descent, disappointment, discomposure, disconcertion, disconcertment, disquiet, failure, humiliation, overthrow, perturbation, rout, ruin, shame, undoing, unease, uneasiness, upset, vanquishment, vexation; CONCEPTS 410, 674 —*Ant.* surrender, yielding

**discomfort** [*n*] *irritation, pain* ache, annoyance, discomfiture, discomposure, displeasure, disquiet, distress, embarrassment, hardship, hurt, inquietude, malaise, nuisance, soreness, trouble, uneasiness, unpleasantness, upset, vexation; CONCEPTS 410, 728 —*Ant.* comfort, ease, easiness, pleasure, relief

**discomfort** [*v*] *irritate; cause pain* discomfit, discompose, disquiet, distress, disturb, embarrass, make uncomfortable, nettle, perturb, upset, vex; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 246, 313 —*Ant.* aid, alleviate, comfort, ease, help, relieve

**discommode** [*v*] *annoy* bother, burden, disoblige, disquiet, disturb, fluster, harass, incommode, inconvenience, irk, molest, perturb, put out, trouble, upset, vex; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —*Ant.* make happy, please

**discompose** [*v*] *provoke, agitate* annoy, bewilder, bother, confuse, discombobulate, discomfit, disconcert, dismay, disorganize, displease, disquiet, disturb, embarrass, faze, flurry, fluster,

harass, harry, irk, irritate, nettle, perplex, perturb, pester, plague, rattle, ruffle, unhinge, unsettle, upset, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7, 19

—*Ant.* calm, compose, soothe

**disconcert** [*v*] *shake up; confuse* abash, agitate, baffle, balk, bewilder, bug, confound, demoralize, disarrange, discombobulate, discomfit, discompose, discontentance, disturb, embarrass, faze, fluster, foul up, frustrate, get to, hinder, nonplus, perplex, perturb, psych out\*, put off, puzzle, rattle, ruffle, take aback, throw off balance, trouble, unbalance, undo, unsettle, upset, upset apple cart\*, worry; CONCEPTS 7, 16, 19 —*Ant.* calm, comfort, soothe

**disconcerted** [*adj*] *confused; shaken* annoyed, bewildered, caught off balance, come apart, distracted, disturbed, embarrassed, fazed, flustered, in botheration, messed-up, mixed-up, nonplussed, out of countenance, perturbed, psyched-out\*, rattled, ruffled, shook-up\*, spaced-out\*, taken aback, thrown, troubled, unglued, unsettled, unzipped\*, upset; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* calm, composed, concerted, soothed, unworried

**disconnect** [*v*] *take apart; uncouple* abstract, break it off, break it up, cut off, detach, disassociate, disengage, disjoin, dissever, dissociate, disunite, divide, drop it, part, separate, sever, sideline, unfix; CONCEPTS 98, 135 —*Ant.* attach, connect, couple, hitch, hook, join, link, plug

**disconnected** [*adj*] *confused; discontinuous* broken, detached, disjointed, disordered, garbled, illogical, inchoate, incoherent, incohesive, interrupted, irrational, irregular, jumbled, loose, mixed-up, muddled, rambling, separated, uncontinuous, uncoordinated, unintelligible, wandering; CONCEPTS 267, 482 —*Ant.* attached, coherent, connected, continuous, intelligible, joined, understandable

**disconsolate** [*adj*] *depressed, unhappy* bad, black, blue, cheerless, cold, comfortless, crestfallen, crushed, dark, dejected, desolate, despairing, destroyed, dispirited, distressed, doleful, down, downcast, downhearted, dreary, forlorn, gloomy, grief-stricken, heartbroken, hopeless, hurting, inconsolable, in pain\*, in the pits\*, low, melancholy, miserable, ripped\*, sad, somber, sorrowful, torn-up\*, woebegone, woeful, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, consoled, happy, solaced, soothed

**discontent** [*n*] *dissatisfaction* depression, discontentment, displeasure, envy, fretfulness, regret, restlessness, uneasiness, unhappiness, vexation; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* contentedness, easiness, happiness, patience, pleasure, satisfaction

**discontented/discontent** [*adj*] *unhappy, dissatisfied* blue, complaining, crabby, disaffected, disgruntled, displeased, disquieted, disturbed, exasperated, fed up, fretful, griping, kvetching\*, malcontent, malcontented, miserable, perturbed, picky, restless, ungratified, upset, vexed; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* content, contented, happy, patient, pleased, satisfied, uncomplaining

**discontinuance** [*n*] *stop, suspension of activity* adjournment, alternation, cease, cessation, close, closing, desistance, desuetude, discontinuation, disjunction, disruption, ending, finish, intermission, interruption, separation, stopping,

termination; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* continuation, restarting, retry

**discontinue** [*v*] *prevent activity from going on* abandon, bag it\*, blow off\*, break off\*, call it quits, cease, close, desist, disconnect, disjoin, dissever, disunite, drop, end, finish, give over, give up, halt, interpose, interrupt, intervene, kill, knock off\*, leave off, part, pause, put an end to, quit, refrain from, scrub, separate, stop, surcease, suspend, terminate; CONCEPTS 121, 234 —*Ant.* carry on, continue, restart, retry

**discontinuous** [*adj*] *broken; intermittent* alternate, desultory, disconnected, disjointed, disordered, fitful, gaping, inchoate, incoherent, incohesive, interrupted, irregular, muddled, spasmodic, unconnected, unorganized;

CONCEPT 482 —*Ant.* connected, contiguous, continuous, regular, unbroken

**discord** [*n1*] *conflict, disagreement* animosity, antagonism, antipathy, clash, clashing, collision, contention, difference, disaccord, discordance, discrepancy, disharmony, dispute, dissension, dissent, dissidence, dissonance, disunion, disunity, division, enmity, friction, fuss, hassle, hostility, incompatibility, incongruity, inharmony, lack of concord, mischief, opposition, polarization, rancor, row, ruckus, rupture, scene, spat, split, static, strife, variance, wrangling; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* accord, agreement, cooperation, harmony, peace

**discord** [*n2*] *noise* cacophony, clamor, clinker, din, disharmony, dissonance, harshness, jangle, jarring, racket, sour note, tumult; CONCEPT 595 —*Ant.* harmoniousness, harmony

**discordant** [*adj*] *not in harmony; conflicting* antagonistic, antipathetic, at odds, cacophonous, clashing, contradictory, contrarian, contrary, different, disagreeing, discrepant, dissonant, divergent, grating, harsh, incompatible, incongruous, inconsistent, in consonant, inharmonious, jangling, jarring, on a sour note\*, opposite, quarreling, strident, un congenial, unharmonious, unmelodious, unmixable; CONCEPTS 558, 564, 592, 594 —*Ant.* agreeable, agreeing, concordant, cooperating, harmonious

**discount** [*n*] *reduction in cost* abatement, allowance, commission, concession, cut, cut rate, decrease, deduction, depreciation, diminution, drawback, exemption, knock-off\*, markdown, modification, percentage, premium, qualification, rebate, remission, rollback, salvage, something off, subtraction, tare; CONCEPTS 335, 763 —*Ant.* increase, mark-up, premium, rise

**discount** [*v1*] *lower, reduce cost* abate, allow, deduct, depreciate, diminish, hold a sale, knock off\*, make allowance for, mark down, modify, rebate, redeem, remove, sell at discount, strike off, subtract, take away, take off, undersell; CONCEPT 236 —*Ant.* increase, mark up, raise

**discount** [*v2*] *ignore; treat as insignificant* belittle, blink at\*, brush off\*, depreciate, derogate, detract from, disbelieve, discredit, dispraise, disregard, doubt, fail, forget, minimize, mistrust, neglect, omit, overlook, overpass, pass over, question, reject, scoff at, scout, slight; CONCEPTS 21, 30 —*Ant.* attend, pay attention, recognize

**discouragement** [*v1*] *reject, oppose* condemn, count me out\*, deprecate, disapprove, discommend, discourage, disesteem, disfavor, dispute,

fron on\*, hold no brief for\*, not go for\*, not stand for\*, object to, put down, resist, take a dim view of\*, take exception to\*; CONCEPT 21 —*Ant.* approve, back, countenance, sanction, support

**discouragement** [*v2*] *embarrass, disconcert* abash, chagrin, confuse, discomfit, discompose, faze, humiliate, rattle, shame; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 54

**discourage** [*v1*] *dishearten, dispirit* abash, afflict, alarm, appall, awe, beat down, bother, break one's heart\*, bully, cast down, chill, confuse, cow, dampen, dash, daunt, deject, demoralize, deprecate, depress, dismay, disparage, distress, droop, frighten, intimidate, irk, over-awe, prostrate, repress, scare, throw cold water on\*, trouble, try, unnerve, vex, weigh; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* encourage, hearten, inspire, inspirit

**discourage** [*v2*] *deter, dissuade; restrain* check, chill, control, curb, deprecate, disadvise, discouragement, disfavor, disincline, divert, frighten, hinder, hold back, hold off, impede, indispose, inhibit, interfere, keep back, obstruct, prevent, put off, quiet, repress, scare, shake, talk out of, throw cold water on\*, turn aside, turn off, warn, withhold; CONCEPTS 68, 121 —*Ant.* encourage, inspire, spur on

**discouraged** [*adj*] *disheartened* beat, beat-down, blue, caved-in, come-apart, crestfallen, dashed, daunted, depressed, deterred, dismayed, dispirited, down, downbeat, downcast, down-in-mouth\*, glum\*, gone to pieces\*, in a funk\*, in blue funk\*, in the dumps\*, lost momentum, pessimistic, sad; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* encouraged, heartened, inspired

**discouragement** [*n1*] *despondency* cold feet\*, dejection, depression, despair, disappointment, discomfiture, dismay, downheartedness, hopelessness, loss of confidence, low spirits, melancholy, pessimism, sadness, the blues\*; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* cheerfulness, happiness, hopefulness

**discouragement** [*n2*] *restraint* bar, constraint, curb, damper, deterrent, disincentive, hindrance, impediment, obstacle, opposition, rebuff, setback; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* catalyst, encouragement, incentive

**discouraging** [*adj*] *upsetting* black, bleak, dampening, daunting, depressing, depressive, deterring, disadvantageous, disappointing, disheartening, dismal, dimaying, dispiriting, dissuading, dreary, gloomy, hindering, inopportune, off-putting, oppressive, repressing, unfavorable, unpropitious; CONCEPTS 403, 529 —*Ant.* auspicious, encouraging, favorable, heartening, inspiring, inspiriting

**discourse** [*n*] *dialogue; dissertation* address, article, chat, communication, conversation, converse, descant, discuss, disquisition, essay, gabfest\*, homily, huddle, lecture, memoir, monograph, monologue, oration, paper, rhetoric, sermon, speaking, speech, talk, thesis, tractate, treatise, utterance, verbalization; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* quiet, silence

**discourse** [*v*] *discuss, speak about* argue, chew\*, comment, commentate, confab\*, confer, converse, debate, declaim, descant, develop, dilate upon, dispute, dissert, dissertate, elaborate, enlarge, expand, expatiate, explain, expound, give a meeting, harangue, hold forth, lecture, modulate, orate, perorate,

remark, sermonize, talk, treat, voice; CONCEPTS 51,56 —*Ant.* be quiet

**discourteous** [*adj*] *rude, impolite* abrupt, bad-mannered, boorish, brusque, cavalier, cheeky\*, churlish, contemptuous, crude, crusty\*, curt, disrespectful, flip, fresh, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, inaffable, indelicate, insolent, inurbane, oafish, offhand, rustic, sassy, smart-alecky\*, uncivil, uncouth, ungentle, ungracious, unmannerly, unrefined; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* civil, courteous, gracious, mannered, polite, refined, respectful, well-bred

**discover** [*v*] *find, uncover* ascertain, bring to light, catch, come across, come upon, conceive, contrive, debunk, design, detect, determine, devise, dig up, discern, disclose, distinguish, elicit, espy, explore, ferret out\*, get wind of\*, get wise to\*, glimpse, hear, identify, invent, learn, light upon, locate, look up, nose out\*, notice, observe, originate, perceive, pick up on\*, pioneer, realize, recognize, reveal, see, sense, smoke out\*, spot, think of, turn up, unearth; CONCEPTS 31,183 —*Ant.* lose, miss, pass by

**discovery** [*n1*] *finding, uncovering* analysis, ascertainment, authentication, calculation, certification, detection, determination, diagnosis, discernment, disclosure, distinguishing, empiricism, encounter, espial, experimentation, exploration, exposition, exposure, feeling, hearing, identification, introduction, invention, learning, locating, location, origination, perception, revelation, sensing, sighting, strike, unearthing, verification; CONCEPTS 31,183 —*Ant.* loss, miss

**discovery** [*n2*] *treasure; invention* algorithm, bonanza\*, breakthrough, conclusion, contrivance, coup, data, design, device, find, finding, formula, godsend\*, innovation, law, luck, luck out\*, machine, method, principle, process, result, secret, theorem, way; CONCEPTS 260,532 —*Ant.* loss

**discredit** [*v1*] *blame, detract from* blow up\*, bring into disrepute, bring to naught, censure, defame, degrade, destroy, disconsider, disesteem, disfavor, disgrace, dishonor, disparage, disprove, explode, expose, frown upon\*, knock bottom out of\*, mudsling\*, poke full of holes\*, pooh-pooh\*, puncture, put down, reflect on, reproach, ruin, run down, shoot, show up, slander, slur, smear, take rug out from under\*, tear down\*, vilify; CONCEPTS 44,54 —*Ant.* commend, credit, honor, praise

**discredit** [*v2*] *doubt, question* challenge, deny, disbelieve, discount, dispute, distrust, mistrust, put under suspicion, reject, scoff at; CONCEPT 21 —*Ant.* believe, credit, trust

**discreet** [*adj*] *cautious, sensible* alert, attentive, awake, cagey, calculating, careful, chary, circumspect, civil, conservative, considerate, controlled, diplomatic, discerning, discriminating, gingerly, guarded, having foresight, heedful, intelligent, judicious, like a clam\*, moderate, noncommittal, not rash, observant, on look-out\*, politic, precautions, prudent, reasonable, reserved, restrained, safe, sagacious, strategic, tactful, temperate, thoughtful, vigilant, wary, watchful, wise, worldly-wise; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* careless, foolish, incautious, indiscreet, rash, reckless, thoughtless, uncaring, undiscerning

**discrepancy** [*n*] *conflict, disagreement* alterity, contrariety, difference, discordance, disparity, dissemblance, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, dissonance, distinction, divergence, divergence, error, far cry\*, incongruity, inconsistency, miscalculation, otherness, split, unlikeness, variance, variation; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* agreement, concordance, concurrence, consistency, harmony, parity

**discrepant** [*adj*] *disagreeing* at variance, conflicting, contradictory, contrary, different, differing, dissonant, discordant, disparate, dissonant, divergent, diverse, incompatible, incongruent, incongruous, inconsistent, in consonant, unmixable, varying; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* agreeing, concurring, consistent, harmonious

**discrete** [*adj*] *individual* detached, different, disconnected, discontinuous, distinct, diverse, separate, several, unattached, various; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* attached, combined, joined

**discretion** [*n*] *caution, judgment* acumen, attention, calculation, caniness, care, carefulness, chariness, circumspection, concern, considerateness, consideration, deliberation, diplomacy, discernment, discrimination, foresight, forethought, good sense, gumption, heed, heedfulness, judiciousness, maturity, observation, perspicacity, precaution, presence of mind, providence, prudence, responsibility, sagacity, sense, shrewdness, solicitude, tact, thoughtfulness, vigilance, wariness, warning, watchfulness, wisdom; CONCEPT 657 —*Ant.* carelessness, indiscretion, thoughtlessness

**discretionary** [*adj*] *open to choice* at the call\*, elective, facultative, judge and jury, leftover, nonmandatory, nonobligatory, open, optional, unrestricted; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* nondiscretionary

**discriminate** [*v1*] *show prejudice* be bigot, be partial, contradistinguish, disfavor, favor, hate, incline, judge, segregate, separate, set apart, show bias, single out, treat as inferior, treat differently, victimize; CONCEPTS 32,384

**discriminate** [*v2*] *differentiate, distinguish* assess, collate, compare, contradistinguish, contrast, difference, discern, discrepate, evaluate, extricate, judge, know, know what's what\*, make out\*, note, perceive, remark, segregate, separate, sever, severalize, sift, specify, split hairs\*, tell apart, tell the difference; CONCEPTS 15,38 —*Ant.* confuse, mix up

**discriminating** [*adj*] *critical* acute, astute, careful, choicy, choosy, cultivated, discerning, distinctive, eclectic, fastidious, finical, finicky, fussy, individualizing, judicious, keen, opinionated, particular, persnickety\*, picky, prudent, refined, select, selective, sensitive, tasteful, wise; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* uncritical, undiscriminating

**discrimination** [*n1*] *bias* bigotry, favoritism, hatred, inequity, injustice, intolerance, partiality, prejudice, unfairness, wrong; CONCEPTS 29,689 —*Ant.* fairness, tolerance

**discrimination** [*n2*] *particularity in taste* acumen, acuteness, astucity, astuteness, bias, clearness, decision, difference, differentiation, discernment, distinction, judgment, keenness, penetration, perception, percipience, perspicacity, preference, refinement, sagacity,

sense, separation, shrewdness, subtlety, taste, understanding; CONCEPTS 32,410,655 —*Ant.* indifference

**discursive** [*adj*] *rambling* deviating, digressive, erratic, excursive, long-winded, meandering, prolix, roaming, roving, spreading, wandering; CONCEPT 267

**discuss** [*v*] *talk over with another* altercate, argue, bounce off\*, canvass, compare notes, confabulate, confer, consider, consult with, contend, contest, converse, debate, deliberate, descendant, discept, discourse about, dispute, dissert, dissertate, examine, exchange views on\*, explain, figure, get together, go into, groupthink\*, hash over\*, hold forth, jaw\*, kick about\*, knock around\*, moot, put heads together\*, reason about, review, sift, take up, thrash out\*, toss around\*, ventilate, weigh; CONCEPT 56 —*Ant.* be quiet

**discussion** [*n*] *talk with another* altercation, analysis, argument, argumentation, canvass, colloquy, confabulation, conference, consideration, consultation, contention, controversy, conversation, debate, deliberation, dialogue, discourse, disputation, dispute, dissertation, examination, exchange, excursus, groupthink\*, huddle, interview, meet, meeting, powwow\*, quarrel, review, scrutiny, symposium, ventilation, wrangling; CONCEPT 56 —*Ant.* quiet, silence

**disdain** [*n*] *hate; indifference* antipathy, arrogance, aversion, contempt, contumely, derision, despal, despisement, despise, dislike, disparagement, hatred, haughtiness, hauteur, insolence, loftiness, pride, ridicule, scorn, sneering, snobbishness, superiority, superciliousness; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* admiration, esteem, favor, like, love, praise, respect

**disdain** [*v*] *scorn* abhor, be allergic to\*, belittle, chill, condemn, deride, despise, disregard, hate, ignore, look down nose at\*, look down on, misprize, pooh-pooh\*, put down\*, refuse, reject, scout, slight, sneer at, spurn, undervalue; CONCEPTS 29,30 —*Ant.* admire, approve, esteem, favor, praise, respect

**disdainful** [*adj*] *scornful* aloof, antipathetic, arrogant, averse, cavalier, contemning, contemptuous, cool, derisive, despising, egotistic, haughty, high-and-mighty\*, hoity-toity\*, indifferent, insolent, lordly, overbearing, proud, rejecting, repudiating, scouting, sneering, snooty\*, supercilious, superior, toplofty, unsympathetic, uppity\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* esteemable, favoring, loving, praising, respectful

**disease** [*n*] *ailment, affliction* ache, affection, attack, blight, breakdown, bug\*, cancer, canker, collapse, complaint, condition, contagion, contamination, convulsions, debility, decrepitude, defect, disorder, distemper, endemic, epidemic, feebleness, fever, fit, flu, hemorrhage, ill health, illness, indisposition, infection, infirmity, inflammation, malady, misery, pathosis, plague, seizure, sickness, sickness, spell, stroke, syndrome, temperature, unhealthiness, unsoundness, upset, virus, visitation; CONCEPT 306 —*Ant.* health

**diseased** [*adj*] *unhealthy* afflicted, ailing, indisposed, infected, infectious, infirm, rotten, sick, sickly, tainted, unsound, unwell, unwholesome; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* fit, healthy

**disembark** [*v*] *get off transportation* alight, anchor, arrive, come ashore, debark, deplane, detrain, dismount, go ashore, land, put in, step out of; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* embark, get on, leave

**disembowel** [*v*] *gut* clean, disbowel, draw, empty, eviscerate, exenterate, extract; CONCEPTS 206,211

**disenchanted** [*adj*] *let down* blasé, cynical, disappointed, disenthralled, disenfranchised, disillusioned, embittered, indifferent, jaundiced, knowing, mondaine, out of love, sick of, sophisticate, sophisticated, soured, un deceived, worldly, worldly-wise; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* enchanted, encouraged

**disengage** [*v*] *free from connection* abstract, back off, back out, cut loose, cut out, detach, disassociate, disconnect, disentangle, disjoin, dissociate, disunite, divide, drop out, ease, extricate, liberate, loose, loosen, opt out, pull the plug, release, separate, set free, unbind, uncouple, undo, unfasten, unfix, unloose, untie, weasel out\*, withdraw; CONCEPT 135 —*Ant.* attach, bind, connect, engage, fasten, join, unite

**disentangle** [*v*] *unwind, disconnect*; *solve* bail one out\*, clear up, detach, discurber, disembroll, disencumber, disengage, disinvolve, emancipate, expand, extricate, free, let go, let off, loose, open, part, resolve, separate, sever, simplify, sort out, sunder, unbraid, undo, unfold, unravel, unscramble, unsnarl, untangle, untie, untwine, untwist, work out; CONCEPTS 127,135 —*Ant.* entangle, entwine, twist, wind

**disfavor** [*n*] *dislike; disgrace* aversion, disapprobation, disapproval, discredit, disesteem, dishonor, disinclination, displeasure, disregard, disrepute, disrespect, dissatisfaction, distaste, distrust, doghouse\*, indisposition, mistrust, shame, thumbs down\*, unpopularity; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* approval, endorsement, favor, like

**disfigure** [*v*] *make ugly* blemish, damage, deface, defile, deform, disfashion, disfigure, distort, hurt, injure, maim, mangle, mar, mutilate, scar; CONCEPTS 137,246,250 —*Ant.* adorn, beautify, decorate, ornament

**disgorge** [*v*] *vomit* be sick\*, discharge, lose one's lunch\*, regurgitate, retch, spew, throw up, upchuck\*; CONCEPTS 179,185,308

**disgrace** [*n*] *state of shame; bad reputation* abasement, abuse, baseness, black eye\*, blemish, blur, brand, comedown, contempt, contumely, corruption, culpability, debasement, debasing, defamation, degradation, derision, disbarment, discredit, disesteem, disfavor, dishonor, disrepute, disrespect, humbling, humiliation, ignominy, ill repute, infamy, ingloriousness, meanness, obloquy, odium, opprobrium, pollution, prostitution, put-down, reproach, scandal, scorn, slander, slight, slur, spot, stain, stigma, taint, tarnish, turpitude, venality; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* esteem, exaltation, honor, respect

**disgrace** [*v*] *bring shame upon* abase, attain, besmirch, blot, debase, defame, defile, degrade, depress, deride, derogate, desecrate, discredit, disfavor, dishonor, disparage, disregard, disrespect, expel, give a black eye\*, humble, humiliate, libel, lose face\*, lower, mock, put down, reduce, reproach, ridicule, slander, slur, snub,

stain, stigmatize, sully, taint, take down a peg\*, tar and feather\*, tarnish; CONCEPTS 14,54,384 —*Ant.* esteem, exalt, honor, respect

**disgraceful** [*adj*] *shameful, low blameworthy, contemptible, degrading, detestable, discreditable, dishonorable, disreputable, ignoble, ignominious, infamous, inglorious, mean, offensive, opprobrious, scandalous, shabby, shady, shocking, shoddy, unrespectable, unworthy*; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* exalted, honorable, respectable

**disgruntled** [*adj*] *unhappy; critical annoyed, bad tempered, bellyaching\*, crabbing\*, crabby, cranky, disappointed, discontent, discontented, displeased, dissatisfied, griping, grouchy, grousing, grumpy, irritable, irritated, kicking, kvetching\*, malcontent, malcontented, peeved, peevish, petulant, put out, sulky, sullen, testy, uncontent, ungratified, vexed*; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* contented, happy, pleased, satisfied, uncritical

**disguise** [*n*] *covering, makeup for deception beard, blind, camouflage, charade, cloak, color, coloring, concealment, costume, counterfeit, cover-up, dissimulation, dress, facade, face, faking, false front\*, fig leaf\*, front\*, get-up, guise, illusion, make-believe, mask, masquerade, pageant, pen name, pretense, pretension, pretentiousness, pseudonym, put-on, red herring\*, screen, semblance, smoke screen\*, trickery, veil, veneer*; CONCEPTS 446,451,680

**disguise** [*v*] *mask; misrepresent affect, age, alter, antique, assume, beard, belie, camouflage, change, cloak, color, conceal, counterfeit, cover, cover up, deceive, dissemble, dissimulate, doctor up\*, dress up, fake, falsify, feign, front, fudge\*, garble, gloss over, hide, make like, make up, masquerade, muffle, obfuscate, obscure, pretend, put on a false front\*, put on a front\*, put on an act\*, put up a front\*, redo\*, screen, secrete, sham, shroud, simulate, touch up, varnish, veil, wear cheaters\*, whitewash\**; CONCEPTS 59,137,172,188,202 —*Ant.* expose, open, represent, reveal, uncover, unmask

**disguised** [*adj*] *unrecognizable camouflaged, changed, cloaked, covered, covert, fake, false, feigned, hidden, incog, masked, pretend, under-cover*; CONCEPTS 547,619 —*Ant.* bare, open, recognizable, revealed, uncovered, unmasked

**disgust** [*n*] *aversion; repulsion abhorrence, abomination, antipathy, detestation, dislike, distaste, hatefulness, hatred, loathing, nausea, nausea, nauseousness, objection, repugnance, revolt, revulsion, satiation, satiety, sickness, surfeit*; CONCEPTS 410,720 —*Ant.* admiration, appeal, desire, esteem, fondness, like, liking, loving, respect, reverence

**disgust** [*v*] *cause aversion; repel* abominate, be repulsive, bother, cloy on, disenchant, displease, disturb, fill with loathing, gross out\*, insult, irk, make one sick\*, nauseate, offend, offend morals of, outrage, pall, pique, put off, reluct, repulse, revolt, scandalize, shock, sicken, surfeit, turn off, turn one's stomach\*, upset; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* admire, appeal, desire, esteem, like, love, respect, revere

**disgusted** [*adj*] *sickened; offended* abhorred, appalled, displeased, fastidious, fed up\*, full up\*, grossed out\*, had bellyful\*, had enough\*, had it\*, nauseated, nauseous, outraged, overwrought, queasy, repelled, repulsed, revolted,

satiated, scandalized, sick, sick and tired of\*, sick of\*, squeamish, teed off\*, tired, turned off\*, unhappy, up to here\*, weary; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* attracted, delighted, desirous, happy, pleased

**disgusting** [*adj*] *sickening; repulsive* abominable, awful, beastly, cloying, creepy, detestable, distasteful, foul, frightful, ghastly, grossy\*, gross\*, gruesome, hateful, hideous, horrid, horrific, icky\*, loathsome, lousy, macabre, monstrous, nasty, nauseating, nerdy\*, noisome, objectionable, obnoxious, odious, offensive, outrageous, repellent, repugnant, revolting, rotten, satiating, scandalous, scuzzy\*, shameless, shocking, sleazeball\*, sleazy\*, stinking, surfeiting, vile, vulgar, yecchy\*, yucky\*; CONCEPTS 485,548 —*Ant.* attractive, desirous, pleasant, pleasing

**dish** [*n1*] *eating receptacle* bowl, casserole, ceramic, china, container, cup, mug, pitcher, plate, platter, porringer, pot, pottery, salver, saucer, tray, vessel; CONCEPT 494

**dish** [*n2*] *main part of meal* course, eats\*, entrée, fare, food, helping, recipe, serving; CONCEPTS 457,460,461

**dish** [*n3*] *attractive woman* angel, babe\*, bathing beauty, beauty queen, broad\*, bunny\*, centerfold, chick\*, cover girl, cupcake\*, cutie, cutie-pie\*, doll\*, dollface, dreamboat\*, dream girl, fox\*, glamor girl, good-looking woman, honey\*, hot dish\*, hot number\*, peach\*, pin-up, raving beauty, sex bunny\*, sex kitten\*, sex pot\*, tomato\*; CONCEPTS 415,424

**disharmony** [*n*] *conflict, discord* clash, contention, difference, disaccord, dissonance, dissonance, dissonancy, friction, inharmoniousness, strife, variance; CONCEPTS 388,665 —*Ant.* accord, agreement, compatibility, concord, harmony

**dishearten** [*v*] *depress, ruin one's hopes* cast down, chill\*, crush, damp, dampen, dash, daunt, deject, demoralize, deter, discourage, disincite, dismay, disparage, dispirit, get down\*, humble, humiliate, indispose, put a damper on\*, put down, shake, throw a pall over\*; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* encourage, hearten, inspire

**disheveled** [*adj*] *wrinkled, unkempt in appearance* bagged out\*, beat up\*, bedraggled, blowzy\*, dirty, disarranged, disarrayed, disordered, frowzy\*, grubby\*, messed up, messy, mused up\*, mussy, ruffled, rumpled, scuzzy, slipshod, sloppy, slovenly, tousled, unbuttoned, uncombed, unfastidious, untidy, unzipped\*; CONCEPTS 485,579 —*Ant.* neat, ordered, orderly, tidy, unwrinkled

**dishonest** [*adj*] *lying, untruthful* backbiting\*, bent, bluffing, cheating, corrupt, crafty, crooked, cunning, deceitful, deceiving, deceptive, designing, disreputable, double-crossing, double-dealing, elusive, false, fraudulent, guileful, hoodwinking\*, mendacious, misleading, perfidious, recreant, shady, shifty, sinister, slippery\*, sneaking, sneaky, swindling, traitorous, treacherous, tricky, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, unctuous, underhanded, unfair, unprincipled, unscrupulous, untrustworthy, villainous, wily; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* aboveboard, ethical, fair, frank, honest, moral, open, principled, scrupulous, trustworthy, truthful

**dishonesty** [*n*] *lying; unwillingness to tell the truth* artifice, bunk, cheating, chicanery, chicanery, corruption, craft, criminality, crookedness, cunning, deceit, double-dealing, duplicity, faithlessness, falsehood, falsity, flimflam\*, fourberie, fraud, fraudulence, graft, guile, hanky-panky\*, hocus-pocus\*, improbity, infamy, infidelity, insidiousness, mendacity, perfidiousness, perfidy, racket, rascality, sharp practice\*, slyness, stealing, swindle, treachery, trickery, trickiness, unscrupulousness, wiliness; CONCEPTS 59,633,657 —*Ant.* fairness, frankness, honesty, openness, scrupulousness, sincerity, truthfulness

**dishonor** [*n*] *state of shame* abasement, abuse, affront, blame, degradation, discourtesy, discredit, disesteem, disfavor, disgrace, disrepute, ignominy, indignity, infamy, insult, obloquy, odium, offense, opprobrium, outrage, reproach, scandal, slight; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* credit, esteem, honor

**dishonor** [*v*] *shame, degrade* abase, attain, blot, corrupt, debase, debauch, defame, defile, disconsider, discredit, disgrace, disoblige, give a black eye\*, libel, make lose face\*, reflect on, slander, sully; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* credit, esteem, honor, upgrade

**dishonorable** [*adj*] *shameful, corrupt* base, blackguardly, contemptible, crooked, deceitful, despicable, devious, discreditable, disgraceful, disreputable, fraudulent, ignoble, ignominious, infamous, inglorious, low, miscreant, offensive, opprobrious, putrid, scandalous, shabby, shady, treacherous, unprincipled, unrespectable, unscrupulous, untrustworthy; CONCEPT 55 —*Ant.* blameless, ethical, honorable, principled, respectable, trustworthy, uncorrupt, worthy

**dish out** [*v*] *distribute* allocate, deliver, dispense, dole out\*, fork over\*, furnish, give out, hand, hand out, hand over, inflict, ladle, mete out, present, produce, scoop, serve, serve up, spoon, supply, transfer, turn over; CONCEPT 140 —*Ant.* take

**disillusioned** [*adj*] *disappointed* blasé, broken, brought down to earth\*, debunked, disabused, disenchanting, disenfranchised, disenfranchised, embittered, enlightened, freed, indifferent, knowing, let-down, mondaine, out of love\*, punctured, sadder and wiser\*, shattered, sophisticated, undeceived, worldly, worldly-wise\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* enchanted, encouraged, enthusiastic

**disinclination** [*n*] *unwillingness to do or believe something* alienation, antipathy, aversion, demur, disfavor, dislike, disliking, displeasure, disrelish, dissatisfaction, distaste, hatred, hesitance, indisposition, lack of desire, lack of enthusiasm, loathness, objection, opposition, reluctance, repugnance, resistance; CONCEPTS 29,410,657 —*Ant.* bent, desire, enthusiasm, incentive, inclination, leaning, willingness

**disinclined** [*adj*] *unwilling* afraid, antipathetic, averse, backward, balking, doubtful, dubious, hesitating, indisposed, loath, not in the mood\*, objecting, opposed, protesting, reluctant, resistant, shy, shying, slow, sticking, uneager, unsympathetic; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* bent, desirous, disposed, enthusiastic, inclined, leaning, willing

**disinfect** [*v*] *make clean, pure* antisepticize, cleanse, decontaminate, deodorize, fumigate, purify, sanitize, sterilize; CONCEPT 165 —*Ant.* dirty, pollute

**disingenuous** [*adj*] *insincere* artful, crooked, cunning, deceitful, designing, dishonest, duplicitous, false, feigned, foxy, guileful, indirect, insidious, mendacious, oblique, shifty\*, sly, tricky, two-faced\*, uncandid, underhanded, unfair, unfrank, wily; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* frank, honest, ingenuous, naive, sincere

**disinherit** [*v*] *cut off in will of bequeathal* bereave, cut off without a cent\*, deprive, disaffiliate, disown, dispossess, divest, evict, exclude, exheridate, neglect, oust, repudiate, rob; CONCEPTS 25,317 —*Ant.* bequeath, give

**disintegrate** [*v*] *fall apart; reduce to pieces* atomize, break apart, break down, break up, come apart, crumble, decay, decline, decompose, degenerate, deliquesce, descend, detach, dilapidate, disband, disconnect, disimprove, dismantle, disorganize, disperse, disunite, divide, fade away, fall to pieces\*, molder, pulverize, putrefy, rot, separate, sever, shatter, sink, splinter, spoil, taint, take apart, turn, turn to dust\*, wash away, wash out, wither, worsen; CONCEPTS 252,469 —*Ant.* combine, meld, unite

**disinterested** [*adj*] *detached, uninvolved* aloof, candid, casual, dispassionate, equitable, even-handed, impartial, impersonal, incurious, indifferent, just watching the clock\*, lackadaisical, negative, neutral, nonpartisan, not giving a damn\*, outside, perfunctory, remote, unbiased, unconcerned, uncurious, unprejudiced, unselfish, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* biased, concerned, interested, involved, passionate, prejudiced

**disjointed** [*adj*] *loose, disconnected* aimless, confused, cool, discontinuous, disordered, displaced, disunited, divided, far-out, fitful, fuzzy, inchoate, incoherent, incohesive, irrational, jumbled, muddled, out-of-it\*, out-to-lunch\*, rambling, separated, spaced-out\*, spacey\*, spasmodic, split, unattached, unconnected, unorganized; CONCEPTS 267,482,585 —*Ant.* coherent, connected, contiguous, jointed, ordered, united

**disk** [*n*] *round object* circle, disc, discoid, discoidal, discuss, dish, flan, plate, platter, quoit, saucer, saucer, shell; CONCEPT 436

**dislike** [*n*] *antagonism, hatred toward something* animosity, animus, antipathy, aversion, depreciation, detestation, disapprobation, disapproval, disesteem, disfavor, disgust, disinclination, displeasure, dissatisfaction, distaste, enmity, hostility, indisposition, loathing, objection, offense, opposition, prejudice, repugnance; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* approval, like, liking, love

**dislike** [*v*] *be antagonistic toward something; hate* abhor, abominate, antipathize, avoid, be allergic to\*, bear malice toward, be averse to, be turned off to\*, condemn, contemn, deplore, despise, detest, disapprove, disesteem, disfavor, disrelish, eschew, execrate, grossed out on\*, have hard feelings\*, have no stomach for\*, have no taste for, loathe, look down on, lose interest in, make faces at\*, mind, not appreciate, not care for, not endure, not feel like, not take kindly to, object to, regret, resent, scorn,



shudder at, shun; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* approve, like, love

**dislocate** [*v*] *displace* break, disarticulate, disconnect, disengage, disjoint, disorder, disrupt, disturb, disunite, divide, jumble, misplace, mix up, move, put out of joint, remove, rummage, separate, shift, transfer, unhinge, upset;

CONCEPTS 135,147 —*Ant.* keep together, order  
**dislocation** [*n*] *displacement* break, confusion, disarray, disarticulation, disconnection, discontinuity, disengagement, disorder, disorganization, disruption, disturbance, division, luxation, misplacement, unhinging; CONCEPTS 316,720,727 —*Ant.* order, ordering

**dislodge** [*v*] *knock loose* dig out, disentangle, dislocate, displace, disturb, eject, evict, extricate, force out, oust, remove, uproot; CONCEPTS 147,213

**disloyal** [*adj*] *unfaithful* alienated, apostate, cheating, disaffected, double-crossing, estranged, faithless, false, perfidious, recreant, seditious, snaky\*, subversive, traitorous, treacherous, treasonable, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, unloyal, unpatriotic, untrue, untrustworthy, wormlike\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* faithful, loyal, true, trustworthy

**disloyalty** [*n*] *unfaithfulness* apostasy, bad faith, betrayal of trust, breach of trust, breaking of faith, deceitfulness, disaffection, double-dealing, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, inconsistency, infidelity, perfidiousness, perfidy, recreancy, sedition, seditiousness, subversive activity, treachery, treason, untruthness, violation; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* faithfulness, loyalty, truthness, trustworthiness

**dismal** [*adj*] *bleak, dreary, gloomy* afflictive, black, boring, cheerless, cloudy, dark, depressed, depressing, desolate, despondent, dim, dingy, disagreeable, discouraging, disheartening, dispiriting, doleful, dolorous, dull, forlorn, frowning, funereal, ghastly, gruesome, hopeless, horrible, horrid, inauspicious, in the pits\*, joyless, lonesome, lowering, lugubrious, melancholy, miserable, monotonous, morbid, murky, oppressive, overcast, sad, shadowy, somber, sorrowful, tedious, tenebrous, troublesome, unfortunate, unhappy; CONCEPTS 525,536,548 —*Ant.* bright, cheerful, glad, happy, hopeful, light, pleasant

**dismantle** [*v*] *take apart* annihilate, bankrupt, bare, break down, break up, decimate, demolish, denudate, denude, deprive, destroy, disassemble, dismember, dismount, disrobe, divest, fell, knock down, level, part out, pull down, raze, ruin, strike, strip, subvert, take down, take to pieces, tear down, undo, unrig, wrack, wreck; CONCEPTS 135,168,252 —*Ant.* assemble, build, combine, construct, put together, raise

**dismay** [*n*] *disappointed feeling; distress* agitation, alarm, anxiety, apprehension, blue funk\*, blues\*, bummer\*, chagrin, cold feet\*, consternation, discouragement, disheartenment, disillusionment, downer\*, dread, dumps\*, fear, fright, funk\*, hassle, horror, letdown, panic, terror, the blahs\*, trepidation, upset; CONCEPTS 27,410,690 —*Ant.* assurance, confidence, encouragement, happiness

**dismay** [*v*] *disappoint, fill with consternation* abash, affright, agitate, alarm, appall, bewilder,

bother, chill, confound, daunt, discomfit, discompose, disconcert, discourage, dishearten, disillusion, dispirit, disquiet, distress, disturb, dumbfound, embarrass, faze, flummox\*, fluster, foul up\*, frighten, get to, horrify, louse up\*, mess up\*, muck up\*, mystify, nonplus, paralyze, perplex, put off, puzzle, rattle, scare, screw up\*, shake, snafu\*, take aback, terrify, terrorize, throw, throw into a tizzy\*, unhinge\*, unnerve, upset; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* assure, encourage, make happy

**dismember** [*v*] *cut into pieces* amputate, anatomize, cripple, disassemble, disjoint, dislimb, dislocate, dismantle, dismount, dissect, divide, maim, mutilate, part, rend, sever, sunder, take down; CONCEPTS 98,135,176 —*Ant.* join

**dismiss** [*v*] *send away, remove; free* abolish, banish, boot\*, brush off\*, bundle, cast off\*, cast out\*, chase, chuck, clear, decline, deport, detach, disband, discard, dispatch, dispense with, disperse, dispose of, dissolve, divorce, do without, drive out, eject, expel, force out, have done with\*, kick out\*, let go, let out, lock out\*, outlaw, push aside, push back, reject, release, relegate, relinquish, repel, repudiate, rid, send off, send packing\*, shed, show out\*, slough off, supersede, sweep away\*, turn out; CONCEPTS 127,217 —*Ant.* accept, hold, keep, maintain, preserve, welcome

**dismiss** [*v*2] *remove from job, responsibility* ax\*, boot\*, boot out\*, bounce\*, bump\*, can\*, cashier\*, defrock, depon, depose, deselect, discharge, disemploy, disfrock, displace, disqualify, drop, fire, furlough, give notice to, give the ax\*, give the gate\*, give the heave-ho\*, give walking papers\*, give warning, impeach, kick out\*, lay off, let go\*, let out\*, oust, pension, pink-slip\*, put away\*, recall, retire, sack\*, send packing\*, shelve\*, shut out\*, suspend, terminate, turn away, unfrock, unseat, wash out\*; CONCEPTS 324,351 —*Ant.* appoint, employ, engage, hire, keep, secure

**dismiss** [*v*3] *put out of one's mind* banish, contemn, deride, despise, discard, disdain, dispel, disregard, drop, flout, gibe, gird, jeer, kiss off\*, laugh away\*, lay aside, mock, pooh-pooh\*, rally, reject, relegate, repudiate, repulse, ridicule, scoff, scorn, scot, set aside, shelve\*, spurn, taunt, twit; CONCEPT 35 —*Ant.* accept, welcome

**dismissal** [*n*] *release* adjournment, banishment, bounce, brush-off, cold shoulder\*, congé, deportation, deposal, deposition, discharge, dislodgment, displacement, dispossession, dissolution, door\*, end, eviction, exile, exorcism, expatriation, expulsion, freedom, freeing, housecleaning\*, kiss-off\*, layoff, liberation, marching orders\*, notice, old heave-ho\*, ostracism, ouster, permission, pink slip\*, relegation, removal, suspension; CONCEPTS 127,217,351 —*Ant.* acceptance, appointment, employment, hiring, maintainance, retention, welcome

**dismount** [*v*] *get off something higher* alight, debark, deplane, descend, detrain, disembark, get down, light; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* get up, mount

**disobedience** [*n*] *misbehavior; noncompliance with rules* defiance, dereliction, disregard, indiscipline, infraction, infringement, insubmission,

insubordination, insurgence, intractableness, mutiny, neglect, nonobservance, perversity, rebellion, recalcitrance, refractoriness, revolt, revolution, riot, sabotage, sedition, strike, stubbornness, transgression, unruliness, violation, waywardness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* behavior, obedience, observance, submission

**disobedient** [*adj*] *defiant, mischievous* contrary, contumacious, disorderly, fractious, froward, headstrong, insubordinate, intractable, naughty, noncompliant, nonobservant, obstreperous, perverse, recalcitrant, refractory, resistive, uncompliant, undisciplined, unruly, wayward, willful; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* accepting, behaving, nice, obedient, observant, submitting

**disobey** [*v*] *disregard rules; refuse to conform* balk, be remiss, break rules, contravene, counteract, dare, decline, defy, desert, differ, disagree, evade, flout, fly in face of\*, go counter to, ignore, infringe, insurrect, misbehave, mutiny, neglect, not heed, not listen, not mind, object, overstep, pay no attention to, rebel, recalcitrate, resist, revolt, revolution, revolutionize, riot, rise in arms\*, run riot\*, set aside, shirk, strike, take law into own hands\*, transgress, violate, withstand; CONCEPTS 30, 192, 384 —*Ant.* conform, go along, obey, oblige, regard, submit

**disoblige** [*v*] *displease, annoy* affront, bother, discommode, disturb, incommode, inconvenience, insult, offend, put about, put out, slight, trouble, upset, vex; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —*Ant.* agree, oblige, please

**disobliging** [*adj*] *rude, annoying* awkward, disagreeable, discourteous, ill-disposed, ill-natured, unaccommodating, unamiable, uncivil, uncongenial, uncooperative, unhelpful, unpleasant; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* accommodating, agreeable, civil, cooperative, courteous, mannered, mannerly, polite

**disorder** [*n1*] *chaos, clutter* anarchy, ataxia, confusion, derangement, disarrangement, disarray, discombobulation, disorderliness, disorganization, huddle, irregularity, jumble, mess, muddle, rat's nest\*, shambles, snarl, topsy-turviness\*, untidiness; CONCEPT 230 —*Ant.* arrangement, conformity, method, order, orderliness, organization, system

**disorder** [*n2*] *social commotion; mental confusion* agitation, anarchism, anarchy, brawl, bustle, chaos, clamor, complication, convulsion, discombobulation\*, discord, disorganization, distemper, disturbance, dither, entanglement, fight, flap, fracas, fuss, hubbub, hullabaloo\*, imbroglio, insurrection, lawlessness, mayhem, misrule, mob rule\*, quarrel, rebellion, reign of terror\*, revolution, riot, rioting, ruckus, rum-pus, static, strike, terrorism, tizzy\*, trouble, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, unrest, unruliness, uproar; CONCEPTS 388, 410 —*Ant.* health

**disorder** [*n3*] *illness* affliction, ailment, cachexia, complaint, disease, diseasedness, indisposition, infirmity, malady, sickness, unhealth, upset; CONCEPT 306 —*Ant.* health

**disorder** [*v*] *mix up, disarrange* clutter, confound, confuse, derange, discompose, discreate, dishevel, disjoint, dislocate, disorganize, disrupt, distemper, disturb, embroil, jumble, mess up, muddle, muss up\*, rummage, rumple,

scatter, shuffle, tumble, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 240, 250 —*Ant.* arrange, conform, neat, order, regulate, systematize

**disordered** [*adj*] *in a mess* all over the place\*, confused, deranged, disarranged, discombobulated, disconnected, discontinuous, disjointed, dislocated, disorganized, displaced, incoherent, in confusion, jumbled, mislaid, misplaced, molested, moved, muddled, out-of-place, removed, roiled, ruffled, rumpled, shifted, shuffled, stirred up, tampered-with, tangled, tossed, tousled, tumbled, unsettled, untidy; CONCEPTS 485, 535 —*Ant.* arranged, methodical, neat, ordered, orderly, organized, systematic, systematized, trim

**disorderly** [*adj*] *messy, untidy* all over the place\*, chaotic, cluttered, confused, dislocated, disorganized, heterogeneous, indiscriminate, irregular, jumbled, mixed up, out-of-control\*, out-of-line\*, out-of-step\*, out-of-whack\*, scattered, scrambled, slovenly, topsy-turvy\*, tumult, uncombed, undisciplined, unkempt, unmethodical, unrestrained, unsystematic, untrained; CONCEPTS 485, 535 —*Ant.* arranged, neat, ordered, orderly, organized, systematized, trim

**disorderly** [*adj2*] *causing trouble; unlawful* boisterous, disobedient, disruptive, drunk, fractious, indisciplined, intemperate, noisy, obstreperous, off-base\*, on-a-tear\*, out-of-line\*, out-of-order\*, raucous, rebellious, refractory, riotous, rowdy, stormy, termagant, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent, uncompliant, uncontrollable, ungovernable, unmanageable, unruly, wayward; CONCEPTS 401, 545 —*Ant.* behaved, conforming, disciplined, manageable, orderly, well-behaved

**disorganization** [*n*] *unordered situation or thing* anarchy, chaos, confusion, derangement, disarray, disjointedness, disorder, disruption, dissolution, disunion, foul-up\*, incoherence, mix-up, rat's nest\*, screw-up\*, unconnectedness, unholy mess\*; CONCEPTS 674, 727 —*Ant.* coherence, method, neatness, order, organization, plan, system, tidiness

**disorganize** [*v*] *disrupt arrangement; make shambles of* break down, break up, clutter, complicate, confound, confuse, demobilize, derange, destroy, disarrange, disarray, disband, discompose, discreate, dishevel, dislocate, disorder, disperse, disturb, embroil, jumble, litter, mess up, mislay, misplace, muddle, perturb, put out of order, scatter, scramble, shuffle, toss, turn topsy-turvy, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 250, 252, 384 —*Ant.* compose, neat, order, organize, plan, systematize, tidy

**disorganized** [*adj*] *unmethodical; messed up* chaotic, confused, disordered, disorderly, haphazard, jumbled, mixed up, muddled, screwed up\*, shuffled, unsystematic; CONCEPTS 485, 585 —*Ant.* methodical, neat, ordered, organized, planned, regulated, systematic, systematized, tidy

**disoriented** [*adj*] *confused, unstable* adrift, all at sea\*, astray, bewildered, discombobulated, lost, mixed-up, not adjusted, off-beam\*, off-course, out-of-joint\*, perplexed, unbalanced, unhinged, unsettled; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* balanced, oriented, settled, understanding, unpuzzled

**disown** [v] *refuse to acknowledge* abandon, abjure, abnegate, cast off, deny, disacknowledge, disallow, disavow, discard, disclaim, divorce oneself from, refuse to recognize, reject, renounce, repudiate, retract; CONCEPTS 50,54,88 —*Ant.* accept, acknowledge, allow, avow, claim

**disparage** [v] *criticize; detract* from abuse, belittle, chill\*, cry down, decry, defame, degrade, deject, demoralize, denigrate, deprecate, depreciate, deride, derogate, dis\*, discourage, discredit, disdain, dishearten, dismiss, dispirit, dispraise, downcry, dump on\*, lower, malign, minimize, pan\*, put down, put hooks in\*, rap\*, ridicule, roast\*, run down\*, scorch, scorn, slam\*, slander, smear\*, sour grapes\*, tear down, traduce, underestimate, underrate, undervalue, vilify, write off; CONCEPTS 7,19,52,54 —*Ant.* approve, commend, compliment, flatter, laud, praise, sanction

**disparagement** [n] *strong criticism; detraction* aspersion, backbiting\*, backstabbing\*, belittlement, blame, calumny, censure, condemnation, contempt, contumely, debasement, degradation, denunciation, depreciation, derision, derogation, discredit, disdain, impairment, lessening, lie, prejudice, reproach, ridicule, scandal, scorn, slander, tale, underestimation; CONCEPTS 52,54 —*Ant.* approval, commendation, compliment, flattery, praise, sanction

**disparate** [adj] *at odds, different* at variance, contrary, contrasting, discordant, discrepant, dissimilar, distant, distinct, divergent, diverse, far cry, incommensurate, incompatible, inconsistent, inconsonant, like night and day\*, poles apart, separate, unlike, unequal, unequivalent, uneven, unlike, unsimilar, various; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* alike, equal, like, same, similar

**disparity** [n] *difference* alterity, discrepancy, disproportion, dissemblance, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, distinction, divergence, divergency, diverseness, gap, imbalance, imparity, incongruity, inequality, otherness, unevenness, unlikeness, variation; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* alikeness, equality, likeness, sameness, similarity

**dispassionate** [adj] *unfeeling, impartial* abstract, aloof, calm, candid, cold-blooded, cold-fish\*, collected, composed, cool, cool cat\*, couldn't care less\*, detached, disinterested, fair, iceberg\*, impersonal, imperturbable, indifferent, judicial, just, laid back, moderate, neutral, nondiscriminatory, nonpartisan, objective, poker-faced\*, quiet, serene, sober, temperate, tough, unbiased, unemotional, unexcitable, unexcited, unflappable, uninvolved, unmoved, unprejudiced, unruffled; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* biased, emotional, excited, feeling, involved, moved, partial, passionate, prejudiced, subjective

**dispatch** [n1] *speed in carrying out action* alacrity, celerity, expedition, expeditiousness, haste, hurry, hustle, precipitateness, promptitude, promptness, quickness, rapidity, rustle, speediness, swiftness; CONCEPTS 755,818 —*Ant.* retention, slowing

**dispatch** [n2] *communication* account, bulletin, communiqué, document, instruction, item, letter, message, missive, news, piece, report, story; CONCEPTS 271,277,278

**dispatch** [v1] *hurry, send fast* accelerate, address, consign, dismiss, express, forward, hand-carry, hasten, issue, quicken, railroad\*, remit, route, run with, run with ball\*, ship, speed, transmit, walk through; CONCEPTS 152,217 —*Ant.* hold, hold back, keep, prohibit, retain

**dispatch** [v2] *finish; consume* conclude, devour, discharge, dispose of, eat up, expedite, lay low, perform, polish off\*, scarf down\*, settle; CONCEPTS 169,234

**dispatch** [v3] *kill* assassinate, bump off\*, butcher\*, destroy, eliminate, execute, finish, finish off\*, murder, put away\*, put end to, slaughter, slay, take out\*; CONCEPTS 238,252

**dispel** [v] *drive away thought, belief* allay, banish, beat off\*, break it up\*, break up\*, bust up\*, cancel, chase away, crumble, deploy, disband, disintegrate, dismiss, disperse, dissipate, distribute, eject, eliminate, expel, oust, repel, resolve, rout, scatter, scramble, split up\*; CONCEPTS 14,35 —*Ant.* accumulate, collect, garner, gather, recall

**dispensable** [adj] *not necessary; able to be thrown away* disposable, excessive, expendable, minor, needless, nonessential, removable, superfluous, trivial, unimportant, unnecessary, unrequired, useless; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* indispensable, irreplaceable, necessary, needed, useful

**dispensation** [n1] *allocation of supply* allotment, appointment, apportionment, award, bestowal, conferment, consignment, courtesy, dealing out, disbursement, distribution, dole, endowment, favor, indulgence, kindness, part, portion, quota, service, share; CONCEPTS 140,337

**dispensation** [n2] *management* administration, direction, economy, plan, regulation, scheme, stewardship, system; CONCEPTS 325,660,770

**dispensation** [n3] *permission* exception, exemption, immunity, indulgence, license, privilege, relaxation, relief, remission, reprieve; CONCEPT 685 —*Ant.* denial, veto

**dispense** [v1] *dole out supply* allocate, allot, apportion, assign, come across with, deal, deal out, disburse, dish out\*, distribute, divide, divvy\*, fork out\*, furnish, give, give away, give with, hand out, hand over, lot, measure, mete out, partition, portion, prepare, prorate, share, shell out\*; CONCEPT 140 —*Ant.* receive, take

**dispense** [v2] *operate, administer* apply, carry out, command, direct, discharge, enforce, execute, handle, implement, manage, maneuver, manipulate, swing, undertake, wield; CONCEPT 117

**dispense** [v3] *exempt from responsibility* absolve, discharge, except, excuse, exonerate, let off, privilege from, release, relieve, reprieve, spare; CONCEPT 110

**dispense with** [v] *omit; do away with* abolish, abstain from, brush aside, cancel, dispose of, disregard, do without, forgo, get rid of, give up, ignore, pass over, relinquish, render needless, shake off, waive; CONCEPT 30 —*Ant.* accept, keep, regard, retain, take, use

**disperse** [v] *distribute; scatter* banish, besprinkle, break up, broadcast, cast forth, circulate, deal, diffuse, disappear, disband, disburse, discharge, dislodge, dismiss, dispel, disseminate,

dissipate, dissolve, divvy\*, dole out, eject, intersperse, measure out, partition, propagate, radiate, rout, scatter, scramble, send off, separate, shed, sow, split up, spray, spread, strew, take off in all directions\*, vanish; CONCEPTS 135,217 —*Ant.* arrange, assemble, collect, garner, gather

**dispirited** [*adj*] *dejected, sad* blue\*, bummed-out\*, crestfallen, depressed, despondent, disconsolate, discouraged, disheartened, down\*, downbeat, downcast, downhearted, dragged\*, funky\*, gloomy, glum, in the doldrums, low, melancholy, morose, shot-down\*, spiritless, woebegone; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* encouraged, enthused, happy, heartened, inspired

**displace** [*v1*] *move, remove from normal place* change, crowd out, derange, disarrange, disestablish, dislocate, dislodge, displant, dispossess, disturb, eject, evict, expel, expulse, force out, lose, mislay, misplace, relegate, shift, transpose, unsettle, uproot; CONCEPTS 147,213 —*Ant.* leave

**displace** [*v2*] *remove from position of responsibility* banish, can\*, cashier\*, cut out\*, deport, depose, dethrone, discard, discharge, discrown, disenthroned, dismiss, dethrone, exile, expatriate, fire, oust, relegate, remove, replace, sack\*, step into shoes of\*, succeed, supersede, supplant, take over, take the place of, transport, uncrown, unmake, usurp; CONCEPTS 133,298,300 —*Ant.* leave

**display** [*n*] *public showing; spectacle* act, affectation, arrangement, array, arrayal, blaze, bravura, dash, demonstration, example, exhibit, exhibition, expo\*, exposition, exposure, fanfare, flourish, for show, frame-up\*, frippery, front, grandstand play\*, layout, manifestation, ostentation, ostentatiousness, pageant, panorama, parade, pedantry, pomp, presentation, pretension, pretentiousness, revelation, sample, scheme, shine, showboat\*, splash, splendor, splurge, spread, unfolding, vanity; CONCEPTS 261,386 —*Ant.* hiding

**display** [*v*] *show for public viewing, effect* advertise, arrange, bare, betray, boast, brandish, bring to view, demonstrate, disclose, emblazon, evidence, evince, exhibit, expand, expose, extend, feature, flash, flaunt, flourish, glaze, grandstand\*, illustrate, impart, lay bare\*, lay out, make clear, make known, manifest, model, open, open out, parade, perform, present, promote, promulgate, publish, represent, reveal, set out, showcase, show off, sport, spread out, stretch out, trot out\*, uncover, unfold, unfurl, unmask, unroll, unveil, vamp; CONCEPT 261 —*Ant.* conceal, cover, hide, secrete, withhold

**displease** [*v*] *make unhappy* aggravate, anger, annoy, antagonize, bother, cap, chagrin, cool, curdle\*, cut to the quick\*, disappoint, discontent, disgruntle, disgust, disoblige, dissatisfy, enrage, exasperate, fret, frustrate, gall, hurt, incense, irk, irritate, nettle, offend, perplex, pique, play dirty, provoke, put out, repel, revolt, rile, roil, sound, turn off\*, upset, vex, wing\*, worry, zing\*; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* appease, calm, compose, delight, humor, make happy, please, satisfy

**displeasure** [*n*] *unhappiness, anger* annoyance, aversion, disapprobation, disapproval, discon-

tenment, disfavor, disgruntlement, disinclination, dislike, disliking, disrelish, dissatisfaction, distaste, incensement, indignation, indisposition, irritation, offense, pique, resentment, umbrage, vexation, wrath; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* calm, compose, delight, happiness, pleasure, satisfaction

**disposal** [*n1*] *parting with or throwing something away* auctioning, bartering, chucking, clearance, conveyance, demolishing, demolition, destroying, destruction, discarding, dispatching, dispensation, disposition, dumping, ejection, jettison, jettisoning, junking, relegation, relinquishment, removal, riddance, sacrifice, sale, scrapping, selling, trading, transfer, transference, vending; CONCEPT 180 —*Ant.* hold, keeping, retention

**disposal** [*n2*] *conclusion, settlement of situation* action, allocation, arrangement, array, assignment, assortment, bequest, bestowal, consignment, control, conveyance, determination, dispensation, disposition, distribution, division, effectuation, end, gift, grouping, order, ordering, placing, position, provision, sequence, transfer, winding up; CONCEPTS 119,230 —*Ant.* beginning, start

**dispose** [*v*] *place, order; deal with* actuate, adapt, adjust, arrange, array, bend, bias, call the tune\*, condition, determine, distribute, fix, govern, group, incline, induce, influence, lay down the law\*, lead, locate, make willing, marshal, methodize, motivate, move, organize, predispose, prepare, promote, prompt, put, put one's foot down\*, put to rights, range, rank, read the riot act\*, regulate, ride herd on\*, set, set in order, settle, shepherd, stand, sway, systematize, tailor, tempt; CONCEPTS 84,117,158,180 —*Ant.* disarrange, disorder, displace, disturb, mismanage

**disposed** [*adj*] *inclined to a type of behavior* apt, at drop of hat\*, biased, fain, game\*, game for, given, liable, likely, minded, of a mind to\*, partial, predisposed, prone, ready, subject, tending toward, willing; CONCEPTS 542,552 —*Ant.* indisposed, unlikely, unready, unwilling

**dispose of** [*v1*] *throw away* adios\*, bestow, chuck\*, deep six\*, destroy, discard, dump, eighty-six\*, eliminate, file in circular file\*, get rid of, give, jettison, junk\*, kiss\*, kiss off\*, make over, part with, relinquish, scrap, sell, transfer, unload; CONCEPT 180 —*Ant.* hold, keep, retain

**dispose of** [*v2*] *settle a matter* chop, cut, cut off, deal with, decide, determine, do the trick\*, end, finish, knock off\*, polish off\*, put away, take care of; CONCEPTS 18,234 —*Ant.* begin, continue, start

**disposition** [*n1*] *personal temperament* bag\*, being, bent, bias, cast, character, complexion, constitution, cup of tea\*, druthers\*, emotions, flash, frame of mind, groove\*, habit, humor, identity, inclination, individualism, individuality, leaning, make-up, mind-set\*, mood, nature, penchant, personality, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, proneness, propensity, readiness, spirit, stamp, temper, tendency, tenor, thing\*, tone, type, vein; CONCEPT 411

**disposition** [*n2*] *arrangement, management of a situation* adjustment, classification, control,

decision, direction, disposal, distribution, grouping, method, order, ordering, organization, placement, plan, regulation, sequence; CONCEPTS 6,660 —**Ant.** disarrangement, mismanagement

**dispossess** [v] *deprive* appropriate, eject, evict, expel, expropriate, oust, put out, throw into the street\*; CONCEPTS 121,142

**disproportion** [n] *imbalance* asymmetry, difference, discrepancy, disparity, imparity, inadequacy, inequality, insufficiency, irregularity, lopsidedness, unevenness, unsuitableness; CONCEPTS 665,667 —**Ant.** balance, equality, evenness, parity, proportion

**disproportionate** [adj] *out of balance* asymmetric, excessive, incommensurate, inordinate, irregular, lopsided, nonsymmetrical, out of proportion, overbalanced, superfluous, too much, unequal, uneven, unreasonable, unsymmetrical; CONCEPTS 564,566,771 —**Ant.** balanced, equal, even, proportionate

**disprove** [v] *prove false* belie, blow sky high\*, blow up\*, break, confound, confute, contradict, contravene, controvert, deny, disconfirm, discredit, explode, expose, find unfounded, impugn, invalidate, knock bottom out of\*, knock props out\*, negate, negative, overthrow, overturn, poke holes in\*, puncture, rebut, refute, set aside, shoot, shoot holes in\*, tear down\*, throw out, traverse, weaken; CONCEPT 58 —**Ant.** credit, prove, validate

**disputable** [adj] *debatable; open to discussion* arguable, controversial, doubtful, dubious, moot, mootable, problematic, questionable, uncertain; CONCEPTS 529,535 —**Ant.** inarguable, indisputable, unquestionable

**disputation** [n] *controversy* argumentation, debate, dialectic, dispute, dissension, forensic, moot, polemics; CONCEPTS 278,532 —**Ant.** harmony

**disputatious** [adj] *argumentative* cantankerous, captious, caviling, contentious, controversial, dissentious, litigious, polemical, pugnacious, quarrelsome; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** agreeable, calm, peaceful

**dispute** [n] *argument* altercation, beef\*, bickering, bone of contention\*, brawl, broil, brouhaha, commotion, conflict, contention, controversy, debate, difference of opinion, disagreement, discord, discussion, dissension, disturbance, embroilment, falling-out, feud, fireworks\*, flare-up, fracas, friction, fuss, hubbub, miff\*, misunderstanding, polemic, quarrel, row, rumpus\*, squabble, squall, strife, tiff, uproar, variance, words, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,106,278 —**Ant.** agreement

**dispute** [v] *argue* agitate, altercation, bicker, brawl, bump heads\*, canvass, challenge, clash, confute, contend, contest, contradict, controvert, debate, deny, disaffirm, discept, discuss, disprove, doubt, gainsay, hassle, have at\*, impugn, jump on one's case\*, kick around\*, lock horns\*, moot, negate, pick a bone\*, quarrel, question, quibble, rebut, refute, squabble, take on, thrash out, toss around\*, wrangle; CONCEPT 46 —**Ant.** agree, give in, go along

**disqualification** [n] *disability; rejection for participation* awkwardness, clumsiness, debarment, disenabement, disentitlement,

elimination, exclusion, incapacitation, incapacity, incompetence, incompetency, ineligibility, ineptitude, lack, unfitness, unproficiency; CONCEPT 630 —**Ant.** ability, aptitude, capability

**disqualify** [v] *be unfit for; be ineligible* bar, bate, debar, disable, disenable, disentitle, disfranchise, eighty-six\*, except, exclude, impair, incapacitate, invalidate, nix\*, not make the cut\*, paralyze, preclude, prohibit, rule out, suspend, unfit, weaken; CONCEPTS 121,699 —**Ant.** allow, be eligible, capacitate, fit, permit, qualify

**disquiet** [n] *worry; mental upset* ailment, alarm, angst, anxiety, care, concern, concernment, disquietude, distress, disturbance, fear, ferment, foreboding, fretfulness, inquietude, nervousness, restiveness, restlessness, solicitude, storm, trouble, turmoil, uneasiness, unrest; CONCEPTS 410,532,690 —**Ant.** calm, collectedness, ease, peace

**disquiet** [v] *worry; make uneasy* agitate, annoy, bother, concern, discompose, distress, disturb, fluster, fret, harass, incommode, perplex, perturb, pester, plague, trouble, unhinge, unsettle, upset, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —**Ant.** calm, ease, please, settle, soothe

**disquieting** [adj] *upsetting* annoying, bothersome, disconcerting, distressing, disturbing, irritating, perplexing, perturbing, troublesome, troubling, unnerving, unsettling, vexing, worrying; CONCEPT 529 —**Ant.** calming, pleasing, settling, soothing

**disregard** [n] *ignoring* apathy, brush-off\*, contempt, disdain, disesteem, disfavor, disinterest, disrespect, forgetting, heedlessness, inadvertence, inattention, indifference, insouciance, lassitude, lethargy, listlessness, neglect, neglecting, negligence, oblivion, omission, omitting, overlooking, oversight, scorn, slight, slighting, the cold shoulder\*, unconcern, unmindfulness; CONCEPTS 30,633 —**Ant.** attention, esteem, honor, note, regard, respect

**disregard** [v] *ignore; make light of* blink at\*, brush aside, brush away, brush off, cold-shoulder\*, contemn, despise, discount, disdain, disobey, disparage, fail, forget, have no use for\*, laugh off\*, leave out of account, let go, let off easy\*, let pass\*, live with\*, look the other way\*, miss, neglect, omit, overlook, overpass, pass over, pay no attention to, pay no heed to, pay no mind\*, pooh-pooh\*, scorn, shut eyes to\*, slight, snub, take no notice of, tune out\*, turn a blind eye\*, turn a deaf ear\*, vilipend, wink at\*; CONCEPT 30 —**Ant.** attend, esteem, note, pay attention, regard, respect

**disrepair** [adj] *broken; deteriorated* busted\*, damaged, dead, decayed, decrepit, down, kaput\*, not functioning, on the blink\*, on the fritz\*, out of commission\*, out of order, worn out, wracked\*; CONCEPT 485 —**Ant.** good, unbroken

**disrepair** [n] *state of deterioration* collapse, decay, decrepitude, dilapidation, ruination; CONCEPT 230 —**Ant.** good condition, repair

**disreputable** [adj] *dishonorable, lowly* abject, bad, base, beggarly, cheap, contemptible, derogatory, despicable, discreditable, disgraceful, disorderly, dissolute, ignominious, in bad, infamous, inglorious, in low esteem, in the dog-house\*, lewd, libidinous, licentious, mean, no

good\*, notorious, opprobrious, pitiable, scandalous, scurvy, shabby, shady, shameful, shocking, shoddy, sordid, sorry, unprincipled, vicious, vile; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* decent, ethical, honorable, principled, reputable, respected

**disrepute** [*n*] *dishonor, shame* blemish, blot, brand, cloud, discredit, disesteem, disfavor, disgrace, ignominy, ill fame, ill favor, ill repute, infamy, ingloriousness, notoriety, obloquy, odium, opprobrium, reproach, scandal, scar, slur, smear, spot, stain, stigma, taint, unpopularity; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* esteem, good reputation, honor

**disrespect** [*n*] *disregard, rudeness toward someone* boldness, coarseness, contempt, discourtesy, dishonor, flippancy, hardihood, impertinence, impiety, impoliteness, impudence, incivility, insolence, insolent, insolentness, irreverence, lack of respect, sacrilege, unman-nerliness; CONCEPTS 29,633 —*Ant.* civility, esteem, honor, regard, respect, reverence

**disrespectful** [*adj*] *insulting, rude* aweless, bad-mannered, blasphemous, bold, cheeky\*, contemptuous, discourteous, disgracious, flip\*, flippant, fresh, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, impious, impolite, impudent, insolent, irreverent, misbehaved, nery\*, out-of-line\*, profanatory, profane, sacrilegious, sassy\*, saucy\*, smart-alecky\*, snippy\*, uncivil, un-filial, ungracious; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* civil, courteous, mannered, mannerly, nice, respectful

**disrobe** [*v*] *take off one's clothes* bare, denude, denude, deprive, dismantle, divest, doff, husk\*, peel\*, remove, shed, shuck\*, slip out of, strip, take it off, unbutton\*, unclothe, uncover, undress; CONCEPT 167 —*Ant.* clothe, put on

**disrupt** [*v*] *upset, disorganize* agitate, bollix, confuse, disarray, discombobulate, discompose, disorder, disturb, mess up, mix up, muck up\*, muddle, muddy the waters\*, psych out\*, put off, rattle, rattle one's cage\*, rummage, screw up\*, shake, spoil, throw, unsettle, upset the apple cart\*; CONCEPTS 16,84,234 —*Ant.* arrange, organize, ready

**disrupt** [*v*] *break, interrupt* breach, break into, break up, fracture, hole, interfere with, intrude, obstruct, open, rupture, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 98,135

**disruptive** [*adj*] *causing trouble, confusion* disorderly, distracting, disturbing, obstreperous, off-base\*, out-of-line\*, out-of-order\*, rowdy, troublemaking, troublesome, unruly, unsettling, upsetting; CONCEPTS 401,537 —*Ant.* calming, disciplined, settling, soothing, well-behaved

**dissatisfaction** [*n*] *discontent, unhappiness* annoyance, anxiety, aversion, boredom, chagrin, complaint, desolation, disapproval, discomfort, discouragement, disfavor, disgruntlement, disinclination, dislike, disliking, dismay, displeasure, disquiet, disrelish, distaste, distress, ennui, envy, exasperation, fretfulness, frustration, heartburn, hopelessness, indisposition, irritation, jealousy, lamentation, malcontent, malcontentment, oppression, querulousness, regret, resentment, trouble, uneasiness, weariness, worry; CONCEPTS 29,410 —*Ant.* contentment, happiness, pleasure, satisfaction

**dissatisfactory** [*adj*] *unsatisfactory* bad, damaged, deficient, disappointing, displeasing, distressing, inadequate, insufficient, junky\*, lame,

mediocre, no good, not satisfying, not up to par\*, offensive, poor, rotten, unacceptable, unsatisfying, unsuitable, unworthy, useless; CONCEPTS 529,558,570

**dissatisfied** [*adj*] *discontented, unhappy* annoyed, begrudging, bothered, complaining, crabby\*, critical, disaffected, disappointed, disgruntled, displeased, ennuied, envious, faultfinding, fed-up\*, fretful, fretting, frustrated, griping, grudging, grumbling, grumpy\*, insatiable, irked, jaundiced, jealous, kvetching\*, malcontent, malcontented, not satisfied, offended, picky, plaintive, put-out\*, querulous, sniveling, sulky, sullen, unappased, unassuaged, unfulfilled, ungratified, unsated, unsatisfied, vexed; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* contented, fulfilled, gratified, happy, pleased, satisfied

**dissect** [*v*] *cut up; take apart* anatomize, break up, cut, dichotomize, disjoin, disjoin, dislimb, dismember, dissever, divide, excise, excise, lay open, operate, part, prosect, quarter, section, sever, slice, sunder; CONCEPTS 98,176 —*Ant.* connect, join, mend, sew

**dissect** [*v*] *analyze* anatomize, break down, decompose, decompound, examine, explore, inquire about, inspect, investigate, resolve, scrutinize, study; CONCEPT 24

**dissection** [*n*] *cutting up, particularly of a dead body* anatomization, anatomy, autopsy, dismemberment, examination, necropsy, operation, postmortem, vivisection; CONCEPTS 176,310 —*Ant.* connection, joining, mending, sewing

**dissection** [*n*] *thorough analysis* breakdown, breakup, criticism, critique, examination, inquest, inspection, investigation, resolution, review, scrutiny, study; CONCEPTS 24,290

**dissemble** [*v*] *disguise, pretend* affect, camouflage, cloak, conceal, counterfeit, cover, cover up, dissimulate, doublespeak\*, double-talk\*, dress up, fake, falsify, feign, four-flush\*, hide, let on\*, make like\*, mask, pass, play possum\*, pussyfoot\*, put on a false front\*, put on a front\*, put on an act\*, put up a front\*, put up a smoke screen\*, sham\*, shroud, shuck and jive\*, signify, simulate, stonewall\*, whitewash\*; CONCEPTS 59,188,716 —*Ant.* admit, allow

**disseminate** [*v*] *distribute, scatter* advertise, announce, annunciate, blaze, blazon, broadcast, circulate, declare, diffuse, disject, disperse, dissipate, proclaim, promulgate, propagate, publicize, publish, radiate, sow, spread, strew; CONCEPTS 108,140,201,222 —*Ant.* collect, gather

**dissemination** [*n*] *distribution* airing, broadcasting, circulation, diffusion, dissipation, promulgation, propagation, publication, publishing, spread; CONCEPTS 651,746 —*Ant.* collection, gathering

**dissension** [*n*] *conflict of opinion* altercation, argument, bad vibes\*, bickering, clinker\*, contention, controversy, difference, discord, disagreement, discord, discordance, dispute, dissent, dissidence, disunity, faction, factionalism, flak\*, friction, fuss, quarrel, scene, sour note\*, static, strife, trouble, variance, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,278,665 —*Ant.* agreement, approval, authorization, concurrence, confirmation, peace, ratification

**dissent** [*n*] *disagreement, disapproval* bone\*, bone of contention\*, bone to pick\*, clinker\*, conflict, contention, denial, difference, discord, discord, dissension, dissidence, disunity, far cry\*, flak\*, hassle, heresy, heterodoxy, misbelief, nonagreement, nonconcurrence, nonconformism, nonconformity, nope\*, objection, opposition, poles apart\*, protest, refusal, resistance, schism, sour note\*, spat, split, strife, unorthodoxy, variance; CONCEPTS 29,665,689 —*Ant.* agreement, approval, authorization, concurrence, endorsement, ratification, sanction

**dissident** [*v*] *disagree* argue, balk, break with, buck, contradict, decline, demur, differ, discord, discord, divide, fly in the face of\*, object, oppose, pettifog, protest, put up a fight\*, put up an argument, refuse, say not a chance\*, say nothing doing\*, say no way\*, shy, stickle, vary, wrangle; CONCEPTS 21,46 —*Ant.* agree, approve, assent, authorize, concur, consent, endorse, ratify, sanction

**dissertation** [*n*] *scholarly thesis* argumentation, commentary, critique, discourse, disputation, disquisition, essay, exposition, memoir, monograph, tractate, treatise; CONCEPTS 271,287

**disservice** [*n*] *unkindness* bad turn, detriment, disfavor, harm, hurt, injury, injustice, insult, outrage, prejudice, wrong; CONCEPTS 309,645,674 —*Ant.* benevolence, favor, giving, good turn, kindness, service

**dissidence** [*n*] *difference of opinion* bad vibes\*, contention, discord, disagreement, discordance, disharmony, dispeace, dispute, dissension, dissent, feud, heresy, heterodoxy, misbelief, nonconformism, nonconformity, rupture, schism, sour note\*, strife, unorthodoxy; CONCEPTS 278,633,689 —*Ant.* agreement, harmony, peace

**dissident** [*adj*] *disagreeing, differing* discordant, dissenting, dissenting, heretical, heterodox, nonconformist, schismatic, sectarian, unorthodox; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* agreeing, conforming

**dissident** [*n*] *person who holds different belief* agitator, dissenter, heretic, misbeliever, nonconformist, protester, rebel, recusant, schismatic, schismatic, sectary, separatist; CONCEPTS 359,423 —*Ant.* yes-man

**dissimilar** [*adj*] *not alike; not capable of comparison* antithetical, antonymous, contradictory, contrary, different, disparate, distant, divergent, diverse, far cry\*, heterogeneous, individual, like night and day\*, march to a different drummer\*, mismatched, mismatched, not similar, off-beat, opposite, poles apart\*, unequal, unique, unlike, unrelated, unsimilar, various, weird\*; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* alike, compatible, equal, matched, related, same, similar

**dissimilarity** [*n*] *unlikeness* alterity, contrast, difference, discord, discordance, discrepancy, disparity, dissemblance, dissimilitude, distance, distinction, divarication, divergence, divergency, diversity, heterogeneity, incomparability, incongruity, inconsistency, inconsonance, nonuniformity, offset, otherness, separation, severance, unrelatedness, variance, variation; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* compatibility, equality, likeness, relatedness, sameness, similarity

**dissimulate** [*v*] *conceal, disguise* beard\*,

camouflage, cloak, deceive, dissemble, dress up, fake, feign, hide, make-believe, mask, present a false face\*, present a false front\*, pretend; CONCEPTS 59,172,188 —*Ant.* be honest

**dissipate** [*v*] *expend, spend* be wasteful with, blow\*, burn up\*, consume, deplete, dump\*, fritter away, indulge oneself, kiss goodbye\*, lavish, misspend, misuse, run through, squander, throw away, trifle away, use up, waste; CONCEPTS 156,169 —*Ant.* accumulate, collect, gather, hoard, save

**dissipate** [*v*] *disappear* dispel, disperse, dissolve, drive away, evanesce, evaporate, melt away, run dry, scatter, spread, vanish; CONCEPTS 105,469 —*Ant.* appear

**dissipated** [*adj*] *used up* blown, burnt out\*, consumed, destroyed, exhausted, gone bad\*, gone to seed\*, gone to the dogs\*, hellbent\*, intemperate, profligate, rakish, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* conservative, unselfish, virtuous

**dissipation** [*n*] *amusement, entertainment, occasionally to excess* bender\*, binge, blow-out, bust\*, celebration, circus, distraction, diversion, divertissement, gratification, party, recreation, self-indulgence, tear\*, tooth\*, wingding\*; CONCEPTS 363,386

**dissipation** [*n*] *wantonness* abandonment, debauchery, dissoluteness, dissolution, drunkenness, evil, excess, extravagance, free-living, high-living\*, indulgence, intemperance, lavishness, life in the fast lane\*, prodigality, profligacy, self-gratification, squandering, to hell in handbasket\*, waste; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* unselfishness, virtue

**dissipation** [*n*] *disappearance* diffusion, disintegration, dispersal, dispersion, dissemination, dissolution, distribution, emission, extravagance, improvidence, radiation, scattering, spread, vanishing, wastage, waste; CONCEPTS 230,651,720 —*Ant.* appearance

**dissociate** [*v*] *part company with; separate* abstract, alienate, break off, detach, dissociate, disband, disconnect, disengage, disjoin, disperse, disrupt, distance, disunite, divide, divorce, estrange, isolate, quit, scatter, segregate, set apart, uncouple, unfix; CONCEPTS 135,384 —*Ant.* associate, attach, join

**dissociation** [*n*] *detachment, separation* break, disconnection, disengagement, disjunction, distancing, disunion, division, divorce, isolation, segregation, severance; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* association, attachment, connection, union

**dissolute** [*adj*] *lacking restraint, indulgent* abandoned, corrupt, debauched, degenerate, depraved, dissipated, evil, fast\*, fast and loose\*, gone bad\*, high living\*, intemperate, in the fast lane\*, lascivious, lax, lecherous, lewd, libertine, licentious, light, loose\*, nighthawk\*, night owl\*, on the take\*, open, player\*, profligate, raffish, rakish, reprobate, slack, swift, sybaritic, unconstrained, unprincipled, unrestrained, vicious, wanton, wayward, wicked, wild; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* chaste, good, moral, pure, resolute, respectful, virtuous

**dissolution** [*n*1] *separation, rupture* breaking up, detachment, disintegration, disunion, division, divorce, divorcement, parting, partition, resolution, split-up; CONCEPTS 230,388 —*Ant.* combination, connection, solution, unification

**dissolution** [*n*2] *death; destruction* adjournment, conclusion, curtains, decay, decease, decomposition, defunction, demise, disappearance, disbandment, discontinuation, dismissal, dispersal, end, ending, evaporation, extinction, finish, liquefaction, melting, overthrow, passing, quietus, release, resolution, ruin, silence, sleep, solution, suspension, termination; CONCEPTS 105,304,469,703 —*Ant.* beginning, commencement, construction, start

**dissolve** [*v*1] *melt from solid to liquid; mix* in defront, deliquesce, diffuse, fluidify, flux, fuse, liquefy, liquesce, render, run, soften, thaw, waste away; CONCEPTS 469,702 —*Ant.* coagulate, concentrate, solidify, unmix

**dissolve** [*v*2] *disappear, disintegrate* break down, break into pieces, break up, crumble, decline, decompose, diffuse, dilapidate, disband, disperse, dissipate, dwindle, evanesce, evaporate, fade, melt away, perish, separate, unmake, vanish, waste away; CONCEPTS 105,469 —*Ant.* appear, assemble, integrate, put together, unite

**dissolve** [*v*3] *annul, discontinue* abrogate, adjourn, annihilate, break up, cancel, collapse, decimate, demolish, destroy, destruct, discharge, dismiss, disorganize, disunite, divorce, do away with, end, eradicate, invalidate, loose, overthrow, postpone, put an end to, quash, render void, repeal, resolve into, ruin, separate, sever, shatter, shoot, suspend, terminate, unmake, vacate, void, wind up, wrack, wreck; CONCEPTS 121,234,252 —*Ant.* continue, marry, resolve

**dissuasion** [*n*1] *disagreement* antagonism, conflict, contention, controversy, difference, discord, discord, discrepancy, disharmony, disparity, dissension, dissidence, incongruity, inconsistency, strife, variance; CONCEPTS 278,665,689 —*Ant.* agreement, concord, harmony

**dissonance** [*n*2] *noise, discord* cacophony, harshness, jangle, jarring, unmelodiousness; CONCEPT 595 —*Ant.* accord, consonance, harmony, peacefulness, resonance

**dissonant** [*adj*1] *different, conflicting* anomalous, at variance, differing, disagreeing, dissonant, discordant, discrepant, dissentient, incompatible, incongruent, incongruous, inconsistent, inconstant, irreconcilable, irregular, sour note\*, unmixable; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* coinciding, compatible, complementary, consonant, similar

**dissonant** [*adj*2] *unharmonious* cacophonous, cacophonous, discordant, disharmonic, disharmonious, grating, harsh, inharmonic, inharmonious, jangling, jarring, out of tune, raucous, strident, tuneless, unmelodious, unmusical; CONCEPTS 592,594 —*Ant.* concordant, harmonious

**dissuade** [*v*] *talk out of advise* against, caution against, chicken out\*, counsel, cry out against, deprecate, derail, deter, disadvise, discourage, disincline, divert, exhort, expostulate, faze, hinder, lean on\*, persuade not to, prevent, prick, put off, remonstrate, throw a wet blanket on\*, throw cold water on\*, throw off, thwart,

turn off\*, urge not to, warn; CONCEPTS 68,78 —*Ant.* incite, persuade, talk into

**distance** [*n*1] *interval, range* absence, ambit, amplitude, area, bit, breadth, compass, country mile\*, expanse, extension, extent, farness, far piece\*, gap, good ways\*, heavens, hinterland, horizon, lapse, length, objective, orbit, outpost, outskirts, provinces, purlieu, purview, radius, reach, remoteness, remove, scope, separation, size, sky, space, span, spread, stretch, sweep, way, width; CONCEPTS 651,739,790

**distance** [*n*2] *aloofness* coldness, coolness, frigidity, reserve, restraint, stiffness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* affection, friendliness, sympathy, warmth

**distance** [*v*] *dissociate oneself; leave behind* break away from the pack, outdo, outpace, outrun, outstrip, pass, put in proportion, separate oneself; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* associate, be friendly, go to

**distant** [*adj*1] *faraway* abroad, abstracted, apart, a piece, arm's length\*, asunder, away, backwoods, beyond range, far, far back, far-flung, far-off, farther, further, inaccessible, indirect, in the background, in the boonies\*, in the distance, in the sticks\*, isolated, middle of nowhere\*, not home\*, obscure, outlying, out of earshot\*, out of range, out of reach, out-of-the-way, remote, removed, retired, secluded, secret, separate, sequestered, telescopic, unapproachable, ways\*, wide of\*, yonder\*; CONCEPTS 576,778 —*Ant.* adjacent, close, near, nearby, neighboring

**distant** [*adj*2] *aloof* arrogant, ceremonious, cold, cool, formal, haughty, insouciant, laid back, modest, offish, on ice\*, proud, put on airs\*, remote, reserved, restrained, reticent, retiring, shy, solitary, standoff, standoffish, stiff, stuck-up\*, unapproachable, uncompanionable, unconcerned, unfriendly, unsociable, uppity\*, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* friendly, kind, sympathetic, warm

**distaste** [*n*] *dislike, hate* abhorrence, antipathy, aversion, detestation, disfavor, disgust, disinclination, displeasure, disrelish, dissatisfaction, hatred, horror, hostility, indisposition, loathing, repugnance, repulsion, revolt, revulsion; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* desire, like, love, loving

**distasteful** [*adj*] *repulsive, unpleasant* abhorrent, abominable, afflictive, bitter, detestable, disagreeable, dislikable, displeasing, flat, flavorless, galling, grievous, grody\*, gross\*, hateful, icky\*, insipid, loathsome, nauseous, objectionable, obnoxious, odious, offensive, painful, repellent, repugnant, savorless, tasteless, unappetizing, undesirable, uninviting, unlikable, unpalatable, unsavory, yicky\*, yucky\*; CONCEPTS 529,589,613 —*Ant.* agreeable, delectable, delicious, palatable, pleasant, pleasing

**distend** [*v*] *bulge, swell* amplify, augment, balloon, bloat, dilate, distort, enlarge, expand, increase, inflate, lengthen, puff, stretch, widen; CONCEPTS 157,469,780 —*Ant.* cave in, contract, deflate, fall, shrink

**distended** [*adj*] *swollen* bloated, bulging, enlarged, expanded, inflated, puffed out, puffy, stretched, tumescent, tumid, turgid; CONCEPT 485

**distill** [*v*] *make pure; draw out something* boil



down, brew, clarify, concentrate, condense, cook, cut, cut down, cut to the bone\*, dribble, drip, drop, evaporate, express, extract, ferment, get to the meat\*, infuse, precipitate, press, press out, purify, rarefy, rectify, refine, squeeze out, steam, sublimate, trickle, trim, vaporize, volatilize; CONCEPTS 165,170,211,219 —*Ant.* dirty, pollute

**distillation** [*n*] *distillate* cleansing, purification, refining; CONCEPTS 165,367

**distinct** [*adj*1] *apparent, obvious* audible, categorical, clean-cut, clear, clear-cut, decided, definite, enunciated, evident, explicit, express, incisive, lucid, manifest, marked, noticeable, palatable, patent, perspicuous, plain, prescribed, recognizable, sharp, sharp-cut, specific, transparent, trenchant, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable, well-defined; CONCEPTS 535, 591,619 —*Ant.* ambiguous, fuzzy, hazy, indistinct, obscure, undefined, vague

**distinct** [*adj*2] *different; unconnected* detached, discrete, disparate, dissimilar, distinctive, disunited, divergent, diverse, especial, individual, offbeat, particular, peculiar, poles apart\*, separate, separated, several, single, sole, special, specific, unassociated, unattached, unique, various; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* connected, like, resembling, similar

**distinction** [*n*1] *differentiation; feature* acumen, acuteness, alterity, analysis, characteristic, clearness, contrast, diagnosis, difference, differential, discernment, discrepancy, discreteness, discretion, discrimination, dissemblance, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, divergence, divergency, division, earmark, estimation, individuality, judgment, mark, marking, nicety, otherness, particularity, peculiarity, penetration, perception, qualification, quality, refinement, sensitivity, separation, sharpness, tact, unlikeness; CONCEPTS 411,665

**distinction** [*n*2] *prominence; achievement* accolade, account, award, badge, bays, celebrity, consequence, credit, decoration, eminence, excellence, fame, flair, greatness, illustriousness, importance, kudos, laurels, manner, merit, name, note, perfection, preeminence, prestige, quality, rank, renown, reputation, repute, style, superiority, worth; CONCEPTS 388,671,706 —*Ant.* insignificance, lowliness, mediocrity, unimportance

**distinctive** [*adj*] *different, unique* characteristic, cool, diacritic, diagnostic, discrete, distinguishing, excellent, extraordinary, far cry, gnarly\*, idiosyncratic, individual, like night and day\*, offbeat, original, outstanding, peculiar, perfect, poles apart\*, proper, separate, single, singular, special, superior, typical, uncommon, unreal, weird, wicked; CONCEPTS 564,574 —*Ant.* common, normal, resembling, same, similar, standard

**distinguish** [*v*1] *tell the difference* analyze, ascertain, categorize, characterize, classify, collate, decide, demarcate, determinate, determine, diagnose, diagnosticate, differentiate, discriminate, divide, estimate, extricate, figure out, finger\*, identify, individualize, individuate, judge, know, label, make out, mark, mark off, name, part, pinpoint, place, qualify, recognize, select, separate, set apart, set off, sift, signalize, single out, singularize, sort out, specify, spot,

tag, tell apart, tell between, tell from; CONCEPTS 15,18,38

**distinguish** [*v*2] *discern, identify* beam\*, catch, descry, detect, dig, discover, discriminate, eye, eyeball\*, flash\*, focus, get a load of\*, get an eyeful\*, know, make out, mark, note, notice, observe, perceive, pick out, pick up on\*, read, recognize, remark, see, spot, spy, take in, tell, view; CONCEPTS 38,626

**distinguish** [*v*3] *make famous* acknowledge, admire, celebrate, dignify, honor, immortalize, pay tribute to, praise, signalize; CONCEPT 69

**distinguished** [*adj*] *famous, outstanding* acclaimed, aristocratic, arresting, big name\*, brilliant, celebrated, conspicuous, dignified, distingué, eminent, especial, esteemed, extraordinary, famed, foremost, glorious, great, highly regarded, honored, illustrious, imposing, marked, memorable, name, noble, nonpareil, notable, noted, noteworthy, peerless, prominent, remarkable, renowned, reputable, royal, salient, shining, signal, singular, special, stately, striking, superior, talked of, unforgettable, venerable, well-known; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* common, insignificant, ordinary, standard, unextraordinary, unknown

**distort** [*v*] *deform; falsify* alter, angle, belie, bend, bias, buckle, change, collapse, color, con, contort, crush, curve, deceive, decline, deteriorate, deviate, disfigure, doctor\*, fake, fudge\*, garble, gnarl, knot, lie, make out like, mangle, melt, misconstrue, misinterpret, misrepresent, misshape, pervert, phony up\*, put one on, sag, scam\*, slant, slump, snow\*, torture, trump up\*, twist, warp, whitewash\*, wind, wrench, writhe; CONCEPTS 63,137,232, 250 —*Ant.* beautify, shape nicely, straight

**distortion** [*n*] *deformity; falsification* baloney\*, bend, bias, BS\*, buckle, coloring, contortion, crock, crookedness, exaggeration, intorsion, jazz\*, jive\*, lie, line, malconformation, malformation, misinterpretation, misrepresentation, misshape, misstatement, misuse, mutilation, perversion, slant, smoke\*, story\*, tall story\*, torture, twist, twistedness, warp; CONCEPTS 63,580 —*Ant.* beauty, clarity, perfection

**distraction** [*v*] *divert attention; confuse* abstract, addle, agitate, amuse, befuddle, beguile, bewilder, call away, catch flies\*, confound, derange, detract, discompose, disconnect, disturb, divert, draw away, engross, entertain, fluster, frenzy, harass, lead astray\*, lead away, madden, mislead, mix up, occupy, perplex, puzzle, side-track, stall, throw off\*, torment, trouble, turn aside, unbalance, unshine\*; CONCEPTS 14,16 —*Ant.* clarify, explain

**distraction** [*n*] *having one's attention drawn away* aberration, abstraction, agitation, amusement, beguilement, bewilderment, commotion, complication, confusion, disorder, dissipation, disturbance, diversion, divertimento, engrossment, entertainment, frenzy, game, interference, interruption, pastime, perplexity, preoccupation, recreation; CONCEPTS 293,410,532,690

**distraught** [*adj*] *very upset, worked-up* addled, agitated, anxious, beside oneself, bothered, concerned, confused, crazed\*, crazy, discomposed, distracted, distrait, distressed, flustered, frantic, harassed, hysterical, in a panic, like a chicken

with its head cut off\*, mad, muddled, nonplussed, nuts\*, out of one's mind\*, overwrought, perturbed, rattled, raving, shook up, thrown\*, tormented, troubled, unglued\*, unscrewed\*, unzipped\*, wild, worried; CONCEPTS 401,403,690 —*Ant.* calm, gladdened, happy, pleased, untroubled

**distress** [n1] *pain, agony* ache, affliction, anguish, anxiety, bad news\*, blues\*, care, concern, cross, dejection, desolation, disappointment, discomfort, disquietude, dolor, embarrassment, grief, headache, heartache, heartbreak, irritation, malaise, misery, mortification, ordeal, pang, perplexity, sadness, shame, sorrow, stew, suffering, throe, torment, torture, trial, tribulation, trouble, twinge, unconsolability, unhappiness, vexation, visitation, woe, worry, wretchedness; CONCEPTS 410, 532 —*Ant.* comfort, happiness, health, pleasure

**distress** [n2] *hardship, adversity* bad luck, bumper\*, calamity, can of worms\*, catastrophe, crunch\*, destitution, difficulty, disaster, downer\*, drag\*, exigency, hard knocks\*, hard time\*, holy mess\*, hot water\*, indigence, jam\*, misfortune, need, pickle\*, pinch\*, poverty, privation, rigor, rotten luck\*, scrape\*, straits, throe, ticklish spot\*, tough break\*, tough luck\*, trial, trouble, unholy mess\*, vicissitude, want; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, miracle

**distress** [v] *worry, upset* afflict, aggrieve, agonize, ail, be on one's case\*, bother, break, bug, burn up, depress, desolate, discombobulate\*, disquiet, disturb, do a number on\*, dog\*, eat\*, get\*, get to\*, give a hard time\*, grieve, harass, harry, hound, hurt, injure, irk, irritate, make it tough for\*, miff, nag, needle, nit-pick, oppress, pain, peeve, perplex, pester, pick on, plague, push, push buttons\*, rack, sadden, strain, strap, stress, tick off\*, torment, torture, trouble, try, vex, weigh, wound; CONCEPTS 7,19,313 —*Ant.* assist, calm, comfort, help, soothe

**distressed** [adj] *upset* afflicted, agitated, all torn up\*, antsy, anxious, basket case\*, bothered, bugged, bummed out\*, bundle of nerves\*, concerned, cut up\*, discombobulated\*, disconsolate, distracted, distrait, distraught, dragged, exercised, fidgety, harassed, hyper\*, in a stew\*, in a tizzy\*, inconsolable, jittery, jumpy, miffed, peeved, perturbed, ripped\*, saddened, shaky, shook\*, shook up\*, shot down\*, spooked\*, strung out\*, tormented, troubled, unconsolable, unglued\*, up the wall\*, uptight\*, wired, worried, wrecked\*, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* calm, collected, comforted, glad, happy, joyful

**distress signal** [n] *alarm* burglar alarm, call for help\*, danger signal, fire alarm, mayday, SOS, warning signal; CONCEPTS 269,463

**distribute** [v1] *allocate, deliver, spread* administer, allot, apportion, appropriate, assign, bestow, circulate, consign, convey, cut up, deal, deal out, diffuse, disburse, dish out\*, dispense, disperse, dispose, disseminate, divide, divvy up\*, dole out\*, donate, endow, fork out\*, give, give away, hand out, issue, lot out, measure out, mete, parcel, partition, pass out, pay out, present, prorate, radiate, ration, scatter, share, shell out\*, slice up, sow, strew; CONCEPTS 98,140,217 —*Ant.* collect, gather, hoard, hold, keep, maintain, preserve, store

**distribute** [v2] *classify* arrange, assort, categorize, class, file, group, order; CONCEPT 84

**distribution** [n1] *allocation, dispersion* administration, allotting, allotment, apportioning, apportionment, assessment, assigning, circulating, circulation, dealing, delivery, diffusion, dispensation, dispersal, disposal, disposing, dissemination, dissipating, division, dole, handing out, handling, mailing, marketing, partition, partitioning, propagation, prorating, rationing, scattering, sharing, spreading, trading, transport, transportation; CONCEPTS 98,140,217 —*Ant.* collection, gathering, hoard, hoarding, maintenance, store

**distribution** [n2] *classification* arrangement, assortment, disposal, disposition, grouping, location, order, ordering, organization, placement, sequence; CONCEPTS 109,727

**distributor** [n] *wholesaler* dealer, jobber, merchandiser, middleperson, salesperson, trader; CONCEPT 347

**district** [n] *geographical area* commune, community, department, locale, locality, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, parcel, parish, precinct, quarter, region, section, sector, stomping ground\*, territory, turf\*, vicinage, vicinity, ward; CONCEPT 508

**distrust** [n] *lack of faith in something* disbelief, doubt, misdoubt, misgiving, mistrust, qualm, question, skepticism, suspicion, wariness; CONCEPTS 21,689 —*Ant.* assurance, belief, certainty, confidence, credit, faith, surety, trust

**distrust** [v] *be suspicious, skeptical of* be wary of, disbelieve, discredit, doubt, misbelieve, mistrust, question, smell a rat\*, suspect, wonder about; CONCEPT 21 —*Ant.* be confident, believe, credit, trust

**distrustful** [adj] *disbelieving* been hit before\*, cagey, cautious, chary, cynical, doubtful, doubtful, dubious, fearful, jealous, leery, mistrustful, skeptical, suspicious, uneasy, uptight, wary; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* assured, believing, certain, faithful, trustful, trusting, unsuspecting

**disturb** [v1] *bother, upset* afflict, agitate, ail, alarm, amaze, annoy, arouse, astound, badger, burn up\*, complicate, confound, confuse, depress, discompose, dishearten, disrupt, distract, distress, excite, fluster, frighten, gall, grieve, harass, interfere, interrupt, intrude, irk, irritate, make uneasy, molest, muddle, outrage, pain, perplex, perturb, pester, pique, plague, provoke, puzzle, rattle, rouse, ruffle, shake, shake up\*, startle, tire, trouble, unhinge\*, unnerve, unsettle, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* appease, calm, comfort, pacify, quiet, reassure, soothe

**disturb** [v2] *disorder* dislocate confuse, derange, disarrange, disarray, discompose, disorganize, displace, distort, foul up\*, interfere, jumble, louse up\*, mess up, mix up, move, muddle, remove, replace, shift, tamper, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 84,137,250 —*Ant.* arrange, locate, order, organize, sort

**disturbance** [n] *commotion*; *upset* agitation, annoyance, big scene\*, big stink\*, bother, brawl, brouhaha, clamor, confusion, convulsion, derangement, disarrangement, disorder, disruption, distraction, eruption, explosion, ferment, fisticuffs, flap, fracas, fray, fuss, hindrance, hubbub, hullabaloo\*, insurrection,

interruption, intrusion, molestation, perturbation, quake, quarrel, racket, rampage, restlessness, riot, ruckus, rumble, shock, spasm, stink\*, stir\*, storm, to-do\*, tremor, tumult, turmoil, upheaval, uprising, uproar, violence; CONCEPTS 388,410,674,720 —*Ant.* calm, order, peace, quiet, tranquility

**ditch** [*n*] *gully* canal, channel, chase, cut, dike, drain, excavation, furrow, gutter, mine, moat, trench, watercourse; CONCEPTS 509,513

**ditch** [*v*] *get rid of* abandon, desert, discard, dispose of, drop, dump\*, eighty-six\*, forsake, jettison, junk\*, leave, reject, scrap\*, throw away, throw out, throw overboard\*; CONCEPT 180 —*Ant.* pick up

**ditsy** [*adj*] *silly* airbrained, airheaded, daffy\*, dippy\*, dippy\*, dizzy\*, dopey, eccentric, empty, giddy, goofy\*, inane, kooky\*, rattle-brained, scatterbrained; CONCEPTS 314,401

**ditto** [*n*] *the same; duplicate* clone, copy, double, duplication, facsimile, likewise, reproduction, the above, the very words\*; CONCEPTS 664,667,716

**ditty** [*n*] *song* ballad, composition, jingle, tune; CONCEPT 595

**ditz** [*n*] *scatterbrain* airbrained, airhead, bird-brain\*, dingbat\*, fluffhead\*, ninny, rattlebrain, silly person, space case; CONCEPTS 412,423

**diva** [*n*] *prima donna* famous singer, lead singer, opera singer; CONCEPT 352

**dive** [*n1*] *descent, usually underwater* belly flop\*, dash, dip, duck, ducking, fall, header\* headlong\* jump, leap, lunge, nosedive, pitch, plunge, spring, submergence, submersion, swoop; CONCEPTS 147,181 —*Ant.* ascent, jump

**dive** [*n2*] *dirty, sleazy establishment* bar, bar-room, beer garden\* cabaret, dump, flea trap\*, flophouse\*, hangout, hole, honky-tonk\*, joint, lounge, night club, pool hall, pub, saloon, taproom, tavern; CONCEPT 449

**dive** [*v*] *descend, usually going underwater* belly flop\*, dip, disappear, drop, duck, fall, go headfirst, gutter, header\*, jump, leap, lunge, nose-dive, pitch, plumb, plummet, plunge, spring, submerge, swoop, vanish, vault; CONCEPTS 147,181,194 —*Ant.* ascend, go up, jump

**diverge** [*v1*] *go in different directions* bend, bifurcate, branch, branch off, depart, deviate, digress, divagate, divaricate, divide, excursion, fork, part, radiate, ramble, separate, split, spread, stray, swerve, veer, wander; CONCEPTS 195,738 —*Ant.* agree, converge, join, parallel

**diverge** [*v2*] *be different from; be at odds* argue, conflict, contrast, depart, deviate, differ, digress, disagree, disapprove, dissent, oppose, stray, swerve, turn aside, vary, wander; CONCEPTS 46,665 —*Ant.* agree, concur

**divergence** [*n*] *branching out; difference* aberration, alteration, alterity, crotch, deflection, departure, detour, deviation, digression, disagreeing, discrepancy, disparity, dissemblance, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, distinction, divagation, divergency, diversity, division, fork, mutation, otherness, parting, radiation, ramification, separation, turning, unlikeness, variety, varying; CONCEPTS 665,738 —*Ant.* accord, agreement, concord, convergence, harmony, sameness

**divergent** [*adj*] *differing* aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, antithetical, atypical, conflicting, contradictory, contrary, deviating, different, disagreeing, disparate, dissimilar, dissonant, distant, diverging, diverse, factional, factious, irregular, off-key, opposite, poles apart\*, separate, unlike, unequal, unlike, unnatural, unsimilar, untypical, variant, various; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* agreeing, convergent, similar

**diverse** [*adj*] *different; various* assorted, contradictory, contrary, contrasted, contrasting, contrastive, differing, discrete, disparate, dissimilar, distant, distinct, divergent, diversified, diversiform, incommensurable, like night and day\*, manifold, miscellaneous, mixed bag\*, multifarious, opposite, separate, several, sundry, unlike, unequal, unlike, varied, varying; CONCEPTS 564,772 —*Ant.* alike, conforming, identical, like, parallel, similar, uniform

**diversify** [*v*] *spread out; branch out* alter, assort, change, expand, mix, modify, transform, variegate, vary; CONCEPTS 232,697 —*Ant.* conform, stay same, unvary

**diversion** [*n1*] *change in a course, path* aberration, alteration, deflection, departure, detour, deviation, digression, divergence, fake out\*, red herring\*, tuning, variation; CONCEPTS 501, 738 —*Ant.* conforming, staying

**diversion** [*n2*] *entertainment, recreation* amusement, ball, beguilement, delectation, delight, disport, dissipation, distraction, diversissement, enjoyment, field day\*, frivolity, fun, fun and games\*, game, gratification, grins\*, high time\*, hoopla\*, laughs\*, levity, merry-go-round\*, pastime, picnic\*, play, pleasure, relaxation, relish, sport, whoopee\*; CONCEPTS 292,363,386 —*Ant.* chore, task, vocation, work

**diversity** [*n*] *variety, difference* assortment, dissimilarity, distinction, distinctiveness, divergence, diverseness, diversification, heterogeneity, medley, mixed bag\*, multiteity, multifariousness, multiformity, multiplicity, range, unlikeness, variance, variegation, variousness; CONCEPTS 651,665 —*Ant.* identicalness, sameness, similarity, uniformity

**divert** [*v1*] *turn a different direction* alter, avert, change, deflect, modify, pivot, redirect, sheer, swerve, switch, turn aside, veer, volte-face, wheel, whip, whirl; CONCEPTS 187,213 —*Ant.* be direct, keep to, maintain, stay

**divert** [*v2*] *amuse, entertain* beguile, break one up\*, delight, fracture one\*, get one's jollies\*, gladden, gratify, knock 'em dead\*, make happy, panic, please, put 'em away\*, recreate, regale, relax, slay, tickle, wow; CONCEPT 9 —*Ant.* anger, irritate, make mad, upset

**divert** [*v3*] *take attention away* abstract, attract attention, bend the rules\*, catch flies\*, circumlocute, detach, deter, detract, disadvice, discourage, disengage, dissuade, distract, disturb, draw away, get around, lead astray, lead away, send on a wild-goose chase\*, sidetrack, stall; CONCEPTS 7,19,22

**divest** [*v*] *dispossess; take off* bankrupt, bare, bereave, bleed, denude, denude, deprive, despoil, disinherit, dismantle, disrobe, ditch\*, doff, dump, eighty-six\*, lose, milk\*, oust, plunder, remove, rob, seize, spoil, strip, take from, unclothe, uncover, undress, unload; CONCEPTS

139,142,211 —*Ant.* clothe, cover, invest, possess, take

**divide** [*v1*] *separate, disconnect* abscond, bisect, branch, break, break down, carve, chop, cleave, cross, cut, cut up, demarcate, detach, dichotomize, disengage, disentangle, disjoin, dislocate, dismember, dissect, dissever, dissociate, dissolve, disunite, divorce, halve, intersect, isolate, loose, part, partition, pull away, quarter, rend, rupture, section, segment, segregate, sever, shear, split, subdivide, sunder, tear, unbind, undo; CONCEPTS 98,135,137

—*Ant.* append, attach, collect, combine, connect, couple, gather, join, link, unite  
**divide** [*v2*] *distribute* allocate, allot, apportion, articulate, cut, cut in\*, cut one in\*, cut up, deal, deal out, disburse, dish out\*, dispense, disperse, divvy up\*, dole out\*, factor, fork out\*, go fifty-fifty\*, hand out, hand over, lot out, measure out, parcel, partition, piece up, portion, prorate, quota, ration, share, shell out\*, shift, slice, slice up, split up; CONCEPTS 98,140

—*Ant.* hold, keep, maintain, retain  
**divide** [*v3*] *put in order; classify* arrange, categorize, grade, group, separate, sort; CONCEPT 84 —*Ant.* disarrange, disorganize  
**divide** [*v4*] *disagree, alienate* break up, cause to disagree, come between, differ, disaccord, dissent, disunite, estrange, part, pit against, separate, set against, set at odds\*, sow dissension\*, split, vary; CONCEPTS 46,266 —*Ant.* agree, convince, persuade

**dividend** [*n*] *one's share, profit* allotment, allowance, appropriation, bonus, carrot\*, check, coupon, cut\*, dispensation, divvy\*, extra, gain, gravy\*, guerdon, interest, lagniappe\*, meed, pay, portion, premium, prize, proceeds, remittance, returns, reward, surplus, taste\*; CONCEPTS 337,344 —*Ant.* loss  
**divination** [*n*] *fortune-telling* augury, clairvoyance, horoscopy, occultism, palmistry, prediction, premonition, prognostication, prophecy, soothsaying; CONCEPTS 70,278,689

**divine** [*adj*] *godlike, perfect* all-powerful, almighty, ambrosial, angelic, anointed, beatific, beautiful, blissful, celestial, consecrated, deific, deistic, eternal, exalted, excellent, glorious, godly, hallowed, heavenly, holy, immaculate, magnificent, marvelous, mystical, omnipotent, omnipresent, omniscient, rapturous, religious, sacramental, sacred, sacrosanct, sanctified, spiritual, splendid, superhuman, superlative, supernatural, supreme, theistic, transcendent, transcendental, transmundane, unearthly, wonderful; CONCEPTS 568,574

**divine** [*v*] *prophecy* anticipate, apprehend, conjecture, deduce, discern, forebode, forefeel, foreknow, foresee, foretell, go out on a limb\*, guess, infer, intuit, perceive, predict, revise, prognosticate, see, see in the cards\*, suppose, surmise, suspect, take a shot\*, take a stab\*, understand, visualize; CONCEPT 28

**divinity** [*n*] *absolute being; divine nature* celestial, deity, genius, god, goddess, godhead, godhood, godliness, godship, guardian spirit, higher power, holiness, lord, prime mover, sanctity, spirit; CONCEPTS 368,370 —*Ant.* devil, evil

**division** [*n1*] *separation, disconnection* analysis, apportionment, autopsy, bisection, break-

ing, breaking down, breaking up, carving, contrasting, cutting up, demarcation, departmentalizing, detaching, detachment, diagnosis, disjunctive, dismemberment, disparting, disseverance, dissolution, distinguishing, distribution, disunion, disuniting, dividing, divorce, parceling, parting, partition, reduction, rending, rupture, segmentation, selection, separating, severance, splitting up, subdivision, vivisection; CONCEPTS 98,135 —*Ant.* accord, agreement, connection, unification, union, unity

**division** [*n2*] *something produced from separating* affiliate, associate, border, boundary, branch, category, chunk, class, compartment, cut, degree, demarcation, department, divide, dividend, divider, dividing line, divvy\*, end, fraction, fragment, grouping, head, kind, lobe, lump, member, moiety, offshoot, parcel, partition, piece, piece of action\*, portion, rake-off\*, ramification, section, sector, segment, share, slice, sort, split, subdivision, wedge; CONCEPTS 378,382,710,835 —*Ant.* system, whole

**division** [*n3*] *breach, estrangement* conflict, difference of opinion, difficulty, discord, disagreement, discord, disharmony, dispute, dissension, dissent, dissidence, dissonance, disunion, feud, rupture, split, trouble, variance, words; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* agreement, juncture, unification

**divisive** [*adj*] *dissenting* alienating, at odds, discordant, disruptive; CONCEPTS 401,537

**divorce** [*n*] *split-up of marriage* annulment, breach, break, breakup, decree nisi, demobilizing, detachment, disparateness, dissociation, dissolution, disunion, division, divorcement, on the rocks\*, parting of the ways\*, partition, rupture, separate maintenance, separation, severance, split, splitsville\*; CONCEPT 297 —*Ant.* marriage

**divorce** [*v*] *split up a marriage* annul, break up, cancel, disconnect, disjoin, dissever, dissociate, dissolve, disunite, divide, nullify, part, put away, separate, sever, split, sunder, unmarry; CONCEPT 297 —*Ant.* marry

**divulge** [*v*] *make known; confess* admit, betray, blab, blow the whistle\*, broadcast, communicate, cough up\*, declare, disclose, discover, exhibit, expose, fess up\*, give away, go public\*, gossip, impart, leak, let hair down\*, let slip\*, mouth, open up\*, own up\*, proclaim, promulgate, publish, reveal, spill, spill the beans\*, spring, tattle, tell, tip off\*, uncover; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, keep, secrete

**divvy up** [*v*] *divide* allocate, apportion, cut, cut up the pie\*, dole out, go halves\*, measure out, mete out, share, split; CONCEPTS 98,140

**dizzy** [*adj1*] *light-headed, confused* addled, befuddled, bemused, bewildered, blind, blinded, dazed, dazzled, distracted, disturbed, dumb, dumbfounded, faint, gaga\*, giddy, groggy\*, hazy, light, muddled, off balance\*, out of control\*, punch-drunk\*, punchy\*, puzzled, reeling, shaky, slap-happy\*, staggered, staggering, swimming\*, tipsy, unsteady, upset, vertiginous, weak in the knees\*, weak-kneed\*, whirling, wobbly, woozy; CONCEPTS 314,480 —*Ant.* clear, clear-headed, unconfused

**dizzy** [*adj2*] *flighty, scatterbrained* capricious, changeable, crazy, empty-headed, fatuous,

feather-brained, fickle, foolish, frivolous, giddy, harebrained, heady, inane, light-headed, silly, skittish, unstable; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* clear-thinking, sensible, smart

**DNA** [*n*] *deoxyribonucleic acid* chromosome, gene, genetic code, heredity, nucleic acid, RNA; CONCEPT 648

**do** [*v1*] *carry out* accomplish, achieve, act, arrange, be responsible for, bring about, cause, close, complete, conclude, cook\*, create, determine, discharge, do one's thing\*, effect, end, engage in, execute, finish, fix, fulfill, get ready, get with it\*, go for it\*, look after, make, make ready, move, operate, organize, perform, prepare, produce, pull off\*, see to, succeed, take care of business\*, take on, transact, undertake, wind up\*, work, wrap up\*; CONCEPT 91 —*Ant.* defer, destroy, fail, idle, lose, miss, neglect, pass, put off, undo

**do** [*v2*] *be sufficient* answer, avail, be adequate, be enough, be good enough for, be of use, be useful, give satisfaction\*, pass muster\*, satisfy, serve, suffice, suit; CONCEPTS 646,656

**do** [*v3*] *figure out, solve* adapt, decipher, decode, interpret, puzzle out, render, resolve, translate, transliterate, transpose, work out; CONCEPT 15

**do** [*v4*] *act, behave* acquit oneself, appear, bear, carry, come on like\*, comport, conduct, demean, deport, discourse, enact, fare, get along, get by, give, go on, impersonate, make out\*, manage, muddle through\*, operate, perform, personate, play, playact, portray, present, produce, put on\*, quit, render the role, seem, stagger along\*; CONCEPT 633

**do** [*v5*] *travel, visit* cover, explore, journey, look at, pass through, stop in, tour, track, traverse; CONCEPT 224

**do** [*v6*] *cheat* beat, bilk, chouse, con, cozen, deceive, defraud, dupe, fleece\*, flimflam\*, gyp\*, hoax, overreach, swindle, take for a ride\*, trick; CONCEPT 59

**do away with** [*v*] *get rid of; destroy* abolish, bump off\*, cancel, discard, discontinue, do in\*, eliminate, exterminate, finish, kill, liquidate, murder, put an end to, put to death, remove, slaughter, slay, take away, wipe out\*; CONCEPTS 180,252 —*Ant.* build, construct, get, keep

**docile** [*adj*] *compliant, submissive* accommodat-ing, acquiescent, adaptable, agreeable, amenable, biddable, childlike, complacent, cool, docious, ductile, easily influenced, easy, easygoing, gentle, governable, humble, laid-back, manageable, meek, mellow, mild, obedient, obliging, orderly, pliable, pliant, quiet, resigned, soft, tame, teachable, tractable, usable, weak-kneed\*, well-behaved, willing, yielding; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* determined, headstrong, inflexible, intractable, obstinate, opinionated, stubborn, uncooperative, unyielding

**dock** [*n*] *waterfront* berth, embarkment, harbor, jetty, landing, landing pier, levee, lock, marina, pier, quay, slip, wharf; CONCEPT 439

**dock** [*v*] *land on the waterfront* anchor, berth, drop anchor, hook up, join, link up, moor, put in, rendezvous, tie up, unite; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* set sail, ship out

**docket** [*n*] *program, agenda* calendar, card, schedule, tab, tally, ticket, timetable; CONCEPT 271

**doctor** [*n*] *medical practitioner* bones\*, doc\*, expert, general practitioner, healer, intern, MD, medic, medical person, medico, physician, professor\*, quack\*, scientist, specialist, surgeon; CONCEPT 357 —*Ant.* patient

**doctor** [*v1*] *fix up, treat* administer, apply medication, attend, do up, fix, give treatment, medicate, mend, overhaul, patch up\*, rebuild, recondition, reconstruct, repair, revamp, supply; CONCEPTS 110,310 —*Ant.* harm, hurt, injure

**doctor** [*v2*] *adulterate, pervert* add to, alter, change, cut, deacon, debase, dilute, disguise, dope up\*, falsify, fudge\*, gloss, load, misrepresent, mix with, sophisticate, spike\*, tamper with, water down, weight; CONCEPT 240 —*Ant.* clean, purify

**doctrinaire** [*adj*] *dogmatic, opinionated* authoritarian, authoritative, biased, bigoted, bullheaded\*, dictative, dictatorial, dogged, fanatical, impractical, inflexible, insistent, magisterial, mulish, obstinate, one-sided, pertinacious, pigheaded\*, rigid, speculative, stiff-necked\*, stubborn, unrealistic; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* amenable, flexible, manageable, obedient, submissive

**doctrine** [*n*] *opinion; principle* article, article of faith, attitude, axiom, basic, belief, canon, concept, convention, conviction, credenda, creed, declaration, dogma, fundamental, gospel, implantation, inculcation, indoctrination, instruction, position, precept, pronouncement, propaganda, proposition, regulation, rule, statement, teaching, tenet, tradition, universal law, unwritten rule; CONCEPTS 688,689 —*Ant.* disbelief, heterodoxy, skepticism, unbelief

**document** [*n*] *written communication* archive, certificate, credentials, deed, diary, evidence, form, instrument, language, pages, paper, record, report, script, testimony, token; CONCEPT 271 —*Ant.* speech

**documentary** [*n*] *investigative report* account, broadcast, docudrama, feature, film, information, narrative; CONCEPTS 271,282

**odder** [*v*] *shake* quiver, shiver, shudder, stagger, sway, teeter, totter, tremble, wobble; CONCEPTS 150,152

**oddering** [*adj*] *aged, feeble* anile, decrepit, dotard, faltering, floundering, infirm, senile, shaky, tottering, trembling, unsteady, weak; CONCEPTS 314,488,578,797 —*Ant.* agile, young, youthful

**dodge** [*n*] *trick, feint* contrivance, device, machination, method, plan, plot, ploy, ruse, scheme, stratagem, strategy, subterfuge, wile; CONCEPT 660

**dodge** [*v*] *avoid* circumlocute, dark, deceive, ditch, duck, elude, equivocate, escape, evade, fence, fend off, fudge\*, get around, get out of, give the slip\*, hedge, juke, lurch, malingering, move to the side\*, parry, pussyfoot\*, put the move on\*, shake, shake off\*, shift, shirk, short-circuit, shuffle, sidestep, skip out on\*, skirt, slide, slip, swerve, tergiversate, tergiverse, trick, turn aside, weasel\*; CONCEPT 59,102 —*Ant.* confront, encounter, face, meet, stand up to

**doer** [*n*] *go-getter* achiever, busy person, dynamo\*, energetic person, man of action, motivator, mover and shaker\*, risk-taker, woman of action; CONCEPT 706

**doff** [v] *remove* cast off, discard, disrobe, peel, put aside, shed, shuck, slip off, strip, take off, undress; CONCEPTS 211,453

**do for** [v1] *destroy* defeat, deprive, finish, kill, ruin, shatter, slaughter, slay; CONCEPTS 238,252 —*Ant.* bear, create

**do for** [v2] *help* abet, aid, assist, benefact, care for, help out, lend a hand\*, look after, provide for, steady, support; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* deny, refuse

**dog** [n] *canine mammal* bitch, bowwow\*, cur, doggy, fido\*, flea bag\*, hound, man's best friend\*, mongrel, mutt, pooch\*, pup, puppy, stray, tail-wagger\*, tyke; CONCEPT 400

**dog** [v] *chase after*; *bother* bedog, haunt, hound, plague, pursue, shadow, tag, tail, track, trail, trouble; CONCEPT 207 —*Ant.* leave alone, let go

**dog-eat-dog** [adj] *competitive* aggressive, brutal, cutthroat, every person for themselves\*, fierce, ruthless, vicious; CONCEPT 542

**dogged** [adj] *determined, persistent* adamant, bullheaded\*, firm, hanging tough\*, hard-headed\*, hard-nosed\*, indefatigable, inexorable, inflexible, insistent, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, perseverant, perseverative, persevering, pertinacious, pigheaded\*, relentless, resolute, rigid, single-minded, staunch, steadfast, steady, stubborn, tenacious, tough nut\*, unbending, unflagging, unshakable, unyielding; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* indifferent, irresolute, undetermined, yielding

**dogleg** [n] *bend* curve, hairpin curve, sharp turn; CONCEPT 436

**dogma** [n] *belief, principle* article, article of faith, canon, conviction, credenda, credo, creed, doctrine, gospel, opinion, persuasion, precept, rule, teachings, tenet, view; CONCEPTS 688,689 —*Ant.* ambiguity, doubt, indecision, unbelief, uncertainty

**dogmatic** [adj1] *dictatorial, opinionated* arbitrary, arrogant, assertive, bigoted, bullheaded\*, categorical, cocksure\*, confident, definite, despotic, determined, dictative, doctrinaire, domineering, downright, egotistical, emphatic, fanatical, fascistic, formal, high and mighty\*, imperious, intolerant, magisterial, narrow-minded, obdurate, obstinate, one-sided, overbearing, peremptory, pigheaded\*, prejudiced, stiff-necked, stubborn, tenacious, tyrannical, unequivocal, wrong-headed; CONCEPTS 267, 542 —*Ant.* amenable, doubting, flexible, indecisive, manageable, obedient, questioning, skeptical, submissive

**dogmatic** [adj2] *based on absolute truth* a priori, as a matter of course, assertive, authoritarian, authoritative, axiomatic, by fiat, by natural law, by nature, canonical, categorical, deducible, deductive, derivable, doctrinaire, doctrinal, eternal, excathedra, formal, imperative, inevitable, on faith, oracular, orthodox, peremptory, positive, pragmatic, prophetic, reasoned, systematic, theoretical, unchangeable, unerring, unqualified; CONCEPTS 530,567, 582 —*Ant.* ambiguous, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, fluctuating, indecisive, not positive, uncertain, vacillating

**do-gooder** [n] *idealist* altruist, bleeding heart, good Samaritan, humanitarian, philanthropist, volunteer; CONCEPTS 416,423

**do in** [v] *destroy*; *exhaust* assassinate, bankrupt, bump off\*, butcher\*, cool\*, dilapidate, dispatch, do away with\*, eliminate, execute, fatigue, finish, frazzle\*, kill, knock out\*, liquidate, murder, put away\*, ruin, shatter, slaughter, slay, tire, wear out, weary, wreck; CONCEPTS 137,250,252 —*Ant.* bear, create, invent

**doing** [n] *achievement* accomplishing, accomplishment, achieving, act, action, carrying out, deed, execution, exploit, handiwork, implementation, performance, performing, thing; CONCEPT 706

**doings** [n] *actions* acts, affairs, deal, deed, events, goings-on, happenings, matters, proceeding; CONCEPT 1

**doldrums** [n] *depression* apathy, black mood\*, blahs\*, blue funk\*, blues\*, boredom, bummer\*, dejection, disinterest, dismal, downer, dullness, dumps\*, ennui, funk\*, gloom, inactivity, indifference, inertia, lassitude, letdown, listlessness, malaise, mopes\*, slump, stagnation, stupor, tedium, torpor, yawn\*; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* elation, gladness, glee, happiness, joy

**dole** [n] *allowance, allocation* allotment, alms, apportionment, benefit, charity, dispensation, distribution, division, donation, gift, grant, gratuity, handout, living wage, mite, modicum, parcel, pittance, portion, quota, relief, share, subsistence, trifle; CONCEPTS 337,344

**doleful** [adj] *depressing* afflicted, cast down, cheerless, crestfallen, dejected, depressed, dirgeful, dismal, dispirited, distressing, dolent, dolorous, down, downcast, downhearted, down in the mouth\*, dreary, forlorn, funereal, gloomy, grieving, lamentable, lugubrious, melancholy, mournful, painful, piteous, pitiful, plaintive, rueful, sad, somber, sorrowful, woebegone, woeful, wretched; CONCEPTS 403,529 —*Ant.* cheerful, elated, glad, gleeful, happy, joyful

**dole out** [v] *allocate, distribute* administer, allot, apportion, assign, deal, deal out, dispense, disperse, divide, divvy\*, give, hand out, lot, measure, mete, mete out, parcel, partition, share, share out; CONCEPTS 108,140 —*Ant.* collect, gather, hoard, hold

**doll** [n1] *toy person* baby, dolly, effigy, figure, figurine, manikin, marionette, model, moppet\*, puppet; CONCEPT 446

**doll** [n2] *generous person* darling, decent person, helpful person, honey\*, prince\*, sweetheart, sweetie; CONCEPTS 296,423

**doll** [n3] *attractive woman* angel, babe\*, bathing beauty, beauty queen, broad\*, bunny\*, centerfold, chick\*, cover girl, cupcake\*, cutie, cutiepie\*, dish\*, dollface, dreamboat\*, dream girl, fox\*, glamour girl, good-looking woman, honey\*, hot dish\*, hot number\*, peach\*, pin-up, raving beauty, sex bunny\*, sex kitten\*, sexpot\*, tomato\*; CONCEPTS 415,424

**dollar** [n] *paper money* ace\*, bank note, bill, buck\*, certificate, clam\*, cucumber\*, currency, folding money, greenback\*, legal tender, note, one-spot\*, single; CONCEPT 340 —*Ant.* change, coin

**dollop** [n] *lump* bit, blob, glob, gob, mass, piece, portion; CONCEPTS 432,786,835

**doll up** [v] *beautify oneself*; *dress up* deck out\*, fix up, gussy up\*, preen, primp, put on best

clothes, smarten up\*, spiff\*, spruce up\*;  
 CONCEPTS 162,167,202 —**Ant.** dress down  
**dolly** [n] *handtruck* carrier, cart, pushcart;  
 CONCEPTS 499,505  
**dolor** [n] *misery, anguish* agony, distress, grief,  
 heartache, heartbreak, passion, ruth, sadness,  
 sorrow, suffering; CONCEPT 410 —**Ant.** cheer,  
 happiness, hopeful  
**dolorous** [adj] *miserable, anguished* afflicted,  
 afflictive, calamitous, deplorable, dire, distressing,  
 doleful, dolent, dolesome, grievous, harrowing,  
 heart-rending, lamentable, lugubrious,  
 melancholy, mournful, painful, plaintive,  
 regrettable, rueful, ruthless, sad, sorrowful,  
 weobegone, woeful, wretched; CONCEPTS  
 401,403 —**Ant.** cheery, happy, hopeful  
**dolt** [n] *stupid person* airhead\*, blockhead\*,  
 boob\*, chump\*, dimwit\*, dodo\*, dope, dork\*,  
 dumbbell\*, dumdam\*, dunce, fool, goon\*,  
 idiot, ignoramus, lamebrain\*, lunkhead\*,  
 methead\*, nitwit\*, sap\*, simpleton, stupid,  
 yo-yo\*; CONCEPTS 412,423 —**Ant.** brain, genius  
**domain** [n] *area of expertise, rule* authority,  
 bailiwick, concern, demesne, department, discipline,  
 district, dominion, empire, estate, field,  
 home park\*, jurisdiction, land, neck of the  
 woods\*, occupation, orbit\*, power, province,  
 quarter, realm, region, scope, slot, specialty,  
 sphere, stomping grounds\*, terrain, territory,  
 turf, walk, wing; CONCEPTS 349,518,710  
**dome** [n] *arched part of ceiling* arcade, arch,  
 bubble, bulge, covering, cupola, mosque, roof,  
 span, top, vault; CONCEPT 440  
**domestic** [adj1] *household* calm, devoted,  
 domiciliary, family, home, homelike, home-  
 loving, homely, indoor, pet, private, sedentary,  
 settled, stay-at-home, subdued, submissive,  
 tame, trained, tranquil; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.**  
 business, industrial, office  
**domestic** [adj2] *not foreign* handcrafted, home-  
 grown, homemade, indigenous, inland, internal,  
 intestine, intramural, municipal, national, native;  
 CONCEPTS 536,549 —**Ant.** alien, foreign  
**domesticate** [v] *tame; habituate* acclimatize,  
 accustom, break, break in, breed, bring up, bust,  
 corral, domiciliate, familiarize, gentle, herd,  
 hitch, housetrain, naturalize, raise, reclaim,  
 round up, subdue, teach, train, yoke; CONCEPTS  
 202,285  
**domesticity** [n] *home life* domestication,  
 family life, staying at home; CONCEPT 516  
**domestic partner** [n] *live-in significant other*  
 beneficiary, cohabitant, companion, housemate,  
 longtime companion, lover, partner, spouse;  
 CONCEPT 414  
**domicile** [n] *human habitat* abode, accommoda-  
 tion, apartment, castle, commorancy, condo\*,  
 condominium, co-op, crash pad\*, dump,  
 dwelling, habitation, home, house, joint, legal  
 residence, mansion, pad\*, rack\*, residence,  
 residency, roof over head\*, roost\*, settlement;  
 CONCEPTS 439,516  
**dominance** [n] *supremacy* ascendancy, author-  
 ity, command, control, domination, dominion,  
 government, influence, paramountcy, power,  
 preeminence, preponderance, prepotence, pre-  
 potency, rule, sovereignty, sway, upper hand,  
 whip hand; CONCEPTS 376,668 —**Ant.** modesty,  
 subordination, weakness

**dominant** [adj1] *superior, controlling* ascen-  
 dant, assertive, authoritative, bossy, chief, com-  
 manding, demonstrative, despotic, domineering,  
 effective, first, foremost, governing, imperative,  
 imperious, leading, main, obtaining, outweighing,  
 overbalancing, overbearing, overpowering,  
 paramount, powerful, predominant, predomi-  
 nate, preeminent, preponderant, presiding, pre-  
 vailing, prevalent, principal, regnant, reigning,  
 ruling, sovereign, supreme, surpassing, tran-  
 scendent; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** humble, inferior,  
 modest, reserved, retiring, unaggressive, unas-  
 suming, uncontrolling  
**dominant** [adj2] *main, primary* capital, chief,  
 influential, major, number one\*, outstanding,  
 paramount, predominant, preeminent, prevail-  
 ing, prevalent, principal, prominent, stellar;  
 CONCEPT 568 —**Ant.** inferior, secondary,  
 subordinate  
**dominate** [v1] *govern, rule* boss, call the  
 shots\*, command, control, detract from,  
 dictate, direct, domineer, eclipse, handle,  
 have one's way\*, have upper hand\*, head,  
 hold sway over\*, influence, keep under  
 thumb\*, lay down the law\*, lead, lead by the  
 nose\*, manage, monopolize, outshine, over-  
 bear, overrule, overshadow, play first fiddle\*,  
 predominate, preponderate, prevail, prevail  
 over, reign, rule the roost\*, run, run the show\*,  
 sit on top of\*, subject, subjugate, superabound,  
 sway, tyrannize; CONCEPTS 94,117,298 —**Ant.**  
 follow, go along, submit, surrender, yield  
**dominate** [v2] *tower above* bestride, look  
 down upon, loom over, overlie, overlook,  
 overtop, stand over, survey; CONCEPTS 741,  
 752 —**Ant.** be below  
**domination** [n] *control; subjection* ascen-  
 dancy, authority, command, despotism,  
 dictatorship, dominance, dominion, influence,  
 jurisdiction, might, oppression, power, prepon-  
 derancy, prepotence, prepotency, repression,  
 rule, sovereignty, strings\*, subordination,  
 superiority, suppression, supremacy, sway,  
 tyranny; CONCEPT 376 —**Ant.** following,  
 submission, surrender, yielding  
**domineer** [v] *oppress; assume authority* be in  
 the saddle\*, bend, bluster, boss around\*, brow-  
 beat, bulldoze\*, bully\*, call the shots\*, domi-  
 nate, hector, henpeck\*, in the driver's seat\*,  
 intimidate, keep under thumb\*, kick around\*,  
 lead by the nose\*, menace, overbear, predomi-  
 nate, preponderate, prevail, push the buttons\*,  
 reign, rule, rule the roost\*, run the show\*,  
 run things\*, swagger, threaten, throw weight  
 around\*, tyrannize; CONCEPTS 14,94 —**Ant.**  
 follow, submit, surrender, yield  
**domineering** [adj] *oppressive, authoritarian*  
 arrogant, autocratic, bossy, coercive, crack the  
 whip\*, despotic, dictatorial, egotistic, high-  
 handed, imperative, imperial, imperious, in  
 driver's seat\*, insolent, iron-handed\*, on high  
 horse\*, overbearing, peremptory, tyrannical;  
 CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** submissive, surrendering,  
 yielding  
**dominion** [n] *area of rule; authority* ascen-  
 dancy, authorization, bailiwick, command,  
 commission, control, country, demesne,  
 district, domain, dominance, domination, em-  
 pire, enclave, field, government, jurisdiction,

management, power, preeminence, prepotence, prepotency, prerogative, privilege, property, province, realm, regency, regiment, regimentation, region, reign, rule, seniority, sovereignty, sphere, state, stomping grounds\*, supremacy, sway, terrain, territory, turf, walk; CONCEPTS 198,376,710 —*Ant.* outside

**donate** [*v*] *make a gift of* accord, ante up\*, award, bequeath, bestow, chip in\*, confer, contribute, devote, dole out\*, do one's part\*, feed the kitty\*, get in the act\*, get it up\*, give, give away, grant, hand out, lay on, pass the hat\*, present, provide, subscribe, sweeten the pot\*; CONCEPT 108 —*Ant.* keep, renege

**donation** [*n*] *gift a hand\**, aid, allowance, alms, appropriation, assistance, beneficence, beneficence, bequest, boon, charity, contribution, dole, do one's part\*, endowment, gifting, grant, gratuity, handout, help, helping hand\* largess, lump, offering, philanthropy, pittance, present, presentation, ration, relief, subscription, subsidy, subvention, write-off\*; CONCEPTS 337,340

**done** [*adj*] *accomplished, finished* all in\*, all over\*, a wrap\*, brought about, brought to pass, buttoned up\*, compassed, complete, completed, concluded, consummated, depleted, down, drained, effected, effete, ended, executed, exhausted, fixed, fulfilled, over, perfected, performed, realized, rendered, set, spent, succeeded, terminated, through, used up, wired, wrought; CONCEPTS 528,531 —*Ant.* incomplete, undone, unfinished, unperfected

**done** [*adj*] *thoroughly cooked* baked, boiled, brewed, broiled, browned, crisped, fried, ready, stewed; CONCEPTS 462,613 —*Ant.* rare, raw, undone

**done** [*adj*] *approved, agreed upon* compacted, determined, okay, settled, you're on\*; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* denied, vetoed

**done for** [*adj*] *beaten, defeated* broken, conquered, dashed, destroyed, doomed, finished, foiled, lost, ruined, through, undone, vanquished, washed-up\*, wrecked; CONCEPTS 537,570 —*Ant.* accomplished, successful

**done in** [*adj*] *exhausted* all in\*, bushed\*, dead, depleted, done, effete, fagged, far-gone\*, on last leg\*, ready to drop\*, spent, tired, used up, washed-out\*, weary, worn-out; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* rested

**Don Juan** [*n*] *ladies' man* Casanova\*, charmer, lady-killer\*, libertine, lover, philanderer, playboy, Romeo\*, seducer, skirt chaser, smooth operator, stud, woman chaser; CONCEPT 423

**donkey** [*n*] *small domestic horse-like mammal* ass, burro, horse, jackass, jennet, jenny, maud, moke, mule, nedly, pony, Rocky Mountain canary\*; CONCEPT 400

**donnybrook** [*n*] *brawl* battle royal, fight, fracas, fray, free-for-all, hoedown\*, melee, rhubarb\*, riot, row, rumble, shindig, slugfest\*, turmoil, uproar; CONCEPTS 46,106

**donor** [*n*] *giver of gift* almsgiver, altruist, angel\*, backer, benefactor, benefactress, bestower, conferrer, contributor, donator, grantor, heavy hitter\*, patron, philanthropist, presenter, Santa Claus\*, savior, subscriber; CONCEPT 359

**do-nothing** [*n*] *bum* couch potato\*, goof-off\*, idler, lazybones, lazy person, loafer, moocher, slacker; CONCEPTS 412,423

**doodad** [*n*] *gadget* contraption, contrivance, doohickey\*, gismo, object, thing, thingamabob\*, thingamajig\*, whatchamacallit\*, widget; CONCEPTS 463,499

**doohickey** [*n*] *gadget* contraption, contrivance, doodad\*, gismo, object, thing, thingamabob\*, thingamajig\*, whatchamacallit\*, widget; CONCEPTS 463,499

**doom** [*n*] *fate or decision, usually unpleasant* annihilation, calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, circumstance, conclusion, condemnation, death, decree, destination, destiny, destruction, disaster, downfall, end, fixed future, foreordination, fortune, handwriting on wall\*, judgment, Judgment Day, karma, kismet, lap of the gods\*, lot, Moira, opinion, portion, predestination, predetermination, ruin, sentence, tragedy, verdict, way the ball bounces\*, way the cookie crumbles\*; CONCEPT 679

**doomed** [*adj*] *condemned, hopeless* bedeviled, bewitched, convicted, cursed, cut down, damned, dead duck\*, destroyed, done, done for\*, fated, foreordained, ill-fated, ill-omened, in the cards\*, kiss of death\*, lost, luckless, menaced, overthrown, overwhelmed, predestined, que sera sera\*, reprobate, ruined, sentenced, star-crossed, sunk, suppressed, threatened, thrown down, undone, unfortunate, unredeemed, wrecked; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* hopeful, lucky

**doomsayer** [*n*] *alarmist* Chicken Little, doom merchant, pessimist, scaremonger; CONCEPTS 412,423

**door** [*n*] *entrance to room, building* aperture, egress, entry, entryway, exit, gate, gateway, hatch, hatchway, ingress, opening, portal, postern, slammer; CONCEPT 440

**doorbell** [*n*] *chime* buzzer, door knocker, ringer; CONCEPTS 74,284,529,685

**do out of** [*v*] *cheat* balk, beat out of\*, bilk, con, deceive, deprive, steal, swindle, trick; CONCEPTS 59,139

**doozy** [*n*] *winner* beauty, humdinger\*, killer\*, lulu\*, smash hit, something; CONCEPTS 366,416

**dope** [*n*] *stupid person* ass, blockhead\*, dimwit\*, dolt, donkey\*, dunce, fool, idiot, lame-brain\*, simpleton; CONCEPTS 412,423 —*Ant.* brain, genius

**dope** [*n*] *drug* narcotic, opiate, stimulant; CONCEPT 307

**dope** [*n*] *inside news* account, details, developments, facts, info\*, information, knowledge, lowdown\*, tip\*; CONCEPT 274

**dope** [*v*] *drug someone* adulterate, anesthetize, deaden, debase, inject, knock out\*, load, narcotize, put to sleep, sedate, soak, sophisticate, stupefy; CONCEPTS 156,310

**dopey** [*adj*] *stupid* comatose, dense, dumb, foolish, heavy, hebeticulous, idiotic, lethargic, senseless, silly, simple, slow, sluggish, slumberish, thick, torpid; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* brainy, intelligent, sensible, smart

**dormant** [*adj*] *inactive; sleeping* abeyant, asleep, closed down, comatose, down, fallow, hibernating, inert, inoperative, latent, lethargic, lurking, on the shelf\*, out of action\*, passive, potential, prepatent, quiescent, sidelined, slack, sluggish, slumbering, smoldering, suspended, torpid; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* active, lively



**dormitory** [*n*] *living quarters* bedroom, dorm, dorm room, sleeping quarters; CONCEPT 448

**dose** [*n*] *portion of drug or other consumable* application, dosage, dram, draught, fill, fix\*, hit\*, lot, measure, measurement, nip\*, potion, prescription, quantity, share, shot\*, slug\*, spoonful; CONCEPTS 307,835

**dossier** [*n*] *file* archives, information, personal account, portfolio, profile, record, recorded information, report, summary; CONCEPTS 271,281

**dot** [*n*] *tiny mark, drop* atom, circle, dab, droplet, fleck, flyspeck, grain, iota, jot, mite, mote, particle, period, pinpoint, point, speck, spot, tittle; CONCEPTS 284,831

**dot** [*v*] *make spot(s)* bespeckle, dab, dabble, fleck, freckle, pepper, pimple, sprinkle, stipple, stud; CONCEPTS 79,174

**dotage** [*n*] *feebleness, old age* advanced age, decrepitude, elderliness, fatuity, imbecility, infirmity, second childhood\*, senectitude, senility, weakness; CONCEPTS 405,715 —**Ant.** childhood, strength, youngness, youth, youthfulness

**dote on/dote upon** [*v*] *lavish affection on* admire, adore, be fond of, be infatuated with, be sweet on\*, cherish, enjoy, fancy, hold dear, idolize, like, love, pet, prize, treasure, worship; CONCEPT 32 —**Ant.** ignore, neglect

**doting** [*adj*] *indulgent; serving* adoring, affectionate, devoted, fascinated, fatuous, fond, foolish, lovesick, lovesome, loving, silly, simple, struck; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** ignorance, neglect, negligence

**dotty** [*adj*] *crazy* absurd, daft, demented, disturbed, eccentric, foolish, goofy\*, loony\*, mentally unbalanced, nuts\*, nutty, odd, peculiar, queer, ridiculous, strange, twisted, unconventional, weird; CONCEPT 403

**double** [*n*] *in a pair* as much again, bifold, binary, binate, coupled, dual, dualistic, duple, duplex, duplicate, duplicated, geminate, paired, repeated, second, twice, twin, twofold, two times; CONCEPT 771 —**Ant.** single

**double** [*n*] *something which exactly resembles* another angel, clone, companion, coordinate, copy, counterpart, dead ringer\*, duplicate, image, impersonator, lookalike\*, match, mate, picture, portrait, reciprocal, replica, ringer\*, simulacrum, spitting image\*, stand-in\*, twin; CONCEPTS 664,716

**double** [*v*] *make two of; make twice as large* amplify, augment, dualize, dupe, duplicate, duplify, enlarge, fold, grow, increase, infold, loop, magnify, multiply, plait, pleat, plicate, redouble, repeat, replicate, supplement; CONCEPTS 236,245 —**Ant.** dissect, divide, halve

**double back** [*v*] *reverse path* backtrack, circle, dodge, loop, retrace one's steps, return, turn; CONCEPTS 224,232 —**Ant.** forge, forward, go forward

**double-cross** [*v*] *betray* beguile, bluff, cheat, con, cross, deceive, defraud, four-flush\*, hoodwink\*, humbug\*, illude, juggle, mislead, sell, sell out\*, split, swindle, take in, trick, two-time\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,59 —**Ant.** be open, tell truth

**double-dealing** [*adj*] *cheating, deceitful* ambidextrous, crooked, dishonest, double, duplicitous, fraudulent, hypocritical, insincere, left-handed\*, lying, perfidious, sneaky, swindling,

treacherous, tricky, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, underhanded, untrustworthy, wily; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** forthright, honest, truthful

**double-dealing** [*n*] *betrayal, cheating* bad faith, chicanery, chicanery, deceit, deception, dishonesty, duplicity, foul play\*, fourberie, fraud, hanky-panky\*, hypocrisy, mendacity, perfidy, sharp practice\*, treachery, trickery, two-timing\*; CONCEPT 59 —**Ant.** forthrightness, honesty, truthfulness

**double entendre** [*n*] *play on words* ambiguity, amphibology, double meaning, equivocality, equivocation, equivoque, innuendo, joke, pun, tergiversation; CONCEPTS 278,682

**double standard** [*n*] *contrasting principles* contradictory standard, two sets of rules; CONCEPTS 46,278,665

**double-talk** [*n*] *nonsense* communicated amphibology, balderdash, baloney\*, bull\*, drivel, equivocation, flimflam\*, gibberish, jazz\*, mumbo jumbo\*, rigmarole; CONCEPT 278 —**Ant.** sense, straight talk

**doubt** [*n*] *lack of faith, conviction; questioning* agnosticism, ambiguity, apprehension, confusion, demurral, difficulty, diffidence, dilemma, disbelief, discredit, disquiet, distrust, dubiety, dubiousness, faithlessness, faltering, fear, hesitancy, hesitation, incertitude, incredulity, indecision, irresolution, lack of confidence, misgiving, mistrust, perplexity, problem, qualm, quandary, rejection, reluctance, scruple, skepticism, suspense, suspicion, uncertainty, vacillation, wavering; CONCEPTS 21,410,689,690 —**Ant.** belief, certainty, confidence, dependence, faith, reliance, trust

**doubt** [*v*] *lack confidence in; question* be apprehensive of, be curious, be dubious, be in a quandary, be puzzled, be uncertain, be undetermined, call in question, challenge, demur, disbelieve, discredit, dispute, distrust, fear, fluctuate, give no credence, harbor suspicion, have qualms, hesitate, imagine, impugn, insinuate, misdoubt, misgive, mistrust, not buy\*, query, read differently, scruple, shilly-shally\*, skepticize, smell a rat\*, surmise, suspect, take dim view of, vacillate, waver, wonder at; CONCEPT 21 —**Ant.** be certain, believe, not question, rely, trust

**doubter** [*n*] *person who does not believe* agnostic, cynic, disbeliever, headshaker\*, questioner, skeptic, unbeliever, zetetic; CONCEPTS 361,423 —**Ant.** believer, truster

**doubtful** [*adj*1] *questionable, unclear* ambiguous, borderline, chancy, clouded, contingent, debatable, dicey, disreputable, doubtful, dubious, dubitable, equivocal, far-fetched, fat chance, fishy\*, hazardous, hazy, iffy\*, impugnable, inconclusive, indecisive, indefinite, indeterminate, indistinct, insecure, long shot\*, obscure, on thin ice\*, open, pending, precarious, problematic, shady, sneaky\*, speculative, suspect, suspicious, touch-and-go\*, touchy, uncertain, unconfirmed, undecided, uneasy, unsettled, unstable, unsure, up for grabs\*; CONCEPTS 529,535 —**Ant.** certain, clear, confirmed, decided, definite, exact, resolved, settled, unquestionable

**doubtful** [*adj*2] *not believing* agnostic, baffled, confused, discomposd, disconcerted,

distracted, distrustful, disturbed, doubting, dubious, equivocal, faithless, faltering, flustered, hesitant, hesitating, in a quandary, in clouds\*, indecisive, in dilemma, irresolute, like doubting Thomas\*, lost, not following, of two minds\*, perplexed, puzzled, questioning, skeptical, suspicious, tentative, theoretical, troubled, uncertain, unconvinced, undecided, unresolved, unsettled, unsure, vacillating, wavering, without belief; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* believing, certain, confident, convinced, sure, trusting

**doubting Thomas** [*n*] *skeptical disbeliever, doubter, questioner, unbeliever*; CONCEPTS 361, 423

**doubtless** [*adv*] *certainly; most likely absolutely, apparently, assuredly, clearly, easily, for sure, indisputably, no ifs ands or buts\*, of course, ostensibly, positively, precisely, presumably, probably, seemingly, supposedly, surely, truly, undoubtedly, unequivocally, unquestionably, without doubt*; CONCEPTS 535, 552 —*Ant.* doubted, doubtfully, dubious, improbably, questionable, uncertain, unlikely

**dough** [*n*] *money beans\*, boodle\*, bread\*, bucks\*, cabbage\*, cash, change, chips, clams\*, coin, coinage, cold cash, currency, dinero, funds, greenback\*, hard cash\*, legal tender, lettuce\*, loot, moola, pesos\*, wealth*; CONCEPT 340

**doughnut** [*n*] *sweet ring-shaped fried cake bun, cruller, danish, dunker\*, pastry, sinker\*, sweet roll*; CONCEPTS 457,461

**do up** [*v*] *physically prepare; fix clean, doctor, enclose, finish, gift-wrap, launder, mend, overhaul, package, patch, rebuild, recondition, reconstruct, repair, revamp, wash, wrap*; CONCEPTS 126,165,182 —*Ant.* hurt, injure, ruin

**dour** [*adj*] *gloomy, grim bleak, crabbed, dismal, dreary, forbidding, glum, hard, harsh, morose, saturnine, severe, sour, stringent, sulky, sullen, surly, ugly, unfriendly*; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* bright, cheerful, cheery, happy

**douse** [*v*] *drench, extinguish with liquid blow out, deluge, drown, duck, dunk, immerse, plunge, put out, quench, saturate, slop, slosh, smother, snuff, snuff out, soak, sop, souse, spatter, splash, splatter, squench, steep, submerge, submerse, wet*; CONCEPTS 250,256 —*Ant.* dry

**dovetail** [*v*] *link, fit together accord, agree, check out, coincide, conform, correspond, go, harmonize, interlock, jibe, join, match, mortise, square, sync\*, sync up\*, tally, tenon, unite*; CONCEPTS 113,664 —*Ant.* disconnect, disunite, unlink

**dowdy** [*adj*] *poorly dressed; old-fashioned antiquated, archaic, baggy, bedraggled, blowsy\*, bygone, dated, dingy, drab, dull, frowzy\*, frumpy\*, homely, moldy, old hat\*, outdated, outmoded, out-of-date, passé, plain, run-down, scrubby\*, shabby, slatternly, sloppy, slovenly, stodgy, tacky, tasteless, unfashionable, unkempt, unseemly, unstylish, untidy, vintage, wrinkled*; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* chic, classy, fashionable, modern

**do without** [*v*] *get along without abstain from, dispense, endure, forgo, give up*; CONCEPTS 23, 646

**down** [*adj*]/*adv*] *below; physically lower bottomward, cascading, declining, depressed,*

*descending, downgrade, downhill, downward, dropping, earthward, falling, gravitating, groundward, inferior, nether, precipitating, sagging, sinking, sliding, slipping, slumping, subjacent, to the bottom, under, underneath*; CONCEPTS 583,586,735 —*Ant.* above, higher

**down** [*adj*2] *unhappy bad, blue\*, cast down, chapfallen, crestfallen, dejected, depressed, disheartened, dispirited, downcast, downhearted, low, miserable, off, sad, slack, sluggish*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, cheery, happy, heartened

**down-and-out** [*adj*] *poverty-stricken beaten, beggared, defeated, derelict, destitute, finished, impoverished, needy, outcast, penniless, ruined, vagabond, vagrant*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* rich, wealthy, well-to-do

**downbeat** [*adj*] *pessimistic cheerless, defeatist, dejected, dispirited, gloomy, hopeless, negative, unhappy, unhopeful*; CONCEPTS 403,548

**downcast** [*adj*] *depressed, unhappy bad, blue, brooding, bummed out\*, cast down, chapfallen, cheerless, crestfallen, daunted, dejected, despondent, disappointed, disconsolate, discouraged, disheartened, dismayed, dispirited, distressed, doleful, down, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, down-in-the-mouth\*, dragged\*, droopy, dull, forlorn, gloomy, glum, heartsick, in pain, listless, low, low-spirited, miserable, moody, mopey\*, morose, oppressed, sad, shot down\*, singing the blues\*, sunk\*, troubled, weighed down\*, woebegone*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, elated, glad, happy, heartened, satisfied

**downer** [*n*] *depressing experience bad deal\*, bad scene\*, bad trip\*, bummer\*, drag\*, misfortune, raw deal, rotten hand*; CONCEPTS 674,679

**downfall** [*n*] *disgrace, ruin atrophy, bane, breakdown, cloudburst, collapse, comedown, comeuppance, debacle, decadence, declension, degeneracy, degeneration, deluge, descent, destruction, deterioration, devolution, discomfiture, down, drop, failure, fall, flood, on the rocks\*, overthrow, rack and ruin\*, road to ruin\*, ruination, storm, the skids\*, undoing*; CONCEPTS 674,679,699 —*Ant.* accomplishment, ascent, rise, success

**downgrade** [*n*] *slope decline, declivity, descent, dip, hill, inclination, pitch*; CONCEPTS 509,738 —*Ant.* upgrade

**downgrade** [*v*] *lower in opinion or rank abase, bench\*, break\*, bump\*, bust\*, declass, decrease, decry, degrade, demerit, demote, denigrate, depreciate, detract from, devalorize, devalue, disparage, disrate, humble, mark down, minimize, reduce, run down, set back, take down a peg\*, undervalue, write off\**; CONCEPTS 7,19,34,240 —*Ant.* improve, promote, raise, upgrade

**downhearted** [*adj*] *depressed, unhappy blue\*, chapfallen, crestfallen, dejected, despondent, disconsolate, discouraged, disheartened, dismayed, dispirited, down, downcast, low, low-spirited, sad, sorrowful, spiritless, woebegone*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheered, happy, heartened, uplifted

**downhill** [*adj*] *descending declining, dipping, dropping, falling, sloping downward*; CONCEPTS 583,586,735

**downlink** [*n*] *transmission path for data circuit, communications pathway, network, pathway, signal route*; CONCEPT 269

**download** [*v*] *transfer data from one computer system to another* boot up, compute, computerize, crunch numbers\*, digitize, initialize, input, keyboard, key in, load, log in, log out, program, run; CONCEPTS 211,217,223

**downplay** [*v*] *minimize* attach little importance to, deemphasize, devalue, give little weight to, lessen, make light of, play down, soften, think nothing of, whitewash; CONCEPTS 54,240,247

**downpour** [*n*] *tremendous pouring of rain* cloudburst, deluge, drencher, flood, inundation, monsoon, rainstorm, storm, torrential rain; CONCEPT 526 —*Ant.* sprinkle

**downright** [*adj*] *through, absolute* blatant, blunt, categorical, certain, clear, complete, damned, explicit, flat, gross, honest, indisputable, open, out-and-out, outright, plain, positive, simple, sincere, straight, straightforward, sure, thoroughgoing, total, undisguised, unequivocal, unmitigated, unqualified, unquestionable, utter, whole; CONCEPT 531

**downside** [*n*] *a negative aspect of a situation* defect, disadvantage, drawback, fault, flaw, inconvenience, minus, problem, trouble; CONCEPTS 666,674

**downsize** [*v*] *to decrease in size, especially of a workforce* curtail, cut, cut back, cut down, decrease, deduct, diminish, phase down, phase out, reduce, retrench, roll back, roll down, scale back, scale down, shrink, step down, trim, trim away, tune down; CONCEPTS 236,240,247

**downtime** [*n*] *time during which an activity is stopped* break, breathing spell, freedom, free time, halt, interim, interlude, intermission, letup, lull, pause, recess, repose, respite, rest, spare time, spell, stay, suspension, time on one's hands, time out, time to burn, time to kill; CONCEPT 807

**down-to-earth** [*adj*] *reasonable, practical* common, commonsense, easy, hard, hard-boiled, hardheaded, matter-of-fact, mundane, no-nonsense, plainspoken, pragmatic, rational, realistic, sane, sensible, sober, unfantastic, unidealistic, unsentimental; CONCEPTS 402,558 —*Ant.* excitable, excited, impractical, unreasonable, unsensible

**downtrodden** [*adj*] *afflicted, abused* abject, a slave to\*, at one's beck and call\*, at one's feet\*, at one's mercy\*, destitute, distressed, exploited, have-not, helpless, in one's clutches\*, in one's pocket\*, in one's power\*, led by the nose\*, maltreated, mistreated, needy, oppressed, overcome, persecuted, subjugated, subservient, suppressed, tyrannized, underdog\*, underfoot\*, under one's thumb\*; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* happy, respected, satisfied

**downturn** [*n*] *drop* decline, descent, deterioration, dip, downtick, fall, plunge, retreat, sinking, slide, slump; CONCEPTS 336,346,738

**downy** [*adj*] *fluffy* featherlike, feathery, fleecy, fuzzy, light, plumate, plumose, pubescent, silky, soft, velutinous, velvety, woolly; CONCEPTS 604,606

**doze** [*n*] *light sleep* catnap, drowse, forty winks\*, nap, shut-eye\*, siesta, slumber, snooze\*; CONCEPTS 315,681

**doze** [*v*] *take a nap* catch a wink\*, catnap, cop some z's\*, drift off\*, drop off\*, drowse, nod off\*, sleep, sleep lightly, slumber, snooze; CONCEPTS 315,681

**drab** [*adj*] *dull, colorless* arid, blah\*, bleak, boring, brown, characterless, cheerless, desolate, dingy, dismal, dreary, dry, dull as dishwater\*, faded, flat, gloomy, gray, grungy, lackluster, lusterless, muddy, murky, run-down, same, shabby, somber, subfusc, unchanging, uninspired, vapid, zero\*; CONCEPTS 536,617,618 —*Ant.* bright, colorful, inspired

**draconian** [*adj*] *harsh* brutal, cruel, drastic, exorbitant, extreme, heavy-handed, oppressive, rough, severe, strict, very severe; CONCEPT 401

**draft** [*n1*] *something formulated; plan* abstract, blueprint, delineation, outline, preliminary form, rough sketch, version; CONCEPTS 271,660

**draft** [*n2*] *check for paying money* bank draft, bill, bond, cheque, coupon, debenture, IOU, letter of credit, money order, order, promissory note, receipt, warrant; CONCEPTS 332,344

**draft** [*n3*] *gust of air* breeze, current, eddy, puff, wind; CONCEPT 437

**draft** [*n4*] *military conscription* allotment, assignment, call of duty, call-up\*, greetings\*, impressment, induction, letter from Uncle Sam\*, levy, lottery, recruiting, registration, roll call\*, selection, selective service; CONCEPT 321

**draft** [*n5*] *drink of beverage* drag\*, drain, drench, glass, peg\*, quaff, swallow, swig\*, swill\*; CONCEPTS 169,454

**draft** [*v1*] *formulate* adumbrate, block out, characterize, compose, concoct, contrive, delineate, design, devise, draw, draw up, fabricate, fashion, forge, form, frame, invent, make, manufacture, outline, plan, prepare, project, rough, shape, skeleton, sketch; CONCEPTS 36,79,173

**draft** [*v2*] *select for military force* call up, choose, conscribe, conscript, dragoon, enlist, enroll, impress, indite, induct, muster, press, recruit, sign on, sign up; CONCEPTS 8,320

**drag** [*n1*] *bad situation* annoyance, bore, bother, burden, encumbrance, hang-up, hindrance, impediment, nuisance, pain, pest, pill, sway, trouble; CONCEPT 674

**drag** [*n2*] *a puff while smoking* breathing, draw, inhalation, puff, smoke; CONCEPT 185

**drag** [*v1*] *haul something to a new place* draw, hale, lug, magnetize, move, pull, schlepp\*, tow, trail, transport, truck, tug, yank; CONCEPTS 206,213

**drag** [*v2*] *move very slowly* be delayed, be quiescent, crawl, creep, dally\*, dawdle\*, delay, encounter difficulty\*, hang\*, inch\*, lag, lag behind, limp along, linger, loiter, mark time\*, poke\*, procrastinate, put off\*, sag, shamble, shuffle, slow down, stagnate, straggle, tarry, trail behind\*, traipse; CONCEPTS 151,681 —*Ant.* rush

**dragging** [*adj*] *tiresome, monotonous* boring, drawn-out, dull, going slowly, humdrum, lengthy, long, overlong, prolonged, protracted, tedious, wearisome; CONCEPTS 482,798 —*Ant.* energizing, lively

**dragnet** [*n*] *manhunt* all points bulletin, chase, pursuit, search; CONCEPT 207

**drag on/drag out** [*v*] *extend time of action* continue, draw out, endure, extend, go on

slowly, keep going, lengthen, persist, prolong, protract, spin out, stretch out; CONCEPT 239

—*Ant.* complete

**drag queen** [*n*] *cross-dresser* female impersonator, transvestite; CONCEPT 412

**drain** [*n*] *channel through which liquid runs off* cesspool, cloaca, conduit, culvert, ditch, duct, outlet, pipe, sewer, sink, trench, watercourse; CONCEPT 501

**drain** [*v1*] *remove liquid; remove supply* abate, bankrupt, bleed, bleed dry\*, catheterize, consume, debilitate, decrease, deplete, devitalize, diminish, dissipate, divert, draft, draw off, drink up, dry, empty, evacuate, exhaust, expend, fatigue, filter off, finish, free from, get last drop\*, get rid of, gulp down, impoverish, lessen, milk\*, pump, pump out, quaff, reduce, sap, siphon, spend, strain, suck, suck dry\*, swallow, tap, tax, tire out, use up, waste, wear, wear down, weary, withdraw; CONCEPTS 142,211, 225 —*Ant.* fill, pour

**drain** [*v2*] *seep, discharge liquid* abate, decline, decrease, diminish, dwindle, effuse, exude, filter off, flow, flow out, leak, leave dry, ooze, osmose, percolate, reduce, run off, taper off, trickle, well; CONCEPTS 179,698 —*Ant.* fill

**drained** [*adj*] *used up; exhausted* all in\*, beat\*, bleary, burned out\*, dead, dead tired\*, depleted, dragging, effete, far-gone, hacked\*, pooped\*, spent, washed-out, weary, wiped-out\*, worn-out; CONCEPTS 485,560 —*Ant.* energized, full, lively

**drama** [*n1*] *theatrical piece; acting* boards\*, Broadway\*, climax, comedy, dramatic art, dramatization, dramaturgy, farce, footlights, histrionic art, melodrama, play, production, scene, show, show business, showmanship, stagecraft, stage show, tear-jerker\*, theater, theatricals, thespian art, tragedy, vehicle\*; CONCEPTS 263,271,293 —*Ant.* comedy

**drama** [*n2*] *turmoil in real life* climax, comedy, crisis, dramatics, emotion, excitement, farce, histrionics, melodrama, scene, spectacle, tension, theatrics, tragedy; CONCEPT 674

**dramatic** [*adj*] *exciting, moving* affecting, breathtaking, climactic, comic, effective, electrifying, emotional, expressive, farcical, histrionic, impressive, melodramatic, powerful, sensational, startling, striking, sudden, suspenseful, tense, theatrical, thespian, thrilling, tragic, vivid; CONCEPTS 537,548 —*Ant.* comedic, normal, ordinary, undramatic, unexciting, unmoving, usual

**dramatization** [*n*] *drama* dramatics, entertainment, melodrama; CONCEPTS 263,271,293

**dramatize** [*v*] *make a performance of* act, amplify, burlesque, enact, exaggerate, execute, farcialize, give color to, ham it up\*, lay it on\*, make a production of, melodramatize, overdo, overstate, perform, playact, play on heart-strings\*, play to gallery, play up, present, produce, show, splash, stage, tragedize; CONCEPTS 49,59,292

**drape** [*v*] *hang over, adorn* array, cloak, clothe, cover, dangle, display, don, dress, droop, drop, enclose, ensweathe, envelop, enwrap, fold, hang, lean over, let fall, line, model, roll, sprawl, spread, spread-eagle, suspend, swathe, wrap; CONCEPT 172 —*Ant.* undrape

**drastic** [*adj*] *severe, extreme* desperate, dire, exorbitant, extravagant, forceful, harsh, immoderate, radical, strong; CONCEPTS 537,569 —*Ant.* calm, collected, easy, mild

**draw** [*n*] *tie in competition* dead end\*, dead heat\*, deadlock, even steven\*, photo finish\*, stalemate, standoff, tie; CONCEPT 706

**draw** [*v1*] *move something by pulling* attract, bring, carry, convey, cul, draft, drag, drain, educe, elicit, evoke, extract, fetch, gather, haul, hook, jerk, lug, magnetize, pick, pluck, pump, rake, siphon, tap, tow, trail, trawl, tug, wind in, wrench, yank; CONCEPT 206 —*Ant.* exhale, propel, push, repel, repulse

**draw** [*v2*] *create a likeness in a picture* caricature, chart, compose, crayon, delineate, depict, describe, design, draft, engrave, etch, express, form, formulate, frame, graph, limn, map out, mark, model, outline, paint, pencil, portray, prepare, profile, sketch, trace, write; CONCEPTS 79,174

**draw** [*v3*] *deduce* collect, conclude, derive, gather, get, infer, judge, make, make out, take; CONCEPT 15

**draw** [*v4*] *allure, influence* argue into, attract, bewitch, bring around, bring forth, call forth, captivate, charm, convince, elicit, enchant, engage, entice, evoke, fascinate, get, induce, invite, lure, magnetize, persuade, prompt, take, wile, win over; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,68 —*Ant.* alienate, estrange, push away, rebuff, reject, repel, repulse, turn off

**draw** [*v5*] *take out, extend* attenuate, choose, drain, elongate, extort, extract, lengthen, pick, pull out, respire, select, single out, stretch, suck, take; CONCEPT 142 —*Ant.* put in, shorten

**drawback** [*n*] *disadvantage* check, defect, deficiency, detriment, difficulty, disability, evil, failing, fault, flaw, fly in the ointment\*, handicap, hindrance, hitch, ill, impediment, imperfection, inconvenience, lack, nuisance, obstacle, shortcoming, snag, stumbling block\*, trouble, weakness; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, boon, extra, perfection

**draw back** [*v*] *retract from position* deduct, discount, pull back, recede, recoil, reel in, retreat, sheathe, shrink, start back, subtract, take away, withdraw; CONCEPTS 195,213 —*Ant.* forge, go forward, start

**drawing** [*n*] *illustration* cartoon, commercial art, comp, delineation, depiction, design, doodle, etching, graphics, layout, likeness, outline, painting, picture, portrayal, representation, sketch, storyboard, study, tracing, work of art; CONCEPT 625

**drawl** [*v*] *lengthen, draw out* chant, drag out, drone, extend, intone, nasalize, prolong, pronounce slowly, protract, utter; CONCEPTS 77,239 —*Ant.* clip, shorten

**drawn** [*adj*] *tense, fatigued* fraught, haggard, harassed, harrowed, peaked, pinched, sapped, starved, strained, stressed, taut, thin, tired, worn; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* relaxed, unstressed

**draw on** [*v*] *use to advantage* effect, employ, exploit, extract, fall back on, have recourse to, make use of, rely on, require, take from; CONCEPT 225

**draw out** [*v*] *prolong* attract, continue, drag, drag out, elongate, extend, lead on, lengthen,

- make longer, prolongate, protract, pull, spin, spin out\*, stretch, string out\*, tug; CONCEPTS 236,239,245 —*Ant.* clip, shorten
- draw up** [*v*] *draft document* compose, formulate, frame, indite, make, prepare, write, write out; CONCEPT 79
- dread** [*adj*] *horrible, terrifying* alarming, awe-inspiring, awful, creepy\*, dire, frightening, frightful, shuddersome, terrible; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* pleasant, pleasing, welcomed, wonderful
- dread** [*n*] *fear* affright, alarm, apprehension, aversion, awe, cold feet\*, consternation, creeps\*, dismay, fright, funk\*, goose bumps\*, horror, jitters, panic, phobia, stage fright, terror, trepidation, trepidity, worryment; CONCEPT 27 —*Ant.* bravery, confidence, courage, encouragement, want, welcoming
- dread** [*v*] *anticipate with horror* apprehend, be afraid, cringe, fear, have cold feet\*, mis-doubt, quake, shrink from, shudder, tremble; CONCEPT 27 —*Ant.* encourage, want, welcome
- dreadful** [*adj*] *horrible, frightening* abominable, alarming, appalling, atrocious, awful, bad, beastly, creepy\*, dire, distressing, fearful, formidable, frightful, frozen, ghastly, godawful\*, grievous, grim, grody\*, gross\*, hideous, horrendous, horrific, icky\*, lousy, mean, monstrous, rotten, shameful, shocking, shuddersome, spooky, terrible, terrific, tragic, tremendous, wicked; CONCEPTS 537,550 —*Ant.* pleasant, pleasing, welcomed, wonderful
- dream** [*n1*] *illusion, vision* bubble\*, castle in the air\*, chimera, daydream, delusion, fancy, fantasy, hallucination, head trip\*, idea, image, imagination, impression, incubus, mental picture, nightmare, pie in the sky\*, pipe dream\*, rainbow, reverie, specter, speculation, thought, trance, vagary, wraith; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* actuality, certainty, existence, fact, reality, substance, truth
- dream** [*n2*] *goal* ambition, aspiration, design, desire, flight of fancy\*, hope, notion, pipe dream\*, wish; CONCEPT 659
- dream** [*v*] *conjure up scenario* be delirious, be moonstruck, be up in clouds\*, brainstorm, build castles in air\*, conceive, concoct, cook up\*, crave, create, daydream, devise, envisage, fancy, fantasize, formulate, hallucinate, hanker\*, hatch\*, have a flash\*, have a nightmare\*, have a notion\*, have a vision, hunger, idealize, imagine, invent, long, lust, make up, picture, pine, search for pot of gold\*, sigh, stargaze\*, sublimate, think, think up, thirst, visualize; CONCEPTS 17,529
- dreamer** [*n*] *visionary* daydreamer, escapist, fantasizer, idealist, romantic, star-gazer, theorizer, Walter Mitty\*; CONCEPTS 361,416
- dreamland** [*n*] *sleep, fantasy world* cloud cuckoo land, ideal place, land of Nod, never-never land, seventh heaven, Shangri-La, slumber, Utopia; CONCEPT 315 —*Ant.* real world, wakefulness
- dream up** [*v*] *concoct plan* contrive, cook up\*, create, devise, frame, hatch\*, imagine, invent, make up, spin\*, think up; CONCEPTS 17,36
- dreamy** [*adj*] *illusory, romantic* abstracted, astral, calming, chimerical, daydreaming, excellent, fanciful, fantastic, gentle, idealistic, imaginary, immaterial, impractical, intangible,
- introspective, introvertive, lulling, marvelous, misty, musing, mythical, nightmarish, other-worldly, out of this world\*, pensive, phantasmagoric, phantasmagorical, preoccupied, quixotic, relaxing, shadowy, soothing, speculative, unreal, unsubstantial, utopian, vague, visionary, whimsical; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* horrible, terrible, unromantic
- dreary** [*adj*] *gloomy, lifeless* black, blah, bleak, boring, cheerless, colorless, comfortless, damp, depressing, depressive, dingy, dismal, dispiriting, doleful, downcast, drag, dull, forlorn, funereal, glum, humdrum, joyless, lonely, lonesome, melancholy, monotonous, mournful, oppressive, pedestrian, raw, routine, sad, somber, sorrowful, tedious, uneventful, uninteresting, wearisome, windy, wintry, wretched; CONCEPTS 525,544 —*Ant.* bright, clear, happy, light, pleasant
- dredge** [*v*] *deepen* bring up, clean, dig up, raise, unearth, widen; CONCEPT 178
- dregs** [*n1*] *sediment* deposits, dirt, draff, lees, residue, settlings, slag, waste; CONCEPT 260
- dregs** [*n2*] *bad person* loser, outcast, rabble, riffraff, scum, trash; CONCEPT 412
- drech** [*v*] *wet thoroughly* deluge, dip, douse, drown, duck, dunk, flood, imbrue, immerse, impregnate, inundate, pour, saturate, seethe, soak, sodden, sop, souse, steep, submerge, teem; CONCEPT 256 —*Ant.* dry, parch
- dress** [*n*] *clothing; woman's garment* accouterment, apparel, attire, attirement, civvies\*, costume, covering, drape, dry goods, duds\*, ensemble, evening clothes, frock, garb, gear, gown, guise, habiliment, habit, mummuu, outfit, raiment, robe, shift, skirt, smock, suit, Sunday best\*, things\*, threads\*, tog, toga, toggery, trappings, uniform, vestment, wardrobe; CONCEPT 451
- dress** [*v1*] *put on clothing* adorn, apparel, array, attire, bedeck, bundle up, change, clad, clothe, costume, cover, deck, decorate, don, drape, embellish, fit out, furbish, garb, ornament, outfit, primp, put on, raiment, rig, robe, slip into, slip on, spruce up, suit up, trim, turn out, wear; CONCEPT 167 —*Ant.* bare, disrobe, lay bare, unclothe, undress
- dress** [*v2*] *physically prepare; groom* adjust, align, arrange, comb, decorate, dispose, do up, fit, make ready, ornament, set, straighten, trim; CONCEPT 202 —*Ant.* disarray, mess up, rumple, wrinkle
- dress** [*v3*] *cover a wound* attend, bandage, bind, cauterize, cleanse, give first aid, heal, plaster, sew up, sterilize, treat; CONCEPTS 172, 310 —*Ant.* open, uncover, undress
- dress down** [*v*] *scold* bawl out, berate, carpet, castigate, censure, chew out\*, lash, rail, rake over coals\*, ream, rebuke, reprimand, reprove, tear into\*, tell off\*, tongue-lash\*, upbraid; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* compliment, flatter, praise
- dresser** [*n*] *chest of drawers* bureau, cabinet, chiffonier, closet, highboy, wardrobe; CONCEPT 443
- dressng-down** [*n*] *severe scolding* bawling-out, castigation, chiding, lambasting, reprimand, reproach, tongue-lashing, upbraiding; CONCEPTS 123,278
- dress up** [*v*] *put on one's best clothes* array, attire, beautify, clothe, deck out\*, embellish,

fit out\*, fix up, gussy up\*, improve, overdress, preen, prettify, primp, prink, slick, smarten, spiff up\*, spruce up\*, tivate; **CONCEPT 167**

—**Ant.** dress casually, dress down

**dressy** [adj] *formal, fashionable* chic, classy, dressed to kill\*, dressed to the nines\*, dressed up\*, elaborate, elegant, fancy, in high feather\*, looking sharp, ornate, ritzy, smart, stylish; **CONCEPTS 579, 589** —**Ant.** casual, dowdy, inelegant, informal, unstylish

**dribble** [v] *trickle* distill, drip, drivel, drizzle, drool, drop, fall in drops, leak, ooze, run, salivate, seep, slaver, slobber, spout, squirt, trill, weep; **CONCEPTS 179, 185** —**Ant.** pour

**drift** [n1] *accumulation* alluvion, bank, batch, bunch, bundle, clump, cluster, deposit, heap, hill, lot, mass, mound, mountain, parcel, pile, set, shock, stack; **CONCEPT 432, 524**

**drift** [n2] *meaning, significance of communication* aim, design, direction, end, gist, implication, import, intention, object, progress, progression, purport, scope, significance, tendency, tenor; **CONCEPT 682**

**drift** [v] *move aimlessly* accumulate, aim, amass, amble, be carried along, coast, dance, draw near, flicker, flit, flitter, float, flow, flutter, gad\*, gallivant\*, gather, go-that-a-way\*, go with the tide\*, gravitate, hover, kick around\*, linger, malinge, meander, mosey\*, muck\*, ride, sail, saunter, scud, skim, slide, stray, stroll, tend, waft, wander, wash\*; **CONCEPT 147**

—**Ant.** decide, direct, guide, set

**drifter** [n] *wanderer* derelict, hobo, itinerant, nomad, rolling stone, tramp, transient, vagabond, vagrant; **CONCEPTS 412, 423**

**drill** [n1] *practice, exercise* assignment, call, conditioning, constitutional, daily dozen\*, discipline, dress, drilling, dry run\*, gym, homework, instruction, learning by doing, maneuvers, marching, preparation, repetition, run-through\*, shakedown\*, training, tryout, warm-up, workout; **CONCEPTS 87, 290**

**drill** [n2] *tool for boring* auger, awl, bit, borer, corkscrew, countersink, dibble, gimlet, implement, jackhammer, punch, riveter, rotary tool, trepan, trephine, wimble; **CONCEPT 499**

**drill** [v1] *train, discipline* accustom, break, break in, exercise, get into shape, habituate, hone, instruct, lick into shape, practice, rehearse, teach, tune up, walk through, work out; **CONCEPTS 117, 285**

**drill** [v2] *bore hole* dig, penetrate, perforate, pierce, prick, punch, puncture, sink in; **CONCEPT 220**

**drink** [n] *beverage; alcoholic beverage* alcohol, booze\*, brew, cup, draft, glass, gulp, libation, liquid, liquor, potable, potation, potion, refreshment, shot, sip, slug\*, spirits, spot\*, swallow, swig, taste, thirst quencher\*, toast; **CONCEPT 454** —**Ant.** food

**drink** [v] *take in liquid* absorb, belt\*, booze\*, consume, dissipate, down, drain, gargle, gulp, guzzle\*, hit the bottle\*, imbibe, indulge, inhale, irrigate, lap\*, liquor up\*, nip\*, partake of, put away, quaff, sip, slosh, slurp, soak up, sop, sponge, suck, sup, swallow, swig, swill, tank up\*, thirst, tipple\*, toast, toss off\*, wash down\*, wet whistle\*; **CONCEPT 169**

**drip** [v] *drop, trickle* dribble, drizzle, exude,

filter, plop, rain, splash, sprinkle, trill, weep;

**CONCEPT 181** —**Ant.** pour

**drive** [n1] *journey by vehicle* airing, commute, excursion, expedition, hitch, jaunt, joyride, lift, outing, pickup, ramble, ride, run, spin, Sunday drive\*, tour, trip, turn, whirl; **CONCEPT 224**

**drive** [n2] *campaign for cause* action, advance, appeal, crusade, effort, enterprise, get-up-and-go\*, initiative, push, surge; **CONCEPTS 87, 300**

**drive** [n3] *person's will to achieve* ambition, clout, effort, energy, enterprise, fire in belly\*, get-up-and-go, goods\*, gumption\*, guts\*, impellent, impetus, impulse, initiative, momentum, motivation, motive, moxie\*, pep, pressure, punch\*, push\*, right stuff\*, spunk\*, steam\*, stuff\*, vigor, vitality, what it takes\*, zip\*; **CONCEPTS 411, 706**

**drive** [v1] *move or urge on* actuate, act upon, animate, arouse, bulldoze\*, chase, coerce, compel, constrain, dog\*, egg on\*, encourage, force, goad, goose\*, harass, hasten, herd, hound\*, hurl, hurry, hustle, impel, induce, inspire, instigate, kick, lean on\*, make, motivate, nag, oblige, overburden, overwork, pound, press, pressure, prod, prompt, provoke, push, put up to\*, railroad\*, ride herd on\*, rouse, rush, send, shepherd, shove, spirit up, spur, steamroll\*, stimulate, work on, worry; **CONCEPTS 68, 147, 208** —**Ant.** check, curb, discourage, dissuade, halt, repress, retard, stop

**drive** [v2] *moving, controlling a vehicle* actuate, advance, bear down, bicycle, bike, burn rubber\*, burn up the road\*, coast, cruise, cycle, dash, direct, drag, fire up\*, floor it\*, fly, guide, handle, impel, lean on it\*, make spunks fly\*, manage, mobilize, motor, operate, pour it on\*, propel, push, ride, roll, run, send, speed, spin, start, steer, step on it\*, step on the gas\*, tailgate, tool\*, transport, travel, turn, vehiculate\*, wheel; **CONCEPTS 148, 187** —**Ant.** halt, stop

**drive** [v3] *hit with heavy blow* batter, beat, butt, dash, dig, hammer, jackhammer, knock, maul, plunge, pop, punch, ram, run, shoot, sink, smite, sock, stab, stick, strike, throw, thrust, thump, twack\*, whack\*, wham\*; **CONCEPT 189**

**drive at** [v] *mean, suggest as meaning* aim, allude to, contemplate, design, get at, have in mind, hint at, imply, indicate, intend, intimate, propose, refer to, signify; **CONCEPTS 73, 682**

**drivel** [n] *foolish talk* babble, balderdash\*, blather, bunk\*, double-talk, gibberish, gobbledygook\*, Greek\*, hogwash\*, hooey\*, jabber\*, nonsense, poppycock\*, prating, rot\*, rubbish\*, tripe\*, twaddle\*; **CONCEPT 278** —**Ant.** sense

**drivel** [v1] *talk foolishly* babble, blabber, blather\*, blethe, gab, gabble, prate, prattle, ramble, twaddle\*, waffle\*; **CONCEPT 266**

**drivel** [v2] *drool* dribble, salivate, slaver, slobber; **CONCEPTS 185, 256**

**driver** [n] *person who engineers vehicle* autoist, automobilist, cabbie, chauffeur, coach person, hack\*, handler, jockey, leadfoot\*, motorist, operator, road hog\*, trainer, whip\*; **CONCEPT 423** —**Ant.** passenger

**driving** [adj] *forceful* active, compelling, dynamic, energetic, enterprising, galvanic, impellent, lively, propulsive, sweeping, urging,

vigorous, violent; CONCEPT 540 —*Ant.* unforceful, weak, wimpy

**drizzle** [*v*] *fine rain* dribble, drip, drop, mist, mizzle, shower, spit, spray, sprinkle; CONCEPT 526 —*Ant.* downpour

**droid** [*n*] *robot* android, clone, cyborg, drone; CONCEPT 463

**droll** [*adj*] *amusing, farcical* absurd, camp, campy, clownish, comic, comical, crack-up, diverting, eccentric, entertaining, for grins\*, funny, gagged up\*, gelastic, humorous, jocular, joshing, laffer, laughable, ludicrous, odd, preposterous, quaint, queer, quizzical, ridiculous, riot, risible, waggish, whimsical; CONCEPTS 267,548 —*Ant.* dramatic, serious, traumatic, unfunny

**drone** [*n*1] *person who is lazy* idler, leech, loafer, lounger, parasite, slug, sluggard, sponger\*; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* overachiever, workaholic

**drone** [*n*2] *continuous noise* buzz, hum, murmur, purr, sound, vibration, whirr; CONCEPT 595 —*Ant.* quiet, silence

**drone** [*v*] *making noise continuously* bombinate, buzz, chant, drawl, hum, intone, nasalize, purr, sound, strum, thrum, vibrate, whirr; CONCEPTS 65,77 —*Ant.* be quiet, silence

**drool** [*n*1] *saliva* drivel, expectoration, salivation, slaver, slobber, spit, spittle; CONCEPT 467

**drool** [*v*1] *drivel* dribble, lick one's chops\*, salivate, slaver, slobber, water at the mouth; CONCEPT 467

**drool** [*v*2] *salivate* dribble, drivel, froth, ooze, run, slabber, slaver, slobber, spit, water, water at the mouth; CONCEPTS 185,256

**drool** [*v*3] *desire, lust after* dote on, enthuse, fondle, gush, lick chops\*, make much of, pet, rave, rhapsodize, rhapsody, slobber over\*, spoil, want; CONCEPT 20

**droop** [*v*] *hang down; languish* bend, dangle, decline, depress, diminish, drop, fade, fail, faint, fall down, flag, lean, let down, loll, lop, sag, settle, sink, sling, slouch, slump, subside, suspend, weaken, wilt, wither; CONCEPTS 181,699 —*Ant.* inflate, rise

**droopy** [*adj*] *limp* bent, drooping, flabby, floppy, languid, languorous, lassitudinous, pendulous, sagging, saggy, slouchy, stooped, wilting; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* full, inflated, raised

**drop** [*n*1] *globule* bead, bit, bubble, crumb, dab, dash, dewdrop, driblet, drip, droplet, iota, molecule, morsel, nip, ounce, particle, pearl, pinch, sip, smidgen, speck, splash, spot, taste, tear, teardrop, trace, trickle; CONCEPTS 467, 468

**drop** [*n*2] *steep decline; hole* abyss, chasm, declivity, deepness, depth, descent, dip, fall, plunge, precipice, slope, tumble; CONCEPTS 181,509 —*Ant.* incline, mound, mountain, rise

**drop** [*n*3] *decrease* cut, decline, descent, deterioration, dip, downfall, downslide, downswing, downtrend, downturn, fall, fall-off, landslide, lapse, lowering, precipitation, reduction, sag, slide, slip, slump, tumble, upset; CONCEPTS 698,776 —*Ant.* increase, rise

**drop** [*v*1] *fall in globules* bead, bleed, descend, distill, drain, dribble, drip, emanate, hail, leak, ooze, percolate, precipitate, seep, snow, splash, trickle, trill; CONCEPT 179 —*Ant.* downpour, pour

**drop** [*v*2] *let go of; fall* abandon, bring down, cave in, collapse, decline, depress, descend, dive, duck, dump, fell, floor, flop, give up, go down, ground, keel over\*, knock, loosen, lower, nose-dive\*, pitch, plummet, plump, plunge, release, relinquish, shed, shoot, sink, slide, slip, slump, topple, tumble, unload; CONCEPTS 181,200 —*Ant.* ascend, mount, rise, take up

**drop** [*v*3] *abandon; ignore* abort, adios\*, be alienated from, break with, call off, cancel, cast off, cease, desert, discontinue, dismiss, disown, ditch\*, divorce, dust off\*, eighty-six\*, end, forfeit, forget about, forsake, give up, have done with\*, interrupt, jilt, kick\*, leave, lose, part from, part with, quit, reject, relinquish, remit, renounce, repudiate, resign, sacrifice, scratch\*, scrub\*, separate, shake, stop, terminate, throw over, wash out\*, waste one\*, wipe out\*, write off\*; CONCEPTS 30, 121,195 —*Ant.* continue, do, mount, pursue, take up

**drop in** [*v*] *visit* blow in\*, call, call upon, come by, come over, go and see\*, look in on, look up, pop in\*, run in\*, stop, stop by, stop in, turn up; CONCEPT 227

**drop in the bucket** [*n*] *small amount* bit, drop in the ocean\*, not enough, pittance, small change\*, small potatoes\*, small quantity, speck, trivial amount; CONCEPT 831

**drop off** [*v*1] *decrease* decline, diminish, dwindle, fall away, fall off, lessen, sag, slacken, slide, slip, slump; CONCEPTS 698,776 —*Ant.* go up, increase, rise

**drop off** [*v*2] *deliver* deposit, give, hand over, leave, let off, present, set down, unload; CONCEPT 108 —*Ant.* receive, take away

**drop off** [*v*3] *fall asleep* catnap, doze, doze off\*, drowse, have forty winks\*, nod, nod off\*, snooze; CONCEPTS 210,315 —*Ant.* awake, wake

**drop out** [*v*] *stop doing an activity* abandon, back out, cease, forsake, give notice, give up, leave, quit, renege, retreat, withdraw; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* begin, carry out, engage, join

**droppings** [*n*] *excrement* cow pies\*, cowplop\*, crap, dung, feces, fertilizer, guano, manure, meadow muffin\*, night soil\*, ordure, poop\*; CONCEPT 260

**drought** [*n*] *dryness; shortage of supply* aridity, dearth, deficiency, dehydration, desiccation, dry spell, insufficiency, lack, need, parchedness, rainlessness, scarcity, want; CONCEPTS 607,646 —*Ant.* monsoon, wetness

**drove** [*n*] *large gathering* collection, company, crowd, crush, drive, flock, herd, horde, mob, multitude, pack, press, rout, run, swarm, throng; CONCEPTS 397,432

**drown** [*v*] *submerge in liquid; submerge and die* asphyxiate, deluge, dip, douse, drench, engulf, flood, go down, go under, immerse, inundate, knock over, obliterate, overcome, overflow, overpower, overwhelm, plunge, prostrate, sink, soak, sop, souse, stifle, suffocate, swamp, whelm, wipe out; CONCEPTS 252,256 —*Ant.* float, rescue, save

**drowsy** [*adj*] *sleepy* comatose, dazed, dopy, dozing, dozy, dreamy, drugged, half asleep, heavy, indolent, lackadaisical, languid, lazy, lethargic, lulling, napping, nodding, out of it\*,

restful, sluggish, slumberous, snoozy, somnolent, soothing, soporific, tired, torpid; CONCEPTS 406,539 —*Ant.* alert, awake, energized, lively  
**drub** [v] *thrash* beat, cane, clobber, defeat, flog, hit, lash, pound, spank, strike, tan, trounce, wallop, whip; CONCEPT 95

**drudge** [n] *slave, very hard worker* factotum, grind\*, laborer, menial, nose to grindstone\*, peon\*, plodder\*, servant, toiler, workaholic, worker, workhorse; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* idler, laze

**drudge** [v] *work very hard* back to the salt mines\*, dig, grind\*, hammer\*, keep nose to grindstone\*, labor, muck\*, perform, plod, plow, plug away\*, pound\*, schlepp\*, slave, slog, sweat, toil, travail; CONCEPTS 87,100,324 —*Ant.* avoid, be lazy, dodge, hesitate, idle

**drudgery** [n] *hard, tedious work* backbreaker\*, chore, daily grind\*, elbow grease\*, grind\*, gruntwork\*, labor, menial labor, rat race, slavery, struggle, sweat, toil, travail, workout; CONCEPT 362 —*Ant.* snap

**drug** [n] *medication* biologic, cure, depressant, dope, essence, medicament, medicinal, medicine, narcotic, opiate, pharmaceutical, pharmaceutical, physic, pill, poison, potion, prescription, remedy, sedative, stimulant, tonic; CONCEPT 307

**drug** [v] *put under influence of medication* analyze, anesthetize, numb, blunt, deaden, desensitize, dope\*, dope up, dose, dose up\*, fix, hit, knock out\*, medicate, narcotize, numb, poison, relax, sedate, stupefy, treat; CONCEPT 310

**drugged** [adj] *under the influence of medication* benumbed, blown away\*, coked\*, comatose, dazed, doped, dopey\*, floating\*, flying\*, high\*, junked-up\*, loaded\*, narcotized, on a trip\*, out of it\*, ripped\*, smashed\*, spaced-out\*, stoned\*, strung out\*, stupefied, unconscious; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* clean, undrugged

**druggist** [n] *pharmacist* apothecary, pharmacist, posologist; CONCEPT 357

**drum** [v] *beat, tap a beat* boom\*, pulsate, rap, reverberate, roar, strum, tattoo, throb, thrum, thunder\*; CONCEPTS 65,189

**drum into** [v] *make a point strongly* din into, drive home\*, hammer away\*, harp on\*, instill, reiterate; CONCEPTS 49,75

**drum up** [v] *gather support for something* attract, bid for, canvass, discover, obtain, petition, round up, solicit, succeed in finding; CONCEPTS 68,300 —*Ant.* dissuade, repulse, turn off

**drunk** [adj] *intoxicated by alcohol* bashed, befuddled, boozed up\*, buzzed\*, crocked\*, feeling no pain\*, flushed\*, flying\*, fuddled, glazed\*, groggy, high\*, inebriated, juiced\*, laced\*, liquored up\*, lit\*, lush, muddled, plastered\*, potted\*, seeing double\*, sloshed\*, stewed\*, stoned\*, tanked\*, three sheets to the wind\*, tight\*, tipsy, totaled\*, under the influence, under the table\*, wasted\*; CONCEPTS 314,545 —*Ant.* sober, straight

**drunk/drun kard** [n] *person who is inebriated* alcoholic, boozier\*, carouser\*, dipsomaniac, drinker, guzzler\*, inebriate, lush\*, sot\*, sponge\*, wino\*; CONCEPT 423

**dry** [adj] *moistureless* anhydrous, arid, athirst, baked, bald, bare, barren, dehydrated, depleted,

desert, desiccant, desiccated, drained, dried-up, droughty, dusty, evaporated, exhausted, hard, impoverished, juiceless, not irrigated, parched, rainless, sapless, sapped, sear, shriveled, stale, thirsty, torrid, unmoistened, waterless; CONCEPT 603 —*Ant.* damp, dripping, humid, juicy, moist, soaked, soggy, watery, wet

**dry** [adj2] *dull, uninteresting* apathetic, blah, boring, bromidic, drabby, dreary, dull as dish-water\*, dusty, ho hum\*, impassive, inelaborate, insipid, matter-of-fact, modest, monotonous, naked, phlegmatic, plain, simple, tedious, tiresome, trite, weariful, wearisome; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* exciting, interesting, juicy, lively, untiring

**dry** [adj3] *sarcastic, sharp-tongued* acerbic, arcane, biting, caustic, cutting, cynical, deadpan, droll, harsh, humorous, ironical, keen, low-key, restrained, salty, sardonic, satirical, sharp, sly, sour, subtle, tart; CONCEPT 267

**dry** [v] *take moisture out of* anhydrate, bake, boil, concentrate, condense, dehumidify, dehydrate, deplete, desiccate, drain, empty, evaporate, exhaust, exsiccate, freeze-dry, harden, kiln, mummify, parch, scorch, sear, shrivel, soak up, sponge, stale, swab, torrefy, towel, wilt, wipe, wither, wizen; CONCEPTS 250,469 —*Ant.* dampen, soak, water, wet

**dual** [adj] *two-fold* bifold, binal, binary, couple, double, doubleheader, duple, duplex, duplicate, matched, paired, twin; CONCEPT 762

**dub** [v] *name, label something* baptize, bestow, call, christen, confer, denominate, designate, entitle, knight, nickname, style, tag, term, title; CONCEPT 62

**dubious** [adj1] *doubtful* arguable, chancy, debatable, diffident, disputable, dubitable, equivocal, far-fetched, fishy\*, fly-by-night\*, hesitant, iffy\*, improbable, indecisive, moot, mootable, open, perplexed, problematic, questionable, reluctant, shady, skeptical, suspect, suspicious, touch and go\*, trustless, unassured, uncertain, unclear, unconvinced, undecided, undependable, unlikely, unreliable, unsure, untrustworthy, untrusty, wavering; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* certain, definite, doubtless, positive, reliable, sure, trustworthy, trusty, undoubtful

**dubious** [adj2] *vague, unclear* ambiguous, debatable, disinclined, doubtful, equivocal, indefinite, indeterminate, mistrustful, obscure, open, problematic, problematical, undecided, unsettled; CONCEPTS 535,576 —*Ant.* certain, clear, definite, unambiguous, unobscure  
**duck** [v] *drop down; avoid* bend, bob, bow, crouch, dip, dive, dodge, double, elude, escape, evade, fence, lower, lurch, move to side, parry, plunge, shirk, shun, shy, sidestep, stoop, submerge; CONCEPTS 102,154,181 —*Ant.* face, jump, meet

**duck soup** [n] *easily accomplished task* a breeze, a snap, cakewalk, child's play, easy thing, easy to do, piece of cake; CONCEPT 693

**duct** [n] *channel, pipe* aqueduct, canal, conduit, course, funnel, passage, tube, vessel, water-course; CONCEPT 501

**ductile** [adj] *pliant, flexible* adaptable, amenable, biddable, docile, extensible, malleable, manageable, moldable, plastic, pliable, responsive, submitting, supple, tractable, yielding;



- CONCEPTS 488,490 —*Ant.* hard, inflexible, intractable, stiff, unyielding
- dud** [*n*] *failure* bomb, bummer, bust, debacle, flop, lemon, loser, washout; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* success
- dude** [*n*] *friend* buddy, chap, fellow, guy; CONCEPT 423
- dude** [*n*] *dapper man* Beau Brummel\*, coxcomb, dandy, fancy Dan\*, fashion plate, fine gentleman, fop, slicker\*, stud; CONCEPT 423
- duds** [*n*] *clothes* accoutrement, apparel, array, civvies\*, costume, covering, dress, finery, frillery, frock, garb, garments, habiliment, outfit, rags\*, raiment, sportswear, Sunday best\*, tatters\*, threads\*, wardrobe; CONCEPT 451
- due** [*adj*] *unpaid*; *owing money* chargeable, collectible, expected, in arrears, IOU, mature, not met, outstanding, overdue, owed, payable, receivable, scheduled, to be paid, unliquidated, unsatisfied, unsettled; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* paid
- due** [*adj*] *appropriate, proper* becoming, coming, condign, deserved, earned, equitable, fair, fit, fitting, good, just, justified, merited, obligatory, requisite, rhadamanthine, right, rightful, suitable; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, insufficient, unjustified, unmerited, unrightful, unsuitable
- due** [*adv*] *directly* dead, direct, exactly, right, straight, straightly, undeviatingly; CONCEPTS 581,799 —*Ant.* indirectly
- due** [*n*] *expected reward* be in line for\*, claim, coemption, compensation, deserts\*, entitlement, guerdon, interest, merits, need, payment, perquisite, prerogative, privilege, rate, recompense, repayment, reprisal, retaliation, retribution, revenge, right, rights, satisfaction, title, vengeance, what is coming to one\*; CONCEPTS 337,710
- duel** [*n*] *fight* affair of honor, bout, challenge, engagement, fencing, joust, shootout, single combat, sword fight; CONCEPTS 33,532
- dues** [*n*] *payment for membership* ante, arrearage, assessment, charge, charges, collection, contribution, custom, debit, debt, duty, fee, kickback, levy, liability, obligation, pay, protection, rates, tax, toll; CONCEPTS 344,679
- duff** [*n*] *rear end* ass, backside, behind, buns\*, butt\*, buttocks, cheeks\*, derriere, fanny\*, gluteus maximus, heinie\*, keister, posterior, seat\*; CONCEPT 392
- dulcet** [*adj*] *melodious* agreeable, musical, pleasing to the ear, pleasurable, sweet, sweet-sounding; CONCEPT 594
- dull** [*adj*] *unintelligent* addled, backward, besotted, boring, brainless, daffy, daft, dense, dim, dim-witted, doltish, dumb, feeble-minded, half-baked, ignorant, imbecilic, indolent, insensate, low, moronic, not bright, numskulled, obtuse, scatterbrained, shallow, simple, simple-minded, slow, sluggish, stolid, stupid, tedious, thick, unintellectual, vacuous, wearisome, witless; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* intelligent, keen, sharp, smart, witty
- dull** [*adj*] *insensitive* accustomed, apathetic, blank, boring, callous, colorless, dead, depressed, empty, even, flat, heavy, impassible, inactive, indifferent, inert, insensible, jejune, languid, lifeless, listless, lumpy, monotonous, passionless, placid, prosaic, quiet, regular,
- routine, slack, slow, sluggish, spiritless, stagnant, still, stolid, torpid, unexciting, unresponsive, unsympathetic, usual, vacuous; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* lively, quick, sensitive, vivacious
- dull** [*adj*] *boring, uninteresting* abused, archaic, arid, big yawn\*, blah, colorless, common, commonplace, dead, dismal, dreary, driving, dry, familiar, flat, hackneyed, heavy, hoary, ho hum\*, humdrum\*, insipid, jejune, longwinded, monotonous, oft-repeated\*, ordinary, out-of-date, plain, pointless, prolix, prosaic, prosy, repetitious, repetitive, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, soporific, stale, stock, stupid, tame, tedious, tired, tiresome, trite, unimaginative, uninspiring, usual, usual thing, vapid, worn-out; CONCEPTS 529,530 —*Ant.* active, exciting, interesting, lively
- dull** [*adj*] *not sharp* blunt, blunted, edentate, edgeless, flat, not keen, obtuse, pointless, round, square, toothless, turned, unpointed, unsharpened; CONCEPT 486 —*Ant.* knifelike, pointed, serrated, sharp
- dull** [*adj*] *uneventful* accustomed, apathetic, blah, boring, dead, depressed, draggy\*, even, falling off, flat, inactive, inert, languid, lifeless, listless, monotonous, placid, quiet, regular, routine, sitting tight\*, slack, slothful, slow, sluggish, stagnant, still, stolid, tight, torpid, unexciting, unresponsive, usual, without incident, yawn; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* active, eventful, exciting, interesting, lively
- dull** [*adj*] *drab, lackluster in effect* on senses ashen, black, blind, cloudy, cold, colorless, dark, dead, dim, dingy, dismal, dun, dusky, faded, feeble, flat, grimy, hazy, indistinct, leaden, lifeless, low, matte, mousy, muddy, muffled, murky, muted, obscure, opaque, overcast, plain, shadowy, sober, soft, softened, somber, sooty, subdued, subfusc, toned-down, unlit; CONCEPTS 594,617 —*Ant.* bright, clear, light, luminous, lustrous
- dullard** [*n*] *dolt* airhead\*, blockhead\*, boob\*, dimwit, dope\*, dork\*, dumbbell\*, dunce, fool, idiot, imbecile, lamebrain\*, lunkhead\*, meathead\*, nitwit, simpleton, stupid person; CONCEPTS 412,423
- dullsville** [*adj*] *boring* blah\*, dead\*, deadsville, dragsville, hicksville, tedious; CONCEPTS 529,548
- duly** [*adv*] *accordingly, properly* appropriately, at the proper time, befittingly, correctly, decorously, deservedly, on time, punctually, rightfully, suitably; CONCEPTS 558,799 —*Ant.* improperly, unduly, unsuitably
- dumb** [*adj*] *unable to speak* at a loss for words\*, inarticulate, incoherent, mousy\*, mum, mute, quiet, silent, soundless, speechless, tongue-tied, uncommunicative, voiceless, wordless; CONCEPT 593 —*Ant.* speaking
- dumb** [*adj*] *stupid, unintelligent* dense, dim-witted, doltish, dull, feeble-minded, foolish, moronic, simple-minded, thick\*; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* bright, intelligent, sharp, smart
- dumbbell** [*n*] *stupid person* dodo\*, dolt, dullard, dumbo\*, dumdummy, dummy, dunce, idiot, ignoramus, moron, simpleton; CONCEPTS 412,423 —*Ant.* brain, genius
- dumbfound** [*v*] *astound, confuse* amaze, astonishing, bewilder, blow away\*, blow one's mind\*,

boggle, bowl over\*, confound, flabbergast, knock over with feather\*, nonplus, overwhelm, puzzle, stagger, startle, stun, surprise, take aback, throw, throw into a tizzy\*; CONCEPTS 16,42 —*Ant.* clear up, explain, explicate, lay out

**dumbfounded** [*adj*] *astounded, confused* agape, aghast, amazed, astonished, bamboozled\*, beat, bewildered, blown away\*, bowled over\*, breathless, buffaloed\*, confounded, dismayed, dumb, flabbergasted, floored, knocked, licked, nonplused, overcome, overwhelmed, puzzled, shocked, speechless, staggered, startled, stuck, stumped, stunned, surprised, taken aback, thrown, thunderstruck\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* aware, expectant, unsurprised

**dumbstruck** [*adj*] *shocked* amazed, astonished, astounded, blown away, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, jolted, rendered speechless, startled, stunned, stupefied; CONCEPT 42

**dummy** [*n1*] *mannequin* copy, counterfeit, duplicate, figure, form, imitation, manikin, model, ringer\*, sham\*, stand-in, sub, substitute; CONCEPTS 436,716 —*Ant.* being, entity

**dummy** [*n2*] *stupid person* blockhead\*, dimwit\*, dolt\*, dullard\*, dunce, fool, idiot, ignoramus, moron, numskull, oaf, simpleton; CONCEPTS 412,423 —*Ant.* brain, genius

**dump** [*n1*] *junkyard* ash heap\*, cesspool, depot, dumping ground, garbage lot, junk pile\*, magazine, refuse heap, rubbish pile, swamp; CONCEPTS 438,449,680

**dump** [*n2*] *slummy establishment* hole, hotel, joint\*, mess\*, pippen\*, pigsty\*, shack, shanty, slum, sty; CONCEPTS 449,673

**dump** [*v*] *throw away* cast, chuck, clear out, deep-six\*, deposit, discard, discharge, dispose of, ditch, drain, eject, empty, evacuate, expel, exude, fling, fling down, get rid of, jettison, junk, leave, let fall, scrap, throw down, throw out, throw overboard\*, tip, unload, unpack; CONCEPTS 180,181 —*Ant.* hold, keep, maintain, save

**dumps** [*n*] *depression* blahs\*, blues\*, bumner, cheerlessness, doldrums, dreariness, gloom, gloominess, low spirits, melancholy, sulks, the blues\*, trouble, unhappiness, woefulness; CONCEPT 410

**dummy** [*adj*] *short and stout* chubby, chunky, fat, homely, plump, podgy, pudgy, roly-poly, squat, stocky, stumpy, tubby; CONCEPT 491

**dunce** [*n*] *stupid person* ass, birdbrain\*, blockhead\*, bonehead\*, buffoon, dimwit\*, dolt, donkey\*, dope, dork\*, drip\*, dullard, dunderhead\*, fool, goof, goof ball\*, half-wit, idiot, ignoramus, imbecile, jerk, knucklehead\*, lame-brain\*, lightweight\*, moron, nerd\*, nincompoop\*, ninny\*, nitwit, numskull, oaf, pinhead\*, scatterbrain\*, schnook\*, simpleton, twit\*; CONCEPTS 412,423 —*Ant.* brain, genius

**dune** [*n*] *hill* hillock, hummock, knoll, ridge, sand drift, sand dune, sand pile; CONCEPT 509

**dung** [*n*] *excrement* cow pies\*, cowplop\*, crap, droppings, feces, fertilizer, guano, manure, meadow muffin\*, night soil\*, ordure, poop\*; CONCEPT 260

**dungarees** [*n*] *blue jeans* denims, jeans, pants, trousers; CONCEPT 451

**dungeon** [*n*] *prison* cell, oubliette, torture chamber, vault; CONCEPTS 439,449,516

**dunk** [*v*] *dip in liquid* douse, duck, immerse, saturate, soak, sop, souse, submerge, submerge; CONCEPT 256

**duo** [*n*] *twosome* brace, couple, doublet, dyad, pair; CONCEPT 787

**dupe** [*n*] *person who is fooled* butt\*, chump\*, easy mark\*, fish\*, fool, mark\*, patsy\*, pigeon\*, pushover\*, sap\*, sitting duck\*, sucker, victim; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* cognizant

**dupe** [*v*] *fool someone* baffle, bamboozle\*, beguile, betray, catch, cheat, chicane, circumvent, con, cozen, deceive, defraud, delude, double-cross, dust\*, flimflam\*, gull, hoax, hoodwink\*, hornswoggle, jerk around\*, kid, mislead, outwit, overreach, pull one's leg\*, pull something\*, rip off\*, rook\*, rope in\*, shaft, spoof, swindle, trick, victimize; CONCEPT 59

**duplex** [*adj*] *twofold* double, paired, twin; CONCEPT 771

**duplicate** [*adj*] *matching* alike, corresponding, dualistic, duple, duplex, equal, equivalent, identical, indistinguishable, same, self-same, tantamount, twin, twofold, very same; CONCEPTS 563,566 —*Ant.* different, unmatching

**duplicate** [*n*] *copy, reproduction* analogue, carbon, carbon copy\*, chip off the old block\*, clone, companion, coordinate, copycat\*, correlate, counterfeit, counterpart, counter-script, dead ringer\*, ditto\*, double, dupe\*, duplication, facsimile, fake, fellow, germination, imitation, knockoff\*, likeness, lookalike, match, mate, obverse, parallel, phony, photocopy, photostat, pirate, reciprocal, recurrence, repetition, replica, replication, repro\*, ringer\*, second, similarity, spitting image\*, stat, twin, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 664,667,716 —*Ant.* archetype, model, original, prototype

**duplicate** [*v*] *make a copy; repeat* act like, clone, copy, counterfeit, ditto\*, do again, do a takeoff\*, do like\*, double, dualize, dupe, echo, fake, go like\*, imitate, knock off\*, make like\*, make replica, make twofold, manifold, mimeo, mirror, multiply, phony, photocopy, photostat, pirate\*, redo, redouble, reduplicate, remake, replicate, repro, reproduce, rework, stat, take off as\*, trace, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 91,171

**duplicitous** [*adj*] *deceptive* cheating, deceitful, dishonest, double-dealing, shady, two-faced, two-timing; CONCEPTS 401,582

**duplicity** [*n*] *deception* artifice, chicanery, cunning, deceit, dirty dealing\*, dirty pool\*, dirty trick, dirty work\*, dishonesty, dissemblance, dissimulation, double-dealing, dualism, duality, faithlessness, falsehood, fraud, guile, hypocrisy, Judas kiss\*, one-upmanship, perfidiousness, perfidy, skulduggery, stab in back\*, treacherousness, treachery, two-facedness\*, twoness; CONCEPTS 59,63 —*Ant.* forthrightness, honesty, trustworthiness

**durability** [*n*] *sturdiness over time* backbone, constancy, durability, endurance, grit, guts\*, gutsiness, hard as nails\*, heart\*, imperishability, intestinal fortitude, lastingness, moxie\*, permanence, persistence, stamina, starch\*, staying power\*, stick-to-itiveness\*; CONCEPTS 721,731,732 —*Ant.* impermanency, poorness, unreliability, weakness

**durable** [*adj*] *sturdy, long-lasting* abiding, constant, dependable, diuturnal, enduring, fast,

firm, fixed, impervious, lasting, long-continued, perdurable, perduring, permanent, persistent, reliable, resistant, sound, stable, stout, strong, substantial, tenacious, tough; CONCEPTS 482, 488, 489 —*Ant.* fragile, impermanent, poorly made, temporary, undependable, unsturdy, weak

**duration** [*n*] *length of action, event* continuance, continuation, continuity, endurance, extent, period, perpetuation, persistence, prolongation, run, span, spell, stretch, term, tide, time; CONCEPT 804

**duress** [*n*] *threat, hardship* bondage, captivity, coercion, compulsion, confinement, constraint, control, detention, discipline, force, imprisonment, incarceration, pressure, restraint, violence; CONCEPTS 14, 674

**during** [*prep*] *concurrently with an activity, event* all along, all the while, amid, as, at the same time as, at the time, for the time being, in the course of, in the interim, in the meanwhile, in the middle of, in the time of, meanwhile, mid, midst, over, pending, the time between, the whole time, throughout, until, when, while; CONCEPT 820

**dusk** [*n*] *early evening* dark, dimday, dimmet, eventide, gloaming, gloom, night, nightfall, sundown, sunset, twilight; CONCEPT 810 —*Ant.* dawn

**dusky** [*adj*] *dark-hued; murky* adusk, bistered, bleak, brunette, caliginous, cheerless, cloudy, crepuscular, dark, dark-complexioned, darkish, desolate, dim, dismal, dull, funereal, gloomy, joyless, lightless, obscure, overcast, sable, shadowy, shady, swart, swarthy, tenebrous, twilight, twilit, unilluminated, veiled; CONCEPTS 617, 618 —*Ant.* bright, clear, light

**dust** [*n*] *tiny particles in the air* ashes, cinders, dirt, dust bunnies\*, earth, filth, flakes, fragments, gillings, granules, grime, grit, ground, lint, loess, powder, refuse, sand, smut, soil, soot; CONCEPT 437

**dust** [*v*] *sprinkle tiny particles* besprinkle, cover, dredge, powder, scatter, sift, spray, spread; CONCEPTS 172, 222

**dusty** [*adj*] *filled with or covered with powdery particles* arenaceous, arenose, chalky, crumbly, dirty, friable, granular, grubby, sandy, sooty, unclean, undusted, unswep, untouched; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* clean, clear

**dutiful** [*adj*] *obedient* binding, compliant, conscientious, deferential, devoted, docile, deuteous, faithful, incumbent on, obligatory, punctilious, regardful, respectful, reverential, submissive; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* betraying, disobedient, faithless, irresponsible, undutiful, unfaithful, unrespectful

**duty** [*n1*] *responsibility, assignment* burden, business, calling, charge, chore, commission, commitment, committal, contract, devoir, dues, engagement, function, hook\*, job, load, millstone\*, minding the store\*, mission, must, need, obligation, occupation, office, onus, ought\*, pains, part, province, role, service, station, string\*, taking care of business\*, task, trouble, trust, undertaking, weight, work; CONCEPTS 362, 376, 679 —*Ant.* disregard, irresponsibility

**duty** [*n2*] *tax on foreign goods* assessment, custom, customs, due, excise, impost, levy, rate, revenue, tariff, toll; CONCEPT 329

**duty** [*n3*] *moral obligation* accountability, accountableness, allegiance, amenability, answerability, burden, call of duty, charge, conscience, deference, devoir, faithfulness, good faith, honesty, integrity, liability, loyalty, obedience, pledge, respect, reverence; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* faithlessness, inconstancy, treachery

**dwarf** [*adj*] *miniature*, tiny baby, diminutive, low, petite, pocket, small, undersized; CONCEPT 773 —*Ant.* big, giant, huge, large

**dwarf** [*n*] *very small person* bantam, dwarfling, homunculus, Lilliputian\*, midget, Tom Thumb\*; CONCEPT 424 —*Ant.* giant

**dwarf** [*v*] *minimize* belittle, check, detract from, dim, diminish, dominate, hinder, look down upon, lower, make small, micrify, minify, over-shadow, predominate, retard, rise above, stunt, suppress, tower above, tower over; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 698, 741 —*Ant.* maximize, oversize

**dwell** [*v*] *live in* abide, bide, bunk\*, continue, crash\*, establish oneself, exist, flop\*, hang one's hat\*, hang out\*, hole up\*, inhabit, keep house, locate, lodge, make one's home, nest, occupy, park\*, perch\*, pitch tent\*, quarter, remain, rent, reside, rest, room, roost\*, settle, sojourn, squat\*, stay, stop, tarry, tenant, tent; CONCEPT 226

**dwelling** [*n*] *home* abode, castle, commorancy, den, digs\*, domicile, dump\*, establishment, habitat, habitation, haunt, hole in the wall\*, house, lodging, pad, quarters, residence, residency; CONCEPT 516

**dwell on/dwell upon** [*v*] *linger over; be engrossed in* consider, continue, elaborate, emphasize, expatiate, harp on\*, involve oneself, tarry over; CONCEPTS 17, 239 —*Ant.* forget, ignore, miss, pass

**dwindle** [*v*] *waste away; taper off* abate, bate, become smaller, close, contract, decay, decline, decrease, die away, die down, die out, diminish, drain, drop, ebb, fade, fall, grow less, lessen, peter out\*, pine, shrink, shrivel, sink, slack off\*, subside, taper, wane, weaken, wither; CONCEPTS 698, 776 —*Ant.* develop, enlarge, expand, extend, grow, increase, save, swell

**dye** [*n*] *coloring agent* color, colorant, dyestuff, pigment, stain, tincture, tinge, tint; CONCEPT 259 —*Ant.* bleach, whitener

**dye** [*v*] *change color with mixture* impregnate, pigment, stain, tincture, tinge, tint; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* bleach, fade, whiten

**dyed-in-the-wool** [*adj*] *through and through* absolute, complete, deep-down, deeply ingrained, deep-rooted, die-hard, entrenched, fixed, genuine, hardened, long-standing, to the core\*, unchangeable, uncompromising; CONCEPT 554

**dying** [*adj*] *failing, expiring* at death's door\*, at end of rope\*, decaying, declining, disintegrating, done for\*, doomed, ebbing, fading, fated, final, giving up the ghost\*, going, in extremis, moribund, mortal, one foot in grave\*, on last leg\*, passing, perishing, sinking, vanishing, withering; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* creating, developing, growing, living, reviving

**dynamic** [*adj*] *active, vital* activating, aggressive, changing, charismatic, coming on strong\*, compelling, driving, effective, electric, energetic, energizing, enterprising, forceful,

forcible, go-ahead\*, go-getter\*, go-getting\*, highpowered, hyped-up, influential, intense, lively, lusty, magnetic, peppy\*, play for keeps\*, play hard ball\*, potent, powerful, productive, progressive, red-blooded\*, strenuous, vehement, vigorous, vitalizing, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 404,540,542 —*Ant.* apathetic, boring, dull, inactive, passive, unexciting

**dynamite** [*n*] *explosive* gelignite, nitroglycerin, TNT, trinitrotoluene; CONCEPT 500

**dynamo** [*n*] *go-getter* achiever, ball of fire\*, bundle of energy\*, busy person, doer, eager beaver\*, energetic person, fireball\*, generator, hard worker, hot shot, live wire\*, mover and shaker\*, pistol\*, risk-taker, spark plug\*, whiz kid\*; CONCEPT 706

**dynasty** [*n*] *area of rule* absolutism, ascendancy, dominion, empire, government, house, regime, sovereignty, sway; CONCEPTS 435,508

**dysfunctional** [*adj*] *socially impaired* broken, debilitated, decayed, defective, deteriorated, flawed, inhibited, maladjusted, malfunctioning, sick, undermined, unfit, wounded; CONCEPT 314

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**each** [*adj*] *every* all, any, exclusive, individual, one by one\*, particular, personal, piece by piece\*, respective, separate, several, single, specific, various, without exception; CONCEPT 577 —*Ant.* none

**each** [*adv*] *apiece*; *for one* all, a pop\*, a shot\*, aside, a throw\*, by the, every, individually, per, per capita, per head, per person, per unit, proportionately, respectively, separately, singly, without exception; CONCEPT 577

**each** [*pron*] *each one* each and every one\*, each other, every last one, every one, one, one and all\*, one another; CONCEPT 577 —*Ant.* none

**eager** [*adj*] *anxious, enthusiastic* acquisitive, agog, ambitious, antsy, appetent, ardent, athirst, avid, breathless, champing at the bit\*, covetous, craving, desiring, desirous, dying to, earnest, fervent, fervid, greedy, gung ho\*, hankering, heated, hot\*, hot to trot\*, hungry\*, impatient, intent, keen, longing, pining, rarin' to go\*, ready and willing\*, restive, restless, self-starting, solicitous, thirsty, vehement, voracious, warmblooded\*, wild, wishful, yearning, zealous; CONCEPTS 326,401,542 —*Ant.* apathetic, disinterested, dispassionate, unconcerned, uneager, unenthusiastic

**eager beaver** [*n*] *active person* ambitious person, ball of fire\*, busy bee\*, busy person, doer, dynamo, fireball\*, go-getter, hot shot, live wire\*, pistol\*, self-starter, spark plug\*, workhorse; CONCEPT 706

**eagerness** [*n*] *enthusiasm, anxiousness* alacrity, ambition, anticipation, ardor, avidity, earnestness, excitement, fervor, greediness, gusto, heartiness, hunger, impatience, impetuosity, intentness, keenness, longing, promptness, quickness, solicitude, thirst, vehemence, voracity, yearning, zeal, zest, zing\*; CONCEPTS 20,633,657 —*Ant.* apathy, disinterested

**eagle-eyed** [*adj*] *keen-eyed* clear-sighted, hawk-eyed, observant, perceptive, perspicacious, sharp-eyed, X-ray eye; CONCEPTS 402,542

**ear** [*n*] *attention* appreciation, consideration, discrimination, hearing, heed, mark, mind, note, notice, observance, observation, perception, regard, remark, sensitivity, taste; CONCEPT 532

**early** [*adj1*] *in the beginning* a bit previous, aboriginal, ancient, antecedent, antediluvian, antiquated, brand-new, budding, early bird\*, fresh, initial, new, original, preceding, premier, prevenient, previous, primal, prime, primeval, primitive, primordial, prior, pristine, proleptical, raw, recent, undeveloped, young; CONCEPTS 799,828 —*Ant.* late

**early** [*adj2*] *sooner than expected* advanced, ahead of time, anticipative, anticipatory, before appointed time, beforehand, direct, immature, immediate, matinal, on short notice\*, on the dot\*, overearly, oversoon, preceding, precipitant, precocious, preexistent, premature, previous, prompt, pronto, punctual, quick, seasonable, soon, speedy, unanticipated, unexpected, untimely; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* later

**early** [*adv1*] *sooner than expected* a bit previous, ahead of time, anon, beforehand, before long, betimes, briefly, bright and early\*, directly, early bird\*, ere long, far ahead, immediately, in advance, in good time\*, in the bud\*, in time, on short notice\*, on the dot\*, oversoon, prematurely, presently, previous, promptly, pronto, proximately, quick, shortly, soon, too soon, unexpectedly, with time to spare\*; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* later

**early** [*adv2*] *immediately* at once, betimes, directly, first, freshly, in a jiffy\*, in an instant\*, in no time\*, instantaneously, instantly, newly, presto, primitively, promptly, recently, right away, seasonably, soon, straightforward, summarily, thereon, thereupon, timely, without delay; CONCEPTS 799,828 —*Ant.* late

**earmark** [*n*] *signature characteristic* attribute, differential, distinction, feature, hallmark, label, marking, peculiarity, quality, stamp, tag, token, trademark, trait; CONCEPT 644

**earmark** [*v*] *reserve* allocate, designate, keep back, label, maintain, mark out, name, set aside, slot, tab, tag; CONCEPT 129 —*Ant.* throw away, use, waste

**earn** [*v1*] *make money* acquire, attain, be gainfully employed, be in line for\*, bring home\*, bring home the bacon\*, bring home the groceries\*, bring in, clean up\*, clear\*, collect, consummate, cop\*, derive, draw, effect, gain, gather, get, gross, hustle, make, make fast buck\*, make it big\*, net, obtain, pay one's dues\*, perform, pick up, procure, profit, pull\*, pull down\*, rate, realize, reap, receive, scare up\*, score\*, scrape together\*, secure, snag\*, sock\*, turn, win, wrangle; CONCEPTS 330,351 —*Ant.* cost, lose, spend, throw away

**earn** [*v2*] *deserve a reward* acquire, attain, bag, be entitled to, be worthy of, come by, gain, harvest, merit, net, rate, reap, score, warrant, win; CONCEPTS 120,129

**earnest** [*adj1*] *very enthusiastic* ardent, busy, devoted, diligent, eager, fervent, fervid, heartfelt, impassioned, industrious, keen, passionate, perseverant, purposeful, sedulous, sincere, urgent, vehement, warm, wholehearted, zealous; CONCEPTS 326,401,542 —*Ant.* flippant,

unconcerned, unenthusiastic, unpassionate, unpurposeful, unthoughtful

**earnest** [*adj2*] *serious; very important* close, constant, determined, firm, fixed, for real, grave, intent, mean business, meaningful, no-fooling, no-nonsense, playing hard ball\*, resolute, resolved, sedate, sincere, sober, solemn, somber, stable, staid, steady, thoughtful, weighty; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* flippant, insincere, thoughtless, trivial, unimportant, unserious

**earnestness** [*n*] *determination; seriousness* absorption, ardor, attentiveness, concentration, decision, deliberation, devotion, doggedness, eagerness, engrossment, enthusiasm, fervor, firmness, gravity, intensity, intentness, keenness, passion, perseverance, persistence, purposefulness, resolution, resolve, serious-mindedness, sincerity, sobriety, solemnity, stress, tenacity, urgency, vehemence, warmth, zeal; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* flippancy, insincerity, unimportance

**earnings** [*n*] *money for work performed* balance, bottom line\*, emolument, gain, gate, groceries\*, income, in the black\*, lucre, net, pay, payoff, piece of the pie\*, proceeds, profit, receipts, remuneration, return, revenue, reward, salary, salt\*, stipend, take-home\*, takings, wages; CONCEPT 344 —*Ant.* bills, debt, losses, payout

**earsplitting** [*adj*] *loud blaring, deafening, noisy, penetrating, piercing, ringing, shrill, strident, thunderous*; CONCEPTS 592,594

**Earth** [*n1*] *the world* apple\*, big blue marble\*, cosmos, creation, dust\*, globe, macrocosm, orb, planet, sphere, star, sublunary world, terra, terra firma, terrene, terrestrial sphere, universe, vale; CONCEPT 511

**earth** [*n2*] *ground, soil* alluvium, clay, clod, coast, compost, deposit, dirt, dry land, dust, fill, glebe, gravel, humus, land, loam, marl, mold, muck, mud, peat moss, sand, shore, sod, subsoil, surface, terra firma, terrain, terrane, topsoil, turf; CONCEPT 509

**earthling** [*n*] *human being earth dweller, humankind, man, person, tellurian, woman*; CONCEPT 417

**earthly** [*adj1*] *physically concerning land or its inhabitants* alluvial, carnal, corporeal, geotic, global, human, in all creation, material, mortal, mundane, nonspiritual, physical, profane, secular, subastral, sublunary, tellurian, telluric, temporal, terraqueous, terrene, terrestrial, uncelestial, under the sun\*, unspiritual, worldly; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* heavenly, immaterial, spiritual, unearthly

**earthly** [*adj2*] *conceivable* feasible, imaginable, likely, mortal, possible, potential, practical, probable; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* inconceivable

**earthmover** [*n*] *bulldozer* backhoe, excavator, grader, heavy machinery, tracked vehicle; CONCEPT 505

**earthquake** [*n*] *tremor from inside the earth* convulsion, fault, macroseism, microseism, movement, quake, quaker\*, seismicity, seism, seismism, shake, shock, slip, temblor, trembler\*, undulation, upheaval; CONCEPTS 144,526

**earthly** [*adj*] *unsophisticated* bawdy, coarse, crude, down, down home\*, down-to-earth\*,

dull, easygoing, folksy, funky\*, hard-boiled\*, home folk\*, homely, homey, indelicate, lowbred, lusty, mundane, natural, pragmatic, ribald, robust, rough, simple, unidealistic, uninhibited, unrefined; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* cultured, elegant, refined, sophisticated

**ease** [*n1*] *peace, quiet; lack of difficulty* affluence, ataraxia, bed of roses\*, calm, calmness, comfort, content, contentment, easiness, enjoyment, gratification, happiness, idleness, inactivity, inertia, inertness, leisure, luxury, passivity, peace of mind\*, prosperity, quietness, quietude, relaxation, repose, resurgence, rest, restfulness, satisfaction, security, serenity, supinity, tranquility; CONCEPTS 388,410,673 —*Ant.* difficulty, disquiet, excitableness, furor, strife, turmoil, uneasiness, unrest

**ease** [*n2*] *facility, freedom* adroitness, affordability, aplomb, breeze, child's play\*, cinch, cleverness, composure, dexterity, dispatch, duck soup\*, easygoingness, efficiency, effortlessness, expertise, familiarity, flexibility, fluency, informality, insouciance, knack, liberty, naturalness, nonchalance, poise, pushover, quickness, readiness, relaxedness, setup, simplicity, skillfulness, smoothness, smooth sailing\*, snap, unaffectedness, unconstraint, unreservedness; CONCEPTS 376,388,630 —*Ant.* difficulty, effort, inhibition, perplexity, restriction

**ease** [*v1*] *alleviate, help* abate, aid, allay, ameliorate, anesthetize, appease, assist, assuage, attend to, calm, cheer, clear the way\*, comfort, cure, disburden, disengage, doctor, expedite, facilitate, forward, free, further, improve, lessen, let up on, lift, lighten, make easier, meliorate, mitigate, moderate, mollify, nurse, open the door\*, pacify, palliate, promote, quiet, relax, release, relent, relieve, run interference for\*, simplify, slacken, smooth, soften, soothe, speed, speed up, still, tranquilize, tighten; CONCEPTS 110,310 —*Ant.* annoy, increase, irritate, perplex, vex, worsen

**ease** [*v2*] *guide, move* carefully disentangle, edge, extricate, facilitate, handle, inch, induce, insert, join, loose, loosen, maneuver, relax, remove, right, set right, slack, slacken, slide, slip, squeeze, steer, tighten; CONCEPT 187 —*Ant.* make difficult, vex

**easel** [*n*] *stand* frame, mount, tripod; CONCEPTS 442,733,757

**easement** [*n*] *right of way* access, legal right, means of access, passage; CONCEPTS 318,685

**easily** [*adv1*] *without difficulty* calmly, comfortably, competently, conveniently, coolly, dexterously, efficiently, effortlessly, evenly, facilely, fluently, freely, handily, hand over fist\*, hands down\*, just like that\*, lightly, like nothing\*, no sweat\*, nothing to it\*, piece of cake\*, plainly, quickly, readily, regularly, simply, smoothly, steadily, surely, swimmingly, uncomplicatedly, well, with ease, with no effort, without a hitch\*, without trouble; CONCEPT 565 —*Ant.* difficultly

**easily** [*adv2*] *without a doubt* absolutely, actually, almost certainly, assuredly, beyond question, by far, certainly, clearly, decidedly, definitely, doubtless, doubtlessly, far and away, indeed, indisputably, indubitably, no doubt, plainly, positively, probably, really, surely, truly, undeniably, undoubtedly, unequivocally,

unquestionably; CONCEPTS 535,552

—*Ant.* doubtedly, dubitably, questionably

**easy** [adj1] *not difficult* accessible, apparent, basic, child's play\*, cinch, clear, easily done, effortless, elementary, evident, facile, inconsiderable, light, little, manageable, manifest, mere, no bother\*, no problem\*, no sweat\*, not burdensome, nothing to it\*, no trouble\*, obvious, painless, paltry, picnic\*, piece of cake\*, plain, plain sailing\*, pushover\*, royal, simple, simple as ABC\*, slight, smooth, snap, straightforward, uncomplicated, undemanding, uninvolved, untroublesome, wieldy, yielding; CONCEPT 565 —*Ant.* arduous, complex, complicated, demanding, difficult, hard, intricate, involved, laborious, uneasy

**easy** [adj2] *leisurely, relaxed* at ease, calm, carefree, comfortable, comfy, commodious, composed, content, contented, cozy, cursive, cushy, easeful, effortless, flowing, fluent, forthright, gentle, in clover\*, languid, light, mild, moderate, peaceful, pleasant, prosperous, quiet, running, satisfied, secure, serene, slow, smooth, snug, soft, spontaneous, substantial, successful, temperate, thriving, tranquil, undemanding, undisturbed, unexact, unhurried, untroubled, unworried, well-to-do; CONCEPTS 542,544

—*Ant.* difficult, exhausting, hard, oppressive, trying, uneasy, unleisurely, unrelaxed

**easy** [adj3] *tolerant, permissive* accommodating, amenable, benign, biddable, charitable, clement, compassionate, compliant, condoning, deceptible, deludable, dupable, easygoing, excusing, exploitable, fleecable, flexible, forbearing, forgiving, gentle, gullible, humoring, indulgent, kindly, lax, lenient, liberal, light, merciful, mild, moderate, mollycoddling\*, naive, pampering, pardoning, soft, spoiling, submissive, susceptible, sympathetic, temperate, tractable, trusting, unburdensome, unoppressive, unsuspecting; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* difficult, impossible, intolerant, onery, strict, unpermissive

**easy** [adj4] *good-humored* affable, amiable, at ease, carefree, casual, complaisant, diplomatic, familiar, friendly, gentle, good-natured, good-tempered, graceful, gracious, gregarious, informal, mild, natural, obliging, open, pleasant, polite, relaxed, secure, smooth, sociable, suave, tolerant, unaffected, unanxious, undemanding, unforced, unpretentious, urbane; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* difficult, unhappy

**easy as pie** [adj] *very easy* duck soup, easily done, easily managed, easy as can be, like falling off a log\*, like shooting fish in a barrel\*, like stealing candy from a baby\*, no sweat, simple, simple as ABC; CONCEPTS 527,565

**easygoing** [adj] *complacent, permissive* amenable, breezy, calm, carefree, casual, collected, complaisant, composed, devil-may-care\*, even-tempered\*, flexible, free and easy\*, hang-loose\*, happy-go-lucky\*, indolent, indulgent, informal, insouciant, laid-back\*, lazy, lenient, liberal, low-pressure, mild, moderate, nonchalant, offhand, outgoing, patient, placid, poised, relaxed, self-possessed, serene, tolerant, tranquil, unconcerned, uncritical, undemanding, unhurried, uninhibited; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* agitated, critical,

demanding, hurried, hyped, intolerant, nervous, strict, upset, worried

**eat** [v1] *consume food* absorb, attack, banquet, bite, bolt\*, break bread\*, breakfast, chew, chow down\*, cram\*, devour, digest, dine, dispatch, dispose of, fall to, feast upon, feed, gobble up\*, gorge, gormandize, graze\*, have a bite\*, have a meal, have for, ingest, inhale\*, lunch, make pig of oneself\*, masticate, munch, nibble, nosh\*, partake of, peck at\*, pick, pig out\*, polish off\*, pork out\*, put away\*, ruminate, scarf\*, scoff, snack, sup, swallow, take food, take in, take nourishment, wolf; CONCEPT 169

**eat** [v2] *erode, wear away; use up* bite, condense, corrode, crumble, decay, decompose, disappear, disintegrate, dissipate, dissolve, drain, exhaust, gnaw, liquefy, melt, nibble, rot, run through, rust, spill, squander, vanish, waste away; CONCEPTS 225,469 —*Ant.* build, maintain, preserve

**eatable** [adj] *able to be consumed* appetizing, comestible, culinary, delicious, delish\*, dietary, digestible, edible, esculent, fit, good, harmless, kosher\*, nutritious, nutritive, palatable, piquant, safe, satisfying, savory, scrumptious, succulent, tasty, tempting, wholesome, yummy\*

CONCEPTS 462,613 —*Ant.* inedible, unedible, uneatable, unpalatable, unwholesome

**eat high on the hog** [v] *live well* be in fat city\*, be in hog heaven\*, be sitting pretty, have it good, have it made, sit pretty; CONCEPT 5

**eating disorder** [n] *unhealthy disturbance in eating behavior* anorexia nervosa, bingeing, bulimarexia, bulimia, compulsive eating, hyperphagia, pica, psychological disorder, purging; CONCEPT 316

**eats** [n] *food* chow, comestibles, eatables, fare, grub\*, meals, nosh\*, nourishment, nutriment, provisions, rations, snacks, sustenance, tidbits, victuals, vittles; CONCEPT 457

**eat up** [v] *to accept* buy, stand still for, swallow; CONCEPT 12

**eavesdrop** [v] *listen without permission* be all ears\*, bend an ear\*, bug, ears into\*, listen in, monitor, overhear, pry, snoop, spy, tap, tune in on\*, wire, wiretap; CONCEPTS 188,596 —*Ant.* ignore

**ebb** [n] *regression; decline* abatement, backflow, decay, decrease, degeneration, depreciation, deterioration, diminution, drop, dwindling, fading away, flagging, going out, lessening, low tide, low water, outward flow, petering out\*, recession, reflux, retreat, retrocession, retroflux, shrinkage, sinking, slackening, subsidence, sweep, wane, waning, weakening, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 195,698 —*Ant.* flow, incline, increase, rise

**ebb** [v] *subside; decline* abate, decay, decrease, degenerate, deteriorate, die down, die out, diminish, drop, dwindle, ease off, fade away, fall, fall away, fall back, flag, flow back, go out, languish, lessen, let up, melt, moderate, peter out, recede, relent, retire, retreat, retrocede, shrink, sink, slacken, wane, weaken, withdraw; CONCEPTS 195,698 —*Ant.* flow, increase, rise

**ebullience** [n] *enthusiasm* agitation, animation, buoyancy, effervescence, effusiveness, elation, excitement, exhilaration, exuberance, exuberancy, ferment, gaiety, high-spiritedness, high

spirits, liveliness, vitality, vivaciousness, vivacity, zest; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* apathy, disinterest

**ebullient** [*adj*] *enthusiastic* agitated, bouncy, brash, buoyant, chipper\*, chirpy\*, effervescent, effusive, elated, excited, exhilarated, exuberant, frothy\*, gushing, high-spirited, in high spirits\*, irrepressible, vivacious, zestful, zippy\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* apathetic, disinterested, unenthusiastic

**eccentric** [*adj*] *bizarre, unusual* aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, beat\*, bent\*, bizarre, capricious, characteristic, cockeyed, crazy, curious, droll, erratic, far out\*, flaky, freak, freakish, funky\*, funny, idiosyncratic, irregular, kooky, nutty, odd, oddball, offbeat, off-center, off the wall\*, out in left field\*, outlandish, peculiar, quaint, queer, quirky, quizzical, singular, strange, uncommon, unconventional, unnatural, way out\*, weird, whimsical, wild; CONCEPTS 547,564 —*Ant.* boring, common, dull, normal, ordinary, plain, regular, standard, unexciting, usual

**eccentric** [*n*] *person who is bizarre, unusual* beatnik, character, freak, hippie, kook, loner, maverick, nonconformist, nut\*, oddball, oddity, odd person, original, queer duck\*, rare bird\*, three-dollar bill\*, weirdo; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* normal, standard

**eccentricity** [*n*] *bizarreness, unusualness* aberration, abnormality, anomaly, caprice, capriciousness, foible, freakishness, hereticism, idiosyncrasy, idiosyncrasy, irregularity, kink, nonconformity, oddity, oddness, outlandishness, peculiarity, queerness, quirk, singularity, strangeness, unconventionality, unorthodoxy, waywardness, weirdness, whimsicality, whimsicalness; CONCEPTS 647,665 —*Ant.* commonality, dullness, normality, regularness, standard, uniformity, usual, usualness

**ecclesiastical** [*adj*] *churchly* clerical, diaconal, episcopal, holy, ministerial, orthodox, parochial, pastoral, religious, sectarian, spiritual; CONCEPTS 536,582

**echelon** [*n*] *class, level* degree, file, grade, line, office, place, position, queue, rank, row, string, tier; CONCEPTS 378,388

**echo** [*n*] *repeat, copy* answer, imitation, mirror, mirror image, onomatopoeia, parallel, parrotting, rebound, reflection, reiteration, repercussion, repetition, reply, reproduction, reverberation, ringing, rubber stamp\*; CONCEPTS 595,695,716

**echo** [*v*] *repeat, copy* ape, ditto\*, do like\*, go like\*, imitate, impersonate, make like\*, mimic, mirror, parallel, parrot, react, recall, redouble, reflect, reiterate, reproduce, resemble, respond, respond, reverberate, ring, rubber-stamp\*, second, vibrate; CONCEPTS 91,171

**éclat** [*n*] *style* brio, dash, dynamism, élan, flair, flourish, gusto, oomph\*, panache, pizzazz\*, stylishness, verve, vigor, vitality, vivaciousness, vivacity, zest, zing\*; CONCEPT 655

**eclectic** [*adj*] *comprehensive, general* all-embracing, assorted, broad, catholic, dilettantish, diverse, diversified, heterogeneous, inclusive, liberal, many-sided, mingled, mixed, multifarious, multimorph, selective, universal, varied, wide-ranging; CONCEPTS 537,772 —*Ant.* incomprehensive, narrow, particular, specific, unvaried

**eclipse** [*n*] *shadowing of the sun* concealment, darkening, decline, diminution, dimming, extinction, extinguishment, obliteration, obscuration, occultation, penumbra, shading, shroud, veil; CONCEPTS 522,624

**eclipse** [*v1*] *obscure, veil* adumbrate, becloud, bedim, blot out, cloud, darken, dim, extinguish, murk, overshadow, shadow, shroud; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* clear, explain, lay out

**eclipse** [*v2*] *surpass achievement* exceed, excel, outdo, outshine, overrun, surmount, tower above, transcend; CONCEPT 141 —*Ant.* fall behind

**ecology** [*n*] *environmental science* bionomics, conservation, preservation; CONCEPTS 134,257

**economic** [*adj*] *business-related; financial* bread-and-butter\*, budgetary, commercial, fiscal, industrial, material, mercantile, monetary, money-making, pecuniary, productive, profitable, profit-making, remunerative, solvent, viable; CONCEPTS 334,536

**economical** [*adj1*] *conservative with resources; careful* avaricious, canny, chary, circumspect, close, closetisted, cost-effective, curmudgeonly, efficient, frugal, meager, mean, methodical, miserly, money-saving, niggardly\*, on the rims\*, parsimonious, penny-pinching\*, penny-wise\*, penurious, practical, provident, prudent, prudential, saving, scrimping, skimping, spare, sparing, stingy, thrifty, tight, time-saving, unwasteful, watchful, work-saving; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* careless, expensive, uncaredful, uneconomical, wasteful

**economical** [*adj2*] *inexpensive* bought for a song\*, cheap, cost next to nothing\*, cost nothing, cut rate, dime a dozen\*, dirt cheap\*, dog cheap\*, fair, low, low-priced, low tariff, marked down, moderate, modest, on sale, quite a buy\*, reasonable, reduced, sound, steal\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* expensive, uneconomical, unreasonable

**economize** [*v*] *save money* be frugal, be prudent, be sparing, conserve, cut back, cut corners\*, cut down, keep within means, make ends meet\*, manage, meet a budget, pay one's way\*, pinch pennies\*, retrench, run tight ship\*, scrimp, shepherd, skimp, stint, stretch a dollar\*, tighten one's belt\*; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* spend, squander, throw away

**economy** [*n*] *saving, frugality* abridgement, austerity, care, carefulness, caution, curtailment, cutback, decrease, deduction, direction, discretion, husbandry, layoff, meanness, miserliness, moratorium, niggardliness, parcify, parsimony, providence, prudence, recession, reduction, regulation, restraint, retrenchment, rollback, scrimping, shrinkage, skimping, sparingness, stinginess, supervision, thrift, thriftiness; CONCEPTS 117,330,335 —*Ant.* spending, squandering

**eco-rich** [*adj*] *possessing an abundance of natural resources* bountiful, clean, flowing, full, green, natural, plentiful, pure, rich; CONCEPT 518

**ecosystem** [*n*] *environment* ecological community, environs; CONCEPTS 315,673,696

**ecstasy** [*n*] *bliss* beatitude, blessedness, cool\*, delectation, delight, delirium, ebullience, elation, enchantment, enthusiasm, euphoria,

exaltation, felicity, fervor, frenzy, gladness, happiness, heaven, inspiration, intoxication, joy, joyfulness, paradise, rapture, ravishment, rhapsody, seventh heaven\*, trance, transport, twilight zone\*; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* despair, sorrow, torment, trouble, unhappiness

**ecstatic** [*adj*] *very happy, blissful* athrill, beatific, crazy, delirious, dreamy, elated, enraptured, enthusiastic, entranced, euphoric, fervent, floating, flying high\*, frenzied, gone\*, high\*, in exaltation, in seventh heaven\*, joyful, joyous, mad, on cloud nine\*, out, overjoyed, pleased as punch\*, rapturous, ravished, rhapsodic, sent\*, sunny, thrilled, tickled pink\*, tickled to death\*, transported\*, turned on\*, upbeat, wild; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* despair, sorrowful, tormented, troubled, unhappy

**ecumenical** [*adj*] *general* all-comprehensive, all-inclusive, all-pervading, catholic, comprehensive, cosmic, cosmopolitan, global, inclusive, planetary, unifying, universal, worldwide; CONCEPTS 537,772

**eddy** [*n*] *current* swirl, tide, vortex, whirlpool; CONCEPT 514

**Eden** [*n*] *Paradise* Arcadia, garden, Garden of Eden, heaven, heaven on earth, promised land, Shangri-La, Utopia; CONCEPTS 370,410,515

**edge** [*n*] *border, outline* bend, berm, bound, boundary, brim, brink, butt, circumference, contour, corner, crook, crust, curb, end, extremity, frame, fringe, frontier, hem, hook, ledge, limb, limit, line, lip, margin, molding, mouth, outskirts, peak, perimeter, periphery, point, portal, rim, ring, shore, side, skirt, split, strand, term, threshold, tip, trimming, turn, verge; CONCEPTS 484,513 —*Ant.* center, inside, interior, middle, surface

**edge** [*n*] *advantage* allowance, ascendancy, bulge, dominance, draw, handicap, head start, lead, odds, start, superiority, upper hand\*, vantage; CONCEPT 712 —*Ant.* block, disadvantage

**edge** [*v*] *border, trim* bind, bound, decorate, fringe, hem, margin, outline, rim, shape, skirt, surround, verge; CONCEPTS 751,758 —*Ant.* center

**edge** [*v*] *defeat narrowly* creep, ease, inch, infiltrate, nose out\*, sidle, slip by, slip past, squeeze by\*, squeeze past\*, steal, worm\*; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* lose, wallop

**edge** [*v*] *sharpen* file, grind, hone, polish, sharpen, strop, whet; CONCEPTS 137,250 —*Ant.* blunt, dull, thicken

**edgy** [*adj*] *nervous* anxious, critical, excitable, excited, high-strung, ill at ease, impatient, irascible, irritable, keyed up\*, overstrung, restive, restless, skittish, tense, touchy, uneasy, uptight; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* calm, composed, easy-going, laid-back

**edible** [*adj*] *able to be eaten* comestible, digestible, eatable, esculent, fit, good, harmless, nourishing, nutritious, nutritive, palatable, savory, succulent, tasty, toothsome, wholesome; CONCEPTS 462,613 —*Ant.* harmful, inedible, poisonous, unpalatable

**edict** [*n*] *pronouncement, order* act, canon, command, commandment, decree, decretum, dictate, dictum, directive, enactment, fiat, injunction, instrument, judgment, law, mandate, manifesto, ordinance, precept, prescript, procla-

amation, pronunciamento, regulation, rule, ruling, statute, ukase, writ; CONCEPTS 278,662,688

**edification** [*n*] *improvement, education* betterment, elevation, elucidation, enhancement, enlightenment, guidance, illumination, information, instruction, irradiation, knowledge, learning, nurture, schooling, teaching, tuition, uplifting; CONCEPTS 31,287,700 —*Ant.* destruction, worsening

**edifice** [*n*] *structure* building, construction, erection, habitation, house, monument, pile, rockpile\*, skyscraper, towers; CONCEPT 439

**edit** [*v*] *rewrite, refine* adapt, alter, amplify, analyze, annotate, arrange, assemble, assign, blue-pencil\*, boil down\*, butcher, censor, check, choose, compile, compose, condense, correct, cut, delete, discard, doctor, draft, emend, excise, feature, fine-tune, finish, fly speck\*, go over, make up, massage\*, polish, prepare, prescribe, proofread, publish, put together, rearrange, recalibrate, rectify, redact, regulate, rehash, rephrase, report, revise, scrub\*, select, set up, strike out, style, tighten, trim, write over; CONCEPTS 79,126,203

**edition** [*n*] *issue of publication* copy, impression, imprint, number, printing, program, publication, reissue, release, reprint, reprinting, version, volume; CONCEPT 280

**editorial** [*n*] *commentary* article, critique, opinion, report, review; CONCEPTS 51,278

**educate** [*v*] *teach information, experience* brainwash\*, brief, civilize, coach, cultivate, develop, discipline, drill, drum into, edify, enlighten, exercise, explain, foster, improve, indoctrinate, inform, instruct, let in on, mature, nurture, put hip\*, put through the grind\*, rear, school, show the ropes\*, train, tutor; CONCEPTS 61,285 —*Ant.* learn

**educated** [*adj*] *learned, experienced* accomplished, acquainted with, brainy, civilized, coached, corrected, cultivated, cultured, developed, enlightened, enriched, erudite, expert, finished, fitted, formed, informed, initiated, instructed, intelligent, knowledgeable, lettered, literary, literate, nurtured, polished, prepared, professional, refined, scholarly, schooled, scientific, shaped, skilled, tasteful, taught, trained, tutored, versed in, well-informed, well-read, well-taught, well-versed; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, illiterate, inexperienced, stupid, uncultured, uneducated, unsophisticated

**education** [*n*] *instruction, development of knowledge* apprenticeship, background, book learning\*, brainwashing\*, breeding, catechism, civilization, coaching, cultivation, culture, direction, discipline, drilling, edification, enlightenment, erudition, finish, guidance, improvement, inculcation, indoctrination, information, learnedness, learning, literacy, nurture, pedagogy, preparation, propagandism, proselytism, reading, rearing, refinement, scholarship, schooling, science, study, teaching, training, tuition, tutelage, tutoring; CONCEPTS 285,287,409 —*Ant.* ignorance

**educational** [*adj*] *instructional* academic, cultural, didactic, informational, informative, instructive, scholarly, scholastic, tutorial; CONCEPT 536



**educator** [*n*] *teacher* coach, dean, department head, educationist, instructor, lecturer, mentor, monitor, professor, schoolteacher, trainer, tutor; CONCEPT 350

**educe** [*v*] *bring out, elicit* come out, conclude, deduce, derive, develop, distill, drag, draw, draw out, evince, evoke, evolve, excogitate, extort, extract, gain, get, infer, milk\*, obtain, procure, pull, reason, secure, think out, wrest, wring; CONCEPTS 37,142

**erie** [*adj*] *spooky* awesome, bizarre, crawly, creepy, fantastic, fearful, frightening, ghostly, mysterious, scary, spectral, strange, supernatural, superstitious, uncanny, unearthly, weird; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* funny, normal, ordinary, silly

**efface** [*v*] *erase* blot out, blue-pencil, cancel, cross out, delete, destroy, edit, eliminate, expunge, fade, obliterate, rub out, scratch out, white out, wipe out; CONCEPTS 211,215

**effect** [*n1*] *result* aftereffect, aftermath, backlash, backwash, can of worms\*, causatum, chain reaction\*, conclusion, consequence, corollary, denouement, development, end, end product, event, eventuality, fallout, flak\*, follow through, follow-up, fruit, issue, outcome, outgrowth, precipitate, pursuance, ramification, reaction, reflex, repercussion, response, sequel, sequence, side effect, spin-off, upshot\*, waves\*; CONCEPT 230 —*Ant.* beginning, cause, commencement, foundation, origin, source, start

**effect** [*n2*] *impact, impression* action, clout, drift, effectiveness, efficacy, efficiency, enforcement, essence, execution, fact, force, implementation, import, imprint, influence, mark, meaning, power, purport, purpose, reality, sense, significance, strength, tenor, use, validity, vigor, weight; CONCEPT 687

**effect** [*v*] *carry out, accomplish* achieve, actualize, actuate, begin, bring about, bring off, bring on, buy, carry through, cause, complete, conceive, conclude, consummate, create, do a number\*, do one's thing\*, do the job\*, do the trick\*, do to a T\*, draw on, effectuate, enact, enforce, execute, fulfill, generate, get across, get to, give rise to, implement, induce, initiate, invoke, make, make it\*, make waves\*, perform, procure, produce, pull it off\*, put across, realize, render, secure, sell, turn out, turn the trick\*, unzip\*, yield; CONCEPTS 91,706 —*Ant.* fail, forget, ignore, neglect, overlook

**effective** [*adj1*] *productive, persuasive* able, active, adequate, capable, cogent, compelling, competent, convincing, direct, effectual, efficacious, efficient, emphatic, energetic, forceful, forcible, having lead in pencil\*, impressive, live, moving, on the ball\*, operative, playing hardball\*, potent, powerful, powerhouse\*, practical, producing, resultant, serviceable, serving, sound, striking, sufficient, telling, trenchant, useful, valid, virtuous, wicked\*, yielding; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* fruitless, impotent, incapable, ineffective, unproductive, useless, weak

**effective** [*adj2*] *in use at the time* active, actual, current, direct, dynamic, in effect, in execution, in force, in operation, operative, real; CONCEPTS 560,582,799 —*Ant.* inoperative, useless

**effectiveness** [*n*] *influence* capability, clout, cogency, effect, efficacy, efficiency, force,

forcefulness, performance, point, potency, power, punch, strength, success, use, validity, validness, verve, vigor, weight; CONCEPTS 670,687 —*Ant.* ineffectiveness, unproductivity, uselessness

**effects** [*n*] *belongings* accouterments, chattels, goods, holdings, paraphernalia, possessions, property, stuff, things, trappings; CONCEPTS 446,710

**effectual** [*adj*] *influential; authoritative* accomplishing, achieving, adequate, binding, capable, conclusive, decisive, determinative, effecting, effective, efficacious, efficient, forcible, fulfilling, in force, lawful, legal, licit, potent, powerful, practicable, productive, qualified, serviceable, sound, strong, successful, telling, useful, valid, virtuous, workable; CONCEPTS 319,528,537 —*Ant.* impotent, incapable, ineffectual, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless, weak

**effeminate** [*adj*] *having female qualities* epicene, feminine, womanish, womanlike, womanly; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* manly, masculine

**effervesce** [*n1*] *fizz, foam* bubbles, bubbling, ebullition, ferment, fermentation, froth, frothing, sparkle; CONCEPTS 437,522

**effervescence** [*n2*] *enthusiasm, vivacity* animation, buoyancy, ebullience, excitedness, excitement, exhilaration, exuberance, exuberancy, gaiety, happiness, high spirits, joy, liveliness, vim, vitality, volatility, zing\*; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* dullness, flatness

**effervescent** [*adj1*] *fizzing, foaming* airy, boiling, bouncy, bubbling, bubbly, carbonated, elastic, expansive, fermenting, frothing, frothy, resilient, sparkling, volatile; CONCEPTS 462,485 —*Ant.* flat, stale

**effervescent** [*adj2*] *enthusiastic, vivacious* animated, bouncy, brash, bubbly, buoyant, ebullient, excited, exhilarated, exuberant, gleeful, happy, high-spirited, hilarious, in high spirits\*, irrepressible, jolly, joyous, lively, merry, mirthful, sprightly, vital, zingy; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* dull, inactive, serious, sober, unenthusiastic

**effete** [*adj1*] *spoiled, exhausted* burnt out\*, corrupt, debased, decadent, decayed, declining, decrepit, degenerate, dissipated, dissolute, drained, enervated, enfeebled, far-gone\*, feeble, immoral, obsolete, overrefined, overripe, played out\*, soft, spent, vitiated, washed-out\*, wasted, weak, worn out; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* capable, tireless

**effete** [*adj2*] *unproductive* barren, fruitless, impotent, infecund, infertile, sterile, unfruitful, unprolific; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* productive, useful, working

**efficacious** [*adj*] *efficient, productive* active, adequate, capable, competent, effective, effectual, energetic, influential, operative, potent, powerful, puissant, serviceable, strong, successful, useful, virtuous; CONCEPTS 528,537 —*Ant.* incapable, inefficacious, inefficient, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless

**efficacy** [*n*] *efficiency; productivity* ability, adequacy, capability, capableness, capacity, competence, effect, effectiveness, efficaciousness, energy, force, influence, performance, potency, power, strength, success, sufficiency,

use, vigor, virtue, weight; CONCEPTS 641,676, 706 —*Ant.* failure, inefficacy, inefficiency, unproductiveness, uselessness, weakness

**effective** [*n*] *adeptness, effectiveness* ability, abundance, adaptability, address, adequacy, capability, capableness, competence, competency, completeness, economy, effectualness, efficacy, energy, expertise, facility, faculty, know-how, performance, potency, power, powerfulness, productiveness, productivity, proficiency, prowess, quantity, readiness, resourcefulness, response, skill, skillfulness, suitability, suitability, talent, thoroughness; CONCEPTS 409,630,658 —*Ant.* helplessness, impotence, inability, incompetence, ineffectiveness, inefficiency, weakness

**efficient** [*adj*] *adept, effective* able, accomplished, active, adapted, adequate, apt, businesslike, capable, clever, competent, conducive, decisive, deft, dynamic, economic, economical, effectual, efficacious, energetic, equal to, experienced, expert, familiar with, fitted, good at, good for, handy, masterly, organized, potent, powerful, practiced, productive, proficient, profitable, qualified, ready, saving, shrewd, skilled, skillful, systematic, talented, tough, useful, valuable, virtuous, well-organized; CONCEPTS 402,527,560

—*Ant.* helpless, impotent, incompetent, ineffective, inefficient, powerless, unable, weak

**effigy** [*n*] *dummy* figure, icon, idol, image, likeness, model, picture, portrait, puppet, representation, statue; CONCEPT 436 —*Ant.* being, entity

**effort** [*n*] *work, exertion* accomplishment, achievement, act, aim, application, aspiration, attempt, battle, crack\*, creation, deed, discipline, drill, elbow grease\*, endeavor, energy, enterprise, essay, exercise, feat, fling\*, force, go\*, industry, intention, job, labor, old college try\*, pains, power, product, production, pull, purpose, push, resolution, shot\*, spurt, stab\*, strain, stress, stretch, strife, striving, struggle, sweat, tension, toil, training, travail, trial, trouble, try, tug\*, undertaking, venture, whack\*; CONCEPTS 87,362,677,724 —*Ant.* hesitation, idleness, inactivity, laziness, passivity

**effortless** [*adj*] *easy* child's play\*, cursive, duck soup\*, facile, flowing, fluent, light, no problem\*, no sweat\*, offhand, painless, picnic\*, piece of cake\*, royal, running, simple, smooth, snap\*, uncomplicated, undemanding, untroublesome; CONCEPT 565 —*Ant.* complicated, demanding, difficult, effortful, hard, labored

**effrontery** [*n*] *nerve, boldness* arrogance, assurance, audacity, backtalk, brashness, brass\*, brazenness, cheek\*, cheekiness,chutzpah\*, crust\*, disrespect, face, gall, guff, hardihood, impertinence, impudence, incivility, insolence, lip\*, presumption, rudeness, sass, sauce\*, self-assurance, self-confidence, shamelessness, smart talk, temerity; CONCEPTS 411, 633 —*Ant.* manners, modesty, shame, shyness

**effulgent** [*adj*] *glowing, luminous* beaming, blazing, bright, brilliant, dazzling, flaming, fluorescent, incandescent, lambent, lucent, lustrous, radiant, resplendent, shining, splendid, vivid; CONCEPT 617

**effusion** [*n*] *outpouring* address, diffusion, discharge, effluence, effluvium, efflux, emana-

tion, emission, exudate, gush, gushing, ooze, outflow, pouring, shedding, stream, verbosity, wordiness; CONCEPTS 179,266

**effusive** [*adj*] *gushing, profuse* all jaw\*, big mouthed\*, demonstrative, ebullient, enthusiastic, expansive, extravagant, exuberant, free-flowing, fulsome, gabby\*, gushy\*, lavish, outpouring, overflowing, prolix, talkative, unconstrained, unreserved, unrestrained, verbose, windbag\*, windy\*, wordy; CONCEPTS 267,542

**egalitarian** [*adj*] *equal* democratic, equitable, even-handed, impartial, just, unbiased; CONCEPTS 319,536

**egg** [*n*] *seed, cell; embryo* of an animal bud, cackle\*, cackleberry\*, germ, nucleus, oospore, ovum, roe, rudiment, spawn, yellow eye\*; CONCEPTS 389,392

**egghead** [*n*] *intellectual* bluestocking, bookworm\*, brain\*, geek\*, genius, highbrow, know-it-all\*, longhair\*, rocket scientist\*, scholar, thinker; CONCEPTS 350,416

**egg on** [*v*] *push to do something* agitate, arouse, drive, encourage, excite, exhort, goad, incite, instigate, pique, prick, prod, prompt, propel, rally, sic, spur, stimulate, stir up, urge, whip up; CONCEPT 68 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade, hold back, talk out of

**ego** [*n*] *personality* character, psyche, self, self-admiration, selfdom, self-pride; CONCEPT 411

**egocentric** [*adj*] *thinking very highly of oneself* conceited, egoistic, egotistical, egomaniacal, egotistic, egotistical, individualist, individualistic, megalomaniac, narcissistic, pompous, self-absorbed, self-centered, self-concerned, self-indulgent, self-interested, selfish, self-loving, self-serving, stuck-up, vainglorious, wrapped up in oneself; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* altruistic, humble, modest, reserved, selfless, shy, submissive, timid, unassuming

**egoism/egotism** [*n*] *self-centeredness* arrogance, assurance, boastfulness, boasting, bragging, conceit, conceitedness, egocentricity, egomania, gasconade, haughtiness, insolence, megalomania, narcissism, ostentation, overconfidence, preoccupation with self, presumption, pride, self-absorption, self-admiration, self-confidence, self-importance, self-interest, selfishness, self-love, self-possession, self-regard, self-worship, superiority, swellheadedness, vainglory, vanity, vaunting; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* altruism, humility, selflessness

**egotistic/egoistic** [*adj*] *thinking very highly of oneself* affected, aloof, autocratic, boastful, boasting, bragging, conceited, egocentric, egomaniacal, haughty, individualistic, inflated, inner-directed, intimate, intrinsic, introverted, isolated, narcissistic, obsessive, opinionated, personal, pompous, prideful, proud, puffed up\*, self-absorbed, self-adoring, self-centered, self-important, snobbish, stuck on oneself\*, stuck-up\*, subjective, superior, swollen, vain, vainglorious; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* altruistic, humble, modest, reserved, selfless, shy, submissive, timid, unassuming

**egregious** [*adj*] *outstandingly bad; outrageous* arrant, atrocious, capital, deplorable, extreme, flagrant, glaring, grievous, gross\*, heinous, infamous, insufferable, intolerable, monstrous, nefarious, notorious, outright, preposterous,

rank, scandalous, shocking, stark; CONCEPTS 545,548 —*Ant.* little, minor, secondary, slight

**egress** [*n*] *passage out* departure, doorway, emanation, emergence, escape, exit, exiting, exodus, issue, opening, outlet, setting-out, vent, way out, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 195,440 —*Ant.* entrance

**ejaculate** [*v*] *eject semen* climax, come\*, discharge, have an orgasm, spurt; CONCEPTS 152,179

**eject** [*v*] *throw or be thrown out* banish, bounce\*, bump, cast out, debar, disbar, discharge, disgorge, dislodge, dismiss, displace, dispossess, ditch, do away with\*, drive off, dump\*, eighty-six\*, ejaculate, eliminate, emit, eradicate, eruct, erupt, evict, exclude, expel, expulse, extrude, fire, force out, get rid of, give the boot\*, heave out\*, irrupt, kick out\*, kiss goodbye\*, oust, reject, rout, sack, send packing\*, show the gate to\*, spew, spit out, spout, squeeze out, throw overboard\*, turn out, unloose, vomit; CONCEPTS 179,222 —*Ant.* take in

**ejection** [*n*] *expulsion* banishment, disbarment, discharge, dismissal, elimination, eviction, exile, ouster, removal, the boot\*, the heave-ho\*, the sack\*, throwing out; CONCEPTS 179,748

**eke out** [*v*] *make something last* barely exist, be economical with, be frugal with, be sparing with, economize on, get by\*, stretch out; CONCEPT 239 —*Ant.* use up, waste

**elaborate** [*adj*] *intricate*; *involved* busy, careful, complex, complicated, decorated, detailed, elegant, embellished, exact, extensive, extravagant, fancy, fussy, garnished, highly wrought, high tech\*, imposing, knotty, labored, labyrinthine, luxurious, many-faceted, minute, ornamented, ornate, ostentatious, overdone, overworked, painstaking, perfected, plush, posh, precise, prodigious, refined, showy, skillful, sophisticated, studied, thorough, with all the extras\*, with all the options\*, with bells and whistles\*; CONCEPT 562 —*Ant.* general, normal, plain, regular, simple, uncomplicated, unelaborate, uninvolved, usual

**elaborate** [*v*] *make detailed*; *expand* amplify, bedeck, clarify, comment, complicate, deck, decorate, develop, devise, discuss, embellish, enhance, enlarge, evolve, expatiate, explain, expound, flesh out, garnish, improve, interpret, ornament, particularize, polish, produce, refine, specify, unfold, work out; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* make simple, simplify

**élan** [*n*] *vivacity* animation, ardor, brio, dash, esprit, flair, impetuosity, impetus, life, oomph\*, panache, spirit, style, verve, vigor, vim, zest, zing\*; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* dullness, lifelessness

**elapse** [*v*] *go by*; *slip away* expire, flow, glide by, lapse, pass, pass away, pass by, roll by, roll on, run out, transpire, vanish; CONCEPT 6

**elastic** [*adj*1] *pliant*, *rubbery* adaptable, bouncy, buoyant, ductile, extendible, extensible, flexible, irrepressible, limber, lithe, malleable, moldable, plastic, pliable, resilient, rubberlike, springy, stretchable, stretchy, supple, tempered, yielding; CONCEPTS 490,606 —*Ant.* inelastic, rigid, stiff, tense, unflexible, unyielding

**elastic** [*adj*2] *adaptable*, *tolerant* accommodating, adjustable, airy, animated, bouncy, buoyant, complaisant, compliant, ebullient, effervescent,

expansive, flexible, gay, high-spirited, lively, recuperative, resilient, soaring, spirited, sprightly, supple, variable, vivacious, volatile, yielding; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* difficult, inflexible, intolerant, unadaptable, unyielding

**elasticity** [*n*] *stretchiness* adaptability, adjustability, flexibility, fluidity, give\*, malleability, plasticity, pliancy, resilience, rubberiness, springiness, suppleness; CONCEPT 731 —*Ant.* rigidity

**elated** [*adj*] *very happy* animated, aroused, blissful, cheered, delighted, ecstatic, elevated, enchanted, enraptured, euphoric, exalted, excited, exhilarated, exultant, fired up\*, flying\*, flying high\*, gleeful, high, hopped up\*, in heaven\*, in high spirits\*, in seventh heaven\*, intoxicated, joyful, joyous, jubilant, looking good\*, on cloud nine\*, overjoyed, proud, puffed up\*, roused, set up, transported, turned-on\*; CONCEPTS 22,403 —*Ant.* depressed, down, sad, sorrowful, unhappy

**elation** [*n*] *extreme happiness* bliss, buoyancy, buzz, charge, cloud nine\*, delight, ecstasy, enthusiasm, euphoria, exaltation, excitement, exhilaration, exultation, glee, high, high spirits, intoxication, jollies\*, joy, joyfulness, joyousness, jubilation, kick\*, kicks\*, rapture, stars in one's eyes\*, transport, triumph, up\*, upper\*; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* depression, sadness, sorrow, unhappiness

**elbow** [*n*] *angular part of arm*; *angularly shaped item* ancon, angle, bend, bow, corner, crazy bone\*, crook, crutch, curve, fork, funny bone\*, half turn, hinge, joint, turn; CONCEPTS 418,436

**elbow** [*v*] *push aside* bend, bulldoze, bump, crowd, hook, hustle, jostle, knock, nudge, press, rough and tumble\*, shoulder, shove; CONCEPT 208

**elbow grease** [*n*] *physical effort* effort, exertion, labor, muscle, oomph\*, strain, strength, sweat, toil; CONCEPTS 87,100,351,360,362

**elbow room** [*n*] *room to maneuver* breathing space, clearance, freedom, latitude, leeway, license, margin, play, room, space; CONCEPT 739

**elder** [*adj*] *born earlier* ancient, earlier, first-born, more mature, older, senior; CONCEPTS 578,797 —*Ant.* last-born, younger, youngest

**elder** [*n*] *older person* ancestor, ancient, forebearer, golden ager\*, patriarch, oldest, old fogey\*, oldest\*, patriarch, senior, senior citizen, superior, veteran; CONCEPT 424 —*Ant.* junior, minor, youngster, youth

**elderly** [*adj*] *in old age* aged, aging, ancient, been around\*, declining, gray\*, hoary, long in tooth\*, lot of mileage\*, no spring chicken\*, old, olden, on last leg\*, over the hill\*, retired, tired, venerable; CONCEPTS 578,797 —*Ant.* young, youth

**elect** [*v*] *select as representative*; *choose* accept, admit, appoint, ballot, conclude, cull, decide upon, designate, determine, go down the line, judge, mark, name, nominate, optate, opt for, pick, pick out, prefer, receive, resolve, settle, settle on, single out, take, tap, vote, vote for; CONCEPTS 41,300 —*Ant.* ignore, vote down, vote out

**election** [*n*] *choosing*; *voting* alternative, appointment, ballot, balloting, choice, decision,

- determination, franchise, judgment, option, poll, polls, preference, primary, referendum, selection, ticket, vote-casting; CONCEPTS 41,300
- electioneering** [*n*] *campaigning* barnstorming\*, canvassing, polling, voting; CONCEPT 87
- elective** [*adj*] *able to be chosen* constituent, discretionary, electoral, facultative, nonobligatory, not compulsory, optional, selective, voluntary, voting; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* required
- electric/electrical** [*adj*] *charged; energetic* AC, DC, dynamic, electrifying, exciting, juiced\*, magnetic, motor-driven, power-driven, rousing, stimulating, stirring, tense, thrilling, voltaic; CONCEPT 540 —*Ant.* boring, uncharged, unenergetic, unexciting
- electricity** [*n*] *energized matter, power* AC, current, DC, electromagnetism, electron, galvanism, heat, hot stuff\*, ignition, juice\*, light, magnetism, service, spark, tension, utilities, voltage; CONCEPT 520
- electrify** [*v*] *thrill, stimulate* amaze, animate, astonish, astound, charge, commove, disturb, dynamize, energize, enthuse, excite, fire, frenzy, galvanize, invigorate, jar, jolt, magnetize, power, provoke, rouse, send, shock, stagger, startle, stir, strike, stun, take one's breath away\*, wire\*; CONCEPTS 7,22,42 —*Ant.* bore, dull
- electronics** [*n*] *electronic devices* camcorders, CD players, computer chips, computers, electronic components, integrated circuitry, radios, stereos, televisions, transistors, VCRs, video cameras; CONCEPTS 463,499
- elegance** [*n*] *cultivated beauty, taste* breeding, charm, class, courtliness, cultivation, culture, delicacy, dignity, discernment, distinction, exquisiteness, felicity, gentility, good taste, grace, gracefulness, grandeur, hauteur, lushness, luxury, magnificence, nicety, nobility, noblesse, ornateness, polish, politeness, poshness, propriety, purity, refinement, restraint, rhythm, sophistication, splendor, style, sumptuousness, symmetry, tastefulness; CONCEPTS 655,671,718 —*Ant.* crudeness, inelegance, poor taste, roughness, ugliness
- elegant** [*adj*] *beautiful, tasteful* affected, appropriate, apt, aristocratic, artistic, august, chic, choice, classic, clever, comely, courtly, cultivated, cultured, dainty, delicate, dignified, effective, exquisite, fancy, fashionable, fine, genteel, graceful, grand, handsome, ingenious, luxurious, majestic, modish, neat, nice, noble, opulent, ornamented, ornate, ostentatious, overdone, polished, rare, recherché, refined, rich, select, simple, stately, stuffy, stylish, stylized, sumptuous, superior, turgid, well-bred; CONCEPTS 574,579,589 —*Ant.* crude, inelegant, rough, ugly, unfashionable, unrefined, unsophisticated, untasteful
- elegiac** [*adj*] *lamenting* doleful, funereal, melancholy, mournful, sad, sorrowful, threnodial; CONCEPT 403
- elegy** [*n*] *dirge* death song, funeral song, knell, lament, plaint, requiem, threnody; CONCEPTS 262,293,595
- element** [*n*] *essential feature* aspect, basic, basis, bit, component, constituent, detail, drop, facet, factor, fundamental, hint, ingredient, item, material, matter, member, part, particle, particular, piece, portion, principle, root, section, stem, subdivision, trace, unit, view; CONCEPTS 668,826,829
- element** [*n*2] *place where one feels comfortable* domain, environment, field, habitation, medium, milieu, sphere; CONCEPTS 198,516 —*Ant.* foreign land
- elementary** [*adj*] *simple, basic* ABCs, abecedarian, basal, beginning, child's play\*, clear, duck soup\*, easy, elemental, essential, facile, foundational, fundamental, initial, introductory, meat and potatoes\*, original, plain, prefatory, preliminary, primary, primitive, primo\*, rudimentary, simplest, simplex, simplified, straightforward, substratal, uncomplex, uncomplicated, underlying; CONCEPTS 546,562 —*Ant.* abstruse, advanced, complex, complicated, compound, difficult, hard, intricate, involved, secondary
- elephantine** [*adj*] *huge* behemoth, big, colossal, enormous, extensive, gargantuan, giant, gigantic, grand, great, humongous, immense, jumbo\*, large, mammoth, massive, monstrous, monumental, mountainous, titanic, towering; CONCEPTS 771,773
- elevate** [*v*1] *lift up* erect, fetch up\*, heighten, hike up\*, hoist, jack up\*, levitate, poise, pump, put up, pyramid\*, raise, ramp, rear, shoot up\*, still, take up, tilt, uphold, uplift, upraise; CONCEPT 196 —*Ant.* decrease, depress, drop, lessen, lower, push down
- elevate** [*v*2] *promote; augment* advance, aggrandize, appoint, boost, build up, dignify, enhance, ennoble, exalt, further, glorify, heighten, honor, increase, intensify, magnify, prefer, put up, skip, swell, upgrade; CONCEPTS 69,351,700 —*Ant.* condemn, demote, denounce, deprecate, disdain, lessen, lower, spurn
- elevate** [*v*3] *raise spirits* animate, boost, brighten, bring up, buoy up\*, cheer, elate, excite, exhilarate, glorify, hearten, inspire, lift up\*, perk up\*, refine, rouse, sublimate, uplift; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* depress, disgrace, distress, lower, shame, trouble, upset
- elevated** [*adj*1] *highly moral or dignified* animated, big-time\*, bright, elated, eloquent, eminent, ethical, exalted, exhilarated, formal, grand, grandiloquent, heavy, high, high-flown\*, high-minded, honorable, inflated, lofty, noble, righteous, stately, sublime, superb, upright, upstanding, virtuous; CONCEPTS 402,545,567 —*Ant.* base, immoral, lowly, undignified
- elevated** [*adj*2] *raised up* aerial, high, high-rise, lifted, raised, stately, tall, towering, upheaved, uplifted, upraised, uprisen; CONCEPT 779 —*Ant.* base, decreased, dropped, lessened, lowered, lowly
- elevation** [*n*1] *height; high ground* acclivity, altitude, ascent, boost, eminence, heave, hill, hillock, hoist, levitation, mountain, platform, ridge, rise, roof, top, uplift, upthrow; CONCEPTS 509,741 —*Ant.* depression, lowness
- elevation** [*n*2] *advancement, promotion* aggrandizement, apotheosis, boost, deification, eminence, ennoblement, exaltation, exaltedness, glorification, grandeur, immortalization, lionization, loftiness, magnification, nobility, nobleness, preference, preferment, prelation, raise, sublimity, upgrading; CONCEPTS 69,351,668 —*Ant.* demotion, disdain, spurning

**elevator** [*n*] *lift* conveyor, dumbwaiter, escalator, hoist; CONCEPT 196

**elf** [*n*] *small, fairytale character* brownie, elfin, fairy, fay, leprechaun, nisse, pixie; CONCEPT 370 —*Ant.* giant

**elfin** [*adj*] *mischievous*; *small delicate, devilish, disobedient, elfish, frolicsome, impish, little, minute, misbehaving, naughty, petite, playful, prankish, puckish, puny, rascally, slight, sprightly, tiny*; CONCEPTS 401, 545

**elicit** [*v*] *draw out* arm-twist\*, badger, bite\*, bring, bring forth, bring out, bring to light\*, call forth, cause, derive, educe, evince, evoke, evolve, exact, extort, extract, fetch, give rise to, milk\*, obtain, put muscle on\*, put the arm on\*, rattle, shake, shake down\*, squeeze, wrest, wring; CONCEPTS 68, 142 —*Ant.* cover, hide, keep, repress, suppress

**eligible** [*adj*] *fit, worthy* acceptable, appropriate, becoming, capable of, desirable, discretionary, elective, employable, equal to, fitted, in line for\*, in the running\*, licensed, likely, preferable, privileged, proper, qualified, satisfactory, seemly, suitable, suited, trained, up to\*, usable; CONCEPTS 527, 558 —*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, ineligible, unfit, unsuitable, unsuited, unworthy

**eliminate** [*v*] *remove, throw out* annihilate, blot out\*, bump off\*, cancel, cast out, count out, cut out, defeat, discard, discharge, dismiss, dispense with, dispose of, disqualify, disregard, do away with, drive out, drop, eject, eradicate, erase, evict, exclude, expel, exterminate, get rid of, ignore, invalidate, kill, knock out\*, leave out, liquidate, murder, omit, oust, phase out, put out, reject, rub out\*, rule out, set aside, shut the door on\*, slay, stamp out\*, take out, terminate, waive, waste, wipe out\*; CONCEPTS 30, 211 —*Ant.* accept, choose, include, keep, ratify, sanction, welcome

**elimination** [*n*] *removal* cut, destruction, discard, displacement, dropping, ejection, eradication, exclusion, expulsion, extermination, omission, rejection, riddance, taking away, weeding out, withdrawal; CONCEPT 180

**elite** [*adj*] *best, first-class* aristocratic, choice, cool\*, crack\*, elect, exclusive, gilt-edged, greatest, noble, out of sight\*, out of this world\*, pick, selected, super, tip-top\*, top, top drawer\*, topflight, top-notch, upper-class, world-class; CONCEPTS 555, 574 —*Ant.* common, low-class, lower, lower-class, ordinary, poor, worst

**elite** [*n*] *high-class persons* aristocracy, beautiful people\*, best, blue blood\*, carriage trade\*, celebrity, choice, country club set\*, cream, crème de la crème\*, crowd, elect, establishment, fast lane\*, fat\*, flower, gentility, gentry, glitterati, high society\*, in-crowd\*, jet-set\*, main line\*, nobility, old money\*, optimacy, pride, prime, prize, quality, select, society, top, upper class, upper crust\*; CONCEPTS 387, 388, 417 —*Ant.* commonality, lower class, low-life, ordinary

**elitist** [*n*] *snob* highbrow, name-dropper, pompous ass, pompous person, social climber, stiff, stuffed shirt; CONCEPT 423

**elixir** [*n*] *remedy* cure-all, elixir of life, extract, medicine, mixture, panacea, philosopher's

stone, potion, principle, solution; CONCEPTS 307, 311, 693, 712

**elliptical** [*adj*] *oval-shaped* egg-shaped, ellipsoidal, oblong, ovoid; CONCEPT 486

**elocution** [*n*] *articulation* declamation, delivery, diction, dramatic, eloquence, enunciation, expression, locution, oratory, pronunciation, public speaking, reading, rhetoric, speech, speechcraft, speechmaking, utterance, voice culture, voice production; CONCEPT 47

—*Ant.* inarticulation, mispronouncement  
**elongate** [*v*] *make longer* drag one's feet\*, drag out, draw, draw out, extend, fill, lengthen, let out, pad\*, prolong, prolongate, protract, put rubber in\*, spin out, stretch; CONCEPTS 137, 239, 250 —*Ant.* constrict, contract, shorten

**elongated** [*adj*] *lengthened* dragged out, drawn out, expanded, extended, increased, made longer, outstretched, prolonged, protracted, stretched, strung out; CONCEPTS 482, 779, 798  
**elope** [*v*] *run away to be married* abscond, bolt, decamp, disappear, escape, flee, fly, go secretly, go to Gretna Green\*, leave, run off, skip\*, slip away, slip out, steal away; CONCEPT 297  
**eloquence** [*n*] *skillful way with words* ability, appeal, articulation, command of language, delivery, diction, dramatic, expression, expressiveness, expressivity, facility, fervor, flow, fluency, force, forcefulness, gift of gab\*, grandiloquence, loquacity, meaningfulness, mellifluousness, oration, oratory, passion, persuasiveness, poise, power, rhetoric, spirit, style, vigor, vivacity, volubility, wit, wittiness; CONCEPTS 68, 278, 630 —*Ant.* dullness, inarticulateness

**eloquent** [*adj*] *having a skillful way with words* affecting, ardent, articulate, expressive, facund, fervent, fervid, fluent, forceful, glib, grandiloquent, graphic, impassioned, impressive, indicative, magniloquent, meaningful, moving, outspoken, passionate, persuasive, poignant, potent, powerful, revealing, rhetorical, sententious, significant, silver-tongued\*, smooth-spoken\*, stirring, suggestive, telling, touching, vivid, vocal, voluble, well-expressed; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* dull, inarticulate

**elsewhere** [*adv*] *in another place* abroad, absent, away, formerly, gone, hence, not here, not present, not under consideration, other-where, outside, remote, removed, somewhere, somewhere else, subsequently; CONCEPT 586

**elucidate** [*v*] *explain in detail* annotate, clarify, clear, clear up, decode, demonstrate, draw a picture\*, enlighten, exemplify, explicate, expound, get across\*, gloss, illuminate, illustrate, interpret, make perfectly clear, make plain, make see daylight\*, prove, shed light on\*, spell out\*, throw light on\*, unfold; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* be vague, confuse, distract, make ambiguous, mix up, mystify, obscure

**elude** [*v*] *avoid*; *escape* baffle, beat around the bush\*, be beyond someone\*, bilk, circumvent, confound, cop out\*, ditch, dodge, double, duck, eschew, evade, flee, fly, foil, frustrate, get around, get away from, give the runaround\*, give the slip\*, give wide berth to\*, hem and haw\*, not touch, outrun, outwit, pass the buck\*, pass up, puzzle, run around, shirk, shuck, shun, shy, stall, stay shy of\*, steer clear of\*,

stonewall\*, stump, thwart; CONCEPTS 30,38, 59,102 —**Ant.** attract, confront, encounter, entice, face, invite, meet, take on

**elusive** [*adj*] *evasive, mysterious* ambiguous, baffling, cagey, deceitful, deceptive, difficult to catch, elusory, equivocal, evanescent, fallacious, fleeting, fraudulent, fugacious, fugitive, greasy, illusory, imponderable, incomprehensible, indefinable, insubstantial, intangible, misleading, occult, phantom, puzzling, shifty, shy, slippery, stonewalling\*, subtle, transient, transitory, tricky, unspecified, volatile; CONCEPTS 529,542 —**Ant.** attracting, confronting, encountering, enticing, facing, inviting

**emaciated** [*adj*] *undernourished; thin* anorexic, atrophied, attenuate, attenuated, bony, cadaverous, consumptive, famished, gaunt, haggard, lank, lean, like a bag of bones\*, meager, peaked, pinched, scrawny, skeletal, skeletonlike, skin-and-bones\*, skinny, starved, thin as rail\*, underfed, wasted, wizened; CONCEPTS 490,491 —**Ant.** fat, heavy, overnourished, overweight, plump

**e-mail** [*n*] *electronic mail* chat message, online correspondence, online mail, voice mail; CONCEPT 266

**emanate** [*v*] *come forth; give off* arise, birth, derive, discharge, egress, emerge, emit, exhale, exit, exude, flow, initiate, issue, originate, proceed, radiate, rise, send forth, spring, stem; CONCEPTS 179,221,648 —**Ant.** take, withdraw

**emanation** [*n*] *emergence, discharge* arising, beginning, derivation, drainage, effluence, effluent, efflux, effusion, ejaculation, emerging, emission, escape, exhalation, exudation, flow, flowing, gush, issuance, issuing, leakage, oozing, origin, origination, outflow, outpour, proceeding, radiation, springing, welling; CONCEPTS 179,221 —**Ant.** taking, withdrawal

**emancipate** [*v*] *set free* enfranchise, deliver, discharge, disencumber, disenfranchise, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, release, unbind, unchain, unfeiter, unshackle; CONCEPT 127 —**Ant.** hold, imprison, incarcerate

**emancipation** [*n*] *freedom* deliverance, delivery, enfranchisement, independence, liberation, liberty, release, setting free; CONCEPT 691

**emasculate** [*v*] *weaken, deprive of force* alter, debilitate, devitalize, enervate, fix\*, impoverish, vitiate; CONCEPTS 240,250 —**Ant.** aid, assist, help

**embalm** [*v*] *preserve, immortalize* anoint, cherish, consecrate, conserve, enshrine, freeze, lay out, mummify, prepare, process, store, treasure, wrap; CONCEPT 202

**embargo** [*n*] *prohibition, restriction* ban, bar, barrier, blockage, check, hindrance, impediment, interdict, interdiction, proscription, restraint, stoppage; CONCEPTS 119,130

**embark** [*v*] *get on transportation* object board, commence, emplane, enter, entrain, go aboard ship, launch, leave port, plunge into, put on board, set about, set out, set sail, take on board, take ship; CONCEPTS 159,195,224 —**Ant.** disembark, stay

**embark on** [*v*] *begin undertaking, journey* broach, commence, engage, enter, get off, initiate, jump off, launch, open, plunge into,

set about, set out, set to, start, take up, tee off\*; CONCEPTS 100,221

**embarrass** [*v*] *cause mental discomfort* abash, agitate, annoy, bewilder, bother, bug, catch one short\*, chagrin, confuse, discombobulate\*, discomfit, discompose, disconcert, discountenance, distract, distress, disturb, dumbfound, faze, fluster, give a bad time\*, give a hard time\*, hang up\*, irk, let down\*, make a monkey of\*, mortify, nonplus, perplex, perturb, plague, put in a hole\*, put in a spot\*, put on the spot\*, put out of countenance\*, puzzle, rattle, shame, show up\*, stun, tease, throw, throw into a tizzy\*, upset; CONCEPTS 7,19,54 —**Ant.** comfort, gladden, help, please

**embarrassing** [*adj*] *humiliating, shaming* awkward, bewildering, compromising, confusing, delicate, difficult, disagreeable, discomfiting, discommoding, discommodious, disconcerting, distracting, distressing, disturbing, equivocal, exasperating, impossible, incommodious, inconvenient, inopportune, mortifying, perplexing, puzzling, rattling, sensitive, shameful, sticky, ticklish, touchy, tricky, troublesome, troubling, uncomfortable, uneasy, unpropitious, unseemly, upsetting, worrisome; CONCEPTS 537,548 —**Ant.** comfortable, unshameful

**embarrassment** [*n*] *humiliation, shame* awkwardness, awkward situation, bashfulness, bind, boo boo\*, chagrin, clumsiness, complexity, confusion, destitution, difficulty, dilemma, discomfiture, discomposure, disconcertion, distress, egg on face\*, faux pas, fix, hitch, hot seat\*, hot water\*, impecuniosity, indebtedness, indiscretion, inhibition, mess, mistake, mortification, pickle\*, pinch, plight, poverty, predicament, puzzle, quandary, scrape, self-consciousness, shyness, snag, stew, strait, tangle, timidity, unease, uneasiness; CONCEPTS 410,674 —**Ant.** comfort, confidence

**embassy** [*n*] *residence, offices of overseas representatives* commission, committee, consular office, consulate, delegation, diplomatic office, legation, ministry, mission; CONCEPTS 439,449, 516

**embattle** [*v*] *prepare for battle* arm, array, equip, fortify, furnish, make ready, militarize, mobilize, prepare for combat, strengthen, supply; CONCEPT 202

**embed** [*v*] *sink, implant* bury, deposit, dig in, drive in, enclose, fasten, fix, hammer in, impact, infix, ingrain, infix, insert, install, lodge, pierce, plant, plunge, press, put into, ram in, root, set, stick in, stuff in, thrust in, tuck in; CONCEPTS 178,188 —**Ant.** dig up

**embellish** [*v*] *make beautiful; decorate* add bells and whistles\*, adorn, amplify, array, beautify, bedeck, color, deck, dress up\*, elaborate, emblaze, embroider, enhance, enrich, exaggerate, festoon, fix up\*, fudge\*, garnish, gild, give details, grace, gussy up\*, magnify, ornament, overstate, spiff up\*, spruce up\*, trim; CONCEPTS 49,162,177,700 —**Ant.** deface, disfigure, mar, simplify, spoil, uglify

**embellishment** [*n*] *beautification; decorating* adornment, coloring, decoration, doodad\*, elaboration, embroidering, embroidery, enhancement, enrichment, exaggeration,

fandangle\*, floridity, flowery speech, frill, froufrou\*, fuss\*, garnish, gilding, gingerbread\*, hyperbole, icing on the cake\*, jazz\*, ornament, ornamentation, ostentation, overstatement; CONCEPTS 177,278,700,718 —*Ant.* disfigurement, injury, simplification, spoliation

**embers** [*n*] *hot ashes from fire* ash, brand, cinders, clinkers, coals, firebrand, live coals, slag, smoking remnants, smoldering remains; CONCEPTS 260,478

**embezzle** [*v*] *steal money, often from employer* abstract, appropriate, defalcate, filch, forge, loot, misapply, misappropriate, misuse, peculate, pilfer, purloin, put hand in cookie jar\*, put hand in till\*, skim, thief; CONCEPT 139

—*Ant.* compensate, give, pay, reimburse, return  
**embezzlement** [*n*] *stealing money, often from employer* abstraction, appropriation, defalcation, filching, fraud, larceny, misapplication, misappropriation, misuse, speculation, pilferage, pilfering, purloining, skimming, theft, thieving; CONCEPT 139 —*Ant.* compensation, pay, reimbursement, return

**embitter** [*v*] *upset, alienate* acerbate, acidulate, aggravate, anger, annoy, bitter, bother, disaffect, disillusion, envenom, exacerbate, exasperate, irritate, make bitter, make resentful, poison, sour, venom, worsen; CONCEPTS 7,14,19

—*Ant.* calm, comfort, make happy, pacify

**embittered** [*adj*] *resentful* bitter, disaffected, full of hate, irritated, rancorous, sore, spiteful; CONCEPTS 267,404

**emblazon** [*v*] *adorn* add finishing touches, beautify, brighten, color, deck, decorate, do up\*, embellish, fix up, gussy up\*, jazz up\*, ornament, paint, spruce up; CONCEPTS 162,177

**emblem** [*n*] *crest* adumbration, arms, attribute, badge, banner, brand, character, coat of arms, colophon, colors, design, device, figure, flag, hallmark, identification, image, impress, insignia, logo, mark, marker, medal, memento, miniature, monogram, motto, pennant, regalia, reminder, representation, scepter, seal, sign, standard, symbol, token, trademark, type; CONCEPTS 259,284,625

**embodiment** [*n*] *representation, manifestation* apotheosis, archetype, cast, collection, comprehension, conformation, embracement, encompassment, epitome, example, exemplar, exemplification, expression, form, formation, incarnation, inclusion, incorporation, integration, matter, organization, personification, prosopopoeia, quintessence, realization, reification, structure, symbol, systematization, type; CONCEPTS 118,686 —*Ant.* exclusion

**embody** [*v*] *represent; materialize* actualize, complete, concretize, demonstrate, emblemize, epitomize, evince, exemplify, exhibit, express, exteriorize, externalize, hypostatize, illustrate, incarnate, incorporate, manifest, mirror, objectify, personalize, personify, realize, reify, show, stand for, substantiate, symbolize, typify; CONCEPT 118 —*Ant.* disembody, exclude

**embody** [*v*] *include, integrate* absorb, amalgamate, assimilate, blend, bring together, codify, collect, combine, comprehend, comprise, concentrate, consolidate, contain, embrace, encompass, establish, fuse, have, incorporate, involve, merge, organize, subsume, systematize, take in,

unify; CONCEPTS 112,113 —*Ant.* disembody, disintegrate, exclude

**embolden** [*v*] *encourage* boost, buoy, cheer, energize, enhearten, exhilarate, give courage, give pep talk\*, goad, inspire, inspirit, invigorate, psyche up, push, rally, reassure, refresh, revitalize, spur, stir, sway; CONCEPTS 7,22

**emboss** [*v*] *imprint* adorn, carve, decorate, etch, impress, punch, sculpt, stamp; CONCEPT 79

**embrace** [*v*] *hold tightly in one's arms* bear hug\*, clasp, clinch, cling, clutch, cradle, cuddle, encircle, enfold, entwine, envelop, fold, fondle, grab, grasp, grip, hug, lock, nuzzle, press, seize, snuggle, squeeze, take in arms\*, wrap; CONCEPTS 190,191 —*Ant.* let go, release

**embrace** [*v*] *include in one's beliefs; take into account* accept, accommodate, admit, adopt, avail oneself of, comprehend, comprise, contain, cover, deal with\*, embody, enclose, encompass, espouse, get into\*, go in for\*, grab, have, incorporate, involve, make use of, provide for, receive, seize, subsume, take advantage of, take in, take on, take up, welcome; CONCEPTS 12,15,112 —*Ant.* disbelieve, distrust, exclude, reject, shun

**embroider** [*v*] *add fancy stitching, adornment* beautify, bedeck, brand, cross-stitch, deck, decorate, embellish, fix up, garnish, gild, gussy up\*, knit, ornament, pattern, quilt, spruce up\*, stitch, weave pattern, work; CONCEPTS 177,218

**embroider** [*v*] *exaggerate information* aggrandize, amplify, blow-up\*, build up, color, distend, dramatize, elaborate, embellish, enhance, enlarge, expand, falsify, fudge\*, heighten, hyperbolize, lie, magnify, make federal case\*, make mountain out of molehill\*, overdo, overelaborate, overembellish, overemphasize, overestimate, overstate, pad\*, play up\*, puff\*, romanticize, spread on thick\*, stretch, stretch the truth\*, yeast\*; CONCEPT 58

**embroidery** [*n*] *fancy stitching* adornment, appliqué, arabesque, bargello, brocade, crewel, crochet, cross-stitch, decoration, lace, lacery, needlepoint, needlework, quilting, sampler, tapestry, tatting, tracery; CONCEPTS 218,259

**embroil** [*v*] *involve in dispute; complicate* cause trouble, compromise, confound, confuse, derange, disorder, disturb, disunite, encumber, enmesh, ensnare, entangle, implicate, incriminate, involve, mire, mix up, muddle, perplex, snarl, tangle, trouble; CONCEPTS 7,19,86

—*Ant.* exclude, uncomplicate

**embryonic** [*adj*] *rudimentary* beginning, developing, early, elementary, evolving, germinal, immature, incipient, undeveloped; CONCEPTS 485,578,797

**emend** [*v*] *correct* alter, amend, better, edit, emendate, improve, polish, rectify, redact, retouch, revise, right, touch up; CONCEPT 126

—*Ant.* make mistake, worsen

**emerge** [*v*] *come out, arise* appear, arrive, become apparent, become known, become visible, come forth, come into view, come on the scene, come to light, come up, crop up, dawn, derive, develop, egress, emanate, flow, gush, issue, loom, make appearance, materialize, originate, proceed, rise, show, spring, spring up, spurt, steam, stem, surface, transpire,

turn up; CONCEPTS 105,118 —*Ant.* disappear, fade, go away, leave

**emergency** [*n*] *crisis, danger* accident, climax, clutch\*, compulsion, crossroad, crunch\*, depression, difficulty, distress, exigency, extremity, fix, hole, impasse, juncture, meltdown\*, misadventure, necessity, pass, pinch\*, plight, predicament, pressure, push, quandary, scrape, squeeze, strait, tension, turning point, urgency, vicissitude, zero hour\*; CONCEPTS 674,675 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**emergency room** [*n*] *trauma center* critical care facility, emergency clinic, ER, ICU, intensive care unit, triage room; CONCEPT 312

**emergent** [*adj*] *resulting* appearing, budding, coming, developing, efflorescent, emanant, emanating, issuing forth, outgoing, rising; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* declining, dependent

**emigrant** [*n*] *person who leaves his or her native country* alien, colonist, departer, displaced person, émigré, evacuee, exile, expatriate, fugitive, migrant, migrator, outcast, pilgrim, refugee, traveler, wanderer, wayfarer; CONCEPTS 413,423 —*Ant.* nationalist, native

**emigrate** [*v*] *move to new country* depart, migrate, move abroad, quit, remove, transigrate; CONCEPT 198 —*Ant.* remain, stay

**émigré** [*n*] *emigrant* displaced person, DP, exile, expatriate, foreigner, migrant, refugee; CONCEPT 413

**eminence** [*n1*] *importance, fame* authority, celebrity, credit, dignity, distinction, esteem, famousness, glory, greatness, honor, illustriousness, influence, kudos, loftiness, notability, note, power, preeminence, prepotency, prestige, prominence, prominency, rank, renown, reputation, repute, significance, standing, superiority, weight; CONCEPTS 388,668,671 —*Ant.* inferiority, unimportance

**eminence** [*n2*] *high ground* altitude, elevation, height, highland, highness, hill, hillock, knoll, loftiness, peak, project, prominence, promontory, raise, ridge, rise, summit, upland; CONCEPTS 509,741 —*Ant.* flat, low ground

**eminent** [*adj*] *very important; famous* august, big-gun\*, big-league\*, big-name\*, big-time\*, celeb\*, celebrated, celebrious, conspicuous, distinguished, dominant, elevated, esteemed, exalted, famed, grand, great, high, high-ranking, illustrious, lionlike, lofty, name, noble, notable, noted, noteworthy, of note, outstanding, page-oner\*, paramount, preeminent, prestigious, prominent, redoubted, renowned, star, superior, superstar, VIP\*, well-known; CONCEPTS 555,568 —*Ant.* disrespected, inferior, undistinguished, unimportant, unnotable

**eminently** [*adv*] *exceptionally; well* conspicuously, exceedingly, extremely, greatly, highly, notably, outstandingly, prominently, remarkably, strikingly, suitably, surpassingly, very; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* unimportantly, unremarkably

**emir** [*n*] *prince* amir, chieftain, governor, leader, shah, sheik; CONCEPTS 347,354

**emissary** [*n*] *deputy* agent, ambassador, bearer, carrier, consul, courier, delegate, envoy, front, go-between, herald, hired gun\*, intermediary, internuncio, legate, messenger, rep\*, representative, scout, spy; CONCEPTS 348,423

**emission** [*n*] *issuance, diffusion* discharge, ejaculation, ejection, emanation, exhalation, exudation, issue, radiation, shedding, transmission, utterance, venting; CONCEPT 179 —*Ant.* concealment, containment, refrain, repression, suppression, withholding

**emit** [*v*] *diffuse, discharge* afford, beam, belch, breathe, cast out, disembody, drip, eject, emanate, erupt, evacuate, excrete, exhale, expectorate, expel, expend, expire, extrude, exude, give off, give out, give vent to, gush, issue, jet, let off, loose, ooze, pass, perspire, pour, pronounce, purge, radiate, reek, secrete, send forth, send out, shed, shoot, speak, spew, spill, spit, squirt, throw out, transmit, utter, vent, voice, vomit, yield; CONCEPTS 108,179,266 —*Ant.* conceal, contain, refrain, repress, suppress, withhold

**emollient** [*adj*] *soothing* balsamic, demulcent, healing, lenitive, palliative, relieving, remedial, softening; CONCEPTS 7,22,110,384

**emollient** [*n*] *lotion* balm, cream, lenitive, liniment, moisturizer, oil, ointment, salve, soothing agent, unguent; CONCEPTS 311,446,466

**emote** [*v*] *express emotion* act, dramatize, exaggerate, ham it up\*, overact, overdramatize, overplay; CONCEPT 292

**emoticon** [*n*] *keyboard symbol code, :-)* emotag, smiley, winkey; CONCEPT 284

**emotion** [*n*] *mental state* affect, affection, affectivity, agitation, anger, ardor, commotion, concern, desire, despair, despondency, disturbance, drive, ecstasy, elation, empathy, excitability, excitement, feeling, fervor, grief, gut reaction, happiness, inspiration, joy, love, melancholy, passion, perturbation, pride, rage, remorse, responsiveness, sadness, satisfaction, sensation, sensibility, sensitiveness, sentiment, shame, sorrow, sympathy, thrill, tremor, vehemence, vibes, warmth, zeal; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* physicality

**emotional** [*adj*] *demonstrative about feelings* affecting, ardent, disturbed, ecstatic, emotive, enthusiastic, excitable, exciting, falling apart\*, fanatical, feeling, fervent, fervid, fickle, fiery, heartwarming, heated, histrionic, hot-blooded\*, hysterical, impassioned, impetuous, impulsive, irrational, moving, nervous, overwrought, passionate, pathetic, poignant, responsive, roused, sensitive, sentient, sentimental, spontaneous, stirred, stirring, susceptible, tear-jerking\*, temperamental, tender, thrilling, touching, warm, zealous; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* physical

**emotionless** [*adj*] *unfeeling, undemonstrative* blank, chill, cold, cold-blooded\*, cold fish\*, cool, cool cat\*, deadpan, detached, dispassionate, distant, flat, frigid, glacial\*, heartless, icy, immovable, impassive, impersonal, in cold blood\*, indifferent, laid back\*, matter-of-fact, nonemotional, nowhere\*, poker face\*, remote, reserved, stony-eyed\*, thick-skinned\*, toneless, unemotional, unimpassioned, with straight face; CONCEPTS 401,403,542 —*Ant.* demonstrative, emotional, feeling, passionate, sympathetic

**empathize** [*v*] *identify with* comprehend, feel for, imagine, put oneself in another's place, relate to, share, stand in one's shoes, suffer with, sympathize, understand; CONCEPTS 34,110



**empathy** [*n*] *understanding* affinity, appreciation, being on same wavelength\*, being there for someone\*, communion, community of interests, compassion, comprehension, concord, cottoning to\*, good vibrations\*, hitting it off\*, insight, picking up on\*, pity, rapport, recognition, responsiveness, soul, sympathy, warmth; CONCEPTS 32,409,411 —*Ant.* apathy, misunderstanding, unfeelingness

**emperor** [*n*] *ruler* czar, dictator, empress, king, monarch, prince, sovereign, sultan; CONCEPTS 347,354

**emphasis** [*n*] *importance, prominence* accent, accentuation, attention, decidedness, force, headline, highlight, impressiveness, insistence, intensity, moment, positiveness, power, preeminence, priority, significance, strength, stress, underlining, underscoring, weight; CONCEPTS 668,682 —*Ant.* insignificance, unimportance

**emphasize** [*v*] *stress, give priority* to accent, accentuate, affirm, articulate, assert, bear down, charge, dramatize, dwell on, enlarge, enunciate, headline, highlight, hit\*, impress, indicate, insist on, italicize, labor the point\*, limelight\*, maintain, make a point, make clear, make emphatic, make much of\*, mark, pinpoint, play up\*, point out\*, point up\*, press, pronounce, punctuate, put accent on\*, reiterate, repeat, rub in\*, spotlight\*, underline, underscore, weight; CONCEPTS 49,57 —*Ant.* depreciate, forget, ignore, play down, understate

**emphatic** [*adj*] *insistent, unequivocal* absolute, accented, assertive, assured, categorical, certain, cogent, confident, decided, definite, definitive, determined, direct, distinct, dogmatic, dynamic, earnest, energetic, explicit, express, flat, for a face\*, forceful, forcible, important, impressive, marked, momentous, no mistake\*, pointed, positive, potent, powerful, pronounced, resounding, significant, sober, solemn, stressed, striking, strong, sure, telling, trenchant, unmistakable, vigorous; CONCEPTS 267,535 —*Ant.* equivocal, indefinite, indistinct, insignificant, reserved, understated, unpronounced

**empire** [*n*] *place ruled by sovereign; rule* authority, command, commonwealth, control, domain, dominion, federation, government, people, power, realm, sovereignty, supremacy, sway, union; CONCEPTS 198,299,376

**empirical/empiric** [*adj*] *practical; based on experience* experient, experiential, experimental, factual, observational, observed, pragmatic, provisional, CONCEPTS 548,582 —*Ant.* hypothetical, impractical, speculative, theoretical, unobserved

**employ** [*v1*] *make use of* apply, bestow, bring to bear\*, engage, exercise, exert, exploit, fill, handle, keep busy\*, manipulate, occupy, operate, put to use\*, spend, take up\*, use, use up\*, utilize; CONCEPT 225 —*Ant.* ignore, misuse, shun, unemployment

**employ** [*v2*] *give money in exchange for work performed* bring on board\*, come on board\*, commission, contract, contract for, engage, enlist, hire, ink\*, obtain, place, procure, put on\*, retain, secure, sign on\*, sign up\*, take on, truck with\*; CONCEPT 351 —*Ant.* fire, lay off, let go

**employed** [*adj*] *working* active, at it\*, at work, busy, engaged, hired, in a job, in collar\*, in

harness\*, inked\*, in place, laboring, occupied, on board\*, on duty\*, on the job\*, on the payroll\*, operating, plugging away\*, selected, signed\*; CONCEPTS 538,560 —*Ant.* idle, inactive, unemployed, unengaged, unoccupied

**employee** [*n*] *person being paid for working for another or a corporation* agent, apprentice, assistant, attendant, blue collar\*, breadwinner\*, clerk, cog\*, company person, craftsman, desk jockey\*, domestic, hand, help, hired gun\*, hired hand\*, hireling, jobholder, laborer, member, operator, pink collar\*, plug\*, representative, sales help, salesperson, servant, slave, staff member, wage-earner, white collar\*, worker, working stiff\*; CONCEPT 348

**employer** [*n*] *person, business who hires workers* big cheese\*, big shot\*, boss, businessperson, capitalist, CEO\*, chief, CO\*, company, corporation, director, entrepreneur, establishment, executive, firm, front office, head, head honcho\*, juice\*, kingpin\*, management, manager, manufacturer, meal ticket\*, organization, outfit, overseer, owner, patron, president, proprietor, slavedriver\*, superintendent, supervisor; CONCEPT 347

**employment** [*n1*] *working for a living; engagement in activity* application, assignment, avocation, awarding, business, calling, carrying, commissioning, contracting, craft, employ, engaging, enlistment, enrollment, exercise, exercising, exertion, field, function, game\*, hire, hiring, job, line, métier, mission, number, occupation, occupying, office, position, post, profession, pursuit, racket\*, recruitment, retaining, service, servicing, setup, signing on\*, situation, taking on, thing\*, trade, using, vocation, what one is into\*, work; CONCEPTS 349, 351,360 —*Ant.* idleness, inactivity, unemployment

**employment** [*n2*] *using something* adoption, appliance, application, disposition, exercise, exercising, exertion, exploitation, handling, operation, play, purpose, usage, usance, use, utilization; CONCEPTS 225,658,694 —*Ant.* misuse

**emporium** [*n*] *market* bazaar, boutique, chain, co-op, cut-rate store\*, discount store, five-and-dime\*, flea market, gallery, mall, mart, outlet, outlet store, shop, shopping center, shopping plaza, stand, store, supermarket, thrift shop; CONCEPT 449

**empower** [*v*] *authorize, enable* accredit, allow, capacitate, charge, commission, delegate, entitle, entrust, grant, invest, legitimize, license, okay, permit, privilege, qualify, sanction, vest, warrant; CONCEPTS 50,88 —*Ant.* disenfranchise, refuse, reject, revoke

**empress** [*n*] *female ruler* princess, queen, sovereign; CONCEPTS 347,354

**emptiness** [*n*] *void, bareness* blank, blankness, chasm, depletedness, desertedness, desolation, destitution, exhaustion, gap, hollowness, inanition, vacancy, vacuity, vacuum, waste; CONCEPTS 720,733 —*Ant.* capacity, fill, fullness

**empty** [*adj1*] *containing nothing* abandoned, bare, barren, blank, clear, dead, deflated, depleted, desert, deserted, desolate, despoiled, destitute, devoid, dry, evacuated, exhausted, forsaken, godforsaken\*, hollow, lacking, stark,

unfilled, unfurnished, uninhabited, unoccupied, vacant, vacated, vacuous, void, wanting, waste; CONCEPTS 481,774,786 —*Ant.* complete,

entire, filled, full, replete, sated, satisfied  
**empty** [adj2] *fruitless, ineffective* aimless, banal, barren, cheap, dead, deadpan, devoid, dishonest, dumb, expressionless, fatuous, flat, frivolous, futile, hollow, idle, ignorant, inane, ineffectual, inexpressive, insincere, insipid, jejune, meaningless, nugatory, otiose, paltry, petty, purposeless, senseless, silly, trivial, unintelligent, unreal, unsatisfactory, unsubstantial, vacuous, vain, valueless, vapid, worthless; CONCEPTS 402,570,575 —*Ant.* abundant, copious, effective, fruitful, productive, sufficient

**empty** [adj3] *hungry* famished, ravenous, starving, unfed, unfilled; CONCEPT 406 —*Ant.* filled, full, sated, satisfied

**empty** [v] *remove contents* clear, consume, decant, deplete, discharge, disgorge, drain, drink, dump, ebb, eject, escape, evacuate, exhaust, expel, flow out, gut, leak, leave, make void, pour out, purge, release, run out, rush out, tap, unburden, unload, use up, vacate, void; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* fill

**empty-headed** [adj] *flighty, scatterbrained* brainless, dizzy, featherbrained, frivolous, giddy, harebrained, ignorant, illiterate, inane, know-nothing, silly, skittish, stupid, uneducated, unschooled, untaught, vacant, vacuous; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* cognizant, intelligent, sensible, slick, smart

**emulate** [v] *copy the actions of* challenge, compete, compete with, contend, contend with, ditto\*, do\*, do like\*, follow, follow in footsteps\*, follow suit\*, follow the example of\*, go like\*, imitate, make like\*, mimic, mirror, outvie, pattern after\*, rival, rivalize, take after\*, vie with; CONCEPTS 87,171

**enable** [v] *allow, authorize* accredit, approve, capacitate, commission, condition, empower, endow, facilitate, fit, give power, implement, invest, let, license, make possible, permit, prepare, provide the means\*, qualify, ready, sanction, set up, warrant; CONCEPTS 50,83,88, 99 —*Ant.* block, disallow, halt, hinder, inhibit, oppose, prevent, stop

**enact** [v1] *act out; accomplish* achieve, appear as, depict, discourse, do, execute, go on\*, perform, personate, play, playact, play the part of, portray, represent; CONCEPTS 91,292 —*Ant.* fail, hinder, repeal, stop

**enact** [v2] *authorize, legislate* accomplish, appoint, bring about, carry through, command, constitute, decree, determine, dictate, effect, effectuate, establish, execute, fix, formulate, get the floor\*, institute, jam through\*, make, make into law, make laws, ordain, order, pass, proclaim, put in force, put through, railroad\*, railroad through\*, ratify, sanction, set, steam-roller\*, transact, vote favorably\*, vote in\*; CONCEPTS 50,88,298,317 —*Ant.* hinder, prevent, refuse, veto

**enactment** [n1] *playacting* achievement, acting, depiction, execution, impersonation, performance, personation, personification, playing, portrayal, representation; CONCEPTS 263,292

**enactment** [n2] *law; authorization* command, commandment, decree, dictate, edict, execution,

legislation, order, ordinance, proclamation, ratification, regulation, statute; CONCEPTS 318, 685 —*Ant.* block, disallowance, hindrance, stop, veto

**enamel** [n] *paint, often shiny* cloisonné, coating, finish, glaze, gloss, japan, lacquer, polish, stain, topcoat, varnish, veneer; CONCEPTS 259,260,467

**enamor** [v] *fascinate, captivate* attract, bewitch, charm, enchant, endear, enrapture, enthrall, entice, entrance, fall in love with\*, grab, infatuate, make hit with\*, please, slay\*, sweep off feet\*, turn on\*; CONCEPTS 7,22, 375 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**enamored** [adj] *in love* amorous, attracted, besotted, bewitched, captivated, charmed, crazy about\*, devoted, dotty, enchanted, enraptured, entranced, fascinated, fond, gone\*, has a thing about\*, hooked\*, infatuated, loving, nuts about\*, silly about\*, smitten, stuck on\*, swept off one's feet\*, taken\*, wild about\*; CONCEPTS 32,403 —*Ant.* disliked, hated

**encampment** [n] *camp* bivouac, campground, campsite, rest area, site; CONCEPTS 198,516

**encapsulate** [v1] *encase* box, cover, enclose, envelop, sheathe, wrap; CONCEPTS 112,209,758

**encapsulate** [v2] *epitomize* abbreviate, abridge, capsulize, condense, cut, digest, précis, shorten, summarize, sum up, synopsizize; CONCEPTS 236, 247

**enchant** [v] *delight, mesmerize* allure, beguile, bewitch, captivate, carry away\*, cast a spell on\*, charm, delectate, draw, enamor, enrapture, ensorcell, enthrall, entice, entrance, fascinate, grab, gratify, hex, hypnotize, kill\*, knock dead\*, magnetize, make a hit with\*, make happy\*, please, send\*, slay\*, spell, spellbind, sweep off feet\*, take, thrill, turn on\*, voodoo\*, wile, wow\*; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* bother, disenchant, disgust, repel, repulse

**enchanting** [adj] *fascinating, delightful* alluring, appealing, attractive, beguiling, bewitching, captivating, charming, delectable, endearing, enthralling, entrancing, exciting, glamorous, intriguing, lovely, pleasant, pleasing, ravishing, seductive, siren, sirenic, winsome; CONCEPTS 404,529 —*Ant.* bothering, disenchanting, disgust, repellent, repulsive  
**enchantress** [n] *sorceress* charmer, diviner, femme fatale, seductress, siren, vamp, witch; CONCEPTS 361,412,415

**encircle** [v] *circumscribe* band, begird, cincture, circle, circuit, compass, cover, enclose, encompass, enfold, enring, envelop, environ, gird in, girdle, halo, hem in\*, inclose, invest, ring, surround, wreath; CONCEPT 758 —*Ant.* let go, unloose

**enclose** [v] *put inside, surround* blockade, block off, bound, box up, cage, circle, circumscribe, close in, confine, coop, corral, cover, encase, encircle, encompass, enfold, enshroud, environ, fence, fence off\*, hedge, hem in\*, imbue, im-mure, implant, impound, imprison, include, induct, insert, intern, jail, limit, lock in\*, lock up\*, mew, mure, pen, restrict, set apart, shut in, veil, wall in, wrap; CONCEPTS 112,209,758 —*Ant.* free, let go, release, unloose

**enclosure** [n1] *area bounded by something* asylum, aviary, bowl, building, cage, camp,

cell, close, coliseum, coop, corral, court, courtyard, den, dungeon, garden, ghetto, hutch, jail, pale, park, patch, pen, place, plot, pound, precinct, prison, quad, quadrangle, region, room, stadium, stockade, sty, vault, walk, yard, zone; CONCEPTS 439,448,513 —**Ant.** open

**enclosure** [n2] *something included with a letter* check, circular, copy, document, form, information, money, printed matter, questionnaire; CONCEPT 271

**encode** [v] *encrypt* cipher, conceal, cryptograph, make secret, put into code; CONCEPT 188

**encompass** [v1] *surround, circumscribe* beset, circle, compass, encircle, enclose, envelop, environ, gird, girdle, hem in, ring; CONCEPT 758

**encompass** [v2] *include, contain* admit, comprehend, comprise, cover, embody, embrace, have, hold, incorporate, involve, subsume, take in; CONCEPT 112 —**Ant.** exclude

**encore** [n] *another round of applause; repeat* acclamation, cheers, number, plaudits, praise, reappearance, repeat performance, repetition, response, return; CONCEPT 264

**encounter** [n1] *chance meeting* appointment, brush, concurrence, confrontation, interview, rendezvous; CONCEPT 384 —**Ant.** avoidance, evasion, retreat

**encounter** [n2] *fight, argument* action, battle, bout, brush, clash, collision, combat, conflict, contention, contest, dispute, engagement, flap\*, fray, hassle, quarrel, rumpus\*, run-in\*, scrap, set-to\*, skirmish, velitation, violence; CONCEPTS 46,86,106 —**Ant.** surrender, yielding

**encounter** [v1] *happen upon* alight upon, bear, bump into, chance upon, close, come across, come upon, confront, cross the path\*, descry, detect, espy, experience, face, fall in with\*, find, front, hit upon, meet, meet up with, rub eyeballs\*, run across, run into, run smack into\*, suffer, sustain, turn up, undergo; CONCEPTS 38,384 —**Ant.** avoid, evade, retreat, run away

**encounter** [v2] *fight, attack* affront, battle, clash with, collide, combat, conflict, confront, contend, cross swords\*, do battle\*, engage, face, grapple, meet, strive, struggle; CONCEPTS 86,106 —**Ant.** let go, surrender, yield

**encourage** [v1] *stimulate spiritually* animate, applaud, boost, brighten, buck up\*, buoy, cheer, cheer up, comfort, console, embolden, energize, enhearten, enliven, excite, exhilarate, fortify, galvanize, give shot in arm\*, gladden, goad, hearten, incite, inspire, inspirit, instigate, praise, prick, prop up\*, psych up\*, push, rally, reassure, refresh, restore, revitalize, revivify, rouse, spur, steel, stir, strengthen, sway; CONCEPTS 7,22 —**Ant.** dampen, deject, depress, deter, discourage, dispirit, dissuade, uninspire

**encourage** [v2] *give support; help* abet, advance, advocate, aid, approve, assist, back, back up, befriend, bolster, boost, brace, comfort, console, countenance, develop, ease, egg on\*, endorse, favor, fortify, forward, foster, further, get behind, give a leg up\*, go for\*, improve, instigate, invite, pat on the back, prevail, promote, pull for\*, push, reassure, reinforce, relieve, root for\*, sanction, second, serve, side with\*, smile upon\*, solace, spur, strengthen, subscribe to, subsidize, succor,

support, sustain, uphold; CONCEPTS 8,110

—**Ant.** block, confuse, deter, discourage

**encouragement** [n] *help, support* advance, advocacy, aid, animation, assistance, backing, boost, cheer, comfort, confidence, consolation, consoling, easement, enlivening, faith, favor, firmness, fortitude, helpfulness, hope, incentive, incitement, inspiration, inspiritment, invigoration, optimism, promotion, reassurance, reassuring, refreshment, relief, relieving, reward, shot in the arm\*, softening, solacing, stimulation, stimulus, succor, supporting, trust, urging; CONCEPTS 7,22,110,410 —**Ant.** denunciation, derision, deterrent, discouragement

**encroach** [v] *invade another's property, business* appropriate, arrogate, barge in\*, butt in\*, crash, elbow in\*, entrench, horn in\*, impinge, infringe, interfere, interpose, intervene, intrude, make inroads\*, meddle, muscle in\*, overstep, put two cents in\*, squeeze in\*, stick nose into\*, trench, trespass, usurp, work in, worm in\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,86,159 —**Ant.** keep off

**encumber** [v] *bother, burden* block, charge, clog, cramp, discommode, embarrass, hamper, handicap, hang up, hinder, hog-tie\*, hold up, impede, incommode, inconvenience, lade, load, make difficult, obstruct, oppress, overburden, overload, retard, saddle, saddle with\*, slow down, tax, trammel, weigh down, weight; CONCEPTS 121,130 —**Ant.** aid, assist, help

**encumbrance** [n] *burden* albatross, ball and chain\*, cross, debt, duty, guilt, handicap, hindrance, impeding, load, millstone, monkey on one's back\*, obstruction, responsibility, saddle, thorn in one's side\*, weight, worry; CONCEPTS 532,690

**encyclopedic** [adj] *comprehensive* all-embracing, all-encompassing, all-inclusive, broad, catholic, complete, discursive, exhaustive, extensive, general, thorough, thorough-going, universal, vast, wide-ranging, widespread; CONCEPTS 267,772 —**Ant.** brief, incomplete, summary, uncomprehensive

**end** [n1] *extreme, limit* borderline, bound, boundary, butt end, confine, cusp, deadline, edge, extent, extremity, foot, head, heel, limitation, neb, nib, point, prong, spire, stub, stump, tail, tail end, term, terminal, termination, terminus, tip, top, ultimate; CONCEPT 745

—**Ant.** beginning, cause, foundation, origin

**end** [n2] *completion, stop* accomplishment, achievement, adjournment, attainment, bottom line\*, cease, cessation, close, closing, closure, conclusion, consequence, consummation, culmination, curtain, denouement, desistance, desuetude, determination, discontinuance, execution, expiration, expiry, finale, finis, finish, fulfillment, issue, last word\*, omega, outcome, payoff, perfection, realization, resolution, result, retirement, sign-off\*, target, termination, terminus, upshot\*, windup, wrap-up\*; CONCEPTS 119,230,832 —**Ant.** beginning, commencement, opening, start

**end** [n3] *intention, aim* aspiration, design, drift, goal, intent, mark, object, objective, point, purpose, reason, where one's heading\*; CONCEPT 659 —**Ant.** means

**end** [n4] *leftover part* bit, butt end, dregs, fragment, leaving, lees, particle, piece, portion,

remainder, remnant, residue, scrap, share, side, stub, tag end; CONCEPT 835

**end** [n5] *death, destruction* annihilation, demise, dissolution, doom, expiration, extermination, extinction, finish, passing, ruin, ruination; CONCEPT 304 —*Ant.* birth, construction, creation

**end** [v1] *bring to an end* abolish, abort, accomplish, achieve, break off, break up, call it a day\*, call off\*, cease, close, close out, complete, conclude, consummate, crown, culminate, cut short, delay, determine, discontinue, dispose of, dissolve, drop, expire, finish, get done, give up, halt, interrupt, pack it in\*, perorate, postpone, pull the plug\*, put the lid on\*, quit, relinquish, resolve, settle, sew up\*, shut down\*, stop, switch off\*, terminate, top off\*, ultimate, wind up\*, wrap, wrap up\*; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* begin, commence, create, start

**end** [v2] *die or kill* abolish, annihilate, cease, depart, desist, destroy, die, expire, exterminate, extinguish, lapse, put to death, ruin, run out, wane; CONCEPTS 252,304 —*Ant.* bear, create, give birth

**endanger** [v] *put in jeopardy* be careless, chance, chance it\*, expose, hazard, imperil, lay on the line\*, lay open\*, leave defenseless, leave in the middle\*, make liable, menace, peril, play into one's hands\*, put at risk, put in danger, put on the spot\*, risk, stick one's neck out\*, subject to loss, threaten, venture; CONCEPTS 246,252,384 —*Ant.* aid, assist, comfort, help, save, take care

**endangered** [adj] *imperiled* at risk, facing extinction, in danger, threatened; CONCEPTS 231,407

**endear** [v] *attract attention* attach, bind, captivate, charm, cherish, engage, prize, treasure, value, win; CONCEPTS 7,22,32 —*Ant.* disenchant, repulse

**endearing** [adj] *lovable* adorable, captivating, charming, dear, irresistible, sweet, winning; CONCEPT 404

**endeavor** [n] *attempt to achieve something* aim, all\*, best shot\*, crash project\*, dry run\*, effort, enterprise, essay, exertion, fling, full blast\*, full court press\*, full steam\*, go, header\*, labor, lick\*, old college try\*, one's all\*, one's level best\*, push, shot\*, stab\*, striving, struggle, toil, travail, trial, try, try-on\*, undertaking, venture, whack\*, whirl\*, work; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* idleness, laziness

**endeavor** [v] *attempt to achieve something* address, aim, apply, aspire, assay, bid for, buck, determine, dig, do one's best\*, drive at, essay, go for\*, go for broke\*, grind, hammer away\*, hassle, have a crack\*, have a shot at\*, have a swing at\*, hump\*, hustle, intend, labor, make an effort, make a run at\*, offer, peg away\*, plug, pour it on\*, purpose, push, risk, scratch, seek, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, take on, take pains\*, try, undertake, venture; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* be idle, ignore, laze, procrastinate, put off

**endemic** [adj] *native* local, regional; CONCEPT 536

**ending** [n] *conclusion* catastrophe, cessation, close, closing, closure, completion, consummation, coup de grace, culmination, denouement,

desistance, dissolution, epilogue, expiration, finale, finish, lapse, omega, outcome, period, resolution, stop, summation, swan song\*,

termination, terminus, upshot, wane, windup; CONCEPTS 119,230,832 —*Ant.* beginning, commencement, introduction, opening, start  
**endless** [adj] *not stopping, not finishing* amaranthine, boundless, ceaseless, constant, continual, continuous, countless, deathless, enduring, eternal, everlasting, illimitable, immeasurable, immortal, incalculable, incessant, indeterminate, infinite, interminable, limitless, measureless, monotonous, multitudinous, never-ending, no end of, no end to, numberless, overlong, perpetual, self-perpetuating, unbounded, unbroken, undivided, undying, unending, unfathomable, uninterrupted, unlimited, unsurpassable, untold, without end; CONCEPTS 482,551,798 —*Ant.* bounded, completing, ending, finishing, limited, passing, stopping, terminable

**endorse** [v1] *support, authorize* accredit, advocate, affirm, approve, attest, authenticate, back, back up\*, bless, boost, certify, champion, commend, confirm, countenance, defend, favor, give a boost to, give green light\*, give one's word\*, give the go-ahead\*, give the nod\*, go along with\*, go to bat for\*, go with, guarantee, lend one's name to, okay, praise, push, ratify, recommend, rubber-stamp\*, sanction, second, stand behind, stand up for\*, stump for\*, subscribe to, sustain, underwrite, uphold, vouch for, warrant, witness; CONCEPTS 10,50,69,88,300 —*Ant.* censure, disapprove, oppose, protest, reject, repel, unauthorize

**endorse** [v2] *countersign a check* add one's name to, authenticate, autograph, cosign, notarize, put John Hancock on\*, put signature on, rubber-stamp\*, say amen to\*, sign, sign off on, sign on dotted line\*, subscribe, superscribe, undersign, underwrite; CONCEPTS 50,79,88,330

**endorsement** [n] *support, authorization* advocacy, affirmation, approbation, approval, backing, championing, commercial, confirmation, countersignature, favor, fiat, go-ahead\*, green light\*, hubba-hubba\*, okay, pat on back\*, permission, qualification, ratification, recommendation, sanction, seal of approval, signature, stroke, subscription to, superscription, the nod\*, warrant; CONCEPT 685 —*Ant.* censure, disapproval, opposition, rejection

**endow** [v] *give large gift* accord, award, back, bequeath, bestow, come through with, confer, contribute, donate, empower, enable, endue, enhance, enrich, establish, favor, finance, found, fund, furnish, grant, heighten, invest, lay on\*, leave, make over\*, organize, promote, provide, settle on, sponsor, subscribe, subsidize, supply, support, vest in, will; CONCEPTS 108,341 —*Ant.* receive, take

**endowment** [n1] *large gift* award, benefaction, benefit, bequest, bestowal, boon, bounty, dispensation, donation, fund, funding, gifting, grant, gratuity, income, inheritance, largess, legacy, nest egg, pension, presentation, property, provision, revenue, stake, stipend, subsidy, trust; CONCEPTS 337,340 —*Ant.* loss

**endowment** [n2] *personal talent, ability* aptitude, attribute, capability, capacity, faculty, flair, genius, gift, habilitation, power,

qualification, quality, turn; CONCEPTS 411,630  
—*Ant.* drawback, inability, weakness

**end up** [*v*] *become eventually; come to a close* arrive finally, cease, come to a halt, finish, finish as, finish up, stop, turn out to be, wind up; CONCEPT 119

**endurable** [*adj*] *tolerable* bearable, livable, sufferable, supportable, sustainable; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* changeable, intolerable, tiring, unendurable

**endurance** [*n1*] *bearing hardship; staying power* ability, allowance, backbone, bearing, capacity, continuing, cool, coolness, courage, enduring, forbearance, fortitude, grit, guts, gutsiness, heart\*, holding up\*, intestinal fortitude, mettle, moxie\*, patience, perseverance, persistence, pertinacity, pluck, resignation, resistance, resolution, restraint, spunk, stamina, standing, starch\*, strength, submission, sufferance, suffering, tenacity, tolerance, toleration, undergoing, vitality, will, withstanding; CONCEPTS 411,633

**endurance** [*n2*] *continuity, lastingness* continuance, continuation, durability, duration, immutability, longevity, permanence, persistence, stability; CONCEPT 804 —*Ant.* end, fleetingness

**endure** [*v1*] *bear hardship* abide, accustom, allow, bear the brunt\*, be patient with, brave, brook, cope with, countenance, eat, encounter, experience, face, feel, go through, grin and bear it\*, hang in\*, keep up, know, live out, live through, meet with, never say die\*, permit, put up with, repress feelings, resign oneself, ride out\*, sit through, stand, stick, stick it out\*, stomach\*, submit to, submit to, suffer, support, sustain, swallow\*, take, take it\*, take patiently, tolerate, undergo, weather, withstand; CONCEPT 23

**endure** [*v2*] *continue; be durable* abide, be, be left, be long lived, be timeless, bide, carry on, carry through, cling, exist, go on, hang on\*, have no end, hold, hold on, hold out, keep on, last, linger, live, live on, never say die\*, outlast, outlive, perdure, persist, prevail, remain, ride out\*, run on, stand, stay, stay on, stick to\*, superannuate, survive, sustain, wear, wear on, wear well\*; CONCEPTS 239,407,804 —*Ant.* discontinue

**enemy** [*n*] *someone hated or competed against* adversary, agent, antagonist, archenemy, asperser, assailant, assassin, attacker, backbiter, bad person\*, bandit, betrayer, calumniator, competitor, contender, criminal, defamer, defiler, detractor, disputant, emulator, falsifier, fifth column\*, foe, guerrilla, informer, inquisitor, invader, murderer, opponent, opposition, other side\*, prosecutor, rebel, revolutionary, rival, saboteur, seditionist, slanderer, spy, terrorist, traducer, traitor, villifier, villain; CONCEPTS 322,412 —*Ant.* aide, ally, assistant, confidante, friend, helper

**energetic** [*adj*] *full of life; forceful* active, aggressive, animated, ball of fire\*, breezy, brisk, demonic, driving, dynamic, enterprising, forcible, fresh, hardy, high-powered, indefatigable, industrious, kinetic, lively, lusty, peppy, potent, powerful, red-blooded\*, rugged, snappy, spirited, sprightly, spry, stalwart, strenuous, strong, sturdy, tireless, tough, unflagging,

untiring, vigorous, vital, vivacious, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* idle, inactive, lazy, lethargic, lifeless, slow, sluggish, tired

**energize** [*v*] *activate; give more life* activate, activate, animate, arm, build up, electrify, empower, enable, enliven, excite, fortify, goose\*, innervate, inspirit, invigorate, jazz up\*, juice up\*, liven up, motivate, pep up, prime, pump up\*, put zip into\*, quicken, reinforce, start up, stimulate, strengthen, sustain, switch on, trigger, turn on, vitalize, work up, zap\*; CONCEPTS 7,22,231,700 —*Ant.* deactivate, debilitate, sap, tire, weaken, weary

**energy** [*n1*] *person's spirit and vigor* activity, animation, application, ardor, birr, dash, drive, effectiveness, efficacy, efficiency, élan, endurance, enterprise, exertion, fire, force, forcefulness, fortitude, get-up-and-go\*, go, hardihood, initiative, intensity, juice, life, liveliness, might, moxie\*, muscle, operativeness, pep, pizzazz, pluck, potency, power, puiissance, punch, spirit, spontaneity, stamina, steam, strength, toughness, tuck, vehemence, verve, vim, virility, vitality, vivacity, zeal, zest, zing, zip\*; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* idleness, inactivity, laziness, lethargy, tiredness

**energy** [*n2*] *generated power* application, burn, conductivity, current, dynamism, electricity, force, friction, gravity, heat, horsepower, juice, kilowatts, magnetism, potential, pressure, radioactivity, rays, reaction, response, service, steam, strength, voltage, wattage; CONCEPT 520

**enervate** [*v*] *tire, wear out* debilitate, deplete, disable, enfeeble, exhaust, fatigue, incapacitate, jade, paralyze, sap, unnerve, vitiate, weaken, weary; CONCEPTS 156,225,250 —*Ant.* activate, animate, empower, energize, invigorate, liven, strengthen

**enervated** [*adj*] *exhausted, worn out* debilitated, deteriorated, devitalized, done in, enfeebled, fatigued, feeble, gone to seed\*, incapacitated, lackadaisical, languid, languishing, languorous, limp, listless, on the ropes\*, out of condition\*, out of gas\*, out of shape\*, paralyzed, prostrate, prostrated, run-down, rusty, sapped, soft, spent, spiritless, tired, undermined, unnerved, vitiated, washed out, weak, weakened; CONCEPTS 485,560

—*Ant.* activated, active, animated, energized, enthusiastic, invigorated, lively, strengthened

**enfeeble** [*v*] *make very weak* attenuate, blunt, cripple, debilitate, deplete, devitalize, diminish, disable, exhaust, fatigue, incapacitate, sap, undermine, unning, unnerve, weaken, wear out; CONCEPTS 240,252 —*Ant.* strengthen

**embrace** [*v*] *hug* bear hug, cinch, clasp, clinch, clutch, cover, drape, encase, enclose, encompass, enshroud, envelop, envelope, enwrap, fold, girdle, grab, hold, invest, press, shroud, squeeze, surround, swathe, veil, wrap, wrap up; CONCEPTS 191,219 —*Ant.* let go

**enforce** [*v*] *put a rule, plan in force* accomplish, administer, administrate, apply, carry out, coerce, commandeer, compel, constrain, crack down, demand, dictate, discharge, dragoon, drive, effect, egg on\*, emphasize, exact, execute, exert, expect, extort, force upon, fortify, fulfill, goad, hound, impel, implement, impose, incite, insist on, invoke, lash, lean on, make,

necessitate, oblige, perform, press, prosecute, put into effect, put screws to\*, reinforce, require, sanction, spur, strain, stress, strong-arm, support, urge, whip, wrest; CONCEPTS 50,88,133,298,317 —**Ant.** abandon, disregard, drop, forego, forget, give up, neglect, overlook

**enforcement** [n] *requirement to obey; implementation of rule(s)* administration, application, carrying out, coercion, compulsion, compulsory law, constraint, duress, enforcing, exaction, execution, fulfilling, imposition, impulsion, insistence, lash, martial law, necessitation, obligation, prescription, pressure, prosecution, reinforcement, spur, whip; CONCEPTS 133,298,317,685 —**Ant.** abandon, disregard, forgetfulness, neglect, renunciation, slight

**enfranchise** [v] *set free* citizenize, emancipate, empower, free, give rights to, grant citizenship to, liberate, manumit, naturalize, release; CONCEPT 110 —**Ant.** enslave

**engage** [v1] *hire for job, use* appoint, bespeak, book, bring on board\*, charter, come on board\*, commission, contract, employ, enlist, enroll, ink\*, lease, place, prearrange, put on, rent, reserve, retain, secure, sign on, sign up, take on, truck with\*; CONCEPTS 129,351 —**Ant.** banish, discharge, dismiss, eject, expel, fire, let go, oust, release

**engage** [v2] *occupy oneself; engross* absorb, allure, arrest, bewitch, busy, captivate, catch, charm, draw, embark on, employ, enamor, enchant, enter into, enthral, fascinate, give a try\*, give a whirl\*, go for broke\*, go in for\*, go out for\*, grip\*, have a fling at\*, have a go at\*, have a shot at\*, imbue, immerse, interest, involve, join, keep busy, monopolize, partake, participate, pitch in, practice, preengage, preoccupy, set about, soak, tackle\*, take part, tie up, try on for size\*, undertake; CONCEPTS 87,363 —**Ant.** decline, refuse, reject, shun

**engage** [v3] *promise to marry* affiance, agree, betroth, bind, catch, commit, contract, covenant, give one's word\*, guarantee, hook, obligate, oblige, pass, pledge, tie, troth, turn on\*, undertake, vouch, vow; CONCEPT 297 —**Ant.** break off, break up

**engage** [v4] *start a fight; attack* assail, assault, combat, do battle with, encounter, face, fall on, give battle to, join battle with, launch, meet, strike, take on; CONCEPTS 86,106,320 —**Ant.** give up, surrender, yield

**engage** [v5] *interconnect; bring into operation* activate, apply, attach, dovetail, energize, fasten, get going, interact, interlace, interlock, intermesh, interplay, join, lock, mesh, switch on; CONCEPTS 85,113,160,221 —**Ant.** cancel, defuse, disconnect

**engaged** [adj1] *promised to be married* affianced, asked for, betrothed, bound, committed, contracted, future, given one's word\*, going steady\*, hooked\*, intended, matched, pinned, pledged, plighted, ringed, spoken for, steady; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** available, uninvolved

**engaged** [adj2] *operating; busy* absorbed, at work, committed, connected with, dealing in, deep, doing, employed, engrossed, immersed, in place, intent, interested, in use, involved, occupied, performing, practicing, preoccupied, pursuing, rapt, signed, tied up, unavailable,

working, wrapped up\*; CONCEPTS 542,555,576

—**Ant.** disengaged, inoperable, not working

**engagement** [n1] *pledge to marry* assurance, betrothal, betrothing, betrothment, bond, commitment, compact, contract, espousal, match, oath, obligation, pact, plight, promise, troth, undertaking, vow, word; CONCEPT 297

—**Ant.** break-up, disengagement

**engagement** [n2] *meeting; date* appointment, arrangement, assignation, blind date\*, commission, commitment, date, errand, get-together, gig, going out\*, interview, invitation, meet, seeing one\*, stint, trust, visit; CONCEPT 384

**engagement** [n3] *battle* action, combat, conflict, confrontation, contest, encounter, fight, fray, skirmish; CONCEPTS 106,320

—**Ant.** surrender

**engaging** [adj] *charming* agreeable, alluring, appealing, attractive, bewitching, captivating, enchanting, enticing, entrancing, fascinating, fetching, glamorous, interesting, intriguing, inviting, likable, lovable, magnetic, mesmeric, pleasant, pleasing, prepossessing, siren, sweet, winning, winsome; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** boring, repulsive, tiresome, undesirable, unlikeable

**engender** [v] *cause to happen; cause an action* arouse, beget, breed, bring about, bring forth, create, develop, excite, foment, generate, give birth to, give rise to, hatch, incite, induce, instigate, lead to, make, muster, occasion, precipitate, procreate, produce, propagate, provoke, quicken, rouse, spawn, stimulate, stir, work up; CONCEPTS 221,242 —**Ant.** destroy, finish, halt, kill, stop

**engine** [n] *device that drives a machine* agent, apparatus, appliance, barrel, contrivance, cylinder, diesel, dynamo, fan, generator, horses\*, implement, instrument, means, mechanism, motor, piston, pot\*, powerhouse, power plant, power train, putt-putt\*, rubber band\*, tool, transformer, turbine, weapon, what's under the hood\*; CONCEPTS 463,464

**engineer** [n] *person who puts together things* architect, builder, contriver, designer, deviser, director, inventor, manager, manipulator, originator, planner, schemer, sights\*, surveyor, techie\*, technic\*; CONCEPT 348

**engineer** [v] *devise; bring about* angle, arrange, cause, come up with, con, conceive, concoct, contrive, control, cook\*, create, direct, doctor, effect, encompass, finagle\*, jockey\*, machinate, manage, maneuver, manipulate, negotiate, operate, organize, originate, plan, plant, play games\*, plot, pull strings\*, pull wires\*, put one on\*, put one over\*, put over\*, put through, rig\*, scam, scheme, set up, superintend, supervise, swing, upstage, wangle, work; CONCEPTS 36,173,251

**engrave** [v] *carve letters or designs into* bite, burn, chase, chase, crosshatch, cut, diaper, embed, embed, enslave, etch, fix, grave, hatch, impress, imprint, infix, ingrain, initial, inscribe, instill, intaglio, lithograph, lodge, mezzotint, ornament, print, scratch, stipple; CONCEPTS 79,174,176

**engraving** [n] *carving of letters or designs into something* blocking, chasing, chiselling, cutting, dry point, encasing, etching, illustration, impression, inscribing, inscription,

intaglio, lithograph, mezzotint, photoengraving, photogravure, print, rotogravure, scratch, woodcut; CONCEPTS 79,174,176,625

**engross** [v] *hold one's attention absorbed, apply, arrest, assimilate, attract, become lost, be hung\**, bewitch, busy, captivate, consume, corner, engage, engulf, enrapture, enthrall, fascinate, fill, grip, hog\*, immerse, involve, monopolize, occupy, preoccupy, sew up\*, soak, take up, up on\*; CONCEPTS 14,17

—*Ant.* forget, ignore, reject, repulse, turn off

**engrossed** [adj] *preoccupied; attentive to absorbed, all wound up\**, assiduous, bugged\*, busy, captivated, caught up, caught up in, consumed, deep, diligent, engaged, enthralled, fascinated, fiend for\*, gone\*, gripped, head over heels\*, heavily into\*, hooked, hung up, immersed, industrious, intent, into\*, intrigued, lost, monopolized, occupied, rapt, really into\*, riveted, sedulous, submerged, taken up with, tied up, turned on\*, up to here in\*, wrapped up\*; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* bored, disenthralled, disinterested, ignoring, inattentive, oblivious, uncaring, uninterested, unoccupied

**engrossing** [adj] *very interesting absorbing, all-consuming, captivating, compelling, consuming, controlling, enthralling, exciting, fascinating, gripping, intriguing, monopolizing, obsessing, preoccupying, provoking, riveting, stimulating; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* boring, repellent, repulsive, uninteresting*

**engulf** [v] *absorb, overwhelm* bury, consume, deluge, drown, encompass, engross, envelop, flood, imbibe, immerse, inundate, overflow, overrun, overwhelm, plunge, submerge, swallow up, swamp, whelm; CONCEPTS 169,172,256

**enhance** [v] *improve, embellish* add to, adorn, aggrandize, amplify, appreciate, augment, beautify, boom, boost, build up, complement, elevate, embroider, enlarge, exaggerate, exalt, flesh out\*, heighten, increase, intensify, lift, magnify, pad\*, pyramid\*, raise, reinforce, strengthen, swell, upgrade; CONCEPTS 162,177,244 —*Ant.* decrease, fix, lower, minimize, reduce, worsen

**enigma** [n] *mystery* bewilderment, cliffhanger, conundrum, crux, cryptogram, Gordian knot\*, grabber\*, knot\*, mind-boggler\*, mind-twister\*, mystification, parable, perplexity, problem, puzzle, puzzlement, puzzler, question, question mark, riddle, secret, sixty-four dollar question\*, sphinx\*, sticker, stickler, stumper, teaser, tough nut to crack\*, twister, why\*; CONCEPT 532

**enigmatic/enigmatical** [adj] *mysterious* ambiguous, cryptic, dark, Delphian\*, doubtful, equivocal, incomprehensible, indecipherable, inexplicable, inscrutable, obscure, occult, oracular, perplexing, puzzling, recondite, secret, Sibiline\*, sphinxlike, sticking, stumping, teasing, uncertain, unfathomable, unintelligible; CONCEPTS 529,576,582 —*Ant.* clear, obvious, unmysterious

**enjoin** [v1] *order, command* adjure, admonish, advise, appoint, bid, call upon, caution, charge, counsel, decree, demand, dictate, direct, forewarn, impose, instruct, ordain, prescribe, require, rule, tell, urge, warn; CONCEPTS 53,78

**enjoin** [v2] *forbid* ban, bar, deny, disallow, inhibit, interdict, outlaw, place injunction on,

preclude, prohibit, proscribe, restrain, taboo; CONCEPTS 50,53,88,130 —*Ant.* allow, permit

**enjoy** [v1] *take pleasure in, from something* adore, appreciate, be entertained, be fond of, be pleased, cotton to\*, delight in, dig\*, dote on\*, drink in\*, eat up\*, fancy, flip over\*, freak out on\*, get a charge out of\*, get a kick out of\*, get high on\*, go, have a ball\*, have a good time, have fun, like, live a little\*, live it up\*, love, luxuriate in, mind, paint the town\*, rejoice in, relish, revel in, savor, take joy in, thrill to; CONCEPTS 32,384 —*Ant.* detest, dislike, hate

**enjoy** [v2] *have the benefit or use of* be blessed, be favored, boast, command, experience, have, hold, maintain, occupy, own, possess, process, reap the benefits\*, retain, use; CONCEPT 710 —*Ant.* lack, need, want

**enjoyable** [adj] *pleasing; to one's liking* agreeable, amusing, clear sailing\*, delectable, delicious, delightful, entertaining, fun, genial, gratifying, groovy\*, just for grins\*, just for kicks\*, just for laughs\*, just for the heck of it\*, likable, lots of laughs\*, pleasant, pleasurable, preferable, relishable, satisfying, welcome; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* disagreeable, displeasing, unenjoyable, unhappy, unpleasant, unsatisfying

**enjoyment** [n1] *delight in something* amusement, delectation, diversion, enjoying, entertainment, fruition, fun, gladness, gratification, gusto, happiness, hedonism, indulgence, joy, loving, luxury, pleasure, recreation, rejoicing, relaxation, relish, satisfaction, savor, self-indulgence, sensuality, thrill, triumph, zest; CONCEPTS 32,410 —*Ant.* displeasure, dissatisfaction, misery, sorrow, unhappiness, woe

**enjoyment** [n2] *possession; use of advantage*, benefit, exercise, having, indulgence, ownership, spending, using; CONCEPT 710 —*Ant.* lack, need, want

**enlarge** [v] *make or grow bigger; increase* add to, aggrandize, amplify, augment, beef up\*, blow up\*, boost, broaden, build, bulk, develop, diffuse, dilate, distend, elaborate, elongate, embroider, exaggerate, expand, expatiate, extend, give details, grow, grow larger, heighten, inflate, jack up\*, jazz up\*, lengthen, magnify, make larger, mount, multiply, pad\*, pyramid\*, rise, slap on\*, snowball\*, spread, stretch, swell, upsurge, wax, widen; CONCEPTS 137,236,245,780 —*Ant.* abridge, compress, condense, curtail, decrease, diminish, lessen, lower, reduce, shrink

**enlargement** [n] *increase, expansion* aggrandizement, amplification, augmentation, blow up, elongation, extension, growth, spread; CONCEPT 780 —*Ant.* abridgment, compression, decrease, lessening, lowering, reduction, shrinkage

**enlighten** [v] *explain thoroughly; make aware* acquaint, advise, apprise, brief, catechize, cause to understand, civilize, convert, counsel, direct, disclose, divulge, edify, educate, elucidate, give faith\*, give the lowdown\*, give the word\*, guide, illumine, illuminate, illumine, imitate, improve, inculcate, indoctrinate, inform, inspire, instruct, let in on, open up, persuade, preach, put on to\*, reveal, save, school, teach, tell, train, update, uplift; CONCEPTS 57,60,75

—*Ant.* be vague, bewilder, confound, confuse, delude, mislead, obscure, puzzle

**enlightened** [*adj*] *informed, educated* aware, broad-minded, civilized, cultivated, hip to\*, instructed, in the picture\*, knowing what's what\*, knowledgeable, learned, liberal, literate, open-minded, plugged in\*, reasonable, refined, savvy, sharp, sophisticated, tuned in\*, wised up\*; **CONCEPT 402** —*Ant.* confounded, confused, in the dark, misled, perplexed, uneducated, unenlightened, uninformed

**enlightenment** [*n*] *awareness, understanding* broad-mindedness, civilization, comprehension, cultivation, culture, edification, education, information, insight, instruction, knowledge, learning, literacy, open-mindedness, refinement, sophistication, teaching, wisdom; **CONCEPT 409** —*Ant.* bewilderment, confusion, ignorance, puzzlement

**enlist** [*v*] *sign up for responsibility* admit, appoint, assign, attract, call to arms, call up, conscribe, conscript, draft, embody, employ, engage, enroll, enter, enter into, gather, get, hire, hitch, incorporate, induct, initiate, inscribe, interest, join, join up, levy, list, mobilize, muster, oblige, obtain, place, press into service, procure, record, recruit, register, reserve, secure, serve, sign on, take on, volunteer; **CONCEPTS 8, 320** —*Ant.* avoid, dodge, shun

**enliven** [*v*] *inspire, vitalize* animate, brace up, brighten, buck up, buoy, cheer, cheer up, divert, entertain, excite, exhilarate, fire, fire up, galvanize, give a lift, give life to, gladden, hearten, inspire, invigorate, jazz up\*, juice up\*, let sunshine in\*, pep up\*, perk up\*, pick up, put pep into, quicken, recreate, refresh, rejuvenate, renew, restore, rouse, snap out of it\*, spark, spice, spice up\*, stimulate, vivificate, vivify, wake up, work up\*, zap\*; **CONCEPTS 7, 22** —*Ant.* bore, dull, enervate, exhaust, fatigue, subdue, tire

**en masse** [*adj*] *all at once* all in all, all together, altogether, as a body, as a group, as a whole, as one, bodily, by and large\*, ensemble, generally, in a body, in a group, in a mass, jointly, on the whole, together; **CONCEPT 577** —*Ant.* one at a time, singly

**enmesh** [*v*] *involve in a situation* box in, catch, drag into\*, draw in, embroil, ensnare, entangle, entrap, hook, implicate, incriminate, lay a trap for\*, lay for\*, make party to\*, net, snare, snarl, tangle, tammel, trap; **CONCEPTS 59,112** —*Ant.* exclude, leave out

**enmity** [*n*] *hatred, animosity* acrimony, alienation, animus, antagonism, antipathy, aversion, bad blood\*, bitterness, daggers\*, detestation, dislike, hate, hostility, ill will, loathing, malevolence, malice, malignancy, malignity, rancor, spite, spleen, uncordiality, unfriendliness, venom; **CONCEPT 29** —*Ant.* affinity, fellowship, friendship, good will, kindness, love

**ennui** [*n*] *boredom* apathy, blahs, blues, dejection, depression, dissatisfaction, doldrums, dumps\*, fatigue, ho hums\*, lack of interest, languidness, languor, lassitude, listlessness, melancholy, sadness, satiety, spiritlessness, surfeit, tedium, weariness, yawm\*; **CONCEPT 410** —*Ant.* energy, enthusiasm, excitement, liveliness, vigor

**enormity** [*n1*] *horribleness* abomination, atrociousness, atrocity, crime, depravity, disgrace, evil, evilness, flagrancy, grossness, heinousness, horror, monstrosity, monstrosity, nefariousness, outrage, outrageousness, rankness, turpitude, vice, viciousness, vileness, villainy, wickedness; **CONCEPTS 645,666** —*Ant.* goodness

**enormity** [*n2*] *extreme largeness* bigness, bulk, enormousness, greatness, hugeness, immensity, magnitude, massiveness, size, tremendousness, vastness; **CONCEPT 730** —*Ant.* smallness, tininess, triviality

**enormous** [*adj*] *very large* astronomical, barn door\*, blimp\*, colossal, excessive, gargantuan, gigantic, gross, huge, humongous, immense, jumbo\*, mammoth, massive, monstrous, mountainous, prodigious, stupendous, super-colossal\*, titanic\*, tremendous, vast, whopping; **CONCEPT 773** —*Ant.* insignificant, little, minute, small, tiny

**enough** [*adj*] *plenty* abundant, acceptable, adequate, all right already\*, ample, bellyful\*, bounteous, bountiful, comfortable, competent, complete, copious, decent, enough already\*, fed up\*, full, had it\*, last straw\*, lavish, plentiful, replete, satisfactory, satisfying, sick and tired of\*, sufficient, sufficing, suitable, unlimited, up to here\*; **CONCEPTS 546,771** —*Ant.* inadequate, insufficient

**enough** [*adv*] *adequately* abundantly, acceptably, admissibly, amply, averagely, barely, commensurately, decently, fairly, moderately, passably, proportionately, rather, reasonably, satisfactorily, so-so\*, sufficiently, tolerably; **CONCEPTS 546,558,771** —*Ant.* inadequately

**enough** [*n*] *plenty* abundance, adequacy, am-  
pleness, ample supply, competence, plenitude, right amount, sufficiency, sufficient; **CONCEPTS 646,767** —*Ant.* inadequacy, insufficiency

**enquire** [*v*] *ask about* analyze, check, examine, explore, go over, inquire, inspect, investigate, look into, probe, pry, query, question, scrutinize, search, seek, seek an answer, want to know; **CONCEPTS 24,48**

**enquiry** [*n*] *inquest* analysis, examination, exploration, inquiry, inquisition, inspection, interrogation, investigation, probe, query, questioning, research, study; **CONCEPTS 24,48,290**

**enrage** [*v*] *make very upset* aggravate, anger, ask for it\*, exasperate, get under skin\*, hack\*, incense, incite, inflame, infuriate, ire, irritate, madden, make blood boil\*, make see red\*, needle, provoke, rile, steam up\*, T-off\*, umbrage, whip up\*; **CONCEPTS 7,14,19** —*Ant.* appease, calm, compose, pacify, placate, please, soothe

**enraged** [*adj*] *furious* aggravated, angered, angry, boiling\*, exasperated, fuming, incensed, inflamed, infuriated, irate, livid, mad, pushed too far\*, riled, upset; **CONCEPT 403**

**enrapture** [*v*] *captivate* allure, attract, beguile, bewitch, charm, delight, elate, enamor, enchant, enthrall, entrance, fascinate, gladden, gratify, please, ravish, rejoice, score, send, spellbind, transport; **CONCEPTS 7,22** —*Ant.* disgust, displease, offend, repel

**enrich** [*v*] *improve, embellish* adorn, aggrandize, ameliorate, augment, beef up\*, better, build, build up, cultivate, decorate, develop,



endow, enhance, figure in, flesh out\*, grace, hike up\*, hop up\*, jack up\*, jazz up\*, make rich, ornament, pad, parlay, pour it on\*, pyramid\*, refine, run up\*, soup up\*, spike\*, step up, supplement, sweeten\*, up\*, upgrade; CONCEPTS 177,244 —**Ant.** decrease, deplete, impoverish, reduce, take

**enroll** [v1] *sign up for membership* accept, admit, become student, call up, employ, engage, enlist, enter, join, join up, matriculate, muster, obtain, recruit, register, serve, sign on, subscribe, take course, take on; CONCEPTS 114,129 —**Ant.** avoid, dodge, ignore, pass, reject

**enroll** [v2] *list, record* affix, bill, book, catalog, chronicle, engross, enlist, enter, file, fill out, index, inscribe, insert, inventory, mark, matriculate, note, poll, register, schedule, slate; CONCEPTS 79,125 —**Ant.** cancel, dismiss, neglect

**enrollment** [n] *registration for membership* acceptance, accession, admission, conscription, engagement, enlistment, entrance, entry, induction, influx, listing, matriculation, rally, reception, record, recruitment, response, student body, students, subscription; CONCEPTS 288,388,417

**en route** [adj] *on the way to destination* advancing, along the way, bound, driving, entrained, en voyage\*, flying, heading toward, in passage, in transit, making headway\*, midway, on the road\*, pressing on, progressing, traveling; CONCEPTS 577,586 —**Ant.** derailed, detained, off the path, sidetracked

**ensconce** [v] *hide; tuck away* bury, cache, conceal, cover, curl up, ditch, establish, fix, install, locate, nestle, place, plant, protect, screen, seat, secrete, set, settle, shelter, shield, situate, snugle up, stash, station; CONCEPTS 188,201 —**Ant.** reveal, take out, uncover, unveil

**ensemble** [adv] *at the same time* all at once, altogether, as a body, as a group, as a whole, as one, at once, en masse, in concert; CONCEPT 577

**ensemble** [n1] *collection* aggregate, assemblage, band, cast, choir, chorus, company, composite, entirety, gathering, glee club, group, octet, orchestra, organization, outfit, quartet, quintet, set, sextet, sum, total, totality, trio, troupe, whole; CONCEPTS 294,432

**ensemble** [n2] *clothing outfit* coordinates, costume, garb\*, get-up\*, suit, togs\*; CONCEPT 451

**enshrine** [v] *hold as sacred* apotheosize, bless, cherish, consecrate, dedicate, embalm, exalt, hallow, idolize, preserve, revere, sanctify, treasure; CONCEPTS 69,367 —**Ant.** defile, desecrate, disrespect

**enshroud** [v] *cover* cloak, conceal, hide, mask, pall, shroud; CONCEPTS 172,188

**ensign** [n] *flag* banderole, banner, colors, emblem, gonfalon, insignia, pennant, standard, streamer, symbol; CONCEPTS 284,473

**enslave** [v] *make someone a servant* bind, capture, chain, check, circumscribe, coerce, compel, confine, deprive, disenfranchise, disfranchise, dominate, enchain, enclose, enthrall, fetter, get hooks into\*, hobble, hold, immure, imprison, incarcerate, indenture, jail, keep under thumb\*, oppress, put in irons\*, reduce, restrain, restrict, secure, shackle, shut

in, subdue, subject, subjugate, suppress, tether, tie, yoke; CONCEPTS 14,90,130,191 —**Ant.**

allow, emancipate, free, let go, liberate  
**ensnare** [v] *trap* bag\*, bat eyes at\*, capture, catch, cheat, come on, deceive, decoy, embroil, enmesh, entangle, entice, entrap, hook, inveigle, lure, mislead, net, rope in, snag, snare, snarl, suck in\*, tangle, trick; CONCEPTS 59,90 —**Ant.** free, let go, liberate, release

**ensue** [v] *start to happen; come to pass* appear, arise, attend, be consequent on, befall, be subsequent to, come after, come next, come up, derive, develop, emanate, eventuate, eventuate, flow, follow, issue, occur, proceed, result, stem, succeed, supervene, turn out, turn up; CONCEPTS 119,242 —**Ant.** antecede, precede

**ensuing** [adj] *resultant* after, coming, coming up, consequent, consequential, following, later, next, next off, posterior, postliminary, subsequent, subsequential; CONCEPTS 548,820 —**Ant.** antecedent, preceding

**ensure** [v] *guarantee; make secure* arrange, assure, certify, cinch, clinch, confirm, effect, establish, guard, insure, lock on\*, lock up\*, make certain, make safe, make sure, nail down\*, okay, protect, provide, put on ice\*, safeguard, secure, set out, warrant; CONCEPT 71

**entail** [v] *require; result in* bring about, call for, cause, demand, encompass, entangle, evoke, give rise to, impose, involve, lead to, necessitate, occasion, require, tangle; CONCEPTS 242,646

**entangle** [v] *involve, mix up* bewilder, burden, catch, clog, come on, complicate, compromise, confuse, corner, dislevel, duke in, embarrass, embrangle, embroil, enchain, enmesh, ensnare, entrap, fetter, hamper, hook, impede, implicate, intertangle, intertwine, interweave, jumble, knot, lead on, mat, muddle, perplex, puzzle, ravel, rope in, set up, snag, snare, snarl, swindle, tangle, trammel, trap, twist, unsettle; CONCEPTS 59,90,112 —**Ant.** disentangle, exclude, explain, untangle, untwist

**entanglement** [n] *complication, predicament* affair, association, cobweb, complexity, confusion, difficulty, embarrassment, embroilment, enmeshment, ensnarement, entrapment, imbroglio, intricacy, intrigue, involvement, jumble, knot, liaison, mesh, mess, mix-up, muddle, snare, tangle, tie-up, toil, trap, web; CONCEPTS 666,674 —**Ant.** disentanglement, simplicity

**entente** [n] *agreement* accord, arrangement, deal, pact, settlement, treaty, understanding; CONCEPTS 271,331

**enter** [v1] *come, put into a place* access, arrive, barge in\*, blow in\*, break in, breeze in\*, burst in, bust in\*, butt in\*, come in, crack, crawl, creep, crowd in\*, drive in, drop in, fall into, gain entrée, get in, go in, horn in\*, immigrate, infiltrate, ingress, insert, insinuate, introduce, intrude, invade, jump in, make an entrance, make way, move in, pass into, penetrate, pierce, pile in, pop in\*, probe, rush in, set foot in, slip, sneak, work in, worm in\*, wriggle; CONCEPT 159 —**Ant.** depart, exit, go, leave, withdraw

**enter** [v2] *embark on; take part in* become member, begin, commence, commit oneself, enlist, enroll, get oneself into\*, inaugurate, join, join up, lead off, muster\*, open, participate in,

set about, set out on, set to, sign on, sign up, start, subscribe, take up, tee off\*; CONCEPTS 114,234 —*Ant.* abstain, forget, refrain, stop

**enter** [v3] *record, list* admit, docket, inject, inscribe, insert, intercalate, interpolate, introduce, log, note, post, put in, register, set down, take down; CONCEPT 125 —*Ant.* delete, erase

**enterprise** [n1] *adventure, undertaking* action, activity, affair, attempt, baby\*, bag\*, ball-game\*, biggie\*, big idea\*, bit\*, business, campaign, cause, company, concern, crusade, deal, deed, do\*, effort, endeavor, engagement, essay, establishment, firm, flier\*, follow through\*, game\*, happening, hazard, house, move, operation, outfit, performance, pet project\*, plan, plunge\*, program, project, proposition, purpose, pursuit, risk, scheme, speculation, stake, striving, stunt, task, thing\*, trade, try, venture, work; CONCEPTS 87,324,325,362 —*Ant.* idleness, inactivity, unemployment

**enterprise** [n2] *resourcefulness, energy* activity, adventurousness, alertness, ambition, audacity, boldness, courage, daring, dash, drive, eagerness, enthusiasm, force, foresight, get-up-and-go\*, gumption, hustle, industry, initiative, inventiveness, pluck, push, readiness, resource, self-reliance, spirit, venturesomeness, vigor, zeal; CONCEPTS 411,657 —*Ant.* apathy, idleness, indolence, passiveness, passivity

**enterprising** [adj] *resourceful, energetic* active, advancing, adventurous, aggressive, alert, ambitious, aspiring, audacious, bold, busy, coming on strong\*, craving, daring, dashing, diligent, driving, eager, enthusiastic, go-ahead\*, go-go\*, gumpious, hard ball\*, hardworking, hungry, hustling, industrious, intrepid, itching, keen, lively, lusty, peppy, progressive, pushing, ready, self-starting, snappy, spanking, spark plug\*, spirited, stirring, take-over, up-and-coming\*, venturesome, vigorous, yearning, zealous, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 326,404,542 —*Ant.* inactive, passive, unadventurous, unambitious, unenthused, unimaginative, unresourceful

**entertain** [v1] *amuse* absorb, beguile, captivate, charm, cheer, comfort, crack up\*, delight, distract, divert, ecstasize, elate, engross, enliven, enthral, gladden, grab, gratify, humor, indulge, inspire, inspire, interest, knock dead\*, make merry, occupy, pique, please, recreate, regale, relax, satisfy, slay, solace, stimulate, tickle; CONCEPTS 9,292 —*Ant.* bore, tire

**entertain** [v2] *accommodate visitors* admit, be host, board, chaperone, dine, do the honors\*, feed, foster, give a party, harbor, have a do\*, have a get-together\*, have company, have guests, have visitors, house, invite, lodge, nourish, pick up the check\*, pop for\*, put up\*, quarter, receive, recreate, regale, room, show hospitality, spring for\*, throw a party\*, treat, welcome, wine and dine\*; CONCEPTS 377,384 —*Ant.* refuse, reject, turn away

**entertain** [v3] *think about seriously* cherish, cogitate on, conceive, consider, contemplate, deliberate, foster, harbor, heed, hold, imagine, keep in mind, maintain, muse over, ponder, recognize, support, think over; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* disregard, forget, reject

**entertaining** [adj] *amusing, pleasing* absorbing, affecting, be a ball\*, captivating, charming,

cheerful, cheering, clever, compelling, delightful, diverting, droll, enchanting, engaging, engrossing, enjoyable, enthralling, enticing, entrancing, exciting, fascinating, fun, funny, gas\*, gay, humorous, impressive, inspiring, interesting, lively, moving, piquant, pleasant, pleasurable, poignant, priceless, provocative, recreative, relaxing, restorative, riot, rousing, scream, side-splitting, stimulating, stirring, striking, thrilling, witty; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* boring, dull, laborious, sad, tiring, unamusing, unfunny, unpleasant

**entertainment** [n] *amusement, pleasure* ball\*, bash\*, big time\*, blast\*, blow out\*, celebration, cheer, clambake\*, delight, dissipation, distraction, diversion, divertissement, enjoyment, feast, frolic, fun, fun and games\*, gaiety, game, good time\*, grins\*, high time\*, laughs\*, leisure activity, lots of laughs\*, merriment, merrymaking, party, pastime, picnic, play, recreation, regalement, relaxation, relief, revelry, satisfaction, shindig\*, sport, spree, surprise, treat, wingding\*; CONCEPTS 383,384,386,388 —*Ant.* chore, drudgery, labor, task, work

**enthrall** [v] *captivate* absorb, beguile, bewitch, charm, enchant, engage, enrapture, enslave, entrance, fascinate, grab, grip, hold spellbound, hook, hypnotize, intrigue, mesmerize, preoccupy, rivet, spellbind, subdue, subject, subjugate; CONCEPTS 7,19,22 —*Ant.* bore, dull, tire, turn off, weary

**enthusiasm** [n] *keen interest, excitement* activity, ardency, ardor, avidity, conviction, craze, dash, devotion, eagerness, earnestness, ecstasy, élan, emotion, energy, exhilaration, fad, fanaticism, feeling, fervor, fever, fieriness, fire, flame, flare, frenzy, fury, gaiety, glow, go\*, heat, hilarity, hobby, impetuosity, intensity, interest, joy, joyfulness, keenness, life, mania, mirth, nerve, oomph\*, orgasm, passion, pep, rapture, red heat\*, relish, snap, spirit, transport, vehemence, verve, vim, vivacity, warmth, zeal, zealousness, zest; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* aloofness, apathy, coldness, coolness, doubt, indifference, lethargy, pessimism, weariness

**enthusiast** [n] *person active in interest* addict, admirer, aficionado, believer, buff, bug\*, bum\*, devotee, eccentric, fan, fanatic, follower, freak, habitué, lover, maniac, monomaniac, nut\*, optimist, participant, partisan, rooter, supporter, votary, worshiper, zealot; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* critic, detractor, pessimist

**enthusiastic** [adj] *interested, excited* agog, animated, anxious, ardent, athirst, attracted, avid, bugged\*, concerned, crazy about\*, devoted, dying to\*, eager, earnest, ebullient, exhilarated, exuberant, fanatical, fascinated, fervent, fervid, forceful, gaga\*, gone on\*, gung ho\*, hearty, intent, keen, keyed up\*, lively, nutty\*, obsessed, passionate, pleased, rabid, red-hot\*, rhapsodic, spirited, tantalized, thrilled, titillated, unqualified, vehement, vigorous, wacky\*, warm, wholehearted, willing, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* apathetic, disinterested, doubting, indifferent, lethargic, pessimistic, unenthusiastic, unexcited, weary

**entice** [v] *allure; persuade* attract, bait, bat eyes at\*, beguile, cajole, coax, decoy, draw, entrap, inveigle, lead on, lure, prevail on, seduce, tempt,

toll, turn on\*, wheedle; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,68  
 —*Ant.* disgust, dissuade, repel, repulse, turn away, turn off

**enticement** [*n*] *allurement; persuasion* attraction, bait, blandishment, cajolery, coaxing, come hither\*, come-on\*, decoy, fascination, inducement, inveiglement, lure, mousetrap\*, promise, seduction, snare, sweetener\*, sweetening, temptation, trap; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,68  
 —*Ant.* disgust, dissuasion, repulsion

**entire** [*adj*] *complete, whole* absolute, all, choate, consolidated, continuous, full, gross, intact, integral, integrated, outright, perfect, plenary, sound, thorough, total, unbroken, undamaged, undiminished, undivided, unified, unimpaired, uninjured, unmarked, unmarred, unmitigated, unreserved, unrestricted, untouched; CONCEPTS 482,531 —*Ant.* abridged, incomplete, limited, part

**entirely** [*adv*] *completely* absolutely, alone, altogether, exclusively, fully, in every respect, only, perfectly, plumb, quite, reservedly, solely, thoroughly, totally, undividedly, uniquely, utterly, well, wholly, without exception, without reservation; CONCEPTS 531,535 —*Ant.* incompletely, partially

**entirety** [*n*] *wholeness, whole* absoluteness, aggregate, all, allness, collectiveness, collectivity, completeness, complex, comprehensiveness, ensemble, entirety, everything, fullness, gross, intactness, integrality, integrity, omninity, onnitude, oneness, perfection, plenitude, sum, sum total, the works\*, total, totality, undividedness, unity, universality, whole ball of wax\*, whole bit\*, whole enchilada\*, whole nine yards\*; CONCEPTS 635,837 —*Ant.* fraction, incompleteness, part, partiality, section

**entitle** [*v1*] *name, label* baptize, call, characterize, christen, denominate, designate, dub, nickname, style, subtitle, term, title; CONCEPT 62

**entitle** [*v2*] *hold right to* accredit, allow, authorize, be in line for\*, confer a right, empower, enable, enfranchise, fit for, have coming\*, let, license, make eligible, permit, qualify for, rate, warrant; CONCEPTS 50,83,88,129

**entity** [*n1*] *object that exists* article, being, body, creature, existence, individual, item, material, matter, organism, presence, quantity, single, singleton, something, stuff, subsistence, substance, thing; CONCEPT 433 —*Ant.* abstract, concept, idea

**entity** [*n2*] *nature of a being* actuality, essence, existence, integral, integrate, quiddity, quintessence, reality, subsistence, substance, sum, system, totality; CONCEPTS 411,644 —*Ant.* abstract

**entomb** [*v*] *bury* embal, ensepulcher, enshrine, hold last rites for\*, hold services for\*, inhume, inter, inurn, lay to rest\*, put six feet under\*, sepulcher, sepulture, tomb; CONCEPT 367

**entourage** [*n*] *followers* associates, attendants, companions, company, cortege, court, courtiers, escort, following, groupies\*, hangers-on\*, retainers, retinue, staff, suite, sycophants, toadies\*, train; CONCEPTS 387,417 —*Ant.* leader

**entrails** [*n*] *internal organs* bowels, guts, innards, insides, internal parts, viscera, vitals; CONCEPT 393

**entrance** [*n1*] *a way into a place* access, approach, archway, avenue, corridor, door,

doorway, entry, entryway, gate, gateway, hall, hallway, ingress, inlet, lobby, opening, passage, passageway, path, porch, port, portal, portico, staircase, threshold, vestibule, way; CONCEPT 440 —*Ant.* exit

**entrance** [*n2*] *coming into a place; introduction* access, accession, adit, admission, admittance, appearance, approach, arrival, baptism, beginning, commencement, debut, enlistment, enrollment, entrée, entry, immigration, import, importation, inception, incoming, ingoing, ingress, ingestion, initiation, invasion, outset, passage, penetration, progress, start, trespass; CONCEPTS 119,159 —*Ant.* conclusion, departure, exit, leave

**entrance** [*v*] *captivate, hypnotize* anesthetize, attract, bewitch, charm, delight, enchant, enrapture, enthral, fascinate, gladden, mesmerize, please, put in a trance, ravish, rejoice, spellbind, transport; CONCEPTS 7,14,22 —*Ant.* disgust, repel, repulse, turn off

**entrant** [*n*] *person entering competition, starting new activity* aspirant, beginner, candidate, competitor, contestant, convert, entry, incomer, initiate, neophyte, newcomer, new member, novice, participant, petitioner, player, probationer, rival, solicitor, tenderfoot\*; CONCEPTS 366,423 —*Ant.* fan, spectator

**entrap** [*v*] *capture, involve* allure, bag\*, beguile, benet, box in\*, catch, decoy, embroil, enmesh, ensnare, entangle, entice, hook, implicate, inveigle, lay for\*, lead on, lure, net, reel in\*, rope in\*, seduce, set up, snare, suck in\*, tempt, trap, trick; CONCEPTS 59,90,112 —*Ant.* clear, disentangle, exclude, free, liberate, release

**entreat** [*v*] *plead with* appeal to, ask, beg, beseech, blandish, coax, conjure, crave, enjoin, exhort, implore, importune, invoke, pester, petition, plague, pray, press, request, supplicate, urge, wheedle; CONCEPTS 48,53 —*Ant.* answer, command, demand

**entreaty** [*n*] *plea* appeal, application, imploitation, imprecation, petition, prayer, request, suit, supplication; CONCEPTS 318,662 —*Ant.* answer, command, demand

**entrée** [*n*] *admittance* access, adit, admission, connection, contact, debut, door, entrance, entry, importation, in, incoming, induction, ingress, introduction, open arms\*, open door\*, way; CONCEPTS 388,685 —*Ant.* backballing, rejection

**entrench** [*v1*] *establish, make inroads* anchor, confirm, define, dig in, embed, ensconce, fence, fix, fortify, found, ground, hole up, implant, infix, ingrain, install, lodge, plant, protect, root, seat, set, settle, strengthen; CONCEPTS 518,710

**entrench** [*v2*] *trespass* break in on, encroach, impinge, infringe, interfere, interlope, intervene, intrude, invade, make inroads\*, stick nose into\*; CONCEPT 192 —*Ant.* stay off

**entrepreneur** [*n*] *person who starts a business alone* administrator, backer, businessperson, contractor, executive, founder, impresario, industrialist, manager, organizer, producer, promoter, undertaker; CONCEPT 347

**entropy** [*n*] *deterioration* breakup, collapse, decay, decline, degeneration, destruction, falling apart, worsening; CONCEPTS 230,698

**entrust** [v] *give custody, authority to* allocate, allot, assign, authorize, bank, bend an ear\*, charge, commend, commit, confer, confide, consign, count, delegate, deliver, depend, deposit with, hand over, impose, invest, leave with, reckon, relegate, rely, trust, turn over; CONCEPTS 50,88,108

**entry** [n1] *way in to a place* access, adit, approach, avenue, door, doorway, entrance, foyer, gate, hall, ingress, ingression, inlet, lobby, opening, passage, passageway, portal, threshold, vestibule; CONCEPT 440 —**Ant.** egress, exit

**entry** [n2] *introduction; permission to enter* access, adit, admission, admittance, appearance, coming in, entering, entrance, entrée, free passage\*, ingress, initiation, introgression, way; CONCEPTS 388,685 —**Ant.** blackballing, conclusion, refusal, rejection

**entry** [n3] *person participating in competition; effort* attempt, candidate, competitor, contestant, entrant, participant, player, submission; CONCEPT 366 —**Ant.** fan, spectator

**entry** [n4] *listing in a record* account, item, jotting, memo, memorandum, minute, note, registration; CONCEPT 270

**entwine** [v] *twist around* braid, coil, corkscrew, curl, embrace, encircle, enmesh, entangle, interlace, interplait, intertwine, interweave, knit, lace, plait, spiral, surround, twine, weave, wind, wreath; CONCEPTS 147,201,754 —**Ant.** unravel, untwist, unwind

**enumerate** [v] *list, count* add up, calculate, cite, compute, count noses\*, detail, figure, identify, inventory, itemize, keep tabs\*, mention, name, number, particularize, quote, recapitulate, recite, reckon, recount, rehearse, relate, run down, run off\*, specialize, specify, spell out, sum, take account of, tally, tell, tick off\*, total; CONCEPTS 57,125,764 —**Ant.** not count

**enunciate** [v] *speak clearly* affirm, announce, articulate, declare, deliver, develop, enounce, express, intone, lay down, modulate, outline, phonate, postulate, proclaim, promulgate, pronounce, propound, publish, say, show, sound, state, submit, utter, vocalize, voice; CONCEPTS 47,51 —**Ant.** mispronounce, muffle, mumble

**envelop** [v] *encase, hide* blanket, cage, cloak, conceal, contain, coop, corral, cover, drape, embrace, encircle, enclose, encompass, enfold, engulf, enshroud, enwrap, fence, gird, girdle, guard, hem, immure, invest, obscure, overlay, overspread, pen, protect, roll, sheathe, shield, shroud, shut in, superimpose, surround, swaddle, swathe, veil, wrap, wrap up; CONCEPTS 172,188 —**Ant.** free, let go, let loose, open, release, uncover, unwrap

**envelope** [n] *wrapper* bag, box, case, casing, cloak, coat, coating, container, cover, covering, enclosure, hide, jacket, pocket, pouch, receptacle, sheath, shell, skin, vesicle, wrapping; CONCEPT 494

**enviable** [adj] *desired, blessed* advantageous, covetable, desirable, excellent, favored, fortunate, good, lucky, privileged, superior, welcome; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** disadvantaged, undesirable, undesired, unenviable, unfavored, unlucky

**envious** [adj] *jealous, resentful* appetent, aspiring, begrudging, coveting, covetous, craving,

desiring, desirous, distrustful, fain, grasping, greedy, green-eyed\*, green with envy\*, grudging, hankering, invidious, jaundiced, longing for, malicious, spiteful, suspicious, umbrageous, watchful, wishful, yearning; CONCEPTS 401,403 —**Ant.** comfortable, confident, content, kind, pleased, unenvious

**environment** [n] *surroundings, atmosphere* ambiance, aura, backdrop, background, circumstances, climate, conditions, context, domain, element, encompassment, entourage, habitat, hood\*, jungle\*, locale, medium, milieu, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, purlieus, scene, scenery, setting, situation, status, stomping ground\*, surroundings, terrain, territory, turf, zoo\*; CONCEPTS 515,673,696

**environment** [n2] *Earth's system of natural resources* atmosphere, biosphere, ecosphere, ecosystem, environs, Gaia; CONCEPTS 511,515

**environmentalist** [n] *conservationist* eagle freak\*, ecologist, greenie\*, naturalist, preservationist, tree-hugger\*; CONCEPTS 515,673,696

**environs** [n] *neighborhood* bound, boundary, compass, confine, district, fringes\*, limits, locality, outskirts, precinct, purlieus, suburb, surroundings, territory, turf, vicinity; CONCEPT 516

**envisage/envision** [v] *picture in one's mind* anticipate, behold, conceive, conceptualize, contemplate, externalize, fancy, feature, foresee, form mental picture of\*, grasp, have a picture of\*, image, imagine, look upon, materialize, objectify, predict, realize, regard, see, survey, think up, view, view in mind's eye\*, vision, visualize; CONCEPTS 17,43

**envoy** [n] *deputy* agent, ambassador, attaché, bearer, carrier, chargé d'affaires, consul, courier, delegate, diplomat, emissary, intermediary, interuncio, legate, medium, messenger, minister, nuncio, plenipotentiary, representative, vicar; CONCEPTS 348,354

**envy** [n] *jealousy* backbiting, coveting, covetousness, enviousness, evil eye\*, green-eyed monster\*, grudge, grudging, grudgingness, hatred, heartburn, ill will, invidiousness, jaundiced eye\*, lusting, malevolence, malice, maliciousness, malignity, opposition, prejudice, resentfulness, resentment, rivalry, spite; CONCEPT 410 —**Ant.** comfort, confidence, contentedness, good will, kindness, pleasure

**envy** [v] *be jealous of another* be envious, begrudge, covet, crave, desire, die over\*, eat one's heart out\*, grudge, hanker, have hard feelings\*, hunger, long, lust, object to, resent, thirst, turn green\*, want, yearn; CONCEPTS 10,20 —**Ant.** be confident, be content

**eon** [n] *an age* aeon, ages, time period, years; CONCEPT 807

**ephemeral** [adj] *momentary, passing* brief, episodic, evanescent, fleeting, flitting, fugacious, fugitive, impermanent, short, short-lived, temporary, transient, transitory, unenduring, volatile; CONCEPTS 798,801 —**Ant.** enduring, eternal, everlasting, interminable, lasting, long, permanent, perpetual

**epic** [n] *long story* heroic poem, legend, narrative, saga, tale; CONCEPT 282 —**Ant.** short story

**epicure** [n] *gourmet* bon vivant, connoisseur, Epicurean, gastronome, gastronomer, gastronomist, gourmand; CONCEPTS 348,423

**epicurean** [*adj*] *loving food and finer things* gluttonous, gourmandizing, gourmet, hedonistic, libertine, lush, luxurious, pleasure-seeking, self-indulgent, sensual, sensuous, sybaritic, voluptuous; CONCEPT 401

**epicurean** [*n*] *gourmet bon vivant, connoisseur, critic, epicure, gastronome, gastronomer, glutton, gourmand, hedonist, pleasure seeker, sensualist, specialist, sybarite*; CONCEPT 423

**epidemic** [*adj*] *widespread catching, communicable, contagious, endemic, general, infectious, pandemic, prevailing, prevalent, rampant, rife, sweeping, wide-ranging*; CONCEPTS 314,537 —*Ant.* limited

**epidemic** [*n*] *widespread disease* contagion, endemic, growth, outbreak, pest, pestilence, plague, rash, scourge, spread, upsurge, wave, what's going around\*; CONCEPTS 306,316

**epigram** [*n*] *witticism* aphorism, bon mot, joke, motto, pithy saying, quip, quirk; CONCEPT 278

**epilogue** [*n*] *afterword* coda, concluding speech, conclusion, ending, finale, follow-up, peroration, postlude, postscript, sequel, summation, swan song\*; CONCEPTS 264,270,278 —*Ant.* foreword, introduction, preface

**episode** [*n*] *adventure; scene* affair, business, chapter, circumstance, doings, event, experience, goings-on\*, happening, incident, installment, interlude, matter, occasion, occurrence, part, passage, section, thing\*, what's going down\*; CONCEPTS 3,4

**episodic** [*adj*] *intermittent; composed of several tales* anecdotal, digressive, disconnected, discursive, disjointed, incidental, irregular, occasional, picaresque, rambling, roundabout, segmented, soap opera\*, sporadic, wandering; CONCEPT 482 —*Ant.* connected, lasting, permanent, regular, unbroken

**epistle** [*n*] *letter* billet doux\*, cannonball\*, card, communication, dispatch, FYI\*, get-well, invite, kite\*, line\*, love letter, memo, message, missive, note, poison pen\*, postcard, scratch\*, tab\*, thank-you; CONCEPT 271

**epitaph** [*n*] *inscription on a gravestone* commemoration, elegy, epigraph, eulogy, hic jacet, legend, memorial, monument, remembrance, requiescat in pace, sentiment; CONCEPT 278

**epithet** [*n*] *nickname* appellation, description, designation, name, sobriquet, tag, title; CONCEPT 683

**epitome** [*n*] *perfect example* apotheosis, archetype, embodiment, essence, exemplar, exemplification, illustration, last word\*, personification, quintessence, representation, type, typification, ultimate; CONCEPT 686

**epitome** [*n*] *abbreviation* abridgment, abstract, brief, compendium, condensation, conspectus, contraction, digest, précis, recapitulation, résumé, summary, summation, syllabus, synopsis; CONCEPT 283 —*Ant.* addition, enlargement, expansion, extension, increase, unabridgedment

**epitomize** [*v*] *typify* characterize, embody, exemplify, illustrate, mean, model, personify, represent, stand for, symbolize; CONCEPT 644

**epitomize** [*v*] *encapsulate* abbreviate, abridge, capitalize, compress, condense, contract, cut, digest, reduce, shorten, summarize, sum up, synopsise; CONCEPTS 236,247

**epoch** [*n*] *period* age, date, era, span, time; CONCEPTS 807,822

**equable** [*adj*] *steady, calm* agreeable, composed, consistent, constant, easy-going, even, even-tempered, imperturbable, level-headed, methodical, orderly, placid, regular, serene, smooth, stable, stable, systematic, temperate, tranquil, unchanging, unexcitable, unflappable, unfluctuating, uniform, unruffled, unvarying; CONCEPTS 401,542,544 —*Ant.* changeable, excitable, fluctuating, irregular, spasmodic, vacillating, variable, varying, wavering

**equal** [*adj*] *alike* according, balanced, break even, commensurate, comparable, coordinate, correspondent, corresponding, double, duplicate, egalitarian, equivalent, evenly matched, fifty-fifty\*, homologous, identic, identical, indistinguishable, invariable, level, look-alike, matched, matching, one and the same, parallel, proportionate, same, same difference\*, spit and image\*, stack up with\*, tantamount, to the same degree, two peas in pod\*, uniform, unvarying; CONCEPTS 487,566,573 —*Ant.* different, not alike, unequal, unlike, unmatched, variable, varying

**equal** [*adj*] *fair, unbiased* dispassionate, egalitarian, equable, even-handed, impartial, just, nondiscriminatory, nonpartisan, objective, uncolored, unprejudiced, without distinction; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* biased, disproportionate, unequal, unequitable, unfair, unjust

**equal** [*n*] *peer* alter ego, coequal, companion, compeer, competitor, complement, copy, counterpart, double, duplicate, equivalent, like, likeness, match, mate, parallel, rival, twin; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* inferior

**equal** [*v*] *make even, be even* with agree, amount to, approach, balance, be commensurate, be identical, be level, be tantamount, break even, come up to, compare, comprise, consist of, coordinate, correspond, emulate, equalize, equate, equipoise, equiponderate, keep pace with\*, level, live up to\*, match, measure up, meet, parallel, partake of, rank with, reach, rise to, rival, run abreast, square with, tally, tie, touch; CONCEPT 667 —*Ant.* disproportion, imbalance, unmatch, vary

**equality** [*n*] *similarity, balance; egalitarianism* adequation, civil rights, commensurateness, coordination, correspondence, equal opportunity, equatibility, equilibrium, equipoise, equivalence, evenness, fairness, fair play\*, fair practice, fair shake\*, homology, identity, impartiality, isonomy, likeness, par, parallelism, parity, sameness, tolerance, uniformity; CONCEPTS 388,645,667 —*Ant.* difference, disproportion, dissimilarity, imbalance, inequality, unfairness

**equalize** [*v*] *make the same; balance* adjust, commensurate, communicate, compare, coordinate, democratize, emulate, equal, equate, establish, even, even up, handicap, level, match, parallel, regularize, rival, smooth, socialize, square, standardize, trim; CONCEPTS 126,232 —*Ant.* disproportion, imbalance, unmatch, vary

**equanimity** [*n*] *levelheadedness* aplomb, assurance, ataraxia, ataraxy, calm, calmness, composure, confidence, cool, coolness, detachment, equality, imperturbability, patience, peace,

phlegm, placidity, poise, presence of mind\*, sangfroid, self-possession, serenity, steadiness, tranquillity; CONCEPTS 410,633 —*Ant.* agitation, alarm, anxiety, discomposure, excitableness, upset, worry

**equate** [*v*] *balance; think of together* agree, assimilate, associate, average, be commensurate, compare, consider, correspond to, correspond with, equalize, even, hold, level, liken, make equal, match, offset, pair, paragon, parallel, regard, relate, represent, simulate, square, tally, treat; CONCEPTS 37,39,667 —*Ant.* disagree, imbalance, unlik

**equilibrium** [*n*] *balance; evenness* calm, calmness, composure, cool, coolness, counterbalance, counterpoise, equanimity, equipoise, poise, polish, rest, serenity, stability, stasis, steadiness, steadying, symmetry; CONCEPTS 633,731 —*Ant.* imbalance, unevenness

**equip** [*v*] *make ready with supplies* accouter, adorn, appoint, arm, array, attire, deck, deck out\*, decorate, dress, endow, feather nest\*, fit out, fix up, furnish, gear, gear up\*, heel\*, implement, line nest\*, man, outfit, prep\*, prepare, provide, qualify, ready, rig, set up, stake, stock, supply, turn out; CONCEPTS 140,182

**equipment** [*n*] *supplies, gear for activity* accessories, accompaniments, accouterments, apparatus, appliances, appurtenances, articles, attachments, baggage, belongings, contraptions, contrivances, devices, equipage, facilities, fittings, fixtures, furnishings, furniture, gadgets, habiliments, impedimenta, kit and kaboodle\*, machinery, material, materiel, miscellaneous, outfit, paraphernalia, provisioning, provisions, rig\*, setup, shebang\*, stock, store, stuff, tackle, things, tools, trappings, traps, utensils; CONCEPTS 364,446,496

**equitable** [*adj*] *impartial* candid, cricket, decent, disinterested, dispassionate, due, ethical, even-handed, even-steven\*, fair, fair and square\*, fair shake\*, fair-to-middling\*, honest, impersonal, just, level, moral, nondiscriminatory, nonpartisan, objective, proper, proportionate, reasonable, right, rightful, square, square deal\*, stable, unbiased, uncolored, unprejudiced; CONCEPTS 542,545 —*Ant.* biased, disproportionate, partial, prejudiced, unequitable, unfair, unjust, unreasonable

**equity** [*n1*] *impartiality* disinterestedness, equitableness, even-handedness, fair-mindedness, fairness, fair play, honesty, integrity, justice, justness, nonpartisanship, piece, reasonableness, rectitude, righteousness, square deal\*, uprightness; CONCEPTS 645,657 —*Ant.* bias, inequity, partiality, unfairness, unjustness

**equity** [*n2*] *money invested in possession* capital, investment, outlay; CONCEPTS 332,344

**equivalence** [*n*] *sameness, similarity* adequation, agreement, likeness, compatibility, conformity, correlation, correspondence, equality, evenness, exchangeability, identity, interchangeability, interchangeableness, likeness, match, par, parallel, parity, synonym, synonymy; CONCEPTS 667,670 —*Ant.* difference, dissimilarity, inequality, unlikness

**equivalent** [*adj*] *same, similar* agnate, akin, alike, analogous, carbon\*, commensurate, comparable, convertible, copy, correlative,

correspondent, corresponding, ditto\*, duplicate, equal, even, homologous, identical, indistinguishable, interchangeable, like, of a kind, parallel, proportionate, reciprocal, same difference\*, substitute, synonymous, tantamount; CONCEPTS 487,566,573 —*Ant.* changeable, different, dissimilar, mismatched, unequal, unlike

**equivalent** [*n*] *equal, counterpart* carbon copy\*, correspondent, dead ringer\*, ditto, like, match, obverse, opposite, parallel, peer, reciprocal, same difference\*, spitting image\*, substitute, twin; CONCEPTS 667,670 —*Ant.* difference

**equivocal** [*adj*] *doubtful, uncertain* ambiguous, ambivalent, amphibological, borderline, clear as mud\*, clouded\*, disreputable, dubious, evasive, fishy\*, fuzzy\*, hazy\*, indefinite, indeterminate, indistinct, misleading, muddled, muzzy\*, oblique, obscure, open, problematic, puzzling, questionable, suspect, suspicious, tenebrous, unclear, undecided, unexplicit, unintelligible, vague, with mixed feelings\*; CONCEPTS 529,535 —*Ant.* certain, clear, definite, determined, obvious, plain, sure, unequivocal, unquestionable

**equivocate** [*v*] *avoid an issue* beat around the bush\*, beg the question\*, blow hot and cold\*, cavil, cloud the issue\*, con, cop a plea\*, cop out\*, cover up\*, dodge, double-talk, elude, escape, eschew, evade, falsify, fence, fib, flip-flop\*, fudge\*, give run around\*, hedge, hem and haw\*, jive\*, lie, mince words, palter, parry, pass the buck\*, prevaricate, pussyfoot, quibble, run around, shuck, shuffle, sidestep, sit on the fence\*, stonewall\*, tell white lie\*, tergiversate, tergiversate, waffle\*, weasel\*; CONCEPTS 63,102 —*Ant.* face, meet, speak on

**equivocation** [*n*] *avoidance of an issue* ambiguity, amphibology, casuistry, coloring, con, cop out, cover, cover-up, deceit, deception, deceptiveness, delusion, dissimulation, distortion, double entendre, double meaning, double talk, doubtfulness, duplicity, equivocality, evasion, fallacy, fib, fibbing, hedging, lie, line\*, lying, misrepresentation, prevarication, quibbling routine, run-around, shuffling, song\*, song and dance\*, sophistry, speciousness, spuriousness, stall, stonewall\*, tergiversation, waffle\*; CONCEPTS 63,278 —*Ant.* directness, facing, meeting

**era** [*n*] *time period in history* aeon, age, cycle, date, day, days, eon, epoch, generation, stage, term, time; CONCEPTS 807,816

**eradicate** [*v*] *destroy; remove* abate, abolish, annihilate, blot out\*, demolish, deracinate, do away with, efface, eliminate, erase, expunge, exterminate, extinguish, extirpate, liquidate, mow down\*, obliterate, off\*, purge, raze, root out\*, rub out\*, scratch\*, scrub, shoot down, squash, stamp out\*, take out\*, torpedo\*, total, trash, unroot, uproot, wash out, waste, weed out\*, wipe out\*; CONCEPTS 211,252 —*Ant.* aid, assist, bear, create, establish, fix, help, institute, plant

**erase** [*v*] *remove; rub out* abolish, annul, black out, blank, blot, blue pencil\*, cancel, cross out, cut, cut out, delete, disannul, dispatch, efface, eliminate, excise, expunge, extirpate, gut, kill, launder\*, negate, nullify, obliterate, scratch out\*, stamp out\*, strike, strike out, take out, trim, wipe out\*, withdraw, X-out\*; CONCEPTS 211,215 —*Ant.* add, insert, put in

**erect** [*adj*] *straight up* arrect, cocked, elevated, erectile, firm, perpendicular, raised, rigid, standing, stiff, upright, *upstanding*, vertical; CONCEPTS 485,581,604 —*Ant.* prone, prostrate

**erect** [*v*] *build; establish* assemble, bring about, cobble up\*, cock, compose, construct, create, effect, elevate, fabricate, fashion, fit together, forge, form, found, frame, fudge together\*, heighten, hoist, initiate, institute, join, knock together\*, lift, make, make up, manufacture, mount, organize, pitch, plant, prefabricate\*, produce, put together, put up, raise, rear, run up, set up, shape, stand, stand up, throw together\*, throw up, upraise, uprear; CONCEPTS 168,221 —*Ant.* raze, topple

**ergo** [*adv*] *for that reason* accordingly, consequently, hence, in consequence, so, then, therefore, thereupon, thus, thusly; CONCEPT 544

**ergonomics** [*n*] *human engineering* comfort design, functional design, human factors, user-friendly systems, workplace efficiency; CONCEPT 349

**erode** [*v*] *deteriorate; wear away* abrade, bite, consume, corrode, crumble, destroy, disintegrate, eat, gnaw, grind down, scour, spoil, waste, wear down; CONCEPTS 252,469 —*Ant.* build, construct, fix, rebuild

**erosion** [*n*] *deterioration; wearing away* abrasion, attrition, consumption, corrosion, decrease, desedimentation, despoliation, destruction, disintegration, eating away, grinding down, spoiling, washing away, wear, wearing down; CONCEPTS 252,257,698 —*Ant.* building, construction, rebuilding, strengthening

**erotic** [*adj*] *sexy* amative, amatory, amorous, aphrodisiac, bawdy, blue\*, carnal, concupiscent, earthy, erogenous, fervid, filthy, fleshy, hot\*, impassioned, kinky\*, lascivious, lecherous, lewd, obscene, off-color\*, prurient, purple\*, raunchy, raw, romantic, rousing, salacious, seductive, sensual, sexual, spicy, steamy, stimulating, suggestive, titillating, venereal, voluptuous; CONCEPTS 372,545 —*Ant.* bland, cold, dull, frigid, unerotic

**erotica** [*n*] *pornography* adult literature, adult materials, dirt\*, obscene art, obscene literature, porn, sexually explicit art, sexually explicit literature, smut, soft porn, X-rated materials; CONCEPT 280

**eroticism** [*n*] *sexual excitement* arousal, libido, lust, stimulation, titillation; CONCEPTS 20,709

**err** [*v*] *make a mistake; do wrong* be inaccurate, be incorrect, be in error, be mistaken, blow\*, blunder, bollix\*, boo-boo\*, deviate, drop the ball\*, fall, flub\*, foul up\*, go astray, goof\*, go wrong, lapse, louse up\*, make a mess of\*, mess up\*, misapprehend, misbehave, miscalculate, misjudge, muffle\*, offend, screw up\*, sin, slip up\*, snafu\*, snarl up, stray, stumble, transgress, trespass, wander; CONCEPT 101 —*Ant.* correct

**errand** [*n*] *task* assignment, charge, commission, duty, job, message, mission; CONCEPT 362

**errant** [*adj*] *wrong; deviant* aberrant, deviating, devious, drifting, errable, erratic, erring, fallible, heretic, meandering, misbehaving, mischievous, miscreant, naughty, offending, off straight and narrow\*, rambling, ranging, roaming, roving, shifting, sinning, stray, straying, unorthodox,

unreliable, wandering, wayward; CONCEPTS 542, 545,581 —*Ant.* correct, righteous

**erratic** [*adj*] *unpredictable; wandering* aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, arbitrary, bizarre, capricious, changeable, desultory, devious, dicey, directionless, dubious, eccentric, fitful, flaky\*, fluctuant, idiosyncratic, iffy\*, incalculable, inconsistent, inconstant, irregular, meandering, mercurial, nomadic, oddball\*, peculiar, planetary, rambling, roving, shifting, spasmodic, strange, stray, uncertain, undirected, unnatural, unreliable, unstable, unusual, vagarious, variable, volatile, wayward, weird, whimsical; CONCEPTS 535,542,581 —*Ant.* certain, consistent, definite, dependable, predictable, regular, reliable, steady, sure, unchanging

**erroneous** [*adj*] *wrong, incorrect* all off\*, all wet\*, amiss, askew, awry, defective, fallacious, false, faulty, flawed, inaccurate, inexact, invalid, misguided, mistaken, off, specious, spurious, unfounded, unsound, untrue, way off, wrong number\*; CONCEPTS 267,570,582 —*Ant.* correct, right, true, valid

**error** [*n*] *mistake; wrong* absurdity, bad job\*, blunder, boner\*, boo-boo\*, delinquency, delusion, deviation, erratum, failure, fall, fallacy, falsehood, falsity, fault, faux pas, flaw, glitch, goof\*, howler\*, inaccuracy, lapse, misapprehension, misbelief, miscalculation, misconception, miscue, misdeed, misjudgment, mismanagement, miss, misstep, misunderstanding, offense, omission, oversight, screamer\*, screw-up\*, sin, slight, slip, slipup, solecism, stumble, transgression, trespass, untruth, wrongdoing, X\*; CONCEPTS 101,230,674,699 —*Ant.* accuracy, certainty, correction, right, truth, validity

**ersatz** [*adj*] *artificial* bogus, copied, counterfeit, fake, false, imitation, manufactured, phony, pretended, sham, simulated, spurious, substitute, synthetic; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* genuine, real

**erstwhile** [*adj*] *former* bygone, ex, late, old, once, one-time, past, preceding, previous, quondam, sometime; CONCEPT 820

**rudite** [*adj*] *well-educated, cultured* briny, cultivated, educated, highbrow, in the know, into\*, knowledgeable, learned, lettered, literate, savvy, scholarly, scholastic, studious, well-read, wise up\*; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* common, ignorant, uncultured, uneducated

**rudition** [*n*] *higher education* bookishness, brains, cultivation, culture, enlightenment, intellectuality, knowledge, learnedness, learning, letters, literacy, lore, pedantry, refinement, savvy, scholarship, scholarship, science, studiousness; CONCEPTS 287,409 —*Ant.* ignorance

**erupt** [*v*] *give forth, eject with force* appear, belch, blow up, boil, break out, burst, cast out, detonate, discharge, emit, eruct, explode, extravasate, flare up\*, go off\*, gush, hurl, jet, pour forth, rupture, spew, spit, spout, spurt, throw off\*, touch off\*, vent, vomit; CONCEPTS 179,222

**eruption** [*n*] *ejection* access, blast, blow-up, breakout, burst, discharge, explosion, flare-up, flow, gust, outbreak, outburst, sally, venting, vomiting; CONCEPTS 179,467

**escalate** [*v*] *increase, be increased* amplify, ascend, broaden, climb, enlarge, expand, extend, grow, heighten, intensify, magnify, make worse,

mount, raise, rise, scale, step up, widen;  
CONCEPTS 236,245 —*Ant.* decrease, diminish,  
lessen, lower, weaken

- escapade** [*n*] *adventure, usually lighthearted antic, caper, fling, folly, frolic, gag, high jinks, lark, mischief, monkeyshines\*, prank, rib\*, roguery, rollick, romp, scrape, shenanigans\*, spree, stunt, trick, vagary*; CONCEPTS 384,386
- escape** [*n*] *breaking away; getaway* abdication, avoidance, AWOL\*, beat, bolt, break, breakout, bypassing, circumvention, decampment, deliverance, departure, desertion, disappearance, dodging, ducking, elopement, elusion, elusiveness, eschewal, evasion, evasiveness, extrication, fadeout, flight, freedom, hegira, lam, leave, liberation, out, outbreak, powder, release, rescue, retreat, runaround, shunning, sidestepping, slip, spring, withdrawal; CONCEPT 102 —*Ant.* capture, maintenance, stay
- escape** [*v*] *break away from* abscond, avoid, bail out\*, bolt, burst out, circumvent, cut and run\*, cut loose\*, decamp, depart, desert, disappear, dodge, double, duck, duck out\*, elope, elude, emerge, evade, flee, fly, fly the coop\*, get away with\*, get off\*, go scot-free\*, leave, make getaway\*, make off\*, make oneself scarce\*, pass, play hooky\*, run, run away, run off\*, run out on\*, shun, skip, slip, slip away, steal away, take a powder\*, take flight, take on the lam\*, vanish, work out of, wriggle out\*; CONCEPT 102 —*Ant.* capture, remain, stay
- escapee** [*n*] *fugitive* defector, deserter, dodger, escaped prisoner, hunted person, jail-breaker, refugee, runaway; CONCEPT 412
- eschew** [*v*] *have nothing to do with* abandon, abjure, abstain, avoid, double, duck, elude, evade, forgo, forswear, give up, have no truck with\*, let well enough alone\*, not touch, refrain, renounce, sacrifice, shun, shy, shy away from, steer clear of\*, swear off\*; CONCEPTS 30,102 —*Ant.* embrace, like, love
- escort** [*n*] *protection; accompaniment* alarm clock\*, attendant, beau, bird dog\*, bodyguard, cavalier, chaperon, companion, company, consort, convoy, convoyer, cortege, date, entourage, fellow, friend, gallant, guard, guide, partner, protector, retinue, safeguard, squire, train, warden\*; CONCEPTS 419,423
- escort** [*v*] *act as a companion, guard* accompany, attend, bear, bring, carry, chaperon, company, conduct, consort with, convoy, date, direct, drag, go with, guide, lead, partner, pilot, protect, route, see, shepherd, show, squire, steer, take out, usher; CONCEPTS 114,384,714 —*Ant.* abandon, desert, drop, leave, lose, maroon, neglect
- escrow** [*n*] *collateral* bond, deed, guarantee, insurance, pledge, security; CONCEPTS 71,271,685
- esoteric** [*adj*] *mysterious, obscure* abstruse, acroamatic, arcane, cabalistic, cryptic, deep, Delphic, heavy, hermetic, hidden, inner, inscrutable, mystic, mystical, occult, Orphic, private, profound, recondite, secret, Sibylline; CONCEPTS 529,576,582 —*Ant.* common, familiar, known, obvious, public, un-mysterious
- especial** [*adj*] *exceptional, particular* chief, distinguished, dominant, exclusive, express, extraordinary, individual, marked, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, paramount, peculiar,

personal, predominant, preeminent, preponderant, principal, private, set, signal, singular, special, specific, supreme, surpassing, uncommon, unique, unusual; CONCEPTS 535,564,574 —*Ant.* common, general, normal, ordinary, unexceptional, un-specific, usual

**especially** [*adv*] *exceptionally, particularly* abnormally, above all, before all else, chiefly, conspicuously, curiously, eminently, exclusively, expressly, extraordinarily, in particular, in specie, mainly, markedly, notably, oddly, outstandingly, peculiarly, preeminently, primarily, principally, remarkably, signally, singularly, specially, specifically, strangely, strikingly, supremely, unaccountably, uncommonly, uncustomarily, uniquely, unusually, wonderfully; CONCEPTS 535,564,574 —*Ant.* commonly, generally, normally, ordinarily, unexceptionally, usually

**espionage** [*n*] *spying* intelligence, reconnaissance, secret service, shadowing, tailing, undercover operations, undercover work, underground activities; CONCEPTS 348,412

**esplanade** [*n*] *promenade* avenue, boardwalk, path, walk, walkway; CONCEPTS 6,501

**espouse** [*v1*] *stand up for; support* accept, adopt, advocate, approve, back, champion, defend, embrace, get into\*, go in for\*, maintain, stand behind\*, take on, take up, uphold; CONCEPT 10 —*Ant.* forsake, reject

**espouse** [*v2*] *marry* betroth, catch, take as spouse, unite, wed; CONCEPT 297 —*Ant.* divorce

**esprit de corps** [*n*] *group spirit* camaraderie, common bond, cooperation, group loyalty, morale, solidarity, team spirit; CONCEPT 410

**essay** [*n1*] *written discourse* article, composition, discussion, disquisition, dissertation, explanation, exposition, manuscript, paper, piece, study, theme, thesis, tract, treatise; CONCEPT 271

**essay** [*n2*] *try, attempt* aim, bid, dry run\*, effort, endeavor, exertion, experiment, hassle, labor, one's all\*, one's level best\*, shot\*, striving, struggle, test, toil, travail, trial, try on\*, tryout, undertaking, venture, whack\*, work; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* idleness, pass

**essay** [*v*] *try, attempt* aim, assay, endeavor, have a crack\*, have a go\*, have a shot\*, have at it\*, labor, make a run at\*, offer, put to the test\*, seek, strive, struggle, take a stab at\*, take a whack at\*, take on, test, toil, travail, try out, undertake, venture, work; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* be idle, forget, neglect, pass

**essence** [*n1*] *heart, significance* aspect, attribute, backbone, base, basis, be-all and end-all\*, being, bottom, bottom line\*, burden, caliber, character, chief constituent, constitution, core, crux, element, entity, essentia, essentiality, fiber, form, fundamentals, germ, grain, kernel, life, lifeblood, main idea, marrow, meaning, meat\*, name of game\*, nature, nitty-gritty\*, nub, nucleus, pith, point, principle, property, quality, quiddity, quintessence, reality, root, soul, spirit, structure, stuff, substance, timber, vein, virtuality; CONCEPTS 411,661,668,688

**essence** [*n2*] *distillate, concentrate* balm, cologne, drug, effusion, elixir, extract, fragrance, juice, liquor, perfume, potion, scent, spirits, tincture; CONCEPTS 260,467



**essential** [*adj*1] *important, vital* capital, cardinal, chief, constitutive, crucial, foremost, fundamental, imperative, indispensable, leading, main, necessary, necessitous, needed, needful, prerequisite, principal, required, requisite, right-hand, wanted; CONCEPT 567 —*Ant.* accessory, auxiliary, inessential, minor, nonessential, secondary, subsidiary, unimportant

**essential** [*adj*2] *basic, fundamental* absolute, basal, cardinal, cold, complete, congenital, conate, constitutional, deep-seated, elemental, elementary, ideal, inborn, inbred, inherent, innate, intrinsic, key, main, material, meat and potatoes\*, name of the game\*, nitty-gritty\*, nub, perfect, primary, prime, primitive, principal, quintessential, substratal, underlying; CONCEPTS 546,549 —*Ant.* atypical, minor, secondary

**essential** [*n*] *necessity, basic* ABCs\*, bottom line\*, brass tacks\*, condition, element, essence, fire and ice\*, fundamental, groceries\*, guts\*, heart, meat and potatoes\*, must, name of the game\*, nitty-gritty\*, nuts and bolts\*, part and parcel\*, precondition, prerequisite, principle, quintessence, requirement, requisite, rudiment, sine qua non, stuff, substance, vital part, where one's at\*; CONCEPTS 646,661,826 —*Ant.* accessory, auxiliary, nonessential, subsidiary, throwaway, trivia

**establish** [*v*1] *set up, organize* authorize, base, build, constitute, create, decree, domiciliate, enact, endow, ensconce, entrench, erect, fix, form, found, ground, implant, inaugurate, inculcate, install, institute, land, lay foundation, live, lodge, moor, originate, place, plant, practice, provide, put, ring in, rivet, root, secure, set down, settle, stabilize, start, start ball rolling\*, station, stick; CONCEPTS 168,173,221 —*Ant.* destroy, disestablish, invalidate, ruin, unsettle

**establish** [*v*2] *authenticate; demonstrate* ascertain, authorize, base, certify, circumstantiate, confirm, constitute, corroborate, decree, determine, discover, enact, find out, formulate, learn, legislate, make, make out, predicate, prescribe, prove, ratify, rest, show, stay, substantiate, validate, verify; CONCEPTS 49,50,88,97 —*Ant.* confuse, disprove, invalidate

**establishment** [*n*1] *organization; creation* enactment, endowment, formation, formulation, foundation, founding, inauguration, installation, institution, setting up; CONCEPTS 173,221

**establishment** [*n*2] *business, institution* abode, building, company, concern, corporation, enterprise, factory, firm, foundation, house, institute, office, organization, outfit, plant, quarters, residence, setup, structure, system, workplace; CONCEPTS 323,325,449

**establishment** [*n*3] *ruling class; bureaucracy* authority, city hall\*, conservatives, diehards\*, established order, Old Guard\*, powers that be\*, them, the system\*; CONCEPTS 347,354 —*Ant.* proletariat

**estate** [*n*1] *extensive manor and its property* acreage, area, country home, country place, demesne, domain, dominion, farm, finca, freehold, grounds, holdings, lands, parcel, plantation, quinta, ranch, residence, rural seat, territory, villa; CONCEPT 516

**estate** [*n*2] *person's possessions, property, wealth* assets, belongings, bequest, capital,

chattels, devise, earthly possessions, effects, endowment, fortune, goods, heritage, inheritance, legacy, patrimony, substance; CONCEPTS 340,710

**estate** [*n*3] *class, rank* bracket, caste, category, classification, condition, echelon, footing, form, grade, level, lot, order, period, place, position, quality, repair, shape, situation, sphere, standing, state, station, status, stratum; CONCEPTS 378,388

**esteem** [*v*1] *think highly of* admire, appreciate, apprise, be fond of, cherish, consider, hold dear, honor, idolize, like, look up to\*, love, prize, regard, regard highly, respect, revere, reverence, think the world of\*, treasure, value, venerate, worship; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* abuse, dislike, disregard, disrespect, hate, insult, mock, ridicule

**esteem** [*v*2] *consider, believe* account, calculate, deem, estimate, hold, judge, rate, reckon, regard, think, view; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* deride, disbelieve, disregard, disrespect

**estimable** [*adj*] *honorable, worthy* admirable, admired, appreciable, august, big name\*, big time\*, commendable, decent, deserving, esteemed, excellent, good, high-powered, honored, in limelight\*, laudable, major league\*, meretorious, meritable, name, noble, palmary, praisable, praiseworthy, reputable, reputed, respectable, respected, sterling, valuable, valued, venerable, well-thought-of\*; CONCEPTS 567,572 —*Ant.* bad, dishonorable, inestimable, insignificant, poor, unworthy

**estimate** [*n*] *approximate calculation; educated* guess appraisal, appraisement, assay, assessment, ballpark figure\*, belief, conclusion, conjecture, estimation, evaluation, gauging, guess, guesstimate\*, impression, judgment, measure, measurement, mensuration, opinion, point of view, projection, rating, reckoning, sizing up\*, stock, surmise, survey, thought, valuation; CONCEPTS 28,37,689,784

**estimate** [*v*] *guess, try to value* account, appraise, assay, assess, believe, budget, calculate roughly, cast, cipher, class, classify, compute, conjecture, consider, count, decide, deduce, determine, enumerate, evaluate, examine, expect, figure, form opinion, gauge, guess, guesstimate\*, judge, look into, look upon, number, outline, plan, predict, prophesy, rank, rate, reason, reckon, regard, run over\*, scheme, set a figure\*, size up\*, sum, suppose, surmise, suspect, tax, think, think through\*; CONCEPTS 28,37,764

**estimation** [*n*] *belief, guess* admiration, appraisal, appreciation, arithmetic, assessment, calculating, ciphering, computation, consideration, considered opinion, credit, esteem, estimate, estimating, evaluation, favor, figuring, impression, judgment, opinion, predicting, reckoning, regard, respect, stock, valuation, veneration, view; CONCEPTS 28,689 —*Ant.* disbelief

**estrangle** [*v*] *destroy the affections of* alien, alienate, antagonize, break up, disaffect, disunify, disunite, divert, divide, divorce, drive apart, leave, make hostile, part, put on the outs\*, separate, set at odds\*, sever, split, sunder, turn off\*, wean, withdraw, withhold; CONCEPTS 7,19,297,384 —*Ant.* engage, marry, unite

**estrangement** [*n*] *destruction of affections* alienation, antagonization, breach, break-up, disaffection, disassociation, disunity, division, divorce, hostility, leave, leaving, parting, removal, schism, separation, split, withdrawal, withholding; CONCEPTS 297,388 —*Ant.* connection, marriage, union

**estuary** [*n*] *mouth* arm, creek, firth, fjord, inlet, tidewater, waterway; CONCEPTS 509,514

**et cetera** [*adj*] *and so forth* along with others, and all, and on and on, and others, and so on, and the like, and the rest, blah blah blah\*, et al., whatever, whatnot; CONCEPTS 267,577

**etch** [*v*] *carve* compose, corrode, cut, define, delineate, depict, describe, eat into, engrave, erode, execute, furrow, grave, impress, imprint, incise, ingrain, inscribe, outline, picture, portray, reduce, represent, set forth, stamp; CONCEPTS 174,176

**etching** [*n*] *art created by carving* engraving, impression, imprint, inscription, mezzotint, photoengraving, photogravure, print, reproduction, rotogravure, transferring; CONCEPT 259

**eternal** [*adj*] *without pause; endless* abiding, ageless, always, amaranthine, boundless, ceaseless, constant, continual, continued, continuous, dateless, deathless, enduring, everlasting, forever, illimitable, immemorial, immortal, immutable, imperishable, incessant, indefinite, indestructible, infinite, interminable, lasting, never-ending, perdurable, perennial, permanent, perpetual, persistent, relentless, termless, timeless, unbroken, unceasing, undying, unending, unfading, uninterrupted, unremitting, without end; CONCEPTS 482,798 —*Ant.* brief, changeable, changing, ending, ephemeral, stopping, temporary, terminable, transient

**eternally** [*adv*] *endlessly* always, continually, ever, evermore, forever, forevermore, for ever so long\*, for keeps, in perpetuum, perpetually, regularly, till cows come home\*; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* briefly, changeably, temporarily, transiently

**eternity** [*n*] *forever* aeon, afterlife, age, ages, blue moon\*, dog's age\*, endlessness, endless time, everlastingness, forever and a day\*, future, immortality, imperishability, infiniteness, infinitude, infinity, kingdom come\*, other world\*, perpetuity, timelessness, time without end, wild blue yonder\*, world without end\*; CONCEPTS 370,804,818

**ethereal** [*adj*] *delicate, heavenly* aerial, airy, celestial, dainty, divine, ethereal, ethereal, exquisite, fairy, filmy, fine, gaseous, ghostly, gossamer, impalpable, insubstantial, intangible, light, rarefied, refined, spiritual, sublime, subtle, supernal, tenuous, unearthly, unsubstantial, unworldly, vaporous, vapory; CONCEPTS 491, 549,582,606 —*Ant.* earthly, indelicate, worldly

**ethical** [*adj*] *moral, righteous* Christian, clean, conscientious, correct, decent, elevated, equitable, fair, fitting, good, high-principled, honest, honorable, humane, just, kosher\*, moralistic, noble, principled, proper, respectable, right, right-minded, square, straight, true blue\*, upright, upstanding, virtuous; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* corrupt, dishonest, immoral, improper, unethical, unjust, unrighteous

**ethics/ethic** [*n*] *moral philosophy, values* belief, conduct, conscience, convention, conventionalities, criteria, decency, ethos, goodness, honesty, honor, ideal, imperative, integrity, moral code, morality, mores, natural law, nature, practice, principles, right and wrong, rules of conduct, standard, standards, the Golden Rule\*; CONCEPTS 645,688,689 —*Ant.* corruption, immorality

**ethnic** [*adj*] *racial, cultural* indigenous, national, native, traditional, tribal; CONCEPT 549

**etiquette** [*n*] *manners, politeness* amenities, civility, code, convention, courtesy, customs, decency, decorum, deportment, dignity, form, formalities, good behavior\*, mores, politesse, proper behavior, propriety, protocol, p's and q's\*, rules, seamliness, social graces, suavities, usage; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* bad manners

**etymology** [*n*] *word history* derivation, development, etymon, origin, phrase history, phrase origin, root, source; CONCEPT 275

**eulogize** [*v*] *praise, glorify* acclaim, applaud, bless, celebrate, commend, compliment, cry up, exalt, extol, flatter, give a bouquet\*, give a posy\*, hymn, idolize, laud, magnify, panegyricize, pay tribute to, sing praises; CONCEPT 69 —*Ant.* calumniate, condemn, criticize

**eulogy** [*n*] *praise, acclamation* acclaim, accolade, adulation, applause, citation, commendation, compliment, encomium, exaltation, glorification, laudation, paean, panegyric, plaudit, salutation, tribute; CONCEPTS 69,278 —*Ant.* calumny, condemnation, criticism

**euphemism** [*n*] *nice way of saying something* circumlocution, delicacy, floridness, grandiloquence, inflation, pomposity, pretense, purism; CONCEPTS 275,278

**euphonious** [*adj*] *pleasing to the ear* agreeable, clear, dulcet, harmonious, mellifluous, melodious, musical, rhythmic, smooth, sweet-sounding, tuneful, well-pitched; CONCEPT 563

**euphoria** [*n*] *extreme happiness* bliss, dreamland, ecstasy, elation, exaltation, exhilaration, exultation, frenzy, glee, health, high spirits, intoxication, joy, joyousness, jubilation, madness, rapture, relaxation, transport; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* depression, despair, misery, sorrow, unhappiness, woe

**euthanasia** [*n*] *mercy killing* assisted suicide, putting out of misery\*; CONCEPT 252

**evacuate** [*v*] *clear an area; empty* abandon, bail out\*, cut out, decamp, depart, desert, discharge, displace, eject, expel, forsake, hightail, leave, move out, pack up, pull out, quit, relinquish, remove, run for the hills\*, skidaddle\*, vacate, withdraw; CONCEPTS 179, 195 —*Ant.* come in, enter, fill, load, occupy

**evade** [*v*] *get away from* avoid, baffle, balk, beat around bush\*, beg the question\*, bypass, cavil, circumvent, conceal, confuse, cop out, deceive, decline, dodge, double, duck, elude, equivocate, escape, eschew, fence, fend off\*, flee, fly, fudge\*, get around, give the runaround\*, hedge, hide, keep distance\*, lay low\*, lead on a merry chase\*, lie, parry, pass up, pretend, prevaricate, pussyfoot, put off, shift, shirk, shuck, shuffle, shun, shy, sidestep, slip out, sneak away\*, steer clear of\*,

tergiversate, trick, waffle\*, weasel\*; CONCEPTS 30,102 —*Ant.* face, meet, take on

**evaluate** [v] *judge* appraise, assay, assess, calculate, check, check out, class, classify, criticize, decide, estimate, figure out, future, gauge, grade, guesstimate\*, look over, peg\*, price out, rank, rate, read, reckon, set at, size, size up\*, survey, take account of, take measure, value, value, weigh; CONCEPTS 18,24,103

**evaluation** [n] *judgment* appraisal, appraisalment, assessment, calculation, decision, estimate, estimation, guesstimation\*, interpretation, opinion, rating, stock, take, valuation; CONCEPTS 24,103,689

**evanescent** [adj] *transient* brief, disappearing, fading, fleeting, momentary, passing, short-lived, temporary, tenuous, vanishing; CONCEPTS 551,798

**evangelism** [n] *preaching* ministration, sermonizing, spreading the word, teaching; CONCEPT 361

**evangelist** [n] *preacher* circuit rider, minister, missionary, pastor, religious teacher, revivalist, televangelist, television evangelist, television preacher, TV evangelist; CONCEPT 361

**evaporate** [v] *dry up, dissolve* clear, concentrate, dehumidify, dehydrate, dematerialize, desiccate, disappear, dispel, disperse, dissipate, evanesce, vanish, fade, fade away, melt, parch, pass, vanish, vaporize, weaken; CONCEPTS 469, 698 —*Ant.* dampen, soak, wet

**evaporation** [n] *drying up; dissolution* dehydration, dematerialization, desiccation, disappearance, dispelling, dispersal, dissipation, escape, evanescence, fading, melting, vanishing, vaporescence, vaporization; CONCEPTS 469,607,698 —*Ant.* dampening, soaking, wetting

**evasion** [n] *escape, avoidance* artifice, circumvention, cop-out\*, cunning, ditch\*, dodge\*, dodging, elusion, equivocating, equivocation, eschewal, evading, evasiveness, excuse, fancy footwork\*, fudging\*, jive, lie, obliqueness, pretext, prevarication, quibble, routine, run-around, ruse, shift, shirking, shuffling, shunning, slip\*, sophism, sophistry, stall, stonewall\*, subterfuge, trick, trickery; CONCEPTS 59,63,102 —*Ant.* directness, facing, meeting

**evasive** [adj] *deceitful, tricky* ambiguous, cagey, casuistic, casualistic, cunning, deceptive, devious, dissembling, elusive, elusory, equivocating, false, fugitive, greasy, indirect, intangible, lying, misleading, oblique, prevaricating, shifty, shuffling, slippery, sly, sophistical, stonewalling\*, unclear, vague; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —*Ant.* direct, forthright, honest, ready, straight, straightforward

**even** [adj1] *flat, uniform* alike, balanced, consistent, constant, continual, continuous, direct, equal, flush, homogenous, horizontal, level, matching, metrical, parallel, planate, plane, plumb, proportional, regular, right, same, smooth, square, stabile, stable, steady, straight, surfaced, true, unbroken, unchanging, undeviating, unfluctuating, uninterrupted, unvaried, unvarying, unwavering, unwrinkled; CONCEPTS 480,490 —*Ant.* broken, different, disparate, irregular, rough, uneven

**even** [adj2] *calm, undisturbed* composed,

cool, equable, equanimous, even-tempered, imperturbable, peaceful, placid, serene, stable, steady, tranquil, unexcitable, unruffled, well-balanced; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* agitated, irregular, troubled

**even** [adj3] *commensurate; having no advantage* balanced, coequal, comparable, coterminous, drawn, equal, equalized, equivalent, even-stein\*, exact, fifty-fifty\*, horse to horse\*, identical, level, matching, neck and neck\*, on a par\*, parallel, proportional, proportionate, same, similar, smack in the middle\*, square, tied, uniform; CONCEPT 566 —*Ant.* irregular, unequal, uneven

**even** [adj4] *fair, impartial* balanced, disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, fair and square\*, honest, just, matching, nonpartisan, square, straightforward, unbiased, unprejudiced; CONCEPTS 267,542 —*Ant.* biased, partial, unfair

**even** [adv] *still, yet* all the more, despite, disregarding, indeed, in spite of, much, notwithstanding, so much as; CONCEPT 544

**even** [v] *balance, make smooth* align, equal, equalize, flatten, flush, grade, lay, level, match, pancake\*, plane, regularize, roll, square, stabilize, steady, symmetrize, uniform; CONCEPTS 231,757 —*Ant.* break, furrow, lump, roughen

**even-handed** [adj] *fair* aboveboard, balanced, disinterested, equitable, honest, honorable, impartial, just, neutral, nonpartisan, objective, on the level\*, on the up-and-up\*, reasonable, square, straight, unbiased, unprejudiced, upright, virtuous; CONCEPT 542

**evening** [n] *latter part of a day* black, close, dark, decline, dim, dusk, duskiness, early black\*, eve, even, eventide, late afternoon, nightfall, sundown, sunset, twilight; CONCEPTS 801,806,810 —*Ant.* morning

**event** [n1] *occurrence, happening* accident, act, action, advent, adventure, affair, appearance, business, calamity, case, catastrophe, celebration, ceremony, chance, circumstance, coincidence, conjuncture, crisis, deed, development, emergency, episode, experience, exploit, fact, function, holiday, incident, juncture, marvel, matter, milestone, miracle, misfortune, mishap, mistake, occasion, occurrence, pass, phase, phenomenon, predicament, proceeding, shift, situation, story, thing\*, tide, transaction, triumph, turn, wonder; CONCEPT 2

**event** [n2] *effect, result* aftereffect, aftermath, case, causatum, chance, conclusion, consequence, end, end result, eventuality, fortuity, hap, happenstance, issue, offshoot, outcome, outgrowth, product, resultant, sequel, sequent, termination, upshot; CONCEPT 230 —*Ant.* cause, source

**event** [n3] *performance, competition* bout, contest, game, match, meet, tournament; CONCEPTS 263,363

**even-tempered** [adj] *easygoing* calm, collected, complacent, composed, cool, level-headed, patient, relaxed, stable, steady, unexcitable, unruffled; CONCEPTS 401,404

**eventful** [adj] *significant, busy* active, consequential, critical, crucial, decisive, exciting, fateful, full, historic, important, lively, memorable, momentous, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, remarkable, signal; CONCEPT 548

—*Ant.* dull, insignificant, normal, ordinary, trivial, uneventful, unnoteworthy, usual

**eventual** [*adj*] *future, concluding* closing, conditional, consequent, contingent, dependent, down the pike\*, down the road\*, ending, end-most, ensuing, final, hindmost, indirect, inevitable, in the cards\*, last, later, latter, overall, possible, prospective, resulting, secondary, succeeding, terminal, ulterior, ultimate, vicarious; CONCEPTS 552,820 —*Ant.* past

**eventuality** [*n*] *something that probably will happen* aftereffect, aftermath, any case, case, chance, consequence, contingency, effect, event, go-down\*, goings-on\*, happening, issue, likelihood, outcome, possibility, probability, result, sequel, toss-up, upshot\*; CONCEPTS 230,650 —*Ant.* improbability, unlikelyhood

**eventually** [*adv*] *in the course of time* after all, at last, at the end of the day\*, finally, hereafter, in future, in the end, in the long run\*, one day, someday, sometime, sooner or later\*, ultimately, when all is said and done\*, yet; CONCEPTS 552,820

**eventuate** [*v*] *be a consequence* be consequent, befall, come about, come to pass, end, ensue, eventualize, follow, happen, issue, occur, result, stop, take place, terminate; CONCEPTS 2,242 —*Ant.* cause

**ever** [*adv*] *always, at any time* anytime, at all, at all times, at any point, by any chance\*, consistently, constantly, continually, endlessly, eternally, everlastingly, evermore, forever, for keeps, in any case\*, incessantly, in perpetuum, invariably, on any occasion\*, perpetually, regularly, relentlessly, till cows come home\*, to the end of time\*, unceasingly, unendingly, usually; CONCEPTS 798,799

**everlasting** [*adj*] *infinite, never-ending* abiding, amaranthine, boundless, ceaseless, constant, continual, continuous, deathless, endless, eternal, immortal, imperishable, incessant, indestructible, interminable, lasting, limitless, perdurable, permanent, perpetual, termless, timeless, unceasing, undying, unending, uninterrupted, unremitting; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* ceasing, concluding, ending, temporary, terminating, transient

**every** [*adj*] *each, all* each one, whole, without exception; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* none

**everybody/everyone** [*n*] *all involved, all human beings; the whole world* all, all and sundry\*, anybody, each one, each person, every person, generality, masses, people, populace, the public, the whole, young and old\*; CONCEPT 417 —*Ant.* nobody/noone

**everyday** [*adj*] *common* accustomed, average, commonplace, conventional, customary, daily, dime a dozen\*, dull, familiar, frequent, garden variety\*, habitual, informal, lowly, mainstream, middle-of-the-road\*, mundane, normal, ordinary, per diem, plain, prosaic, quotidian, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, stock, unexceptional, unimaginative, unremarkable, usual, vanilla\*, whitebread\*, wonted, workaday; CONCEPTS 530,547 —*Ant.* abnormal, different, exceptional, special, uncommon, unexpected, unfamiliar, unusual

**everything** [*n*] *entirety* aggregate, all, all in all, all that, all things, business, complex, each

thing, every little thing\*, fixins\*<sup>2</sup>, lock stock and barrel\*, lot, many things, sum, the works\*, total, universe, whole, whole ball of wax\*, whole caboodle\*, whole enchilada\*, whole lot\*, whole shebang\*; CONCEPTS 432,837 —*Ant.* nothing

**everywhere** [*adv*] *in all places* all around, all over, all over creation\*, all over the map\*, far and wide\*, here and there\*, here till Sunday\*, high and low\*, in all quarters, in each place, in every direction, in every place, inside and out, near and far\*, omnipresent, overall, pole to pole\*, the world over\*, throughout, ubiquitous, ubiquitously, universally, wherever; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* nowhere

**evict** [*v*] *throw out from residence* boot out\*, bounce\*, chase, dislodge, dismiss, dispossess, eject, expel, extrude, force out, heave-ho\*, kick out\*, oust, out, put out, remove, send packing\*, show out, show the door\*, shut out, toss out on ear\*, turn out; CONCEPTS 122,198,211 —*Ant.* admit, board, include, lease, receive, rent, take in, welcome

**eviction** [*n*] *throwing out of a residence* boot\*, bounce\*, bum's rush\*, clearance, dislodge, dispossession, ejection, expulsion, kicking out\*, ouster, removal, rush, the gate\*, walking papers\*; CONCEPTS 123,198,211 —*Ant.* admittance, boarding, including, leasing, receiving, renting, welcome, welcoming

**evidence** [*n*] *proof* affirmation, attestation, averment, cincher\*, clincher\*, clue, confirmation, corroboration, cue, data, declaration, demonstration, deposition, documentation, dope\*, goods\*, gospel, grabber\*, grounds, index, indication, indicia, info\*, information, manifestation, mark, sign, significant, smoking gun\*, substantiation, symptom, testament, testimonial, testimony, token, witness; CONCEPTS 274,318 —*Ant.* contradiction, disproof, heresy, refutation

**evidence** [*v*] *prove* attest, bespeak, betoken, confirm, connote, demonstrate, denote, designate, display, evince, exhibit, expose, illustrate, indicate, manifest, mark, ostend, proclaim, reveal, show, signify, testify to, witness; CONCEPTS 57,97,317 —*Ant.* contradict, disprove, refute

**evident** [*adj*] *apparent, clear* axiomatic, barefaced\*, clear-cut, conspicuous, crystal clear\*, distinct, fact, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, logical, manifest, noticeable, obvious, open-and-shut\*, palpable, patent, perceptible, plain, plain as day\*, reasonable, straightforward, tangible, unambiguous, unmistakable, visible; CONCEPTS 529,535 —*Ant.* disputable, hidden, indefinite, mistakable, obscure, secret, uncertain, unclear, unknown, unsure, vague

**evidently** [*adv*] *apparently, clearly* doubtless, doubtlessly, incontestably, incontrovertibly, indisputably, it seems, it would seem, manifestly, obviously, officially, ostensibly, outwardly, patently, plainly, professedly, seemingly, to all appearances\*, undoubtedly, unmistakably, without question; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* doubtfully, mistakably, obscurely, questionably, vaguely

**evil** [*adj*] *sinful, immoral* angry, atrocious, bad, baneful, base, beastly, calamitous, corrupt,

damnable, depraved, destructive, disastrous, execrable, flagitious, foul, harmful, hateful, heinous, hideous, iniquitous, injurious, loathsome, low, maleficent, malevolent, malicious, malignant, nefarious, no good, obscene, offensive, pernicious, poison, rancorous, reprobate, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, spiteful, stinking, ugly, unpleasant, unpropitious, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked, wrathful, wrong; CONCEPTS 545,570 —*Ant.* auspicious, decent, good, honest, moral, sinless, upright, virtuous

**evil** [*n*] *badness, immorality; disaster* affliction, baseness, blow, calamity, catastrophe, corruption, crime, criminality, curse, debauchery, depravity, devilry, diabolism, harm, hatred, heinousness, hurt, ill, impiety, indecency, infamy, iniquity, injury, knavery, lewdness, licentiousness, looseness, malevolence, malignity, meanness, mischief, misery, misfortune, obscenity, outrage, pain, perversity, ruin, sin, sinfulness, sorrow, suffering, turpitude, vice, viciousness, vileness, villainy, wickedness, woe, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* good, goodness, morality, virtue

**evildoer** [*n*] *wrongdoer* bad person, criminal, devil, evil person, felon, gangster, lawbreaker, murderer, psychopath, sinner, sociopath, troublemaker, villain; CONCEPT 412

**evince** [*v*] *manifest* attest, declare, demonstrate, disclose, display, furnish, indicate, prove, reveal, show; CONCEPTS 118,261

**evocative** [*adj*] *suggestive* calling up, expressive, graphic, redolent, remindful of, reminiscent, resonant with; CONCEPT 266

**evoke** [*v*] *induce, stimulate* arouse, awaken, call, call forth, conjure, educe, elicit, evince, evolve, excite, extort, extract, give rise to, invoke, milk\*, provoke, raise, rally, recall, rouse, stir up, summon, waken; CONCEPTS 228,242 —*Ant.* halt, quell, repress, silence, stifle, stop, suppress

**evolution** [*n*] *development, progress* change, enlargement, involvement, expansion, flowering, growth, increase, maturation, natural process, progression, transformation, unfolding, working out; CONCEPT 704 —*Ant.* blockage, decrease, halt, stoppage

**evolve** [*v*] *develop, progress* advance, derive, disclose, educe, elaborate, emerge, enlarge, excogitate, expand, get, grow, increase, mature, obtain, open, result, ripen, unfold, work out; CONCEPTS 236,245,704 —*Ant.* block, decrease, halt, stop

**exacerbate** [*v*] *infuriate; make worse* add insult to injury\*, aggravate, annoy, egg on\*, embitter, enrage, envenom, exasperate, excite, fan the flames\*, feed the fire\*, go from bad to worse\*, heat up\*, heighten, hit on\*, increase, inflame, intensify, irritate,adden, provoke, push one's button\*, rattle one's cage\*, rub salt in a wound\*, vex, worsen; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* aid, calm, comfort, help, soothe

**exact** [*adj*1] *accurate, precise* bull's-eye\*, careful, clear, clear-cut, correct, dead on\*, definite, distinct, downright, explicit, express, faithful, faultless, identical, literal, methodical, nailed down\*, nice, on target\*, on the button\*, on the money\*, on the numbers\*, orderly, particular, perfect, right, right on\*, rigorous,

sharp, specific, true, unequivocal, unerring, veracious, verbal, verbatim; CONCEPTS 535,557 —*Ant.* approximate, imprecise, inaccurate, incorrect, indefinite, inexact

**exact** [*adj*2] *careful, painstaking* conscientious, conscionable, demanding, exacting, finicky, fussy, heedful, meticulous, punctilious, punctual, rigorous, scrupulous, severe, strict; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* approximate, careless, uncared, unreliable

**exact** [*v*] *demand, call for* assess, bleed, call, challenge, claim, coerce, command, compel, constrain, extort, extract, force, gouge, impose, insist upon, lean on, levy, oblige, pinch, postulate, put on, require, requisition, shake down\*, solicit, squeeze, wrench, wrest, wring; CONCEPTS 53,142 —*Ant.* give

**exacting** [*adj*] *demanding* burdensome, by the book\*, careful, critical, difficult, exigent, finicky, fussy, grievous, hard, harsh, hypercritical, imperious, nit-picking, onerous, oppressive, painstaking, particular, persnickety, picky, precise, rigid, rigorous, severe, stern, strict, stringent, taxing, tough, trying, unsparring, weighty; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* giving, lending

**exactly** [*adv*] *accurately, particularly* absolutely, altogether, bang\*, carefully, completely, correctly, definitely, explicitly, expressly, faithfully, faultlessly, for a fact, for certain, for sure\*, indeed, in every respect, just, literally, methodically, no mistake, on the dot\*, on the money\*, on the nail\*, on the nose\*, positively, precisely, quite, right, rigorously, scrupulously, severely, sharp, specifically, square, strictly, the ticket\*, totally, truly, truthfully, unequivocally, unerringly, utterly, veraciously, wholly; CONCEPTS 535,557 —*Ant.* inaccurately, inexactly

**exactness** [*n*] *accuracy, precision* carefulness, correctness, definiteness, definitiveness, definitude, exactitude, faithfulness, faultlessness, nicety, orderliness, painstakingness, preciseness, promptitude, regularity, rigor, rigorously, scrupulousness, strictness, truth, unequivocalness, veracity; CONCEPTS 638,654 —*Ant.* carelessness, imprecision, inaccuracy, inexactness, irregularity

**exaggerate** [*v*] *overstate, embellish* amplify, blow out of proportion\*, boast, boost, brag, build up, caricature, color, cook up\*, corrupt, distort, embroider, emphasize, enlarge, exalt, expand, fabricate, falsify, fudge\*, go to extremes\*, heighten, hike, hyperbolize, inflate, intensify, lay it on thick\*, lie, loud talk\*, magnify, make too much of\*, misquote, misreport, misrepresent, overdo, overdraw, overemphasize, overestimate, pad\*, pretty up\*, puff, put on, pyramid\*, romance, romanticize, scam, stretch, up\*; CONCEPT 63 —*Ant.* depreciate, minimize, play down, reduce, understate

**exaggerated** [*adj*] *overstated, embellished* a bit thick\*, abstract, amplified, artificial, bouncing, caricatural, distorted, embroidered, exalted, excessive, extravagant, fabricated, fabulous, false, fantastic, farfetched, hammy, highly colored, histrionic, hyperbolic, impossible, inflated, magnified, melodramatic, out of proportion, overblown, overdone, overestimated, overkill, overwrought, preposterous, preten-

tious, schmaltzy, sensational, spectacular, steep, strained, stylized, tall, too much\*, too-too\*, unrealistic; CONCEPTS 267,542,562 —**Ant.** depreicated, minimized, played down, reduced, understated, unembellished, unexaggerated

**exaggeration** [*n*] *overstatement, embellishment* aggrandizement, amplification, baloney\*, boasting, caricature, coloring, crock\*, elaboration, embroidery, emphasis, enlargement, exaltation, excess, extravagance, fabrication, falsehood, fancy, fantasy, figure of speech, fish story\*, flight of fancy\*, hogwash\*, hyperbole, inflation, jazz\*, line\*, magnification, misjudgment, misrepresentation, overemphasis, overestimation, pretension, pretentiousness, rant, romance, stretch, tall story\*, untruth, whopper\*, yarn\*; CONCEPTS 63,278,663 —**Ant.** minimization, reduction, understatement, unembellishment

**exalt** [*v*] *promote, praise* acclaim, advance, aggrandize, apotheosize, applaud, bless, boost, build up\*, commend, dignify, distinguish, ennoble, erect, eulogize, extol, glorify, halo, honor, idolize, intensify, laud, magnify, pay homage to, pay tribute to, raise, revere, set on pedestal\*, sublime, transfigure, upgrade, uprear, worship; CONCEPTS 10,69 —**Ant.** castigate, condemn, criticize, debase, denounce, humiliate

**exaltation** [*n*] *promotion, praise* acclaim, acclamation, advancement, aggrandizement, apotheosis, applause, blessing, dignity, elevation, eminence, ennoblement, extolment, glorification, glory, grandeur, high rank, homage, honor, idolization, laudation, lionization, loftiness, magnification, panegyric, plaudits, prestige, reverence, rise, tribute, upgrading, uplifting, worship; CONCEPTS 69,278 —**Ant.** castigation, condemnation, criticism, debase-ment, denunciation, humiliation

**exaltation** [*n*] *great joy* animation, bliss, delectation, delight, ecstasy, elation, elevation, euphoria, excitement, exhilaration, exultation, inspiration, intoxication, joyousness, jubilation, rapture, stimulation, transport, uplift; CONCEPTS 32,410 —**Ant.** depression, misery, sorrow, unhappiness, woe

**exalted** [*adj*] *praised; held in high esteem* astral, august, dignified, elevated, eminent, exaggerated, excessive, first, grand, high, highest, highest-ranking, high-minded, high-ranking, honorable, honored, ideal, illustrious, immodest, imposing, inflated, intellectual, leading, lofty, magnificent, noble, number one, outstanding, overblown, pompous, prestigious, pretentious, proud, self-important, sublime, superb, superior, top-drawer\*, top-ranking, up-lifting; CONCEPTS 404,529 —**Ant.** condemned, criticized, debased, denounced, humiliated

**examination** [*n*] *test, analysis* assay, audit, battery, blue book\*, breakdown, canvass, catechism, checking, checkup, cross-examination, diagnosis, dissection, exam, experiment, exploration, final, grilling, inquest, inquiry, inquisition, inspection, interrogation, investigation, legwork\*, make-up, observation, once-over\*, oral, perustration, perusal, probe, quest, questioning, questionnaire, quiz, raid, reconnaissance, research, review, scan, scrutiny, search, study, survey, the eye\*, third degree\*, trial, tryout, view, written; CONCEPT 290

**examination** [*n*] *medical checkup* autopsy, biopsy, exam, inquiry, observation, physical, postoperative, probe, test; CONCEPTS 103,310

**examine** [*v*] *analyze, test* appraise, assay, audit, canvass, case, check, check out, chew over\*, consider, criticize, delve into, dig into, explore, eye\*, finger\*, frisk, go into, go over, go through, gun\*, inquire, inspect, investigate, look over, look see\*, parse, pat down, peruse, pick at, ponder, pore over, probe, prospect, prove, read, reconnoiter, research, review, scan, scope, screen, scrutinate, scrutinize, search into, sift, size up\*, study, survey, sweep, take stock of\*, try, turn over\*, vet, view, weigh, winnow\*; CONCEPTS 24,103

**examine** [*v*] *ask questions pointedly* catechize, check, cross-examine, experiment, give the third\*, give the third degree\*, grill, inquire, interrogate, judge, measure, pump, put through the wringer\*, query, quiz, try, try out, weigh; CONCEPT 48

**example** [*n*] *instance, model* archetype, case, case history, case in point, citation, copy, excuse, exemplar, exemplification, for instance, ideal, illustration, kind of thing, lesson, object, original, paradigm, paragon, part, pattern, precedent, prototype, quotation, representation, sample, sampling, specimen, standard, stereotype, symbol; CONCEPT 686

**exasperate** [*v*] *upset, provoke* aggravate, agitate, anger, annoy, bug\*, disturb, drive up the wall\*, embitter, enrage, exacerbate, excite, gall, get\*, get under one's skin\*, incense, inflame, infuriate, irrit, irritate, madden, make waves\*, needle\*, nettle, peeve, pique, rangle, rile, roil, rouse, T-off\*, try the patience of, vex, work up; CONCEPTS 7,19 —**Ant.** calm, comfort, ease, placate, please, soothe

**exasperation** [*n*] *upset, provocation* aggravation, anger, annoyance, besetment, bother, botheration, displeasure, exacerbation, fury, ire, irritant, irritation, nuisance, passion, pest, pique, plague, rage, resentment, vexation, wrath; CONCEPTS 29,410 —**Ant.** calming, calmness, comfort, ease, placation, pleasing, soothing

**excavate** [*v*] *dig up* burrow, cut, delve, empty, gouge, grub, hollow, mine, quarry, scoop, scrape, shovel, spade, trench, tunnel, uncover, unearth; CONCEPT 178 —**Ant.** fill

**excavation** [*n*] *site of digging; digging* blasting, burrow, cavity, cut, cutting, dig, disinter-ring, ditch, dugout, exhuming, hole, hollow, mine, mining, pit, quarry, removal, scooping, shaft, shoveling, trench, trough, unearthing; CONCEPTS 178,509,513 —**Ant.** filling

**excavator** [*n*] *earthmover* backhoe, bulldozer, digger, heavy machinery; CONCEPT 505

**exceed** [*v*] *be superior to; surpass* beat, best, better, break record\*, cap, distance, eclipse, excel, get upper hand\*, go beyond, go by, have advantage, have a jump on\*, have it all over\*, out-distance, outdo, outpace, outreach, outrun, outshine, outstrip, overstep, overtake, overtax, pass, rise above\*, run circles around\*, surmount, top, transcend; CONCEPT 141 —**Ant.** be inferior, fail, fall behind

**exceedingly** [*adv*] *very; exceptionally* awfully, enormously, especially, excessively, extraordinarily, extremely, greatly, highly, hugely,

immoderately, in a marked degree, inordinately, powerful, really, remarkably, strikingly, superlatively, surpassingly, terribly, too much, unusually, vastly, vitally; CONCEPT 569

**excel** [v] *be superior; surpass* beat, be good, be master of, be proficient, be skillful, best, be talented, better, cap, come through, eclipse, exceed, go beyond, go to town\*, improve upon, make it, outdo, outrival, outshine, outstrip, pass, predominate, shine, show talent, surmount, take precedence, top, transcend, wax\*; CONCEPTS 141,671,706 —**Ant.** be inferior, fail

**excellence** [n] *superiority* arete, class, distinction, éclat, eminence, excellency, fineness, goodness, greatness, high quality, merit, perfection, preeminence, purity, quality, superbness, supremacy, transcendence, virtue, worth; CONCEPT 671 —**Ant.** failure, imperfection, inferiority

**excellent** [adj] *superior, wonderful* A-1\*, accomplished, admirable, attractive, capital, certified, champion, choice, choicest, desirable, distinctive, distinguished, estimable, exceptional, exemplary, exquisite, fine, finest, first, first-class, first-rate, good, great, high, incomparable, invaluable, magnificent, meritorious, notable, noted, outstanding, peerless, piked\*, premium, priceless, prime, select, skillful, sterling, striking, superb, superlative, supreme, tiptop\*, top-notch, transcendent, world-class; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** bad, failing, imperfect, indistinguished, inferior, poor, second-class, second-rate, unnoteworthy, unworthy

**except** [prep] *other than* apart from, aside from, bar, barring, besides, but, excepting, excluding, exclusive of, exempting, if not, lacking, leaving out, minus, not for, omitting, outside of, rejecting, save, saving, short of, without, with the exception of; CONCEPT 577

**except** [v] *leave out* ban, bar, bate, count out, debar, disallow, eliminate, exclude, exempt, expostulate, inveigh, object, omit, pass over, protest, reject, remonstrate, rule out, suspend, taboo; CONCEPTS 25,30,211 —**Ant.** admit, allow, include

**exception** [n1] *leaving out* barring, debarment, disallowment, excepting, exclusion, excusing, expulsion, noninclusion, omission, passing over, rejection, repudiation, reservation; CONCEPTS 25,30,211 —**Ant.** admittal, admittance, allowance, inclusion

**exception** [n2] *special case; irregularity* allowance, anomalism, anomaly, departure, deviation, difference, dispensation, eccentricity, exemption, freak, inconsistency, nonconformity, oddity, peculiarity, perquisitor, privilege, privileged person, quirk; CONCEPTS 423,665 —**Ant.** normality, regularity, usualness

**exceptional** [adj1] *irregular* aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, atypical, deviant, distinct, extraordinary, inconsistent, infrequent, notable, noteworthy, odd, peculiar, phenomenal, rare, remarkable, scarce, singular, special, strange, uncommon, uncustomary, unheard-of, unimaginable, unique, ordinary, unprecedented, unthinkable, unusual; CONCEPT 564 —**Ant.** common, conventional, expected, general, normal, ordinary, regular, unexceptional, usual

**exceptional** [adj2] *excellent, wonderful* brainy, extraordinary, fine, first-class, first-rate, good,

high, marvelous, outstanding, phenomenal, premium, prodigious, remarkable, singular, special, superior, world-class; CONCEPTS 572,574 —**Ant.** inferior, mediocre, ok, unexceptional, unnoteworthy, unprodigious

**excerpt** [n] *citation; something taken from a whole* extract, fragment, notation, note, part, passage, pericope, piece, portion, quotation, quote, saying, section, selection; CONCEPTS 270,274,835 —**Ant.** insert, whole

**excerpt** [v] *take a part from a whole* choose, cite, cull, extract, glean, note, pick, pick out, quote, select, single out; CONCEPTS 41,142,211 —**Ant.** insert

**excess** [n1] *overabundance of something* balance, by-product, enough, exorbitance, exuberance, fat, fulsome, glut, inundation, lavishness, leavings, leftover, luxuriance, nimety, overdose, overflow, overkill, overload, overmuch, overrun, oversupply, overweight, plenty, plethora, profusion, recreation, redundancy, refuse, remainder, residue, rest, spare, superabundance, supererogation, superfluity, surfeit, surplus, the limit, too much\*, too much of a good thing\*, waste, wastefulness; CONCEPTS 787,824,835 —**Ant.** dearth, deficiency, insufficiency, lack, need, poverty, shortcoming, want

**excess** [n2] *overindulgence in personal desires* debauchery, dissipation, dissoluteness, exorbitance, extravagance, extreme, extremity, immoderacy, immoderation, indulgence, inordinateness, intemperance, overdoing, prodigality, saturnalia, self-indulgence, unrestraint; CONCEPTS 633,645 —**Ant.** deprivation, economy, frugality, moderation, privation

**excessive** [adj] *too much; overdone* boundless, disproportionate, dissipated, dizzying, enormous, exaggerated, exorbitant, extra, extravagant, extreme, immoderate, indulgent, inordinate, intemperate, limitless, more, needless, over, overboard, overkill, overmuch, plethoric, prodigal, profligate, recrementious, redundant, self-indulgent, sky-high\*, steep, stiff, stratospheric\*, super, superabundant, superfluous, supernatural, too many, towering, unbounded, unconscionable, undue, unmeasurable, unreasonable, way out\*; CONCEPTS 560,771,781 —**Ant.** insufficient, moderate, reasonable, underdone

**exchange** [n1] *trade; deal* barter, buying and selling, castling, change, commerce, commutation, conversion, correspondence, dealing, interchange, interdependence, interrelation, network, quid pro quo, rearrangement, reciprocity, reciprocity, replacement, revision, shift, shuffle, shuffling, substitution, supplanting, supplantment, swap, switch, tit for tat\*, traffic, transaction, transfer, transposing, transposition, truck\*; CONCEPTS 104,324

**exchange** [n2] *place where stocks are bought, sold* curb, market, net, network, over the counter, stock exchange, store, the Big Board\*, the Street\*, Wall Street\*; CONCEPTS 325,449

**exchange** [v] *trade* alternate, bandy, bargain, barter, buy and sell, cash in, castle, change, change hands\*, commute, contact with, convert into, correspond, deal in, displace, flip-flop\*, give and take\*, go over to\*, hook up, horse

trade, interchange, invert, link up, market, network, pass to, pay back, rearrange, reciprocate, replace, return the compliment\*, reverse, revise, seesaw, shift, shuffle, shuttle, substitute, swap, swap horses\*, switch, traffic, transact, transfer, transpose, truck\*, turn the tables\*; CONCEPT 104 —*Ant.* hold, keep

**excise** [*n*] *tax on goods* customs, duty, import tax, levy, surcharge, tariff, toll; CONCEPT 329

**excise** [*v*] *remove, delete* amputate, black out, blot out\*, blue pencil\*, cross out, cut, cut off, cut out, cut up, destroy, edit, elide, eradicate, erase, expunge, excise, excise, exterminate, extirpate, extract, gut, knock off\*, launder\*, lop off\*, resect, scissor out, scratch out, slash, stamp out\*, strike, trim, wipe out, X out\*; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* add, put in

**excitable** [*adj*] *easily upset or inspired* agitable, alarmable, demonstrative, edgy, emotional, enthusiastic, fidgety, fierce, fiery, galvanic, hasty, high-strung, hot-headed, hot-tempered, hysterical, impatient, impetuous, impulsive, inflammable, intolerant, irascible, mercurial, moody, nervous, neurotic, overzealous, passionate, peevish, quick, quick-tempered, rash, reckless, restless, sensitive, short fused, skittish, susceptible, temperamental, testy, touchy, uncontrolled, uneasy, vehement, violent, volatile, volcanic; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —*Ant.* calm, easy, easy-going, insensitive, laid-back, passive, unexcitable, uninspired

**excite** [*v*] *inspire; upset* accelerate, agitate, amaze, anger, animate, annoy, arouse, astound, awaken, bother, chafe, delight, discompose, disturb, electrify, elicit, energize, evoke, feed the fire\*, fire, fluster, foment, galvanize, goad, incite, induce, inflame, infuriate, instigate, intensify, irritate, jar, jolt, kindle, madden, mock, move, offend, precipitate, provoke, quicken, rouse, start, stimulate, stir up, taunt, tease, thrill, titillate, touch off, vex, waken, wake up, warm, whet, work up, worry; CONCEPTS 7, 14, 19, 22 —*Ant.* bore, calm, compose, deaden, lull, moderate, pacify, quiet, repress, tranquilize

**excited** [*adj*] *inspired; upset* aflame, agitated, animated, annoyed, aroused, awakened, beside oneself\*, charged, delighted, discomposed, disconcerted, disturbed, eager, enthusiastic, feverish, fired up\*, frantic, high\*, hot\*, hot and bothered\*, hyperactive, hysterical, in a tizzy\*, inflamed, juiced up\*, jumpy\*, keyed up\*, moved, nervous, on edge\*, on fire\*, overwrought, passionate, piqued, provoked, roused, ruffled, steamed up\*, stimulated, stirred, thrilled, tumultuous/tumultuous, wild, wired\*, worked up, zipped up\*; CONCEPTS 401, 403 —*Ant.* bored, calm, composed, easy-going, laid-back, unenthusiast, unenthusiastic, unexcited, uninspired

**excitement** [*n*] *enthusiasm; incitement* action, activity, ado, adventure, agitation, animation, bother, buzz\*, commotion, confusion, discomposure, disturbance, dither\*, drama, elation, emotion, excitation, feeling, ferment, fever, flurry, frenzy, furor, fuss, heat\*, hubbub\*, hullabaloo\*, hurry, hysteria, impulse, instigation, intoxication, kicks\*, melodrama, motivation, motive, movement, passion, perturbation, provocation, rage, stimulation, stimulus, stir,

thrill, titillation, to-do\*, trepidation, tumult, turmoil, urge, warmth, wildness; CONCEPTS 388, 410, 633 —*Ant.* apathy, boredom, calm, calmness, dullness, lull, peace

**exciting** [*adj*] *inspiring, exhilarating* agitative, animating, appealing, arousing, arresting, astonishing, bracing, breathtaking, commoving, dangerous, dramatic, electrifying, exhilarant, eye-popping\*, far-out\*, fine, flashy, groovy\*, hair-raising\*, heady\*, hectic, impelling, impressive, interesting, intoxicating, intriguing, lively, melodramatic, mind-blowing, moving, neat, overpowering, overwhelming, provocative, racy, rip-roaring\*, rousing, sensational, showy, spine-tingling\*, stimulating, stirring, thrilling, titillating, wild, zestful; CONCEPTS 529, 542, 548 —*Ant.* boring, moderate, unenthusiast, unenthusiastic, unexciting, uninspiring, unpromising, unstimulating

**exclaim** [*v*] *shout out* assert, bellow, blurt, burst out, call, call aloud, call out, cry, cry out, declare, ejaculate, emit, figure, holler, proclaim, rend the air\*, roar, say loudly, shout, state, utter, vociferate, yawp\*, yell; CONCEPTS 47, 49 —*Ant.* be quiet

**exclamation** [*n*] *shout; assertion* bellow, call, clamor, cry, ejaculation, expletive, holler, interjection, outcry, roar, utterance, vociferation, yawp\*, yell; CONCEPTS 49, 77 —*Ant.* quiet, silence

**exclude** [*v*] *expel, forbid* ban, bar, bate, blackball\*, blacklist, block, bounce, boycott, close out, count out, debar, disallow, drive out, eject, eliminate, embargo, estop, evict, except, force out, get rid of, ignore, interdict, keep out, leave out, lock out, obviate, occlude, omit, ostracize, oust, pass over, preclude, prevent, prohibit, proscribe, put out, refuse, refuse admittance, reject, remove, repudiate, rule out, set aside, shut out, shut the door on\*, sideline, suspend, throw out, veto, ward off; CONCEPTS 25, 30, 121 —*Ant.* accept, add, admit, allow, include, incorporate, take on, welcome

**exclusion** [*n*] *expulsion; forbiddance* ban, bar, blackball\*, blockade, boycott, Coventry, cut, debarment, debarring, discharge, dismissal, ejection, elimination, embargo, eviction, exception, excommunication, interdict, interdicting, interdiction, keeping out, lockout, nonadmission, occlusion, omission, ostracism, ousting, preclusion, prevention, prohibition, proscription, refusal, rejection, relegation, removal, repudiation, segregation, separation, suspension, veto; CONCEPTS 25, 30, 121 —*Ant.* acceptance, addition, admittance, allowance, inclusion, incorporation, welcome

**exclusive** [*adj*] *unshared, restricted* absolute, aloof, aristocratic, chic, choice, chosen, circumscribed, clannish, classy, cliqueish, closed, complete, confined, country club, discriminative, elegant, entire, exclusionary, exclusory, fashionable, full, independent, licensed, limited, narrow, only, particular, peculiar, posh, preferential, private, privileged, prohibitive, restrictive, ritzy, segregated, select, selfish, single, snobbish, socially correct, sole, swank, total, undivided, unique, upper crust\*, whole; CONCEPTS 554, 567 —*Ant.* divided, part, partial, shared, unlimited, unrestricted



**exclusively** [*adv*] *particularly* alone, but, completely, entirely, one and only, onliest, only, singularly, solely, wholly; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* unlimited, unrestricted

**exclusive of** [*prep*] *except for* aside from, bar, barring, bating, besides, but, debarring, excepting, excluding, leaving aside, not counting, omitting, outside of, restricting, ruling out, save; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* inclusive of

**excogitate** [*v*] *think about seriously* conceive, consider, contemplate, contrive, deliberate, derive, develop, devise, educe, evolve, frame, invent, mind, mull over, perpend, ponder, ruminate, study, think out, think up, weigh, work out; CONCEPTS 17,24 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore

**excommunicate** [*v*] *banish* anathematize, ban, cast out, curse, denounce, dismiss, eject, exclude, expel, oust, proscribe, remove, repudiate, unchurch; CONCEPTS 317,367 —*Ant.* allow, include, permit, welcome

**excoriate** [*v1*] *scrape layers off* abrade, chafe, flay, fret, gall, peel, rub, scarify, scratch, skin, strip; CONCEPTS 211,215

**excoriate** [*v2*] *denounce, criticize* attack, berate, blister, castigate, censure, chastise, condemn, flay, lambaste, lash, rebuke, reproach, reprove, revile, scathe, scold, scorch, slash, tear into, upbraid, vilify; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* compliment, laud, praise

**excrement** [*n*] *feces* crap, droppings, dung, guano, manure, poop, sewage, stool, waste, waste matter; CONCEPT 260

**excrete** [*v*] *discharge, usually liquified substance* defecate, egest, ejaculate, eject, eliminate, emanate, evacuate, exhale, expel, exudate, exude, give off, leak, pass, perspire, produce, remove, secrete, sweat, throw off, urinate, void; CONCEPTS 179,185

**excruciating** [*adj*] *torturous, painful* acute, agonizing, burning, chastening, consuming, exquisite, extreme, grueling, harrowing, insufferable, intense, piercing, punishing, racking, rending, searing, severe, sharp, shooting, stabbing, tearing, tormenting, torturesome, torturing, unbearable, unendurable, violent; CONCEPTS 314,548,609 —*Ant.* bearable, endurable, helpful, pleasant, pleasing, soothing

**exculpate** [*v*] *forgive* absolve, acquit, amnesty, clear, condone, discharge, disculpate, dismiss, excuse, exonerate, explain, free, justify, let off\*, pardon, rationalize, release, remit, vindicate, wipe slate clean\*; CONCEPTS 10,127,317 —*Ant.* blame, condemn, sentence

**excursion** [*n*] *journey* circuit, cruise, day trip, digression, expedition, jaunt, junket, outing, picnic, pleasure trip, ramble, round trip, safari, tour, trek, trip, walk, wandering; CONCEPTS 224,384

**excusable** [*adj*] *allowable* all right, condonable, defensible, reasonable, expulcatory, explainable, fair, forgivable, justifiable, minor, moderate, not too bad\*, okay, pardonable, passable, permissible, plausible, reasonable, remittable, retrievable, slight, specious, temperate, tenable, trivial, understandable, venial, vindicable, vindicatory, warrantable, within limits; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* blameable, inexcusable, unallowable, unforgivable, unjustifiable

**excuse** [*n*] *reason, explanation* alibi, apology, cleanup\*, cop-out\*, cover\*, cover story\*,

coverup, defense, disguise, evasion, expedient, extenuation, fish story\*, grounds, jive\*, justification, makeshift, mitigation, plea, pretext, rationalization, regrets, routine, semblance, shift, song\*, song and dance\*, stall, stopgap\*, story, substitute, subterfuge, trick\*, vindication, whitewash\*, why and wherefore\*; CONCEPTS 59,661

**excuse** [*v*] *forgive, absolve; justify* acquit, alibi, apologize for, appease, bear with, clear, condone, cover, defend, discharge, dispense from, exculpate, exempt, exempt from, exonerate, explain, extenuate, forgive, free, give absolution, grant amnesty, indulge, let go\*, let off\*, liberate, make allowances for, mitigate, overlook, pardon, pass over\*, plead ignorance, pretext, purge, rationalize, release, relieve, remit, reprieve, shrive, shrug off\*, spare, take rap for\*, tolerate, vindicate, whitewash\*, wink at\*; CONCEPTS 10,57,83

**execrable** [*adj*] *horrible, sickening* abhorrent, abominable, accursed, atrocious, confounded, cursed, damnable, defective, deplorable, despicable, detestable, disgusting, foul, hateful, heinous, horrific, loathsome, low, monstrous, nauseous, obnoxious, odious, offensive, repulsive, revolting, vile, wretched; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* nice, pleasant

**execrate** [*v*] *hate* abhor, abominate, accuse, anathematize, censure, condemn, curse, damn, denounce, deplore, despise, detest, excoriate, imprecate, loathe, objugate, reprehend, reprobate, reprove, revile, vilify; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* like, love

**execration** [*n*] *hating* abhorrence, abomination, anathema, blasphemy, condemnation, contempt, curse, cursing, cussing, damnation, denunciation, detestation, detesting, excoriation, hatred, imprecation, loathing, malediction, odium, profanity, swearing, vilification; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* liking, loving

**execute** [*v1*] *kill* assassinate, behead, bump off\*, do in\*, electrocute, eliminate, finish, gas, guillotine, hang, knock off\*, liquidate, murder, purge, put away\*, put to death, shoot; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* bear, create

**execute** [*v2*] *carry out a task* accomplish, achieve, act, administer, administrate, bring off, bring to fruition, cause, come through, complete, consummate, deal with, discharge, do, do the job\*, do the trick\*, do to a T\*, earn wings\*, effect, enact, enforce, finish, fulfill, get there\*, govern, hack it\*, hit\*, implement, make it\*, meet, percolate\*, perform, play, polish off\*, prosecute, pull off\*, put into effect, put over\*, put through, realize, render, sail through\*, score\*, take care of, take care of business\*, transact; CONCEPTS 91,706 —*Ant.* abandon, disregard, fail, forget, ignore, leave, miss, neglect, shirk

**execution** [*n1*] *killing* beheading, capital punishment, contract killing\*, crucifixion, decapitation, electrocution, gassing, guillotining, hanging, hit, impalement, lethal injection, necktie party\*, punishment, rub out\*, shooting, strangling, strangulation; CONCEPT 252

**execution** [*n2*] *carrying out of a task* accomplishment, achievement, administration, completion, consummation, delivery, discharge,

doing, effect, enactment, enforcement, fulfilling, implementation, nuts and bolts\*, operation, performance, prosecution, realization, rendering, style; CONCEPTS 91,706 —*Ant.* abandoning, disregard, failure, forgetting, ignorance, leaving, neglect

**executive** [*adj*] *administrative* controlling, decision-making, directing, governing, managerial, managing, ruling; CONCEPT 527

**executive** [*n*] *person who manages an organization* administration, administrator, big wheel\*, boss, brass, businessperson, CEO\*, chief, CO\*, commander, director, directorate, entrepreneur, exec\*, government, governor, head, head honcho\*, head person\*, heavy-weight\*, hierarchy, higher-up\*, industrialist, key player\*, leader, leadership, management, manager, officer, official, skipper\*, supervisor, top brass\*, tycoon, VIP\*; CONCEPTS 347,354

**exemplar** [*n*] *ideal* archetype, copy, criterion, epitome, example, exemplification, illustration, instance, mirror, model, paradigm, paragon, pattern, prototype, specimen, standard, type; CONCEPT 686

**exemplary** [*adj*] *ideal* admirable, batting a thousand\*, blameless, bueno\*, characteristic, classic, classical, commendable, correct, estimable, excellent, good, guiltless, honorable, illustrative, inculpable, innocent, irreprehensible, laudable, meritorious, model, neat\*, not bad\*, not too shabby\*, paradigmatic, praiseworthy, prototypical, punctilious, pure, quintessential, representative, righteous, sterling, typical, virtuous, worthy; CONCEPTS 404,572, 574 —*Ant.* erring, incorrect, unideal, wrong

**exemplify** [*v*] *serve as an example* body, cite, clarify, clear up, demonstrate, depict, display, elucidate, emblemize, embody, enlighten, epitomize, evidence, exhibit, illuminate, illustrate, instance, manifest, mirror, personify, quote, represent, show, spell out, symbolize, typify; CONCEPTS 97,118

**exempt** [*adj*] *freed from responsibility* absolved, beat the rap\*, clear, cleared, discharged, excepted, excluded, excused, favored, free, immune, let go\*, let off\*, liberated, not liable, not responsible, not subject, off the hook\*, outside, privileged, released, set apart, spared, special, unbound, unchecked, unrestrained, unrestricted, unhackled, void of, walked\*; CONCEPTS 319, 554 —*Ant.* accountable, answerable, liable, nonexempt, responsible

**exempt** [*v*] *relieve, absolve* clear, discharge, dispense, except, excuse, exonerate, free, go easy on\*, grant immunity, let off\*, let off the hook\*, liberate, pass by, privilege from, release, spare, wipe the slate\*, write off; CONCEPTS 50, 83,88,127 —*Ant.* blame

**exemption** [*n*] *freedom from a responsibility* absolution, discharge, dispensation, exception, exoneration, immunity, impunity, privilege, release; CONCEPTS 652,685,691 —*Ant.* accountability, answerability, liability, responsibility

**exercise** [*n1*] *work, effort* act, action, activity, calisthenics, constitutional\*, daily dozen\*, discharge, discipline, drill, drilling, examination, exercising, exertion, gym, labor, lesson, movement, occupation, operation, performance, problem, pursuit, recitation, schoolwork, study,

task, test, theme, toil, training, warm-up, workout; CONCEPTS 87,290,362,363

**exercise** [*n2*] *accomplishment, use* application, discharge, employment, enjoyment, exertion, fulfillment, implementation, operation, performance, practice, pursuit, utilization; CONCEPTS 225,706 —*Ant.* disuse, misuse

**exercise** [*v1*] *put to use* apply, bestow, bring to bear, devote, drill, employ, enjoy, execute, exert, exploit, handle, operate, practice, put into practice, rehearse, sharpen, use, utilize, wield; CONCEPT 225 —*Ant.* ignore, not use

**exercise** [*v2*] *do repeatedly, especially to improve* break, break in, condition, cultivate, develop, discipline, drill, dry run\*, exert, fix, foster, groom, habituate, hone, improve, inure, labor, lick into shape\*, limber up, loosen up, maneuver, ply, practice, prepare, pump iron\*, put out, put through grind\*, put through mill\*, rehearse, run through, set, strain, teach, train, tune up, walk through, warm up, work, work out; CONCEPTS 87,363

**exercise** [*v3*] *upset, worry* abrade, afflict, agitate, annoy, bother, burden, chafe, distress, disturb, gall, irk, occupy, pain, perturb, preoccupy, provoke, trouble, try, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19

**exert** [*v*] *make use of* apply, apply oneself, bring into play\*, bring to bear\*, dig\*, employ, endeavor, exercise, expend, give all one's got\*, give best shot\*, labor, make effort, peg away\*, plug\*, ply, pour it on\*, push, put forth, put out, strain, strive, struggle, sweat it\*, throw, toil, try hard, use, utilize, wield, work; CONCEPTS 87,225

**exertion** [*n*] *hard work* action, activity, application, attempt, effort, elbow grease\*, employment, endeavor, exercise, hard pull\*, industry, labor, long pull\*, operation, pains, strain, stretch, striving, struggle, toil, travail, trial, trouble, use, utilization; CONCEPTS 87,362,677 —*Ant.* idleness, laziness

**exfoliate** [*v*] *peel* desquamate, doff, flake off, scale off, shed; CONCEPTS 142,176,211

**exhale** [*v*] *breathe out* breathe, discharge, eject, emanate, emit, evaporate, expel, give off, issue, let out, respire, steam, vaporize; CONCEPT 163 —*Ant.* breathe in, inhale

**exhaust** [*v1*] *tire or wear out* bankrupt, burn out\*, conk out\*, cripple, debilitate, disable, do in\*, drain, draw, enervate, enfeeble, fag, fatigue, frazzle, impoverish, overdo, overexert, overextend, overfatigue, overtire, overwork, peter out\*, poop\*, poop out\*, prostrate, run ragged\*, sap\*, suck dry\*, tucker\*, use up, weaken, wear down, weary; CONCEPTS 250, 469 —*Ant.* animate, invigorate, refresh

**exhaust** [*v2*] *consume, use up* bankrupt, bleed dry\*, deplete, devour, dispel, disperse, dissipate, drain, draw, dry, eat, eat up\*, empty, expend, finish, impoverish, run out, run through, spend, squander, strain, suck dry\*, take last of, void, wash up, waste; CONCEPTS 169,225

—*Ant.* refresh, replenish

**exhausted** [*adj1*] *extremely tired* all in\*, beat\*, bleary, bone-weary, bushed, crippled, dead\*, dead tired\*, debilitated, disabled, dog-tired\*, done for\*, done in\*, drained, effete, enervated, frazzled, had it\*, kaput\*, limp, out on one's feet\*, outta gas\*, prostrated, ready to drop\*,

run-down, sapped\*, shot\*, spent, tired out, wasted\*, weak, weakened, wearied, worn, worn out; CONCEPTS 406,485 —*Ant.* animated, energetic, fresh, invigorated, lively, vigorous

**exhausted** [adj] *used up all gone, at an end, bare, consumed, depleted, dissipated, done, drained, dry, empty, expended, finished, gone, spent, squandered, void, washed-out, wasted*; CONCEPTS 560,771 —*Ant.* plenty, refreshed, restored, saved, stored, unused

**exhaustion** [n] *tiredness burnout\*, collapse, consumption, debilitation, debility, enervation, expenditure, fatigue, feebleness, lassitude, prostration, weariness*; CONCEPTS 410,720 —*Ant.* energy, liveliness, readiness, vigor

**exhaustive** [adj] *all-inclusive, complete* all-embracing, all-encompassing, all-out, catholic, comprehensive, embracive, encyclopedic, extensive, far-reaching, from A to Z\*, full, full-blown, full-dress\*, full-scale, in-depth, intensive, no stone unturned\*, out-and-out\*, profound, radical, sweeping, the word, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, whole-hog\*; CONCEPTS 531,772 —*Ant.* excluding, incomplete, unfinished

**exhibit** [n] *viewing; presentation display, exhibition, exposition, fair, illustration, model, performance, show*; CONCEPTS 259,261 —*Ant.* concealment, cover, hiding

**exhibit** [v] *put on view; present* advertise, air, brandish, demonstrate, disclose, display, disport, evidence, evince, expose, express, feature, flash, flaunt, illustrate, indicate, let it all hang out\*, make clear, make plain, manifest, mark, offer, ostend, parade, parade wares\*, proclaim, reveal, roll out, show, show and tell\*, showcase, show off, strut stuff\*, trot out\*, wave around\*; CONCEPT 261 —*Ant.* conceal, cover, hide

**exhibition** [n] *showing, demonstration* advertisement, airing, an act\*, a scene\*, carnival, display, exhibit, expo, exposition, fair, fireworks, flash\*, front\*, manifestation, offering, pageant, performance, presentation, representation, show, sight, spectacle; CONCEPTS 261,386

**exhibitionism** [n] *attention-seeking behavior* exposing oneself, flashing\*, immodesty, indecent exposure, self-display, showing off; CONCEPTS 261,386

**exhilarate** [v] *make very happy* animate, boost, buoy, cheer, commove, delight, elate, enliven, exalt, excite, gladden, inspire, inspirit, invigorate, juice\*, lift, pep up\*, perk up\*, pick up, put zip into\*, quicken, rejoice, send, snap up\*, stimulate, thrill, turn on\*, uplift, vitalize; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* agitate, depress, discourage, sadden, upset, worry

**exhilarating** [adj] *stimulating, cheering* animating, animative, bracing, breathtaking, electric, elevating, enlivening, exalting, exciting, exhilarant, exhilarative, exhilaratory, eye-popping\*, gladdening, inspiring, inspiriting, intoxicating, invigorating, quickening, rousing, stimulative, stirring, thrilling, tonic, uplifting, vitalizing; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* agitating, boring, depressing, discouraging, upsetting, worrying

**exhilaration** [n] *great happiness, excitement* animation, a rush\*, cheerfulness, delight, elation, electrification, elevation, enlivenment, euphoria, exaltation, excitation, firing, gaiety,

galvanization, gladness, gleefulness, head rush\*, high spirits\*, hilarity, inspiration, invigoration, joy, joyfulness, liveliness, mirth, quickening, sprightliness, stimulation, uplift, vitalization, vivacity, vivification; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* agitation, depression, discouragement, unhappiness, upset, worry

**exhort** [v] *urge, warn* admonish, advise, beseech, bid, call upon, caution, counsel, egg on\*, encourage, enjoin, entreat, goad, incite, insist, persuade, plead, preach, press, pressure, prick, prod, prompt, propel, spur, stimulate; CONCEPTS 75,78

**exhortation** [n] *warning, urging* admonition, advice, beseeching, bidding, caution, counsel, encouragement, enjoiner, entreaty, goading, incitement, instigation, lecture, persuasion, preaching, sermon; CONCEPTS 75,78,274

**exhume** [v] *dig up, especially the dead* disclose, disembalm, disintomb, disinhume, disinter, resurrect, reveal, unbury, uncharnel, unearth; CONCEPT 178 —*Ant.* bury

**exigency/exigence** [n] *difficulty; demand* acuteness, constraint, contingency, crisis, criticalness, crossroad, demandingness, dilemma, distress, duress, emergency, extremity, fix, hardship, imperativeness, jam, juncture, necessity, need, needfulness, pass, pickle\*, pinch, plight, predicament, pressingness, pressure, quandary, requirement, scrape\*, stress, turning point\*, urgency, vicissitude, want, wont, zero hour\*; CONCEPTS 646,674,709 —*Ant.* ease, easiness, ordinariness

**exigent** [adj] *urgent, pressing* acute, burning, clamant, clamorous, constraining, critical, crucial, crying, imperative, importunate, insistent, instant, menacing, necessary, needful, threatening; CONCEPTS 548,568 —*Ant.* ordinary, unpressured, usual

**exigent** [adj] *difficult, taxing* arduous, burdensome, demanding, exacting, grievous, hard, harsh, onerous, oppressive, rigorous, severe, stiff, strict, stringent, superincumbent, tough, weighty; CONCEPTS 537,542 —*Ant.* easy, facile, unpressured

**exiguous** [adj] *scanty* bare, confined, diminutive, inadequate, limited, little, meager, narrow, negligible, paltry, petty, poor, restricted, skimpy, slender, slight, small, spare, sparse, tenuous, thin, tiny; CONCEPTS 771,789 —*Ant.* plenty

**exile** [n1] *deportation from a place* banishment, diaspora, dispersion, displacement, exclusion, expatriation, expulsion, extradition, migration, ostracism, proscription, relegation, scattering, separation; CONCEPT 298

**exile** [n2] *person deported from a place* deportee, displaced person, DP\*, émigré, expatriate, expelled, fugitive, nonperson\*, outcast, outlaw, person without country\*, refugee; CONCEPTS 354,412,423

**exile** [v] *deport from place* banish, cast out, displace, dispossess, drive out, eject, evacuate, expatriate, expel, expulse, extradite, ostracize, oust, outlaw, proscribe, relegate, transport, turn out; CONCEPTS 122,198,298 —*Ant.* import, take in, welcome

**exist** [v1] *be living* abide, be, be extant, be latent, be present, breathe, continue, endure,

happen, last, lie, live, move, obtain, occur, prevail, remain, stand, stay, subsist, survive; CONCEPT 407 —*Ant.* die

**exist** [v2] *get along in life* consist, dwell, eke out a living\*, endure, get by\*, go on, inhere, kick\*, lie, live, make it\*, reside, stay alive\*, subsist, survive; CONCEPTS 100,226

**existence** [n] *life* actuality, animation, being, breath, continuance, continuation, duration, endurance, entity, essence, hand one is dealt\*, individuality, journey, living, permanence, perseverance, presence, rat race\*, reality, real world\*, something, subsistence, survival, the big game\*, world; CONCEPTS 407,639 —*Ant.* death, inanimateness

**exit** [n1] *way out of a place* avenue, door, egress, fire escape, gate, hole, opening, outlet, passage out, vent; CONCEPT 440 —*Ant.* entrance

**exit** [n2] *leaving* adieu, death, demise, departure, egress, egression, evacuation, exodus, expiration, expiry, farewell, going, goodbye, leave-taking, offgoing, retirement, retreat, stampede, withdrawal; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrival, arriving, coming, entering, entrance

**exit** [v] *leave a place* bid farewell, blow\*, depart, do vanishing act\*, flake off\*, get\*, get away, get off, git\*, go, go away, go out, issue, move, move out, quit, retire, retreat, say goodbye, split\*, take a hike\*, take one's leave\*, withdraw; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrive, come in, enter, go in

**exodus** [n] *leaving* departure, egress, egression, emigration, evacuation, exit, exiting, flight, going out, journey, migration, offgoing, retirement, retreat, withdrawal; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrival, entrance

**exonerate** [v] *excuse, clear of responsibility or blame* absolve, acquit, disburden, discharge, dismiss, except, exculpate, exempt, free, justify, let off\*, let off hook\*, liberate, pardon, release, relieve, sanitize, vindicate, whitewash\*, wipe slate clean\*; CONCEPTS 10,127,317 —*Ant.* accuse, blame, charge, condemn, incarcerate, incriminate, sentence

**exorbitant** [adj] *extravagant, excessive* absonant, dear, enormous, exacting, expensive, extortionate, extreme, high, highway robbery\*, immoderate, inordinate, out of sight\*, outrageous, overboard, overmuch, over one's head\*, preposterous, pricey, steep\*, stiff\*, towering, unconscionable, undue, unreasonable, unwarranted, up to here\*, wasteful; CONCEPTS 334,547,558 —*Ant.* cheap, inexpensive, low, moderate, reasonable, sensible

**exorcise** [v] *free from evil spirits* cast out, dismiss, drive out, expel, purge, purify, remove; CONCEPT 179

**exorcism** [n] *expelling evil spirits* casting out, ceremony, ejection, expulsion, purification, ritual; CONCEPT 165,367

**exotic** [adj] *not native or usual; mysterious* alien, alluring, avant garde, bizarre, colorful, curious, different, enticing, external, extraneous, extraordinary, extrinsic, far out\*, fascinating, foreign, glamorous, imported, introduced, kinky\*, outlandish, outside, peculiar, peregrine, romantic, strange, striking, unfamiliar, unusual, way out\*, weird\*; CONCEPTS 542,549 —*Ant.* familiar, normal, ordinary, usual

**expand** [v1] *extend, augment* aggrandize, amplify, beef up\*, bloat, blow up\*, bolster, broaden, bulk up\*, burgeon, detail, develop, diffuse, dilate, distend, elaborate, embellish, enlarge, explicate, fan out\*, fatten, fill out, grow, heighten, hike, increase, inflate, lengthen, magnify, mount, multiply, mushroom, open, open out, outspread, pad, piggy-back\*, prolong, protract, puff up\*, pyramid\*, slap on\*, soup up\*, spread, spread out, stretch, stretch out, swell, tack on\*, thicken, unfold, unfurl, unravel, unroll, upsurge, wax\*; widen; CONCEPTS 236,245 —*Ant.* abbreviate, contract, lessen, lower, shorten, shrink

**expand** [v2] *go into detail* amplify, beef up\*, build up, develop, dilate, discourse, drag out\*, elaborate, embellish, enlarge, expatiate, expound, extend, flesh out\*, spell out, sweeten; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* abbreviate, abridge, shorten

**expansive** [n] *large space, usually open* amplitude, area, belt, breadth, compass, distance, domain, extension, extent, field, immensity, latitude, length, margin, orbit, plain, radius, range, reach, region, remoteness, room, scope, span, sphere, spread, stretch, sweep, territory, tract, uninterrupted space, width, wilderness; CONCEPTS 509,513,651,788

**expansion** [n] *growth* amplification, augmentation, breadth, development, diffusion, dilation, distance, distension, enlargement, evolution, expanse, extension, increase, inflation, magnification, maturation, multiplication, opening out, space, spread, stretch, swelling, unfolding, unfurling; CONCEPTS 700,704,780 —*Ant.* lessening, shrinkage, stagnation

**expansionism** [n] *growth* development, economic expansion, imperialism, progress; CONCEPTS 427,469,703,704,775

**expansive** [adj1] *broad, comprehensive* all-embracing, ample, big, dilatant, elastic, expanding, expansile, extensive, far-reaching, great, inclusive, large, scopic, scopicous, stretching, thorough, unrepressed, unsuppressed, voluminous, wide, wide-ranging, widespread; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* limited, narrow

**expansive** [adj2] *talkative* affable, communicative, demonstrative, easy, effervescent, effusive, extroverted, free, friendly, garrulous, generous, genial, gregarious, gushy, lavish, liberal, loquacious, open, outgoing, sociable, unconstrained, uninhibited, unreserved, unrestrained, warm; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* quiet, reserved, silent

**expatriate** [n] *person thrown out of a country* departed, deportee, displaced person, emigrant, émigré, evacuee, exile, expellee, migrant, outcast, refugee; CONCEPTS 354,412,423

**expatriate** [v] *throw out of a country* banish, deport, displace, exile, expel, expulse, ostracize, oust, proscribe, relegate, transport; CONCEPTS 130,198,211 —*Ant.* allow, welcome

**expect** [v1] *believe strongly; anticipate* apprehend, assume, await, bargain for, bargain on, be afraid, calculate, conjecture, contemplate, count on, divine, envisage, feel, figure, forecast, foreknow, foresee, gather, hope, hope for, imagine, in the cards\*, look, look ahead to, look for, look forward to\*, predict, presume, presuppose, reckon, see coming\*, sense,

suppose, surmise, suspect, take, think, trust, understand, wait for, watch for; CONCEPTS 12,26

**expect** [v2] *want, wish* call for, count on, demand, exact, insist on, look for, rely upon, require; CONCEPT 20

**expectancy** [n] *anticipation* assumption, assurance, belief, calculation, confidence, conjecture, expectation, hope, likelihood, looking forward, outlook, prediction, presentation, presentiment, presumption, probability, prospect, reliance, supposition, surmise, suspense, trust, view, waiting; CONCEPTS 410,689

**expectant** [adj1] *anticipating* alert, anticipative, anxious, apprehensive, awaiting, breathless, eager, expecting, hopeful, hoping, in suspense, looking for, on edge\*, on tenterhooks\*, prepared, ready, vigilant, waiting, waiting on, watchful, with bated breath\*; CONCEPTS 403,406

**expectant** [adj2] *preparing to give birth* enceinte, expecting, gravid, parturient, pregnant, with child\*; CONCEPT 485

**expectation** [n] *belief, anticipation* apprehension, assumption, assurance, calculation, chance, confidence, conjecture, design, expectancy, fear, forecast, hope, intention, likelihood, looking forward, motive, notion, outlook, possibility, prediction, presumption, probability, promise, prospect, reliance, supposition, surmise, suspense, trust, view; CONCEPTS 410,689

**expecting** [adj] *pregnant* carrying, expectant, in a family way\*, with child\*; CONCEPTS 406,485

**expediency/expedience** [n1] *appropriateness; worth* advantage, advantageousness, advisability, appositeness, aptness, benefit, convenience, desirability, effectiveness, efficiency, fitness, helpfulness, judiciousness, meanness, opportunism, opportunity, order, policy, practicality, pragmatism, profitability, prudence, properness, propitiousness, propriety, prudence, rightness, suitability, usefulness, utilitarianism, utility; CONCEPTS 656,658 —*Ant.* disadvantage, inappropriateness

**expediency/expedience** [n2] *resource* band-aid\*, contrivance, design, device, dodge, easy way out\*, gimmick\*, makeshift\*, maneuver, means, measure, method, recourse, resort, scheme, shift, step, stopgap\*, stratagem, strategy, substitute, surrogate, tactic, trick; CONCEPTS 660,712

**expedient** [adj] *worthwhile, appropriate* ad hoc, advantageous, advisable, beneficial, convenient, desirable, discreet, effective, feasible, fit, fitting, helpful, judicious, meet, opportune, politic, possible, practicable, practical, pragmatic, profitable, proper, prudent, reasonable, suitable, tactical, timely, useful, utilitarian, wise; CONCEPTS 558,560 —*Ant.* inappropriate, inexpedient, unbeneficial, unprofitable, unworthwhile

**expedient** [n] *resource* contrivance, device, agency, instrument, instrumentality, makeshift, maneuver, means, measure, medium, method, recourse, refuge, resort, scheme, shift, stopgap, stratagem, substitute; CONCEPTS 660,712

**expedite** [v] *make happen faster* accelerate, advance, assist, cut the red tape\*, dispatch, facilitate, fast track\*, forward, grease wheels\*, hand-carry, handle personally, hand-walk\*,

hasten, hurry, precipitate, press, promote, quicken, railroad\*, run interference\*, run with the ball\*, rush, shoot through\*, speed, speed up, urge, walk it through\*; CONCEPT 242 —*Ant.* block, cease, check, delay, halt, hinder, slow, stop

**expedition** [n1] *journey; people on a journey* campaign, caravan, cavalcade, company, crew, crowd, cruise, crusade, enterprise, entrada, excursion, exploration, explorers, fleet, jaunt, junket, mission, outing, party, patrol, peregrination, picnic, posse, quest, safari, squadron, swing, team, tour, travel, travellers, trek, trip, undertaking, voyage, voyagers, wayfarers; CONCEPTS 224,417

**expedition** [n2] *speed; speeding* up alacrity, celerity, dispatch, expeditiousness, goodwill, haste, hurry, hustle, promptitude, promptness, punctuality, quickness, rapidity, readiness, swiftness; CONCEPTS 242,755 —*Ant.* blockage, delay, halt, hindrance, slowing, stoppage

**expeditious** [adj] *immediate, speedy* active, alert, breakneck, brisk, diligent, effective, effectual, efficient, fast, fleet, hasty, instant, nimble, prompt, punctual, quick, rapid, ready, swift; CONCEPTS 542,588 —*Ant.* poky, retarded, slow

**expel** [v1] *discharge* belch, blow out, cast out, disgorge, dislodge, drive out, ejaculate, eruct, erupt, evacuate, exhaust, exudate, exude, get rid of, irrupt, pass, remove, spew, throw out, vomit; CONCEPT 179 —*Ant.* absorb, admit, take in

**expel** [v2] *throw out, banish* ban, bar, black-ball\*, bust, cast out, chase, deport, discharge, dismiss, displace, dispossess, drum out, eject, eliminate, evict, exclude, exile, expatriate, expulse, fire, give the boot\*, give the hook\*, give walking papers\*, kick out, oust, proscribe, send packing\*, show the door\*, suspend, throw out on ear\*, turn out; CONCEPTS 122,130,198 —*Ant.* admit, allow, permit, take in, welcome

**expend** [v] *exhaust; spend* ante up\*, blow\*, consume, disburse, dish out\*, dispense, dissipate, distribute, employ, finish, foot the bill\*, fork out\*, give, go through\*, lay out, outlay, pay, pay out, put out\*, shell out\*, splurge\*, spring for\*, throw money at\*, use up, wash up\*; CONCEPTS 225,341 —*Ant.* hold, keep, save

**expendable** [adj] *not important* dispensable, disposable, excess, inessential, nonessential, replaceable, superfluous, unimportant; CONCEPTS 546,575 —*Ant.* important, indispensable, necessary, useful

**expenditure** [n] *payment* amount, application, bottom line\*, cash on barrelhead\*, charge, come to\*, consumption, cost, disbursement, dissipation, expense, figure, investment, kick-back\*, outgo, outlay, output, payoff, price, rate, setback\*, spending, splurge, squander, throw\*, tune\*, use, valuation, value, waste; CONCEPT 344 —*Ant.* savings

**expense** [n] *cost, payment* amount, assessment, bite\*, bottom line\*, budget, charge, consumption, debit, debt, decrement, deprivation, disbursement, duty, expenditure, forfeit, forfeiture, insurance, investment, liability, loan, loss, mortgage, obligation, outdo\*, outlay, out of pocket\*, output, overhead, payroll, price, price tag, rate, responsibility, risk, sacrifice,

spending, sum, surcharge, tariff, toll, upkeep, use, value, worth; CONCEPTS 328,329,336,344

**expensive** [*adj*] *high-priced* an arm and a leg\*, at a premium, big-ticket\*, costly, dear, excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, fancy, high, highway robbery\*, holdup\*, immoderate, inordinate, invaluable, lavish, out of sight\*, overpriced, plush, posh, pretty penny\*, pricey\*, rich, ritzy\*, sky-high\*, steep\*, stiff\*, swank\*, too high, uneconomical, unreasonable, up-scale\*, valuable; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* cheap, inexpensive, low-priced, moderate, reasonable

**experience** [*n1*] *knowledge* acquaintance, action, actuality, background, caution, combat, contact, doing, empiricism, evidence, existence, exposure, familiarity, forbearance, intimacy, involvement, inwardness, judgment, know-how\*, maturity, observation, participation, patience, perspicacity, practicality, practice, proof, reality, savoir-faire, seasoning, sense, skill, sophistication, strife, struggle, training, trial, understanding, wisdom, worldliness; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* ignorance, immaturity, inexperience

**experience** [*n2*] *happening, occurrence* adventure, affair, encounter, episode, event, incident, ordeal, test, trial, trip; CONCEPTS 2,696

**experienced** [*adj*] *knowledgeable, knowing* accomplished, accustomed, adept, been around\*, been there\*, broken in\*, capable, competent, cultivated, dynamite, expert, familiar, having something on the ball\*, instructed, in the know\*, knowing one's stuff\*, knowing the score\*, mature, matured, old, old hand\*, practical, practiced, pro, professional, qualified, rounded, seasoned, skillful, sophisticated, sport, tested, the right stuff\*, trained, tried, versed, vet, veteran, well-versed, wise, worldly, worldly-wise\*; CONCEPTS 402,527 —*Ant.* green, ignorant, immature, inexperienced, unfamiliar, unknowledgeable, unseasoned, unsophisticated

**experiment** [*n*] *investigation, test* agreement, analysis, assay, attempt, check, dissection, dry run\*, enterprise, essay, examination, exercise, experimentation, fling\*, measure, observation, operation, practice, probe, procedure, proof, quiz, R and D\*, rehearsal, research, research and development, scrutiny, search, speculation, study, trial, trial and error\*, trial run\*, try, try-on, tryout, undertaking, venture, verification; CONCEPTS 103,290

**experiment** [*v*] *investigate, test* analyze, assay, diagnose, examine, explore, fool with\*, futz around\*, mess around\*, play around with\*, practice with, probe, prove, put to the test\*, research, sample, scrutinize, search, shake down\*, speculate, study, try, try on, try on for size\*, try out, venture, verify, weigh; CONCEPTS 24,87,103

**experimental** [*adj*] *exploratory* beginning, developmental, empirical, experiential, first stage, laboratory, momentary, on approval, pilot, preliminary, preparatory, primary, probationary, provisional, speculative, temporary, tentative, test, trial, trial-and-error, uncompleted, under probation, unproved; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* proven, tested, tried

**expert** [*adj*] *knowledgeable, proficient* able,

adept, adroit, apt, big league\*, clever, crack, crackerjack\*, deft, dexterous, experienced, facile, handy, practiced, professional, qualified, savvy, schooled, sharp, skilled, skillful, slick, trained, virtuoso; CONCEPTS 402,527 —*Ant.* amateur, inexpert, unknowledgeable, unskilled, untrained

**expert** [*n*] *master, specialist* ace\*, adept, artist, artiste, authority, buff, connoisseur, doyen, graduate, guru\*, hot shot\*, old hand\*, old pro\*, phenomenon, pro, professional, proficient, shark\*, virtuoso, whiz\*, wizard; CONCEPTS 348,350,416 —*Ant.* amateur, apprentice, ignoramus, novice

**expertise/expertness** [*n*] *knowledge, proficiency* ability, ableness, adroitness, aptness, art, cleverness, command, competence, craft, cunning, deftness, dexterity, dodge\*, facility, finesse, goods\*, ingeniousness, judgment, knack\*, know-how\*, line\*, makings\*, oil\*, one's thing\*, prowess, readiness, savvy, sharpness, skill, skillfulness, stuff\*; CONCEPTS 409,630 —*Ant.* ignorance, inexperience, lack

**expiate** [*v*] *make amends* for absolve, amend, appease, atone, atone for, compensate, correct, do penance, excuse, forgive, pay one's dues\*, rectify, redeem, redress, remedy, square things\*; CONCEPTS 67,126

**expiration** [*n*] *finish, demise* cessation, close, closing, conclusion, death, decease, departure, dying, elapsing, end, expiry, going, passing, termination, terminus; CONCEPTS 119,304 —*Ant.* beginning, birth, commencement, inception, start

**expire** [*v1*] *come to an end* bite the dust\*, buy it\*, cash in chips\*, cease, close, conclude, croak\*, decease, depart, die, elapse, end, finish, go, kick the bucket\*, lapse, pass, pass away, pass on, pass over, perish, quit, run out, stop, strike out\*, terminate, up and die\*; CONCEPTS 119,304 —*Ant.* bear, begin, commence, start

**expire** [*v2*] *breathe out* emit, exhale, expel; CONCEPTS 163,185 —*Ant.* breathe in, inhale

**explain** [*v*] *make clear; give a reason* for account for, analyze, annotate, break down, bring out, clarify, clear up, construe, decipher, define, demonstrate, describe, diagram, disclose, elucidate, excuse, explicate, expound, get across\*, go into detail, illustrate, interpret, justify, make plain\*, manifest, paraphrase, point out, put across, put in plain English\*, rationalize, read, refine, render, resolve, reveal, set right, solve, spell out\*, teach, tell, throw light upon\*, translate, unfold, unravel, untangle; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* be vague, complicate, confuse, mystify, obscure, perplex

**explanation** [*n*] *clarification; reason* account, annotation, answer, breakdown, brief, cause, comment, commentary, confession, definition, demonstration, description, details, display, elucidation, evidence, example, excuse, explanation, exposition, expression, gloss, history, illustration, information, interpretation, justification, meaning, mitigation, motive, narration, note, recital, rendition, report, resolution, sense, showing, significance, specification, statement, story, summary, tale, talking, telling, vindication, writing; CONCEPTS 271,274,661 —*Ant.* complication

**explanatory** [*adj*] *descriptive* allegorical, analytical, annotative, critical, declarative, demonstrative, diagrammatic, discursive, elucidatory, enlightening, exegetic, exegetical, explicative, expositional, expository, graphic, guiding, hermeneutic, illuminative, illustrative, informative, informing, instructive, interpretive, justifying, summary, supplementary; CONCEPT 267  
—*Ant.* confusing, mysterious, obscure, perplexing, puzzling, vague

**expetive** [*n*] *swear word*; *exclamation* curse, cuss, cuss word, interjection, oath; CONCEPT 275

**explicate** [*v*] *clarify*, *expand* amplify, clear up, construe, demonstrate, develop, dilate, elucidate, enlarge upon, enucleate, expatiate, explain, expound, give the big picture\*, illustrate, interpret, make clear, make explicit, make plain\*, run down, spell out\*, tell why, unfold, untangle, work out; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* cloud, complicate, confuse, mystify, obscure, tangle

**explicit** [*adj*] *specific*, *unambiguous* absolute, accurate, categorical, certain, clean-cut, clear, clear-cut, correct, definite, definitive, direct, distinct, exact, express, frank, lucid, obvious, on the nose\*, open, outspoken, patent, perspicuous, plain, positive, precise, stated, straightforward, sure, understandable, unequivocal, unqualified, unreserved; CONCEPTS 267,529,535  
—*Ant.* ambiguous, confused, equivocal, implicit, indefinite, obscure, unspecific, vague

**explode** [*v1*] *blow up* backfire, blast, blaze, blow to kingdom come\*, break out, burst, collapse, convulse, detonate, discharge, erupt, flame up, flare up, fracture, jet, kablooney\*, let go\*, mushroom\*, rupture, set off, shatter, shiver, split, thunder; CONCEPTS 179,320  
—*Ant.* implode

**explode** [*v2*] *discredit* belie, confute, debunk, deflate, discard, disprove, invalidate, puncture, refute, repudiate, shoot down\*, shoot full of holes\*; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* prove

**exploit** [*n*] *achievement* accomplishment, adventure, attainment, coup, deed, do, effort, enterprise, escapade, feat, job, maneuver, performance, stroke, stunt, tour de force, venture; CONCEPT 706

**exploit** [*v*] *take advantage of*; *misuse* abuse, apply, avail oneself of, bleed\*, capitalize on, cash in on\*, employ, exercise, finesse, fleece\*, get mileage out of\*, handle, impose upon, jockey\*, make capital of, make use of, maneuver, manipulate, milk\*, mine\*, play\*, play on, profit by, profit from, put to use, skin\*, soak\*, stick\*, use, utilize, work; CONCEPTS 156,225

**exploitation** [*n*] *taking advantage* bleeding\*, profiteering, using; CONCEPTS 156,225

**exploration** [*n*] *investigation*; *survey* analysis, examination, expedition, inquiry, inspection, probe, reconnaissance, research, scrutiny, search, study, tour, travel, trip; CONCEPTS 216,224

**explore** [*v*] *investigate*; *survey* analyze, burrow, delve into, dig into, examine, go into\*, have a look\*, hunt, inquire into, inspect, leave no stone unturned\*, look into, probe, prospect, question, reconnoitre, research, scout, scrutinize, search, seek, sift, test, tour, travel, traverse, try, turn inside out\*; CONCEPTS 103,216,224

**explorer** [*n*] *trailblazer* adventurer, experimenter, inquisitive person, pathfinder, pilgrim, pioneer, searcher, seeker, traveler; CONCEPTS 348,413

**explosion** [*n*] *eruption*, *discharge* access, backfire, bang, blast, blowout, blowup, burst, clap, combustion, concussion, crack, detonation, firing, fit, flare-up, fulmination, gust, ignition, outbreak, outburst, paroxysm, percussion, pop, report, roar, salvo; CONCEPTS 179,320,521 —*Ant.* implosion

**explosive** [*adj*] *volatile*, *dangerous* at the boiling point\*, bursting, charged, consequential, convulsive, detonating, detonative, ebullient, eruptive, fiery, forceful, frenzied, fulminant, fulminating, hazardous, impetuous, meteoric, overwrought, perilous, raging, rampant, stormy, tense, touchy, ugly, uncontrollable, unstable, vehement, violent, wild; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* calm, peaceful, safe

**explosive** [*n*] *something that blows up* ammunition, bomb, booby trap\*, charge, detonator, dynamite, fireworks, grease\*, grenade, gunpowder, mine, missile, mulligan, munition, nitroglycerin, pineapple\* powder, propellant, shell, shot, soup\*, TNT\*; CONCEPT 500

**exponent** [*n1*] *person who supports*, *advocates* backer, booster, champion, defender, demonstrator, expositor, expounder, interpreter, partisan, promoter, propagandist, proponent, protagonist, second, seconder, spokesperson, supporter, upholder; CONCEPT 423

**exponent** [*n2*] *example* denotation, exemplar, illustration, index, indication, model, representative, sample, sign, specimen, token, type; CONCEPTS 284,686

**export** [*v*] *sell or trade abroad* consign, convey, dump, find market, find outlet, freight, send out, ship, smuggle, transport, transship; CONCEPTS 217,324 —*Ant.* buy, import

**exposé** [*n*] *disclosure* betrayal, confession, construction, divulgence, exegesis, explanation, explication, exposal, exposition, exposure, interpretation, revelation, truth, uncovering; CONCEPT 274 —*Ant.* secret, silence

**expose** [*v1*] *reveal* advertise, air, bare, betray, brandish, bring to light\*, broadcast, crack, debunk, denude, dig up\*, disclose, display, disport, divulge, exhibit, feature, flash, flaunt, give away, lay bare\*, lay open\*, leak, let cat out of bag\*, let out\*, make known, manifest, open, open to view, parade, present, prove, publish, put on view, report, show, show off, smoke out\*, spill, streak, tip off\*, trot out\*, uncover, unearth, unfold, unmask, unshroud, unveil; CONCEPTS 60,261 —*Ant.* conceal, cover, hide

**expose** [*v2*] *subject to danger* endanger, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, lay open\*, leave open\*, make liable, make vulnerable, peril, put in harm's way\*, risk; CONCEPT 246  
—*Ant.* guard, protect, save, shield

**exposed** [*adj1*] *made public* apparent, bare, bared, brought to light\*, caught, clear, debunked, defined, denuded, disclosed, discovered, divulged, dug up\*, evident, exhibited, for show, found out, laid bare\*, made manifest, manifest, naked, on display, on the spot\*, on view, open, peeled, resolved, revealed, shown,

solved, stripped, unconcealed, uncovered, unhidden, unmasked, unprotected, unsealed, unsheltered, unveiled, visible; CONCEPT 576  
—*Ant.* concealed, guarded, private, protected, secret

**exposed** [*adj*2] *in danger* accessible, in peril, laid bare\*, laid open\*, left open\*, liable, menaced, open, prone, sensitive, subject, susceptible, threatened, unguarded, unprotected, vulnerable; CONCEPTS 485,548 —*Ant.* guarded, protected, safe, sheltered, shielded

**exposition** [*n*1] *written description* account, analysis, annotation, article, comment, commentary, composition, construal, construction, critique, delineation, details, discourse, discussion, disquisition, dissertation, editorial, elucidation, enucleation, enunciation, essay, exegesis, explanation, explication, exposé, expounding, history, illustration, interpretation, monograph, paper, piece, position paper, presentation, report, review, statement, story, study, tale, text, theme, thesis, tract, treatate, treatise; CONCEPTS 268,271

**exposition** [*n*2] *fair bazaar*, circus, county fair, demonstration, display, exhibition, expo, marketplace, mart, pageant, presentation, production, show, showing; CONCEPT 386

**expository** [*adj*] *descriptive* critical, disquisitional, elucidative, exegetic, explanatory, explicative, explicatory, hermeneutic, illustrative, informative, interpretive; CONCEPT 267

**expostulate** [*v*] *reason with* argue, dissuade, oppose, protest, remonstrate; CONCEPT 46

**exposure** [*n*] *uncovering; putting in view or danger* acknowledgment, airing, baring, betrayal, confession, defenselessness, denudation, denunciation, disclosure, display, divulgence, divulging, exhibition, exposé, giveaway, hazard, introduction, jeopardy, laying open, liability, manifestation, nakedness, openness, peril, presentation, publicity, revelation, risk, showing, susceptibility, susceptiveness, susceptibility, unfolding, unmasking, unveiling, vulnerability, vulnerableness; CONCEPTS 60,261  
—*Ant.* concealment, covering, hiding

**expound** [*v*] *talk about in great detail* clarify, comment, construe, delineate, describe, discourse, elucidate, enucleate, exemplify, explain, explicate, express, illustrate, interpret, present, set forth, spell out, state, unfold; CONCEPT 57

**express** [*adj*1] *certain, precise* accurate, categorical, clean-cut\*, clear, clear-cut, considered, definite, definitive, deliberate, designful, direct, distinct, especial, exact, explicit, expressed, individual, intended, intentional, out-and-out\*, outright, particular, plain, pointed, premeditated, set, singular, special, specific, unambiguous, unconditional, unmistakable, unqualified, uttered, voiced, voluntary, willing, witting; CONCEPTS 535,556,653 —*Ant.* imprecise, indefinite, obscure, uncertain, vague

**express** [*adj*2] *direct, speedy* accelerated, fast, high-speed, nonstop, quick, rapid, swift, velocious; CONCEPTS 548,588 —*Ant.* indirect, slow

**express** [*v*1] *articulate; signify, mean* add up to\*, air, assert, asseverate, bespeak, broach, circulate, communicate, connote, convey, couch, declare, denote, depict, designate,

disclose, divulge, embody, enunciate, evince, exhibit, formulate, frame\*, give, hint, import, indicate, insinuate, intend, intimate, make known, manifest, phrase, pop off\*, proclaim, pronounce, put, put across, put into words\*, represent, reveal, say, show, speak, spell, stand for, state, suggest, symbolize, tell, testify, utter, vent, ventilate, verbalize, voice, word; CONCEPTS 51,682

**express** [*v*2] *discharge by squeezing or force* crush, dispatch, distill, expel, extract, force out, forward, press out, ship, squeeze out; CONCEPT 179

**expression** [*n*1] *verbalization* announcement, argument, articulation, assertion, asseveration, choice of words, commentary, communication, declaration, definition, delivery, diction, elucidation, emphasis, enunciation, execution, explanation, exposition, formulation, idiom, interpretation, intonation, issue, language, locution, mention, narration, phrase, phraseology, phrasing, pronouncement, remark, rendition, set phrase, speaking, speech, statement, style, term, turn of phrase, utterance, vent, voice, voicing, word, writ; CONCEPTS 47, 268,276

**expression** [*n*2] *facial appearance* air, aspect, cast, character, contortion, countenance, face, grimace, grin, look, mien, mug\*, pout\*, simper, smile, smirk, sneer, visage; CONCEPT 716

**expressionless** [*adj*] *having a blank look on face* dead\*, deadpan, dull, empty, fish-eyed\*, impassive, inexpressive, inscrutable, lackluster, lusterless, nobody home\*, poker-faced\*, stolid, straight-faced, stupid, unexpressive, vacant, vacuous, wooden; CONCEPT 406 —*Ant.* animated, demonstrative, expressive

**expressive** [*adj*] *telling, revealing* alive, allusive, articulate, artistic, brilliant, colorful, demonstrative, dramatic, eloquent, emphatic, energetic, forcible, graphic, indicative, ingenious, lively, masterly, meaningful, mobile, moving, passionate, pathetic, pictorial, picturesque, poignant, pointed, pregnant, representative, responsive, revelatory, showy, significant, silver-tongued\*, spirited, stimulating, stirring, striking, strong, suggestive, sympathetic, tender, thoughtful, touching, understanding, vivid, warm; CONCEPTS 267, 537 —*Ant.* expressionless, inexpressive, passive, undemonstrative

**expressly** [*adv*1] *purposely* especially, exactly, in specie, intentionally, on purpose, particularly, precisely, specially, specifically; CONCEPT 556

**expressly** [*adv*2] *definitely, unambiguously* absolutely, categorically, clearly, decidedly, directly, distinctly, explicitly, in no uncertain terms\*, manifestly, outright, plainly, pointedly, positively, specifically, unequivocally, unmistakably; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* ambiguously

**expressway** [*n*] *large, well-travelled road* freeway, interstate, parkway, superhighway, thruway, turnpike; CONCEPT 501

**expropriate** [*v*] *seize* accroach, annex, appropriate, arrogate, assume, commandeering, confiscate, deprive of property, dispossess, impound, preempt, requisition, sequester, take, take over; CONCEPTS 90,142 —*Ant.* appropriate, distribute, give



**expulsion** [*n*] *banishing* banishment, boot\*, bounce, debarment, deportment, discharge, dislodgment, dismissal, displacement, dispossession, driving out, ejection, eviction, exclusion, exile, expatriation, extrusion, forcing out, ostracism, ouster, ousting, proscription, purge, relegation, removal, rush, suspension; CONCEPTS 130,211,298 —**Ant.** import, welcoming

**expunge** [*v*] *destroy, obliterate* abolish, annihilate, annul, black, black out\*, blot out, blue pencil\*, call all bets off\*, call off, cancel, cut, delete, discard, drop, efface, eradicate, erase, exclude, exterminate, extinguish, extirpate, gut, kayo\*, kill, knock off\*, KO\*, launder\*, omit, raze, remove, scrub\*, strike out, take out, trim, wipe out, X out\*, zap\*; CONCEPTS 211,252 —**Ant.** bear, build, construct, create

**expurgate** [*v*] *ensor, cut bleep\**, bleep out\*, blip\*, blue pencil\*, bowdlerize, cleanse, clean up, decontaminate, lustrate, purge, purify, sanitize, screen, scrub\*, squash, sterilize; CONCEPTS 165,232 —**Ant.** allow, permit

**exquisite** [*adj*1] *beautiful, excellent, finely detailed* admirable, attractive, charming, choice, comely, consummate, cultivated, dainty, delicate, delicious, discerning, discriminating, elegant, errorless, ethereal, fastidious, fine, flawless, impeccable, incomparable, irreplaceable, lovely, matchless, meticulous, outstanding, peerless, perfect, pleasing, polished, precious, precise, rare, recherché, refined, select, selective, splendid, striking, subtle, superb, superior, superlative; CONCEPTS 574, 579,589 —**Ant.** crude, flawed, horrible, horrifying, imperfect, inferior, poor, ugly

**exquisite** [*adj*2] *intense* acute, concentrated, consummate, desperate, excruciating, extreme, fierce, furious, keen, piercing, poignant, sharp, terrible, transcending, vehement, vicious, violent; CONCEPT 569 —**Ant.** dull, ordinary

**extant** [*adj*] *in existence* actual, alive, around, being, contemporary, current, existent, existing, immediate, in current use, instant, living, not lost, present, present-day, real, remaining, subsisting, surviving, undestroyed; CONCEPTS 539,582 —**Ant.** dead, extinct, gone

**extemporaneous/extemporary** [*adj*] *unrehearsed, improvised* ad hoc, ad lib, at first glance, automatic, by ear\*, casual, expedient, extempore, free, immediate, impromptu, improv\*, improvisatory, improviso, informal, jamming\*, made-up, makeshift, offhand, off the cuff\*, off the top of head\*, on impulse, on-the-spot\*, snap, spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment\*, taking for ride\*, thought out loud\*, tossed off\*, tossed out\*, unplanned, unprepared, unprepared, unstudied, winging it\*; CONCEPTS 267,799 —**Ant.** planned, prepared, read, rehearsed, written

**extemporize** [*v*] *improvise* ad-lib, dash out, devise, do offhand\*, improvise, invent, knock off\*, make up, play by ear\*, toss off\*; CONCEPT 51 —**Ant.** plan, prepare, read, rehearse

**extend** [*v*1] *make larger, longer* add to, aggrandize, amplify, augment, beef up\*, boost, broaden, carry on, continue, crane, develop, dilate, drag one's feet\*, drag out, draw, draw out, elongate, enhance, enlarge, expand, fan out, go on, heighten, increase, last, lengthen,

let out, magnify, mantle, multiply, open, pad, prolong, prolongate, protract, run on, spin out, spread, spread out, stall, stretch, string out, supplement, take, unfold, unfurl, unroll, widen; CONCEPTS 236,239,245 —**Ant.** abridge, condense, contract, curtail, cut, decrease, lessen, lower, shorten, shrink

**extend** [*v*2] *offer* accord, advance, allocate, allot, award, bestow, bring forward, confer, donate, give, grant, hold out, impart, place at disposal, pose, present, proffer, put forth, put forward, reach out, stretch out, submit, tender, yield; CONCEPTS 66,67 —**Ant.** hold, keep, maintain, take back

**extended** [*adj*1] *lengthened* continued, drawn-out, elongate, elongated, enlarged, lengthy, long, prolonged, protracted, spread, spread out, stretched out, unfolded, unfurled, very long; CONCEPTS 782,798 —**Ant.** abbreviated, abridged, compressed, condensed, contracted, curtailed, cut, lessened, reduced, shortened

**extended** [*adj*2] *widespread, comprehensive* broad, enlarged, expanded, expansive, extensive, far-flung, far-reaching, large-scale, outspread, scopic, scopious, spread, sweeping, thorough, wide; CONCEPT 772 —**Ant.** abbreviated, abridged, narrow, reduced

**extension** [*n*] *enlargement, continuation* addendum, addition, adjunct, amplification, annex, appendage, appendix, arm, augmentation, branch, broadening, compass, continuing, delay, development, dilatation, distension, drawing out, elongation, expansion, extent, increase, lengthening, orbit, postponement, production, prolongation, protraction, purview, radius, reach, scope, span, spread, spreading out, stretch, stretching, supplement, sweep, widening, wing; CONCEPTS 236,245,824 —**Ant.** abbreviation, abridgment, compression, contraction, curtailment, decrease, reduction, shortening

**extensive** [*adj*] *far-reaching, thorough* across the board\*, all-encompassing, all-inclusive, big, blanket\*, boundless, broad, capacious, commodious, comprehensive, comprising, considerable, expanded, extended, far-flung\*, general, great, hefty, huge, inclusive, indiscriminate, large, large-scale, lengthy, long, major, pervasive, prevalent, protracted, roomy, scopic, scopious, sizable, spacious, sweeping, unexclusive, universal, unrestricted, vast, voluminous, wall to wall\*, wholesale, wide, wide-ranging, widespread; CONCEPTS 772,773 —**Ant.** limited, narrow, restricted, short, uncomprehensive

**extent** [*n*] *range, magnitude* admeasurement, ambit, amount, amplitude, area, bounds, breadth, bulk, capaciousness, compass, degree, dimensions, duration, elbowroom\*, expanse, expansion, extension, intensity, leeway, length, limit, mass, matter, measure, neighborhood, orbit, order, period of time, play, proliferation, proportions, purview, quantity, radius, reach, scope, size, space, spaciousness, span, sphere, stretch, sweep, term, territory, time, tract, tune, vicinity, volume, wideness, width; CONCEPTS 651,730,743,745,783,000,000

**extenuate** [*v*] *lessen, mitigate* decrease, diminish, downplay, excuse, justify, make allowances, minimize, moderate, palliate, qualify, reduce, soften; CONCEPTS 247,698,776

**extenuating** [*adj*] *-serving as an excuse condoning, diminishing, justifying, lessening, mitigating, moderating, palliating, qualifying, reducing, sanitizing, softening, varnishing, whitewashing\**; CONCEPT 537

**exterior** [*adj*] *outside* exoteric, external, extraneous, extraterrestrial, extraterritorial, extrinsic, foreign, marginal, outdoor, outer, outermost, outlying, outmost, outward, over, peripheral, superficial, surface; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* central, interior, middle

**exterior** [*n*] *visible part* appearance, aspect, coating, cover, covering, exteriority, external, facade, face, finish, outside, polish, rind, shell, skin, superficies, superstratum, surface; CONCEPT 484 —*Ant.* center, core, interior, middle

**exterminate** [*v*] *kill* abolish, annihilate, blot out\*, decimate, destroy, do away with\*, eliminate, eradicate, erase, execute, extinguish, extirpate, finish off, massacre, obliterate, put an end to\*, rub out\*, send to kingdom come\* slaughter, stamp out\*, wipe out\*; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* bear, create

**external** [*adj*] *outside, extrinsic* alien, apparent, exterior, extraneous, foreign, independent, out, outer, outermost, outmost, outward, over, peripheral, superficial, surface, visible; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* inside, internal, intrinsic

**extinct** [*adj*] *dead, obsolete* abolished, archaic, asleep, bygone, cold\*, dead and gone\*, deceased, defunct, departed, disappeared, done for\*, doused, ended, exanimate, exterminated, extinguished, fallen, gone, inactive, late, lifeless, lost, no longer known, out, outmoded, passé, passed on, snuffed out\*, superseded, terminated, unknown, vanished, vanquished, void; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* alive, existing, extant, living

**extinction** [*n*] *dying out* annihilation, death, destruction, elimination, end of life, no life, obsolescence, thing of the past\*; CONCEPT 252

**extinguish** [*v1*] *put out a fire* blot out, blow out, choke, douse, drown, out, quench, smother, snuff out, stamp out, stifle, suffocate, trample; CONCEPT 256 —*Ant.* light

**extinguish** [*v2*] *kill; quash* abate, abolish, annihilate, blot out\*, check, crush, destroy, eliminate, end, eradicate, erase, expunge, exterminate, extirpate, obliterate, obscure, put down, put the lid on\*, quell, remove, squash, stamp out, suppress, wipe out\*; CONCEPTS 95,252 —*Ant.* bear, create

**extirpate** [*v*] *destroy; uproot* abate, abolish, annihilate, blot out\*, cut out, demolish, deracinate, efface, eliminate, eradicate, erase, excise, expunge, exsect, exterminate, extinguish, kill, raze, remove, root out, wipe out\*; CONCEPTS 211,252 —*Ant.* help, leave alone

**extol** [*v*] *sing the praises of* acclaim, applaud, bless, boost, brag about, celebrate, commend, cry up\*, eulogize, exalt, give a boost to, give a bouquet\*, glorify, hand it to\*, hats off to\*, hear it for\*, hymn, laud, magnify, make much of, panegyricize, pay tribute to, praise, puff up\*, push, rave, root, stroke\*; CONCEPT 69 —*Ant.* blame, criticize

**extort** [*v*] *cheat; blackmail* bleed\*, bully, clip, coerce, demand, educe, elicit, evince, exact, extract, fleece, force, get, gouge, hold up\*, ice\*,

make pay through nose\*, milk\*, obtain, pinch, pull one's leg\*, put screws to\*, put the arm on\*, secure, shake down\*, skin\*, soak, squeeze, stick, sting, wrench, wring, wring; CONCEPTS 53

**extortion** [*n*] *blackmail; cheating* arm, badger, bite, coercion, compulsion, demand, exaction, force, fraud, oppression, payoff, payola\*, pressure, protection, racket, rapacity, shake, shake-down\*, squeeze, stealing, swindle, theft; CONCEPTS 53,139,192,342

**extra** [*adj*] *accessory; excess* added, additional, ancillary, another, auxiliary, beyond, button\*, extraneous, extraordinary, fresh, further, fuss\*, gingerbread\*, gravy\*, ice\*, in addition, inessential, in reserve, in store, lagniappe\*, left-over, more, needless, new, one more, optional, other, over and above\*, perk\*, plus, redundant, reserve, spare, special, superfluous, supernumerary, supplemental, supplementary, surplus, tip, unnecessary, unneeded, unused; CONCEPTS 546,771 —*Ant.* basic, elementary, essential, fundamental, integral, necessary

**extra** [*adv*] *particularly* considerably, especially, exceptionally, extraordinarily, extremely, markedly, noticeably, rarely, remarkably, uncommon, uncommonly, unusually; CONCEPTS 557,569

**extra** [*n*] *accessory* addendum, addition, adjunct, affix, appendage, appurtenance, attachment, bonus, complement, extension, supernumerary, supplement; CONCEPT 824 —*Ant.* basic, essential, fundamental, necessity

**extract** [*n*] *something condensed from whole* abstract, citation, clipping, concentrate, cutting, decoction, distillate, distillation, elicitation, essence, excerpt, infusion, juice\*, passage, quotation, selection; CONCEPTS 270,835 —*Ant.* insertion

**extract** [*v1*] *physically remove, draw out* avulse, bring out, catheterize, cull, derive, distill, eke out, elicit, eradicate, evoke, evulse, exact, express, extirpate, extort, extricate, garner, gather, get, glean, obtain, pick up, pluck, press out, pry, pull, reap, secure, select, separate, siphon, squeeze, take, tear, uproot, weed out\*, withdraw, wrest, wring, yank; CONCEPTS 206,211 —*Ant.* add, insert, put in

**extract** [*v2*] *select a quotation* abridge, abstract, bring forth, choose, cite, condense, copy, cull, cut out, deduce, derive, educe, elicit, evolve, excerpt, glean, quote, shorten; CONCEPTS 79,142,211 —*Ant.* edit in, insert

**extraction** [*n1*] *removal from whole; distillation* abstraction, derivation, drawing, elicitation, eradication, evocation, evulsion, expression, extirpation, extrication, pulling, separation, taking out, uprooting, withdrawal, wrenching, wresting; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* addition, insertion, introduction

**extraction** [*n2*] *ancestry, origin* birth, blood, derivation, descent, family, lineage, parentage, pedigree, race, stock; CONCEPTS 296,648

**extradite** [*v*] *send to another place by force* abandon, apprehend, arrest, bring to justice, bring to trial, deliver, give up, release, surrender; CONCEPTS 217,317

**extraneous** [*adj1*] *unneeded; irrelevant* accidental, additional, adventitious, beside the point, extra, foreign, immaterial, impertinent, inadmis-

sible, inapplicable, inapposite, inappropriate, incidental, inessential, needless, nonessential, off the subject, peripheral, pointless, redundant, superfluous, supplementary, unconnected, unessential, unnecessary, unrelated; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* appropriate, basic, essential, integral, necessary, needed, pertinent, relevant

**extraneous** [*adj*2] *foreign* adventitious, alien, exotic, external, extrinsic, out of place, strange; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* national, native

**extraordinary** [*adj*3] *strange and wonderful* amazing, bizarre, boss\*, curious, exceptional, fab\*, fantastic, flash\*, gnarly\*, heavy\*, inconceivable, incredible, marvelous, odd, off beaten path\*, out of the ordinary, outstanding, particular, peculiar, phenomenal, rare, remarkable, singular, special, strange, stupendous, surprising, terrific, uncommon, unfamiliar, unheard-of, unimaginable, unique, unprecedented, unthinkable, unusual, unwonted, weird, wicked\*; CONCEPTS 564,572 —*Ant.* common, commonplace, customary, familiar, normal, ordinary, unextraordinary, unsurprising, usual

**extrapolate** [*v*] *infer* anticipate, assume, conclude, deduce, envision, figure, foresee, foretell, guess, hypothesize, make an educated guess\*, predict, project, see ahead, theorize; CONCEPTS 12,15,37

**extrasensory perception** [*n*] *psychic powers* clairvoyance, ESP, intuition, keen intuition, second sight, sixth sense, telepathy, vision; CONCEPTS 409,410

**extraterrestrial** [*n*] *alien* E.T.\*, little green man\*, Martian, men from outer space\*, space being, space inhabitant; CONCEPT 423

**extravagance** [*n*] *indulgence; waste* absurdity, amenity, dissipation, exaggeration, excess, exorbitance, expenditure, folly, frill, icing on the cake\*, immoderation, improvidence, lavishness, luxury, outrageousness, overdoing, overindulgence, overspending, preposterousness, prodigality, profligacy, profusion, recklessness, squander, squandering, superfluity, unreasonableness, unrestraint, unthrift, wastefulness, wildness; CONCEPTS 335,337,787 —*Ant.* economy, moderation, providence, saving, thrift, thriftiness

**extravagant** [*adj*] *indulgent, wasteful* absurd, bizarre, costly, crazy, exaggerated, excessive, exorbitant, expensive, extortionate, extreme, fanciful, fancy, fantastic, flamboyant, flashy, foolish, garish, gaudy, grandiose, immoderate, implausible, improvident, imprudent, inordinate, lavish, ludicrous, nonsensical, ornate, ostentatious, outrageous, overpriced, preposterous, pretentious, prodigal, profligate, reckless, ridiculous, showy, silly, spendthrift, steep, unbalanced, unconscionable, unreasonable, unrestrained; CONCEPTS 334,560,771 —*Ant.* close, economical, moderate, provident, reasonable, saving, stingy, thrifty, unpretentious

**extravaganza** [*n*] *spectacle* caricature, display, divertissement, flight of fancy\*, pageant, parody, show, spectacular; CONCEPTS 263,293

**extreme** [*adj*1] *very great* acute, consummate, high, highest, intense, maximal, maximum, severe, sovereign, supreme, top, ultimate, utmost, uttermost; CONCEPTS 569,771,781 —*Ant.* limited, mild, moderate

**extreme** [*adj*2] *beyond reason and convention* absolute, desperate, dire, downright, drastic, egregious, exaggerated, exceptional, excessive, extraordinary, extravagant, fabulous, fanatical, flagrant, gross, harsh, immoderate, improper, imprudent, inordinate, intemperate, irrational, nonsensical, out-and-out\*, out of proportion, outrageous, overkill, preposterous, rabid, radical, remarkable, rigid, severe, sheer, stern, strict, thorough, unbending, uncommon, uncompromising, unconventional, unreasonable, unseemly, unusual, utter, zealous; CONCEPTS 547,558,569 —*Ant.* mild, moderate

**extreme** [*adj*3] *faraway* far-off, farthest, final, furthestmost, last, most distant, outermost, outmost, remotest, terminal, ultimate, utmost, uttermost; CONCEPT 778 —*Ant.* close, near

**extreme** [*n*] *ultimate; limit* acme, apex, apogee, bitter end, boundary, ceiling, climax, consummation, crest, crown, culmination, depth, edge, end, excess, extremity, height, inordinance, maximum, nadir, nth degree\*, peak, pinnacle, pole, termination, top, utmost, uttermost, zenith; CONCEPTS 484,706,745,836

**extremely** [*adv*] *greatly, intensely* acutely, almighty, awfully, drastically, exceedingly, exceptionally, excessively, exorbitantly, extraordinarily, highly, hugely, immensely, immoderately, inordinately, intensely, markedly, mortally, notably, over, overly, overmuch, parlous, plenty, powerful, prohibitively, quite, radically, rarely, remarkably, severely, strikingly, surpassingly, terribly, terrifically, to nth degree\*, too, too much\*, totally, ultra\*, uncommonly, unduly, unusually, utterly, very\*, violently, vitally; CONCEPTS 569,771,781 —*Ant.* mildly, moderately

**extremist** [*n*] *person zealous about a belief* agitator, die-hard, fanatic, radical, revolutionary, revolutionist, ultra, ultraist, zealot; CONCEPTS 359,423 —*Ant.* conservative, moderate

**extremity** [*n*1] *ultimate; limit* acme, acuteness, adversity, apex, apogee, border, bound, boundary, brim, brink, butt, climax, consummation, crisis, depth, dire straits, disaster, edge, end, excess, extreme, extremes, frontier, height, last, margin, maximum, nadir, outside, pinnacle, plight, pole, remote, rim, setback, terminal, termination, terminus, tip, top, trouble, verge, vertex, zenith; CONCEPTS 484,706,745,836

**extremity** [*n*2] *animate being's appendage* backside, finger, flipper, foot, hand, leg, limb, paw, posterior, toe; CONCEPT 392

**extricate** [*v*] *get out of a situation; relieve of responsibility* bail out\*, clear, deliver, detach, difference, differentiate, disburden, dismember, disembarrass, disencumber, disengage, disentangle, disinvolve, extract, free, get off the hook\*, get out from under\*, let go, let off\*, liberate, loose, loosen, pull out, release, remove, rescue, resolve, save one's neck\*, separate, sever, untie, withdraw, wriggle out of\*; CONCEPTS 102,127 —*Ant.* entangle, involve

**extrinsic** [*adj*] *foreign* acquired, alien, exotic, exterior, external, extraneous, gained, imported, outer, outside, outward, superficial; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* essential, integral, interior, intrinsic, necessary

**extrovert** [*n*] *sociable person* character\*,

exhibitionist, gregarious person, life of the party\*, showboat\*, show-off\*; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* introvert

**extroverted** [adj] *outgoing* congenial, cordial, demonstrative, friendly, gregarious, personable, sociable, social, unreserved; CONCEPT 404

**extrude** [v] *force out* boot\*, chase, dismiss, eject, evict, expel, kick out, press, project, squeeze\*, throw out, thrust; CONCEPTS 208,222

**exuberance** [n1] *energy, enthusiasm* abandon, animation, ardor, bounce, buoyancy, cheerfulness, eagerness, ebullience, effervescence, excitement, exhilaration, fervor, friskiness, gayness, get up and go\*, high spirits, juice\*, life, liveliness, pep, pepper\*, spirit, sprightliness, vigor, vitality, zap\*, zest\*, zip\*; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* discouragement, lifelessness

**exuberance** [n2] *profusion* abundance, affluence, copiousness, effusiveness, exaggeration, excessiveness, fulsome, lavishness, lushness, luxuriance, plenitude, plenty, prodigality, richness, superabundance, superfluity, teemingness; CONCEPTS 710,767 —*Ant.* insufficiency, lack, need, want

**exuberant** [adj1] *energetic, enthusiastic* animated, ardent, bouncy, brash, buoyant, cheerful, chipper, eager, ebullient, effervescent, elated, excited, exhilarated, feeling one's oats\*, frolicsome, gay, high-spirited, lively, passionate, sparkling, spirited, sprightly, vigorous, vivacious, zappy\*, zestful, zingy\*, zippy\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* depressed, discouraged, lifeless, unenthusiastic, unexcited

**exuberant** [adj2] *profuse* abundant, affluent, copious, diffuse, effusive, exaggerated, excessive, fecund, fertile, fruitful, fulsome, lavish, lush, luxuriant, opulent, overdone, overflowing, plenteous, plentiful, prodigal, prolific, rampant, rich, riotous, superabundant, superfluous, teeming; CONCEPT 781 —*Ant.* insufficient, lacking, needing, wanting

**exude** [v] *display, emit* bleed, discharge, emanate, evacuate, excrete, exhibit, expel, flow out, give forth, give off, issue, leak, manifest, ooze, pass, percolate, radiate, secrete, seep, show, sweat, throw off, trickle, weep; CONCEPTS 118,179 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**exult** [v1] *be joyful* be delighted, be elated, be happy, be in high spirits\*, be jubilant, be overjoyed, celebrate, cheer, jubilate, jump for joy\*, make merry\*, rejoice; CONCEPTS 32,266 —*Ant.* be sad, grieve, mourn

**exult** [v2] *boast* bluster, brag, bully, crow, gloat, glory, revel, show off, take delight in\*, triumph, vaunt; CONCEPT 49 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**exultant** [adj] *very happy* blown away\*, delighted, ecstatic, elated, exulting, flipping, flushed, flying, gleeful, high, joyful, joyous, jubilant, overjoyed, rejoicing, reveling, transported, triumphant, turned on\*, wowed\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* depressed, discouraged, sad, sorrowful, unhappy

**exultation** [n] *celebration, reveling* crowing, delight, elation, glee, gloating, glory, happiness, high spirits, joy, joyousness, jubilation, jubilation, merriment, rejoicing, satisfaction, transport, triumph; CONCEPTS 32,410 —*Ant.* discouragement

**eye** [n1] *judgment, opinion* appreciation, belief,

conviction, discernment, discrimination, eagle eye\*, feeling, mind, perception, persuasion, point of view, recognition, scrutiny, sentiment, surveillance, tab, taste, view, viewpoint, watch; CONCEPTS 411,689

**eye** [n2] *optical organ of an animate being* baby blue\*, blinder\*, eyeball, headlight\*, lamp\*, ocular, oculus, optic, peeper\*, pie\*; CONCEPT 392

**eye** [v] *gaze at, scrutinize* check out, consider, contemplate, eyeball\*, gape, give the eye\*, glance at, have a look, inspect, keep eagle eye on\*, leer, look at, ogle, peruse, regard, rubberneck\*, scan, size up\*, stare at, study, survey, take a look, take in, view, watch; CONCEPTS 17,623,626 —*Ant.* look away

**eye-catching** [adj] *noticeable* attractive, beautiful, can't miss it\*, conspicuous, gorgeous, manifest, obvious, showy, spectacular, striking, stunning; CONCEPTS 529,579

**eyeful** [n] *spectacular-looking person* beauty, dazzler\*, knockout\*, looker, lovely, show, spectacle, stunner\*, vision; CONCEPT 424 —*Ant.* eyesore

**eyeglasses** [n] *glasses* bifocals, cheaters\*, contact lenses, contacts, goggles, lorgnette, monocle, pair of glasses, pince-nez, reading glasses, shades, specs\*, spectacles, sunglasses, trifocals; CONCEPT 446

**eyesight** [n] *vision* optics, perceiving, perception, range of view, seeing, sight, view; CONCEPT 629

**eyesore** [n] *mess, ugliness* atrocity, blemish, blight, blot, blot on landscape\*, deformity, disfigurement, disgrace, distortion, dump, horror, monstrosity, sight, ugly thing; CONCEPTS 674,716 —*Ant.* beauty, eyeful, sight

**eyewitness** [n] *person who sees an event* occur beholder, bystander, looker-on, observer, onlooker, passer-by, spectator, viewer, watcher, witness; CONCEPT 423

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**fable** [n] *fantasy, story* allegory, apologue, bestiary, bunk\*, crock\*, fabrication, fairy story, fairy tale, falsehood, fantasy, fib, fiction, figment, fish story\*, hogwash\*, invention, legend, lie, myth, old chestnut\*, old saw\*, one for the birds\*, parable, romance, tale, tall story, untruth, white lie\*, whopper\*, yarn; CONCEPT 282 —*Ant.* truth

**fabled** [adj] *legendary* fabulous, famed, famous, fanciful, fictional, mythical, mythological, storied, unreal; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* unheard of, unknown

**fabric** [n1] *cloth, material* bolt, fiber, goods, stuff, textile, texture, web; CONCEPT 473

**fabric** [n2] *structure* building, consistency, constitution, construction, foundation, frame, framework, infrastructure, make-up, mold, organization, stamp, substance, texture; CONCEPTS 733,757

**fabricate** [v1] *manufacture* assemble, brainstorm, build, cobble up\*, compose, concoct, construct, contrive, cook up\*, create, devise, dream up, erect, fashion, fit together, form, formulate, frame, head trip\*, invent, join, knock together\*, make, make up, mix,

organize, piece together, prefab\*, produce, put together, shape, structure, think up, throw together\*, throw up\*, turn out, whip up\*, whomp up\*; CONCEPTS 36,173,205,251  
 —*Ant.* break, demolish, destroy, ruin, wreck

**fabricate** [v2] *falsify, make up a story* coin, concoct, contrive, counterfeit, devise, fake, feign, fib, forge, form, fudge\*, invent, jive\*, lie, make like\*, misrepresent, pretend, prevaricate, trump up\*; CONCEPTS 58,63 —*Ant.* tell truth

**fabrication** [n1] *lie* artifact, concoction, deceit, fable, fairy story\*, fake\*, falsehood, fib, fiction, figment, forgery, hogwash\*, invention, jazz\*, jive\*, line\*, myth, opus, smoke\*, song and dance\*, untruth, work, yarn; CONCEPTS 63,278  
 —*Ant.* truth

**fabrication** [n2] *something manufactured* assemblage, assembly, building, construction, creation, erection, product, production; CONCEPTS 205,260,338

**fabulous** [adj] *amazing, wonderful* 10\*, A-1\*, aces\*, A-OK\*, astonishing, astounding, awesome, best, breathtaking, cool\*, doozie\*, extravagant, fab\*, fantastic, fictitious, first-class, greatest, groovy\*, immense, inconceivable, incredible, legendary, marvelous, mind-blowing\*, out-of-sight\*, out-of-this-world\*, outrageous, peachy\*, phenomenal, primo\*, prodigious, rad\*, remarkable, spectacular, striking, stupendous, super, superb, terrific, top drawer\*, tops\*, turn-on\*, unbelievable, unreal, wicked\*; CONCEPTS 529,572  
 —*Ant.* common, normal, ordinary, simple

**facade** [n] *appearance, often deceptive* beard\*, bluff, color, disguise, exterior, face, fake, false colors\*, false front\*, front, frontage, guise, look, mask, phony, pretense, put-on\*, semblance, show, veneer, window dressing\*; CONCEPT 716 —*Ant.* character, personality

**face** [n1] *front of something; expression, exterior* air, appearance, aspect, cast, clock, countenance, dial\*, disguise, display, facet, features, finish, frontage\*, frontal, frontpiece, frown, glower, grimace, guise, kisser\*, light\*, lineaments, look, makeup, map\*, mask, mug\*, obverse, paint\*, physiognomy, pout, presentation, profile, scowl, seeming, semblance, show, showing, silhouette, simulacrum, smirk, surface, top, visage; CONCEPTS 484,716,836 —*Ant.* back, behind, rear

**face** [n2] *pretense, nerve* air, audacity, boldness, brass\*, cheek\*,chutzpah\*, cloak, confidence, cover, disguise, effrontery, facade, false front\*, front, gall, impertinence, impudence, mask, presumption, semblance, show, veil; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* character, personality

**face** [n3] *authority, status* dignity, honor, image, prestige, reputation, self-respect, social position, standing; CONCEPT 388

**face** [v1] *come up against a situation* abide, accost, affront, allow, bear, beard, be confronted by, bit the bullet\*, brace, brave, brook, challenge, confront, contend, cope with, countenance, court, cross, dare, deal with, defy, encounter, endure, experience, eyeball\*, fight, fly in face of\*, go up against\*, grapple with, make a stand\*, meet, oppose, resist, risk, run into, square off\*, stand, stomach\*, submit, suffer, sustain, swallow\*, take, take it, take on,

take the bull by the horns\*, tell off\*, tolerate, venture, withstand; CONCEPTS 23,35,117  
 —*Ant.* hide, retreat, run, withdraw

**face** [v2] *be opposite; look at* be turned toward, border, confront, front, front onto, gaze, glare, meet, overlook, stare, watch; CONCEPTS 623,747 —*Ant.* back

**face** [v3] *put paint or finish on* clad, coat, cover, decorate, dress, finish, front, level, line, overlay, plaster, polish, redecorate, refinish, remodel, sheathe, shingle, side, skin, smooth, surface, veneer; CONCEPTS 172,202

**face-lift** [n] *beautification; cosmetic surgery* new look, nose job, plastic surgery, renovation, repair, restoration, revival, rhytidectomy; CONCEPT 162

**facet** [n] *surface; aspect* angle, appearance, character, face, feature, front, hand, level, obverse, part, phase, plane, side, slant, switch, twist; CONCEPT 835

**face the music** [v] *face up to* be punished, bite the bullet\*, grin and bear it\*, pay the piper\*, swallow the pill\*, take one's lumps\*, take one's medicine\*; CONCEPT 23

**facetious** [adj] *tongue-in-cheek, kidding* amusing, blithe, capering, clever, comic, comical, droll, dry, fanciful, farcical, flip\*, flippant, frivolous, funny, gay, humorous, indecorous, ironic, irreverent, jesting, jocose, jocular, joking, joshing, laughable, ludicrous, merry, not serious, playful, pleasant, pulling one's leg\*, punning, putting one on\*, ridiculous, salty, sarcastic, satirical, smart, sportive, sprightly, waggish, whimsical, wisecracking, witty, wry; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* formal, grave, serious, unfunny

**facile** [adj] *easy; easily mastered* accomplished, adept, adroit, apparent, articulate, breeze, child\* play\*, cursory, deft, dexterous, easy as pie\*, effortless, fast talk\*, flip\*, fluent, glib, hasty, light, obvious, picnic\*, practiced, proficient, pushover\*, quick, ready, shallow, simple, skillful, slick\*, smooth, superficial, uncomplicated, untroublesome, voluble; CONCEPTS 527,565  
 —*Ant.* arduous, complicated, confusing, difficult, hard, involved, laborious, profound

**facilitate** [v] *assist the progress of* aid, ease, expedite, forward, further, grease the wheels\*, hand-carry\*, help, make easy, open doors\*, promote, run interference for\*, simplify, smooth, speed, speed up, walk through\*; CONCEPTS 110,242 —*Ant.* block, check, delay, detain, hinder, prohibit, stop

**facility** [n1] *ease; ability* address, adroitness, aptitude, bent, child's play\*, competence, dexterity, efficiency, effortless, expertise, fluency, knack, leaning, lightness, poise, proficiency, propensity, quickness, readiness, skill, skillfulness, smoothness, smooth sailing\*, spontaneity, tact, turn, wit; CONCEPTS 630,666  
 —*Ant.* difficulty, hardness

**facility** [n2] *convenience* accommodation, advantage, aid, amenity, appliance, comfort, equipment, fitting, material, means, opportunity, resource, tool; CONCEPTS 693,712  
 —*Ant.* difficulty, hardness

**facsimile** [n] *reproduction* carbon, carbon copy\*, chip off old block\*, clone, copy, photocopy\*, dead ringer\*, ditto\*, double, dupe\*, duplicate, knock-off\*, likeness, look-alike, mimeo,

miniature, mirror, photocopy, photostat, print, reduplication, replica, replication, repro\*, ringer\*, spitting image\*, stat, transcript, twin, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 271,625,716 —*Ant.* original  
**fact** [n1] *verifiable truth; reality* actuality, appearance, authenticity, basis, bottom line\*, brass tacks\*, case, certainty, certitude, concrete happening, dope\*, evidence, experience, genuineness, gospel, gospel truth\*, how it is\*, intelligence, law, like it is\*, matter\*, naked truth\*, palpability, permanence, scene, scripture, solidity, stability, substantiality, verity, what's what\*; CONCEPTS 688,725 —*Ant.* fabrication, lie

**fact** [n2] *event; detail of action* accomplishment, act, action, actuality, adventure, affair, being, case, circumstance, conception, consideration, construction, creation, data, datum, deed, entity, episode, evidence, experience, factor, fait accompli, feature, happening, incident, information, item, manifestation, occurrence, organism, particular, performance, phenomenon, point, proceeding, specific, statistic, transaction, truism; CONCEPTS 2,274,433 —*Ant.* lie

**faction** [n1] *group sharing a belief or cause* band, bloc, bunch, cabal, camp, caucus, cell, circle, clan, clique, club, coalition, combination, combine, combo, concern, conclave, confederacy, conspiracy, confiting, coterie, crew, crowd, design, division, entente, gang, guild, insiders, intrigue, junta, knot, lobby, machine, minority, mob, network, offshoot, outfit, partnership, party, pressure group, ring, schism, sect, section, sector, set, side, splinter group, team, unit, wing; CONCEPTS 301,387 —*Ant.* entirety, total, whole

**faction** [n2] *conflict, strife* disagreement, discord, disharmony, dissension, disunity, division, divisiveness, friction, infighting, quarrelsomeness, rebellion, sedition, tumult, turbulence; CONCEPTS 106,684 —*Ant.* agreement, conformity, peace, unity

**factious** [adj] *conflicting, warring* alienated, belligerent, contending, contentious, contumacious, disaffected, disputatious, dissident, divisive, estranged, fighting, hostile, insubordinate, insurgent, insurrectionary, litigious, malcontent, mutinous, partisan, quarrelsome, rebellious, refractory, rival, sectarian, seditious, trouble-making, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* agreeing, cooperating, cooperative, peaceful, united

**factor** [n] *determinant* agency, agent, aid, antecedent, aspect, board, cause, circumstance, component, consideration, constituent, element, fixin's\*, influence, ingredient, instrument, instrumentality, item, makin's\*, means, part, part and parcel\*, point, portion, thing; CONCEPTS 831,835

**factory** [n] *manufacturing plant* branch, cooperative, firm, forge, foundry, industry, laboratory, machine shop, manufactory, mill, mint, salt mines\*, shop, sweatshop\*, warehouse, workroom, works, workshop; CONCEPTS 439,441,449

**factotum** [n] *handyperson* general employee, jack of all trades, man/girl Friday, Mr/Ms Fixit, odd-job person, personal assistant; CONCEPT 348

**facts** [n] *inside information* bottom line\*, brass tacks\*, certainty, clue, cue, data, details, dope\*,

gospel, info\*, inside dope\*, like it is\*, low-down\*, numbers, poop\*, reality, scoop\*, score\*, story, whole story\*; CONCEPT 274 —*Ant.* lies

**factual** [adj] *real, correct* absolute, accurate, actual, authentic, card-carrying\*, certain, circumstantial, close, credible, descriptive, exact, faithful, genuine, hard, kosher\*, legit\*, legitimate, literal, objective, on the level\*, positive, precise, righteous, specific, straight from horse's mouth\*, sure, sure-enough\*, true, true-to-life\*, unadorned, unbiased, undoubted, unquestionable, valid, veritable; CONCEPTS 535,582 —*Ant.* biased, false, imprecise, incorrect, unactual, untruthful

**faculty** [n1] *ability, skill* adroitness, aptitude, aptness, bent, capability, capacity, cleverness, dexterity, facility, flair, forte, genius, gift, instinct, intelligence, knack, knowing way around\*, leaning, nose\*, peculiarity, penchant, pistol\*, power, predilection, proclivity, propensity, property, quality, readiness, reason, right stuff\*, sense, strength, talent, turn, what it takes\*, wits; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* inability, incompetence, ineptness, lack, need

**faculty** [n2] *teachers in educational institution* academics, advisers, body, clinic, college, corps, department, employees, institute, instructors, lecturers, literati, mentors, organization, pedagogues, personnel, professorate, professors, profs\*, researchers, scholars, society, staff, tutors, university, workers; CONCEPTS 288,350 —*Ant.* students

**fad** [n] *craze* affectation, amusement, caprice, chic, conceit, cry, custom, dernier cri, eccentricity, fancy, fantasy, fashion, fool notion\*, frivolity, furor, hobby, humor, in, innovation, in thing\*, kick, kink, latest word\*, mania, mode, newest wrinkle\*, new look\*, passing fancy\*, passion, quirky, rage, sport, style, thing, trend, vagary, vogue, whim, whimsy, wrinkle; CONCEPT 655 —*Ant.* standard, tradition

**fade** [v1] *lose color* achromatize, become colorless, blanch, bleach, blench, clear, decolorize, dim, disappear, discolor, dissolve, dull, etiolate, vanish, evaporate, grow dim, lose brightness, lose luster, muddy, neutralize, pale, tarnish, tone down, vanish, wash out; CONCEPTS 250,469,622 —*Ant.* brighten, color, sharpen, strengthen

**fade** [v2] *dwindle, die out* abate, attenuate, clear, decline, deliquesce, deteriorate, die away, die on vine\*, dim, diminish, disappear, disperse, dissolve, droop, ebb, etiolate, evanesce, vanish, evaporate, fade out\*, fail, fall, flag, fold, hush, languish, lessen, melt, melt away, moderate, perish, peter out\*, poop out\*, quiet, rarely, shrivel, sink, slack off\*, taper, thin, tire, tucker out\*, vanish, wane, waste away, weaken, wilt, wither; CONCEPTS 105,698 —*Ant.* enhance, improve, recover, strengthen

**faded** [adj] *bleached; used* achromatic, ashen, bedraggled, dim, dingy, discolored, dull, etiolated, indistinct, lackluster, lusterless, murky, not shiny, pale, pallid, run-down, seedy, shabby, shopworn, tacky, tattered, threadbare, tired, wan, washed out, wasted, worn; CONCEPTS 560,617,618 —*Ant.* brightened, colored, strengthened

**fail** [v1] *be unsuccessful* abort, backslide, back wrong horse\*, be defeated, be demoted, be

found lacking\*, be in vain\*, be ruined, blunder, break down, come to naught, come to nothing, decline, deteriorate, fall, fall flat\*, fall short\*, fall through\*, fizzle, flop, flounder, fold, founder, go astray\*, go down\*, go downhill\*, go down swinging\*, go up in smoke\*, go wrong, hit bottom\*, hit the skids\*, lose control, lose out, lose status, meet with disaster, miscarry, miss, miss the boat\*, play into, run aground\*, slip, turn out badly; CONCEPT 699 —**Ant.** accomplish, achieve, earn, gain, merit, obtain, prosper, reach, succeed, win

**fail** [v2] *abandon, forsake* abort, back out, blink, break one's word, desert, disappoint, discount, disregard, fault, forget, funk, go astray, ignore, let down, miscarry, neglect, omit, overlook, overpass, slight, slip; CONCEPTS 7,19 —**Ant.** capture, complete, deliver, finish, obtain, procure

**fail** [v3] *lose money* be cleaned out\*, become insolvent, be in arrears, be ruined, be taken to the cleaners\*, break, close, close down\*, close one's doors\*, crash, defalcate, default, dishonor, drop, drop a bundle\*, end, finish, fold, go bankrupt, go belly up\*, go broke\*, go bust\*, go into chapter 11\*, go out of business\*, go to the wall\*, go under\*, go up\*, lose big\*, lose one's shirt\*, overdraw, repudiate, terminate; CONCEPTS 330,335 —**Ant.** earn, gain, obtain, win

**failing** [adj] *not well, weak declining*, defeated, deficient, faint, feeble, inadequate, insufficient, scant, scanty, scarce, short, shy, unavailing, unprosperous, unsuccessful, insufficient, unthriving, vain, wanting; CONCEPTS 485,489 —**Ant.** healthy, ok, rebounding, strong, thriving, well

**failing** [n] *lapse, shortcoming* blind spot\*, defect, deficiency, drawback, error, failure, fault, flaw, foible, frailty, imperfection, infirmity, miscarriage, misfortune, vice, weakness, weak point\*; CONCEPTS 411,674 —**Ant.** advantage, strength, strong point

**fail-safe** [adj] *guaranteed not to fail* confident, covered, foolproof, protected, reliable, reliant, safeguarded, secure, sound, sure; CONCEPTS 535,542,544

**failure** [n1] *lack of success* abortion, bankruptcy, bomb, botch\*, breakdown, bungle\*, bust, checkmate, collapse, decay, decline, defeat, deficiency, deficit, deterioration, downfall, failing, false step\*, faux pas, fiasco, flash in the pan\*, flop\*, frustration, implosion, inadequacy, lead balloon\*, lemon\*, loser, loss, mess, misadventure, miscarriage, misstep, nonperformance, nonsuccess, overthrow, rout, rupture, sinking ship\*, stalemate, stoppage, total loss, turkey\*, washout\*, wreck; CONCEPTS 699,706 —**Ant.** accomplishment, achievement, attainment, earnings, gain, merit, success, win

**failure** [n2] *person who does not succeed* also-ran\*, bankrupt, beat\*, born loser\*, bum, castaway, deadbeat, defaulter, derelict, disappointment, dud\*, flop, good-for-nothing\*, has-been, incompetent, insolvent, loafer, loser, lumpy\*, might-have-been\*, moocher\*, nobody, no-good, nonperformer, prodigal, turkey\*, underachiever, washout\*; CONCEPTS 412,423 —**Ant.** achiever, success

**faint** [adj1] *having little effect on senses* aside, bated, bland, bleached, blurred, breathless,

deadened, deep, delicate, dim, distant, dull, dusty, faded, faltering, far-off, feeble, gentle, hazy, hoarse, hushed, ill-defined, imperceptible, inaudible, indistinct, lenient, light, low, low-pitched, mild, moderate, muffled, murmuring, muted, muttering, obscure, out of earshot\*, padded, pale, piano, quiet, remote, shadowy, slight, smooth, soft, softened, soothing, stifled, subdued, tenuous, thin, unclear, vague, wan, weak, whispered; CONCEPTS 537,594,617

—**Ant.** clear, distinct, heavy, loud, strong  
**faint** [adj2] *weak delicate, dizzy, drooping*, enervated, exhausted, faltering, fatigued, feeble, fragile, languid, lethargic, lightheaded, slight, tender, unenthusiastic, woozy; CONCEPTS 314,485 —**Ant.** bold, brave, courageous, resolute, strong

**faint** [n] *unconsciousness* blackout, collapse, dizziness, grayout, insensibility, knockout, stupor, swoon, syncope, vertigo; CONCEPTS 308,316 —**Ant.** consciousness

**faint** [v] *lose consciousness* become unconscious, be overcome, black out, collapse, drop, fade, fail, fall, flicker, go out like light\*, keel over, languish, pass out, succumb, swoon, weaken; CONCEPTS 303,308

**fainthearted** [adj] *timid afraid, cowardly*, cowed, cowering, fearful, frightened, gutless, having cold feet\*, intimidated, lily-livered\*, meek, mousy, spineless, unassertive, weak, wimpy\*, yellow\*; CONCEPT 401

**fair** [adj1] *impartial, unprejudiced* aboveboard, benevolent, blameless, candid, civil, clean, courteous, decent, disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, even-handed, frank, generous, good, honest, honorable, impartial, just, lawful, legitimate, moderate, nonpartisan, objective, on the level\*, on up-and-up\*, open, pious, praiseworthy, principled, proper, reasonable, respectable, righteous, scrupulous, sincere, square, straight, straightforward, temperate, trustworthy, unbiased, uncolored, uncorrupted, upright, virtuous; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** biased, partial, prejudiced, unfair, unjust, unreasonable

**fair** [adj2] *light-complexioned, light-haired* argent, blanched, bleached, blond, blonde, chalky, colorless, creamy, faded, fair-haired, fair-skinned, flaxen-haired, light, milky, neutral, pale, pale-faced, pallid, pearly, sallow, silvery, snowy, tow-haired, tow-headed, white, whitish; CONCEPTS 406,618 —**Ant.** dark

**fair** [adj3] *mediocre, satisfactory* adequate, all right, average, common, commonplace, decent, fairish, indifferent, intermediate, mean, medium, middling, moderate, not bad\*, okay, ordinary, passable, pretty good\*, reasonable, respectable, satisfactory, so-so\*, tolerable, up to standard\*, usual; CONCEPT 530

**fair** [adj4] *beautiful* attractive, beautiful, bonny, charming, chaste, comely, dainty, delicate, enchanting, exquisite, good-looking, handsome, lovely, pretty, pulchritudinous, pure; CONCEPT 579 —**Ant.** repulsive, ugly

**fair** [adj5] *bright, cloudless (weather)* balmy, calm, clarion, clear, clement, dry, favorable, fine, mild, placid, pleasant, pretty, rainless, smiling, sunny, shiny, sunshiny, tranquil, unclouded, undarkened, unthreatening; CONCEPT 525 —**Ant.** cloudy, inclement, rainy, stormy

**fair** [n] *exposition, carnival bazaar, celebration, centennial, display, exhibit, exhibition, expo\**, festival, fete, gala, market, observance, occasion, pageant, show, spectacle; CONCEPTS 377,386

**fairly** [adv1] *somewhat adequately, averagely, enough, kind of, moderately, more or less, passably, pretty well, quite, rather, ratherish, reasonably, some, something, sort of, so-so\**, tolerably; CONCEPT 786

**fairly** [adv2] *justly deservedly, equitably, honestly, honorably, impartially, objectively, properly, reasonably, without favor, without fear*; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** unfairly, unjustly

**fairness** [n] *justice candor, charitableness, charity, civility, consideration, courtesy, decency, decorum, disinterestedness, due, duty, equitableness, equity, exactitude, fair-mindedness, fair shake\**, give and take\*, good faith, goodness, honesty, honor, humanity, impartiality, integrity, justness, legitimacy, moderation, open-mindedness, propriety, rationality, reasonableness, right, righteousness, rightfulness, rightness, seemliness, square deal\*, suitability, tolerance, truth, uprightness, veracity; CONCEPTS 645,657 —**Ant.** inequity, injustice, partiality, unfairness, wrong

**fairy** [n] *supernatural being bogie, brownie, elf, enchanter, fay, genie, gnome, goblin, gremlin, hob, imp, leprechaun, mermaid, nisse, nymph, pixie, puck, siren, spirit, sprite, sylph*; CONCEPT 370

**fact accompli** [n] *done deed* accomplished fact, certainty, fact of life, hard facts, irreversible accomplishment, irreversible act, irreversible truth, matter of fact, reality, undeniable fact; CONCEPTS 689,725

**faith** [n1] *trust in something* acceptance, allegiance, assent, assurance, belief, certainty, certitude, confidence, constancy, conviction, credence, credit, credulity, dependence, faithfulness, fealty, fidelity, hope, loyalty, reliance, stock, store, sureness, surety, troth, truth, truthfulness; CONCEPT 689 —**Ant.** disbelief, distrust, doubt, misgiving, skepticism, suspicion

**faith** [n2] *belief in a higher being; community of believers* canon, church, communion, confession, connection, conviction, credo, creed, cult, denomination, doctrine, dogma, doxy, gospel, orthodoxy, persuasion, piety, piousness, principle, profession, religion, revelation, sect, teaching, tenet, theism, theology, worship; CONCEPTS 368,689 —**Ant.** agnosticism, denial, doubt, rejection, skepticism, unbelief

**faithful** [adj1] *loyal, reliable* affectionate, allegiant, ardent, attached, behind one, circum-spect, confiding, conscientious, constant, dependable, devoted, dutiful, dyed-in-the-wool\*, enduring, fast, firm, genuine, hard-core\*, honest, honorable, incorruptible, loving, obedient, on the level\*, patriotic, resolute, scrupulous, sincere, staunch, steadfast, steady, straight, string along with\*, sure, tried, tried and true\*, true, true-blue\*, trustworthy, trusty, truthful, unchanging, unswerving, unwavering, upright, veracious; CONCEPTS 401,545 —**Ant.** dishonest, disloyal, false, inconstant, treacherous, unfaithful, unreliable, untrue

**faithful** [adj2] *authentic, accurate* close, credi-

ble, exact, just, lifelike, precise, right, similar, strict, true, trusty, undistorted, veracious, veridical; CONCEPTS 487,573 —**Ant.** different, false, inaccurate, inexact, uncertain

**faithfulness** [n] *devotion* adherence, adhesion, allegiance, ardor, attachment, care, constancy, dependability, duty, fealty, fidelity, loyalty, piety, trustworthiness, truth; CONCEPTS 633,645,689 —**Ant.** dishonesty, disloyalty, falseness, inconstancy, treachery

**faithless** [adj] *disloyal* capricious, changeable, changeful, cheating, deceitful, dishonest, double-crossing\*, double-dealing\*, doubting, dubious, false, fickle, fluctuating, inconstant, perfidious, recreant, skeptical, traitorous, treacherous, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, unbelieving, unconverted, unfaithful, unloyal, unreliable, unstable, untrue, untrustworthy, untruthful, wavering; CONCEPTS 401,545 —**Ant.** believing, faithful, constant, loyal, reliable, true

**faithlessness** [n] *disloyalty* betrayal, disbelief, dishonesty, doubt, falseness, fickleness, fraud, inconstancy, infidelity, perfidiousness, perfidy, skepticism, treacherousness, treachery, treason, unfaithfulness; CONCEPTS 633,645 —**Ant.** belief, faithfulness, constancy, loyalty

**fake** [adj] *false, imitation* affected, artificial, assumed, bogus, concocted, counterfeit, fabricated, fictitious, forged, fraudulent, invented, make-believe, mock, phony, pretended, pseudo\*, reproduction, sham, simulated, spurious; CONCEPTS 401,582 —**Ant.** genuine, original, real, true, truthful

**fake** [n] *imposter, copy actor, bluffer, charlatan, cheat, counterfeit, deception, fabrication, faker, flimflam\*, forgery, four-flusher\*, fraud, gold brick\*, hoax, imitation, imposition, imposture, junque, make-believe, mountebank, phony, plant\*, pretender, pretense, pseudo\*, put-on, reproduction, scam, sham\*, sleight, spoof, swindle, trick*; CONCEPTS 260,412 —**Ant.** original, reality

**fake** [v] *pretend* act, affect, assume, bluff, copy, counterfeit, disguise, dissimulate, fabricate, feign, forge, put on, put on an act\*, sham, simulate, spoof; CONCEPT 59

**faldlerol** [n] *folderol, foolishness* absurdity, baloney, bunk\*, craziness, garbage, gibberish, gobbledygook\*, horse feathers\*, lunacy, nonsense, stupidity, twaddle; CONCEPT 633

**fall** [n1] *descent; lowering* abatement, belly flop\*, cut, decline, declivity, decrease, diminution, dip, dive, downgrade, downward slope, drop, dwindling, ebb, falling off, header\*, incline, lapse, lessening, nose dive\*, plummet, plunge, pratfall\*, recession, reduction, slant, slip, slope, slump, spill, tumble; CONCEPTS 152,181,776 —**Ant.** ascent, climb, rise, scaling

**fall** [n2] *defeat, overthrow* abasement, breakdown, capitulation, collapse, death, degradation, destruction, diminution, disaster, dive, downfall, drop, failure, humiliation, loss, resignation, ruin, surrender, tumble; CONCEPTS 116,230,674,699

**fall** [v1] *descend; become lower* abate, backslide, be precipitated, break down, buckle, cascade, cave in, collapse, crash, decline, decrease, depreciate, diminish, dip, dive, drag,



droop, drop down, dwindle, ease, ebb, flag, flop, fold up, go down, gravitate, hit the dirt\*, keel over, land, lapse, lessen, nose-dive, pitch, plummet, plunge, recede, regress, relapse, settle, sink, slip, sloper, slump, spin, stumble, subside, take a header\*, tip over, topple, totter, trail, trip, tumble, wane; CONCEPTS 152,181,776 —*Ant.* ascend, climb, go up, rise, scale

**fall** [v2] *be overthrown by an enemy; surrender* back down, be casualty, be destroyed, be killed, be lost, bend, be taken, capitulate, defer to, die, drop, eat dirt\*, fall to pieces\*, give in, give up, give way, go down, go under, lie down, obey, pass into enemy hands\*, perish, resign, slump, submit, succumb, yield; CONCEPTS 116,699 —*Ant.* advance, attain, overcome, overthrow, reach, win

**fall** [v3] *happen* arrive, become, befall, chance, come about, come to pass, occur, take place; CONCEPT 119

**fallacious** [adj] *false, wrong* beguiling, deceiving, deceptive, deluding, delusive, delusory, erroneous, fictitious, fishy\*, fraudulent, illogical, illusory, incorrect, invalid, irrational, mad, misleading, mistaken, off\*, phony, reasonless, sophistic, sophistical, spurious, unfounded, ungrounded, unreal, unreasonable, unreasoned, unsound, untrue, way off\*; CONCEPTS 267,570,582 —*Ant.* correct, real, true, truthful

**fallacy** [n] *illusion, misconception* aberration, ambiguity, artifice, bias, casuistry, cavil, deceit, deception, deceptiveness, delusion, deviation, elusion, equivocation, erratum, erroneusness, error, evasion, falsehood, faultiness, flaw, heresy, illogicality, inconsistency, inexactness, invalidity, misapprehension, miscalculation, misconstrual, misinterpretation, mistake, non sequitur, notion, paradox, perversion, pre-conception, prejudice, quibbling, quirk, solecism, sophism, sophistry, speciousness, subterfuge, untruth; CONCEPTS 410,689,725 —*Ant.* certainty, evidence, fact, honesty, reality, right, surety, truth

**fall back** [v] *retreat* back, draw back, give back, recede, recoil, retire, retrocede, retrograde, surrender, withdraw, yield; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* forge, forward, progress

**fallen** [adj1] *disgraced, ruined* collapsed, decayed, dishonored, immoral, loose, ruinous, shaken, shamed, sinful, unchaste; CONCEPTS 539,555 —*Ant.* honorable, honored, lauded

**fallen** [adj2] *dead* casualty, killed, lost, perished, slain, slaughtered; CONCEPT 539

**fall for** [v] *become infatuated with* desire, fall in love with, flip over, go head over heels\*, lose one's head over\*, succumb; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* repulse

**fall guy** [n] *scapegoat* chopping block, dupe, patsy, pigeon, sacrifice, sap, schmuck, stooge, sucker, victim, whipping boy; CONCEPT 412

**fallible** [adj] *able or prone to err* careless, deceptive, errable, errant, erring, faulty, frail, heedless, human, ignorant, imperfect, in question, liable, mortal, questionable, uncertain, unreliable, untrustworthy, weak; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* certain, correct, definite, infallible, perfect, reliable, strong, sure, unerring

**falling-out** [n] *disagreement* altercation, argument, clash, dispute, exchange, feud, fight,

friction, misunderstanding, quarrel; CONCEPTS 46,388

**fall out** [v1] *argue* altercation, bicker, clash, differ, disagree, fight, quarrel, spar, squabble; CONCEPT 46 —*Ant.* agree, concure

**fall out** [v2] *come to pass* befall, chance, happen, occur, result, take place, turn out; CONCEPT 4

**fallow** [adj] *inactive* dormant, idle, inert, neglected, quiescent, resting, slack, uncultivated, undeveloped, unplanted, unplowed, unproductive, unseeded, untilled, unused, vacant, virgin; CONCEPTS 485,560 —*Ant.* active, cultivated, developed, used

**fall to** [v] *set about doing* apply oneself to, begin, be up to, buckle down\*, commence, jump in, pitch in\*, start, undertake, wade into\*; CONCEPTS 100,221 —*Ant.* be idle, forget, ignore, laze, neglect

**false** [adj1] *wrong, made up* apocryphal, beguiling, bogus, casuistic, concocted, contrary to fact, cooked-up\*, counterfactual, deceitful, deceiving, delusive, dishonest, distorted, erroneous, ersatz\*, fake, fallacious, fanciful, faulty, fictitious, fishy, fraudulent, illusive, imaginary, improper, inaccurate, incorrect, inexact, invalid, lying, mendacious, misleading, misrepresentative, mistaken, off the mark\*, phony, sham, sophistical, specious, spurious, trumped up\*, unfounded, unreal, unsound, untrue, untruthful; CONCEPTS 267,570,582 —*Ant.* accurate, actual, correct, factual, genuine, known, precise, real, right, substantiated, true, valid

**false** [adj2] *dishonest, hypocritical* apostate, base, beguiling, canting, corrupt, crooked, deceitful, deceiving, deceptive, deluding, delusive, devious, dishonorable, disloyal, double-dealing\*, duplicitous, faithless, false-hearted, forsworn, foul, lying, malevolent, malicious, mean, misleading, mythomaniac, perfidious, perjured, rascally, recreant, renegade, scoundrelly, traitorous, treacherous, treasonable, two-faced\*, underhanded, unfaithful, unscrupulous, untrustworthy, venal, villainous, wicked; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* genuine, honest, just, reliable, right, straight, true, truthful

**false** [adj3] *fake, counterfeit* adulterated, alloyed, artificial, assumed, bent, bogus\*, brummagem, bum\*, colored, contrived, copied, crock\*, deceptive, disguised, ersatz\*, fabricated, factitious, feigned, fishy\*, forged, framed\*, hollow, imitation, made-up, make-believe, manufactured, meretricious, mock, ostensible, phony, pretended, pseudo\*, seeming, shady, sham\*, simulated, snide, so-called\*, spurious, substitute, synthetic, unreal, wrong; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* actual, genuine, real, valid

**falsehood** [n] *lie* canard, cover-up, deceit, deception, dishonesty, dissimulation, distortion, equivocation, erroneousness, error, fable, fabrication, fakery, fallaciousness, fallacy, falseness, falsity, feigning, fib, fibbery, fiction, figment, fraud, half truth, hogwash\*, line, mendacity, misstatement, perjury, pretense, prevarication, sham\*, story, tale, tall tale\*, untruism, untruth, untruthfulness, whopper\*, yarn; CONCEPTS 63,278 —*Ant.* truth

**falsely** [adv] *deceitfully* basely, behind one's back\*, crookedly, dishonestly, dishonorably,

disloyally, faithlessly, falseheartedly, malevolently, maliciously, perfidiously, roguishly, traitorously, treacherously, underhandedly, unfaithfully, unscrupulously; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* honestly, truthfully

**false teeth** [*n*] *dentures* artificial teeth, bridge, choppers\*, dental plate, implants, partial, set of teeth; CONCEPT 393

**falsies** [*n*] *padded bra* props, Wonderbra™; CONCEPT 451

**falsify** [*v*] *alter, misrepresent* adulterate, belie, change, color, con, contort, contradict, contravene, cook, counterfeit, deacon, deceive, deny, distort, doctor, dress up\*, embroider, equivocate, exaggerate, fake, fake it, fib, forge, four-flush\*, frame up\*, garble, gloss, lie, misquote, misstate, palter, pervert, phony up\*, prevaricate, promote, put on an act\*, salt\*, tamper with, traverse, trump up\*, twist, warp; CONCEPT 63

**falsity** [*n*] *dishonesty, deception* canard, cheating, deceit, deceptiveness, disingenuousness, double-dealing, duplicity, erroneusness, error, faithlessness, fake, fallacy, falsehood, fib, fraud, fraudulence, hypocrisy, inaccuracy, infidelity, insincerity, lie, mendacity, misrepresentation, perfidiouslyness, perfidy, prevarication, sham, story, tale, treachery, uncandiddness, unfaithfulness, unreality, untruth; CONCEPTS 278,645,725 —*Ant.* honesty, truth, truthfulness

**falter** [*v*] *stumble, stutter* be undecided, bobble, break, drop the ball\*, flounder, fluctuate, fluff, halt, hem and haw\*, hesitate, lurch, quaver, reel, rock, roll, scruple, shake, speak haltingly, stagger, stammer, stub toe\*, teeter, topple, totter, tremble, trip up, vacillate, waver, whiffle, wobble; CONCEPTS 18,147,266 —*Ant.* continue, endure, maintain, persist, remain, stay

**fame** [*n*] *celebrity* acclaim, acclamation, account, acknowledgment, character, credit, dignity, distinction, éclat, elevation, eminence, esteem, estimation, exaltation, favor, glory, greatness, heyday, honor, illustriousness, immortality, kudos, laurels, luster, majesty, name, nobility, note, notoriety, place, popularity, position, preeminence, prominence, public esteem, rank, recognition, regard, renown, rep\*, report, reputation, repute, splendor, standing, stardom, station, superiority; CONCEPT 388

**familiar** [*adj*1] *common, well-known* accustomed, commonplace, conventional, customary, domestic, everyday, frequent, garden variety\*, habitual, homespun, household, humble, informal, intimate, known, matter-of-fact, mundane, native, natural, old hat\*, ordinary, plain, prosaic, proverbial, recognizable, repeated, routine, simple, stock, unceremonious, unsophisticated, usual, wonted, workaday; CONCEPTS 530,547 —*Ant.* foreign, new, strange, uncommon, undistinguished, unfamiliar, unknown, unremarkable

**familiar** [*adj*2] *knowledgeable* abreast, acquainted, appraised, at home with\*, au courant, au fait, aware, cognizant, conscious, conversant, grounded\*, informed, in on\*, in the know\*, introduced, kept posted\*, mindful, no stranger to\*, plugged in\*, savvy, tuned in\*, up\*, up on\*, versant, versed in, well up in\*, with it\*; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, unacquainted, unknowledgeable

**familiar** [*adj*3] *friendly, bold* affable, amicable,

buddy-buddy\*, chummy\*, close, comfortable, confidential, cordial, cozy, dear, easy, forward, free, free-and-easy\*, fresh, genial, gracious, impudent, informal, intimate, intrusive, near, neighborly, nervy, obtrusive, officious, open, palsy, palsy-walsy\*, presuming, presumptuous, relaxed, sassy\*, smart, snug, sociable, thick, tight, unceremonious, unconstrained, unreserved, wise; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* aloof, cold, cool, distant, reserved, unapproachable, unfamiliar, unfriendly

**familiarity** [*n*1] *friendliness* acquaintance, acquaintanceship, boldness, closeness, ease, fellowship, forwardness, freedom, freshness, friendship, informality, intimacy, liberty, naturalness, openness, presumption, sociability, unceremoniousness; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* aloofness, cool, distance, frigidity, reserve, unfriendliness

**familiarity** [*n*2] *knowledgeableness* acquaintance, awareness, cognition, comprehension, experience, feel, grasp, knowledge, sense, understanding; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* ignorance, unfamiliarity

**familiarize** [*v*] *make or become acquainted with, knowledgeable* about accustom, adapt, adjust, awaken to, become adept in, become aware of, break the ice\*, bring into use, case\*, check out, coach, come to know, condition, enlighten, gain friendship, get in, get lay of land\*, get lowdown on\*, get together, get to know, get with it\*, habituate, inform, instruct, inure, let down hair\*, let know, let next to, make conversant, make used to, mix, naturalize, popularize, post, prime, put on to\*, school, season, tip off\*, train, use, wont; CONCEPTS 15,38

**family** [*n*] *kin, offspring; classification* ancestors, ancestry, birth, blood, brood, children, clan, class, descendants, descent, dynasty, extraction, folk, forebears, genealogy, generations, genre, group, heirs and assigns, house, household, inheritance, in-laws, issue, kind, kindred, kith and kin, line, lineage, ménage, network, parentage, pedigree, people, progenitors, progeny, race, relations, relationship, relatives, siblings, strain, subdivision, system, tribe; CONCEPTS 296,378,397

**family tree** [*n*] *family history* ancestral tree, ancestry, bloodline, descent, genealogical chart, genealogy, heredity, lineage, pedigree; CONCEPT 296

**famine** [*n*] *hunger* dearth, destitution, drought, misery, paucity, poverty, scarcity, starvation, want; CONCEPTS 674,709 —*Ant.* feast, plenty, stores, supply

**famished** [*adj*] *starving* could eat a horse\*, dog-hungry\*, empty, flying light\*, having the munchies\*, hollow, hungering, hungry, ravening, ravenous, starved, starved to death\*, voracious; CONCEPTS 20,406,546 —*Ant.* full, sated, satiated, satisfied

**famous** [*adj*] *legendary, notable to many* acclaimed, applauded, august, brilliant, celebrated, conspicuous, distinguished, elevated, eminent, exalted, excellent, extraordinary, foremost, glorious, grand, great, honored, illustrious, important, imposing, influential, in limelight\*, in spotlight\*, leading, lionized, memorable, mighty, much-publicized, noble,

noted, noteworthy, notorious, of note, outstanding, peerless, powerful, preeminent, prominent, recognized, remarkable, renowned, reputable, signal, splendid, talked about\*, well-known; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* inconspicuous, obscure, unknown, unnotable, unremarkable

**fan** [*n1*] *blower of air* air conditioner, blade, draft, flabellum, leaf, palm leaf, propeller, ther-mantidote, vane, ventilator, windmill; CONCEPT 463

**fan** [*n2*] *person enthusiastic about an interest* addict, adherent, admirer, aficionado, amateur, buff, devotee, follower, freak\*, groupie\*, habitu , hound, lover, rooter, supporter, votary, zealot; CONCEPTS 352,366,423

**fan** [*v1*] *blow on* aerate, air-condition, air-cool, cool, refresh, ruffle, spread, ventilate, wind, winnow; CONCEPTS 199,208

**fan** [*v2*] *provoke* add fuel, agitate, arouse, enkindle, excite, expand, extend, impassion, increase, rouse, stimulate, stir up, whip up, work up; CONCEPT 14

**fanatic** [*n*] *person overenthusiastic about an interest* activist, addict, bigot, bug\*, crank\*, crazy, demon, devotee, enthusiast, extremist, fiend\*, fool, freak, maniac, militant, monomaniac, nut\*, radical, ultraist, visionary, zealot; CONCEPTS 352,359,366

**fanatical** [*adj*] *overenthusiastic* biased, bigoted, bugged\*, burning\*, contumacious, credulous, devoted, dogmatic, domineering, enthusiastic, erratic, extreme, fervent, feverish, fiery, frenzied, headstrong, high on\*, immature, impassioned, impulsive, incorrigible, infatuated, mad, monomaniacal, narrow-minded, nuts for\*, obsessed, obsessive, obstinate, opinionated, partial, partisan, passionate, possessed, prejudiced, rabid, radical, raving, single-minded, stubborn, turned on\*, unruly, violent, visionary, wild, willful, zealous; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* disinterested, dispassionate, impartial, unenthusiastic

**fanaticism** [*n*] *overenthusiasm* abandonment, arbitrariness, bias, bigotry, contumacy, dedication, devotion, dogma, enthusiasm, extremism, faction, frenzy, hatred, illiberality, immoderation, incorrigibility, infatuation, injustice, intolerance, madness, monomania, obsessiveness, obstinacy, partiality, partisanship, passion, prejudice, rage, single-mindedness, stubbornness, superstition, tenacity, transport, unfairness, unreasonableness, unruliness, violence, willfulness, zeal, zealotry; CONCEPTS 633,689 —*Ant.* disinterested, impartiality, unenthusiasm

**fanciful** [*adj*] *imaginary, romantic* absurd, aerial, bizarre, blue sky\*, capricious, castles in the air\*, chimerical, curious, dreamlike, extravagant, fabulous, fairy-tale, fancied, fantastic, fantastical, fictional, fictitious, fictive, flaky\*, floating, ideal, illusory, imaginative, imagined, incredible, kinky\*, legendary, mythical, notional, offbeat, on cloud nine\*, pie in the sky\*, pipe dream\*, poetic, preposterous, shadowy, suppositious, unreal, visionary, whimsical, wild; CONCEPTS 529,572 —*Ant.* grave, ordinary, real, serious, sincere, un-fanciful, unimagi-native, unromantic

**faney** [*adj*] *extravagant, ornamental* adorned, baroque, beautifying, chichi\*, complicated, cushy, custom, decorated, decorative, deluxe,

elaborate, elegant, embellished, fanciful, florid, frilly, froufrou\*, garnished, gaudy, ginger-bread\*, intricate, lavish, ornate, ostentatious, resplendent, rich, rococo, showy, special, spiffy\*, sumptuous, unusual; CONCEPTS 562,579 —*Ant.* plain, unfancy, unornamented

**fancy** [*n1*] *impulse, urge* caprice, conceit, conception, contrariness, creation, cup of tea\*, desire, druthers\*, flash, fool's paradise\*, groove\*, humor, idea, image, imagination, impression, inclination, irrationality, liking, mind, notion, perverseness, pleasure, thing\*, thought, vagary, velleity, visualization, weakness for, whim, will; CONCEPTS 20,532 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**fancy** [*n2*] *liking, dream* big eyes\*, chimera, conception, daydream, delusion, envisagement, envisioning, eyes for\*, fabrication, fantasy, figment, fondness, hallucination, hankering, idea, illusion, imagination, imaginativeness, inclination, invention, itch\*, mirage, nightmare, notion, partiality, penchant, phantasm, picture, pie in the sky\*, pipe dream\*, predilection, preference, relish, reverie, romancing, sweet tooth\*, vision, yearning, yen; CONCEPTS 20,32,409 —*Ant.* certainty, fact, reality, truth

**fancy** [*v1*] *imagine, create* be inclined to think, believe, conceive, conjecture, dream up, envisage, envision, fantasize, feature\*, guess, head trip\*, image, infer, make up, make up off top of one's head\*, phantom, picture, realize, reckon, spark, spitball\*, suppose, surmise, think, think likely, think up, trump up\*, vision, visualize; CONCEPT 43

**fancy** [*v2*] *love, desire* approve, be attracted to, be captivated by, be enamored of, be in love with, care for, crave, crazy about\*, desire, dream of, endorse, fall for, favor, like, long for, lust after, mad for\*, prefer, relish, sanction, set one's heart on\*, take a liking to\*, take to, wild for\*, wish for, yearn for; CONCEPTS 17,20,32 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**fanfare** [*n*] *cheering* alarm, array, balldrum\*, demonstration, display, flourish, hullabaloo\*, panoply, parade, pomp, shine, show, trump, trumpet call\*; CONCEPT 377

**fanny** [*n*] *buttocks* ass, backside, behind\*, bottom\*, buns\*, butt\*, cheeks\*, derriere, gluteus maximus, heinie\*, hindquarters, posterior, rear end, rump\*, seat\*, tail; CONCEPT 392

**fantasize** [*v*] *dream about desires* build castles in air\*, daydream, envision, hallucinate, head trip\*, imagine, invent, live in a dream world\*, moon, romance, trip out\*, woolgather\*; CONCEPT 17

**fantastic** [*adj1*] *strange, different; imaginary* absurd, artificial, capricious, chimerical, comical, crazy, eccentric, erratic, exotic, extravagant, extreme, fanciful, far-fetched, fictional, foolish, foreign, freakish, grotesque, hallucinatory, illusive, imaginative, implausible, incredible, insane, irrational, ludicrous, mad, misleading, nonsensical, odd, outlandish, out of sight\*, peculiar, phantasmagorical, preposterous, quaint, queer, ridiculous, singular, suppositious, unbelievable, unlikely, unreal, wacky\*, weird, whimsical; CONCEPTS 564,582 —*Ant.* common, commonplace, conventional, customary, familiar, ordinary, plain, usual

**fantastic** [*adj2*] *enormous* cracking, extreme,

great, huge, humongous, massive, monstrous, monumental, overwhelming, prodigious, severe, stupendous, towering, tremendous;

CONCEPT 781 —**Ant.** little, small, tiny  
**fantastic** [adj3] *wonderful, excellent* A-1\*, awesome, best, best ever, cat's meow\*, delicious, far out\*, first-class, first-rate, great, like wow\*, marvelous, out of sight\*, out of this world\*, primo\*, sensational, superb, unreal\*; CONCEPTS 572,574 —**Ant.** bad, poor, unpleasant

**fantasy** [n] *imagination, dream* air castle, apparition, appearance, Atlantis\*, bubble\*, chimera, conceiving, creativity, daydream, delusion, envisioning, externalizing, fabrication, fairyland\*, fancy, fancying, fantasia, figment\*, flight, flight of imagination, fool's paradise\*, hallucination, head trip\*, illusion, imaginative-ness, imagining, invention, mind trip\*, mirage, nightmare, objectifying, originality, rainbow\*, reverie, trip, Utopia, vagary, vision; CONCEPTS 20,529,689 —**Ant.** reality, truth

**FAQ** [n] *frequently asked questions* common answers, common questions, listed questions and answers; CONCEPTS 48,53

**far** [adj/adv1] *at a great distance* afar, a good way, a long way, bit, deep, distant, end of rainbow\*, faraway, far-flung\*, far-off, far piece\*, far-removed, good ways\*, long, middle of nowhere\*, miles, outlying, out-of-the-way\*, piece, remote, removed, stone's throw\*, ways\*; CONCEPTS 586,778 —**Ant.** close, near

**far** [adv2] *considerably* decidedly, extremely, greatly, incomparably, much, notably, quite, significantly, somewhat, very, very much, well; CONCEPTS 772,781

**faraway** [adj] *remote, distant* absent, abstracted, beyond the horizon, distant, dreamy, far, far-flung\*, far-off, far-removed, lost, outlying, preoccupied, quite a ways\*, removed, well away; CONCEPTS 586,778 —**Ant.** close, near

**farce** [n] *nonsense, satire* absurdity, broad comedy, buffoonery, burlesque, camp, caricature, comedy, high camp\*, horseplay\*, interlude, joke, low camp\*, mock, mockery, parody, play, pratfall comedy, ridiculousness, sham\*, skit, slapstick, travesty; CONCEPTS 263,293 —**Ant.** sobriety, tragedy

**farical** [adj] *absurd* amusing, camp, campy\*, comic, comical, derisory, diverting, droll, for grins\*, funny, gelastic, joshing, laughable, ludicrous, nonsensical, outrageous, preposterous, ridiculous, risible, slapstick, stupid; CONCEPTS 267,542 —**Ant.** real, reasonable, sensible, serious, tragic

**fare** [n1] *amount charged for transportation* book, charge, check, expense, passage, price, slug, tariff, ticket, token, toll; CONCEPT 329

**fare** [n2] *food served at meals* commons, diet, eatables, eats\*, edibles, meals, menu, provision, rations, slop\*, sustenance, swill\*, table, victuals; CONCEPTS 457,459

**fare** [v] *get along; turn out* advance, do, get by, get on, go, handle, happen, hie, journey, make headway, make out, manage, muddle through, pass, proceed, progress, prosper, prove, shift, stagger; CONCEPTS 100,117,704

**farewell** [n] *departing saying; departure* adieu, adieus, adieux, adios, bye-bye, cheerio, ciao, goodbye, hasta la vista, have a nice day, leave-

taking, parting, salutation, sendoff, so long, ta-ta, valediction; CONCEPTS 195,278

—**Ant.** greeting, hello

**far-fetched** [adj] *hard to believe* bizarre, doubtful, dubious, eccentric, fantastic, fishy\*, forced, hard to swallow\*, illogical, implausible, improbable, incoherent, inconsequential, incredible, labored, preposterous, queer, recondite, strained, strange, suspicious, unbelievable, unconvincing, unlikely, unnatural, unrealistic; CONCEPTS 529,552,582 —**Ant.** believable, natural, plausible, realistic

**far-flung** [adj] *wide-ranging* comprehensive, distant, extensive, far-reaching, global, remote, spacious, widely distributed, widespread; CONCEPTS 576,778

**farm** [n] *land for agriculture or animal breeding* acreage, acres, arboretum, claim, dense, enclosure, estate, farmstead, field, freehold, garden, grange, grassland, holding, homestead, lawn, meadow, nursery, orchard, pasture, patch, plantation, ranch, soil, vineyard; CONCEPTS 258,449,509,517

**farm** [v] *produce crops, raise animals* bring under cultivation, crop, cultivate, direct, dress, garden, graze, grow, harrow, harvest, homestead, husband, landscape, look after, operate, pasture, plant, plow, ranch, reap, run, seed, sow, subdue, superintend, tend, till, till the soil, work; CONCEPTS 117,253,324

**farmer** [n] *person who produces crops, raises animals* agriculturalist, agriculturist, agronomist, breeder, clothopper\*, cob\*, country person, cropper, cultivator, feeder, gardener, gleaner, grazer, grower, harvester, hired hand, homesteader, horticulturist, laborer, peasant, planter, plower, producer, rancher, reaper, sharecropper, sower, tender, tiller, villain; CONCEPTS 347,348

**farming** [n] *producing crops, raising animals* agriculture, agronomics, agronomy, breeding, crop-raising, cultivation, culture, feeding, fertilizing, gardening, geonomics, gleaning, grazing, growing, harvesting, homesteading, hydroponics, landscaping, operating, production, ranching, reaping, seeding, sharecropping, soil culture, threshing, tillage; CONCEPTS 117,253,324

**far-out** [adj] *very unconventional* boss\*, cool\*, deep\*, excellent, fabulous, fantastic, groovy\*, hip\*, neat, nifty, rad\*, sensational, strange, super, swell, trendy, unorthodox, way-out, weird, wild, wonderful; CONCEPT 572

**far-reaching** [adj] *broad, widespread* extensive, far-ranging, important, momentous, pervasive, significant, sweeping, wide; CONCEPT 772 —**Ant.** incomprehensible, insignificant, narrow, trivial, unimportant

**far-sighted** [adj] *looking ahead wisely* acute, canny, cautious, clairvoyant, commonsensical, cool-headed\*, discerning, judicious, level-headed, perceptive, politic, prescient, provident, prudent, sagacious, sage, shrewd, well-balanced, wise; CONCEPT 402 —**Ant.** incautious, rash, shortsighted, uncaredful, unthinking, unwise  
**fast** [n] *flatulence* gas, vapors, wind; CONCEPT 465

**fart** [v] *expel gas* break wind, cut one\*, cut the cheese\*, pass gas, rip one\*, toot; CONCEPT 465

**farther** [*adv*] *at a greater distance* beyond, further, longer, more distant, more remote, remoter, yon, yonder; CONCEPTS 586,778 —*Ant.* closer, nearer

**farthest** [*adv*] *most distant* extreme, farthermost, furthest, furthest, last, lattermost, outermost, outmost, remotest, ultimate, utmost, uttermost; CONCEPTS 586,778 —*Ant.* closest, nearest

**fascinate** [*v*] *captivate, hold spellbound* absorb, allure, animate, arouse, attach, attract, beguile, bewitch, charm, compel, delight, draw, enamor, enchant, engage, engross, enrapture, enslave, ensnare, enthrall, entice, entrance, excite, fire, gladden, hypnotize, infatuate, interest, intoxicate, intrigue, invite, kindle, lure, mesmerize, overpower, overwhelm, pique, please, provoke, ravish, rivet, seduce, spellbind, stimulate, stir, subdue, tantalize, tempt, thrill, titillate, transfix, transport, win; CONCEPTS 7,11,22 —*Ant.* bore, disenchant, disenthral, disinterest, repel, tire

**fascinated** [*adj*] *captivated, spellbound* absorbed, aroused, attracted, beguiled, bewitched, charmed, dazzled, delighted, enamored, enchanted, engrossed, enraptured, enthralled, enticed, entranced, excited, fond of, hypnotized, infatuated, in love with, intoxicated, mesmerized, overpowered, seduced, sent, smitten, sold on\*, stuck on\*, tantalized, thrilled, titillated, transfixed, transported, under a spell\*; CONCEPTS 32,403 —*Ant.* bored, disenchanted, disenthralled, disinterested, repulsed, tired, uninterested

**fascinating** [*adj*] *interesting, spellbinding* alluring, appealing, attractive, bewitching, captivating, charming, compelling, delectable, delightful, enchanting, engaging, engrossing, enticing, glamorous, gripping, intriguing, irresistible, ravishing, riveting, seducing, seductive, siren; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* boring, repulsive, uninteresting

**fascination** [*n*] *strong interest* allure, appeal, attraction, bug\*, charisma, charm, enchantment, enthrallment, glamour, grabber\*, hang-up\*, lure, magic, magnetism, obsession, piquancy, power, pull\*, sorcery, spell, thing\*, thing for\*, trance, witchcraft, witchery; CONCEPTS 20,32,532,690 —*Ant.* boredom, disinterest

**fascism** [*n*] *political system of dictatorship* absolutism, authoritarianism, autocracy, bureaucracy, despotism, Nazism, one-party system, party government, racism, regimentation, totalitarianism; CONCEPTS 299,301,689 —*Ant.* democracy

**fascist** [*n*] *dictator authoritarian, autocrat, Nazi, totalitarian, tyrant*; CONCEPT 354

**fashion** [*n1*] *latest style, prevailing taste* appearance, bandwagon\*, chic, configuration, convention, craze, cry, cultism, cultus, custom, cut, dernier cri, fad, faddism, figure, form, furor, in thing\*, last word\*, latest\*, latest thing\*, line\*, look, make, mode, model, mold, newest wrinkle\*, pattern, rage, shape, thing\*, tone, trend, usage, vogue; CONCEPT 655

**fashion** [*n2*] *attitude, manner* convention, custom, demeanor, device, etiquette, form, formality, formula, guise, method, mode, modus operandi, mores, observance, order, practice, precedent, prescription, prevalence,

procedure, sort, style, system, technique, tendency, tone, trend, usage, vein, vogue, way; CONCEPTS 644,657

**fashion** [*v*] *adjust, design, create* accommodate, adapt, build, carve, construct, contrive, cook up\*, cut, devise, dream up\*, erect, fabricate, fit, forge, form, frame\*, knock together\*, make, manufacture, model, mold, plan, plot, produce, sculpture, shape, suit, tailor, throw together\*, turn out\*, work; CONCEPTS 168,173,232

**fashionable** [*adj*] *stylish, up-to-date* a go-go\*, à la mode\*, all the rage\*, chic, chichi\*, contemporary, current, customary, dashing, faddy\*, favored, fly\*, genteel, hot\*, in style, in-thing\*, in vogue, last word\*, latest\*, latest thing\*, mod\*, modern, modish\*, natty\*, new, newfangled, now, popular, prevailing, rakish, smart, swank, trendsetting, trendy, upscale\*, up-to-the-minute\*, usual, well-liked, with it\*; CONCEPTS 579,589 —*Ant.* old-fashioned, out, unfashionable, unpopular

**fast** [*adj1*] *speedy* accelerated, active, agile, blue streak\*, breakneck\*, brisk, chop-chop\*, dashing, double-time\*, electric, expeditious, expeditive, flashing, fleet, fleeting, flying, hairtrigger\*, hasty, hot, hurried, hypersonic, in a jiffy\*, in nothing flat\*, lickety split\*, like a bat out of hell\*, like all get out\*, like crazy\*, like mad\*, nimble, on the double\*, PDQ\*, posthaste, presto, pronto, quick, racing, rapid, ready, screamin'\*, snap\*, snappy\*, speedball\*, super-sonic, swift, velocious, winged; CONCEPTS 588,799 —*Ant.* plodding, slow, tardy, unhurried

**fast** [*adj2*] *fixed, immovable* adherent, ardent, attached, close, constant, constrained, durable, faithful, fastened, firm, fortified, glued, held, impregnable, indelible, inextricable, lasting, loyal, permanent, resistant, resolute, secure, set, sound, stable, staunch, steadfast, stuck, sure, tenacious, tight, true, true blue\*, unwavering, wedged; CONCEPTS 488,542 —*Ant.* flexible, impermanent, insecure, loose, movable, unattached, unsecured

**fast** [*adj3*] *immoral, promiscuous* bawdy, careless, debauched, depraved, devil-may-care\*, dissipated, dissolute, easy, extravagant, flirtatious, frivolous, gadabout\*, giddy, incontinent, indecent, intemperate, lascivious, lecherous, lewd, libertine, libidinous, licentious, light, loose, lustful, profligate, rakish, reckless, salacious, self-gratifying, self-indulgent, sportive, sporty, unchaste, wanton, wild; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* good, moral, upright

**fast** [*adv1*] *speedily* apace, chop-chop\*, expeditiously, flat-out\*, fleetly, full tilt\*, hastily, hurriedly, in a flash\*, in haste, in nothing flat\*, in short order\*, like a flash\*, like a shot\*, like greased lightning\*, like wildfire\*, posthaste, presto, promptly, pronto, quick, quickly, rapidly, soon, swift, swiftly; CONCEPTS 588,799 —*Ant.* slow, slowly

**fast** [*adv2*] *fixedly* deeply, firm, firmly, hard, securely, solidly, soundly, steadfastly, tight, tightly; CONCEPT 488 —*Ant.* loosely, unfixedly

**fast** [*n*] *abstention from eating* abstinence, diet, fasting, xerophagy; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* eating, feast, gluttony, gorging, stuffing

**fast** [*v*] *go without food* abstain, deny oneself, diet, famish, forbear, go hungry, not eat,

refrain, starve; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* eat, glut, gorge, stuff

**fasten** [v] *make secure; join together* adhere, affix, anchor, attach, band, bar, batten, belt, bind, bolt, bond, brace, button, catch, cement, chain, cleave, close, cohere, connect, couple, embed, establish, fix, freeze to\*, girth, glue, grip, hitch, hitch on, hold, hook, hook up, implant, infix, jam, knot, lace, leash, link, lock, lodge, make firm, moor, mortise, nail, rivet, rope, screw, seal, set, settle, solder, stay put, stick, strengthen, string, tack on, tag, tie, tighten, truss, unite, wedge, weld; CONCEPTS 85, 113, 160 —*Ant.* detach, disconnect, loosen, open, release, unchain, unfasten, unlink, unlock

**fastener** [n] *holder* bolt, buckle, button, catch, clasp, fastening, latch, lock, rivet, screw, snap; CONCEPT 499

**fastidious** [adj] *very careful, meticulous* captious, choosy, critical, dainty, demanding, difficult, discriminating, easily disgusted, exacting, finical, finicky, fussbudget\*, fussy, hard to please\*, hypercritical, nice, nit-picky, overdetailed, overnice, particular, persnickety\*, picky, punctilious, queasy, squeamish, stickling; CONCEPTS 542, 550 —*Ant.* indifferent, indiscriminating, uncaredful, uncouth, uncritical, undemanding

**fat** [adj1] *overweight* beefy\*, big, blimp, bovine, brawny, broad, bulging, bulky, bull, burly, butterball\*, chunky\*, corpulent, distended, dumpty, elephantine, fleshy, gargantuan, gross, heavy, heavyset\*, hefty, husky, inflated, jelly-belly\*, lard, large, meaty\*, obese, oversized, paunchy, plump, plumpish, ponderous, porcine, portly, potbellied, pudgy\*, roly-poly\*, rotund, solid, stout, swollen, thickset\*, weighty, whalelike\*; CONCEPT 491 —*Ant.* skinny, slender, slight, slim, thin

**fat** [adj2] *containing an oily substance* adipose, fatlike, fatty, greasy, oleaginous, suety, unctuous; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* lean

**fat** [adj3] *productive, rich* affluent, cushy, fertile, flourishing, fruitful, good, lucrative, lush, profitable, prosperous, remunerative, thriving; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* impoverished, poor, unproductive

**fat** [n] *overweight, adipose tissue* blubber, bulk, cellulite, corpulence, excess, fatness, flab, flesh, grease, lard, obesity, overflow, overflow, paunch, plethora, suet, superfluity, surfeit, surplus, tallow; CONCEPTS 723, 734

**fatal** [adj1] *deadly, lethal* baleful, baneful, calamitous, cataclysmic, catastrophic, deadly, destructive, disastrous, fateful, final, ill-fated, ill-starred, incurable, inevitable, killing, malefic, malignant, mortal, mortiferous, noxious, pernicious, pestilent, pestilential, poisonous, ruinous, terminal, virulent; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* healthful, life-giving, nourishing, vital, wholesome

**fatal** [adj2] *critical, very important* crucial, decisive, destined, determining, doomed, fateful, final, foreordained, inevitable, predestined, unlucky; CONCEPTS 531, 568 —*Ant.* trivial, unimportant, unnecessary

**fatalism** [n] *resignation to a fate* acceptance, destinism, determinism, necessitarianism, passivity, predestinarianism, predestination, stoicism; CONCEPT 689

**fatality** [n] *death, loss; ability to cause* such accident, casualty, deadliness, destructiveness, disaster, dying, inevitability, lethality, lethality, mortality, necrosis, noxiousness, poisonousness, virulence; CONCEPTS 304, 675

—*Ant.* birth

**fat chance** [n] *no chance* impossible, not a prayer, no way, snowball's chance in hell\*, unthinkable, very little chance, when hell freezes over\*; CONCEPT 552

**fat city** [n] *paradise* cloud nine\*, hog heaven\*, pig heaven\*; CONCEPTS 370, 410, 515

**fate** [n] *predetermined course* break, chance, circumstance, consequence, cup\*, destination, destiny, divine will\*, doom, effect, end, ending, fortune, future, handwriting on the wall\*, horoscope, inescapableness, issue, karma, kismet, lot, luck, Moirai, nemesis, outcome, portion, predestination, providence, stars\*, termination, upshot, wheel of fortune\*; CONCEPT 679

**fated** [adj] *governed by fate* decided by fate, destined, doomed, foreordained, imminent, impending, inescapable, inevitable, in the stars\*, predestined, predetermined, prejudged, preordained, unavoidable; CONCEPTS 548, 820

**fateful** [adj1] *significant* acute, apocalyptic, conclusive, critical, crucial, decisive, determinative, direful, doomful, eventful, important, inauspicious, momentous, ominous, portentous, resultful; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* insignificant, unimportant

**fateful** [adj2] *deadly* calamitous, cataclysmic, catastrophic, destructive, disastrous, fatal, lethal, mortal, ominous, ruinous; CONCEPT 537

—*Ant.* healthful, healthy, life-giving

**father** [n1] *male person who begets children* ancestor, begotter, dad, daddy\*, forebearer, origin, pa, padre, papa, parent, pop\*, predecessor, procreator, progenitor, sire, source; CONCEPTS 394, 400, 414, 419, 423

—*Ant.* mother

**father** [n2] *priest* abbé, clergyman, confessor, curé, ecclesiastic, minister, padre, parson, pastor, preacher, reverend; CONCEPT 361

**father/mother** [n3] *founder, inventor* administrator, architect, author, builder, creator, dean, elder, encourager, generator, initiator, introducer, leader, maker, matriarch, motor\*, mover, organizer, originator, patriarch, patron, prime mover\*, promoter, promulgator, publisher, sire, sponsor, supporter; CONCEPTS 347, 423

**father** [v] *sire* beget, conceive, create, dream up, engender, establish, found, generate, invent, originate, procreate, produce, sow the seeds of\*, spawn, trigger; CONCEPTS 173, 239, 251

—*Ant.* mother

**fatherland** [n] *hometown* home, motherland, native land, the old country; CONCEPTS 510, 515, 648

**fathom** [v] *discern, understand* appreciate, apprehend, catch, cognize, comprehend, dig, divine, estimate, figure out, follow, gauge, get, get to the bottom\*, grasp, have, interpret, know, measure, penetrate, perceive, pierce, pinpoint, plumb, probe, recognize, savvy, sound, unravel; CONCEPTS 15, 38 —*Ant.* misunderstand, not get

**fatigue** [n] *tiredness* brain fag\*, burnout\*, debility, dullness, enervation, ennui, exhaustion,

faintness, fatigation, feebleness, heaviness, languor, lassitude, lethargy, listlessness, overtiredness, weakness, weariness; CONCEPTS 316,405 —*Ant.* energy, freshness, liveliness, spirit, vigor

**fatigue** [*v*] *tire, wear out* bedraggle, burn out\*, bush\*, conk out\*, debilitate, deplete, disable, drain, droop, drop, enervate, exhaust, fag, fizzle, flag, jade\*, knock out\*, languish, overtire, peter out\*, poop\*, poop out\*, prostrate, sag, sink, succumb, take, tucker, weaken, wear down, weary; CONCEPTS 137,225,240,250 —*Ant.* energize, invigorate, refresh

**fatigued** [*adj*] *tired* all in\*, beat\*, bedraggled, blasé, burned out\*, bushed\*, dead\*, dead-beat\*, dead-tired\*, dog-tired\*, dog-weary\*, done in\*, droopy, dropping, enervated, exhausted, fagged out\*, jaded\*, languid, languorous, lassitudinous, listless, out of gas\*, overtired, played out\*, pooped\*, prostrate, ready to drop\*, spent\*, tuckered\*, washed out\*, wasted\*, weary, worn, worn-out, zonked\*; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* alert, energized, keen, lively, refreshed, vivacious

**fatness** [*n*] *overweight* adiposity, breadth, bulkiness, corpulence, distension, flab\*, flesh, fleshiness, girth, grossness, heaviness, heftiness, inflation, largeness, obesity, plumpness, portliness, protuberance, pudginess, rotundity, size, stoutness, tumidity, weight; CONCEPT 734 —*Ant.* skinniness, slimness, thinness, underweight

**fatten** [*v*] *grow or make bigger; nourish* augment, bloat, broaden, build up, coarsen, cram, distend, expand, feed, fill, gain weight, increase, overfeed, plump, put flesh on\*, put on weight, round out, spread, stuff, swell, thicken, thrive, wax; CONCEPTS 236,245,250 —*Ant.* thin, undernourish

**fatty** [*adj*] *full of adipose tissue* blubbery, fatlike, greasy, lardaceous, lardy, oily, oleginous, rich, suety, unctuous; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* defatted, lean, low-fat, thin

**fatuous** [*adj*] *stupid* absurd, asinine, bird-brained\*, boneheaded\*, brainless\*, dense, dull, foolish, idiotic, imbecile, inane, insensate, jerky\*, lamebrained\*, ludicrous, lunatic, mad, mindless, moronic, puerile, sappy, silly, simple, vacuous, witless; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* aware, bright, intelligent, keen, sensible, smart

**faucet** [*n*] *spigot* bibb, bibcock, hydrant, nozzle, spout, stopcock, tap, valve; CONCEPTS 445,464

**fault** [*n*] *blame, sin; mistake* accountability, answerability, blunder, crime, culpability, defect, delinquency, dereliction, error, evil doing, failing, flaw, foible, frailty, guilt, impropriety, inaccuracy, indiscretion, infirmity, lapse, liability, loss of innocence, malfeasance, malpractice, misconduct, miscue, misdeed, misdemeanor, negligence, offense, omission, onus, oversight, peccancy, responsibility, slip, slip-up\*, solecism, transgression, trespass, vice, weakness, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 101,192,699 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, blessing, correctness, good, perfection

**fault** [*n*2] *physical defect* blemish, debility, deficiency, demerit, imperfection, infirmity, lack, pimple, shortcoming, weakness, weak point, zit\*; CONCEPT 580 —*Ant.* perfection, soundness, strength

**fault-finding** [*adj*] *critical* captious, carping,

fussy, hairsplitting\*, hard to please, hypercritical, nagging, niggling, nit-picking, overcritical, pettifoggling, quibbling; CONCEPT 267

**faultless** [*adj*] *having nothing wrong with it* above reproach, accurate, blameless, classic, clean, correct, crimeless, errorless, exemplary, exquisite, faithful, flawless, foolproof, guiltless, ideal, immaculate, impeccable, inculpable, innocent, intact, irrefragable, model, on target\*, perfect, pure, right on\*, sinless, spotless, stainless, supreme, textbook\*, unblemished, unguilty, unspotted, unsullied, whole; CONCEPTS 545,572 —*Ant.* blemished, flawed, imperfect, tainted

**faulty** [*adj*] *not working; incorrect* adulterated, amiss, awry, bad, below par, blamable, blemished, botched, broken, cracked, damaged, debased, defective, deficient, distorted, erroneous, fallacious, fallible, false, flawed, frail, impaired, imperfect, imprecise, inaccurate, inadequate, incomplete, inexact, injured, insufficient, invalid, lame, leaky, lemon, maimed, malformed, malfunctioning, marred, out of order, rank, sick, tainted, unfit, unreliable, unretentive, unsound, warped, weak, wrong; CONCEPTS 560,570 —*Ant.* accurate, correct, perfect, sound, strong, working

**faux pas** [*n*] *blunder in etiquette* blooper\*, boo-boo\*, breach, break, bungle, error, flop, flub\*, gaffe\*, goof\*, impropriety, indecorum, indiscretion, mess-up, misconduct, misjudgment, misstep, mistake, oversight, solecism; CONCEPTS 101,384

**favor** [*n*] *approval, good opinion; help* accommodation, account, admiration, aid, approbation, assistance, backing, benediction, benefit, benevolence, benignity, bias, blessing, boon, championship, compliment, consideration, cooperation, courtesy, dispensation, encouragement, esteem, estimation, friendliness, gift, good turn\*, good will\*, grace, indulgence, kindness, largess, obligation, okay, partiality, patronage, present, regard, respect, service, support, token; CONCEPTS 10,110,689 —*Ant.* disapproval, disfavor

**favor** [*v*1] *pamper, reward; help* abet, accommodate, advance, aid, assist, befriend, be partial to, do a kindness, do right by\*, esteem, facilitate, further, gratify, humor, indulge, make exceptions, oblige, play favorites\*, promote, pull strings\*, show consideration, side with, smile upon\*, spare, spoil, treat well, value; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* hinder, hurt, thwart

**favor** [*v*2] *prefer, like* accept, advocate, appreciate, approve, back, be in favor of, be on one's side\*, buck for\*, champion, choose, commend, cotton to\*, countenance, encourage, endorse, esteem, eulogize, fancy, flash on\*, for, go for\*, hold with, honor, incline, lean toward, look up to, opt for, patronize, pick, praise, prize, regard highly, root for, sanction, single out\*, support, take a liking to\*, take a shine to\*, take to\*, think well of, tilt toward\*, value; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* disfavor, dislike

**favor** [*v*3] *look like* be the image of\*, be the picture of\*, feature, resemble, simulate, take after\*; CONCEPT 716

**favorable** [*adj*] *approving, friendly* acclamatory, affirmative, agreeable, amicable, approba-

tive, approbatory, assenting, benevolent, benign, benignant, commending, complimentary, encouraging, enthusiastic, inclined, in favor of, kind, kindly, laudatory, okay, positive, praiseful, predisposed, reassuring, recommendatory, supportive, sympathetic, understanding, welcoming, well-disposed, well-intentioned; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* bad, disagreeable, unfavorable, unfriendly, unpromising

**favorable** [*adj*2] *good, timely, advantageous* appropriate, auspicious, benefic, beneficial, benign, bright, cheering, convenient, encouraging, fair, fit, fortunate, full of promise, gratifying, happy, healthful, helpful, hopeful, kindly, lucky, nice, opportune, pleasant, pleasing, pleasurable, pleasurable, promising, propitious, prosperous, providential, reassuring, seasonable, suitable, toward, useful, welcome, well-timed, wholesome, worthy; CONCEPTS 537,558, 572 —*Ant.* bad, derogatory, detrimental, harmful, hindering, hurtful, hurting, injurious, unfavorable, unhelpful

**favorably** [*adv*1] *genially, in a kindly manner* agreeably, amiably, approvingly, cordially, courteously, enthusiastically, fairly, generously, graciously, heartily, helpfully, positively, receptively, usefully, willingly, with approbation, with approval, without prejudice; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* unfavorably, unfriendly

**favorably** [*adv*2] *opportunistically, advantageously* auspiciously, conveniently, fortunately, happily, profitably, prosperously, satisfyingly, successfully, swimmingly, to one's advantage, well; CONCEPTS 537,558,572 —*Ant.* disadvantageously, unfavorably

**favored** [*adj*] *popular* advantaged, best-liked, blessed, chosen, elite, fair-haired\*, lucky, pet\*, preferred, privileged, recommended, selected, singled out, sweetheart, well-liked; CONCEPTS 529,568 —*Ant.* disfavored, unpopular

**favorite** [*adj*] *preferred* admired, adored, beloved, best-loved, cherished, choice, darling, dear, dearest, desired, especial, esteemed, favored, intimate, liked, main, number one\*, personal, pet\*, pleasant, popular, precious, prized, revered, sweetheart\*, treasured, wished-for; CONCEPTS 529,568 —*Ant.* disliked, hated, loathed

**favorite** [*n*] *something or someone cherished, prized* apple of eye\*, beloved, chalk\*, choice, darling, dear, fave\*, front-runner\*, ideal, idol, love, main, minion, number one\*, paramour, pet\*, pick, preference, shoo-in\*, teacher's pet\*; CONCEPTS 423,446 —*Ant.* hate, peeve

**favoritism** [*n*] *bias, partiality* discrimination, inclination, inequity, nepotism, one-sidedness, partisanship, preference, preferential treatment, unfairness; CONCEPTS 41,388,645 —*Ant.* fairness, impartiality, justice

**fawn** [*n*] *baby deer* baby buck, baby doe, yearling; CONCEPTS 394,400

**fawn** [*v*] *ingratiate oneself to; serve* abase, apple-polish\*, be at beck and call\*, be obsequious, be servile, blandish, bow, brownnose\*, buddy up\*, butter up\*, cajole, cater to, cave in to\*, cotton\*, court, cower, crawl, creep, cringe, crouch, curry favor\*, debase, defer, fall all over, fall on one's knees\*, flatter, grovel, honey up\*, invite, jolly, kneel, kowtow\*, lay it on\*,

lick boots\*, make up to, massage\*, oil\*, pander, pay court\*, play up to\*, scrape, slaver, snow\*, stoop, stroke\*, submit, toady\*, truckle\*, woo\*, yield; CONCEPTS 110,384 —*Ant.* ignore

**fawning** [*adj*] *deferential, groveling* abject, adulatory, bootlicking\*, bowing, brownnosing\*, compliant, cowering, crawling, cringing, flattering, humble, ingratiating, kowtowing\*, mealy-mouthed\*, obsequious, parasitic, prostrate, scraping, servile, slavish, sniveling, spineless, submissive, subservient, sycophant, sycophantic; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* aloof, cool, disinterested, proud, unfriendly

**fax** [*n*] *facsimile* copy, duplicate, electronic message, reproduction, transmission; CONCEPTS 269,667,716

**fax** [*v*] *copy* deliver, relay, send, transmit; CONCEPTS 269,667,716

**faze** [*v*] *embarrass* abash, annoy, appall, bother, confound, confuse, daunt, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, dismay, dumbfound, horrify, irritate, muddle, mystify, nonplus, perplex, puzzle, rattle, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19

**fear** [*n*] *alarm, apprehension* abhorrence, agitation, angst, anxiety, aversion, awe, bête noire, chickenheartedness\*, cold feet\*, cold sweat\*, concern, consternation, cowardice, creeps, despair, discomposure, dismay, disquietude, distress, doubt, dread, faintheartedness, foreboding, fright, funk\*, horror, jitters, misgiving, nightmare, panic, phobia, presentiment, qualm, recreancy, reverence, revulsion, scare, suspicion, terror, timidity, trembling, tremor, trepidation, unease, uneasiness, worry; CONCEPT 27 —*Ant.* bravery, courage, fearlessness, heroism, unconcern

**fear** [*v*] *feel alarm; be scared* of anticipate, apprehend, avoid, be afraid, be anxious, be apprehensive, be disquieted, be frightened, be in awe, blanch, break out in a sweat\*, cower, crouch, dare not, dread, expect, falter, feel concern, flinch, foresee, fret, have butterflies\*, have qualms, lose courage\*, quail, quaver, shrink, shudder, shun, shy, start, suspect, tremble, wilt, worry; CONCEPT 27 —*Ant.* brave

**fearful** [*adj*1] *alarmed, apprehensive* aflutter, afraid, aghast, agitated, anxious, chicken, chickenhearted\*, diffident, discomposed, disquieted, disturbed, fainthearted, frightened, goosebumpy\*, have cold feet\*, hesitant, in a dither\*, intimidated, jittery, jumpy, lily-livered\*, mousy, nerveless, nervous, nery, panicky, perturbed, phobic, pusillanimous, quivery, rabbitly\*, running scared\*, scared, shaky, sheepish\*, shrinking, shy, skittish, solicitous, spineless, tense, timid, timorous, tremulous, uneasy, unmanly, weak-kneed\*, worried, yellow\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* bold, brave, courageous, inapprehensive, unafraid, unfeared

**fearful** [*adj*2] *horrifying* appalling, astounding, atrocious, awful, baleful, bloodcurdling, creepy, dire, distressing, dreadful, eerie, formidable, frightful, ghastly, ghoulish, grievous, grim, grisly, gruesome, hair-raising\*, hideous, horrendous, horrible, horrific, lurid, macabre, monstrous, morbid, overwhelming, redoubtable, shocking, shuddersome, sinister, strange, sublime, terrible, tremendous, unearthly, unspeakable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* good, nice, pleasant



**fearless** [*adj*] *brave, unafraid* assured, aweless, bodacious, bold, brassy, cheeky, chesty\*, cocky, confident, cool hand\*, courageous, crack\*, daring, dashing, dauntless, doughty, flip\*, fresh\*, gallant, game, gritty, gutsy, heroic, icy\*, indomitable, intrepid, lionhearted, nervy, plucky, salty\*, sanguine, sassy\*, smart, spunky, sure, temerarious, unabashed, undaunted, unflinching, valiant, valorous, wise; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* afraid, apprehensive, fearful, timid

**feasible** [*adj*] *possible, doable* achievable, advantageous, appropriate, attainable, beneficial, breeze, cinch, duck soup\*, easy as pie\*, expedient, fit, fitting, likely, no sweat\*, performable, pie\*, piece of cake\*, practicable, practical, probable, profitable, pushover, realizable, reasonable, simple as ABC\*, snap, suitable, viable, workable, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 528,552,558 —*Ant.* impossible, inconceivable, unfeasible, unlikely, unpractical, unreasonable

**feast** [*n*] *banquet and celebration* barbecue, big feed\*, blow\*, blowout\*, carnival, carousal, clambake, dinner, entertainment, fest, festival, festivity, fete, fiesta, gala, jollification, merry-making, picnic, refreshment, regale, repast, spread, treat, wassail; CONCEPTS 377,459

**feast** [*v*] *eat a great amount or very well* banquet, dine, eat sumptuously, entertain, gorge, gormandize, indulge, overindulge, regale, stuff, stuff one's face\*, treat, wine and dine\*; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* abstain, fast

**feat** [*n*] *achievement* accomplishment, act, action, adventure, attainment, conquest, consummation, coup, deed, effort, enterprise, execution, exploit, performance, stunt, tour de force, triumph, venture, victory; CONCEPTS 1,706 —*Ant.* failure, idleness, inaction

**feather** [*n*] *tuft of bird; plumage* calamus, crest, down, fin, fluff, fringe, penna, pinion, pinna, plume, plumule, pommel, quill, shaft, spike, wing; CONCEPT 399

**feature** [*n1*] *characteristic* affection, angle, article, aspect, attribute, character, component, constituent, detail, differential, earmark\*, element, facet, factor, gag\*, gimmick, hallmark, idiosyncrasy, individuality, ingredient, integrant, item, mark, notability, particularity, peculiarity, point, property, quality, savor, slant\*, speciality, speciality, trait, twist\*, unit, virtue; CONCEPTS 831,834,835

**feature** [*n2*] *highlight, special attraction* big show\*, crowd puller\*, draw, drawing card\*, headliner\*, innovation, main item, peculiarity, prominent part, speciality, specialty; CONCEPTS 386,829

**feature** [*n3*] *special article in publication* column, comment, item, piece, report, story; CONCEPT 270

**feature** [*v*] *give prominence to* accentuate, advertise, blaze\*, call attention to, emphasize, headline\*, italicize, make conspicuous, mark, play up\*, point up\*, present, promote, set off\*, spotlight\*, star, stress, underline, underscore; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore

**featureless** [*adj*] *nondescript* bland, characterless, faceless, forgettable, nameless, plain, stark, unadorned; CONCEPTS 485,589

**features** [*n*] *facial characteristics* appearance, countenance, face, lineaments, looks, mien, mug\*, physiognomy, puss\*, visage; CONCEPT 418

**featuring** [*adj*] *giving prominence to* calling attention to, displaying, drawing attention to, giving center stage to\*, headlining\*, highlighting, making much of\*, pointing up\*, presenting, promoting, pushing, recommending, showing, showing off\*, starring, turning, turning the spotlight on\*; CONCEPT 292

**febrile** [*adj*] *feverish* delirious, fevered, fiery, flushed, hallucinatory, hot, inflamed, pyretic; CONCEPTS 314,605 —*Ant.* cold, freezing, frigid

**feckless** [*adj*] *without purpose* aimless, care-free, careless, feeble, fustian, futile, good-for-nothing\*, hopeless, incautious, incompetent, ineffective, ineffectual, irresponsible, meaningless, reckless, shiftless, uncareful, useless, weak, wild, worthless; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* competent, effective, effectual, efficient, purposeful, responsible, strong, useful

**fecund** [*adj*] *productive* breeding, fertile, fructiferous, fruitful, generating, pregnant, prolificant, prolific, propagating, reproducing, rich, spawning, teeming; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* impotent, infertile, sterile, unfruitful, unproductive

**federation** [*n*] *partnership, organization* alliance, amalgamation, association, bunch, coalition, combination, confederacy, crew, crowd, entente, family, federacy, gang, league, mob, outfit, pool, ring, syndicate, syndication, tribe, union; CONCEPTS 323,381,417

**fed up** [*adj*] *disgusted with* annoyed, blasé, blue\*, bored, depressed, discontented, dismal, dissatisfied, down, gloomy, glum, jaded, sated, satiated, sick and tired\*, surfeited, tired, up to here\*, weary; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* happy, overjoyed, pleased

**fee** [*n*] *charge for service or privilege* account, ante\*, bill, bite\*, chunk\*, commission, compensation, consideration, cost, cut\*, emolument, end\*, expense, gravy\*, handle, hire, honorarium, house\*, juice\*, pay, payment, percentage, piece\*, piece of the action\*, price, rake-off\*, recompense, remuneration, reward, salary, share, slice\*, stipend, take\*, take-in\*, toll, wage; CONCEPTS 329,344

**feeble** [*adj*] *not strong; ineffective* aged, ailing, chicken\*, debilitated, decrepit, delicate, doddering, dopey\*, effete, emaculated, enervated, enfeebled, etiolated, exhausted, failing, faint, flabby\*, flat, fragile, frail, gentle, helpless, impotent, inadequate, incompetent, indecisive, ineffectual, inefficient, infirm, insubstantial, insufficient, lame, languid, low, out of gas\*, paltry, poor, powerless, puny, sapless, sickly, slight, strengthless, tame, thin, unconvincing, vitiated, weak, weakened, weakly, wimpy\*, woozy\*, zero\*; CONCEPTS 267,489,527

—*Ant.* able, effective, hardy, healthy, hearty, powerful, solid, sound, strong

**feble-minded** [*adj*] *mentally handicapped* dim-witted, dull-witted, dumb, half-witted, imbecilic, moronic, retarded, simple, slow, soft in the head, stupid, unintelligent, weak-minded; CONCEPTS 402,548

**febleness** [*n*] *lack of strength; ineffectiveness* debility, decrepitude, delicacy, disease, effete-

ness, enervation, etiolation, exhaustion, flimsiness, frailness, frailty, inability, inadequacy, incapacity, incompetence, ineffectualness, infirmity, infirmness, insignificance, insufficiency, lameness, languor, lassitude, malaise, senility, sickliness, unhealthiness, weakness; CONCEPTS 630,676,732 —*Ant.* ability, effectiveness, health, heartiness, power, soundness, strength

**feed** [*n*] *food* animal food, barley, corn, fodder, forage, grain, grass, grub, hay, meal, pasturage, provender, provisions, silage, straw, vittle; CONCEPTS 457,460,461

**feed** [*v*] *give nourishment; augment* banquet, bolster, cater, cram, deliver, dine, dish out\*, dispense, encourage, fatten, feast, fill, find, foster, fuel, furnish, give, gorge, hand, hand over, maintain, minister, nourish, nurse, nurture, provide, provision, regale, satisfy, stock, strengthen, stuff, supply, support, sustain, victual, wine and dine\*; CONCEPTS 107,140 —*Ant.* starve

**feedback** [*n*] *response* answer, assessment, comeback, comment, criticism, evaluation, observation, reaction, rebuttal, reply, retaliation, sentiment; CONCEPT 278

**feed on** [*v*] *consume* devour, eat, exist on, fare, feast, graze, have a bite\*, ingest, live on\*, meal, munch, nibble, nurture, partake, pasture\*, peck\*, pig out\*, prey on, scarf\*, snack, sponge, subsist, take, take nourishment; CONCEPT 169

**feel** [*n*] *texture; air* ambience, atmosphere, aura, feeling, finish, impression, mood, palpation, quality, semblance, sensation, sense, surface, tactility, taction, touch, vibes; CONCEPTS 611, 673

**feel** [*v1*] *touch, stroke* apperceive, caress, clasp, clutch, explore, finger, fondle, frisk, fumble, grapple, grasp, grip, grope, handle, manipulate, maul, palm, palpate, paw, perceive, pinch, ply, poke, press, run hands over\*, sense, squeeze, test, thumb, tickle, try, twiddle, wield; CONCEPT 612

**feel** [*v2*] *experience* accept, acknowledge, appear, appreciate, be affected, be aware of, be excited, be impressed, be sensible of, be sensitive, be turned on to\*, comprehend, discern, encounter, endure, enjoy, exhibit, get\*, get in touch\*, get vibes\*, go through\*, have, have a hunch\*, have funny feeling\*, have vibes\*, know, meet, note, notice, observe, perceive, receive, remark, resemble, savor, see, seem, sense, suffer, suggest, take to heart\*, taste, undergo, understand, welcome; CONCEPTS 15,34,38

**feel** [*v3*] *believe* assume, be convinced, be of the opinion, conclude, conjecture, consider, credit, deduce, deem, esteem, gather, guess, have a hunch\*, have the impression\*, hold, infer, intuit, judge, know, presume, repute, sense, suppose, surmise, suspect, think; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* disbelieve

**feeling** [*n1*] *sensation, especially of touch* activity, awareness, consciousness, enjoyment, excitability, excitation, excitement, feel, innervation, motility, motor response, pain, perceiving, perception, pleasure, reaction, receptivity, reflex, responsiveness, sense, sensibility, sensitivity, sensuality, tactility, tangibility, titillation;

CONCEPT 608 —*Ant.* insensibility, numbness, unconsciousness

**feeling** [*n2*] *idea, impression* apprehension, belief, consciousness, conviction, eye\*, hunch\*, inclination, inking, instinct, mind, notion, opinion, outlook, persuasion, point of view, presentation, reaction, sense, sentiment, suspicion, thought, view; CONCEPTS 532,689,690 —*Ant.* concrete, solid, thing

**feeling** [*n3*] *a state of mind, often strong* action, affection, appreciation, ardor, behavior, capacity, compassion, concern, cultivation, culture, delicacy, discernment, discrimination, emotion, empathy, faculty, fervor, fondness, heat, imagination, impression, intelligence, intensity, intuition, judgment, keenness, palpability, passion, pathos, pity, reaction, refinement, sensibility, sensitivity, sentiment, sentimentality, sharpness, spirit, sympathy, tangibility, taste, tenderness, understanding, warmth; CONCEPTS 409,410

**feeling** [*n4*] *ambience* air, atmosphere, aura, impression, imprint, mood, quality, semblance; CONCEPT 673

**feign** [*v*] *pretend* act, affect, assume, bluff\*, counterfeit, devise, dissemble, dissimulate, do a bit\*, fabricate, fake, forge, four-flush\*, give appearance of, imagine, imitate, invent, make show of\*, phony up\*, play, play possum\*, put on, put on act\*, put up a front\*, sham\*, simulate, stonewall\*; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* be true

**feigned** [*adj*] *pretended* affected, artificial, assumed, counterfeit, fabricated, fake, faked, false, fictitious, imaginary, imagined, imitation, insincere, phony, pretended, pseudo\*, put-on\*, sham\*, simulated, spurious; CONCEPTS 401,582 —*Ant.* genuine, real, sincere

**feint** [*n*] *pretense* artifice, bait, blind, bluff, cheat, deceit, distraction, dodge, duck, expedient, fake, gambit, hoax, hoodwinking\*, imposture, make-believe, maneuver, mock attack, play, ploy, pretension, pretext, ruse, sham\*, shift, snare, stall, stratagem, subterfuge, trick, wile; CONCEPTS 633,660,725 —*Ant.* truth

**feisty** [*adj*] *spirited; touchy* active, alive, bubbly, courageous, difficult, enthusiastic, excitable, fiery, frisky, full of pep, game, gritty, gutsy, gutty, high-strung, hot-blooded, lively, mettlesome, ornery, peppy, quarrelsome, scrappy, sensitive, spunky, thin-skinned, tough, truculent, zestful; CONCEPTS 404,542

**felicitate** [*v*] *congratulate* commend, compliment, praise, recommend, rejoice with, salute, wish joy to; CONCEPT 69 —*Ant.* condemn, reject

**felicitous** [*adj*] *appropriate, suitable* applicable, apposite, apropos, apt, convincing, fit, fitting, germane, happy, inspired, just, meet, neat, opportune, pat, pertinent, proper, propitious, relevant, seasonable, telling, timely, well-chosen, well-timed; CONCEPTS 558,799 —*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, infelicitous, inopportune, unfitting, unsuitable, untimely

**felicity** [*n1*] *happiness* bliss, cheerfulness, contentment, delight, ecstasy, elation, enjoyment, euphoria, exhilaration, exuberance, glee, good spirits, joviality, joy, jubilation, merriment, mirth, pleasure, rapture, well-being; CONCEPT 410

**felicity** [*n2*] *appropriateness* applicability, aptness, becomingness, suitability; CONCEPT 558

**fell** [v] *chop down* blow down, bowl over\*; bring down, cause to fall, cleave, cut, cut down, dash, demolish, down, drop, flatten, floor\*; gash, ground, hack, hew, knock down, knock over, lay low\*, level, mangle, mow down\*, prostrate, pull down, raze, rive, sever, shoot, shoot down\*, slash, split, strike down, sunder, throw down, tumble; CONCEPTS 176,181

—**Ant.** build, construct, erect, raise

**fellow** [n] *male or female colleague, friend* assistant, associate, cohort, companion, compeer, comrade, concomitant, confrere, consort, coordinate, counterpart\*, coworker, double, duplicate, equal, instructor, lecturer, match, mate, member, partner, peer, professor, reciprocal, twin; CONCEPTS 348,423 —**Ant.** enemy

**fellowship** [n] *sociability, association* acquaintance, affability, alliance, amity, camaraderie, club, communion, companionship, companionship, company, comradeship, conviviality, familiarity, friendliness, guild, intimacy, kindness, league, order, society, sodality, togetherness; CONCEPTS 387,388

**felon** [n] *criminal* con, convict, delinquent, ex-con\*, jailbird\*, lawbreaker, lifer\*, loser\*, malefactor, offender, outlaw, yardbird\*; CONCEPT 412 —**Ant.** police

**felonious** [adj] *criminal* base, corrupt, evil, illegal, illicit, lawbreaking, villainous, wrongful; CONCEPT 545

**felony** [n] *crime* arson, assault, burglary, criminal offense, foul play, murder, offense, rape, robbery, violation, wrongdoing; CONCEPT 192

**female** [adj] *having the qualities or characteristics of a woman* effeminate, fecund, feminine, fertile, maternal, muliebrous, womanish, womanly; CONCEPTS 371,408 —**Ant.** male, masculine

**female** [n] *woman* daughter, femme, gal, gentlewoman, girl, grandmother, lady, madam, matron, Miss/Mrs./Ms., mother, she, sister; CONCEPT 415 —**Ant.** male, man

**femininity/feminine** [n/adj] *womanly* effeminate, effete, fertile, gender, gynec, womanhood, womanish, womanliness; CONCEPTS 371,372,408,648 —**Ant.** masculinity

**femme fatale** [n] *seductress* attractive woman, dangerous woman, enchantress, enticing woman, siren, temptress, vamp; CONCEPTS 361,412,415

**fence** [n] *barrier used to enclose a piece of land* backstop, balustrade, bar, barbed wire, barricade, block, boards, chains, Cyclone, defense, dike, guard, hedge, net, paling, palisade, pickets, posts, rail, railing, rampart, roadblock, shield, stakes, stockade, stop, wall; CONCEPTS 260, 476,479

**fence** [v1] *enclose or separate an area* bound, cage, circumscribe, confine, coop, corral, defend, encircle, fortify, girdle, guard, hedge, hem, immure, mew, mure, pen, protect, rail, restrict, secure, surround, wall; CONCEPT 758 —**Ant.** release, set free, uncoop

**fence** [v2] *dodge; beat around the bush* avoid, baffle, cavil, duck, equivocate, evade, feint, foil, hedge, maneuver, outwit, parry, prevaricate, quibble, shift, shirk, sidestep, stonewall\*, tergiversate; CONCEPTS 30,59 —**Ant.** face, meet

**fend** [v] *defend* bulwark, cover, dodge, guard, oppose, parry, protect, repel, resist, safeguard,

screen, secure, shield; CONCEPT 96 —**Ant.** surrender, yield

**fender** [n] *piece protecting part of a vehicle* apron, buffer, bumper, cover, curb, cushion, frame, guard, mask, mudguard\*, protector, screen, shield, splashboard, ward; CONCEPT 502

**fend for** [v] *take care of* eke out existence\*,

look after, make do, make provision for, provide for, stay alive\*, subsist, support, survive, sustain; CONCEPT 100 —**Ant.** ignore, neglect

**fend off** [v] *keep at bay* avert, avoid, beat off\*, deflect, drive back\*, hold at bay\*, keep at a distance, keep at arm's length\*, keep off, parry, rebuff, rebuke, rebut, refuse, reject, repel, repulse, resist, snub, spurn, stave off, turn aside, ward off; CONCEPT 96 —**Ant.** let in

**feral** [adj] *untamed animal, brutal, ferocious*, fierce, raging, savage, tameless, uncultivated, undomesticated, wild; CONCEPTS 401,542

**ferment** [n1] *substance causing chemicals to split into simpler substances* bacteria, bacterium, barm, ebullition, enzyme, fermentation agent, leaven, leavening, mold, seethe, simmer, yeast; CONCEPT 478

**ferment** [n2] *agitation, uprising* ailment, brouhaha, clamor, commotion, convulsion, disquiet, disquietude, disruption, disturbance, excitement, fever, flap, frenzy, furor, fuss, heat, hell broke loose\*, hubbub, imbroglio, outcry, restiveness, restlessness, row, rumble, scene, state of unrest, stew\*, stink\*, stir, storm, to-do\*, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, unrest, upheaval, uproar, upturn; CONCEPTS 106,674 —**Ant.** calm, contentedness, happiness, peace, pleasure

**ferment** [v] *split into simpler substances; be agitated* acidify, be violent, boil, brew, bubble, churn, concoct, dissolve, effervesce, evaporate, excite, fester, fizz, foam, foment, froth, heat, incite, inflame, leaven, moil, overflow, provoke, ripen, rise, rouse, seethe, simmer, sour, sparkle, stir up, work; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,250

**ferocious** [adj] *violent, barbaric* barbarous, bloodthirsty, brutal, brutish, cruel, fell, feral, fierce, frightful, grim, implacable, inhuman, inhumane, lupine, merciless, murderous, pitiless, predatory, rapacious, ravening, ravenous, relentless, ruthless, sanguinary, savage, tigerish, truculent, unmerciful, unrestrained, untamed, vehement, vicious, voracious, wild, wolfish; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** gentle, innocent, kind, mild, nonviolent, tame, tender

**ferocity** [adj] *fierceness* barbarity, bloodthirstiness, brutality, cruelty, ferociousness, murderousness, savagery, viciousness, violence, wildness; CONCEPTS 401,542

**ferret out** [v] *trace, search out* ascertain, be on to, bring to light\*, chase, determine, dig up\*, disclose, discover, drive out, elicit, extract, follow, get at\*, hunt, learn, nose out\*, penetrate, pick up on, pierce, probe, pry, pursue, quest, root out\*, seek, smell out\*, smoke out\*, track down, trail, unearth; CONCEPTS 183,216

**ferry** [n] *transportation boat* barge, ferryboat, packet, packet boat, passage boat; CONCEPT 506

**ferry** [v] *carry across* bear, buck, carry, chauffeur, convey, lug\*, move across, pack, run, schlepp\*, send, ship, shuttle, tote\*, transport; CONCEPTS 187,217

**fertile** [*adj*] *ready to bear, produce* abundant, arable, bearing, black, bountiful, breeding, breedy, bringing forth, childing, fecund, ferocious, flowering, flowing with milk and honey\*, fruitful, generative, gravid, hebetate, loamy, lush, luxuriant, plenteous, plentiful, pregnant, procreant, producing, productive, proliferant, prolific, puberal, pubescent, rank, rich, spawning, teeming, uberous, vegetative, virile, with child\*, yielding; CONCEPTS 372,485 —*Ant.* barren, fruitless, impotent, infertile, sterile, unproductive, useless

**fertility** [*n*] *readiness to bear, produce* abundance, copiousness, fecundity, feracity, fruitfulness, generative capacity, gravidity, luxuriance, plentifulness, potency, pregnancy, productiveness, productivity, prolificacy, prolificity, puberty, pubescence, richness, uberty, virility; CONCEPTS 372,723 —*Ant.* aridity, childlessness, emptiness, infertility, sterility

**fertilize** [*v*] *make ready to bear, produce* beget, breed, compost, cover, dress, enrich, fecundate, feed, fructify, generate, germinate, impregnate, inseminate, lime, make fruitful, make pregnant, manure, mulch, pollinate, procreate, propagate, top-dress, treat; CONCEPTS 257,374,375

**fertilizer** [*n*] *dressing to aid production of crops* buffalo chips\*, compost, cow chips\*, dung, guano, humus, manure, mulch\*, mulch, peat moss, plant food, potash, top dressing\*; CONCEPTS 260,399,429

**fervent/fervid** [*adj*] *enthusiastic, excited* animated, ardent, blazing, burning, devout, dying to\*, eager, earnest, ecstatic, emotional, enthused, falling all over oneself\*, fiery, glowing, go great guns\*, heartfelt, hearty, hot\*, hot-blooded\*, impassioned, intense, passionate, perfervid, pious, religious, responsive, serious, sincere, unfeigned, vehement, warm, warmhearted, wholehearted, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* cool, discouraged, dispirited, impassive, uncaring, unenthusiastic, unexcited

**fervor** [*n*] *excitement, enthusiasm* animation, ardency, ardor, devoutness, eagerness, earnestness, fervency, fire\*, heartiness, heat\*, hurrah, intensity, jazz\*, love, oomph\*, passion, pep talk\*, piety, piousness, religiousness, seriousness, sincerity, solemnity, vehemence, warmth, weakness, wholeheartedness, zeal, zealotness; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* apathy, coolness, discouragement

**fester** [*v*] *intensify; become inflamed* aggravate, blister, canker, chafe, decay, gall, gather, irk, maturate, putrefy, rangle, rot, smolder, suppurate, ulcer, ulcerate; CONCEPTS 469,698 —*Ant.* dissipate, get better, heal, lessen

**festival** [*n*] *celebration* anniversary, carnival, commemoration, competition, entertainment, fair, feast, festivities, fete, field day, fiesta, gala, holiday, jubilee, merrymaking, treat; CONCEPT 377

**festive** [*adj*] *decorated, celebratory* blithe, bouncy, carnival, cheery, chipper\*, chirpy, convivial, festal, gala, gay, gleeful, go-go\*, grooving, happy, hearty, holiday, jocund, jolly, jovial, joyful, joyous, jubilant, juiced up\*, jumping, lighthearted, merry, mirthful, peppy\*, perky, rocking\*, snappy\*, swinging, upbeat,

zippy\*; CONCEPTS 403,548 —*Ant.* depressed, gloomy, somber, undecorated

**festivity** [*n*] *celebration, revelry* amusement, bash\*, blowout\*, carousal\*, clambake\*, conviviality, do\*, entertainment, festival, fun, fun and games\*, gaiety, happiness, hilarity, hoopla, jamboree, jollity, joviality, joyfulness, levity, merriment, merrymaking, mirth, party, pleasure, revel, reveling, revelment, shindig\*, sport, whoopee\*, wingding\*; CONCEPTS 377,383

**festoon** [*v*] *decorate* adorn, deck, drape, garnish, hang, trim, wreath; CONCEPTS 162,177

**fetch** [*v*] *go get, bring in* back, bear, be sold for, bring, bring back, bring to, buck, call for, carry, conduct, convey, deliver, draw forth, earn, elicit, escort, get, give rise to, go for, gun, heel, lead, lug\*, make, obtain, pack, piggyback\*, produce, realize, retrieve, ride, sell, sell for, schlepp\*, shoulder\*, tote, transport, truck\*, yield; CONCEPTS 90,124,131 —*Ant.* free, let go

**fetching** [*adj*] *alluring, attractive* beautiful, captivating, charming, cute, enchanting, enticing, fascinating, intriguing, luring, pleasing, sweet, taking, tempting, winsome; CONCEPTS 537,579 —*Ant.* repellent, repulsive, ugly, unalluring, unattractive

**fete** [*n*] *celebration, party* ball, banquet, bazaar, do\*, fair, festival, fiesta, gala; CONCEPT 377

**fete** [*v*] *throw a party for someone* celebrate, entertain, feast, festival, hold reception for, holiday, honor, lionize, make much of\*, roll out the red carpet\*, treat, wine and dine\*; CONCEPT 384

**fetid** [*adj*] *foul, rancid* corrupt, fusty, grody\*, gross\*, icky\*, loathsome, lousy, malodorous, mephitic, noisome, noxious, offensive, putrid, rank, reeking, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, rotten, smelly, stenchy, stinking, stinky, strong, yecchy\*, yucky\*; CONCEPT 598 —*Ant.* aromatic, clean, fragrant, pure, sweet

**fetish** [*n*] *obsession* bias, craze\*, desire, fixation, golden calf\*, idée fixe, leaning, luck, mania, partiality, penchant, periapt, predilection, prejudice, preoccupation, prepossession, proclivity, propensity, stimulant, thing\*; CONCEPTS 529,689

**fetish** [*n*] *object believed to have supernatural powers* amulet, charm, cult object, idol, image, juju\*, mascot, phylactery, superstition, talisman, voodoo doll\*, zemi; CONCEPTS 446,687

**fetter** [*v*] *tie up, hold* bind, chain, check, clog, confine, cuff, curb, drag feet, encumber, hamper, hamstring\*, handcuff, hang up, hinder, hobble, hog-tie\*, hold captive, leash, manacle, put straitjacket on\*, repress, restrain, restrict, shackle, throw monkey wrench in\*, trammel; CONCEPTS 130,191 —*Ant.* free, let go, loose, loosen, release

**fetters** [*n*] *bindings; bondage* bilboes, bonds, captivity, chains, check, cuffs, curb, handcuffs, hindrance, irons, manacles, obstruction, restraint, shackles, trammels; CONCEPTS 130,191

**fettle** [*n*] *spirits* condition, emotional state, mental state, order, shape, sound condition, state of mind; CONCEPTS 407,411

**fetus** [*n*] *unborn young* blastosphere, blastula, developing infant, embryo, fertilized egg; CONCEPTS 414,424

**feud** [*n*] *major argument; estrangement* altercation, bad blood\*, bickering, broil\*, combat,

conflict, contention, contest, controversy, disagreement, discord, dispute, dissension, enmity, faction, falling out\*, fight, fracas, grudge, hostility, quarrel, rivalry, row, run-in\*, squabble, strife, vendetta; CONCEPTS 46,106,388 —*Ant.* agreement, comradeship, friendship

**feud** [*v*] *fight bitterly; fall out* be at daggers with\*, be at odds\*, bicker, brawl, clash, contend, dispute, duel, quarrel, row, squabble, war; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* agree, make peace, socialize

**fever** [*n*] *state of high temperature or agitation* burning up\*, delirium, ecstasy, excitement, febrile disease, ferment, fervor, fire, flush, frenzy, heat, intensity, passion, pyrexia, restlessness, running a temperature\*, the shakes\*, turmoil, unrest; CONCEPTS 410,610 —*Ant.* chill, coldness, freeze, frigidify

**feverish** [*adj*1] *having a high temperature* above normal\*, aguey, burning, burning up\*, febrile, fevered, fiery, flushed, having the shakes\*, hectic, hot, inflamed, on fire, pyretic, running a temperature\*; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* chilled, chilly, cold, freezing

**feverish** [*adj*2] *excited, agitated* burning, distracted, fervid, fevered, frantic, frenetic, frenzied, furious, heated, hectic, high-strung\*, impatient, keyed up\*, nervous, obsessive, overwrought, passionate, restless; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* calm, collected, content, cool, easy-going, unexcited

**few** [*adj*] *hardly any* exiguous, few and far between\*, imperceptible, inconsequential, inconsiderable, infrequent, insufficient, lean, less, meager, middling, minor, minority, minute, negligible, not many, not too many\*, occasional, paltry, petty, piddling, rare, scant, scanty, scarce, scarcely any, scattered, scattering, seldom, semioccasional, short, skimpy, slender, slight, slim, some, sparse, sporadic, stingy, straggling, thin, trifling, uncommon, infrequent, widely spaced; CONCEPTS 771,789 —*Ant.* many, much

**few** [*pron*] *scarcely any* not many, not too many\*, scattering, several, slim pickings\*, small number, smatter, smattering, some, spattering, sprinkling; CONCEPT 787 —*Ant.* many, much

**fiancé/fiancée** [*n*] *person engaged to marry* affianced person, betrothed, engaged person, future\*, husband-to-be, intended, prospective spouse, steady\*, wife-to-be; CONCEPTS 414,423

**fiasco** [*n*] *catastrophe* abortion, blunder, botched situation, breakdown, debacle, disaster, dumb thing to do\*, dumb trick\*, embarrassment, error, failure, farce, flap, flop, mess, miscarriage, route, ruin, screwup\*, stunt, washout\*; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, blessing, boon, miracle, success, wonder

**fiat** [*n*] *order, proclamation* authorization, command, decree, dictate, dictum, edict, endorsement, mandate, ordinance, permission, precept, sanction, ukase, warrant; CONCEPT 685 —*Ant.* question, request

**fib** [*n*] *undetailed lie* canard, crock\*, equivocation, evasiveness, fabrication, fairy tale\*, falsehood, falsity, fiction, invention, jazz\*, line\*, mendacity, misrepresentation, prevarication, spinach\*, story, tale, untruth, untruthfulness,

white lie\*, whopper\*, yarn\*; CONCEPTS 278,282 —*Ant.* truth

**fib** [*v*] *tell an undetailed lie* concoct, create fiction, equivocate, fabricate, falsify, invent, jive\*, make up, palter, plant, prevaricate, promote, shovel\*, speak with forked tongue\*, stretch the truth\*, tell a little white lie\*, trump up\*; CONCEPT 63 —*Ant.* be honest, tell truth

**fiber** [*n*1] *strand of material* cilia, cord, fibril, filament, footlet, grain, grit, hair, shred, staple, string, strip, tendril, thread, tissue, tooth, vein, warp, web, woof; CONCEPTS 392,428,611,831

**fiber** [*n*2] *texture* essence, fabric, feel, hand, nap, nature, pile, spirit, substance; CONCEPTS 411,682

**fibrous** [*adj*] *stringy* coarse, fibroid, hairy, muscular, pulpy, ropy, sinewy, stalky, thread-like, tissueed, veined, wiry, woody; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* nonfibrous

**fickle** [*adj*] *vacillating, blowing hot and cold* arbitrary, capricious, changeable, cheating, coquettish, double-crossing, faithless, fitful, flighty, frivolous, inconstant, irresolute, lubricious, mercurial, mutable, quicksilver, sneaking, temperamental, ticklish, two-timing, unfaithful, unpredictable, unstable, unsteady, untrue, variable, volatile, whimsical, yo-yo\*; CONCEPTS 401,534,545 —*Ant.* aware, cognizant, constant, faithful, reliable, stable, steady

**fiction** [*n*] *made-up story* anecdote, best seller, book, cliff-hanger\*, clothesline\*, concoction, crock\*, drama, fable, fabrication, falsehood, fancy, fantasy, fib, figment of imagination\*, fish story\*, hokey\*, imagination, improvisation, invention, legend, lie, misrepresentation, myth, narrative, novel, potboiler\*, prevarication, romance, smoke\*, storytelling, tale, tall story\*, terminological inexactitude, untruth, whopper\*, work of imagination, yarn\*; CONCEPTS 63,271,280,282 —*Ant.* non-fiction, truth

**fictitious** [*adj*] *untrue, made-up* apocryphal, artificial, assumed, bogus\*, chimerical, concocted, cooked-up\*, counterfeit, created, deceptive, delusive, delusory, dishonest, ersatz\*, fabricated, factitious, fake, faked, false, fanciful, fantastic, fashioned, feigned, fictional, fictive, figmental, hyped up\*, illusory, imaginary, imagined, improvised, invented, made, make-believe, misleading, mock, mythical, phony, queer, romantic, sham\*, simulated, spurious, supposititious, supposititious, synthetic, trumped-up\*, unreal; CONCEPTS 267,582 —*Ant.* actual, certain, confirmed, factual, genuine, proven, real, sincere, sure, true, truthful

**fidle** [*v*] *mess with, tinker* dabble, doodle, feel, fidget, finger, fool, handle, interfere, mess, mess around\*, monkey\*, play, potter, puddle, putter, tamper, touch, toy, trifle, twiddle; CONCEPTS 87,291

**fidelity** [*n*1] *faithfulness in a relationship* allegiance, ardor, attachment, constancy, dependability, devotedness, devotion, faith, fealty, integrity, loyalty, piety, reliability, staunchness, steadfastness, true-heartedness, trustworthiness; CONCEPTS 32,388 —*Ant.* disloyalty, faithlessness, infidelity, lying, treachery

**fidelity** [*n*2] *conformity to a standard* accuracy, adherence, adhesion, attachment, closeness,

constancy, correspondence, exactitude, exactness, faithfulness, loyalty, naturalism, preciseness, precision, realism, scrupulousness, verisim; **CONCEPT 636** —*Ant.* inconstancy, nonconformity, unsteadiness, vacillation, wavering

**fidget** [v] *move restlessly* be antsy\*, be hyper\*, be nervous, be on pins and needles\*, be spooked\*, be wired\*, bustle, chafe, fiddle, fret, fuss, hitch, jiggle, jitter, joggle, jump, play, squirm, stir, toss, trifle, twiddle, twitch, wiggle, worry; **CONCEPT 147** —*Ant.* be still, relax, rest

**fidgety** [adj] *restlessly moving* antsy\*, apprehensive, high-strung\*, hyper\*, impatient, jerky, jittery, jumpy, nervous, nervous wreck\*, nervy, on edge\*, on pins and needles\*, restive, restless, spooked\*, spooky\*, twitchy, uneasy, unrestful, up the wall\*; **CONCEPT 401** —*Ant.* quiet, relaxed, restful, resting, still, unmoving

**field** [n1] *open land that can be cultivated* acreage, cropland, enclosure, farmland, garden, glebe, grassland, green, ground, lea, mead, meadow, moorland, pasture, patch, plot, ranchland, range, terrain, territory, tillage, tract, vineyard; **CONCEPTS 509,517**

**field** [n2] *persons taking part in competition* applicants, candidates, competition, competitors, contestants, entrants, entries, nominees, participants, possibilities, runners; **CONCEPTS 325,365,417**

**field** [n3] *sphere of influence, activity, interest, study area*, avocation, bailiwick, bounds, calling, campaign, circle, compass, confines, cup of tea\*, demesne, department, discipline, domain, dominion, environment, job, jurisdiction, limits, line, long suit\*, margin, métier, occupation, orbit, precinct, province, purview, racket, range, reach, region, scope, speciality, specialty, sweep, terrain, territory, thing, vocation, walk, weakness, work; **CONCEPT 349**

**field** [n4] *arena with special use, as athletics* amphitheater, battlefield, circuit, course, court, diamond, fairground, golf course, green, gridiron, grounds, landing strip, lot, park, playground, playing area, racecourse, race track, range, rink, stadium, terrain, theater, track, turf; **CONCEPTS 364,438,449**

**field** [v] *catch a hit or thrown object* cover, deal with, deflect, handle, hold, occupy, patrol, pick up, play, retrieve, return, stop, turn aside; **CONCEPT 164**

**field trip** [n] *outing* day trip, excursion, expedition, school outing, school trip; **CONCEPTS 224,386**

**fiend** [n1] *dastardly person* barbarian, beast, brute, degenerate, demon, devil, diablo\*, evil spirit, hellion, imp, little devil\*, Mephistopheles, monster, ogre, Satan, savage, serpent, troll; **CONCEPT 412** —*Ant.* angel, friend

**fiend** [n2] *person overenthusiastic about interest* addict, aficionado, bigot, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, freak, maniac, monomaniac, nut\*, votarist, votary, zealot; **CONCEPT 423**

**fiendish** [adj] *diabolical* atrocious, beastly, brutish, cruel, demonic, demonical, devilish, diabolic, evil, hellish, inhuman, malicious, nefarious, sadistic, satanic, savage, vicious, wicked; **CONCEPT 545**

**fierce** [adj] *violent, menacing* angry, animal,

ape, awful, barbarous, bloodthirsty, blustery, boisterous, bold, brutal, brutish, cruel, cutthroat\*, dangerous, enraged, fell, feral, ferocious, fiery, flipped\*, frightening, furious, horrible, howling, impetuous, infuriated, intense, malevolent, malign, murderous, passionate, powerful, primitive, raging, raving, relentless, savage, stormy, strong, tempestuous, terrible, threatening, tigerish, truculent, tumultuous/tumultuous, uncontrollable, untamed, vehement, venomous, vicious, wild; **CONCEPTS 525,537,540** —*Ant.* calm, gentle, kind, meek, nonviolent, peaceful, tame, tender, unthreatening

**fiercely** [adv] *violently, menacingly* angrily, awfully, boldly, brutally, ferociously, forcefully, forcibly, frantically, frenziedly, frighteningly, furiously, hard, horribly, impetuously, in a frenzy, irresistibly, like cats and dogs\*, madly, maleficently, malevolently, malignly, mightily, monstrous, no holds barred\*, passionately, riotously, roughly, savagely, severely, stormily, tempestuously, terribly, threateningly, tigerishly, tooth and nail\*, turbulently, uncontrollably, vehemently, venomously, viciously, wildly, with bared teeth\*; **CONCEPTS 525,537,540** —*Ant.* gently, kindly, mildly, quietly, tamely

**fiery** [adj] *passionate; on fire* ablaze, afire, aflame, agitable, alight, blazing, burning, choleric, combustible, conflagrant, enthusiastic, excitable, febrile, fervid, fevered, feverish, fierce, flaming, flaring, flickering, flushed, glowing, heated, hot, hot-blooded, hot-headed\*, hot-tempered\*, igneous, ignited, impassioned, impetuous, impulsive, inflamed, in flames, intense, irascible, irritable, madcap, peppery, perfervid, precipitate, red-hot\*, spirited, unrestrained, vehement, violent; **CONCEPTS 401,542,605** —*Ant.* cold, cool, dull, flat, impassive, subdued

**fiesta** [n] *day of rest; religious celebration* carnival, feast, festival, holiday, holy day, saint's day, vacation; **CONCEPTS 377,386**

**fight** [n1] *physical encounter* action, affray, altercation, argument, battle, battle royal\*, bout, brawl, broil, brush, clash, combat, conflict, confrontation, contention, contest, controversy, difficulty, disagreement, dispute, dissension, dogfight, duel, engagement, exchange, feud, fistcuffs\*, fracas, fray, free-for-all\*, fuss, hostility, joust, match, melee, quarrel, riot, rivalry, round, row, ruckus, rumble, scrap\*, scrimmage, scuffle, set-to\*, skirmish, sparring match, strife, struggle, tiff, to-do\*, tussle, war, wrangling; **CONCEPT 106** —*Ant.* peace

**fight** [n2] *courage, will to resist* aggression, aggressiveness, attack, backbone, belligerence, boldness, combativeness, gameness, hardihood, mettle, militancy, pluck, pugnacity, resistance, spirit; **CONCEPT 411**

**fight** [v1] *engage in physical encounter* altercate, assault, attack, bandy with\*, battle, bear arms, bicker, box, brawl, brush with\*, buck, carry on war, challenge, clash, contend, cross swords, dispute, do battle, duel, exchange blows, feud, flare up, go to war, grapple, joust, meet, mix it up\*, oppugn, ply weapons, protect, quarrel, repel, resist, rowdy, scrap, scuffle, skirmish, spar, strive, struggle, take all comers\*,

take the field\*, take up the gauntlet\*, tiff\*, tilt\*, traverse, tug, tussle, wage war, war, withstand, wrangle, wrestle; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* agree, make peace, surrender, yield

**fight** [v2] *oppose action, belief* argue, bicker, buck\*, buckle down\*, carry on, combat, conduct, contest, continue, defy, dispute, effect, endure, engage in, exert oneself, fall out, force, further, hammer away\*, hassle, lay into\*, light into\*, maintain, make a stand against\*, oppose, persevere, persist, prosecute, push forward, put up an argument\*, repel, resist, row, spare no effort\*, squabble, stand up to\*, strive, struggle, support, take on, take pains\*, tangle with, toil on, travail, traverse, uphold, wage, withstand, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,100,384 —*Ant.* agree, believe, support, uphold

**fight back/fight off** [v] *defend oneself* beat off\*, bottle up\*, check, contain, control, curb, fend off, hold at bay\*, hold back, keep at bay\*, oppose, put up fight, repel, reply, repress, repulse, resist, restrain, retaliate, stave off, ward off; CONCEPTS 96,106 —*Ant.* give in, give up, surrender, yield

**fighter** [n] *person engaged in hostile encounter* aggressor, antagonist, assailant, battler, belligerent, boxer, brawler, bruiser\*, bully, champion, combatant, competitor, contender, contestant, disputant, duelist, GI, gladiator, heavy\*, joust, mercenary, militant, opponent, person-at-arms, pugilist, punching bag\*, rival, scrapper, serviceperson, slugger, soldier, tanker\*, warrior, wildcat\*; CONCEPTS 358,366,412 —*Ant.* peacemaker

**fighting** [adj] *aggressive, warlike* angry, argumentative, battling, bellicose, belligerent, boxing, brawling, combative, contending, contentious, determined, disputatious, disputative, fencing, ferocious, hawkish, hostile, jingoistic, jousting, martial, militant, militaristic, pugnacious, quarrelsome, ready to fight, resolute, scrappy, skirmishing, sparring, tilting, truculent, unbeatable, under arms\*, up in arms\*, warmongering, wrestling; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* peaceloving

**fighting** [n] *battle, encounter* argument, battle royal\*, beef\*, bloodshed, blowup, bout, brannigan, brawling, brush, combat, conflict, contention, dispute, donnybrook\*, exchange, flap\*, fracas, free-for-all\*, go, hassle, hell broke loose\*, hostility, joust, match, melee, mix, punch out\*, riot, roughhouse\*, row, rowdy, rumble, rumpus, run-in\*, scramble, scrap\*, scrimmage, scuffle, set-to\*, spat, strife, struggle, tiff, war, warfare, words, wrangle; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* ceasefire, peace, surrender

**figment** [n] *creation in one's mind* bubble\*, castle in the air\*, chimera, daydream, dream, fable, fabrication, falsehood, fancy, fantasy, fiction, illusion, improvisation, invention, lie, nightmare, production; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* reality

**figurative** [adj] *not literal, but symbolic* allegorical, denotative, descriptive, emblematic, emblematical, fanciful, florid, flowery, illustrative, metaphoric, metaphorical, ornate, pictorial, poetical, representative, signifying, typical; CONCEPTS 267,582 —*Ant.* literal, real, straightforward

**figure** [n1] *numeral; numeric value* amount, character, chiffer, cipher, cost, digit, integer, number, price, quotation, rate, sum, symbol, terms, total, worth; CONCEPTS 784,787 —*Ant.* letter

**figure** [n2] *form, shape; physical structure* anatomy, appearance, attitude, bod\*, body, build, carriage, cast, chassis\*, configuration, conformation, constitution, delineation, development, frame, mass, measurements, outline, physique, pose, posture, proportions, shadow, silhouette, substance, torso; CONCEPTS 733,754,757

**figure** [n3] *object with design; depiction* cast, composition, decoration, device, diagram, drawing, effigy, embellishment, emblem, illustration, image, model, mold, motif, motive, ornamentation, pattern, piece, portrait, representation, sketch, statue; CONCEPTS 259,625

**figure** [n4] *famous person* celebrity, character, dignitary, force, leader, notability, notable, personage, personality, presence, somebody, worthy; CONCEPTS 354,423 —*Ant.* commoner

**figure** [v1] *calculate, compute* add, cast, cipher, count, count heads\*, count noses\*, cut ice\*, dope out\*, enumerate, estimate, fix a price, foot\*, guess, keep tabs\*, number, reckon, run down, sum, summate, take account of, tally, tot\*, total, totalize, tote\*, tot up\*, work out; CONCEPTS 197,764 —*Ant.* estimate, guess

**figure** [v2] *understand; decide, infer* catch on to, cipher, clear up, comprehend, conclude, crack, decipher, decode, determine, discover, disentangle, dope out\*, fathom, follow, get\*, make heads or tails of\*, make out\*, master, opine, puzzle out, reason, resolve, rule, see, settle, solve, suppose, think, think out, unfold, unravel, unriddle, unscramble, untangle; CONCEPTS 15,18,37

**figurehead** [n] *person who is leader in name only* cipher, front\*, mouthpiece\*, nominal head, nonentity, nothing, puppet\*, straw boss\*, straw person, titular head, token; CONCEPTS 354,423

**figure in** [v] *contribute to* act, appear, be conspicuous, be featured, be included, be mentioned, have a place in, play a part\*; CONCEPT 112

**figure of speech** [n] *communication that is not meant literally; stylistic device* adumbration, allegory, alliteration, allusion, analogue, anaphora, anticlimax, antistrophe, antithesis, aposiopesis, apostrophe, asyndeton, bathos, comparison, conceit, echoism, ellipsis, euphemism, euphuism, exaggeration, hyperbole, image, imagery, irony, litotes, metaphor, metonymy, onomatopoeia, oxymoron, parable, paradox, parallel, personification, proteron, rhetoric, satire, simile, synecdoche, trope, tropology, turn of phrase, understatement; CONCEPTS 275,278

**filch** [v] *steal* cop\*, crib\*, embezzle, hustle\*, lift\*, misappropriate, pilfer\*, pinch\*, purloin, rip off\*, rob, scrounge, sneak, snipe, snitch\*, swipe, take, thrive, walk off with\*; CONCEPTS 139,142 —*Ant.* contribute, give

**file** [n1] *system of order, placement for ease of use* book, cabinet, case, census, charts, circular file\*, data, directory, docket, documents, dossier, folder, index, information, list,

notebook, pigeonhole\*, portfolio, record, register, repository; CONCEPTS 271,770

**file** [n2] *line, queue* column, echelon, list, parade, rank, row, string, tier, troop; CONCEPT 727

**file** [v1] *put in place, order* alphabetize, arrange, catalog, catalogue, categorize, classify, deposit, docket, document, enter, index, list, pigeonhole\*, record, register, slot, tabulate; CONCEPTS 84,158 —**Ant.** disarrange, disorder

**file** [v2] *rub down, grind* abrade, burnish, erode, finish, furbish, grate, level, polish, rasp, raze, refine, scrape, shape, sharpen, smooth; CONCEPTS 137,186,215,250

**filibuster** [n] *obstruction of progress, especially in verbal argument* delay, hindrance, holding the floor\*, interference, opposition, postponement, procrastination, stonewalling\*, talkathon\*; CONCEPT 298 —**Ant.** catalyst, impetus, incentive, progression

**filigree** [n] *ornamental art* fretwork, interlace, lacework, lattice, ornamentation, tracery; CONCEPT 473

**fill** [n] *capacity* all one wants, ample, enough, filler, padding, plenty, satiety, stuffing, sufficiency, sufficient; CONCEPTS 719,736,794 —**Ant.** emptiness

**fill** [v1] *to put in and occupy the whole of* block, blow up, brim over, bulge out, charge, choke, clog, close, congest, cram, crowd, distend, fulfill, furnish, glut, gorge, heap, impregnate, inflate, jam-pack, lade, load, meet, overflow, overspread, pack, pack like sardines\*, permeate, pervade, plug, puff up\*, pump up, ram, ram in\*, replenish, sate, satiate, satisfy, saturate, shoal, stock, stopper\*, store, stretch, stuff, supply, swell, take up, top, top off\*; CONCEPTS 107,209 —**Ant.** deplete, drain, empty, exhaust, spend, take, use, void

**fill** [v2] *execute, fulfill* answer, assign, carry out, discharge, dispatch, distribute, elect, engage, fix, hold, meet, name, occupy, officiate, perform, satisfy, take up; CONCEPT 91

**fill in** [v1] *answer in writing* advise, apprise, clue, complete, fill out, inform, insert, notify, post, sign, tell, warn, write in; CONCEPTS 45,79 —**Ant.** leave blank

**fill in** [v2] *act as substitute* deputize, insinuate, interject, interpose, replace, represent, stand in, subtract, take the place of, understudy; CONCEPT 128

**filling/filler** [n] *something that takes up capacity* batting, bushing, cartridge, center, content, contents, cylinder, dressing, fill, guts\*, impletion, inlay, innards, inside, layer, liner, mixture, pack, packing, pad, padding, refill, replenishment, shim, stuffing, wad, wadding; CONCEPTS 826,830 —**Ant.** emptiness

**film** [n1] *coating, tissue; mist* blur, brume, cloud, coat, covering, dusting, fabric, foil, fold, gauze, haze, haziness, integument, layer, leaf, membrane, mistiness, nebula, obscuration, opacity, partition, pellicle, scum\*, sheet, skin, transparency, veil, web; CONCEPTS 478,524

**film** [n2] *movie* cinema, dailies\*, flick\*, footage, motion picture, moving picture, photoplay, picture, picture show, rushes, show, silent\*, talkie\*; CONCEPT 293

**film** [v] *take photographs* photograph, put in the can\*, record, roll, shoot, take; CONCEPT 173

**filmy** [adj1] *finespun, fragile* chiffon, cobwebby\*, dainty, delicate, diaphanous, fine, fine-grained, flimsy, floaty, gauzy, gossamer, insubstantial, see-through\*, sheer, tiffany, transparent, wispy; CONCEPT 606 —**Ant.** nontransparent, opaque, substantial

**filmy** [adj2] *covered with mist; blurry* bleary, blurred, cloudy, dim, hazy, membranous, milky, misty, opalescent, opaque, pearly; CONCEPTS 525,603 —**Ant.** clean, clear, see-through, translucent, transparent

**filter** [v] *separate to refine; seep through* clarify, clean, distill, drain, dribble, escape, exude, filtrate, leak, metastasize, ooze, osmose, penetrate, percolate, permeate, purify, refine, screen, sieve, sift, soak through, strain, trickle, winnow; CONCEPTS 135,165 —**Ant.** collect, combine

**filth** [n] *dirt, pollution* carrion, contamination, corruption, crud\*, defilement, dregs, dung, excrement, feces, feculence, filthiness, foul matter, foulness, garbage, grime, impurity, manure, mire, muck, mud, nastiness, ordure, putrefaction, putrescence, putridity, refuse, rottenness, sediment, sewage, silt, sleaze, slime, slop, sludge, slush, smut, trash, uncleanliness; CONCEPTS 260,674 —**Ant.** cleanliness, purity, sterility

**filthy** [adj1] *dirty, polluted* begrimed, black, blackened, cruddy\*, crummy\*, disheveled, fecal, feculent, foul, grimy\*, gross\*, grubby\*, grungy\*, impure, loathsome, miry, mucky\*, muddy, nasty, obscene, offensive, putrid, repulsive, revolting, scummy, sleazy, slimy, slipshod, sloppy, slovenly, smoky, soiled, soily, sooty, squalid, unclean, uncleanly, unkempt, unwashed, verminous, vile, yecchy\*; CONCEPTS 485,570 —**Ant.** clean, pure, sterile, unpolluted

**filthy** [adj2] *vulgar, obscene* base, bawdy, blue\*, coarse, contemptible, corrupt, deprived, despicable, dirty-minded\*, foul, foul-mouthed, impure, indecent, lewd, licentious, low, mean, nasty, offensive, pornographic, raunchy, scatological, scurvy, smutty, suggestive, vicious, vile; CONCEPTS 267,545 —**Ant.** chaste, clean, decent, pure

**finagle** [v] *maneuver* cheat, contrive, deceive, manipulate, plot, scheme, swindle, trick, wheel and deal\*; CONCEPTS 36,59

**final** [adj1] *ending, last* closing, concluding, crowning, end, eventual, finishing, hindmost, lag, last-minute, latest, latter, supreme, terminal, terminating, ultimate; CONCEPTS 531,820 —**Ant.** beginning, commencing, first, opening, starting

**final** [adj2] *conclusive, definitive* absolute, decided, decisive, definite, determinate, determinative, finished, incontrovertible, irrefutable, irrevocable, settled, unanswerable, unappealable; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** continuing, inconclusive, interim, introductory, persistent, temporary

**finale** [n] *ending of an event* afterpiece, blow-off\*, button\*, cessation, chaser\*, climax, close, closer\*, conclusion, consummation, crowning glory\*, culmination, denouement, end, end piece, epilogue, finis, finish, last act, payoff\*, peroration, summation, swan song\*, termination, windup\*; CONCEPT 832 —**Ant.** beginning, debut, first act, opening, start



**finality** [*n*] *definiteness, conclusiveness* certitude, completeness, decidedness, decisiveness, entirety, finish, inevitableness, intactness, integrity, irrevocability, perfection, resolution, terminality, totality, unavoidability, wholeness; CONCEPTS 635,638,832 —*Ant.* continuity, inconclusiveness, indefiniteness

**finalize** [*v*] *finish, complete action* agree, clinch\*, conclude, consummate, decide, settle, sew up\*, tie up\*, work out, wrap up; CONCEPT 91 —*Ant.* begin, introduce, open, start

**finally** [*adv1*] *beyond any doubt* assuredly, beyond recall\*, beyond shadow of doubt\*, certainly, completely, conclusively, convincingly, decisively, definitely, determinately, done with, enduringly, for all time\*, for ever, for good\*, in conclusion, inescapably, inexorably, irrevocably, lastly, once and for all\*, past regret\*, permanently, settled, with conviction; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* doubtfully, dubiously, inconclusively

**finally** [*adv2*] *in the end; after period of time* after all, after a while, already, as a sequel, at last, at length, at long last\*, at the end, at the last moment, belatedly, despite delay\*, eventually, in conclusion, in spite of all\*, in the eleventh hour\*, in the long run\*, lastly, someday, sometime, sooner or later\*, subsequently, tardily, ultimately, yet; CONCEPT 799

**finance** [*n*] *economic affairs* accounts, banking, business, commerce, economics, financial affairs, investment, money, money management; CONCEPTS 360,770

**finance** [*v*] *offer loan money; set up in business* back, bank, bankroll, capitalize, endow, float\*, fund, go for\*, grubstake\*, guarantee, juice\*, lay on one\*, loan shark\*, patronize, pay for, pick up the check\*, pick up the tab\*, prime the pump\*, promote, provide funds, provide security, put up money, raise dough\*, sponsor, stake, subsidize, support, underwrite; CONCEPTS 108,115,341 —*Ant.* call in, take

**finances** [*n*] *person or corporation's money, property* affairs, assets, balance sheet, budget, capital, cash, condition, funds, net, net worth, resources, revenue, wealth, wherewithal, worth; CONCEPTS 340,710

**financial** [*adj*] *having to do with money* banking, budgeting, business, commercial, economic, fiscal, monetary, numbers\*, numeric, pecuniary, pocket; CONCEPT 334

**financier** [*n*] *person who lends money, advises* backer, banker, bankroller, broker, businessperson, capitalist, entrepreneur, fat cat\*, grubstaker\*, manipulator\*, merchant, money, moneybags\*, money lender, operator\*, person who writes the checks\*, rich person, Santa Claus\*, speculator, sponsor, staker, stockbroker, tycoon, usurer; CONCEPTS 347,348,353

**financing** [*n*] *money for operating expenses* costs, expenditure, funding, loan, matching funds, outgo, outlay, payment; CONCEPTS 340,344

**find** [*n*] *discovery* acquisition, asset, bargain, boast, bonanza, catch, gem, good buy, jewel, one in a million\*, pride, treasure, treasure trove; CONCEPTS 337,712 —*Ant.* loss

**find** [*v1*] *catch sight of, lay hands on* arrive at, bring to light\*, bump into\*, chance upon, collar\*, come across, come upon, come up with\*,

corral, descry, detect, dig up\*, discern, discover, distinguish, encounter, espy, expose, fall in with\*, ferret out, happen upon\*, hit upon\*, identify, lay fingers on, light upon\*, locate, make out, meet, notice, observe, perceive, pinpoint, recognize, recover, run across, run into, scare up\*, sight, smoke out\*, spot, strike, stumble upon, track down, trip on\*, turn up\*, uncover, unearth; CONCEPT 183 —*Ant.* fail, lose, miss, pass by

**find** [*v2*] *achieve, win* acquire, attain, be one's lot\*, earn, fall to the lot\*, gain, get, meet, meet with, obtain, procure; CONCEPTS 124,706 —*Ant.* fail, fall short, forfeit, lose

**finding** [*n*] *judgment, verdict* award, conclusion, data, decision, decree, discovery, pronouncement, recommendation, sentence; CONCEPT 685

**find out** [*v*] *discover, learn* ascertain, catch, catch on, detect, determine, disclose, divine, expose, hear, identify, note, observe, perceive, realize, reveal, see, uncover, unearth, unmask; CONCEPTS 31,183 —*Ant.* conceal, cover, hide

**fine** [*adj1*] *excellent, masterly* accomplished, ace\*, admirable, attractive, beautiful, capital, choice, cool\*, crack\*, dandy\*, elegant, enjoyable, exceptional, expensive, exquisite, fashionable, first-class, first-rate, first-string, five-star\*, gilt-edged\*, gnarly\*, good-looking, great, handsome, lovely, magnificent, mean, neat\*, not too shabby\*, ornate, outstanding, pleasant, rare, refined, select, showy, skillful, smart, solid, splendid, striking, subtle, superior, supreme, top, top-notch, unreal\*, well-made, wicked\*; CONCEPTS 528,574,579 —*Ant.* bad, poor

**fine** [*adj2*] *cloudless, sunny* balmy, bright, clarion, clear, clement, dry, fair, pleasant, rainless, undarkened; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* cloudy, dark, rainy, stormy

**fine** [*adj3*] *dainty, delicate; sheer* diaphanous, ethereal, exquisite, filmy, fine-drawn, fine-grained, fine-spun, flimsy, fragile, gauzy, gossamer, gossamery, granular, impalpable, light, lightweight, little, loose, minute, porous, powdered, powdery, pulverized, quality, slender, small, thin, threadlike, transparent; CONCEPTS 491,606 —*Ant.* coarse, rough, thick

**fine** [*adj4*] *discriminating, exact* abstruse, acute, clear, critical, cryptic, delicate, distinct, enigmatic, esoteric, fastidious, fine-spun, hairline, hairsplitting, intelligent, keen, minute, nice, obscure, petty, precise, pure, quick, recondite, refined, sensitive, sharp, sterling, strict, subtle, tasteful, tenuous, trifling, unadulterated, unpolluted; CONCEPT 557 —*Ant.* awkward, crude, uncouth, undiscriminating, unrefined

**fine** [*n*] *penalty in money* amends, amercement, assessment, damages, forfeit, mulct, punishment, reparation, rip; CONCEPT 123 —*Ant.* amends, award, compensation, reimbursement, reward

**fine** [*v*] *penalize in monetary way* alienate, amerce, confiscate, dock\*, exact, extort, hit with\*, levy, make pay, mulct, pay through the nose\*, punish, sconce, seize, sequester, slap with\*, tax, throw book at\*; CONCEPTS 122,342 —*Ant.* award, compensate, reimburse, reward

**finery** [*n*] *best clothing* apparel, bib and tucker\*, caparison, decoration, fancy dress, formals,

frippery\*, full dress, gear, regalia, splendor, suit, Sunday best\* trappings, trimmings, trinkets; CONCEPT 451 —**Ant.** rags

**finesse** [*n*] *know-how, maneuver acumen, adeptness, adroitness, artfulness, artifice, big stick\**, bluff, cleverness, competence, con, craft, craftiness, cunning, delicacy, diplomacy, discernment, discretion, feint, gimmick, grift, guile, polish, quickness, racket\*, run-around\*, ruse, savoir-faire, savvy, skill, sophistication, stratagem, subtlety, tact, trick, wile; CONCEPTS 409,657 —**Ant.** ignorance

**finesse** [*v*] *maneuver, manipulate angle, beguile, bluff, exploit, finagle\**, jockey\*, operate, play, play games\*, pull strings\*, pull wires\*, rig\*, wangle; CONCEPTS 36,59 —**Ant.** bobble, mis-handle

**fine-tune** [*v*] *make small adjustments* adjust, calibrate, make improvements, set, tune up, tweak; CONCEPTS 202,212

**finger** [*n*] *appendage of hand* antenna\*, claw, digit, extremity, feeler\*, hook\*, pinky\*, pointer\*, ring finger, tactile member, tentacle\*, thumb; CONCEPT 392

**finger** [*v1*] *touch lightly* feel, fiddle, grope, handle, manipulate, maul, meddle, palpate, paw, play with, thumb, toy with; CONCEPT 612 —**Ant.** manhandle

**finger** [*v2*] *choose, designate* appoint, determine, identify, indicate, locate, make, name, nominate, pin down\*, point out, specify, tap; CONCEPT 41 —**Ant.** ignore, pass over

**finicky** [*adj*] *overparticular* choosy, critical, dainty, difficult, fastidious, finical, finicking, fussy, fussy, hard to please, nice, nit-picking, overnice, persnickety\*, picky, scrupulous, squeamish, stickling; CONCEPTS 401,404,556 —**Ant.** easy, open, uncritical

**finish** [*n1*] *conclusion; completion* accomplishment, achievement, acquirement, acquisition, annihilation, attainment, cease, cessation, close, closing, culmination, curtain\*, curtains\*, death, defeat, denouement, desistance, end, ending, end of the line\*, end of the road\*, finale, finis, last, last stage, ruin, stop, termination, terminus, winding-up\*, wind-up, wrap, wrap-up\*; CONCEPTS 119,832 —**Ant.** beginning, commencement, initiation, introduction, start

**finish** [*n2*] *coating; perfecting* appearance, beauty, burnish, cultivation, culture, elaboration, glaze, grace, grain, lacquer, luster, patina, perfection, polish, refinement, shine, smoothness, surface, texture, veneer; CONCEPTS 611, 655

**finish** [*v1*] *bring to a conclusion; get done* accomplish, achieve, bag it\*, break up, bring to a close, carry through, cease, clinch, close, complete, conclude, crown\*, culminate, deal with, determine, discharge, do, effect, end, execute, finalize, fold, fulfill, get out of the way\*, halt, hang it up\*, have done with\*, make, make short work of\*, mop up\*, perfect, put finishing touches on\*, round off\*, round up\*, scratch, scrub, settle, sew up\*, shut down, shutter\*, stop, terminate, top off\*, ultimate, wind up\*, wrap, wrap up\*; CONCEPTS 91,234 —**Ant.** begin, commence, initiate, introduce, start

**finish** [*v2*] *consume, use up* deplete, devour, dispatch, dispose of, drain, drink, eat, empty,

exhaust, expend, go, run through\*, spend, use, wash up\*; CONCEPTS 169,225 —**Ant.** keep, maintain, save, store

**finish** [*v3*] *defeat; kill* annihilate, assassinate, best\*, bring down\*, carry off\*, destroy, dispatch, dispose of, do in\*, down, execute, exterminate, get rid of\*, liquidate, overcome, overpower, put an end to, put away\*, rout, rub out\*, ruin, slaughter, slay, take off\*, take out\*, vaporize, worst\*; CONCEPTS 95,252 —**Ant.** bear, create

**finish** [*v4*] *put a coating on; perfect* coat, develop, elaborate, face, gild, lacquer, polish, refine, smooth, stain, texture, veneer, wax; CONCEPTS 172,202

**finished** [*adj1*] *cultivated, refined* accomplished, all-around, classic, consummate, cultured, elegant, expert, exquisite, flawless, impeccable, many-sided, masterly, perfected, polished, professional, proficient, skilled, smooth, suave, urbane, versatile; CONCEPTS 404,528 —**Ant.** crude, uncultivated, unfinished, unrefined, unsophisticated

**finished** [*adj2*] *complete, done* accomplished, achieved, brought about, ceased, closed, come to an end, compassed, concluded, consummated, decided, discharged, dispatched, disposed of, done for, done with, effected, effectuated, elaborated, ended, entire, executed, final, finalized, fulfilled, full, in the past, lapsed, made, over, over and done\*, perfected, performed, put into effect\*, realized, resolved, satisfied, settled, sewn up\*, shut, stopped, terminated, through, tied up\*, worked out\*, wound up\*, wrapped up\*; CONCEPTS 528,531 —**Ant.** crude, incomplete, unfinished

**finished** [*adj3*] *consumed, used up* bankrupt, devastated, done, done for\*, done in\*, drained, empty, exhausted, gone, liquidated, lost, played out\*, ruined, spent, through, undone, washed up\*, wiped out\*, wrecked\*; CONCEPTS 334,560 —**Ant.** held, kept, saved, stored

**finite** [*adj*] *subject to limitations* bound, bounded, circumscribed, conditioned, confined, definable, definite, delimited, demarcated, determinate, exact, fixed, limited, precise, restricted, specific, terminable; CONCEPTS 535,554 —**Ant.** endless, infinite, interminable, unlimited, unrestricted

**fink** [*n*] *informer* canary\*, narc, narc, rat\*, scab, snake\*, snitch, squealer, stoolie, stool pigeon, tattletale, tipster, weasel, whistleblower; CONCEPTS 412,423

**fire** [*n1*] *burning* blaze, bonfire, campfire, charring, coals, combustion, conflagration, devouring, element, embers, flame and smoke, flames, flare, glow, hearth, heat, holocaust, hot spot\*, incandescence, inferno, luminosity, oxidation, phlogiston, pyre, rapid oxidation, scintillation, scorching, sea of flames\*, searing, sparks, tinder, up in smoke\*, warmth; CONCEPTS 478,521

**fire** [*n2*] *barrage of projectiles* attack, bombardment, bombing, cannonade, cannonading, crossfire, explosion, fusillade, hail, round, salvo, shelling, sniping, volley; CONCEPTS 86,320

**fire** [*n3*] *animation, vigor* ardor, brio, calenture, dash, drive, eagerness, élan, energy, enthusiasm, excitement, exhilaration, fervency, fervor,

force, ginger\*, gusto, heartiness, heat, impetuosity, intensity, life, light, liveliness, luster, passion, pep\*, punch\*, radiance, red heat\*, scintillation, snap\*, sparkle, spirit, splendor, starch, verve, vim, virtuosity, vivacity, white heat\*, zeal, zing, zip; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* apathy, dullness, lethargy, spiritlessness

**fire** [v1] *cause to burn* enkindle, ignite, kindle, light, put a match to\*, set ablaze, set aflame, set alight, set fire to, set on fire, start a fire, touch off\*; CONCEPT 249

**fire** [v2] *detonate or throw a weapon* cast, discharge, eject, explode, fling, heave, hurl, launch, let off\*, loose, pitch, pull trigger, set off\*, shell, shoot, toss, touch off\*; CONCEPTS 179,222

**fire** [v3] *excite, arouse* animate, electrify, enliven, enthuse, exalt, galvanize, heighten, impassion, incite, inflame, inform, inspire, inspirit, intensify, intoxicate, irritate, provoke, quicken, rouse, stir, thrill; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* bore, dull

**fire** [v4] *dismiss from responsibility* ax\*, boot\*, can\*, discharge, drop, eject, expel, give bum's rush\*, give marching orders\*, give one notice\*, give pink slip\*, give the sack\*, hand walking papers\*, kick out\*, lay off, let one go\*, oust, pink slip\*, sack\*, terminate; CONCEPTS 50,88,351 —*Ant.* hire

**fire alarm** [n] *smoke detector* danger signal, emergency alarm, fire bell, heat sensor, siren, smoke alarm; CONCEPTS 269,463

**firearm** [n] *gun* handgun, heat\*, musket, pistol, revolver, rifle, shotgun, weapon; CONCEPT 500

**firebrand** [n] *agitator* demonstrator, guerrilla, instigator, malcontent, protester, rabble-rouser, rebel, revolutionist, troublemaker; CONCEPTS 359,412,423

**firecracker** [n] *fireworks* bottle rockets, bursts, cherry bomb, fire flowers, illuminations, pyrotechnics, rockets, Roman candles, sparklers; CONCEPT 293

**fireplace** [n] *hearth for burning wood* bed of coals, blaze, chimney, fireside, furnace, grate, hearthside, hob, ingle, inglenook, ingleside, settle, stove; CONCEPTS 440,443

**fireproof** [adj] *resistant to burning* asbestos, concrete, fire-resistant, incombustible, noncombustible, nonflammable, noninflammable; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* waterproof

**fireworks** [n] *pyrotechnic display at celebrations* bottle rockets, bursts, firecrackers, fire flowers, illuminations, rockets, Roman candles, sparklers; CONCEPT 293

**firm** [adj1] *inflexible* close, close-grained, compact, compressed, concentrated, concrete, condensed, congealed, dense, fine-grained, hard, hardened, heavy, impenetrable, impermeable, impervious, inelastic, jelled, nonporous, refractory, rigid, set, solid, solidified, stiff, sturdy, substantial, thick, tough, unyielding; CONCEPTS 604,606 —*Ant.* flexible, loose, slack, soft, supple, weak, yielding

**firm** [adj2] *stable, unmoving* anchored, bolted, braced, cemented, closed, durable, embedded, fast, fastened, fixed, immobile, immovable, motionless, mounted, nailed, petrified, riveted, robust, rooted, screwed, secure, secured, set, settled, soldered, solid, sound, spiked, stationary, steady, strong, sturdy, substantial, taut,

tenacious, tight, tightened, unfluctuating, unshakable, welded; CONCEPT 488 —*Ant.* moving, unsettled, unstable, wavering

**firm** [adj3] *unalterable, definite* abiding, adamant, bent, bound, consistent, constant, dead set on\*, determined, enduring, established, exact, explicit, fixed, flat, going, hang tough\*, inflexible, intent, never-failing, obdurate, persevering, persistent, prevailing, resolute, resolved, set, settled, specific, stable, stand pat\*, stated, staunch, steadfast, steady, stipulated, strict, strong, sure, tenacious, true, unbending, unchangeable, undeviating, unflinching, unqualified, unshakable, unshaken, unwavering, unyielding; CONCEPTS 267,403,542 —*Ant.* alterable, changeable, indefinite, irresolute

**firm** [n] *business association, bunch, company, concern, conglomerate, corporation, crew, crowd, enterprise, gang, house, megacorp, mob, multinational, organization, outfit, partnership, ring*; CONCEPTS 323,325

**firmament** [n] *heaven* empyrean, lid\*, sky, the blue\*, the skies, vault, welkin, wild blue yonder\*; CONCEPT 437 —*Ant.* hell

**firmly** [adv1] *immovably* durably, enduringly, fast, fixedly, hard, inflexibly, like a rock\*, motionlessly, rigidly, securely, solid, solidly, soundly, stably, steadily, stiffly, strongly, substantially, thoroughly, tight, tightly, unflinchingly, unshakeably; CONCEPTS 488,489,604 —*Ant.* flexibly, movably, weakly

**firmly** [adv2] *with determination* adamantly, constantly, decisively, doggedly, indefatigably, intently, obdurately, obstinately, perseveringly, persistently, pertinaciously, purposefully, resolutely, staunchly, steadfastly, stolidly, strictly, stubbornly, tenaciously, through thick and thin\*, unchangeably, unwaveringly, with heavy hand\*; CONCEPTS 534,542 —*Ant.* changeably, indefinitely, waveringly, weakly

**firmness** [n1] *stiffness* compactness, density, durability, fixedness, hardness, impenetrability, impermeability, imperviousness, impliability, inelasticity, inflexibility, resistance, rigidity, solidity, temper, tensile strength, toughness; CONCEPTS 722,726 —*Ant.* flexibility, softness, weakness

**firmness** [n2] *immovability* durability, solidity, soundness, stability, steadiness, strength, substantiality, tautness, tension, tightness; CONCEPTS 731,732 —*Ant.* infirmity, instability, movability

**firmness** [n3] *resolution, resolve* constancy, decidedness, decision, determination, fixedness, fixity, inflexibility, obduracy, obstinacy, purposefulness, purposiveness, staunchness, steadfastness, strength, strictness; CONCEPTS 410,633 —*Ant.* indefiniteness, uncertainty

**first** [adj1] *earliest in order* aboriginal, ahead, antecedent, anterior, basic, beginning, cardinal, early, elementary, first off\*, front, fundamental, head, headmost, inaugural, inceptive, incipient, initial, in the beginning, introductory, key, leading, lead off\*, least, number one\*, numero uno\*, opening, original, pioneer, premier, primary, prime, primeval, primitive, primogenial, primordial, pristine, right up front\*, rudimentary, slightest, smallest; CONCEPTS 585,632,820 —*Ant.* final, last

**first** [adj2] *highest in importance* advanced, A-number-1\*, arch, champion, chief, dominant, eminent, first-class, first-string\*, foremost, greatest, head, head of the line\*, leading, main, number one\*, outstanding, paramount, predominant, preeminent, premier, primary, prime, primo\*, principal, ranking, ruling, sovereign, supreme, top-flight\*, top of the list; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* last, least

**first** [adv] *at the beginning* at the outset, before all else, beforehand, initially, in the first place, originally, to begin with, to start with; CONCEPTS 585,820 —*Ant.* finally, last

**first-class/first-rate** [adj] *superior, excellent* capital, choice, dandy, fine, first-string\*, five-star\*, in class by itself\*, prime\*, shipshape, sound, supreme, titestop\*, top, top-notch\*, very good; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* bad, inferior, lesser, poor, second-class/second-rate

**firsthand** [adj] *direct* eyewitness, immediate, primary, straight, straight from the horse's mouth\*; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* hearsay, impersonal, indirect

**first name** [n] *forename* baptismal name, baptism name, Christian name, given name; CONCEPTS 62,268 —*Ant.* last name, surname

**fiscal** [adj] *monetary* budgetary, commercial, economic, financial, money, pecuniary, pocket; CONCEPT 334

**fish** [v] *throwing bait to catch seafood* angle, bait, bait the hook\*, bob, cast, cast one's hook\*, cast one's net\*, chum, extract, extricate, find, go fishing, haul out\*, net, produce, pull out, seine, trawl, troll; CONCEPT 363

**fisherman** [n] *angler* clam digger, fisher, lobsterman, piscator, rodman, trawler, troller; CONCEPT 423

**fish for** [v] *look for; hint* angle, angle for, elicit, hope for, hunt for, invite, search for, seek, solicit, try to evoke; CONCEPTS 20,75

**fishing** [n] *angling* fly-fishing, freshwater fishing, piscary, trawling, trolling; CONCEPT 363

**fishy** [adj] *doubtful, suspicious* ambiguous, doubtful, dubious, dubitable, equivocal, far-fetched, funny, implausible, improbable, odd, problematic, queer, questionable, shady, suspect, uncertain, unlikely; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* aboveboard, honest, likely, probable, real, truthful, unquestionable, unsuspecting

**fission** [n] *splitting* atomic reaction, atom smashing, dividing, division, nuclear fission, parting, severance, splitting the atom, thermonuclear reaction; CONCEPT 500

**fit** [adj1] *suitable, appropriate* able, adapted, adequate, advantageous, apposite, apt, becoming, befitting, beneficial, capable, comely, comme il faut, competent, conformable, convenient, correct, correspondent, deserving, desirable, due, equipped, equitable, expedient, favorable, feasible, felicitous, fitted, fitting, good enough, happy, just, likely, meet, opportune, practicable, preferable, prepared, proper, qualified, ready, right, rightful, seasonable, seemly, tasteful, timely, trained, well-suited, wise, worthy; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inadequate, inappropriate, incorrect, unfit, unsuitable, unsuited, unworthy

**fit** [adj2] *healthy, in good physical shape* able-bodied, competent, fit as a fiddle\*, hale, in good

condition, muscled, robust, slim, sound, strapping\*, toned, trim, up to snuff\*, well, wholesome, wrapped tight\*; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* inadequate, poor, weak

**fit** [n] *seizure; sudden emotion* access, attack, blow, bout, burst, caprice, conniption\*, convulsion, epileptic attack, frenzy, humor, jumps\*, mood, outbreak, outburst, paroxysm, rage, rush, spasm, spate, spell, stroke, tantrum, throe, torrent, turn, twitch, whim, whimsy; CONCEPTS 13,303

**fit** [v1] *belong, correspond* accord, agree, answer, apply, be apposite, be apt, become, be comfortable, be consonant, befit, be in keeping, click\*, concur, conform, consist, dovetail\*, go, go together, go with, harmonize, have its place, interlock, join, match, meet, parallel, relate, respond, set, suit, tally; CONCEPT 664

**fit** [v2] *equip* accommodate, accoutre, arm, fix, furnish, get, implement, kit out\*, make, make up, outfit, prepare, provide, ready, rig\*; CONCEPT 182

**fit** [v3] *adapt, change* adjust, alter, arrange, conform, dispose, fashion, modify, place, position, quadrate, reconcile, shape, square, suit, tailor, tailor-make\*; CONCEPT 232

**fitful** [adj] *irregular, sporadic* bits and pieces\*, broken, capricious, catchy\*, changeable, desultory, disturbed, erratic, flickering, fluctuating, haphazard, herky-jerky\*, hit-or-miss\*, impulsive, inconstant, intermittent, interrupted, on-again-off-again, periodic, random, recurrent, restive, restless, shifting, spasmodic, spastic\*, spotty, unstable, variable; CONCEPTS 482, 534 —*Ant.* constant, continuous, regular, undisturbed, unvarying, even

**fitness** [n1] *good condition* fettle\*, good health, health, kilter\*, repair, robustness, shape, strength, trim, vigor; CONCEPTS 316, 723 —*Ant.* poor health

**fitness** [n2] *appropriateness* accommodation, accordance, adaptation, adequacy, admissibility, agreeableness, applicability, appositeness, aptitude, aptness, assimilation, auspiciousness, compatibility, competence, concurrency, congeniality, congruousness, consistency, consonance, convenience, correspondence, decency, decorum, eligibility, expediency, harmony, keeping, order, patness, pertinence, preparedness, propriety, qualification, readiness, relevancy, rightness, seasonableness, seemliness, suitability, timeliness; CONCEPT 656 —*Ant.* inappropriateness, unsuitability

**fitted** [adj1] *appropriate, right* adapted, conformable, cut out for, equipped, matched, proper, qualified, suitable, suited, tailor-made; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inappropriate, incorrect, unfit, unprepared, unqualified, wrong

**fitted** [adj2] *equipped* accoutered, appointed, armed, furnished, implemented, outfitted, provided, rigged out\*, set up, supplied; CONCEPTS 560,589 —*Ant.* ill-equipped, lacking, needing, unfitted, unprepared

**fitting** [adj] *appropriate, suitable* applicable, apt, becoming, comme il faut, correct, decent, decorous, desirable, due, felicitous, happy, just, just what was ordered\*, meet, on the button\*, on the nose\*, proper, right, right on\*, seemly, that's the ticket\*; CONCEPT 558

—*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, incorrect, unfitting, unseemly, unsuitable

**fitting** [*n*] *accessory* accoutrement, appointment, attachment, component, connection, convenience, equipment, extra, furnishing, furniture, instrument, paraphernalia, part, piece, trimming, unit; CONCEPT 824

**fix** [*v1*] *difficult or ticklish situation* box\*, corner\*, dilemma, embarrassment, hole\*, hot water\*, jam\*, mess\*, pickle\*, plight, predicament, quandary, scrape, spot\*; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* ease, good, peace

**fix** [*v1*] *establish, make firm* affix, anchor, attach, bind, catch, cement, congeal, connect, consolidate, couple, embed, entrench, fasten, freeze to\*, glue, graft, harden, implant, inculcate, infix, ingrain, install, instill, link, locate, lodge, moor, nail down\*, pin, place, plant, position, rigidify, rivet, root, secure, set, settle, solidify, stabilize, stay put, steady, stick, stiffen, thicken, tie; CONCEPTS 85, 113, 160, 201 —*Ant.* change, destroy, disarrange, disorganize, unsettle

**fix** [*v2*] *determine, decide* agree on, appoint, arrange, arrive at, conclude, define, establish, limit, name, resolve, set, settle, solve, specify, work, work out; CONCEPT 18 —*Ant.* disturb, ignore, neglect

**fix** [*v3*] *mend, repair* adjust, amend, correct, debug, doctor, do up\*, emend, face-lift\*, fiddle with, overhaul, patch, put to rights\*, rebuild, recondition, reconstruct, regulate, restore, retread, revamp, revise, see to\*, sort, tune up; CONCEPTS 126, 212 —*Ant.* break, corrupt, destroy, unfix

**fix** [*v4*] *prepare, plan ahead* arrange, dispose, frame, prearrange, precontract, predesign, preorder, preplan, put up, rig\*, set up, stack the deck\*; CONCEPT 36 —*Ant.* forget, ignore, neglect

**fix** [*v5*] *focus on* concenter, concentrate, direct, fasten, fixate, level at, put, rivet; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* ignore, look away

**fix** [*v6*] *cook a meal* fit, get, get ready, heat, make, make up, microwave, prepare, ready, warm, whip up\*; CONCEPT 170 —*Ant.* eat out

**fix** [*v7*] *manipulate, influence an event* bribe, buy, buy off, corrupt, fiddle\*, have, lubricate, maneuver, pull strings\*, reach, square, suborn, tamper with; CONCEPTS 192, 232 —*Ant.* play fair

**fix** [*v8*] *wreak vengeance on* cook someone's goose\*, get\*, get even, get revenge, hurt, pay back, punish, take retribution; CONCEPT 86 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help

**fixate** [*v*] *focus* become attached, center on, direct, haunt, infatuate, obsess, rivet one's eyes\*, zero in on; CONCEPTS 17, 623

**fixation** [*n*] *obsession* addiction, case, complex, craze, crush, fascination, fetish, hang-up\*, idée fixe, infatuation, mania, preoccupation, thing; CONCEPTS 532, 690

**fixed** [*adj1*] *permanent, steady* anchored, attached, established, fast, firm, hitched, hooked, immobile, immotile, immovable, located, locked, made fast, nailed\*, quiet, rigid, rooted, secure, set, settled, situated, solid, stable, steadfast, stiff, still, tenacious, tight; CONCEPTS 488, 551, 583, 649 —*Ant.* changeable, impermanent, unfixed, unsteady

**fixed** [*adj2*] *intent, resolute; established* abiding, agreed, arranged, certain, changeless,

circumscribed, confirmed, decided, defined, definite, definitive, determinate, enduring, firm, inalterable, inflexible, in the bag\*, inveterate, level, limited, narrow, never-failing, planned, prearranged, precise, resolved, restricted, rigged, rooted, set, settled, set-up, stated, steadfast, steady, still, stipulated, sure, unbending, unblinking, unchangeable, undeviating, unfaltering, unflinching, unmodifiable, unmovable, unqualified, unwavering; CONCEPTS 535, 554 —*Ant.* indefinite, irresolute, unestablished, unfixed, variable

**fixed** [*adj3*] *repaired* back together, going, in order, in working order, mended, put right, rebuilt, refitted, sorted, whole; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* broken, in disrepair, unfixed

**fixture** [*n*] *fitting, appliance* accessory, appendage, appurtenance, attachment, component, device, equipment; CONCEPT 463

**fix up** [*v*] *prepare, beautify* deck\*, dress up, furnish, gussy up\*, primp, provide, rehabilitate, repair, smarten, spiff\*, spruce up\*; CONCEPTS 162, 202 —*Ant.* corrupt, deface, defile, uglify

**fizz** [*v*] *bubble* buzz, effervesce, fizzle, froth, hiss, seethe, sibilate, simmer, sparkle, sputter, whisper, whoosh; CONCEPT 469 —*Ant.* be flat

**fizzle** [*v*] *collapse, fall through* about, be a fiasco\*, come to nothing\*, die, end, end in defeat\*, end in disappointment\*, fail, fold, miscarry, misfire, miss the mark\*, peter out\*, wane; CONCEPT 699 —*Ant.* build, develop, progress

**fizzy** [*adj*] *effervescent* aerated, bubbling, bubbly, carbonated, gassy, sparkling, spumante; CONCEPT 462 —*Ant.* flat, still

**flabbergast** [*v*] *surprise* abash, amaze, astonish, astound, blow away\*, bowl over\*, confound, daze, disconcert, dumbfound, make speechless, nonplus, overcome, overwhelm, put away\*, shock, stagger, stun, throw, throw for a loop\*; CONCEPT 42 —*Ant.* expect

**flabby** [*adj*] *baggy, fat* drooping, enervated, flaccid, flexuous, floppy\*, gone to seed\*, hanging, irresilient, lax, limp, loose, out of condition\*, out of shape\*, pendulous, rusty, sagging, shapeless, slack, sloppy, soft, tender, toneless, unfit, yielding; CONCEPTS 486, 490 —*Ant.* firm, lean, slim, taut, thin, tight

**flaccid** [*adj*] *drooping* debilitated, emasculated, enervated, enfeebled, flabby, flimsy, inelastic, irresilient, lax, limp, loose, nerveless, quaggy, sapped, slack, soft, weak, weakened; CONCEPTS 485, 604 —*Ant.* firm, taut, tight

**flag** [*n*] *pennant, symbol* banderole, banner, bannerol, burgee, colors, emblem, ensign, gonfalon, jack, pennon, standard, streamer; CONCEPTS 284, 473

**flag** [*v1*] *decline, fall off* abate, deteriorate, die, droop, ebb, fade, fail, faint, languish, peter out\*, pine, sag, sink, slump, succumb, taper off\*, wane, weaken, weary, wilt; CONCEPTS 698, 699 —*Ant.* do well, increase, rise, strengthen

**flag** [*v2*] *signal* gesture, give a sign to, hail, indicate, motion, salute, warn, wave; CONCEPT 74

**flagellate** [*v*] *whip, lash* beat, beat the living daylights out of\*, belt, flay, flog, hit, lash, spank, tan\*, tan someone's hide\*, thrash; CONCEPT 189

**flagrant** [*adj*] *flaunting, blatant; without shame* arrant, atrocious, awful, bare-faced\*, bold, brazen, capital, conspicuous, crying, disgraceful, dreadful, egregious, enormous, flagitious, flaming, flashy\*, glaring, grody\*, gross\*, hanging out\*, heinous, immodest, infamous, noticeable, notorious, obvious, open, ostentatious, out-and-out\*, outrageous, rank, scandalous, shameful, shameless, shocking, stick out like sore thumb\*, striking, undisguised, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,545,576 —*Ant.* concealed, disguised, hidden, mild, moral, restrained, secret

**flagship** [*n*] *leader* bellwether, chief, crown jewel, flotilla leader, forerunner, front runner, head, lead ship, mother ship; CONCEPTS 347,354

**flail** [*v*] *beat, strike* bash, batter, club, flog, hit, knock, lash, maltreat, pummel, slug, smack, smash, sock, thrash, thwack, whale; CONCEPTS 189,246

**flair** [*n*] *talent, style* ability, accomplishment, aptitude, aptness, bent, chic, dash, elegance, faculty, feel, genius, gift, glamour, head, knack, mastery, panache, pizzazz\*, presence, shine\*, splash\*, taste, turn, zip\*; CONCEPTS 630,706 —*Ant.* inability, incapacity, ineptitude, ineptness

**flak** [*n*] *complaint, criticism* abuse, bad press\*, brickbat\*, censure, condemnation, disapprobation, disapproval, disparagement, fault-finding, hostility, knock\*, opposition, pan\*, rap\*, swipe\*; CONCEPTS 52,278 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**flake** [*n*] *scale, peel* cell, disk, drop, foil, lamella, lamina, layer, leaf, membrane, pellicle, plate, scab, section, shaving, sheet, skin, slice, sliver, wafer; CONCEPT 831

**flake** [*v*] *peel off* blister, chip, delaminate, desquamate, drop, exfoliate, pare, scab, scale, shed, slice, sliver, trim, wear away; CONCEPTS 157,469

**flaky** [*adj*] *eccentric* birdy\*, crazy, goofy\*, half-cracked, haywire, nutty, odd, peculiar, queer, screwy, unconventional, wacky; CONCEPTS 547,564

**flamboyant** [*adj*] *extravagant, theatrical* baroque, bombastic, brilliant, camp, chichi\*, colorful, dashing, dazzling, elaborate, exciting, flaky\*, flaming, flashy, florid, gassy\*, gaudy, glamorous, jazzy\*, luscious, luxuriant, ornate, ostentatious, peacockish, pretentious, resplendent, rich, rococo, showy, splashy, sporty, swank\*, swashbuckling\*; CONCEPTS 401,589 —*Ant.* calm, moderate, modest, restrained, tasteful, unflashy

**flame** [*n1*] *fire* blaze, brightness, conflagration, flare, flash, holocaust, light, rapid oxidation, wildfire; CONCEPTS 478,521

**flame** [*n2*] *lover; passion* affection, ardor, baby, beau, beloved, boyfriend, darling, dear, desire, enthusiasm, fervor, fire, girlfriend, heartthrob, honey, inamorata, inamorato, keenness, love, paramour, spark, steady, swain, sweetheart, sweetie, truelove; CONCEPTS 32,423 —*Ant.* hate

**flame** [*n3*] *insulting e-mail message* abusive e-mail message, abusive newsgroup message, abusive newsgroup posting, flame-mail, flame war, insulting newsgroup message, insulting newsgroup posting; CONCEPTS 52,54,278

**flame** [*v*] *burn* blaze, coruscate, fire, flare, flare

up, flash, glare, glint, glow, ignite, kindle, light, oxidize, shine; CONCEPT 249

**flaming** [*adj1*] *burning* ablaze, afire, aflame, alight, blazing, brilliant, conflagrant, fiery, flaring, glowing, ignited, in flames, raging, red, red-hot\*; CONCEPT 485

**flaming** [*adj2*] *very angry, vehement* ardent, aroused, blazing, bright, burning, fervent, frenzied, hot, hot-blooded\*, impassioned, intense, passionate, raging, red-hot\*, scintillating, vivid, white-hot\*; CONCEPTS 267,403 —*Ant.* gleeful, happy, joyful, pleased

**flammable** [*adj*] *easily set afire* burnable, combustible, ignitable, incendiary, inflammable; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* fireproof, flameproof, incombustible, non-flammable

**flank** [*n*] *haunch of an animate being* ham, hand, hip, loin, pleuron, quarter, side, thigh, wing; CONCEPT 392

**flap** [*n1*] *winged or extended part of an object* accessory, adjunct, appendage, apron, cover, drop, fly, foid, hanging, lapel, lobe, lug, overlap, pendant, pendulosity, ply, queue, skirt, strip, tab, tag, tail, tippet; CONCEPTS 471,824

**flap** [*n2*] *commotion* agitation, banging, brouhaha, confusion, dither, fluster, flutter, fuss, lather\*, panic, pother\*, state\*, stew\*, sweat\*, tizzy, to-do, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, twitter\*; CONCEPTS 230,674 —*Ant.* calm, peace, peacefulness

**flap** [*v*] *flutter* agitate, beat, dangle, flail, flash, flop, hang, lop, shake, swing, swish, thrash, thresh, vibrate, wag, wave; CONCEPT 149

**flare** [*v1*] *erupt, blow* blaze, boil over, break out, burn, burn up, burst, dart, dazzle, explode, fire up, flash, flicker, flutter, fume, glare, glow, go off, lose control, rant, seethe, shimmer, shoot, waver; CONCEPTS 13,179,249

**flare** [*v2*] *spread* broaden, grow, splay, widen; CONCEPT 469

**flare-up** [*n*] *sudden outbreak* blowup, epidemic, eruption, explosion, gush, outburst, rise; CONCEPT 633

**flash** [*n1*] *shimmer, flicker* beam, bedazzlement, blaze, burst, coruscation, dazzle, flame, flare, glance, glare, gleam, glimmer, glint, glisten, glitter, glow, illumination, imprint, impulse, incandescence, luster, phosphorescence, quiver, radiation, ray, reflection, scintillation, shine, spark, sparkle, streak, stream, twinkle, twinkling, vision; CONCEPTS 521,624

**flash** [*n2*] *instant, split second* breathing, burst, jiffy, minute, moment, outburst, shake, show, trice, twinkling; CONCEPTS 808,821

**flash** [*n3*] *demonstration* burst, display, manifestation, outburst, show, sign, splash, swank; CONCEPT 261

**flash** [*v1*] *shimmer, flicker* beam, bedazzle, blaze, blink, coruscate, dazzle, flame, flare, glance, glare, gleam, glimmer, glint, glisten, glitter, glow, incandescence, light, phosphoresce, radiate, reflect, scintillate, shine, shoot out, spangle, spark, sparkle, twinkle; CONCEPT 624

**flash** [*v2*] *move fast and display* bolt, brandish, dart, dash, disport, exhibit, expose, flaunt, flit, flourish, fly, parade, race, shoot, show, show off, speed, spring, streak, sweep, trot out, whistle, zoom; CONCEPTS 150,261 —*Ant.* pause, slow, walk

**flashback** [*n*] *remembrance* flash from the past\*, hallucination, memory, nostalgia, recall, recollection, reliving, reminiscence, thoughts of the past\*, voice from the past\*; CONCEPTS 40,529

**flash point** [*n*] *crucial moment* breaking point, crisis, critical moment, hour of decision, moment of truth, turning point, zero hour; CONCEPT 674

**flashy** [*adj*] *flamboyant, in poor taste* blatant, brazen, catchpenny\*, cheap, chintzy, flaunting, florid, garish, gaudy, glaring, glittering, glittery, glitzy, jazzy\*, loud, meretricious, ornate, ostentatious, showy, snazzy, sparkling, tacky\*, tasteless, tawdry, tinsel, vulgar; CONCEPT 589

—*Ant.* plain, simple, subdued, tasteful, unflamboyant, unflashy, ungaudy, unobtrusive

**flask** [*n*] *small container for liquid* alembic, ampulla, bag, beaker, bottle, canteen, carafe, caster, chalice, crock, cruet, crystal, decanter, demijohn, ewer, fiasco, flacon, flagon, flasket, glass, goblet, gourd, horn, jar, jug, noggin, phial, retort, tumbler, urn, vial; CONCEPT 494

**flat** [*adj*1] *level, smooth* collapsed, complanate, decumbent, deflated, depressed, empty, even, extended, fallen, flush, horizontal, laid low, low, oblate, outstretched, pancake\*, planar, planate, plane, procombent, prone, prostrate, punctured, reclining, recumbent, splay, spread out, supine, tabular, unbroken; CONCEPTS 486,490 —*Ant.* broken, elevated, raised, rough, rounded, rugged, uneven

**flat** [*adj*2] *dull, lackluster to the senses* banal, blah, bland, blind, boring, colorless, dead, dim, drab, draggy, flavorless, ho hum\*, inane, innocuous, insipid, jejune, lead balloon\*, lifeless, matte, monotonous, muted, pointless, prosaic, prosy, sapless, spiritless, stale, tasteless, tedious, uninteresting, unpalatable, unsavory, unseasoned, vanilla\*, vapid, watery, weak, whitebread\*; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* bubbly, effervescent, sharp

**flat** [*adj*3] *absolute, positive* categorical, direct, downright, explicit, final, fixed, indubitable, out-and-out\*, peremptory, plain, straight, unconditional, unequivocal, unmistakable, unqualified, unquestionable; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* indefinite

**flat** [*n*] *apartment* chambers, condo, co-op\*, crash pad\*, floor-through, go-down, joint\*, lodging, pad\*, railroad apartment, rental, room, rooms, suite, tenement, walk-up; CONCEPT 516

**flat-out** [*adv*] *at top speed* all-out, all the way, at a good clip\*, for all one's worth\*, full blast, head over heels\*, in full gallop\*, lickety-split, the whole nine yards\*, to the max, unrestrainedly, wide open, without reservation; CONCEPTS 574,762,781

**flatten** [*v*] *level out* abrade, beat down, compress, crush, debase, deflate, depress, even out, fell, floor, flush, grade, ground, iron out, knock down, lay, lay low, mow down, plane, plaster\*, prostrate, raze, roll, smash, smooth, spread out, squash, straighten, subdue, trample; CONCEPTS 137,250,469,702 —*Ant.* break, elevate, make uneven, raise, round

**flatter** [*v*1] *compliment excessively* adulate, beslaver, blandish, bootlick\*, brownnose\*, build up\*, butter up\*, cajole, cater to, charm,

con, court, fawn\*, get next to\*, glorify, grovel, humor, inveigle, jolly, lay it on thick\*, massage, oil\*, overpraise, play up to\*, praise, rub the right way\*, salve, sell, snow\*, soften\*, soft-soap\*, spread it on\*, stroke, suck up to\*, sweeten up\*, sweet-talk\*, toady\*, wheedle, work on\*, work over\*; CONCEPTS 59,69

—*Ant.* belittle, castigate, condemn, criticize, denounce, insult, offend

**flatter** [*v*2] *complement, enhance* adorn, beautify, become, decorate, do something for\*, embellish, enrich, finish, go with\*, grace, ornament, perfect, put in best light\*, set off, show to advantage, suit; CONCEPTS 162,664 —*Ant.* mismatch

**flatterer** [*n*] *complimenter* apple polisher\*, backscratcher, booster, bootlicker\*, brown-nose\*, cajoler, charmer, fawner, flunkey, lackey, puffer\*, sweet talker\*, sycophant, teacher's pet, toady, yes-person\*; CONCEPTS 59,69

**flattery** [*n*] *false praise, compliments* adulation, applause, approbation, blandishment, blarney\*, bootlicking\*, cajolery, commendation, encomium, eulogy, eyewash\*, fawning\*, flattering, flummery, fulsomeness, gallantry, gratification, hokum\*, honeyed words, incense, ingratiating, jive\*, laud, mush\*, obsequiousness, palaver, plaudits, pretty speech, puffery\*, servility, smoke\*, snow\*, snow job\*, soft-soap\*, soft words, stroke\*, sweet talk\*, sycophancy, toadyism, tribute, truckling, unctuousness; CONCEPTS 59,69 —*Ant.* belittlement, castigation, condemnation, criticism, denunciation, insult, offense

**flatulent** [*adj*] *pretentious, long-winded* bombastic, inflated, oratorical, overblown, pompous, prolix, shallow, superficial, swollen, tedious, tumescent, tumid, turgid, windy, wordy; CONCEPTS 267,404 —*Ant.* brief, unpretentious

**flaunt** [*v*] *make an exhibition, show off* advertise, air, boast, brandish, break out, broadcast, declare, disclose, display, disport, divulge, expose, fan it\*, flash, flash about, flourish, gasconade, grandstand\*, hotdog\*, let it all hang out\*, make a scene\*, parade, proclaim, put on an act\*, reveal, roll out, show and tell, showcase, smack with\*, sport, spring on\*, streak, throw weight around\*, trot out\*, vaunt, wave around, whip out\*; CONCEPT 261 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, refrain

**flavor** [*n*1] *odor and taste* acidity, aroma, astringency, bitterness, essence, extract, gusto, hotness, piquancy, pungency, relish, saltiness, sapidity, sapor, savor, seasoning, smack, sourness, spiciness, sweetness, tang, tartness, twang, vim, wallop, zest, zing; CONCEPT 614

**flavor** [*n*2] *aura, essence* aspect, character, feel, feeling, property, quality, soupçon, stamp, style, suggestion, tinge, tone, touch; CONCEPT 673

**flavor** [*v*] *add seasoning* add zing, add zip, ginger, hot it up\*, imbue, impart, infuse, lace, leaven, pepper, pep up\*, salt, season, spice; CONCEPT 170

**flavoring** [*n*] *spice, extract added to food* additive, condiment, distillation, essence, herb, quintessence, relish, sauce, seasoning, spirit, tincture, zest; CONCEPT 428

**flaw** [*n*] *imperfection* blemish, bug, catch\*,

Catch-22\*, defect, disfigurement, failing, fault, foible, glitch\*, gremlin\*, pitfall, slipup, speak, spot, stain, typo\*, vice, wart\*, weakness, weak spot; CONCEPTS 580,674 —**Ant.** fine point, perfection, strength

**flawless** [adj] *spotless, intact* absolute, entire, faultless, immaculate, impeccable, irrefragable, perfect, sound, unblemished, unbroken, undamaged, unimpaired, unmarred, unsullied, whole; CONCEPTS 574,579 —**Ant.** damaged, defective, disfigured, flawed, imperfect

**fleck** [n] *spot, pinpoint mark* bit, dot, mite, mote, patch, pinpoint, speck, speckle, stipple, streak, stripe; CONCEPTS 284,831

**fleck** [v] *mark with spots* bespeckle, besprinkle, dapple, dot, dust, maculate, mottle, speckle, stipple, streak, variegate; CONCEPT 79

**fledgling** [n] *beginner in activity* apprentice, chick, colt, greenhorn\*, learner, neophyte, nestling, newcomer, novice, rookie, tenderfoot\*, trainee, tyro\*; CONCEPTS 352,366,424 —**Ant.** expert, professional

**flee** [v] *run away to escape* abscond, avoid, beat a hasty retreat\*, blow\*, bolt\*, break, cut and run\*, cut out\*, decamp, depart, desert, elude, evade, fly, fly the coop\*, get\*, get away, get the hell out\*, hotfoot\*, jump, leave, make a getaway\*, make off\*, make oneself scarce\*, make one's escape\*, make quick exit\*, make tracks\*, retreat, scamper, scoot, scam\*, skedaddle\*, skip\*, split\*, step on it\*, step on the gas\*, take a hike\*, take flight, take off, vamoose\*, vanish; CONCEPTS 102,150,195 —**Ant.** face, meet, stand, stay, wait

**fleece** [v] *plunder, steal* bleed\*, burn\*, cheat\*, clip\*, con, cozen, defraud, despoil, flimflam\*, gouge, hustle, jerk around\*, milk\*, mulct, overcharge, pluck, rifle, rip off\*, rob, rook\*, rope in\*, run a game on\*, sell a bill of goods\*, shaft\*, strip, swindle, take for a ride\*, take to the cleaners\*; CONCEPTS 59,139,342 —**Ant.** give, offer

**fleece** [adj] *downy, woolly; like a lamb's coat* floccose, flocculent, fluffy, hairy, hirsute, lanose, pileous, pilose, shaggy, soft, whiskered; CONCEPT 606

**fleet** [adj] *quick in movement* agile, barreling, breakneck\*, brisk, expeditious, expeditive, fast, flying, hasty, in nothing flat\*, like greased lightning\*, lively, mercurial, meteoric, nimble, nimble-footed, on the double\*, rapid, screaming, speedball\*, speedy, swift, winged; CONCEPTS 584,588 —**Ant.** clumsy, slow

**fleet** [n] *group of ships* argosy, armada, flotilla, formation, line, naval force, navy, sea power, squadron, tonnage, vessels, warships; CONCEPTS 322,432,506

**fleeting** [adj] *brief, transient* cursory, ephemeral, evanescent, fading, flash in the pan\*, flitting, flying, fugacious, fugitive, impermanent, meteoric, momentary, passing, short, short-lived, sudden, temporary, transitory, vanishing, volatile; CONCEPTS 551,798 —**Ant.** constant, continual, endless, enduring, lasting, lengthy, long, long-lived, permanent, perpetual

**flesh** [n1] *body tissue, skin* beef, brawn, cells, corpuscles, fat, fatness, flesh and blood, food, meat, muscle, plasm, plasma, protoplasm, sinews, thews, weight; CONCEPT 392

**flesh** [n2] *humankind* animality, carnality, homo sapiens, humanity, human nature, human race, living creatures, mortality, people, physicality, physical nature, race, sensuality, stock, world; CONCEPTS 407,417

**fleshly** [adj1] *lecherous, desiring sex* animal, animalistic, bodily, carnal, erotic, gross, lascivious, lewd, lustful, profane, sensual, venereal, voluptuous; CONCEPTS 372,529,545 —**Ant.** immaterial, religious, spiritual

**fleshly** [adj2] *bodily* corporal, corporeal, earthly, human, material, mundane, of this world, physical, secular, somatic, terrestrial, worldly; CONCEPT 536 —**Ant.** mentally, spiritual

**fleshy** [adj] *overweight* adipose, ample, beefy\*, brawny, chubby\*, chunky\*, corpulent, fat, gross, heavy, hefty, husky, meaty\*, obese, plump, porcine, portly, pudgy\*, pulpy, sarcoous, stout, tubby\*, weighty, well-padded\*, zaffig\*; CONCEPTS 406,491,773 —**Ant.** skinny, thin, underweight

**flex** [v] *bend* angle, contract, crook, curve, lean, mold, ply, spring, stretch, tighten, tilt, yield; CONCEPTS 147,149 —**Ant.** be stiff, extend, straighten

**flexibility** [n] *elasticity, adaptability* adjustability, affability, complaisance, compliance, docility, extensibility, flaccidity, flexibility, give, limberness, litheness, plasticity, pliability, pliancy, resilience, springiness, suppleness, tensility, tractability; CONCEPTS 652,731 —**Ant.** constraint, inelasticity, inflexibility, resistance

**flexible** [adj1] *pliable, bendable* adjustable, bending, ductile, elastic, extensible, extensile, flexible, formable, formative, impressionable, like putty\*, limber, lithe, malleable, moldable, plastic, pliant, soft, spongy, springy, stretch, stretchable, stretchy, supple, tensile, tractable, tractile, whippy\*, willowy, yielding; CONCEPTS 485,488 —**Ant.** brittle, inflexible, resistant, rigid, stiff, unbendable, unpliant, unyielding

**flexible** [adj2] *adaptable, responsive* acquiescent, adjustable, amenable, biddable, compliant, compliant, discretionary, docile, gentle, going every which way\*, hanging loose\*, like putty in hands\*, manageable, open, rolling with punches\*, tractable, variable; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** inflexible, obstinate, ornery, stern, stubborn, unaccommodating, unadaptable, unresponsive, unyielding

**flick** [v] *light touch* dab, flicker, flip, hit, pat, snap, tap, tip, touch lightly; CONCEPT 612

**flicker** [n] *spark, glimmer* beam, flare, flash, gleam, oscillation, quivering, ray, scintillation, twinkle, vibration; CONCEPTS 145,624,831

**flicker** [v] *sparkle, flutter* blare, blaze, blink, burn, dance, flare, flash, flit, flitter, fluctuate, glance, gleam, glimmer, glint, glitter, glow, hover, oscillate, quaver, quiver, scintillate, shimmer, swing, tremble, twinkle, vibrate, waver; CONCEPTS 152,624

**flier** [n] *flyer, pilot* ace\*, aeronaut, air person, aviator, aviatrix, jet\*, navigator; CONCEPT 348

**flight** [n1] *flying; journey* aerial navigation, aeronautics, arrival, aviation, aviation, departure, gliding, hop, jump, mounting, navigation, shuttle, soaring, take-off, transport, trip, volitation, voyage, winging; CONCEPT 224



**flight** [*n*] *fleeing; departure* beat\*, break\*, breakout, escape, escapement, escaping, exfiltration, exit, exodus, fugue, getaway, getaway car\*, lam, out\*, powder\*, retreat, retreating, running away, slip\*, spring\*; CONCEPTS 102, 195 —**Ant.** standing, staying, waiting

**flightiness** [*n*] *irresponsibility* airheadedness\*, capriciousness, changeability, dizziness, fickleness, flippancy, frivolity, giddiness, inconstancy, instability, levity, lightness, mercurialness, variability, volatility, whimsicality, whimsicalness; CONCEPT 633 —**Ant.** responsibility

**flighty** [*adj*] *fickle, irresponsible* airheaded\*, birdbrained\*, bubbleheaded\*, capricious, changeable, dingbat\*, dingdong\*, dizzy\*, effervescent, empty-headed, featherbrained\*, frivolous, gaga\*, giddy, harebrained\*, impetuous, impulsive, inconstant, lightheaded, lively, mercurial, scatterbrained, silly, thoughtless, twit, unbalanced, unstable, unsteady, volatile, whimsical, wild; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** responsible

**flimflam** [*v*] *deceive, swindle* bilk, burn\*, cheat, chisel, con, defraud, diddle\*, dupe\*, fleece, fool, gip\*, gull, gyp\*, hose\*, pull a fast one\*, rip off\*, rook\*, sandbag, scam, shaft, steal, take for a ride\*, trick; CONCEPTS 59, 139, 192

**flimsy** [*adj*1] *not strong; light, thin* chiffon, cut-rate\*, decrepit, defective, delicate, diaphanous, feeble, fragile, frail, gauzy, gossamer, house of cards\*, inadequate, infirm, insubstantial, meager, papery, rickety, rinkydink\*, shaky, shallow, sheer, slapdash\*, sleazy, slight, superficial, tacky, transparent, unsound, unsubstantial, weak, wobbly; CONCEPT 606 —**Ant.** firm, heavy, solid, strong, sturdy, substantial, thick, tough

**flimsy** [*adj*2] *unconvincing, implausible* assailable, baseless, contemptible, controvertible, fallacious, false, feeble, frivolous, groundless, illogical, improbable, inadequate, inane, inconceivable, incredible, inept, lame, poor, puerile, superficial, thin, transparent, trifling, trivial, unbelievable, ungrounded, unpersuasive, unreasonable, unsatisfactory, unsubstantial, weak, weakly, wishful; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** convincing, plausible, reasonable, serious, strong

**flinch** [*v*] *shy away, wince* avoid, balk, blanch, blench, blink, cower, cringe, crouch, draw back, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, flee, quail, recede, recoil, retire, retreat, shirk, shrink, shun, start, swerve, withdraw; CONCEPTS 102, 150 —**Ant.** confront, face, meet

**fling** [*n*1] *casual throw* cast, chuck, firing, heave, hurl, launching, lob, peg, pitch, shot, slinging, toss; CONCEPT 222

**fling** [*n*2] *unrestrained behavior* affair, attempt, binge, celebration, crack\*, essay, fun, gamble, go\*, good time, indulgence, orgy, party, rampage, shot\*, splurge, spree, stab\*, trial, try, venture, whirl; CONCEPT 386

**fling** [*v*] *throw with abandon* cast, catapult, chuck\*, dump, fire, heave, hurl, jerk, launch, let fly\*, lob, peg\*, pitch, precipitate, propel, send, shy\*, sling, toss; CONCEPT 222

**flinty** [*adj*] *stern* cruel, firm, hard, inflexible, rigid, steely, stony, unsympathetic, unyielding; CONCEPT 604

**flip** [*n/v*] *throw, jump with abandon* cast, chuck, flick, jerk, pitch, snap, spin, toss, twist; CONCEPTS 194, 222

**flip-flop** [*n*] *reversal* about-face, change, change of heart, turn-around, U-turn; CONCEPTS 674, 679

**flip out** [*v*] *lose one's cool* blow a gasket\*, blow one's mind\*, blow one's stack\*, blow one's top\*, crack up\*, fly off the handle\*, freak out\*, go ape\*, go ballistic\*, go berserk\*, go crazy\*, go haywire\*, go nuts\*, go off the deep end\*, hit the ceiling\*, lose control of oneself, lose it\*, lose one's composure, lose one's mind, lose one's temper, wig out\*; CONCEPT 13

**flippancy** [*n*] *irreverence* archness, cheek, cheekiness, cockiness, disrespectfulness, flightiness, freshness, frivolity, impertinence, impishness, impudence, levity, lightness, mischievousness, pertness, playfulness, roguishness, rudeness, sauciness, volatility, waggishness; CONCEPT 633 —**Ant.** courtesy, respect, reverence, seriousness

**flippant** [*adj*] *irreverent* brassy, breezy, cheeky\*, cocky, disrespectful, flighty, flip\*, fresh, frivolous, glib, impertinent, impudent, insolent, lippy\*, nervy\*, offhand, pert, playful, rude, sassy\*, smart\*, smart-alecky\*, superficial; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** courteous, respectful, reverent, serious

**flip side** [*n*] *reverse side* back, B-side\*, contra-position, opposite side, other side, other side of the fence\*; CONCEPT 665

**flirt** [*n*] *person who makes advances* coquette, cruiser\*, heartbreaker, operator\*, philanderer, player, seducer, siren, swinger, tease, trifter, vamp, vixen, wanton, wolf\*; CONCEPT 423

**flirt** [*v*] *make advances toward someone* banter, bat eyes at\*, come hither\*, come on\*, coquet, dally, disport, eyeball\*, fool, gam\*, hit on\*, lead on, linger with, make a move\*, make a pass\*, ogle, philander, pick up\*, pitch\*, proposition, tease, wink at\*; CONCEPTS 375, 384 —**Ant.** be faithful

**flirtation** [*n*] *amorous advance* amour, coquetry, courting, cruising, dalliance, flirting, intrigue, pickup\*, romance, romancing, tease, teasing, toying\*, trifling\*; CONCEPTS 32, 375, 384 —**Ant.** faithfulness

**flirtatious** [*adj*] *provocative, teasing* amorous, arch, come-hither\*, come-on\*, coquettish, coy, dallying, enticing, flirty, libidinous, spoony\*, sportive; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —**Ant.** cool, modest, shy, unprovocative

**flit** [*v*] *flutter, move rapidly* dance, dart, flash, fleet, flicker, float, fly, hover, hurry, pass, run, rush, sail, scud\*, skim, speed, sweep, whisk, whiz, wing, zip; CONCEPT 150

**float** [*v*] *lie on the surface* be buoyant, bob, drift, glide, hang, hover, move gently, poise, rest on water, ride, sail, skim, slide, slip along, smooth along, stay afloat, swim, waft, wash; CONCEPT 153 —**Ant.** drown, sink

**flock** [*n*] *congregation* army, assembly, bevy, brood, cloud, collection, colony, company, convoy, crowd, crush, drift, drove, flight, gaggle, gathering, group, herd, host, legion, litter, mass, multitude, pack, progeny, rout, scores, skein, throng; CONCEPTS 391, 432

**flock** [*v*] *congregate* collect, converge, crowd, gather, group, herd, huddle, mass, throng, troop; CONCEPTS 109, 384 —**Ant.** disperse, separate, spread

- flog** [v] *whip, lash* beat, belt, cane, castigate, chastise, ferule, flagellate, flax, flay, give the cat o' nine tails\*, hide, hit, larrup, lather, leather\*, paddle, scourge, spank, strike, stripe, tan one's hide\*, thrash, trounce, wax\*, whack, whale\*, whomp\*, whop\*; CONCEPT 189
- flood** [n] *overwhelming flow, quantity* abundance, alluvion, bore, bounty, cataclysm, cataract, current, deluge, downpour, drencher, drift, eager, excess, flow, flux, freshet, glut, inundation, multitude, niagara, outgushing, outpouring, overflow, plenty, pour, profusion, rush, spate, stream, superabundance, superfluity, surge, surplus, tide, torrent, tsunami, wave; CONCEPTS 179,524,787
- flood** [v] *inundate or submerge* brim over, choke, deluge, drown, engulf, fill, flow, glut, gush, immerse, overflow, oversupply, overwhelm, pour over, rush, saturate, surge, swamp, swarm, sweep, whelm; CONCEPTS 179,209,740
- floor** [n] *bottom of a room; level of a multistory building* basement, boards, canvas, carpet, cellar, deck, downstairs, flat, flooring, ground, landing, lowest point, mat, mezzanine, nadir, rug, stage, story, tier, upstairs; CONCEPT 440 —*Ant.* ceiling
- floor** [v] *perplex, confound* baffle, beat, bewilder, bowl over\*, bring down\*, bring up short\*, conquer, defeat, discomfit, disconcert, down, drop, dumbfound, fell, flatten, ground, knock down, lay low\*, level, nonplus, overthrow, prostrate, puzzle, stump, throw; CONCEPTS 16,95 —*Ant.* clear up, explain
- floor it** [v] *drive at full speed* accelerate, barrel, gather momentum, go flat-out, nail it\*, open the throttle, put the pedal to the metal\*, sprint, step on it\*, step on the gas; CONCEPTS 234,242
- floozy** [n] *sexually promiscuous woman* bimbo, broad, doxy, easy make, hooker, moll, nympho, piece of tail\*, prostitute, tramp, whore; CONCEPTS 348,412,415,419
- flop** [n] *miserable failure* bomb, bust, debacle, disaster, dud\*, fiasco, lemon\*, loser, miscarriage, nonstarter, washout\*; CONCEPTS 674,699 —*Ant.* accomplishment, achievement, success
- flop** [v1] *fall limply, collapse* dangle, droop, drop, flag, flap, flounder, flutter, hang, jerk, lop, quiver, sag, slump, stagger, teeter, topple, toss, totter, tumble, wave, wiggle; CONCEPTS 144,181
- flop** [v2] *fail miserably* bomb\*, close, come apart\*, come to nothing\*, fall flat\*, fall short\*, flummox, fold, founder, miscarry, misfire, wash out\*; CONCEPT 699 —*Ant.* accomplish, achieve, succeed
- flophouse** [n] *cheap hotel* fleabag, fleabox, fleahouse, fleatrap, flop joint, run-down boarding house, run-down hotel; CONCEPTS 439,449,516
- floppy** [adj] *limp* drooping, droopy, flabby, flaccid, loose, pendulous, relaxed, sagging, saggy, slack; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* erect, stiff
- floral** [adj] *decorated with flowers* blooming, blossoming, blossomy, botanic, decorative, dendritic, efflorescent, flower-patterned, flowery, herbaceous, sylvan, verdant; CONCEPT 589
- florid** [adj1] *very elaborate* aureate, baroque, busy, decorative, embellished, euphuistic, figurative, flamboyant, flowery, fussy, garnished, grandiloquent, high-flown, luscious, magnilo-
- quent, ornamental, ornamented, ornate, overblown, pretentious, rhetorical, rich, sonorous; CONCEPTS 267,589 —*Ant.* inelaborate, natural, plain, undecorated, unornate
- florid** [adj2] *flushed, ruddy* blowzy, flush, glowing, high-colored, pink, reddened, rubicund, sanguine; CONCEPTS 406,618 —*Ant.* pale, pallid, white
- flotilla** [n] *small fleet* gorgy, armada, group, navy, squadron, unit, vessels; CONCEPTS 322,432,506
- flotsam** [n] *floating debris* cargo, castoffs, jetsam, junk, odds and ends, sea-drift, wreckage; CONCEPTS 260,674
- flounce** [v] *bounce; intermittently move* fling, jerk, mince, nancy, prance, sashay, spring, stamp, storm, strut, swish, throw, toss; CONCEPT 149
- flounder** [v] *struggle; be in the dark* blunder, bobble, cast about, come apart at the seams\*, drop the ball\*, fall down, flop, flummox, foul up\*, fumble, go at backwards\*, go to pieces\*, grope, labor, lurch, make a mess of, miss one's cue\*, muddle, plunge, pratfall\*, screw up\*, slip up\*, snafu\*, strive, stub one's toe\*, stumble, thrash, toil, toss, travail, trip up\*, tumble, wallow, work at; CONCEPTS 101,699 —*Ant.* do well, succeed
- flourish** [n] *curlicue, decoration* curl, embellishment, furbelow, garnish, ornamentation, plume, quirk, spiral, sweep, twist; CONCEPTS 259,284
- flourish** [v1] *grow, prosper* amplify, arrive, augment, batten, bear fruit, be on top of heap\*, bloom, blossom, boom, burgeon, come along, develop, do well, expand, flower, get ahead, get on\*, go, go great guns\*, hit it big\*, increase, live high on hog\*, make out\*, multiply, score, succeed, thrive, wax; CONCEPTS 141,704,706 —*Ant.* cease, fail, hinder, languish, stunt
- flourish** [v2] *wave about* brandish, display, flaunt, flutter, shake, sweep, swing, swish, twirl, vaunt, wag, wield; CONCEPTS 147,152
- flourishing** [adj] *prospering, going well* blooming, burgeoning, doing well, expanding, exuberant, going strong, growing, in full swing\*, in the pink\*, in top form\*, lush, luxuriant, mushrooming, profuse, prosperous, rampant, rank, rich, roaring, robust, successful, thriving, vigorous; CONCEPT 528 —*Ant.* ceasing, decreasing, failing, languishing, stunted, undeveloping
- floit** [v] *show contempt* for affront, defy, deride, disregard, gibe, gird, insult, jeer, laugh at, mock, outrage, quip, repudiate, ridicule, scoff, scorn, slight, sneer, spurn, taunt, thumb nose at\*; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* honor, respect
- flow** [n] *issue, abundance* breeze, continuance, continuation, continuity, course, current, deluge, discharge, draft, draw, dribble, drift, ebb, effusion, electricity, emanation, flood, flux, gush, juice, leakage, movement, oozing, outflow, outpouring, plenty, plethora, progress, progression, river, run, sequence, series, spate, spout, spurt, stream, succession, tide, train, wind; CONCEPTS 146,179,467,787 —*Ant.* trickle
- flow** [v] *issue, surge, run out* abound, arise, brim, cascade, circulate, continue, course, deluge, discharge, disembogue, dribble, ebb, emanate, emerge, emit, exudate, exude, flood,

glide, gurgle, gush, inundate, jet, leak, move, ooze, overflow, pass, percolate, pour, proceed, progress, pullulate, reargutate, result, ripple, roll, rush, slide, sluice, smooth along, spew, spill, splash, spring, spurt, sputter, squirt, stream, sweep, swell, swirl, teem, trickle, tumble, void, well forth; CONCEPTS 146,179 —*Ant.* trickle

**flowchart** [*n*] *sequential diagram* flow diagram, flow sheet; CONCEPTS 625,660

**flower** [*n1*] *bloom of a plant* annual, blossom, bud, cluster, efflorescence, floret, floweret, head, herb, inflorescence, perennial, pompon, posey, shoot, spike, spray, vine; CONCEPTS 425,428

**flower** [*n2*] *best, choicest part* cream, elite, finest point, freshness, greatest point, height, pick, pride, prime, prize, top; CONCEPTS 668,829 —*Ant.* worst

**flower** [*v*] *bloom, flourish* batten, blossom, blow, burgeon, effloresce, mature, open, outbloom, prosper, thrive, unfold; CONCEPTS 253,704 —*Ant.* close, die, droop, fade, sag, shrink, shrivel

**flowery** [*adj*] *ornate, especially referring to speech or writing* aureate, baroque, bombastic, declamatory, diffuse, embellished, euphemistic, euphuistic, fancy, figurative, florid, grandiloquent, high-flown, magniloquent, ornamented, overwrought, prolix, purple, redundant, rhetorical, rococo, sonorous, swollen, verbose, windy, wordy; CONCEPTS 267,589 —*Ant.* inelaborate, plain, unembellished, unflowery, unornate

**flowing** [*adj*] *gushing, abounding* brimming, continuous, cursive, easy, falling, flooded, fluent, fluid, fluidic, full, issuing, liquefied, liquid, overrun, pouring out, prolific, rich, rippling, rolling, running, rushing, sinuous, smooth, spouting, streaming, sweeping, teeming, tidal, unbroken, uninterrupted; CONCEPTS 482,584 —*Ant.* trickling

**fluctuate** [*v*] *vacillate, change* alter, alternate, be undecided, blow hot and cold\*, ebb and flow, flutter, go up and down\*, hem and haw\*, hesitate, oscillate, rise and fall\*, seesaw\*, shift, swing, undulate, vary, veer, vibrate, wave, waver, yo-yo\*; CONCEPTS 13,469,697 —*Ant.* hold, persist, remain, stay

**flue** [*n*] *pipe* channel, chimney, duct, exhaust pipe, passage, smoke duct, tube, vent; CONCEPT 440

**fluent** [*adj*] *articulate* chatty, cogent, copious, cursive, declamatory, disputatious, easy, effortless, effusive, eloquent, facile, flowing, garrulous, glib, liquid, loquacious, mellifluous, mellifluous, natural, persuasive, prompt, quick, ready, running, silver-tongued\*, smooth, smooth-spoken, talkative, verbose, vocal, voluble, well-versed, wordy; CONCEPTS 267, 584 —*Ant.* effortful, hesitant, inarticulate, unfluent, unprepared

**fluff** [*n1*] *down* eiderdown, feathers, fleece, floss, fuzz, lint, wool; CONCEPT 606

**fluff** [*n2*] *mistake* blooper\*, bungling, error, false step, flub\*, fumble, miscalculation, miscue, miss, muddle, muff, oversight, slip, slipup\*, stumble; CONCEPTS 101,230,410

**fluffy** [*adj*] *soft, furry* creamy, downy, feather-like, feathery, fleecy, flocculent, flossy,

gossamer, linty, pile, silky, velutinous; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* coarse, rough, smooth

**fluid** [*adj1*] *liquid* aqueous, flowing, fluent, in solution, juicy, liquefied, lymphatic, melted, molten, running, runny, serous, uncongealed, watery; CONCEPTS 603,757 —*Ant.* solid

**fluid** [*adj2*] *adaptable, changeable* adjustable, changeful, flexible, floating, fluctuating, indefinite, malleable, mercurial, mobile, mutable, protean, shifting, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, variable; CONCEPTS 534,542 —*Ant.* inflexible, stable, unchangeable

**fluid** [*n*] *liquid* aqua, broth, chaser, cooler, goo\*, goop\*, juice, liquor, solution, vapor; CONCEPT 467 —*Ant.* solid

**fluke** [*n*] *chance occurrence* accident, blessing, break, contingency, fortuity, fortunate, fortune, good fortune\*, good luck, incident, lucky break\*, odd chance, quirk, stroke of luck\*, windfall; CONCEPTS 4,679,693 —*Ant.* certainty, design, plan

**fluky** [*adj*] *chance* accidental, casual, chancy, coincidental, contingent, fortuitous, incalculable, incidental, lucky, odd, uncertain, variable; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* certain, designed, planned, sure

**flume** [*n*] *chute* channel, conduit, run, sluice, spillway; CONCEPTS 501,514

**flummox** [*v*] *confuse* baffle, bewilder, buffalo\*, confound, discombobulate\*, disconcert, mystify, nonplus, perplex, puzzle, stump, throw\*, throw off\*; CONCEPT 16

**flurry** [*n*] *commotion, burst* ado, agitation, brouhaha, bustle, confusion, disturbance, excitement, ferment, flap\*, flap, fluster, flutter, furor, fuss, gust, haste, hurry, outbreak, pother, spell, spurt, squall, stir\*, to-do, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, whirl, whirlwind; CONCEPTS 230,524 —*Ant.* calm, calmness, quiet

**flurry** [*v*] *agitate, confuse* bewilder, bother, bustle, discombobulate\*, discompose, disconcert, disquiet, distract, disturb, excite, fluster, flutter, frustrate, fuss, galvanize, hassle, hurry, hustle, perplex, perturb, provoke, quicken, rattle, ruffle, stimulate, unhide, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* calm, comfort, quiet

**flush** [*adj1*] *flat* even, horizontal, level, planate, plane, smooth, square, true; CONCEPTS 486,490 —*Ant.* rough, uneven

**flush** [*adj2*] *overflowing, abundant* affluent, close, full, generous, lavish, liberal, opulent, prodigal, rich, wealthy, well-off; CONCEPTS 334,771 —*Ant.* lacking

**flush** [*n*] *blush* bloom, color, freshness, glow, pinkness, redness, rosiness, ruddiness; CONCEPT 622 —*Ant.* pale

**flush** [*v1*] *become or make pink or red* blush, burn, color, color up, crimson, flame, glow, go red, mantle, pink, pinken, redden, rose, rouge, suffuse; CONCEPTS 250,469 —*Ant.* pale, uncolor

**flush** [*v2*] *inundate with liquid* cleanse, douche, drench, eject, expel, flood, hose, rinse, swab, wash; CONCEPTS 165,179

**flushed** [*adj*] *pink, glowing* ablaze, animated, aroused, blushing, burning, crimson, elated, embarrassed, enthused, exhilarated, feverish, florid, full-blooded, high, hot, inspired, intoxicated, red, rosy, rubicund, ruddy, sanguine, thrilled; CONCEPTS 401,403,618 —*Ant.* pale, pallid

**fluster** [*n*] *perturbation, upset* agitation, brouhaha, commotion, disturbance, dither, flap\*, flurry, flutter, furor, ruffle, state\*, to-do\*, turmoil; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* calm, calmness, comfort, peace

**fluster** [*v*] *upset, perturb* addle, agitate, bewilder, bother, confound, confuse, craze\*, discombobulate\*, discompose, disquiet, distract, disturb, excite, flip\*, flurry, frustrate, fuddle\*, get to\*, hassle, heat\*, hurry, make nervous, make waves\*, muddle, mystify, nonplus, perplex, psych\*, puzzle, rattle, ruffle, spook\*, stir up\*, throw off balance\*, unhinge\*, work up\*; CONCEPTS 7,16,19 —*Ant.* calm, comfort, settle

**flutter** [*v*] *wave rapidly, flap* agitate, bat, beat, dance, drift, flicker, flit, flutter, flop, fluctuate, hover, lop, oscillate, palpitate, pulsate, quaver, quiver, ripple, ruffle, shake, shiver, swing, throb, tremble, vibrate, wiggle, wobble; CONCEPTS 150,152

**flux** [*n*] *state of constant change* alteration, change, flow, fluctuation, fluidity, instability, modification, motion, mutability, mutation, transition, unrest; CONCEPT 697 —*Ant.* constancy, stability, steadiness

**fly** [*v*1] *take to the air, usually employing wings* aviate, barnstorm\*, bend the throttle\*, buzz\*, circle, circumnavigate, climb, control, cross, dart, dash, dive, drift, flat-hat\*, fleet, flit, float, flutter, glide, hop, hover, hurry, jet, jet out, jet over, maneuver, mount, operate, pilot, reach, remain aloft, rush, sail, scud\*, seagull\*, shoot, skim, skirt, sky out\*, soar, speed, swoop, take a hop\*, take flight, take off, take wing, travel, whisk\*, whiz\*, whoosh\*, wing\*, wing in\*, zip\*, zoom\*; CONCEPTS 148,150,224 —*Ant.* land, stay on ground, walk

**fly** [*v*2] *run or pass swiftly* barrel, bolt, breeze, career, dart, dash, elapse, flee, flit, glide, go like the wind\*, hasten, hurry, hustle, make off\*, pass, race, roll, run its course\*, rush, scamper, scoot, shoot, slip away\*, speed, sprint, tear, whiz\*, zoom\*; CONCEPTS 150,818

**fly** [*v*3] *escape, flee* abscond, avoid, bolt, break, clear, clear out\*, cut and run\*, decamp, disappear, get away, hasten away, hide, hightail\*, light out\*, make a getaway\*, make a quick exit\*, make off, run\*, run for it, run from, skeddaddle\*, skip, steal away, take flight, take off, withdraw; CONCEPTS 102,195 —*Ant.* confront, face, remain, stay

**fly-by-night** [*adj*] *undependable* brief, cowboy\*, dubious, here-today-gone-tomorrow\*, impermanent, questionable, shady, shifty, short-lived, slimy\*, slippery\*, treacherous, trustless, unreliable, unsure, untrustworthy; CONCEPTS 542,551 —*Ant.* dependable, reliable, reputable, responsible, trustworthy

**flyer** [*n*] *person who navigates an aircraft* ace\*, air person, aviator, flier, jet\*, navigator, pilot; CONCEPT 348

**flying** [*adj*] *in the air, winged* aerial, aeronautical, airborne, avian, drifting, express, flapping, fleet, floating, fluttering, gliding, hovering, mercurial, mobile, on the wing, plumed, soaring, speedy, streaming, swooping, volant, volar, volitant, waving, winging, zooming; CONCEPT 584 —*Ant.* ground, grounded

**flying saucer** [*n*] *spaceship* extraterrestrial vessel, spacecraft, UFO, unidentified flying object; CONCEPTS 504,506

**foam** [*n*] *bubbles formed from a liquid* cream, fluff, froth, head, lather, scum, spray, spume, suds, surf, yeast; CONCEPT 260

**foam** [*v*] *become bubbly* aerate, boil, burble, effervesce, ferment, fizz, froth, gurgle, hiss, lather, seethe, simmer, sparkle; CONCEPTS 170,469 —*Ant.* become flat

**foamy** [*adj*] *bubbly* barmy, boiling, burbling, carbonated, creamy, ebullient, effervescent, fermented, fizzy, frothy, lathery, scummy\*, seething, simmering, spumescence, spumous, spummy, sudsy, yeasty; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* flat

**focus** [*n*] *center of attraction* bull's eye\*, center, core, cynosure, focal point, headquarters\*, heart, hub, limelight\*, locus, meeting place, nerve center\*, point of convergence, polestar, seat, spotlight, target; CONCEPTS 532, 826,829

**focus** [*v*] *aim attention at* adjust, attract, bring out, center, centralize, concenter, concentrate, convene, converge, direct, fasten, fix, fixate, get detail, home in\*, home in on\*, hone in\*, join, key on\*, knuckle down\*, meet, move in, pinpoint, pour it on\*, put, rivet, sharpen, spotlight\*, sweat\*, zero in\*, zoom in\*; CONCEPTS 17,623 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**fodder** [*n*] *animal feed* animal food, barley, corn, food, forage, grain, grass, grub, hay, meal, pasturage, provender, provisions, silage, straw, vettles; CONCEPTS 457,460,461

**foe** [*n*] *person who is an opponent* adversary, antagonist, anti\*, enemy, hostile party, rival; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* friend

**fog** [*n*1] *heavy mist that reduces visibility* brume, cloud, effluvium, film, gloom, grease, ground clouds, haze, London fog, miasma, murk, murkiness, nebula, obscurity, pea soup\*, smaze, smog, smoke, smother, soup\*, steam, vapor, visibility zero-zero\*, wisp; CONCEPTS 524,627 —*Ant.* clearness

**fog** [*n*2] *mental unclarity* befuddlement, blindness, confusion, daze, haze, maze, mist, muddledness, muddlement, obscurity, perplexity, stupor, trance, vagueness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* cognizance, understanding

**fog** [*v*] *muddle, obscure* addle, becloud, bedim, befuddle, bewilder, blind, blur, cloud, confuse, darken, daze, dim, eclipse, mist, muddy, mystify, obfuscate, perplex, puzzle, steam up, stupefy; CONCEPTS 250,526 —*Ant.* clear up, explain

**foggy** [*adj*] *hazy, obscure* blurred, ceiling zero\*, closed in, clouded, cloudy, dark, dim, filmy, fogged in, fuzzy, gray, indistinct, misty, murky, mushy, nebulous, pea-soupy\*, smazy, smoggy, socked in\*, soupy\*, unclear, vague, vaporous, vapory, zero-zero\*; CONCEPTS 403,525 —*Ant.* clear

**foghorn** [*n*] *warning signal* alarm, danger signal, signal, siren; CONCEPTS 269,463

**foible** [*n*] *personal imperfection* characteristic, defect, eccentricity, failing, fault, frailty, idiosyncrasy, infirmity, kink, mannerism, oddity, peculiarity, quirk, shortcoming, singularity, vice, weakness, weak point; CONCEPTS 411,644 —*Ant.* strength

**foil** [n] *contrast* antithesis, background, complement, counterblow, defense, guard, setting; CONCEPT 665

**foil** [v] *circumvent, nip in the bud* baffle, balk, beat, balk, bollix\*, buffalo\*, check, checkmate, counter, crab, cramp, crimp, curb, dash, defeat, disappoint, disconcert, ditch, dodge, duck, glide, faze, foul up\*, frustrate, get around\*, give the run-around\*, give the slip\*, hang up\*, hinder, juke, nullify, outwit, prevent, rattle, restrain, run circles around\*, run rings around\*, shake, shake off, shuffle off, skip, stop, stymie, throw monkey wrench in\*, thwart, upset the apple cart\*; CONCEPTS 121,130 —**Ant.** abet, aid, assist, help

**foist** [v] *force upon* compel to accept, fob off, impose, insert fraudulently, palm off, pass off, pull a fast one\*, ram down one's throat\*, sneak in; CONCEPT 14

**fold** [n] *double thickness* bend, circumvolution, cockle, convolution, corrugation, crease, crimp, crinkle, dog's ear\*, flection, flexure, furrow, gather, gathering, groove, knife-edge\*, lap, lapel, layer, loop, overlap, plait, pleat, plica, plication, plicature, ply, pucker, ridge, rimple, rivel, ruche, ruck, ruffle, rumple, shirring, smocking, tuck, turn, wrinkle; CONCEPT 754

**fold** [v1] *lay in creases* bend, cockle, corrugate, crimp, crisp, crumple, curl, dog-ear\*, double, double over, furrow, gather, groove, hem, intertwine, knit, lap, overlap, overlay, plait, pleat, plicate, pucker, purse, replicate, ridge, ruche, ruck, ruffle, telescope, tuck, turn under, wrinkle; CONCEPT 184 —**Ant.** flatten, leave, unbend

**fold** [v2] *encase, enclose* do up, unfold, entwine, envelop, involve, wrap, wrap up; CONCEPT 209 —**Ant.** free, let out, loose, loosen

**fold** [v3] *fail, close* become insolvent, be ruined, break, bust, collapse, crash, crumple, give, go bankrupt, go bust, go into Chapter 11\*, go under\*, impoverish, pauper, pauperize, shut down, yield; CONCEPTS 324,699 —**Ant.** achieve, succeed

**folder** [n] *paper envelope for holding items* binder, case, file, pocket, portfolio, sheath, wrapper, wrapping; CONCEPT 260

**foliage** [n] *leaves* frondescence, greenness, growth, herbage, leafage, umbrage, vegetation, verdure; CONCEPT 428

**folk** [n] *person's relations, acquaintances* body politic, clan, community, confederation, culture group, ethnic group, family, general public, group, house, household, inhabitants, kin, kindred, lineage, masses, ménage, nation, nationality, people, population, proletariat, public, race, settlement, society, state, stock, tribe; CONCEPTS 296,379

**folklore** [n] *tales from the past* ballad, custom, fable, folk story, legend, myth, mythology, myths, oral literature, superstition, tradition, wisdom; CONCEPT 282

**folks** [n] *family* brood, clan, horde, household, kin, parents, people, relatives, tribe; CONCEPTS 296,378,397

**folksy** [adj] *informal, simple* cozy, down-to-earth\*, homely, homey, low-key, modest, natural, plain, rustic, unassuming, unpretentious; CONCEPTS 562,589

**follow** [v1] *take the place of* be subsequent to, chase, come after, come from, come next, displace, ensue, go after, go next, postdate, proceed from, pursue, replace, result, spring from, succeed, supersede, supervene, supplant; CONCEPTS 128,242,813 —**Ant.** neglect, pass over, shun, slight

**follow** [v2] *trail, pursue physically* accompany, attend, bring up the rear\*, catenate, chase, come with, concatenate, convoy, dog\*, dog the footsteps of\*, draggle, escort, freeze, give chase, go after, go with, hound\*, hunt, onto\*, persecute, put a tail on\*, run after, run down, schlepp along\*, search, seek, shadow, shag\*, spook\*, stalk, stick to, string along, tag, tag after\*, tag along\*, tail, tailgate\*, take out after, track; CONCEPT 207 —**Ant.** go before, lead, precede

**follow** [v3] *act in accordance with* abide by, accord, adhere to, adopt, attend, be consistent with, be devoted to, be guided by, be in keeping, be interested in, comply, conform, copy, cultivate, do like, emulate, follow suit, give allegiance to, harmonize, heed, hold fast, imitate, keep, keep abreast of, keep an eye on, live up to, match, mimic, mind, mirror, model on, note, obey, observe, pattern oneself upon, reflect, regard, serve, string along\*, support, take after, take as an example, watch; CONCEPTS 8,91,171 —**Ant.** avoid, disregard, scorn

**follow** [v4] *understand* accept, appreciate, apprehend, catch\*, catch on\*, comprehend, dig\*, fathom, get\*, get the picture\*, grasp, realize, see, take in\*; CONCEPT 15 —**Ant.** misunderstanding, not get

**follower** [n] *person who believes or has great interest* addict, adherent, admirer, advocate, apostle, attendant, backer, believer, bootlicker\*, buff, client, cohort, companion, convert, copycat, devotee, disciple, fan, fancier, freak\*, habitué, hanger-on\*, helper, imitator, lackey\*, member, minion, parasite, participant, partisan, patron, promoter, proselyte, protégé, pupil, representative, satellite, sectary, servant, sidekick, stooge\*, supporter, sycophant, toady\*, vassal, votary, worshiper, zealot; CONCEPTS 352,366,423 —**Ant.** leader

**following** [adj] *happening, being next or after* after a while, afterward, attendant, a while later, back, by and by, coming, coming after, coming next, consecutive, consequent, consequential, directly after, ensuing, henceforth, hinder, in pursuit, in search of, in the wake of, later, later on, latter, next, next off\*, on the scent\*, posterior, presently, proximate, pursuing, rear, resulting, sequent, sequential, serial, seriate, specified, subsequent, succeeding, successive, supervenient, then, trailing, when; CONCEPTS 585,811, 818,820 —**Ant.** first, leading, preceding

**following** [n] *persons of an interest or belief* adherents, audience, circle, clientele, clientele, cortege, coterie, dependents, entourage, fans, group, groupies\*, hangers-on\*, patronage, patrons, public, retinue, rout, suite, support, supporters, train; CONCEPTS 294,387,417 —**Ant.** disbelievers

**follow through** [v] *bring to a conclusion* complete, conclude, consummate, pursue, see through; CONCEPT 91 —**Ant.** leave, not finish

**follow up** [v] *make inquiries* check out, find out about, investigate, look into, make sure, pursue; CONCEPT 103 —*Ant.* avoid, dodge, forget

**folly** [n] *nonsense, ridiculous idea* absurdity, craziness, daftness, dotiness, dumb thing to do\*, dumb trick\*, fatuity, foolishness, idiocy, imbecility, impracticality, imprudence, inadvisability, inanity, indiscretion, irrationality, lunacy, madness, obliquity, preposterousness, rashness, recklessness, senselessness, silliness, stupidity, triviality, unsoundness, vice, witlessness; CONCEPTS 410,633 —*Ant.* judgment, knowledge, seriousness, understanding, wisdom

**foment** [v] *instigate, provoke* abet, agitate, arouse, brew, cultivate, encourage, excite, fan the flames\*, foster, goad, incite, nurse, nurture, promote, quicken, raise, set, set on, sow the seeds\*, spur, start, stimulate, stir up, whip up\*; CONCEPTS 14,221 —*Ant.* cease, dampen, discourage, dissuade, stop

**fond** [adj] *have a liking or taste* for addicted, adoring, affectionate, amorous, attached, caring, devoted, doting, enamored, indulgent, keen on, lovesome, lovey-dovey\*, loving, mushy\*, partial, predisposed, responsive, romantic, sentimental, silly over, sympathetic, tender, warm; CONCEPTS 32,542 —*Ant.* hating, hostile

**fondle** [v] *touch lovingly* bear hug\*, caress, clutch, cosset, cuddle, dandle, embrace, feel, fool around\*, grab, grope, hug, love, make love to, neck, nestle, nuzzle, pat, paw, pet, play footsie\*, snuggle, squeeze, stroke; CONCEPTS 190,375

**fondness** [n] *liking or taste* for affection, attachment, devotion, fancy, kindness, love, partiality, penchant, predilection, preference, soft spot, susceptibility, tenderness, weakness; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* dislike, hate, hatred, loathing

**font** [n1] *source* fount, fountain, genesis, origin, root, seed, wellspring; CONCEPT 648

**font** [n2] *print type* face, typeface; CONCEPTS 79

**food** [n] *edible material* aliment, bite\*, board, bread, cheer, chow\*, comestible, cookery, cooking, cuisine, diet, drink, eatable, eats\*, entrée, fare, fast food, feed, fodder\*, foodstuff, goodies\*, grit\*, groceries\*, grub\*, handout\*, home cooking, keep, larder, meal, meat, menu, mess\*, moveable feast, nourishment, nutriment, nutrition, pabulum, provision, ration, refreshment, slop\*, snack, store, subsistence, support, sustenance, table, take out, tuck, viand, victual, vittles\*; CONCEPTS 457,460,461 —*Ant.* beverage, drink

**food court** [n] *public area where variety of food is sold* cafe, counter, fast food, food festival, restaurant, smorgasbord; CONCEPTS 439,448,449

**foodie** [n] *lover of food* bon vivant, bon viveur, connoisseur, gastronome, glutton, gourmand, gourmet, hedonist, sensualist; CONCEPT 366

**food poisoning** [n] *poisoning caused by eating food* botulism, ptomaine poisoning, salmonella; CONCEPT 537

**fool** [n] *stupid or ridiculous person* ass, bird-brain\*, blockhead\*, bonehead\*, boob\*, bore, buffoon, clod\*, clown, cretin\*, dimwit\*, dolt\*, dope\*, dumb ox\*, dunce, dunderhead\*, easy mark\*, fair game\*, fathead\*, goose\*, halfwit,

idiot, ignoramus, illiterate, imbecile, innocent, jerk\*, lamebrain\*, lightweight\*, loon\*, moron, nerd\*, nincompoop\*, ninny\*, nitwit, nunskull\*, oaf, sap\*, schlemiel\*, silly, simpleton, stoooge\*, sucker\*, turkey\*, twerp\*, twit\*, victim; CONCEPTS 412,423 —*Ant.* brain

**fool** [v] *trick, mislead* bamboozle\*, bluff, cheat, chicanery, con, deceive, delude, diddle, dupe, fake out\*, flimflam\*, fox\*, gull, hoax, hood-wink\*, jive\*, juke\*, kid, lead on, make believe, outfox, play-act\*, play a trick on, pretend, put on, put one over on\*, scam\*, snow\*, spoof\*, suck in\*, take in\*, trifle; CONCEPT 59

**fool around** [v] *waste time* dawdle, hang around\*, idle, kill time\*, lark, mess around\*, play around\*; CONCEPT 681 —*Ant.* labor, toil, work

**fooled** [adj] *tricked* bamboozled\*, conned, deceived, deluded, duped, flimflammed\*, hornswoggled\*, misled, outfoxed\*, snowed\*, sucked in\*; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* clear, cognizant, unfooled, untricked

**foolhardy** [adj] *impetuous, rash* adventure-some, adventurous, audacious, bold, break-neck\*, daredevil, daring, devil-may-care\*, harebrained\*, headstrong, imprudent, incautious, irresponsible, madcap, off deep end\*, out on limb\*, precipitate, reckless, temerarious, venturesome, venturesous, wide open; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, discreet, thoughtful

**fooling** [n] *joking, tricks* bluffing, buffoonery, clownishness, farce, frolicking, high jinks\*, horseplay, jesting, joshing, kidding, making light\*, mockery, nonsense, pretense, rough-house\*, roughhousing\*, rowdiness, sham\*, skylarking\*, spoofing, teasing, trifling; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* seriousness

**foolish** [adj] *nonsensical, idiotic* absurd, asinine, brainless, cockamammy\*, crazy, daffy\*, daft, dippy\*, doltish\*, dotty\*, fantastic, fatuous, feeble-minded\*, half-baked\*, half-witted\*, hare-brained\*, ill-advised, ill-considered, imbecilic, imprudent, incautious, indiscreet, injudicious, insane, irrational, jerky\*, kooky\*, loony\*, ludicrous, lunatic, mad, moronic, nerdy\*, nutty\*, preposterous, ridiculous, senseless, short-sighted, silly, simple, stupid, unintelligent, unreasonable, unwise, wacky\*, weak, witless, zany\*; CONCEPTS 401,542,544

—*Ant.* careful, cautious, circumspect, prudent, sensible, serious, thoughtful, unfoolish, wise  
**foolishly** [adv] *idiotic, without due consideration* absurdly, ill-advisedly, imprudently, incautiously, indiscreetly, injudiciously, mistakenly, short-sightedly, stupidly, unwisely; CONCEPTS 401,542,544 —*Ant.* carefully, cautiously, sensibly, thoughtfully, wisely

**foolishness** [n] *idiotcy, nonsense* absurdity, absurdness, bunk\*, carrying-on\*, claptrap\*, craziness, dumb trick\*, folly, foolery, fool trap, horse feathers\*, impracticality, imprudence, inanity, indiscretion, insanity, insensibility, irrationality, irresponsibility, ludicrousness, lunacy, mistake, poppycock\*, preposterousness, rubbish\*, senselessness, silliness, stupidity, tummyrot\*, twaddle, unreasonableness, unwise-ness, weakness, witlessness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* care, carefulness, caution, circumspec-

tion, prudence, sense, seriousness, thoughtfulness, wisdom

**foolproof** [*adj*] *infallible* certain, dependable, fail-safe, faultless, flawless, goofproof, guaranteed, idiot-proof\*, never-failing, perfect, reliable, safe, sure, sure-fire, tested, tried, unsailable, unerring, unailing; CONCEPTS 535,582

**foot** [*n1*] *extremity of an animate being* hoof, pad, paw; CONCEPT 392

**foot** [*n2*] *base of an object* bottom, foundation, lowest point, nadir, pier; CONCEPT 442 —*Ant.* lid, top

**foot** [*n3*] *twelve inches/30.48 centimeters measured* cubic, square; CONCEPTS 790,791

**footing** [*n1*] *foundation, basis* basement, bedrock, bottom, establishment, foot, foothold, ground, groundwork, infrastructure, installation, resting place, seat, seating, settlement, substratum, substructure, underpinning, understructure, warrant; CONCEPTS 442,661

**footing** [*n2*] *social status* capacity, character, condition, grade, place, position, rank, relations, relationship, situation, standing, state, station, terms; CONCEPT 388

**footloose** [*adj*] *free easygoing, free and easy, go-as-you-please, loose, unattached, uncommitted, unengaged*; CONCEPTS 401,542

**footprint** [*n*] *footmark* footstep, hoofprint, impression, imprint, spoor, track, trail, tread; CONCEPTS 513,628

**fop** [*n*] *dandy beau, Beau Brummel, clotheshorse, coxcomb, dude, fashion plate, macaroni, peacock, popinjay*; CONCEPT 423

**for** [*conj*] *in consequence of the fact that as, as long as, because, being, considering, inasmuch as, now, since, whereas*; CONCEPT 544

**for** [*prep*] *in consideration of* after, as, beneficial to, concerning, conducive to, during, for the sake of, in contemplation of, in exchange for, in favor of, in furtherance of, in order to, in order to get, in place of, in pursuance of, in spite of, in the direction of, in the interest of, in the name of, notwithstanding, on the part of, on the side of, pro, supposing, to, to counterbalance, to go to, to the amount of, to the extent of, toward, under the authority of, with a view to, with regard to, with respect; CONCEPT 544

**forage** [*v*] *search madly for* beat, cast about, comb, explore, fine-tooth-comb\*, grub, hunt, pilfer, plunder, raid, rake, ransack, ravage, rummage, scour, scrounge, seek; CONCEPT 216

**foray** [*n*] *incursion, attempt* attack, depredation, descent, inroad, invasion, irruption, raid, reconnaissance, sally, sortie; CONCEPTS 86,90,159 —*Ant.* abstention, idleness, laziness

**forbear** [*v*] *resist the temptation to* abstain, avoid, bridle, cease, curb, decline, desist, escape, eschew, evade, forgo, go easy\*, hold back\*, inhibit, keep, keep from, omit, pause, refrain, restrain, sacrifice, shun, stop, withhold; CONCEPTS 35,121,130,681 —*Ant.* continue, indulge, involve, partake, use

**forbearance** [*n*] *resisting, avoidance* abstinence, endurance, fortitude, going easy on\*, living with\*, longanimity, moderation, patience, patientness, refraining, resignation, restraint, self-control, temperance, tolerance; CONCEPTS 410,633 —*Ant.* continuation, indulgence, involvement, pursuit, use

**forbearing** [*adj*] *tolerant* being big\*, charitable, clement, considerate, easy, forgiving, gentle, going easy on\*, going easy with\*, humane, humanitarian, indulgent, lenient, living with\*, longanimous, long-suffering, merciful, mild, moderate, patient, soft-shell\*, thoughtful; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* impatient, intolerant, merciless, strict, uncontrolled

**forbid** [*v*] *outlaw, prohibit an action* ban, block, cancel, censor, check, debar, declare illegal, deny, deprive, disallow, embargo, enjoin, exclude, forestall, offend, freeze\*, halt, hinder, hold up, impede, inhibit, interdict, lock up, nix\*, obstruct, obviate, oppose, preclude, prevent, proscribe, put the chill on\*, restrain, restrict, rule out, say no\*, shut down\*, shut out\*, spike\*, stop, stymie\*, taboo\*, veto, withhold; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* allow, approve, authorize, permit, sanction

**forbidden** [*adj*] *outlawed, prohibited* banned, closed, closed-down\*, closed-up\*, contraband, no-no\*, off limits, out of bounds, proscribed, refused, taboo\*, verboten, vetoed; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* allowed, approved, authorized, permitted, sanctioned

**forbidden fruit** [*n*] *taboo* desired object, golden apple, illicit love, no-no\*, prohibition; CONCEPTS 532,687

**forbidding** [*adj*] *ominous, daunting* abhorrent, disagreeable, dour, foreboding, frightening, glowering, grim, hostile, menacing, odious, offensive, off-putting, repellent, repulsive, sinister, threatening, tough, ugly, unapproachable, unfriendly, unpleasant; CONCEPTS 537,550 —*Ant.* approachable, friendly, undaunting

**force** [*n1*] *physical energy, power* arm, brunt, clout, coercion, compulsion, conscription, constraint, draft, duress, dynamism, effort, enforcement, exaction, extortion, full head of steam\*, fury, horsepower, impact, impetus, impulse, might, momentum, muscle, pains\*, potency, potential, pow\*, pressure, punch, push, sinew, sock\*, speed, steam, stimulus, strain, strength, stress, strong arm\*, stuff\*, subjection, tension, trouble, velocity, vigor, violence, what it takes\*; CONCEPTS 641,724 —*Ant.* powerlessness, weakness

**force** [*n2*] *mental power, energy* ability, authority, bite\*, capability, coercion, cogency, competence, determination, dominance, drive, duress, effect, effectiveness, efficacy, emphasis, fierceness, forcefulness, gumption, guts\*, impressiveness, influence, intensity, intestinal fortitude, obligation, persistence, persuasiveness, point, pressure, puissance, punch, push, requirement, sapience, stress, validity, validness, vehemence, vigor, willpower; CONCEPTS 410,677 —*Ant.* incompetence, weakness

**force** [*n3*] *military organization* armed forces, army, battalion, body, cell, corps, crew, detachment, division, guard, horses, host, legion, patrol, regiment, reserves, shop, soldiers, squad, squadron, troop, unit; CONCEPTS 322,417

**force** [*v1*] *obligate to do something* apply, bear down, bear hard on, bind, blackmail, bring pressure to bear upon\*, burden, cause, charge, choke, coerce, command, compel, concuss, conscript, constrain, contract, demand, draft, drag, dragoon\*, drive, enforce, enjoin, exact,

extort, fix, impel, impose, impress, inflict, insist, limit, make, move, necessitate, oblige, obtrude, occasion, order, overcome, pin down, press, pressure, pressurize, put screws to\*, put squeeze on\*, require, restrict, sandbag\*, shotgun\*, strong-arm\*, urge, wrest, wring; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* let go

**force** [v2] *use violence upon* assault, blast, break in, break open, burst, bust open, crack open, defile, extort, jimmy\*, propel, pry, push, rape, ravish, spoil, squeeze, thrust, twist, undo, violate, wrench, wrest, wring; CONCEPTS 156, 208 —*Ant.* surrender, yield

**forced** [adj] *compulsory, strained* affected, artificial, begrudging, binding, bound, coerced, coercive, compelled, conscripted, constrained, contrived, enforced, factitious, false, grudging, inflexible, insincere, involuntary, labored, mandatory, obligatory, peremptory, rigid, slave, stiff, stringent, unnatural, unwilling, wooden\*; CONCEPTS 542, 548 —*Ant.* noncompulsory, spontaneous, unforced, voluntary

**forceful** [adj] *effective, powerful* ball of fire\*, bullish\*, cogent, coming on strong, commanding, compelling, constraining, convincing, dominant, dynamic, electric, elemental, energetic, forcible, gutsy\*, mighty, persuasive, pithy, potent, powerhouse, puissant, punch, punchy\*, steamroller\*, stringent, strong, take-charge, take-over, telling, titanic, vehement, vigorous, violent, virile, weighty; CONCEPTS 267, 401, 550 —*Ant.* feeble, impotent, ineffective, meek, unforceful, weak

**forcible** [adj] *powerful, aggressive* active, armed, assertive, coercive, cogent, compelling, compulsory, drastic, effective, efficient, energetic, forceful, impressive, intense, mighty, militant, persuasive, potent, puissant, strong, telling, valid, vehement, vigorous, violent, weighty; CONCEPTS 267, 537 —*Ant.* nonaggressive, weak

**forcibly** [adv] *against one's will* by force, coercively, compulsorily, effectively, energetically, hard, mightily, powerfully, strongly, under protest, vigorously; CONCEPTS 544, 548 —*Ant.* noncompulsorily, weakly

**fore** [adv] *in the front* ahead, ante\*, antecedently, before, beforehand, forward, in advance, near, nearest, precedently, previous; CONCEPTS 585, 820 —*Ant.* aft, back

**forebearer** [n] *family predecessor* ancestor, antecedent, ascendant, author, begetter, forerunner, founder, materfamilias, patriarch, originator, parent, paterfamilias, patriarch, precursor, primogenitor, procreator, progenitor, relative, sire; CONCEPT 414

**forebode** [v] *predict, warn* augur, betoken, bode, divine, forecast, foresee, foreshadow, foretell, foretoken, forewarn, indicate, omen, portend, premonish, presage, prognosticate, promise; CONCEPTS 70, 78

**foreboding** [n] *misgiving, bad omen* anxiety, apprehension, apprehensiveness, augury, bad vibes\*, chill, dread, fear, foreshadowing, foretoken, forewarning, funny feeling\*, handwriting on the wall\*, portent, prediction, premonition, prenotation, presage, presentiment, prognostic, prophecy, sinking feeling\*, vibes\*, warning, wind change\*; CONCEPTS 78, 689, 690

—*Ant.* fortune, good omen, luck, providence  
**forecast** [n] *prediction, often of weather or business* anticipation, augury, budget, calculation, cast, conjecture, divination, estimate, foreknowledge, foreseeing, foresight, foretelling, forethought, foretoken, guess, outlook, planning, precognition, prescience, prevision, prognosis, prognostication, projection, prophecy; CONCEPTS 28, 37, 70, 78

**forecast** [v] *predict, guess* adumbrate, anticipate, augur, calculate, call the turn\*, conclude, conjecture, demonstrate, determine, divine, dope out\*, estimate, figure, figure out\*, foresee, foretell, gather, gauge, infer, in the cards\*, plan, portend, predetermine, presage, prognosticate, prophesy, reason, see it coming\*, soothsay, surmise, telegraph; CONCEPTS 28, 37, 70, 78

**forefather** [n] *ancestor* antecedent, ascendant, forebearer, patriarch, precursor, predecessor, primogenitor, procreator, progenitor; CONCEPT 414

**forefront/foreground** [n] *prominence* beginning, center, cutting-edge\*, focus, fore, forepart, front, lead, leading-edge\*, limelight\*, on the line\*, spearhead\*, state-of-the-art, vanguard; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* back, background, rear, unimportance

**foregoing** [adj] *come before; previous* above, aforementioned, aforesaid, aforestated, antecedent, anterior, former, past, precedent, preceding, prior; CONCEPT 585 —*Ant.* after

**foreign** [adj1] *from another country, experience* adopted, alien, alienated, antipodal, barbarian, barbaric, borrowed, derived, different, distant, estranged, exiled, exotic, expatriate, external, extralocal, extraneous, extrinsic, far, faraway, far-fetched, far-off, from abroad, immigrant, imported, inaccessible, nonnative, nonresident, not domestic, not native, offshore, outlandish, outside, overseas, remote, strange, transoceanic, unaccustomed, unexplored, unfamiliar, unknown; CONCEPTS 536, 549 —*Ant.* local, national, native

**foreign** [adj2] *irrelevant* accidental, adventitious, extraneous, extrinsic, heterogeneous, immaterial, impertinent, inapposite, incompatible, incongruous, inconsistent, in consonant, irrelative, repugnant, unassimilable, uncharacteristic, unrelated; CONCEPTS 267, 537 —*Ant.* characteristic, familiar, known, regular, relevant

**foreigner** [n] *person from another country* alien, fresh off the boat\*, greenhorn\*, immigrant, incomer, newcomer, outlander, outsider, stranger; CONCEPT 413 —*Ant.* citizen, local, national, native

**foremost** [adj] *first in rank, order* A-1\*, A-number-1\*, arch, at the cutting edge\*, at the leading edge\*, champion, chief, front, head, headmost, heavy, heavy stuff\*, heavyweight\*, highest, hotdog\*, hotshot\*, hot stuff\*, inaugural, initial, leading, most important, number one\*, original, paramount, preeminent, premier, primary, prime, primo\*, principal, supreme; CONCEPTS 568, 585, 799 —*Ant.* inferior, last, least, lowest, secondary, unimportant

**forensic** [adj] *judicial, legal* argumentative, debatable, dialectic, dialectical, disputative, juridical, juristic, moot, polemical, rhetorical; CONCEPTS 267, 319



**foreordain** [*v*] *doom, fate* destinate, destine, foredoom, foreshadow, foretell, prearrange, predestine, predetermine, preform, preordain, reserve; CONCEPT 70

**foreplay** [*n*] *fondling* action\*, caress, cuddling, heavy petting, kissing, lovemaking, making out, necking, oral sex, petting, sex, sexual activity; CONCEPTS 375,388

**forerunner** [*n1*] *messenger, herald* advertiser, advocate, ancestor, announcer, author, envoy, forebearer, foregoer, harbinger, initiator, originator, pioneer, precursor, progenitor, prognostic, prototype; CONCEPTS 414,423

**forerunner** [*n2*] *example, sign* advertisement, announcement, antecedent, antecessor, augury, exemplar, foregoer, foreshadow, foretold, forewarning, indication, mark, model, omen, pattern, portent, precursor, predecessor, premonition, presage, prognostic, prototype, sign, token, warning; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* result

**foresee** [*v*] *anticipate, predict* apprehend, call the turn\*, crystal ball it\*, discern, divine, dope out\*, envisage, espy, expect, forebode, forecast, forefeel, foreknow, foretell, have a hunch\*, perceive, preknow, presage, preview, prevision, prognosticate, prophesy, psych out\*, see, see it coming\*, understand, visualize; CONCEPTS 26,70

**foreshadow** [*v*] *indicate* adumbrate, augur, be in the wind\*, betoken, bode, forebode, foretell, hint, imply, omen, portend, predict, prefigure, presage, promise, prophesy, shadow, signal, suggest, telegraph; CONCEPTS 70,75,261

**foresight** [*n*] *mental preparedness* anticipation, canniness, care, carefulness, caution, circumspection, clairvoyance, discernment, discreetness, discretion, economy, far-sightedness, foreknowledge, forethought, insight, long-sightedness, perception, precaution, precognition, preconception, premeditation, premonition, prenotion, prescience, prospect, providence, provision, prudence, sagacity; CONCEPTS 409,410 —*Ant.* hindsight, ignorance, thoughtlessness

**forest** [*n*] *area with a large number of trees* backwoods, brake, chase, clump, coppice, copse, cover, covert, grove, growth, jungle, park, shelter, stand, thicket, timber, timberland, weald, wildwood, wood, woodland, woodlot, woods; CONCEPTS 509,517

**foretell** [*v*] *predict, warn* adumbrate, announce, anticipate, apprehend, augur, auspicate, betoken, bode, call, call it\*, call the shot\*, crystal ball it\*, declare, disclose, divine, divulge, dope\*, dope out\*, figure, figure out\*, forebode, forecast, foreknow, foreshadow, forewarn, make book\*, portend, prefigure, presage, proclaim, prognosticate, prophesy, psych, read, reveal, see something coming\*, signify, soothsay, tell; CONCEPTS 70,78

**forethought** [*n*] *mental preparedness* anticipation, canniness, caution, deliberation, discreetness, discretion, far-sightedness, foresight, gumption, judgment, planning, precaution, premeditation, providence, provision, prudence, sense; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* hindsight, ignorance, thoughtlessness

**forever** [*adv1*] *for all time; everlasting* always, durably, endlessly, enduringly, eternally, evermore, everything considered\*, for always,

forevermore, for good\*, for keeps\*, for life\*, immortally, infinitely, in perpetuity, in perpetuum, interminably, lastingly, now and forever\*, on and on\*, permanently, perpetually, till blue in the face\*, till death do us part\*, till Doomsday\*, till the cows come home\*, till the end of time\*, unchangingly, world without end\*; CONCEPTS 551,649,798,799 —*Ant.* brief, never, temporary

**forever** [*adv2*] *not ceasing, continually* all the time, constantly, endlessly, eternally, everlastingly, incessantly, interminably, perpetually, regularly, unendingly, unremittingly; CONCEPTS 534,798 —*Ant.* ceasing, ending, never

**forewarn** [*v*] *caution that something may happen* admonish, advise, alarm, alert, apprise, dissuade, flag, forbode, give fair warning\*, give the high sign\*, portend, premonish, pull one's coat\*, put a bug in one's ear\*, put one wise\*, put on guard\*, telegraph, tip, tip off, wave a red flag\*; CONCEPT 78

**foreword** [*n*] *introduction to a document* exordium, overture, preamble, preface, preliminary, prelude, preclusion, proem, prolegomenon, prologue; CONCEPT 270 —*Ant.* addendum, epilogue, postscript

**forfeit** [*n*] *something given as sacrifice* cost, damages, fine, loss, mulct, penalty, relinquishment; CONCEPT 123 —*Ant.* gain, victory, win

**forfeit** [*v*] *give up something in sacrifice* abandon, be deprived of, be stripped of, drop, give over, lose, relinquish, renounce, sacrifice, surrender; CONCEPT 116 —*Ant.* gain, profit, win

**forge** [*v1*] *counterfeit* coin, copy, design, duplicate, fabricate, fake, falsify, fashion, feign, frame, imitate, invent, make, phony up\*, pirate\*, produce, reproduce, scratch, trace, transcribe, trump up\*; CONCEPTS 59,171

**forge** [*v2*] *make something from scratch* beat, build, construct, contrive, create, devise, fabricate, fashion, form, frame, hammer out\*, invent, manufacture, mold, pound, put together, shape, turn out, work; CONCEPTS 168,173,175,205,251

**forgery** [*n*] *counterfeiting; counterfeit item* bogus\*, carbon\*, carbon copy, cheat, coining, copy, fabrication, fake, faking, falsification, fraudulence, imitating, imitation, imposition, imposture, lookalike, phony, pseudo, sham\*, twin, workalike\*; CONCEPTS 59,171,716

**forget** [*v1*] *not be able to remember* blow, clean forget\*, consign to oblivion\*, dismiss from mind, disremember, draw a blank\*, escape one's memory\*, fail to remember, let slip from memory\*, lose consciousness of, lose sight of\*, misrecollect, obliterate, think no more of\*; CONCEPT 40 —*Ant.* learn, recall, recollect, remember

**forget** [*v2*] *leave behind* blink, discount, disregard, drop, fail, ignore, lose sight of\*, neglect, omit, overlook, overpass, pass over, skip, slight, transgress, trespass; CONCEPTS 30,116 —*Ant.* carry, remember, take

**forgetful** [*adj*] *tending to not remember* absent, absent-minded, abstracted, airheaded\*, amnemonic, amnesic, asleep on the job\*, bemused, careless, distracted, dreamy, heedless, inattentive, lax, like an absent-minded professor\*, looking out window\*, mooning, moony\*,

neglectful, negligent, nirvanic, not on the job\*, oblivious, out of it\*, out to lunch\*, pipe dreaming\*, preoccupied, remiss, slack, sloppy, un-mindful, unwitting, woolgathering\*; CONCEPTS 403,550 —*Ant.* attentive, mindful, recalling, remembering, retentive

**forgetfulness** [n] *consistent inability to remember* absentmindedness, abstraction, amnesia, blackout, blank, blackout, carelessness, dreaminess, fugue, heedlessness, hypnomnesia, inattention, lapse of memory, laxness, lethe, limbo, loss of memory, negligence, nirvana, oblivion, obliviousness, paramnesia, repression, short memory, suppression; CONCEPTS 410, 644 —*Ant.* attentiveness, heed, mindfulness, remembering

**forgive** [v] *stop blame and grant pardon* absolve, accept apology, acquit, allow for, amnesty, bear no malice\*, bear with, bury the hatchet\*, clear, commute, condone, dismiss from mind, efface, exculpate, excuse, exempt, exonerate, extenuate, forget, kiss and make up\*, laugh off\*, let bygones be bygones\*, let it go\*, let off\*, let off easy\*, let pass\*, let up on\*, make allowance, overlook, palliate, pocket, purge, release, relent, remit, relieve, respite, spring, think no more of\*, turn other cheek\*, wink at\*, wipe slate clean\*; CONCEPTS 12,50,88 —*Ant.* accuse, blame, censure, charge, punish

**forgiveness** [n] *pardon; end of blame* absolution, acquittal, amnesty, charity, clemency, compassion, condonation, dispensation, exculpation, exoneration, extenuation, grace, immunity, impunity, indemnity, justification, lenience, lenity, mercy, overlooking, palliation, purgation, quarter, quittance, remission, remittal, relieve, respite, vindication; CONCEPTS 685,689 —*Ant.* accusation, blame, censure, charge, punishment, sentence

**forgo** [v] *give up, do without* abandon, abdicate, abjure, abstain, cede, desist, eschew, forbear, forsake, give in, go on the wagon\*, leave alone, leave out, pack in\*, pass, pass on, pass up, quit, refrain, relinquish, renounce, resign, resist, sacrifice, sit out\*, surrender, swear off\*, take the cure\*, take the oath\*, waive, yield; CONCEPTS 121,130,681 —*Ant.* continue, indulge, keep, use

**forgotten** [adj] *out of one's mind* abandoned, blanked out\*, blotted out\*, blown over\*, buried, bygone, clean forgot\*, consigned to oblivion\*, disremembered\*, drew a blank\*, erased, fell between the cracks\*, gone, lapsed, left behind, left out, lost, obliterated, omitted, past, past recollection, repressed, slipped one's mind\*, suppressed, unrecalled, unremembered; CONCEPTS 402,403,529 —*Ant.* recalled, recollected, remembered

**fork** [v] *go separate ways* angle, bifurcate, branch off, branch out, divaricate, diverge, divide, part, split; CONCEPTS 98,738 —*Ant.* join

**forked** [adj] *going separate ways* angled, bifid, bifurcate, bifurcated, branched, branching, dichotomous, dichotonic, divaricate, divided, furcate, furcated, pronged, split, tined, trined, zigzag; CONCEPTS 485,581 —*Ant.* joined, unbranched

**for keeps** [adv] *forever* for good, permanently, till hell freezes over\*; CONCEPTS 551,649, 798,799

**for kicks** [adv] *for fun* for mere pleasure\*, for no useful reason, for the hell of it; CONCEPTS 537,572

**forlorn** [adj] *hopeless, inconsolable* abandoned, alone, bereft, blue\*, cheerless, comfortless, cynical, defenseless, depressed, deserted, desolate, despairing, desperate, despondent, destitute, destroyed, disconsolate, down and out\*, dragging\*, forgotten, forsaken, friendless, fruitless, futile, godforsaken\*, helpless, homeless, in the dumps\*, lonely, lonesome, lost, miserable, oppressed, pathetic, pessimistic, pitiable, pitiful, solitary, tragic, unhappy, vain, weighed down, woebegone, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, comforted, consolable, happy, hopeful, joyful, pleased

**form** [n1] *shape; arrangement* anatomy, appearance, articulation, cast, configuration, conformation, construction, contour, cut, design, die, embodiment, fashion, figure, formation, framework, mode, model, mold, outline, pattern, plan, profile, scheme, silhouette, skeleton, structure, style, system; CONCEPTS 184,660,754,757 —*Ant.* shapelessness

**form** [n2] *animate body and its condition* anatomy, being, build, condition, fettle\*, figure, fitness, frame, health, object, outline, person, phenomenon, physique, shape, silhouette, thing, torso, trim\*; CONCEPTS 316,389,720

**form** [n3] *accepted procedure; ceremony* behavior, by the book\*, by the numbers\*, canon, ceremonial, channels\*, conduct, convenience, convention, custom, decorum, done thing\*, etiquette, fashion, formality, habit, law, layout, manner, manners, method, mode, practice, precept, proceeding, process, propriety, protocol, regulation, rite, ritual, ropes\*, rule, setup, style, usage, way; CONCEPT 688

**form** [n4] *document that requires answers or information* application, blank, chart, data sheet, letter, paper, questionnaire, sheet; CONCEPT 271

**form** [n5] *type, kind* arrangement, character, class, description, design, grade, guise, make, manifestation, manner, method, mode, order, practice, rank, semblance, sort, species, stamp, style, system, variety, way; CONCEPTS 6,378

**form** [n6] *organization, arrangement* format, framework, harmony, order, orderliness, placement, plan, proportion, scheme, structure, symmetry; CONCEPT 727 —*Ant.* disarrangement, disorganization

**form** [v1] *bring into existence; make, produce* arrange, assemble, block out, bring about, build, cast, complete, compose, conceive, concoct, constitute, construct, consummate, contrive, cook up\*, create, cultivate, cut, design, develop, devise, dream up, erect, establish, fabricate, fashion, finish, fix, forge, found, frame, hammer out\*, invent, knock off\*, make up, manufacture, model, mold, organize, outline, pattern, perfect, plan, plot, project, put together, scheme, set, set up, shape, structure, throw together, trace, turn out\*, work; CONCEPTS 168,173,205,251 —*Ant.* break, destroy, hurt, ruin

**form** [v2] *come into being; arise* accumulate, acquire, appear, become a reality, become visible, condense, crystallize, develop, eventuate, fall into place\*, grow, harden, materialize,

mature, rise, set, settle, shape up, show up, take on character, take shape\*; CONCEPTS 105,704 —*Ant.* destroy, kill, ruin

**form** [v3] *educate, discipline* breed, bring up, give character, instruct, rear, school, teach, train; CONCEPTS 285,295 —*Ant.* neglect

**form** [v4] *comprise, be a part of* act as, compose, constitute, figure in, make, make up, serve as; CONCEPT 643

**formal** [adj1] *established, orderly* academic, approved, ceremonial, ceremonialisitic, ceremonious, confirmed, conventional, decorous, directed, explicit, express, fixed, formalistic, lawful, legal, methodical, official, precise, prescribed, pro forma, proper, punctilious, regular, rigid, ritual, ritualistic, set, solemn, stately, stereotyped, stereotypical, strict, systematic; CONCEPTS 533,547 —*Ant.* disorderly, informal, relaxed

**formal** [adj2] *stiff, affected, correct* aloof, by the numbers\*, ceremonious, conventional, decorous, distant, exact, nominal, playing the game\*, polite, precise, prim, punctilious, reserved, seemly, sententious, starched\*, stilted\*, straight arrow\*, stuffy\*, unbending; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* customary, informal, normal, relaxed, unaffected

**formality** [n1] *convention, custom* academism, ceremony, convenience, conventionality, form, gesture, liturgy, matter of form\*, officialism, procedure, red tape\*, rite, ritual, rituality, rubric, rule, service, solemnity, solemnness, stereotype, tradition; CONCEPT 688 —*Ant.* informality

**formality** [n2] *etiquette, protocol* ceremoniousness, conventionalism, correctness, decorum, formalism, honors, mummery, politesse, propriety, p's and q's\*, punctiliousness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* informality

**format** [n] *layout, plan* arrangement, composition, configuration, dimensions, figure, form, formation, formula, look, makeup, pattern, scheme, setup, shape, size; CONCEPTS 625,660

**formation** [n] *composition, establishment* accumulation, architecture, arrangement, compilation, configuration, constitution, construction, creation, crystallization, deposit, design, development, dispersal, disposition, embodiment, evolution, fabrication, figure, forming, generation, genesis, grouping, induction, makeup, manufacture, order, organization, pattern, production, rank, structure, synthesis; CONCEPTS 173,260

**formative** [adj] *influential, impressionable* determinative, developmental, immature, impressible, malleable, moldable, pliant, sensitive, shaping, susceptible; CONCEPTS 534,537 —*Ant.* destructive, noninfluential

**former** [adj] *previous in time or order* above, aforementioned, aforesaid, ancient, antecedent, anterior, bygone, departed, earlier, erstwhile, ex-\*, first, foregoing, late, long ago\*, long gone, of yore\*, old, once, one-time, past, preceding, prior, quondam, sometime, whilom; CONCEPTS 585,820 —*Ant.* after, current, ensuing, following, future, present, prospective, subsequent, succeeding

**formerly** [adv] *previously in time or order* aforetime, already, anciently, at one time, away

back, a while back, back, back when\*, before, before now, before this, down memory lane\*, earlier, eons ago\*, erewhile, erstwhile, heretofore, in former times, in the olden days\*, in the past, lately, long ago, of old, of yore, olden days\*, once, once upon a time\*, radically, some time ago, time was\*, used to be\*, water under the bridge\*; CONCEPTS 585,820 —*Ant.* currently, future, presently, subsequently

**formidable** [adj1] *horrible, terrifying* appalling, awful, dangerous, daunting, dire, dismaying, dreadful, fearful, fierce, frightful, horrific, imposing, impregnable, intimidating, menacing, redoubtable, shocking, terrible, terrific, threatening; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* feeble, friendly, harmless, nice, pleasant, powerless, weak

**formidable** [adj2] *difficult, overwhelming* all-powerful, arduous, awesome, ballbuster, challenging, colossal, dismaying, effortful, great, hard, impressive, indomitable, intimidating, labored, laborious, mammoth, mighty, murder\*, onerous, overpowering, powerful, puissant, rough\*, rough go\*, staggering, strenuous, tall order\*, toilsome, tough\*, tough proposition\*, tremendous, uphill\*; CONCEPT 565 —*Ant.* easy, not hard, pleasant, trivial

**formless** [adj] *disorganized, vague* amorphous, baggy\*, blobby\*, chaotic, crude, inchoate, incoherent, indefinite, indeterminate, indistinct, nebulous, obscure, orderless, raw, rough, rude, shapeless, unclear, undefined, unformed, unorganized; CONCEPTS 485,535,589 —*Ant.* coherent, distinct, formed, organized, shaped, specific

**formula** [n] *set preparation; rule, recipe* blueprint, canon, code, credo, creed, custom, description, direction, equation, form, formula, maxim, method, modus operandi, precept, prescription, principle, procedure, rite, ritual, rote, rubric, specifications, theorem, way; CONCEPTS 268,688

**formulate** [v] *plan, specify systematically* codify, coin, compose, concoct, contrive, cook up, couch, define, detail, develop, devise, draft, draw up\*, dream up\*, evolve, express, forge, frame, give form to, hatch, indite, invent, make, make up\*, map, originate, particularize, phrase, prepare, put, set down\*, systematize, vamp, work, work out; CONCEPTS 36,173,202

**fornicate** [v] *have sexual intercourse* be promiscuous, commit adultery, philander, sleep around; CONCEPTS 375,384

**fornication** [n] *sexual intercourse* coition, coitus, copulation, intimacy, lovemaking, relations, screwing around, sex, sleeping around; CONCEPTS 375,384

**for openers** [adv] *as a beginning* first off, for starters, to begin with; CONCEPTS 815,833

**forsake** [v] *abandon, turn one's back* on abdicate, cast off, change one's tune\*, desert, disclaim, disown, drift away\*, forgo, forswear, give up, have done with, jettison, jilt, kiss goodbye\*, leave, leave flat\*, leave high and dry\*, quit, relinquish, renounce, repudiate, resign, run out on\*, set aside, show the door\*, spurn, surrender, take the oath\*, throw over\*, walk out on\*, wash one's hands of\*, yield; CONCEPTS 30,195,384 —*Ant.* go back, rediscover, return, revert

**forsaken** [adj] *abandoned* cast off, derelict, deserted, desolate, destitute, disowned, forlorn, friendless, godforsaken\*, ignored, isolated, jilted, left at the altar\*, left behind, left in the lurch\*, lonely, lorn, marooned, outcast, solitary, thrown over\*; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** cherished, helped, nurtured, wanted

**for sure** [adv] *definitely* certainly, dead sure, for a fact, for certain\*, for real, no doubt, no question, no two ways about it, really, sure thing, unquestionably; CONCEPTS 535,552

**forswear** [v] *abandon, disavow* abjure, deny, disclaim, disown, drop, forgo, forsake, give up, recall, recant, reject, renege, renounce, repudiate, retract, swear off, take back, withdraw; CONCEPTS 44,54 —**Ant.** go back to, revert

**forte** [n] *person's strong point* ability, ableness, aptitude, competence, effectiveness, efficiency, eminency, faculty, gift\*, long suit\*, medium, métier, oyster\*, speciality, strength, strong suit\*, talent, thing\*; CONCEPTS 409,411 —**Ant.** weakness

**fort/fortress** [n] *stronghold* acropolis, blockhouse, camp, castle, citadel, fastness, fortification, garrison, redoubt, station; CONCEPT 439

**forth** [adv] *outward* ahead, alee, along, away, first, forward, into, into the open\*, on, onward, out; CONCEPT 581

**forthcoming** [adj] *expected, imminent* accessible, anticipated, approaching, at hand, available, awaited, coming, destined, fated, future, impending, inescapable, in evidence, inevitable, in preparation, in prospect, in store\*, in the cards\*, in the wind\*, nearing, obtainable, oncoming, on tap\*, open, pending, predestined, prospective, ready, resulting, upcoming; CONCEPTS 548,799 —**Ant.** bygone, distant, gone, past

**forthright** [adj] *straightforward, honest* aboveboard, bald, blunt, call a spade a spade\*, candid, categorical, direct, directly, forward, frank, from the hip\*, like it is\*, no lie\*, open, outspoken, plain, plainspoken, real, simple, sincere, straight, undisguised, up front\*; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** devious, dishonest, secret, untruthful

**forthwith** [adv] *immediately* abruptly, at once, away, directly, instantly, now, quickly, right away\*, right now\*, straightaway, suddenly, tout de suite, without delay; CONCEPTS 544,820 —**Ant.** later

**fortification** [n] *reinforced position* barricade, barrier, bastion, battlement, block, blockhouse, breastwork, buffer, bulwark, castle, citadel, consolidation, defense, earthwork, embattlement, entrenchment, fastness, fort, fortress, garrison, keep, outpost, parapet, preparation, presidio, protection, reinforcement, stockade, strengthening, stronghold, support, wall; CONCEPTS 439,729

**fortify** [v1] *make strong and secure; add to* brace, build up, bulwark, buttress, charge up, consolidate, embattle, entrench, garrison, gird, prepare, prop, protect, punch up\*, ready, reinforce, secure, shore up\*, soup up\*, steel\*, step up, strengthen, support; CONCEPT 202 —**Ant.** decrease, hurt, injure, weaken

**fortify** [v2] *encourage, reassure* arouse, brace, buck up\*, build up, cheer, confirm, embolden, energize, enliven, hearten, invigorate, pour it on\*, punch up\*, rally, refresh, reinforce, renew,

restore, rouse, stiffen, stir, strengthen, sustain; CONCEPTS 7,22 —**Ant.** discourage, dissuade, weaken

**fortitude** [n] *strength of mind; guts* backbone\*, boldness, braveness, bravery, constancy, courage, courageousness, dauntlessness, determination, endurance, fearlessness, firmness, grit\*, gutsiness, hardihood, heart, intrepidity, mettle, moxie, nerve, patience, perseverance, pith, pluck, resoluteness, resolution, spine\*, spirit, spunk, stamina, starch, staying power, stick-to-itiveness\*, stomach, stoutheartedness, tenacity, true grit\*, valiancy, valor, valorousness, what it takes\*; CONCEPTS 410,411 —**Ant.** cowardice, helplessness, weakness

**fortuitous** [adj] *lucky, accidental* arbitrary, casual, chance, contingent, fluke\*, fluky\*, fortunate, haphazard, happy, incidental, luck in\*, luck out\*, lucky-dog\*, odd, providential, random, serendipitous, unforeseen, unplanned; CONCEPTS 548,552 —**Ant.** calculated, deliberate, designed, intentional, planned, unlucky

**fortunate** [adj] *having good luck* advantageous, affluent, auspicious, blessed, born with a silver spoon\*, bright, charmed, convenient, encouraging, favorable, favored, felicitous, flourishing, fortuitous, gaining, get a break\*, golden, happy, healthy, helpful, hopeful, in luck\*, in the gravy\*, lucky, on a roll\*, opportune, over-coming, profitable, promising, propitious, prosperous, providential, rosy, sitting pretty, successful, sunny side\*, thriving, timely, triumphant, victorious, wealthy, well-off, well-to-do; CONCEPTS 404,542,572 —**Ant.** adverse, sad, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky, untoward, upset

**fortunately** [adv] *luckily* auspiciously, by good luck, by happy chance\*, favorably, happily, in good time\*, in the nick of time\*, opportunely, prosperously, providentially, satisfyingly, seasonably, successfully, swimmingly, well; CONCEPTS 537,544,572 —**Ant.** sadly, unfortunately, unhappily, unluckily

**fortune** [n1] *wealth, possessions* affluence, capital, estate, gold mine\*, inheritance, opulence, portion, property, prosperity, resources, riches, substance, treasure, worth; CONCEPTS 335,710 —**Ant.** hardship, misfortune, poverty

**fortune** [n2] *fate, lot in life* accident, break\*, certainty, chance, circumstances, contingency, destiny, doom, expectation, experience, fifty-fifty\*, fighting chance\*, fluke\*, fortuity, fortunateness, good break, hazzard, history, karma\*, kismet\*, life, luck, lucked into\*, lucked out\*, luckiness, lucky break\*, lucky hit\*, Moirai, portion, providence, roll of the dice\*, run of luck\*, star, streak of luck, success, way the ball bounces\*, way the cookie crumbles\*, wheel of fortune\*; CONCEPT 679

**fortune-teller** [n] *person attempting to tell the future* augur, clairvoyant, crystal ball gazer, diviner, medium, mind reader, oracle, palmist, palm reader, predictor, prophet, psychic, seer, soothsayer, spiritualist, tarot reader, tea-leaf reader; CONCEPTS 348,423

**forum** [n1] *meeting* assembly, colloquium, conclave, conference, congregation, congress, convention, convocation, council, gathering, get-together\*, rally, seminar, symposium; CONCEPT 324

**forum** [n2] *setting* agency, apparatus, avenue, backdrop, channel, framework, means, mechanism, medium, meeting place, place, scene, stage, vehicle, venue; CONCEPTS 198,263

**forward** [adj1] *advancing, early* ahead, forth, forward-looking, in advance, leading, onward, precocious, premature, progressing, progressive, propulsive, well-developed; CONCEPT 528 —*Ant.* backward, later, past, reversing

**forward** [adj2] *in front, first* advance, anterior, facial, fore, foremost, front, head, leading, ventral; CONCEPTS 581,583,585 —*Ant.* back, last

**forward** [adj3] *brash, impertinent* aggressive, assuming, audacious, bantam, bare-faced, bold, brazen, cheeky\*, coming on strong\*, confident, familiar, fresh, impudent, nervy\*, overassertive, overweening, pert, presuming, presumptuous, pushing, pushy\*, rude, sassy\*, saucy\*, self-assertive, smart, smart-alecky\*, uppity\*, wise; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* meek, reserved, shy, timid

**forward** [adv] *toward the front in order, time* ahead, alee, along, ante, antecedently, before, beforehand, fore, forth, in advance, into prominence, into view, on, onward, out, precedently, previous, to the fore\*, vanward; CONCEPTS 581,585,799 —*Ant.* back, backward, past

**forward** [v1] *aid, expedite* advance, assist, back, champion, cultivate, encourage, favor, foster, further, hasten, help, hurry, promote, serve, speed, support, uphold; CONCEPTS 68, 110 —*Ant.* cease, halt, hinder, impede, stop

**forward** [v2] *send, ship* address, consign, deliver, dispatch, express, freight, post, remit, route, transmit, transport; CONCEPT 217 —*Ant.* hold, keep, maintain

**fossil** [n] *organic remains of a previous time* deposit, eolith, impression, neolith, paleolith, petrification, reconstruction, relic, skeleton, specimen, trace; CONCEPTS 429,470,509

**foster** [v1] *promote, support* advance, back, champion, cherish, cultivate, encourage, feed, foment, forward, further, harbor, nurse, nurture, serve, stimulate, uphold; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* condemn, discourage

**foster** [v2] *give care or accommodation to* assist, bring up, care for, cherish, entertain, favor, harbor, help, house, lodge, minister to, nourish, nurse, oblige, raise, rear, serve, shelter, sustain, take care of; CONCEPTS 110,140,295 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**foul** [adj1] *disgusting, dirty* abhorrent, abominable, base, contaminated, despicable, detestable, disgraceful, dishonorable, egregious, fetid, filthy, gross\*, hateful, heinous, horrid, icky\*, impure, infamous, iniquitous, loathsome, malodorous, mucky\*, nasty, nauseating, nefarious, noisome, notorious, offensive, pigpen\*, polluted, putrid, rank\*, raunchy\*, repellent, repulsive, revolting, rotten, scandalous, shameful, squalid, stinking\*, sullied, tainted, unclean, vicious, vile, wicked, yecchy\*, yucky\*; CONCEPTS 485,529 —*Ant.* clean, fragrant, pleasing, pure, wonderful

**foul** [adj2] *vulgar, offensive* abusive, blasphemous, blue\*, coarse, dirty, filthy, foul-mouthed, gross\*, indecent, lewd, low, nasty, obscene, profane, raunchy, scatological, scurrilous,

smutty\*; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* clean, innocent, inoffensive, moral

**foul** [adj3] *corrupt, dishonest* caitiff, crooked, dirty, fraudulent, inequitable, monstrous, shady, underhand, underhanded, unfair, unjust, unscrupulous, vicious; CONCEPTS 537, 548 —*Ant.* fair, good, honest, incorrupt, just

**foul** [n] *infraction* breach, encroachment, error, faux pas, infringement, offense, slip\*, violation; CONCEPTS 192,691

**foul** [v] *make or become dirty* befoul, begrime, besmear, besmirch, block, catch, choke, clog, contaminate, defile, desecrate, discolor, ensnare, entangle, fill, jam, pollute, profane, smear, smudge, snarl, soil, spot, stain, sully, taint, tarnish, twist; CONCEPTS 250,469 —*Ant.* clean, purify, sterilize

**foul play** [n] *treacherous action* bad deed, corruption, crime, cruel act, dirty trick, dirty work, felony, fraud, funny business, lawbreaking, murder, violence, wrong; CONCEPT 645

**foul up** [v] *make a mess of* botch, bungle, confuse, jumble, mismanage, mix up\*, muck up\*, muddle, screw up\*, snafu\*, snarl, tumble; CONCEPTS 16,234 —*Ant.* fix, mend, organize

**found** [v1] *bring into being* begin, commence, constitute, construct, create, endow, erect, establish, fashion, fix, form, get going, inaugurate, initiate, institute, launch, organize, originate, plant, raise, ring in\*, settle, settle up, start, start the ball rolling\*, start up; CONCEPT 221 —*Ant.* destroy, end

**found** [v2] *put on a base* bottom, build, erect, establish, ground, predicate, raise, rear, rest, root, stay, support, sustain; CONCEPTS 168,221

**foundation** [n1] *basis for something physical or mental* ABCs\*, authority, base, basics, bed, bedrock, bottom, bottom line\*, brass tacks\*, foot, footing, ground, groundwork, guts\*, heart\*, infrastructure, justification, nitty-gritty\*, nub\*, nuts and bolts\*, prop, reason, root, stay, substratum, substructure, support, underpinning, understructure; CONCEPTS 442,826

**foundation** [n2] *established institution* association, charity, company, corporation, endowment, establishment, guild, inauguration, institute, organization, plantation, settlement, set-up, society, trusteeship; CONCEPT 381

**founder** [n] *person who establishes an institution* architect, author, beginner, benefactor, builder, constructor, creator, designer, establisher, forebearer, framer, generator, initiator, institutor, inventor, maker, organizer, originator, patron, planner, prime mover\*; CONCEPTS 347,423

**founder** [v] *go under, fail* abort, be lost, break down, collapse, come to nothing, fall, fall through, go down, go lame, go to bottom, lurch, miscarry, misfire, sink, sprawl, stagger, stumble, submerge, submerse, trip; CONCEPTS 181,699 —*Ant.* accomplish, achieve, succeed

**fountain** [n] *source, often of liquid* bubbler, cause, font, fount, geyser, gush, inception, inspiration, jet, lode, mainspring, mine, origin, play, provenance, provenience, pump, reservoir, root, spout, spray, spring, stream, well, wellhead, wellspring; CONCEPTS 514,648

**fountainhead** [n] *principal source; person who originates* administrator, architect, author,

builder, creator, father, fount, fountain, generator, initiator, leader, maker, mother, originator, spring, wellspring; CONCEPTS 348,350

**foxy** [adj] *shrewd* artful, astute, canny, crafty, cunning, deceitful, deep, devious, dishonest, experienced, guileful, insidious, intelligent, knowing, reticent, sharp, slick, sly, subtle, tricky, vulpine, wily; CONCEPTS 401,404

—*Ant.* naive, unclever, unintelligent, unsmart

**foyer** [n] *receiving area* antechamber, ante-room, entrance hall, lobby, reception, vestibule; CONCEPTS 440,441,448

**fracas** [n] *disturbance, fight* affray, altercation, battle, battle royal\*, bickering, brawl, broil\*, brouhaha, dispute, donnybrook\*, feud, flap\*, fray, free-for-all\*, hassle, knock-down-drag-out\*, melee, mix up\*, quarrel, riot, row, ruction, ruffle, rumpus, run-in\*, scrimmage, scuffle, set-to\*, squabble, stew\*, trouble, tumult, uproar, words\*; CONCEPTS 46,106

—*Ant.* calm, harmony, peace

**fraction** [n1] *part* bite, chunk, cut, division, end, fragment, half, piece, portion, section, share, slice; CONCEPT 835 —*Ant.* entirety, total, whole

**fraction** [n2] *incomplete number* bit, division, fragment, part, partial, piece, portion, quotient, ratio, section, segment, slice, subdivision; CONCEPT 765

**fractional** [adj] *partial* apportioned, compartmental, compartmented, constituent, dismembered, dispersed, divided, fragmentary, frationary, incomplete, parceled, part, piece-meal, sectional, segmented; CONCEPT 785

—*Ant.* all, entire, total

**fractious** [adj] *grouchy, cross* awkward, cap-tious, crabby\*, disorderly, fretful, froward, huffy\*, indocile, indomitable, intractable, irritable, mean, ornery\*, peevish, perverse, pettish, petulant, querulous, recalcitrant, refractory, restive, scrappy, snappish, testy, thin-skinned, touchy, uncompliant, undisciplined, unmanageable, unruly, wayward, wild; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* agreeable, complaisant, happy, nice, patient

**fracture** [n] *break, rupture* breach, cleavage, cleft, crack, discontinuity, disjunction, displacement, fissure, fragmentation, gap, mutilation, opening, rent, rift, schism, severance, splinter, split, wound; CONCEPTS 309,513

**fragile** [adj] *breakable, dainty* brittle, crisp, crumbly, decrepit, delicate, feeble, fine, flimsy, fracturable, frail, frangible, friable, infirm, insubstantial, shatterable, shivery, slight, unsound, weak, weakly; CONCEPTS 485,489 —*Ant.* durable, firm, strong, tough, unbreakable

**fragment** [n] *part, chip* ace, atom, bit, bite, chunk, crumb, cut, end, fraction, gob\*, grain, hunk, iota, job\*, lump\*, minim, morsel, particle, piece, portion, remnant, scrap, share, shiver, shred, slice, sliver, smithereen\*; CONCEPT 835 —*Ant.* entirety, total, whole

**fragment** [v] *break into pieces* burst, come apart, crumble, disintegrate, disunite, divide, rend, rive, shatter, shiver, smash, splinter, split, split up; CONCEPTS 98,135,137,246,469

—*Ant.* complete, total

**fragmentary** [adj] *broken, incomplete* bitty, disconnected, discrete, disjointed, fractional,

incoherent, part, partial, piecemeal, scattered, scrappy, sketchy, unsystematic; CONCEPT 785

—*Ant.* all, complete, total, unbroken, whole

**fragrance** [n] *pleasant odor* aroma, aura, balm, bouquet, incense, perfume, redolence, scent, smell, spice; CONCEPT 600 —*Ant.* stench, stink

**fragrant** [adj] *smelling pleasant* ambrosial, aromal, aromatic, balmy, delectable, delicious, delightful, odoriferous, odorous, perfumed, perfumy, redolent, savory, spicy, sweet, sweet-scented, sweet-smelling; CONCEPT 598

—*Ant.* noxious, putrid, stale, stinking

**frail** [adj] *breakable, weak* brittle, dainty, decrepit, delicate, feeble, fishy, flimsy, fracturable, fragile, frangible, infirm, insubstantial, puny, sad, shatterable, shattery, sickly, slender, slight, slim, tender, tenuous, thin, unsound, unsubstantial, vulnerable, wimpy\*, wishy-washy\*, wispy; CONCEPTS 485,489 —*Ant.* firm, strong, unbreakable

**fraility** [n] *weakness, flaw* Achilles heel\*, blemish, daintiness, debility, decrepitude, defect, deficiency, delicacy, error, failing, fallibility, fault, feebleness, flimsiness, foible, foil, imperfection, infirmity, peccability, peccadillo, shortcoming, solecism, suscept, weak point\*; CONCEPTS 101,230,411,580

—*Ant.* firmness, strength

**frame** [n] *skeleton, casing* anatomy, architecture, body, build, cage, carcass, construction, enclosure, fabric, flounce, form, framework, fringe, groundwork, hem, mound, mounting, outline, physique, scaffold, scaffolding, scheme, setting, shell, stage, structure, support, system, trim, trimming, truss, valance; CONCEPTS 442,733,757

**frame** [v1] *build* assemble, back, border, constitute, construct, encase, enclose, erect, fabricate, fashion, forge, form, institute, invent, lath, make, manufacture, mat, model, mold, mount, panel, produce, put together, raise, set up, shingle; CONCEPTS 168,758 —*Ant.* destroy, raze

**frame** [v2] *compose, plan* block out, conceive, concoct, contrive, cook up, design, devise, draft, draw up, dream up\*, form, formulate, hatch, indite, invent, make, make up, map out, outline, prepare, shape, sketch, vamp, write; CONCEPTS 36,173

**frame of mind** [n] *state of mind* attitude, constitution, disposition, emotions, inner nature, makeup, mentality, mood, nature, spirit, state, temperament; CONCEPTS 410,689

**framework** [n] *foundation, core* bare bones\*, cage, fabric, frame, frame of reference\*, groundwork, plan, schema, scheme, shell, skeleton, structure; CONCEPTS 439,479,733

**franchise** [n] *authority, right* authorization, ballot, charter, exemption, freedom, immunity, patent, prerogative, privilege, suffrage, vote; CONCEPT 376

**frank** [adj] *completely honest* aboveboard, apparent, artless, bare-faced\*, blunt, bold, brazen, call a spade a spade\*, candid, direct, downright, easy, familiar, flat-out\*, forthright, free, from the hip\*, guileless, heart-to-heart\*, ingenuous, lay it on the line\*, like it is\*, matter-of-fact, naive, natural, open, outright, outspoken, plain, plain-spoken, real, saying what one thinks\*, scrupulous, sincere, straight, straightforward,

transparent, truthful, un concealed, undisguised, uninhibited, unreserved, unrestricted, up front\*, upright; CONCEPTS 267,582 —*Ant.* devious, dishonest, evasive, insincere, secretive

**frankfurter** [*n*] *cylindrical meat sausage* bowwow\*, Coney Island\*, dog\*, footlong\*, frank, hot dog, link, weenie\*, wiener, wienerwurst; CONCEPTS 457,460

**frankly** [*adv*] *very honestly* bluntly, candidly, dead level\*, dead on\*, directly, forthrightly, freely, from the hip\*, in truth, laid on the line\*, level, on the level\*, on the line\*, openly, plainly, straight, straightforwardly, without reserve; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* deviously, dishonestly, insincerely, secretly

**frantic** [*adj*] *distressed, distracted* agitated, angry, at wits' end\*, berserk, beside oneself\*, corybantic, crazy, delirious, deranged, distraught, excited, flipped out\*, fraught, freaked out\*, frenetic, frenzied, furious, hectic, hot and bothered\*, hot under the collar\*, hyper\*, in a stew\*, in a tizzy\*, insane, keyed up\*, mad, out of control, overwrought, rabid, raging, raving, shook up\*, spazzed out\*, unglued\*, unscrewed\*, unzipped\*, violent, weird, weirded out\*, wigged out\*, wild, wired\*, worked up\*, zonkers\*; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* calm, collected, composed, docile, peaceful, tranquil

**fraternity** [*n*] *brotherhood* affiliation, camaraderie, club, fellowship, frat\*, guild, house, kinship, order, sisterhood, society, sorority; CONCEPTS 381,387 —*Ant.* sisterhood, sorority

**fraternize** [*v*] *associate with* be friendly, be sociable with, club together, consort with, fall in with, go around with, hang out with, hobnob\*, keep company with, make friends, mingle with, mix with, rub elbows with, rub shoulders with, run with, socialize with; CONCEPTS 114,384 —*Ant.* disagree, ignore

**fraud** [*n*] *trickery, deception* artifice, bamboozlement\*, blackmail, cheat, chicanery, con, craft\*, deceit, double-dealing\*, dupery, duping, duplicity, extortion, fake, fast one\*, fast shuffle\*, flimflam\*, fourberie, fraudulence, graft, guile, hanky-panky\*, hoax, hocus-pocus\*, hoodwinking\*, hustle\*, imposture, line, misrepresentation, racket, scam, sell, shakedown\*, sham\*, sharp practice\*, skunk\*, smoke\*, song\*, song and dance\*, spuriousness, sting, string, swindle, swindling, treachery; CONCEPTS 59,192,645 —*Ant.* fairness, honesty, justice

**fraud** [*n*2] *person who is false, deceitful* bastard, bluffer, charlatan, cheat, counterfeit, crook, deceiver, double-dealer\*, fake, forger, four-flusher\*, hoaxer, horse trader\*, impostor, mechanic\*, mountebank, phony, play actor\*, pretender, quack\*, racketeer, sham\*, shark\*, swindler; CONCEPT 412

**fraudulent** [*adj*] *deceptive, false* bamboozling\*, counterfeit, crafty, criminal, crooked, deceitful, devious, dishonest, dishonorable, double-dealing\*, duplicitous, fake, forged, mock, phony, pseudo, sham\*, spurious, swindling, treacherous, tricky; CONCEPTS 545,582 —*Ant.* authentic, genuine, honest, real, valid

**fraught** [*adj*] *full of* abounding, attended, bristling, charged, filled, heavy, laden, replete, stuffed; CONCEPTS 483,771 —*Ant.* empty

**fray** [*n*] *fight, battle* affray, battle royal\*, brawl, broil\*, brouhaha\*, clash, combat, conflict, contest, disturbance, donnybrook\*, engagement, fracas, melee, quarrel, riot, row, ruckus, rumble, rumpus, scuffle, set-to\*; CONCEPTS 86,106 —*Ant.* agreement, harmony, peace

**fray** [*v*] *shred, come apart* become ragged, become threadbare, chafe, erode, frazzle, fret, ravel, rip, rub, tatter, tear, unravel, wear, wear away, wear thin; CONCEPT 214

**frazzle** [*n*] *exhaustion; something very worn* collapse, enervation, lassitude, prostration, rag, remnant, shred; CONCEPTS 410,720

**frazzle** [*v*] *wear out* exhaust, fray, knock out, poop\*, prostrate, rip, shred, tear, tire, tucker\*, wear; CONCEPTS 156,186 —*Ant.* maintain, preserve

**freak** [*n*1] *something, someone very abnormal* aberration, abortion, anomaly, chimera, curiosity, geek\*, grotesque, malformation, miscreation, misshape, monster, monstrosity, mutant, mutation, oddity, queer, rarity, sport, weirdo\*; CONCEPTS 424,580 —*Ant.* normality, ordinary, regular

**freak** [*n*2] *irregularity, whim* caprice, conceit, crochet, fad, fancy, folly, humor, megrim, quirk, turn, twist, vagary, whimsy; CONCEPT 679 —*Ant.* commonality, ordinary, regularity

**freak** [*n*3] *person enthused about something* addict, aficionado, buff, bug\*, devotee, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fiend\*, maniac, nut\*, zealot; CONCEPTS 352,366,423

**freak** [*v*] *become extraordinarily upset* flip out\*, go berserk, go insane, go mad, lose control, rave, unHINGE\*, wig out\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,80

**freakish** [*adj*] *abnormal, unusual* aberrant, arbitrary, bizarre, capricious, crazy, erratic, fantastic, far-out, freaky, grotesque, malformed, monstrous, odd, outlandish, outré, preternatural, queer, strange, unconventional, vagarious, wayward, weird, whimsical, wild; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* common, general, natural, normal, ordinary, standard, usual

**freak out** [*v*] *lose one's cool* blow a gasket\*, blow one's mind\*, blow one's stack\*, blow one's top\*, break down, come unglued, crack up\*, flip out\*, fly off the handle\*, freak out\*, go ape\*, go ballistic\*, go berserk\*, go crazy\*, go haywire\*, go nuts\*, go off the deep end\*, hit the ceiling\*, lose control of oneself, lose it\*, lose one's composure, lose one's mind, lose one's temper, wig out\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,80

**freckle** [*n*] *small discoloration on skin* blemish, blotch, daisy, dot, lentigo, macula, mole, patch, pepper, pigmentation, pit, pock, pockmark, speck, speckle, sprinkle, stipple; CONCEPT 392

**free** [*adj*1] *without charge* chargeless, comp\*, complimentary, costless, for love\*, for nothing\*, freebie\*, free of cost, free ride\*, gratis, gratuitous, handout, on the cuff\*, on the house\*, paper\*, unpaid, unrecompensed; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* costly, expensive, high-priced, priced

**free** [*adj*2] *unrestrained personally* able, allowed, at large, at liberty, casual, clear, disengaged, easy, escaped, familiar, fancy-free\*, footloose\*, forward, frank, free-spirited, free-wheeling, independent, informal, lax, liberal, liberated, loose, off the hook\*, on one's own\*, on the loose\*, open, permitted, relaxed,

unattached, uncommitted, unconfined, unconstrained, unengaged, unfettered, unhampered, unimpeded, unobstructed, unregulated, unrestricted, untrammelled; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —**Ant.** bound, confined, hindered, limited, restrained

**free** [adj3] *unrestrained politically* at liberty, autarchic, autonomic, autonomous, democratic, emancipated, enfranchised, freed, independent, individualistic, liberated, self-directing, self-governing, self-ruling, separate, sovereign, sui juris, unconstrained, unenslaved, unregimented; CONCEPTS 319, 536 —**Ant.** barred, bound, enslaved, prevented, suppressed

**free** [adj4] *not busy; unoccupied* at leisure, available, clear, empty, extra, idle, loose, not tied down\*, spare, unemployed, unengaged, unhampered, unimpeded, uninhabited, unobstructed, unused, vacant; CONCEPT 485 —**Ant.** busy, occupied, scheduled, tied-up

**free** [adj5] *generous, unsparring* big, big-hearted\*, bounteous, bountiful, charitable, eager, handsome, hospitable, lavish, liberal, munificent, open-handed\*, prodigal, unstingy, willing; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** mean, niggardly, tight-fisted

**free** [v1] *liberate, let go* absolve, acquit, bail, bail out\*, clear, cut loose\*, deliver, demobilize, discharge, disengage, disentrail, disimprison, dismiss, emancipate, enfranchise, extricate, let loose\*, let off\*, let off the hook\*, let out, loose, loosen, manumit, pardon, parole, put on the street\*, ransom, redeem, release, relieve, retrieve, rescue, save, set free, spring\*, turn loose, turn out, unbind, uncape, unchain, undo, unfetter, unfix, unleash, untie; CONCEPT 127 —**Ant.** confine, enslave, hold, incarcerate, restrain

**free** [v2] *take burden* from cast off, clear, cut loose, decontaminate, deliver, discharge, disembarrass, disencumber, disengage, disentangle, empty, excuse, exempt, extricate, put off, ransom, redeem, relieve, rescue, rid, unburden, undo, unlade, unload, unpack, unshackle; CONCEPTS 110, 211 —**Ant.** burden, compel, limit, suppress

**freebie** [n] *something for nothing* complimentary ticket, free lunch, free pass, gift, giveaway, handout; CONCEPT 337

**freedom** [n1] *independence, license to do as one wants* abandon, abandonment, ability, bent, carte blanche, compass, discretion, elbow-room\*, exemption, facility, flexibility, free rein\*, full play\*, full swing\*, immunity, indulgence, laissez faire, latitude, laxity, leeway, liberty, margin, opportunity, own accord\*, play, plenty of rope\*, power, prerogative, privilege, profligacy, rampancy, range, rein, right, rope\*, scope, sweep, swing, unrestraint; CONCEPT 693 —**Ant.** captivity, confinement, imprisonment, incarceration, limitation, servitude, slavery

**freedom** [n2] *political independence* abolition, abolitionism, autarchy, autonomy, citizenship, deliverance, delivery, democracy, discharge, disengagement, disimprisonment, emancipation, enfranchisement, exemption, extriction, franchise, home rule\*, immunity, impunity, liberation, liberty, manumission, parole, prerogative, privilege, probation, redemption, release, relief, representative government,

rescue, salvage, salvation, self-determination, self-government, sovereignty; CONCEPT 691 —**Ant.** communism, government, subjection, subordination, suppression

**freedom** [n3] *easy attitude* abandon, boldness, brazenness, candor, directness, disrespect, ease, facility, familiarity, forthrightness, forwardness, frankness, impertinence, informality, ingenuousness, lack of reserve, lack of restraint, laxity, license, openness, overfamiliarity, presumption, readiness, spontaneity, unconstrained; CONCEPT 633 —**Ant.** difficulty, limitation, reserve, restraint, restriction

**free-for-all** [n] *fight* affray, battle, brawl, broil\*, brouhaha\*, fracas, fray, knock-down-drag-out\*, melee, riot, row, ruction; CONCEPT 106 —**Ant.** calm, harmony, peace

**freelance** [adj] *independent* free agent, non-staff, self-employed, unaffiliated; CONCEPT 554

**freely** [adj1] *without restriction* advisedly, as you please\*, at one's discretion, at one's pleasure, at will, candidly, deliberately, designedly, fancy-free\*, frankly, intentionally, of one's own accord\*, of one's own free will\*, openly, plainly, purposely, spontaneously, unchallenged, unreservedly, voluntarily, willingly, without hindrance, without prompting, without reserve, without restraint, without urging; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** bound, limited

**freely** [adv2] *easily, smoothly done* abundantly, amply, as one pleases\*, bountifully, cleanly, copiously, effortlessly, extravagantly, facetly, lavishly, liberally, lightly, like water\*, loosely, open-handedly, readily, unhindered, unobstructedly, unstintingly, well, with a free hand\*, without encumbrance\*, without hindrance\*, without restraint\*, without stint\*; CONCEPT 544 —**Ant.** difficultly

**free spirit** [n] *maverick* bohemian, dissenter, eccentric, nonconformist, radical; CONCEPT 359

**freeware** [n] *free software* public-domain software, shareware; CONCEPTS 274, 660

**freeway** [n] *expressway* artery, beltway, highway, interstate, parkway, road, superhighway, thoroughfare, thruway; CONCEPT 501

**free will** [n] *person's full intent and purpose* assent, choice, consent, desire, determination, discretion, free choice, freedom, inclination, intention, mind, option, own say so\*, own sweet way\*, pleasure, power, say so\*, velleity, volition, voluntary decision, willingness, wish; CONCEPTS 20, 410 —**Ant.** responsibility

**freeze** [v1] *make cold enough to become solid* benumb, bite, chill, chill to the bone\*, congeal, frost, glaciare, harden, ice over, ice up, nip, pierce, refrigerate, solidify, stiffen; CONCEPTS 255, 521 —**Ant.** boil, heat

**freeze** [v2] *stop* dampen, depress, discourage, dishearten, fix, hold up, inhibit, peg, suspend; CONCEPTS 14, 121 —**Ant.** continue, go

**freezer** [n] *icebox* cold storage, cooler, refrigerator; CONCEPTS 202, 255

**freezing** [adj] *very cold* arctic, biting, bitter, chill, chilled, chilly, cutting, frigid, frost-bound, frosty, gelid, glacial, hawkish, icy, nippy, numbing, one-dog night\*, penetrating, polar, raw, shivery, Siberian\*, snappy\*, two-dog night\*, wintry; CONCEPT 605 —**Ant.** boiling, heated, hot



**freight** [*n*] *goods being shipped* bales, ballast, bulk, burden, carriage, consignment, contents, conveyance, encumbrance, fardel, haul, lading, load, merchandise, pack, packages, payload, shipment, shipping, tonnage, transportation, wares, weight; CONCEPT 338

**frenetic** [*adj*] *maniacal* corybantic, delirious, demented, distraught, excited, fanatical, frantic, frenzied, furibund, furious, hyper\*, in a lather\*, insane, lost it\*, mad, obsessive, overwrought, phrenetic, rabid, unbalanced, unscrewed\*, weirded out\*, wiggled out\*, wild, wired\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* balanced, calm

**frenzied** [*adj*] *uncontrolled* agitated, berserk, convulsive, corybantic, delirious, distracted, distraught, excited, feverish, frantic, frenetic, furious, hysterical, mad, maniacal, nuts\*, rabid, wild; CONCEPTS 542,544 —*Ant.* calm, controlled

**frenzy** [*n*] *uncontrolled state or situation* aberration, agitation, blow, blow a fuse\*, blow one's cork\*, blow one's stack\*, blow one's top\*, bout, burst, conniption\*, convulsion, craze, delirium, derangement, distemper, distraction, dithers\*, excitement, ferment, fever, fit, flap\*, flip one's lid\*, free-for-all\*, furor, fury, fuss, hell broke loose\*, hysteria, insanity, lather, lunacy, madness, mania, outburst, paroxysm, passion, rage, row, ruckus, ruction, rumble, rumpus, seizure, spasm, stew, stir, to-do\*, transport, turmoil, wingding\*; CONCEPTS 230,410,674 —*Ant.* calmness, peace, peacefulness

**frequency** [*n*] *commonness, repetitiveness* abundance, beat, constancy, density, frequentness, iteration, number, oscillation, periodicity, persistence, prevalence, pulsation, recurrence, regularity, reiteration, repetition, rhythm; CONCEPT 634 —*Ant.* infrequency, irregularity, uncommonness

**frequent** [*adj*] *common, repeated* a good many\*, commonplace, constant, continual, customary, everyday, expected, familiar, general, habitual, incessant, intermittent, iterated, manifold, many, monotonous, numberless, numerous, periodic, perpetual, persistent, pleonastic, profuse, recurrent, recurring, redundant, reiterated, reiterative, successive, thick, ubiquitous, usual, various; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* inconstant, infrequent, irregular, occasional, rare, sporadic, uncommon, unrepeatable, unusual

**frequent** [*v*] *be a regular customer of* affect, attend, attend regularly, be at home in\*, be found at, be often in, drop in, go to, hang about\*, hang around\*, hang out at\*, haunt\*, hit\*, infest, overrun, patronize, play\*, resort, revisit, visit often; CONCEPTS 227,384

**frequently** [*adv*] *commonly, repeatedly* again and again\*, as a rule\*, at regular intervals, at short intervals, at times, by ordinary, customarily, every now and then\*, generally, habitually, in many instances\*, in quick succession, intermittently, many a time\*, many times, much, not infrequently, not seldom, oft, often, oftentimes, oftimes, ordinarily, over and over, periodically, recurrently, regularly, spasmodically, successively, thick and fast\*, time and again\*, usually, very often; CONCEPTS 530,544,799 —*Ant.* infrequently, not much, rarely, seldom, uncommonly

**fresh** [*adj1*] *new, just produced* beginning, brand-new\*, comer, contemporary, crisp, crude, current, different, gleaming, glistening, green\*, hot\*, hot off the press\*, immature, just out\*, late, latest, mint\*, modern, modernistic, natural, neoteric, newborn, newfangled\*, novel, now, original, radical, raw, recent, sparkling, state-of-the-art, the latest\*, this season's\*, unconventional, unprocessed, unseasoned, untouched, unusual, up-to-date, virginal, what's happening\*, young, youthful; CONCEPTS 578,797 —*Ant.* old, stale, tired, used

**fresh** [*adj2*] *additional* added, another, auxiliary, else, extra, farther, further, increased, more, new, other, renewed, supplementary; CONCEPTS 546,824 —*Ant.* old, used

**fresh** [*adj3*] *refreshing to the senses* bracing, bright, brisk, clean, clear, colorful, cool, crisp, definite, fair, invigorating, not stale, pure, quick, sharp, spanking, sparkling, stiff, stimulating, sweet, uncontaminated, unpolluted, vivid; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* stale, tired

**fresh** [*adj4*] *energetic, healthy* active, alert, blooming, bouncing, bright, bright-eyed, bushy-tailed\*, chipper\*, clear, dewy, fair, florid, glowing, good, hardy, invigorated, keen, like new, lively, refreshed, rehabilitated, relaxed, relieved, rested, restored, revived, rosy, ruddy, sprightly, spry, stimulated, undimmed, unfaded, unused, unwearied, unwithered, verdant, vigorous, vital, wholesome, young; CONCEPTS 485,542 —*Ant.* exhausted, lifeless, tired, unenergetic, worn

**fresh** [*adj5*] *inexperienced* artless, callow, green\*, natural, new, raw, tenderfooted\*, uncultivated, unpracticed, unskilled, untrained, untried, unversed, young, youthful; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* experienced

**fresh** [*adj6*] *sassy, brazen* bold, cheeky\*, disrespectful, familiar, flip\*, flippant, forward, impertinent, impudent, insolent, nervy\*, pert, presumptuous, rude, saucy\*, smart\*, smart-alecky\*, snippy\*, wise; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* gentle, kind, polite

**freshen** [*v*] *make like new; revitalize* activate, air, cleanse, enliven, invigorate, purify, refresh, restore, revive, rouse, spruce up, sweeten, titivate, ventilate; CONCEPT 244 —*Ant.* overuse

**freshman** [*n*] *first-year student* beginner, frosh\*, greenhorn, novice, rookie, underclassman, undergrad\*, undergraduate; CONCEPT 348

**freshness** [*n*] *newness* bloom, brightness, callowness, cleanness, clearness, dew, dewiness, glow, greenness, inexperience, innovativeness, inventiveness, novelty, originality, rawness, shine, sparkle, vigor, viridity, youth; CONCEPT 715 —*Ant.* oldness, staleness

**fret** [*v1*] *worry, be annoyed* affront, agonize, anguish, bleed, bother, brood, carp, carry a heavy load\*, chafe, chagrin, distress oneself, eat one's heart out\*, fume, fuss, get into a dither\*, grieve, lose sleep over\*, mope\*, pother\*, stew, sweat it out\*, take on, torment, upset oneself; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* calm, comfort, soothe

**fret** [*v2*] *upset someone* abrade, agitate, bother, displease, distress, disturb, gall, get on nerves\*, goad, harass, irk, irritate, nag, nettle, peeve, pique, provoke, rile, ruffle, torment, trouble, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* appease, pacify, placate, please

**fret** [v3] *rub hard* abrade, chafe, corrode, erode, excoriate, fray, gall, ruffle, ripple, wear away, wear threadbare; CONCEPT 215

**fretful** [adj] *irritable* captious, carping\*, caviling, complaining, contrary, crabby\*, cranky\*, critical, cross, crotchety\*, edgy, faultfinding, fractious, huffy\*, mean, ornery\*, out of sorts\*, peevish, perverse, petulant, querulous, short-tempered, snappish\*, splenetic, testy, touchy, uneasy, worried, wreck\*; CONCEPTS 401, 403 —*Ant.* calm, cheered, easy-going, happy, joyous, laid-back, pleased, relaxed

**friction** [n1] *rubbing* abrasion, agitation, attrition, chafing, erosion, filing, fretting, grating, grinding, irritation, massage, rasping, resistance, scraping, soreness, traction, trituration, wearing away; CONCEPT 215

**friction** [n2] *disagreement* animosity, antagonism, bad blood\*, bad feeling\*, bickering, bone to pick\*, conflict, counteraction, discontent, discord, disharmony, dispute, dissension, faction, factionalism, flak\*, hassle, hatred, hostility, impedance, incompatibility, interference, opposition, quarrel, resentment, resistance, rivalry, row\*, ruckus\*, rumpus\*, set-to\*, sour note\*, strife, trouble, wrangling\*; CONCEPTS 46, 106, 674 —*Ant.* agreement, harmony, peace

**friend** [n1] *confidant, companion* acquaintance, ally, alter ego, associate, bosom buddy\*, buddy, chum\*, classmate, cohort, colleague, companion\*, compatriot, comrade, consort, cousin, crony, familiar, intimate, mate, pal, partner, playmate, roommate, schoolmate, sidekick, soul mate\*, spare\*, well-wisher; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* enemy, foe

**friend** [n2] *benefactor* accomplice, adherent, advocate, ally, associate, backer, partisan, patron, supporter, well-wisher; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* detractor, opponent

**friendless** [adj] *without companionship or confidant* abandoned, adrift, alienated, all alone\*, all by one's self\*, alone, cut off\*, deserted, estranged, forlorn, forsaken, isolated, lonely, lonesome, marooned\*, ostracized, shunned, solitary, unattached, without ties; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* attached, befriended, beloved, liked, loved

**friendliness** [n] *companionability* affability, amiability, amity, benevolence, camaraderie, comity, comradery, congeniality, conviviality, cordiality, friendship, geniality, goodwill, kindness, kindness, neighborliness, open arms\*, sociability, warmth; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* aloofness, coldness, incompatibility

**friendly** [adj] *intimate, companionable* affable, affectionate, amiable, amicable, attached, attentive, auspicious, beneficial, benevolent, benign, buddy-buddy\*, chummy\*, civil, close, clubby, comradely, conciliatory, confiding, convivial, cordial, faithful, familiar, favorable, fond, genial, good, helpful, kind, kindly, loving, loyal, neighborly, on good terms\*, outgoing, peaceable, peaceful, propitious, receptive, sociable, solicitous, sympathetic, tender, thick, welcoming, well-disposed\*; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* aloof, antagonistic, cold, cool, incompatible, uncompanionable, unfriendly, unresponsive, unsociable

**friendship** [n] *companionship* accord, acquaintanceship, affection, affinity, agreement,

alliance, amiability, amicability, amity, association, attachment, attraction, benevolence, closeness, coalition, comity, company, concord, consideration, consonance, devotion, empathy, esteem, familiarity, favor, favoritism, fondness, friendliness, fusion, good will, harmony, intimacy, league, love, pact, partiality, rapport, regard, sociability, society, sodality, solidarity, understanding; CONCEPTS 388, 714 —*Ant.* enmity, hate, hatred

**fright** [n1] *extreme apprehension* alarm, cold sweat\*, consternation, dismay, dread, fear, horror, panic, quaking, scare, shiver, shock, terror, trepidation, trepidity; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* fearlessness

**fright** [n2] *horrifying or unpleasant sight* bother, eyesore\*, frump\*, mess, monstrosity, nuisance, scarecrow, ugliness; CONCEPT 718 —*Ant.* beauty

**frighten** [v] *shock, scare* affright, agitate, alarm, appall, astound, awe, browbeat\*, bulldoze\*, chill, chill to the bone\*, cow, curdle the blood\*, daunt, demoralize, deter, disurb, discomfort, disconcert, discourage, dishearten, dismay, disquiet, faze, horrify, intimidate, make blood run cold\*, make teeth chatter\*, panic, perturb, frighten, repel, scare away, scare off, scare to death\*, spook, startle, stiff, strike terror into\*, terrify, terrorize, unhide\*, unnerve; CONCEPTS 14, 42 —*Ant.* calm, comfort, exhilarate, gladden

**frightened** [adj] *very scared* abashed, affrighted, afraid, aghast, alarmed, anxious, butterflies\*, chicken\*, chicken-hearted\*, cowed\*, dismayed, fearful, frozen, have cold feet\*, having kittens\*, hung up\*, in a cold sweat\*, in a panic\*, in a sweat\*, jellyfish\*, jittery, jumpy, lily-livered\*, mousy\*, numb, panicky, petrified, pushing the panic button\*, rabbit\*, running scared\*, scared stiff\*, shaky, shivery, sissy\*, spooked, startled, terrified, terrorized, terror-stricken, unnerved, uptight, yellow\*; CONCEPTS 403, 690 —*Ant.* calm, comforted, happy

**frightful** [adj2] *offensive* annoying, awful, bad, calamitous, disagreeable, dreadful, extreme, ghastly, great, hideous, horrible, insufferable, lewd, shocking, terrible, terrific, unpleasant, vile, wicked, wrong; CONCEPTS 529, 545 —*Ant.* delightful, gentle, inoffensive, nice

**frightful/frightening** [adj1] *scary, shocking* alarming, appalling, atrocious, awesome, awful, chilling, daunting, dire, direful, dismaying, disquieting, dread, dreadful, fearful, fearsome, formidable, ghastly, grabber, grim, grisly, gruesome, hair-raising, hairy, harrowing, hideous, horrendous, horrible, horrid, horrifying, inconceivable, intimidating, lurid, macabre, menacing, morbid, ominous, petrifying, portentous, repellent, spooky, terrible, terrifying, traumatic, unnerving, unspeakable; CONCEPTS 529, 537 —*Ant.* calming, comforting, pleasing

**frigid** [adj1] *extremely cold* antarctic, arctic, chill, chilly, cool, freezing, frost-bound, frosty, frozen, gelid, glacial, hyperboreal, icebox\*, ice-cold, icy, refrigerated, Siberian\*, snappy, three-dog night\*, wintry; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* hot, warm

**frigid** [adj2] *unresponsive* aloof, austere, chilly, cold, cold-hearted\*, cold-shoulder\*, cool,

forbidding, formal, frosty, icy, impotent, indifferent, lifeless, passionless, passive, repellent, rigid, stiff, unapproachable, unbending, unfeeling, unloving; **CONCEPT 404** —**Ant.** amicable, amorous, lovable, loving, responsive, warm  
**frill** [*n*] *luxury, nice touch* amenity, decoration, doodad\*, extravagance, fandangle, flounce, foppery\*, frippery\*, fuss, garbage\*, garnish, gathering, gimcrack\*, gingerbread\*, jazz\*, lace, ruffle, superfluity, thing\*, tuck; **CONCEPTS 646,655,824** —**Ant.** plainness

**fringe** [*n*] *border, trimming* binding, borderline, brim, brink, edge, edging, flounce, hem, limit, mane, march, margin, outside, outskirts, perimeter, periphery, rickrack, ruffle, skirt, tassel, verge; **CONCEPTS 484,825** —**Ant.** center, inside, interior, middle

**fringe benefit** [*n*] *additional benefit* extra, perk, perquisite, plus, privilege; **CONCEPT 344**

**frippery** [*n*] *waste, nonsense* adornment, bauble, decoration, fanciness, fandangle\*, flashiness, frill, fussiness, gaudiness, knick-knack, meretriciousness, ornament, ostentation, pretentiousness, showiness, tawdriness, toy, trinket; **CONCEPTS 655,824** —**Ant.** plainness

**frisk** [*v1*] *caport* bounce, caper, dance, frolic, gambol, hop, jump, lark, leap, play, prance, rollick, romp, skip, sport, trip; **CONCEPT 384**

**frisk** [*v2*] *search* check, fan, inspect, run over, shake down; **CONCEPT 216**

**frisky** [*adj*] *full of spirit* active, antic, bouncy, coltish\*, dashing, feeling one's oats\*, frolicsome, full of beans\*, gamesome, high-spirited, in high spirits\*, jumpy, kittenish\*, larkish, lively, peppy, playful, prankish, rollicking, romping, spirited, sportive, wicked, zesty, zippy; **CONCEPTS 401,542,555** —**Ant.** depressed, down, lifeless

**fritter** [*v*] *waste away* be wasteful with, blow\*, cast away, consume, dally, diddle away, dissipate, frivol, go through\*, idle, lavish, misspend, run through\*, spend like water\*, squander, throw away, trifle; **CONCEPTS 156,341** —**Ant.** hold, save, store

**frivolity** [*n*]  *silliness, childishness* coquetting, dallying, flightiness, flippancy, flirting, flummery, folly, fribble, frippery, frivolousness, fun, gaiety, game, giddiness, jest, levity, light-heartedness, lightness, nonsense, play, puerility, shallowness, sport, superficiality, toying, trifling, triviality, volatility, whimsicality, whimsy; **CONCEPTS 388,633** —**Ant.** sensibility, seriousness, wisdom

**frivolous** [*adj*] *trivial, silly* barmy\*, childish, dizzy\*, empty-headed\*, facetious, feather-brained\*, flighty, flip, flippant, foolish, gay, giddy\*, harebrained\*, idiotic, idle, ill-considered, impractical, juvenile, light, light-minded, minor, niggling\*, nonserious, not serious, paltry, peripheral, petty, playful, pointless, puerile, scatterbrained\*, senseless, shallow, sportive, superficial, tongue-in-cheek\*, unimportant, unprofound, volatle, whimsical; **CONCEPTS 401,402,575** —**Ant.** grave, mature, sensible, serious, solemn, thoughtful, wise

**frock** [*n*] *women's garment* apron, clothing, dress, gown, habit, muumuu, robe; **CONCEPT 451**

**frog** [*n*] *jumping amphibian* bullfrog, croaker\*, polliwog, toad; **CONCEPT 394**

**frolic** [*n*] *amusement, revel* antic, drollery, escapade, fun, fun and games\*, gaiety, gambol, game, high jinks\*, joke, joviality, lark, merriment, monkeyshines\*, play, prank, romp, shenanigan\*, skylarking\*, sport, spree, tomfoolery\*, trick; **CONCEPTS 59,386**

**frolic** [*v*] *have fun, make merry* caper, carouse, cavort, cut capers, cut loose\*, fool around\*, frisk, gambol, go on a tear\*, kick up one's heels\*, lark, let go\*, let loose\*, play, prance, raise hell\*, revel, riot, rollick, romp, sport, spree, whoop it up\*; **CONCEPTS 384,386**

**frolisome** [*adj*] *playful* antic, coltish, frisky, fun, gamesome, gay, gleeful, happy, impish, jocular, jovial, kittenish, lively, merry, mischievous, roguish, rollicking, sportive, sprightly; **CONCEPT 542** —**Ant.** serious, staid, stiff

**from** [*prep1*] *outside of, separating* against, in distinction to, out of possession of, taken away; **CONCEPT 583**

**from** [*prep2*] *arising out of* beginning at, coming out of, deriving out of, originating at, starting with; **CONCEPT 549**

**from scratch** [*adv*] *from the very beginning* from square one, from the ground up, from the top, initially; **CONCEPTS 585,799,828**

**front** [*adj*] *lead, beginning* advanced, ahead, anterior, facial, first, fore, foremost, forward, frontal, head, headmost, in the foreground, leading, obverse, topmost, vanguard, ventral; **CONCEPTS 567,583,585,632** —**Ant.** back, ending, final, finishing, rear

**front** [*n1*] *forward, beginning part of something* anterior, bow, breast, brow, exterior, facade, face, facing, fore, foreground, forehead, forepart, frontage, frontal, frontispiece, front line, head, lead, obverse, proscenium, top, van, vanguard; **CONCEPTS 833,835,836** —**Ant.** back, rear

**front** [*n2*] *appearance put on for show* air, aspect, bearing, blind, carriage, coloring, countenance, cover, cover-up\*, demeanor, disguise, display, expression, exterior, facade, face, fake, figure, manner, mask, mien, phony, port, presence, pretext, put-on\*, show, veil, window dressing\*; **CONCEPT 716**

**front** [*v*] *look out on to* border, confront, cover, encounter, face, look over, meet, overlay, overlook; **CONCEPT 746**

**frontier** [*n1*] *boundary* borderline, borderline, bound, confines, edge, limit, march, perimeter, verge; **CONCEPTS 513,745**

**frontier** [*n2*] *unexplored, unoccupied area of land* backcountry, backwater, backwoods, boondocks\*, boonies\*, bush, hinterland, out-back, outskirts, sticks\*, unknown\*; **CONCEPT 509** —**Ant.** metropolis

**front runner** [*n*] *leader* best bet\*, favorite, first choice, forerunner, top seed; **CONCEPTS 347,354**

**frost** [*n*] *extreme cold* blight, dip, drop, freeze, hoarfrost, ice, Jack Frost\*, rime; **CONCEPTS 524,610** —**Ant.** heat

**frosting** [*n*] *icing* covering, glaze, spread, sugar coating, topping; **CONCEPTS 457,460,461**

**frosty** [*adj*] *very cold* antarctic, arctic, chill, chilly, cool, frigid, frozen, gelid, glacial, hoar, ice-capped, icicled, icy, nippy\*, rimy, shivery, wintry; **CONCEPT 605** —**Ant.** heated, hot, warm

**froth** [*n*] *lather, bubbles* barm, ebullition, effervescence, fizz, foam, head, scud, scum, spindrift, spray, spume, suds, yeast; CONCEPTS 260,467,468

**frothy** [*adj*] *bubbly* barmy, bubbling, fermenting, fizzing, fizzy, foaming, foamy, soapy, spumescent, spumous, spummy, sudsy, with a head on\*, yeasty; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* flat

**frown** [*v*1] *scowl* cloud up\*, do a slow burn\*, give a dirty look\*, give the evil eye\*, glare, gloom, glower, grimace, knit brows\*, look black\*, look daggers\*, look stern\*, lower, pout, sulk; CONCEPT 185 —*Ant.* grin, smile

**frown** [*v*2] *disapprove* deprecate, discommend, discountenance, discourage, disesteem, disfavor, dislike, look askance at\*, not take kindly to\*, object, show displeasure, take a dim view of\*; CONCEPTS 21,29 —*Ant.* approve, condone, encourage

**frozen** [*adj*1] *very cold* antarctic, arctic, chilled, frigid, frosted, icebound, ice-cold, ice-covered, iced, icy, numb, Siberian\*; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* boiled, heated, hot

**frozen** [*adj*2] *stopped* fixed, pegged, petrified, rooted, stock-still, suspended, turned to stone; CONCEPTS 534,584 —*Ant.* continual, continued, moving

**frugal** [*adj*] *economical* abstemious, canny, careful, chary, conserving, discreet, meager, meticulous, mingy\*, niggardly\*, parsimonious, penny-pinching\*, penny-wise\*, preserving, provident, prudent, saving, scrimping, sparing, Spartan\*, stingy, thrifty, tight, tightwad\*, un-wasteful, wary; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* generous, lavish, spendthriftily, uneconomical, wasteful

**frugality** [*n*] *economizing* avarice, avariciousness, carefulness, conservation, economy, forehandedness, good management, miserliness, moderation, niggardliness, parsimoniousness, parsimony, penuriousness, providence, prudence, saving, scrimping, stinginess, thrift, thriftiness; CONCEPTS 330,335 —*Ant.* generosity, lavishness, wastefulness

**fruit** [*n*1] *edible part of vegetative growth developed after flowering* berry, crop, drupe, grain, harvest, nut, pome, produce, product, yield; CONCEPTS 426,428

**fruit** [*n*2] *result of labor* advantage, benefit, consequence, effect, outcome, pay, profit, result, return, reward; CONCEPTS 230,337

**fruitful** [*adj*] *productive* abounding, abundant, advantageous, beneficial, blooming, blossoming, breeding, childing, conducive, copious, effective, fecund, fertile, flourishing, flush, fructiferous, gainful, plentiful, plentiful, profitable, profuse, proliferant, prolific, propagating, reproducing, rewarding, rich, spawning, successful, useful, well-spent, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 528,537,560 —*Ant.* barren, impotent, sterile, unfruitful, unproductive

**fruition** [*n*] *achievement, maturation* accomplishment, actualization, attainment, completion, consummation, enjoyment, fulfillment, gratification, materialization, maturity, perfection, pleasure, realization, ripeness, satisfaction, success; CONCEPTS 704,706 —*Ant.* failure, unfulfillment

**fruitless** [*adj*] *bringing no advantage, product* abortive, barren, empty, futile, gainless, idle,

ineffective, ineffectual, infertile, in vain, pointless, profitless, spinning one's wheels\*, sterile, to no avail\*, to no effect\*, unavailable, unavailing, unfruitful, unproductive, unprofitable, unprolific, unsuccessful, useless, vain, wild goose chase\*; CONCEPTS 528,537,560 —*Ant.* copious, fruitful, plentiful, potent, productive, profitable, successful, useful

**frumpy** [*adj*] *dowdy* badly dressed, baggy, blowsy\*, dingy, drab, dull, frumpish, homely, old-fashioned, outdated, plain, poorly dressed, shabby, sloppy, stodgy, unfashionable, unkempt, unstylish; CONCEPT 589

**frustrate** [*v*] *thwart, disappoint* annul, arrest, baffle, balk, bar, beat, block, cancel, check, circumvent, confront, conquer, counter, counteract, cramp, cramp one's style\*, crimp, dash, dash one's hope\*, defeat, depress, discourage, dishearten, foil, forbid, forestall, foul up\*, give the run around\*, halt, hang up\*, hinder, hold up, impede, inhibit, lick, negate, neutralize, nullify, obstruct, obviate, outwit, overcome, preclude, prevent, prohibit, render null and void\*, ruin, stump\*, stymie\*, upset the apple-cart\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,121 —*Ant.* aid, assist, cooperate, encourage, facilitate, help, support

**frustrated** [*adj*] *disappointed, thwarted* balked\*, crabbed\*, cramped, crimped, defeated, discontented, discouraged, disheartened, embittered, foiled, fouled up\*, hung up on\*, irked, resentful, stonewalled\*, stymied\*, through the mill\*, ungratified, unsated, unslaked, up the wall\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* encourage, fulfilled, inspired, stimulated, uplifted

**frustration** [*n*] *disappointment, thwarting* annoyance, bitter pill\*, blocking, blow, bumper, chagrin, circumvention, contravention, curbing, defeat, disgruntlement, dissatisfaction, downer\*, drag\*, failure, fizzle, foiling, grievance, hindrance, impediment, irritation, let-down, nonfulfillment, nonsuccess, obstruction, old one-two\*, resentment, setback, unfulfillment, vexation; CONCEPTS 410,674 —*Ant.* aid, assistance, cooperation, encouragement, facilitation, help, support

**fry** [*v*] *cook in hot oil* brown, french fry, fricassee, frizzle, pan fry, sauté, sear, singe, sizzle; CONCEPT 170

**frying pan** [*n*] *skillet* fry pan, gridiron, spider, wok; CONCEPTS 493,494

**fuddy-duddy** [*n*] *fussy person* fussybudget, fusspot\*, old foggy\*, old geezer\*, old poop\*, square\*, stick-in-the-mud\*, stuffed shirt\*; CONCEPT 423

**fudge** [*v*] *fake, misrepresent* avoid, color, cook up\*, dodge, embellish, embroider, equivocate, evade, exaggerate, falsify, hedge, magnify, overstate, pad, patch, shuffle, slant, stall; CONCEPTS 59,63 —*Ant.* tell truth

**fuel** [*n*] *something providing energy* ammunition, combustible, electricity, encouragement, food, gas, incitement, juice, material, means, nourishment, propellant, provocation; CONCEPTS 467,520,523,661

**fuel** [*v*] *give energy to* charge, fan, feed, fill 'er up\*, fill up, fire, gas, gas up\*, incite, inflame, nourish, service, stoke up\*, supply, sustain, tank up\*; CONCEPTS 107,140 —*Ant.* de-energize, deplete, discourage, unfuel

**fugitive** [adj] *fleeing, transient* avoiding, brief, criminal, elusive, ephemeral, errant, erratic, escaping, evading, evanescent, fleeting, flitting, flying\*, fugacious, hot\*, impermanent, lamster, momentary, moving, on the lam\*, passing, planetary, running away\*, short\*, short-lived, temporary, transitory, unstable, volatile, wandering, wanted; CONCEPTS 551, 584, 798

—*Ant.* confronting, facing, permanent  
**fugitive** [n] *person escaping from law or other pursuer* bolter, derelict, deserter, displaced person, dodger, émigré, escapee, escaper, evacuee, exile, fly-by-night\*, hermit, hunted person, outcast, outlaw, recluse, refugee, runagate, runaway, stray, transient, truant, vagabond, waif, walkout; CONCEPT 412

**fulfill** [v] *bring to completion* accomplish, achieve, answer, be just the ticket\*, carry out, comply with, conclude, conform, discharge, do, effect, effectuate, execute, fill, fill the bill\*, finish, hit the bull's-eye\*, implement, keep, make it\*, make the grade\*, meet, obey, observe, perfect, perform, please, realize, render, satisfy, score\*, suffice, suit; CONCEPTS 7, 22, 91, 706

—*Ant.* fail, miss, neglect  
**fulfilled** [adj] *completed* accomplished, achieved, actualized, attained, brought about, brought to a close, carried out, compassed, concluded, consummated, crowned, delighted, dispatched, effected, effectuated, executed, finished, gratified, made good\*, matured, obtained, perfected, performed, pleased, put into effect, reached, realized, satisfied; CONCEPTS 403, 531 —*Ant.* disappointed, incomplete, unfinished, unfulfilled, unsatisfied

**fulfillment** [n] *accomplishment, completion* achievement, attainment, carrying out, carrying through, consummation, contentedness, contentment, crowning, discharge, discharging, effecting, end, gratification, implementation, just the ticket\*, kick\*, kicks\* observance, perfection, realization, you got it\*; CONCEPTS 230, 706 —*Ant.* disappointment, dissatisfaction, failure, frustration, unfulfillment

**full** [adj1] *brimming, filled* abounding, abundant, adequate, awash, big, bounteous, brimful, burdened, bursting, chockablock, chock-full, competent, complete, crammed, crowded, entire, extravagant, glutted, gorged, imbued, impregnated, intact, jammed, jammed full\*, jam-packed\*, laden, lavish, loaded, overflowing, packed, packed like sardines, padded, plenteous, plentiful, plethoric, profuse, replete, running over, sated, satiated, satisfied, saturated, stocked, stuffed, sufficient, suffused, surfeited, teeming, voluminous, weighted; CONCEPTS 481, 483, 773, 774, 786 —*Ant.* empty, incomplete, void

**full** [adj2] *thorough* absolute, abundant, adequate, all-inclusive, ample, blow-by-blow\*, broad, choate, circumstantial, clocklike, complete, comprehensive, copious, detailed, entire, exhaustive, extensive, generous, integral, itemized, maximum, minute, particular, particularized, perfect, plenary, plenteous, plentiful, unabridged, unlimited, whole; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* incomplete

**full** [adj3] *deep in sound* clear, distinct, loud, resonant, rich, rounded, throaty; CONCEPT 594

**full** [adj4] *satiated in hunger* glutted, gorged, jaded, lousy with\*, sated, satiate, stuffed, surfeited, up to here\*; CONCEPTS 406, 481, 774 —*Ant.* empty, hungry, needy, starved, unsatisfied

**full-blooded** [adj] *purebred; strong* hardy, hearty, powerful, robust, sound, thoroughbred, unmixed, vigorous, virile, vital; CONCEPTS 314, 489, 613

**full-bodied** [adj] *robust* concentrated, fruity, full-flavored, heady\*, heavy, lusty, mellow, potent, redolent, rich, strong, well-matured; CONCEPTS 489, 613 —*Ant.* weak

**full-grown/full-fledged** [adj] *developed, ripe, ready* adult, full-blown\*, grown, grown-up, in one's prime\*, marriageable, mature, nubile, of age, perfected, prime, ripened; CONCEPTS 558, 578, 797 —*Ant.* new, small, underdeveloped, undeveloped, unripe, young

**fullness** [n] *abundance, breadth* adequateness, ampleness, amplitude, broadness, completeness, completion, comprehensiveness, congestion, copiousness, curvaceousness, dilation, distension, enlargement, entirety, extensiveness, fill, glut, plenitude, plenty, plenum, profusion, repletion, roundness, satiation, satiety, saturation, scope, sufficiency, surfeit, swelling, totality, tumescence, vastness, voluptuousness, wealth, wholeness, wideness; CONCEPTS 635, 730 —*Ant.* emptiness, incompleteness, need, void, want

**full-scale** [adj] *total, all-out* all-encompassing, comprehensive, exhaustive, extensive, full-blown\*, full-dress\*, full-out\*, in-depth, major, proper, sweeping, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, unlimited, wide-ranging; CONCEPTS 531, 772 —*Ant.* incomplete, incomprehensive, partial

**fully** [adv1] *completely, in all respects* absolutely, all out\*, all the way\*, altogether\*, entirely, every inch\*, from A to Z\*, from soup to nuts\*, heart and soul\*, intimately, outright, perfectly, positively, quite, royal\*, thoroughly, through and through\*, totally, utterly, wholly, without exaggeration; CONCEPTS 531, 772 —*Ant.* incompletely, partially, partly

**fully** [adv2] *sufficiently, adequately* abundantly, amply, comprehensively, enough, plentifully, satisfactorily, well; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inadequately, insufficiently, partly

**fulminate** [v] *criticize harshly* animadvert, berate, blow up, bluster, castigate, censure, condemn, curse, declaim, denounce, denunciate, execrate, explode, fume, intimidate, inveigh against, menace, protest, rage, rail, reprobate, swear at, thunder, upbraid, vilify, vituperate; CONCEPTS 52, 54 —*Ant.* compliment, defend, flatter, praise, support

**fulmination** [n] *tirade, condemnation* blast, curse, denunciation, diatribe, discharge, explosion, intimidation, invective, obloquy, outburst, philippic, reprobation, warning; CONCEPTS 52, 54, 278 —*Ant.* compliment, defense, flattery, praise, support

**fulsome** [adj] *sickening or excessive behavior* adulatory, bombastic, buttery\*, canting, cloying, coarse, extravagant, fawning, flattering, glib, grandiloquent, hypocritical, immoderate, ingratiating, inordinate, insincere, magnilo-

quent, mealy-mouthed\*, nauseating, offensive, oily\*, oleaginous, overdone, saccharine, sanctimonious, slick\*, slimy\*, smarmy\*, smooth, suave, sycophantic, unctuous, wheedling\*;  
CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* reasonable, sincere

**fumble** [v] *bumble, mess up* bollix\*, botch\*, bungle\*, err, feel, flounder, flub\*, fluff\*, goof\*, grapple, grope, lose the handle\*, louse up\*, mishandle, mishandle, mismanage, scrabble\*, screw up\*, spoil, stumble; CONCEPTS 101,181 —*Ant.* do well

**fume** [v] *get very upset about* anger, blow up\*, boil, bristle, burn, chafe, chomp at the bit\*, get hot\*, get steamed up\*, rage, rant, rave, seethe, smoke\*, storm\*; CONCEPTS 21,29,410 —*Ant.* be calm, be happy

**fumes** [n] *pollution, gas in air* effluvium, exhalation, exhaust, haze, miasma, reek, smog, smoke, stench, vapor; CONCEPTS 437,600

**fumigate** [v] *disinfect, ventilate* air out, antisepticize, circulate, decontaminate, deodorize, fan, freshen, purify, sanitize, sterilize, vaporize; CONCEPTS 51,60

**fun** [adj] *good, happy* amusing, boisterous, convivial, diverting, enjoyable, entertaining, lively, merry, pleasant, witty; CONCEPTS 537,572 —*Ant.* bad, sad, unfun, unhappy, woeful

**fun** [n] *amusement, play* absurdity, ball\*, big time\*, blast\*, buffoonery, celebration, cheer, clowning, distraction, diversion, enjoyment, entertainment, escapade, festivity, foolery, frolic, gaiety, gambol, game\*, good time\*, grins\*, high jinks\*, holiday, horseplay\*, jesting, jocularly, joke, joking, jollity, joy, junketing, laughter, living it up\*, merriment, merry-making, mirth, nonsense, pastime, picnic\*, playfulness, pleasure, recreation, rejoicing, relaxation, riot, romp, romping, solace, sport, tomfoolery\*, treat, whoopee\*; CONCEPTS 386,388 —*Ant.* sadness, work

**function** [n1] *capacity, job* action, activity, affair, behavior, business, charge, concern, duty, employment, exercise, faculty, goal, mark, mission, object, objective, occupation, office, operation, part, post, power, province, purpose, raison d'être\*, responsibility, role, service, situation, target, task, use, utility, work; CONCEPTS 362,659

**function** [n2] *social occasion* affair, celebration, do\*, gathering, get-together\*, meeting, party, reception; CONCEPT 386

**function** [v] *perform, work* act, act the part\*, behave, be in action, be in commission, be in operation, be running, cook, do, do duty\*, do one's thing\*, get with it\*, go, go to town\*, move, officialize, officiate, operate, percolate\*, react, run, serve, take, take care of business\*; CONCEPTS 87,362 —*Ant.* idle, malfunction

**functional** [adj] *working* handy, occupational, operative, practicable, practical, serviceable, useful, utile, utilitarian, utility; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* broken, idle, malfunctioning, unfunctional

**fund** [n] *repository, reserve* armamentarium, capital, endowment, foundation, hoard, inventory, kitty\*, mine, pool\*, reservoir, source, stock, store, storehouse, supply, treasury, trust, vein; CONCEPTS 332,340,710

**fund** [v] *provide money for* back, bankroll,

capitalize, endow, finance, float, grubstake\*, juice\*, patronize, pay for, pick up the check\*, pick up the tab\*, promote, stake, subsidize, support; CONCEPTS 115,341 —*Ant.* take

**fundamental** [adj] *basic, important* axiological, axiomatic, basal, bottom, bottom-line\*, cardinal, central, constitutional, constitutive, crucial, elemental, elementary, essential, first, foundational, grass-roots\*, indispensable, integral, intrinsic, key, major, meat-and-potatoes\*, necessary, organic, original, paramount, primary, prime, primitive, primordial, principal, radical, requisite, rudimentary, significant, structural, substratal, substrative, supporting, sustaining, theoretical, underived, underlying, vital; CONCEPTS 546,567 —*Ant.* additional, advanced, auxiliary, extra, minor, secondary, subordinate, trivial, unimportant

**fundamental** [n] *basic, essential part* ABCs\*, axiom, basis, bottom line\*, brass tacks\*, coal and ice\*, component, constituent, cornerstone, element, factor, foundation, guts\*, heart, law, nitty-gritty\*, principium, principle, rock bottom\*, rudiment, rule, sine qua non\*, theorem; CONCEPTS 668,688,826,829 —*Ant.* addition, auxiliary, extra, subordinate, trivia

**fundraiser** [n] *pledge drive* appeal for funds, bazaar, charity event, charity sale, philanthropic enterprise, radiothon, telethon; CONCEPTS 337,657

**funds** [n] *cash reserve* accounts receivable, affluence, assets, backing, bankroll, belongings, bread\*, budget, capital, collateral, currency, dough\*, earnings, finance, fluid assets, hard cash\*, kitty\*, lucre, means, money, money in the bank\*, money on hand\*, nest egg\*, nut\*, petty cash, pork barrel\*, possessions, proceeds, profits, property, ready money\*, resources, revenue, savings, scratch\*, securities, specie, stakes\*, store\*, stuff\*, substance, treasure, wealth, wherewithal\*, winnings\*; CONCEPTS 340,710 —*Ant.* debt

**funeral** [n] *ceremony for the dead* burial, cremation, entombment, exequies, funeration, inhumation, interment, last rites, obit, obsequies, planting, requiem, sepulture, services, solemnities; CONCEPTS 172,386 —*Ant.* baptism, christening

**funereal** [adj] *depressing* black, bleak, dark, deathlike, dirgelike, disheartening, dismal, doleful, dreary, elegiac, gloomy, grave, grim, lamenting, lugubrious, melancholic, mournful, oppressive, sad, sepulchral, serious, solemn, somber, woeful; CONCEPTS 403,537,542 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, joyful, lively, upbeat

**funk** [n] *fear, depression* alarm, cold sweat\*, despondency, fright, gloom, misery, panic, trembling; CONCEPTS 27,410 —*Ant.* happiness, joy

**funnel** [v] *direct down a path* carry, channel, conduct, convey, filter, move, pass, pipe, pour, siphon, traject, transmit; CONCEPTS 187,217

**funny** [adj] *comical, humorous* absurd, amusing, antic, blithe, capricious, clever, diverting, droll, entertaining, facetious, farcical, for grins\*, gas\*, gay, gelastic, good-humored, hilarious, humdinger, hysterical, jocular, jocular, joking, jolly, killing\*, knee-slapper\*, laughable, ludicrous, mery, mirthful, playful, priceless, rich, ridiculous, riot, riotous, risible, screaming,

side-splitting\*, silly, slapstick, sportive, waggish, whimsical, witty; CONCEPTS 267,529,537 —*Ant.* dramatic, melancholy, sad, serious, tragic, unamusing, unfunny

**funny** [adj2] *odd, peculiar* bizarre, curious, dubious, fantastic, mysterious, perplexing, puzzling, queer, remarkable, strange, suspicious, unusual, weird; CONCEPTS 552,564 —*Ant.* common, normal, standard, usual

**funny money** [n] *counterfeit money* bad currency, bad money, counterfeit currency, fake currency, fake money, false currency, false money, play money; CONCEPTS 648,725

**fur** [n] *hair on animals* brush, coat, down, fluff, fuzz, hide, jacket, lint, pelage, pelt, pile, skin, wool; CONCEPT 399

**furbitish** [v] *polish; renovate* brighten, buff, burnish, clean, deck out\*, fix up, glaze, gloss, gussy up\*, improve, recondition, refurbish, rehabilitate, renew, restore, rub, shine, smarten up\*, spruce up\*; CONCEPTS 162,165,700

**furious** [adj1] *extremely angry, very mad* bent\*, bent out of shape\*, beside oneself\*, boiling\*, browned off\*, bummed out\*, corybantic, crazed, demented, desperate, enraged, fierce, fit to be tied\*, frantic, frenetic, frenzied, fuming, hacked, hopping mad\*, incensed, infuriated, insane, irrational, livid, maddened, maniac, on the warpath\*, rabid, raging, smoking\*, steamed, unreasonable, up in arms\*, vehement, vicious, violent, wrathful; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, elated, excited, exhilarated, happy, pleased

**furious** [adj2] *stormy, turbulent* agitated, blustering, blustery, boisterous, concentrated, excessive, exquisite, extreme, fierce, flaming, impetuous, intense, intensified, raging, rampagous, rough, savage, tempestuous, terrible, tumultuous/tumultuous, unmanageable, unrestrained, vehement, vicious, violent, wild; CONCEPTS 525,537,548 —*Ant.* calm, mild, moderate, peaceful, quiet

**furlough** [n] *leave of absence* layoff, leave, liberty, rest and recreation, rest and recuperation, rest and relaxation, R&R, sabbatical, shore leave, shutdown, vacation; CONCEPTS 802,807

**furnace** [n] *heating mechanism* boiler, calefactor, cinerator, cremator, forge, Franklin stove, heater, heating system, incinerator, kiln, oil burner, smithy, stove; CONCEPT 463 —*Ant.* freezer

**funnish** [v1] *decorate, supply* accoutre, apparel, appoint, arm, array, clothe, endow, equip, feather a nest\*, fit, fit out\*, fix up\*, gear, line a nest\*, make habitable, outfit, provide, provision, purvey, rig, stock, store, turn out; CONCEPTS 140,177,182 —*Ant.* leave plain, unfurnish

**furnish** [v2] *give, reveal information* afford, bestow, deliver, dispense, endow, feed, grant, hand, hand over, offer, present, provide, supply, transfer, turn over; CONCEPTS 60,67,108 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, secret

**furnishings** [n] *appliances, furniture* accessories, accouterments, appointments, décor, equipment, fittings, fixtures, gear, provisions, trappings; CONCEPT 443

**furniture** [n] *household property* appliance, appointment, bed, bookcase, buffet, bureau, cabinet, chair, chattel, chest, commode, couch, counter, cupboard, davenport, desk, dresser,

effect, equipment, fittings, furnishing, goods, highboy, hutch, movables, possession, sideboard, sofa, stool, table, thing, wardrobe; CONCEPT 443

**furor** [n] *disturbance, excitement* ado\*, agitation, big scene\*, big stink\*, bustle, commotion, craze, enthusiasm, fad, ferment, flap\*, free-for-all\*, frenzy, fury, fuss, hell broke loose\*, hullabaloo\*, hysteria, lunacy, madness\*, mania, outburst, outcry, rage, row, ruckus, stir\*, to-do\*, tumult, uproar, whirl; CONCEPTS 230,388,410 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**furrow** [n] *ditch* channel, corrugation, crease, crinkle, crow's-foot\*, dike, fluting, fold, groove, gutter, hollow, line, plica, rabbit, ridge, rimple, rivet, ruck, rut, seam, trench, wrinkle; CONCEPT 513

**further** [adj] *additional* added, another, else, extra, farther, fresh, in addition, more, new, other, supplementary; CONCEPT 771

**further** [adv] *additionally* again, also, as well as, besides, beyond, distant, farther, in addition, moreover, on top of\*, over and above\*, then, to boot, what's more\*, yet, yonder; CONCEPT 771

**further** [v] *advance, lend support* aid, assist, back up, bail out\*, ballyhoo\*, champion, contribute, encourage, engender, expedite, facilitate, forward, foster, generate, give a boost to\*, go with, hasten, help, lend a hand\*, open doors\*, patronize, plug, promote, propagate, push, serve, speed, succor, take care of, work for; CONCEPTS 69,87,110 —*Ant.* block, cease, check, curtail, delay, frustrate, halt, hinder, impede, obstruct, prevent, protest, stop

**furtherance** [n] *advancement* advocacy, backing, boosting, carrying-out, championship, progress, progression, promotion, prosecution, pursuit; CONCEPTS 110,704 —*Ant.* blockage, curtailment, delay, hindrance, impediment, stoppage

**furthermore** [adv] *in addition* additionally, along, as well, besides, likewise, moreover, not to mention, to boot, too, what's more\*, withal, yet; CONCEPTS 577,824

**furthest** [adj] *most distant* extreme, farthest, most remote, outermost, outmost, remotest, ultimate, uttermost; CONCEPTS 586,778 —*Ant.* closest, nearest

**furtive** [adj] *sneaky, secretive* artful, calculating, cautious, circumspect, clandestine, cloaked, conspiratorial, covert, crafty\*, creepy\*, cunning, disguised, elusive, evasive, foxy, guileful, hidden, hush-hush\*, insidious, masked, scheming, shifty\*, skulking, slinking\*, sly, stealthy, subrosa\*, surreptitious, tricky\*, undercover, underhand, underhanded, under-the-table\*, under wraps\*, wily; CONCEPTS 548,576 —*Ant.* aboveboard, forthright, honest, open, truthful

**fury** [n] *anger, wrath* acerbity, acrimony, asperity, boiling point\*, conniption, energy, ferocity, fierceness, fire, flare-up, force, frenzy, furor, impetuosity, indignation, intensity, ire, madness, might, passion, power, rabidity, rage, rampancy, rise, savagery, severity, slow burn\*, sore, stew\*, storm\*, tempestuousness, turbulence, vehemence, violence; CONCEPTS 29,410 —*Ant.* calm, happiness, peace

**fuse** [*v*] *meld, intermix* agglutinate, amalgamate, bind, blend, cement, coalesce, combine, commingle, deliquesce, dissolve, federate, flux, integrate, interblend, interfuse, intermingle, join, liquefy, liquesce, melt, merge, mingle, run, run together, smelt, solder, thaw, unite, weld; CONCEPT 113 —*Ant.* disconnect, divide, separate

**fusillade** [*n*] *rapid outburst* barrage, broadside, burst of fire, hail, salvo, volley; CONCEPT 633

**fusion** [*n*] *melding; mixture* admixture, alloy, amalgam, amalgamation, blend, blending, coadunation, coalescence, coalition, commingling, commixture, compound, federation, heating, immixture, integration, intermixture, junction, liquefaction, liquification, melting, merger, merging, smelting, soldering, synthesis, unification, union, uniting, welding; CONCEPTS 113, 260, 432 —*Ant.* disconnection, division, separation

**fuss** [*n*] *disturbance, trouble* ado, agitation, altercation, argument, bickering, bother, broil\*, bustle, commotion, complaint, confusion, controversy, difficulty, display, dispute, excitement, falling-out\*, fight, flap, flurry, flutter, fret, furor, hassle, kick-up\*, objection, palaver, perturbation, quarrel, row, ruckus, scene, squabble, stew\*, stink\*, stir, storm, to-do\*, turmoil, unrest, upset, wingding\*, worry; CONCEPTS 46, 106, 388, 633 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**fussy** [*adj*] *meticulous, particular* careful, choosy, conscientious, conscionable, dainty, difficult, discriminating, exact, exacting, fastidious, finical, finicky, fretful, fuddy-duddy\*, hard to please\*, heedful, nit-picking\*, overfastidious, painstaking, persnickety, picky, picky-picky\*, punctilious, punctual, querulous, scrupulous, squeamish, stickling; CONCEPTS 401, 404

—*Ant.* uncritical, undemanding, unfussy  
**fustian** [*adj*] *pompous* arrogant, boastful, bombastic, conceited, flaunting, high and mighty\*, highfalutin, lofty, ostentatious, pontifical, portentous, pretentious, puffed up\*, ranting, self-centered, self-important, vain, vainglorious; CONCEPTS 267, 401, 542

**futile** [*adj*] *hopeless, pointless* abortive, barren, bootless, delusive, empty, exhausted, forlorn, fruitless, hollow, idle, impracticable, impractical, ineffective, ineffectual, insufficient, in vain, no dice\*, negatory, on a treadmill\*, otiose, out the window\*, profitless, resultless, save one's breath\*, sterile, to no avail\*, to no effect\*, to no purpose\*, trifling, trivial, unavailing, unimportant, unneeded, unproductive, unprofitable, unreal, unsatisfactory, unsubstantial, unsuccessful, useless, vain, valueless, worthless; CONCEPTS 528, 548, 560 —*Ant.* fruitful, hopeful, productive, profitable

**futility** [*n*] *uselessness* emptiness, frivolousness, fruitlessness, hollowness, idleness, ineffectiveness, ineffectuality, meaninglessness, pointlessness, senselessness, unprofitableness, worthlessness; CONCEPT 560

**futon** [*n*] *sofa bed* convertible sofa, couch, davenport, daybed, sofa; CONCEPT 443

**future** [*adj*] *to come; expected* approaching, booked, budgeted, close at hand\*, coming, coming up, destined, down the line\*, down the pike, down the road\*, eventual, fated, final, forthcoming, from here in, from here on, from

here to eternity\*, from now on in\*, imminent, impending, inevitable, in the cards\*, in the course of time, in the offing\*, just around the corner\*, later, likely, looked toward, near, next, planned, prospective, scheduled, subsequent, to be\*, ulterior, ultimate, unborn, unfolding, up; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* past

**future** [*n*] *time to come* aftertime, afterward, by and by\*, destiny, eternity, expectation, fate, futurity, hereafter, infinity, life to come, millennium, morrow, offing, outlook, posterity, prospect, subsequent time, to be\*, tomorrow, world to come\*; CONCEPTS 679, 807, 811, 818

—*Ant.* past  
**futuristic** [*adj*] *ahead of one's time* advanced, cutting edge, innovative, modern, pioneering, revolutionary, visionary; CONCEPTS 578, 589, 797

**fuzz** [*n*] *fluff* down, dust ball\*, dust bunnies\*, fiber, floss, fur, hair, lanugo, lint, nap, pile; CONCEPT 260 —*Ant.* smoothness

**fuzzy** [*adj*1] *fluffy* down-covered, downy, flossy, frizzy, furry, hairy, linty, napped, pilate, velutinous, woolly; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* smooth

**fuzzy** [*adj*2] *out of focus* bleary, blurred, dim, distorted, faint, foggy, hazy, ill-defined, indefinite, indistinct, misty, muffled, murky, obscure, shadowy, unclear, unfocused, vague; CONCEPT 619 —*Ant.* clear

## G

**gab** [*n*] *conversation* blab\*, blather\*, chat, chitchat\*, gossip, idle talk\*, locuquity\*, palaver\*, prattle, small talk\*, talk, tête-à-tête, tongue-wagging\*, yak\*, yakkety-yak\*; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* silence

**gab** [*v*] *talk a lot* blabber\*, blather\*, buzz\*, chatter, gossip, jabber\*, jaw\*, prate, prattle, yak\*, yakkety-yak\*; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* be quiet

**gabby** [*adj*] *talkative* chattering, chatty, effusive, garrulous, glib, gossiping, gushing, jabbering, long-winded\*, loose-lipped\*, loquacious, mouthy\*, prattling, prolix, talky, verbose, voluble, windy\*, wordy; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* close-mouthed, quiet, secretive  
**gad** [*v*] *roam about* cruise, gallivant, hit the road\*, hit the trail\*, jaunt, knock about\*, knock around\*, maunder, mooch\*, ramble, range, rove, run around\*, stray, traipse, wander; CONCEPTS 149, 224

**gadfly** [*n*] *goad; nuisance* annoyance, energizer, excitant, irritant, motivator, mover, pest, prod, spur, stimulator; CONCEPTS 412, 674

**gadget** [*n*] *device, novelty* apparatus, appliance, business, concern, contraption, contrivance, doodad\*, doohickey\*, gimmick, gizmo\*, invention, object, thing\*, thingamajig, tool, utensil, whatchamacallit\*, widget\*; CONCEPTS 463, 499

**gadgetsry** [*n*] *mechanism* appliances, bells and whistles, contraptions, ingenious device, instrumentation, machinery, works; CONCEPTS 463, 499

**gaffe** [*n*] *mistake, goof* blooper\*, blunder, boner\*, boo-boo\*, faux pas\*, howler\*, impropriety, indecorum, indiscretion, putting foot in mouth\*, slip\*, solecism; CONCEPTS 101, 230

—*Ant.* correction



**gag** [*n*] *practical joke* crack, drollery, hoax, jest, quip, ruse, trick, wile, wisecrack, witicism; CONCEPT 59

**gag** [*v*] *silence, stop up* balk, bottle up\*, choke, constrain, cork\*, cork up\*, curb, deaden, demur, garrote, keep the lid on\*, muffle, muzzle, obstruct, put the lid on\*, quiet, repress, restrain, shut down, shy, squash\*, squelch, stifle, still, stumble, suppress, tape up\*, throttle\*, tongue-tie\*; CONCEPTS 121,130

**gag** [*v*2] *vomit, choke* be nauseated, disgorge, gasp, heave, nauseate, pant, puke\*, retch, sicken, spew, strain, struggle, throw up; CONCEPTS 179,308

**gaiety** [*n*] *happiness, celebration* animation, blitheness, brightness, brilliance, cheer, color, colorfulness, conviviality, effervescence, elation, entertainment, exhilaration, festivity, frolic, fun, geniality, gladness, glee, glitter, good humor\*, grins\*, high spirits\*, hilarity, joie de vivre, jollity, joviality, jousyness, lightheartedness, liveliness, merriment, merry-making, mirth, pleasantness, radiance, revel, reveling, revelry, shindig\*, showiness, sparkle, sport, sprightliness, vivacity, whoopee\*, wingding\*; CONCEPTS 377,388 —*Ant.* sadness, solemnity, unhappiness

**gaily** [*adv*] *happily, brightly* blithely, brilliantly, cheerfully, colorfully, flamboyantly, flashily, gleefully, glowingly, joyfully, laughingly, lightheartedly, merrily, showily, sparkingly, spiritedly, splendidly, vivaciously, with élan\*, with spirit\*; CONCEPTS 542,589 —*Ant.* sadly, solemnly, unhappily

**gain** [*n*] *acquisition, winnings* accretion, accrual, accumulation, achievement, addition, advance, advancement, advantage, attainment, benefit, boost, buildup, cut, dividend, earnings, emolument, gravy\*, growth, headway\*, hike\*, improvement, income, increase, increment, lucre, payoff, proceeds, produce, profit, progress, receipts, return, rise, share, take, up\*, upping\*, velvet\*, yield; CONCEPTS 337, 344,706, 710 —*Ant.* expenditure, forfeit, forfeiture, loss, waste

**gain** [*v*] *acquire, win* accomplish, achieve, advance, ameliorate, annex, attain, augment, benefit, boost, bring in, build up, capture, clear, collect, complete, consummate, earn, enlarge, enlist, expand, fulfill, gather, get, glean, grow, harvest, have, improve, increase, land, make, make a killing\*, move forward, net, obtain, overtake, parlay, perfect, pick up, procure, produce, profit, progress, promote, rack up\*, reach, realize, reap, score\*, secure, succeed, win over; CONCEPTS 120,124,129 —*Ant.* exhaust, forfeit, lose, miss, pass, spend, waste

**gainful** [*adj*] *very productive, profitable* advantageous, beneficial, fat, fruitful, generous, going, going concern\*, good, in the black\*, lucrative, lush, moneymaking, paid off, paying, remunerative, rewarding, rich, satisfying, substantial, sweet\*, useful, well-paying, worthwhile; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* disadvantageous, unproductive, unprofitable, useless

**gainsay** [*v*] *contradict* combat, contravene, controvert, cross, deny, disaffirm, disagree, disclaim, disprove, dispute, fight, impugn, negate, negative, oppose, refute, repudiate,

resist, traverse, withstand; CONCEPTS 52,54

—*Ant.* agree, concur, go along

**gait** [*n*] *way an animal or person moves, walks* amble, bearing, canter, carriage, clip, gallop, get along, lick, march, motion, movement, pace, run, speed, step, stride, tread, trot, walk; CONCEPT 149

**gala** [*adj*] *celebratory* bright, colorful, convivial, festal, festive, gay, happy, jovial, joyful, merry; CONCEPT 548

**gala** [*n*] *festival* affair, ball, bash, blast\*, blowout\*, carnival, celebration, clambake, dance, do, festivity, fete, fiesta, function, get-together\*, hop, jamboree, moveable feast, pageant, party, prom, roast, shindig\*, stag, to-do\*, wingding\*; CONCEPTS 377,383

**galaxy** [*n*] *nebula* elliptical galaxy, irregular galaxy, island universe, Milky Way, spiral galaxy, star cluster, star system; CONCEPTS 370,511

**gale** [*n*] *violent storm* blast, blow, burst, chinook, cyclone, hurricane, mistral, monsoon, outbreak, outburst, squall, tempest, tornado, typhoon, wind, windstorm; CONCEPTS 524,526

**gall** [*n*] *nerve, brashness* acrimony, animosity, arrogance, bitterness, brass, brazenness, cheek\*, chutzpah\*, conceit, confidence, crust cynicism, effrontery, guts\*, haughtiness, hostility, impertinence, impudence, insolence, malevolence, malice, overbearance, pomposity, presumption, rancor, sauciness, self-importance, spite, venom; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* modesty, reservations, shyness

**gall** [*v*] *upset, irritate* aggravate, annoy, bedevil, bother, burn, chafe, chide, disturb, exasperate, fret, grate, harass, harry, inflame, irk, nag, peeve, pester, plague, provoke, rile, roil, rub, ruffle, scrape, torment, trouble, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* cheer, encourage, enliven, exhilarate, make happy

**gall** [*v*2] *rub raw* abrade, bark, burn, chafe, corrode, erode, excoriate, file, fray, frazzle, fret, grate, graze, irritate, scrape, scratch, scuff, skin, wear; CONCEPT 215

**gallant** [*adj*] *brave, splendid* attentive, bold, considerate, courageous, courteous, courtly, daring, dashing, dauntless, dignified, doughty, fearless, fire-eating\*, game\*, glorious, gracious, grand, gritty\*, hairy\*, heroic, honorable, intrepid, lionhearted\*, lofty, magnanimous, noble, plucky\*, polite, quixotic, stately, stouthearted, suave, thoughtful, urbane, valiant, valorous; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* afraid, cowardly, fearful, timid, ungentlemanly, unmannerly

**gallantry** [*n*] *bravery, civility* address, attentiveness, audacity, boldness, courage, courageousness, courteousness, courtesy, daring, dauntlessness, deference, derring-do\*, duty, elegance, fearlessness, graciousness, honor, intrepidity, mettle, nerve, nobility, pluck\*, poise, politeness, prowess, resolution, reverence, savoir-faire, spirit, tact, urbanity, valiance, valor; CONCEPTS 411,657 —*Ant.* cowardliness, fear

**gallery** [*n*1] *balcony* arcade, loggia, mezzanine, patio, porch, upstairs, veranda; CONCEPT 440

**gallery** [*n*2] *showplace for wares* exhibit, exhibition room, hall, museum, salon, showroom, studio, wing; CONCEPTS 448,449

**gallery** [n3] *audience, usually seated high attendance, onlookers, peanut gallery\**, public, spectators; CONCEPTS 294,417

**galling** [adj] *very upsetting acid, afflictive, aggravating, annoying, bitter, bothersome, distasteful, exasperating, grievous, harassing, humiliating, irksome, irritating, nettlesome, painful, plaguing, provoking, rankling, unpalatable, vexatious, vexing*; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —*Ant.* cheering, comforting, pleasing, satisfying, soothing, wonderful

**gallivant** [v] *run around, gad about cruise, jaunt, meander, mooch, ramble, range, roam, rove, stray, traipse, wander*; CONCEPTS 149,224 —*Ant.* behave

**gallop** [v] *bolt, race with slight jumping motion amble, canter, career, course, dart, dash, fly, hasten, hurdle, hurry, jump, leap, lope, pace, rack, run, rush, shoot, speed, spring, sprint, stride, tear along, trot, zoom*; CONCEPTS 150,194

**galvanize** [v] *inspire, stimulate animate, arouse, astonish, awaken, commove, electrify, energize, excite, fire\**, frighten, innervate, invigorate, jolt, motivate, move, pique, prime, provoke, quicken, shock, spur, startle, stir, stun, thrill, vitalize, wake, zap\*; CONCEPTS 7,14,22 —*Ant.* depress, deter, discourage, disparage, dissuade, retard

**gambit** [n] *plan, plot artifice, design, device, gimmick, jig, maneuver, play, ploy, ruse, trick*; CONCEPT 660

**gamble** [n] *chance, speculation action, bet, fling, leap\**, long shot\*, lottery, outside chance\*, raffle, risk, shot in the dark\*, spec\*, stab\*, throw of the dice\*, toss up\*, uncertainty, venture, wager; CONCEPTS 28,363 —*Ant.* design, guard, insurance, plan, protection, safeguard

**gamble** [v] *take a chance on winning back, bet, brave, buck the odds\**, cast lots\*, challenge, cut the cards, dare, defy, endanger, face, flip the coin\*, game, go for broke\*, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, lay money on\*, lot, make a bet, play, plunge, put, put faith in, put trust in, risk, set, shoot the moon\*, shoot the works\*, speculate, stake, stick one's neck out\*, take a flyer\*, tempt fortune\*, trust to luck, try one's luck, venture, wager; CONCEPTS 28,363 —*Ant.* be careful, design, ensure, guard, insure, plan, safeguard

**gambol** [v] *tumble playfully bound, caper, carry on, cavort, cut, cut a caper\**, cut loose\*, fool around\*, frisk, frolic, hop, horse around\*, jump, kibitz around\*, kick up one's heels\*, lark, leap, play, prance, revel, roister, rollick, romp, skip, sport, spring, whoop it up\*; CONCEPTS 149,194,363

**game** [adj1] *brave, willing bold, courageous, dauntless, desirous, disposed, dogged, eager, fearless, gallant, hardy, heroic, inclined, interested, intrepid, nervy\**, persevering, persistent, plucky\*, prepared, ready, resolute, spirited, spunky, unafraid, unflinching, up for\*, valiant, valorous; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* afraid, cautious, cowardly, disinclined, fearful, unprepared, unready, unwilling

**game** [adj2] *debilitated ailing, bad, crippled, deformed, disabled, incapacitated, injured, lame, maimed, weak*; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* able, capable, working

**game** [n1] *entertainment adventure, amusement, athletics, business, distraction, diversion,*

*enterprise, festivity, frolic, fun, jest, joke, lark, line, merriment, merrymaking, occupation, pastime, plan, play, proceeding, pursuit, recreation, romp, scheme, sport, sports, undertaking*; CONCEPTS 292,363

**game** [n2] *individual sporting event competition, contest, match, meeting, round, tournament*; CONCEPT 364

**game** [n3] *undomesticated animals chased for food chase, fish, fowl, kill, meat, prey, quarry, ravin, victim, wild animals*; CONCEPTS 394,457,460

**game** [n4] *plot, trick butt, derision, design, device, hoax, joke, object of ridicule, plan, ploy, practical joke, prank, scheme, stratagem, strategy, tactic*; CONCEPTS 59,660

**gamely** [adv] *bravely boldly, courageously, dauntlessly, eagerly, enthusiastically, fearlessly, stoutly, with one's head held high\**; CONCEPT 401

**gamut** [n] *range area, catalogue, compass, diapason, extent, field, panorama, scale, scope, series, spectrum, sweep*; CONCEPTS 651,788

**gamy** [adj] *ill-smelling; corrupt fetid, foul, malodorous, pungent, rancid, rank, reeking, seamy, sordid, strong-flavored, strong-smelling, strong-tasting, tainted*; CONCEPT 598

**gang** [n] *group, mob of people assemblage, band, bunch, circle, clan, clique, club, cluster, combo\*, company, coterie, crew, crowd, herd, horde, knot, lot, organization, outfit, pack, party, posse, ring, set, shift, squad, syndicate, team, tribe, troop, troupe, workers, zoo\**; CONCEPT 387

**gangling** [adj] *rangy awkward, bony, gawky, lanky, leggy, long-legged, long-limbed, lumbering, skinny, spindly, tall, thin*; CONCEPTS 490,491

**gangster** [n] *person involved in illegal activities bandit, bruiser\*, criminal, crook, dealer, desperado, goon\*, hit person, hood, hoodlum, hooligan\*, mafioso\*, member of the family, mobster, pusher, racketeer, robber, ruffian, soldier\*, thug, tough*; CONCEPT 412

**gap** [n] *break, breach aperture, arroyo, blank, caesura, canyon, chasm, cleft, clove, crack, cranny, crevice, cut, defile, difference, disagreement, discontinuity, disparity, divergence, divide, division, fracture, gorge, gulch, gully, hiatus, hole, hollow, inconsistency, interlude, intermission, interruption, interspace, interstice, interval, lacuna, lull, notch, opening, orifice, pause, ravine, recess, rest, respite, rest, rift, rupture, separation, slit, slot, space, vacancy, void*; CONCEPTS 513,665 —*Ant.* closure

**gape** [v1] *gawk beam, bore, eye, eyeball\*, focus, get a load of\*, get an eyeful\*, give the eye\*, glare, gloat, goggle\*, look, ogle, peer, rubberneck\*, size up\*, stare, take in\*, wonder, yawp\**; CONCEPT 623

**gape** [v2] *be wide open cleave, crack, dehisce, divide, frondesce, gap, part, split, yaw, yawn*; CONCEPT 135 —*Ant.* close

**gaping** [adj] *wide open broad, cavernous, chasmal, great, vast, yawning*; CONCEPTS 485,490 —*Ant.* closed, shut

**garage** [n] *storage building for vehicles, workplace barn, carport\*, car stall\*, parking*

lot, parking space, repair shop, shop, storage; CONCEPTS 439,449

**garb** [*n*] *clothing* apparel, appearance, array, attire, clothes, costume, dress, duds\*, feathers\*, form, garment, gear, guise, habiliment, habit, outfit, rags\*, raiment, robes\*, semblance, things\*, threads\*, uniform, vestments, wear; CONCEPT 451

**garb** [*v*] *fit with clothes* apparel, array, attire, clad, clothe, cover, deck, deck out\*, drape, dress, dud\*, fit out\*, garment, raiment, rig out\*, rig up\*, robe, suit up\*, tog\*, turn out\*; CONCEPT 167 —*Ant.* disrobe, unclot

**garbage** [*n*] *refuse, litter* bits and pieces\*, debris, detritus, dreck, dregs, dross, filth, junk, muck, odds and ends\*, offal, rubbish, rubble, scrap, scrapings, sewage, slop\*, sweepings, swill, trash, waste; CONCEPT 260

**garble** [*v*] *mix up, misrepresent* belie, color, confuse, corrupt, distort, doctor, falsify, jumble, misinterpret, mislead, misquote, misstate, mutilate, obscure, pervert, slant, tamper with, twist, warp; CONCEPTS 59,63 —*Ant.* decipher, order, pronounce, represent, translate, unscramble

**garden** [*n*] *cultivated plants, flowers* back yard, bed, cold frame, conservatory, enclosure, field, greenhouse, hothouse, nursery, oasis, patch, patio, plot, terrace; CONCEPTS 509,517

**gargantuan** [*adj*] *very large* big, colossal, elephantine, enormous, giant, gigantic, heavy-weight, huge, humongous, immense, jumbo, leviathan, mammoth, massive, monstrous, monumental, mountainous, prodigious, super-colossal\*, super-duper\*, titanic, towering, tremendous, vast, whopping\*; CONCEPTS 491,773 —*Ant.* little, miniscule, small, tiny

**gargle** [*v*] *rinse the mouth with liquid* irrigate, swish, trill, use mouthwash; CONCEPTS 169, 308,616

**garish** [*adj*] *flashy, tasteless* blatant, brassy, brazen, cheap, chintzy, flaunting, gaudy, glaring, glittering, kitschy\*, loud, metreticulous, ornate, ostentatious, overdone, overwrought, raffish, screaming\*, showy, tawdry, tinsel, vulgar; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* discreet, modest, normal, plain, tasteful

**garland** [*n*] *strand of material, usually hung* bays, chaplet, coronal, crown, festoon, honors, laurel, palm, wreath; CONCEPTS 260,429

**garment** [*n*] *article of clothing* apparel, array, attire, costume, covering, drapes\*, dress, duds\*, feathers\*, garb, gear, get-up\*, habiliment, habit, outfit, raiment, robe, things\*, threads\*, togs\*, uniform, vestments, wear, weeds\*; CONCEPT 451

**garner** [*v*] *collect, accumulate* amass, assemble, cull, cumulate, deposit, extract, gather, glean, harvest, hive, hoard, lay in\*, lay up\*, pick up, put by\*, reap, reserve, roll up\*, save, stockpile, store, stow away, treasure; CONCEPTS 109,135 —*Ant.* disperse, dissipate, divide, separate, spread

**garnish** [*n*] *embellishment, improvement* adornment, decoration, enhancement, furbelow, gingerbread\*, ornament, ornamentation, tinsel, trim, trimming; CONCEPT 824 —*Ant.* decrease, divestment, plainness

**garnish** [*v*] *embellish, improve* adorn, beautify, bedeck, deck, decorate, dress up, enhance, fix

up, grace, gussy up\*, ornament, set off\*, spiff up\*, spruce up\*, trim; CONCEPT 244 —*Ant.* decrease, divest, harm, hurt, leave plain, strip

**garrison** [*n*] *military post, fort* barracks, base, camp, citadel, command post, encampment, fortification, fortress, stronghold; CONCEPTS 321,439

**garrulous** [*adj*] *talkative* babbling, blabber-mouth\*, chattering, chatty, effusive, flap jaw\*, gabby, glib, gossiping, gushing, long-winded\*, loose-lipped\*, loose-tongued\*, loquacious, motormouth\*, mouthy, prating, prattling, prolix, prosy, running on at the mouth\*, verbose, voluble, wind-bag\*, windy\*, wordy, yakkity\*, yakky\*; CONCEPTS 267,404 —*Ant.* mum, quiet, reserved, silent, still, untalkative

**gas** [*n*] *something not liquid or solid* effluvium, fumes, miasma, smoke, stream, vapor, volatile substance; CONCEPT 465 —*Ant.* liquid, solid

**gash** [*n*] *cut made by slicing* cleft, furrow, gouge, incision, laceration, mark, nip, notch, rent, slash, slit, split, tear, wound; CONCEPT 309

**gash** [*v*] *cut by slicing* carve, cleave, furrow, gouge, incise, injure, lacerate, lance, mark, nip, notch, pierce, rend, slash, slit, split, tear, wound; CONCEPTS 137,176

**gasket** [*n*] *seal cap, covering, packing, stopper*; CONCEPTS 85,160

**gasoline** [*n*] *fuel* diesel fuel, gasohol, juice\*, oil, petrol, propellant; CONCEPTS 467,520,523,661

**gasp** [*n*] *sharply drawn breath* blow, ejaculation, exclamation, gulp, heave, pant, puff, wheeze, whoop; CONCEPTS 163,595

**gasp** [*v*] *draw breath in sharply* blow, catch one's breath, choke, convulse, fight for breath, gulp, heave, inhale, inspire, pant, puff, respire, snifle, snort, wheeze, whoop; CONCEPT 163

**gastric** [*adj*] *pertaining to the stomach* abdominal, celiac, duodenal, enteric, gastrocolic, intestinal, stomach, stomachic, stomachical, ventral; CONCEPT 393

**gate** [*n*] *movable barrier at entrance* access, bar, conduit, door, doorway, egress, exit, gateway, issue, lock, opening, passage, port, portal, revolving door, slammer\*, turnstile, way, weir; CONCEPTS 440,445

**gatekeeper** [*n*] *watchperson* doorkeeper, guard, lookout, monitor, protector, security officer, sentinel, sentry; CONCEPT 348

**gather** [*v1*] *come or bring together* accumulate, aggregate, amass, assemble, associate, bunch up, capture, choose, close with, cluster, collect, concentrate, congregate, convene, converge, corral, crowd, cull, draw, draw in, flock, for-gather, gang up, garner, get together, group, hang around\*, hang out\*, heap, herd, hoard, huddle, make the scene\*, marshal, mass, meet, muster, pick, pile up, pluck, poke\*, pour in, punch\*, rally, reunite, round up\*, scare up\*, scrape together\*, show up, stack up, stockpile, swarm, throng, unite; CONCEPTS 109,114 —*Ant.* allot, deal, disperse, distribute, divide, scatter, separate, spread

**gather** [*v2*] *be led to believe; infer* assume, conclude, deduce, draw, expect, find, hear, imagine, judge, learn, make, presume, reckon, suppose, surmise, suspect, take, think, understand; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misunderstand

**gather** [*v3*] *harvest, pick out* crop, cull, draw, extract, garner, glean, heap, ingather, mass, pick up, pile, pluck, reap, select, stack, take in; CONCEPT 257 —**Ant.** grow, plant

**gather** [*v4*] *gain, increase* build, deepen, enlarge, expand, grow, heighten, intensify, rise, swell, thicken, wax; CONCEPT 780

**gathering** [*n*] *assemblage, accumulation* acquisition, affair, aggregate, aggregation, association, band, body, bunch, caucus, clambake\*, collection, company, concentration, conclave, concourse, conference, congregation, congress, convention, convocation, crowd, crush, drove, flock, function, gain, get-together\*, group, heap, herd, horde, huddle, junction, knot, levy, mass, meet, meeting, muster, parley, party, pile, powwow\*, rally, roundup, social function, society, stock, stockpile, swarm, throng, turnout, union; CONCEPTS 324,386,417

**gauche** [*adj*] *tactless, unsophisticated* awkward, bumbling, clumsy, crude, graceless, green, halting, ham-handed\*, heavy-handed, ignorant, ill-bred, ill-mannered, inelegant, inept, insensitive, lacking, maladroit, oafish, uncouth, uncultured, unhappy, unpolished, wooden\*; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** elegant, graceful, mannerly, polished, refined, sophisticated, tactful, tasteful

**gaudy** [*adj*] *bright and vulgar* blatant, brazen, brilliant, catchpenny\*, chichi\*, chintzy, coarse, crude, flashy, flaunting, florid, frou-frou\*, garish, gay, glaring, gross, gussied up\*, jazzy, kitschy\*, loud, meretricious, obtrusive, ostentatious, pizzazz\*, pretentious, putting on the ritz\*, raffish, ritzy, screaming\*, showy, snazzy, splashy, splendiferous, tasteless, unwieldy, tinsel; CONCEPTS 589,618 —**Ant.** calm, drab, dull, modest, plain, refined, simple, sophisticated

**gauge** [*n*] *measure, standard* barometer, basis, benchmark, bore, capacity, check, criterion, degree, depth, example, exemplar, extent, guide, guideline, height, indicator, magnitude, mark, meter, model, norm, pattern, rule, sample, scale, scope, size, span, test, thickness, touchstone\*, type, width, yardstick; CONCEPTS 647, 680,688,792 —**Ant.** estimate, guess

**gauge** [*v*] *measure, judge* adjudge, appraise, ascertain, assess, calculate, calibrate, check, check out, compute, count, determine, estimate, evaluate, eye\*, figure, figure in, guess, guesstimate, have one's number\*, look over, meter, peg\*, quantify, quantitate, rate, reckon, scale, size, size up\*, take account of, tally, value, weight; CONCEPTS 37,764 —**Ant.** estimate, guess

**gaunt** [*adj*] *skinny* angular, anorexic, attenuated, bare, bleak, bony, cadaverous, desolate, dismal, dreary, emaciated, forbidding, forlorn, grim, haggard, harsh, lank, lean, like a bag of bones\*, meager, peaked, peaky, pinched, rawboned, scraggy, scrawny, skeletal, skeleton, skin and bones\*, spare, thin, wasted; CONCEPTS 406, 490,491 —**Ant.** plump, thick, well-nourished

**gauzy** [*adj*] *see-through, gossamer* in texture delicate, diaphanous, filmy, flimsy, insubstantial, light, lucid, pellucid, sheer, thin, tiffany, translucent, transparent; CONCEPT 606 —**Ant.** cloudy, foggy, heavy, obscured, opaque, thick

**gawk** [*v*] *stare at in amazement* bore\*, eyeball\*, gape, gaze, glare, gloat, goggle\*, look, ogle, peer, rubberneck\*, yawp\*; CONCEPT 623

**gawky** [*adj*] *clumsy* awkward, bumbling, clownish, gauche, loutish\*, lumbering, lumpy\*, lumpy, maladroit, oafish, rude, rustic, splay, uncouth, ungainly; CONCEPTS 550,584 —**Ant.** athletic, graceful, lithe

**gay** [*adj1*] *happy* alert, animate, animated, blithe, blithesome, bouncy, brash, carefree, cheerful, cheery, chipper\*, chirpy, confident, convivial, devil-may-care\*, festive, forward, frivolous, frolicsome, fun-loving, gamesome, glad, gleeful, hilarious, insouciant, jocund, jolly, jovial, joyful, joyous, keen, lighthearted, lively, merry, mirthful, playful, pleasure-seeking, presuming, pushy, rollicking, self-assertive, sparkling, spirited, sportive, sprightly, sunny, vivacious, wild, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 403,542 —**Ant.** depressed, discouraged, sad, unhappy, upset, worried

**gay** [*adj2*] *colorful, vivid* brave, bright, brilliant, flamboyant, flashy, fresh, garish, gaudy, intense, rich, showy; CONCEPTS 589, 618 —**Ant.** colorless, dull, lifeless, plain, uncolorful

**gay** [*adj3*] *homosexual* homoerotic, homophile, lesbian, Sapphic; CONCEPT 372 —**Ant.** heterosexual

**gaze** [*n*] *long, fixed stare* fish eye\*, glaring, gun\*, look, looking, ogling, peek, peep, rubbernecking\*, scrutiny, seeing, survey, watching; CONCEPT 623

**gaze** [*v*] *stare at* admire, beam\*, bore\*, contemplate, eye, eyeball\*, gape, gawk, get a load of\*, get an eyeful\*, glare, gloat, inspect, lamp\*, look, look fixedly, moon\*, observe, ogle, peek, peep, peer, pin\*, pipe\*, regard, rubber\*, rubberneck\*, scrutinize, see, size up\*, survey, take in\*, view, watch, wonder; CONCEPTS 623,626

**gazebos** [*n*] *pavilion* arbor, bandstand, belvedere, bower, kiosk, platform, rotunda, summerhouse; CONCEPTS 440,443

**gear** [*n1*] *equipment* accessory, accoutrement, adjunct, apparatus, appendage, appurtenance, baggage, belongings, contraption, effects, encumbrances, fittings, habilitment, harness, impedimenta, instrument, kit, kit and kaboodle\*, luggage, machinery, material, materiel, means, outfit, paraphernalia, possessions, rigging, setup, stuff, supply, tackle, things, tools, trappings; CONCEPT 496

**gear** [*n2*] *toothed part of wheel* cog, cogwheel, gearwheel, pinion, ragwheel, sprocket, spur-wheel; CONCEPT 464

**gear** [*n3*] *clothing* apparel, array, attire, clothes, costume, drapes\*, dress, duds\*, feathers\*, garb, garments, habit, outfit, rags\*, threads\*, toggery\*, togs\*, wear; CONCEPT 451

**gear** [*v*] *prepare, equip* accouter, adapt, adjust, appoint, arm, blend, fit, fit out\*, furnish, harness, match, organize, outfit, ready, regulate, rig\*, suit, tailor, turn out; CONCEPTS 182,202

**geek** [*n*] *odd person; computer expert* buffoon, computer specialist, nerd, nerdie, dolt, dork, freak, goon, guru, neurotic, techy, weirdo; CONCEPTS 352,366,423

**gelatinous** [*adj*] *coagulated* gluey, glutinous, gummy, jelled, jellied, jelly-like, mucilaginous, pudding\*, sticky, thick, viscid, viscous; CONCEPT 606 —**Ant.** liquid

**geld** [*v*] *castrate* alter\*, emasculate, eunuchize, fix\*, neuter, spay, sterilize, unman; CONCEPTS 240,250

**gem** [*n*] *precious stone; treasure* bauble\*, glass\*, hardware\*, jewel, jewelry, masterpiece, nonpareil, ornament, paragon, pearl, pick, prize, rock\*, sparkler\*, stone, trump\*; CONCEPTS 337,446,474

**gender** [*n*] *grammatical rules applying to nouns that connote sex or animateness* common, feminine, gender-specific, masculine, neuter; CONCEPT 408

**genealogy** [*n*] *person's family tree* ancestry, blood line, derivation, descent, extraction, generation, genetics, heredity, history, line, lineage, parentage, pedigree, progeniture, stemma, stirps, stock, strain; CONCEPT 296

**general** [*adj*1] *common, accepted* accustomed, broad, commonplace, conventional, customary, everyday, extensive, familiar, generic, habitual, humdrum, inclusive, matter-of-course\*, natural, normal, ordinary, popular, prevailing, prevalent, public, regular, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, typical, uneventful, universal, usual, wide, widespread, wanted; CONCEPTS 530,547 —**Ant.** abnormal, exceptional, extraordinary, individual, novel, rare, unaccepted, uncommon, unique, unusual

**general** [*adj*2] *inexact, approximate* ill-defined, imprecise, inaccurate, indefinite, loose, not partial, not particular, not specific, uncertain, undetailed, unspecific, vague; CONCEPT 557 —**Ant.** circumscribed, definite, exact, individual, limited, particular, singular, specific

**general** [*adj*3] *comprehensive* across-the-board\*, all-around\*, all-embracing\*, all-inclusive\*, ample, blanket, broad, catholic, collective, comprehending, diffuse, ecumenical, encyclopedic, endless, extensive, far-reaching, generic, global, inclusive, indiscriminate, infinite, limitless, miscellaneous, overall, panoramic, sweeping, taken as a whole, total, ubiquitous, unconfined, universal, unlimited, wide, worldwide; CONCEPTS 537,772 —**Ant.** circumscribed, limited

**generality** [*n*] *vague notion* abstraction, abstract principle, generalization, half-truth, law, loose statement, observation, principle, sweeping statement, universality; CONCEPTS 688,689 —**Ant.** detail, specific, specificity

**generalize** [*v*] *make a sweeping assumption, statement* be metaphysical, conclude, derive, discern, discover, establish, hypothesize, induce, observe, philosophize, postulate, speculate, stay in the clouds\*, theorize, vapor; CONCEPTS 37,49 —**Ant.** except, specify

**generally** [*adv*] *mainly, in most cases* about, all in all, almost always, altogether, approximately, as a rule, broadly, by and large, chiefly, commonly, conventionally, customarily, en masse, extensively, for the most part, habitually, largely, mostly, normally, on average, on the whole, ordinarily, overall, popularly, practically, predominantly, primarily, principally, publicly, regularly, roughly, roundly, thereabouts, typically, universally, usually, widely; CONCEPTS 530,547,772 —**Ant.** exactly, particularly, rarely, seldom, specifically

**generate** [*v*] *produce, create* accomplish,

achieve, bear, beget, breed, bring about, bring to pass, cause, develop, effect, engender, form, found, get up, give birth to, give rise to, hatch, inaugurate, induce, initiate, institute, introduce, make, multiply, muster, occasion, originate, parent, perform, procreate, propagate, provoke, reproduce, set up, spawn, whip up\*, work up; CONCEPTS 173,205,251,374 —**Ant.** break, destroy

**generation** [*n*1] *creation, production* bearing, begetting, breeding, bringing forth, engenderment, formation, fructifying, genesis, multiplying, origination, procreation, propagation, reproduction, spawning; CONCEPTS 173,205,374 —**Ant.** destruction

**generation** [*n*2] *era; age group* aeon, breed, contemporaries, crop, day, days, eon, epoch, peers, period, rank, span, step, time, times; CONCEPTS 807,816

**generic** [*adj*] *common, general* all-encompassing, blanket, collective, comprehensive, inclusive, nonexclusive, sweeping, universal, wide; CONCEPT 530 —**Ant.** exclusive, individual, particular, specific

**generosity** [*n*] *spirit of giving* all heart\*, almsgiving, altruism, beneficence, benevolence, bounteousness, bounty, charitableness, charity, free giving, goodness, heart, high-mindedness, hospitality, kindness, largesse, liberality, magnanimity, munificence, nobleness, openhandedness, philanthropy, profusion, readiness, unselfishness; CONCEPTS 411,657 —**Ant.** greed, meanness, selfishness, stinginess

**generous** [*adj*1] *giving, big-hearted* acceptable, altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, big, bounteous, bountiful, charitable, considerate, easy, equitable, excellent, fair, free, good, great-hearted, helpful, high-minded, honest, honorable, hospitable, just, kind, kindhearted, kindly, lavish, liberal, lofty, loose, magnanimous, moderate, munificent, noble, open-handed, philanthropic, prodigal, profuse, reasonable, soft-touch\*, thoughtful, tolerant, ungrudging, unselfish, unsparing, unstinting, willing; CONCEPTS 404,542 —**Ant.** greedy, mean, miserly, selfish, stingy

**generous** [*adj*2] *plentiful* abundant, affluent, ample, aplenty, bounteous, bountiful, copious, dime a dozen\*, full, galore, handsome, large, lavish, liberal, luxuriant, no end\*, no end in sight\*, overflowing, plenteous, rich, stinking with\*, unstinting, wealthy; CONCEPTS 334,589,781 —**Ant.** depleted, wanting

**genesis** [*n*] *beginning, creation* alpha, birth, commencement, dawn, dawning, engendering, formation, generation, inception, opening, origin, outset, propagation, provenance, provenience, root, source, start; CONCEPTS 119,832 —**Ant.** conclusion, end, finale, finish

**genetic** [*adj*] *coming from heredity* abiogenetic, ancestral, digenic, eugenic, genealogical, genetal, hereditary, historical, matrilineal, patrimonial, phylogenetic, sporogenous, xeno-genetic; CONCEPTS 314,549 —**Ant.** acquired

**genial** [*adj*] *extremely nice and happy* affable, agreeable, amiable, amicable, blithe, cheerful, cheery, cheery, chipper\*, chirpy\*, congenial, convivial, cordial, easygoing, enlivening, favorable, friendly, gentle, glad, good-natured,

gracious, hearty, high, jocund, jolly, jovial, joyous, kind, kindly, merry, neighborly, perky, pleasant, sociable, sunny\*, sunny side up\*, up\*, upbeat, upper\*, warm, warm-hearted; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* aloof, cold, cool, cranky, irritable, moody, unfriendly, unhappy

**geniality** [*n*] *extreme niceness* affability, agreeability, agreeableness, amenity, amiability, cheerfulness, cheeriness, congenialness, conviviality, cordiality, enjoyableness, friendliness, gladness, good cheer, good nature, gratefulness, happiness, heartiness, jollity, joviality, joy, joyousness, kindness, kindness, mirth, pleasance, pleasantness, sunniness\*, sweetness and light\*, warmheartedness, warmth; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* aloofness, coldness, coolness, irritation, moodiness, unfriendliness, unhappiness

**genie** [*n*] *mythical being* demon, djinni, jinnee, jinni, spirit, wizard; CONCEPT 361

**genius** [*n*] *gift of high intellect* ability, accomplishment, acumen, acuteness, adept, aptitude, aptness, astuteness, bent, brain, brilliance, capability, capacity, creativity, discernment, Einstein\*, endowment, expert, faculty, flair, grasp, head, imagination, inclination, ingenuity, inspiration, intelligence, inventiveness, knack, mature, originality, perspicience, perspicacity, power, precocity, prodigy, propensity, prowess, reach, sagacity, superability, talent, turn, understanding, virtuoso, wisdom; CONCEPTS 350,409, 416 —*Ant.* idiot, imbecile

**genocide** [*n*] *mass extermination* annihilation, carnage, decimation, ethnic cleansing, holocaust, massacre, mass execution, mass murder, race extermination, slaughter; CONCEPT 252

**genre/genus** [*n*] *type, class* brand, category, character, classification, fashion, group, kind, school, sort, species, style; CONCEPTS 378,388, 655

**genteel** [*adj*] *sophisticated, cultured* affected, aristocratic, artificial, chivalrous, civil, confined, courteous, courtly, cultivated, distingué, elegant, fashionable, formal, graceful, hollow, intolerant, la-di-da\*, mannerly, noble, ostentatious, polished, polite, pompous, precious, pretentious, priggish, prim, prissy, prudish, refined, respectable, straitlaced, stuffy\*, stylish, urbane, well-behaved, well-bred, well-mannered; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* boorish, callous, rough, rude, rugged, uncultured, unrefined, unsophisticated

**gentility** [*n*] *sophistication, cultivation* aristocracy, blue blood\*, civility, courtesy, courtliness, culture, decorum, elegance, elite, etiquette, flower\*, formality, gentle birth\*, gentlefolk, gentry, good breeding\*, good family\*, good manners\*, high birth\*, mannerliness, nobility, optimacy, polish, politeness, propriety, quality, rank, refinement, respectability, ruling class\*, society, upper class, upper crust\*, urbanity; CONCEPTS 388,411 —*Ant.* coarseness, crudeness, roughness, rusticity

**gentle** [*adj*] *having a mild or kind nature* affable, agreeable, amiable, benign, biddable, bland, compassionate, considerate, cool\*, cultivated, disciplined, docile, domesticated, dove-like\*, easy, genial, humane, kindly, laid back\*, lenient, manageable, meek, mellow, merciful, moderate, pacific, peaceful, placid, pleasant,

pleasing, pliable, quiet, soft, softhearted, sweet-tempered, sympathetic, tame, taught, temperate, tender, tractable, trained, warm-hearted; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* crude, rough, troubled, unkind, violent, wild

**gentle** [*adj*] *mild, temperate in effect on senses* balmy, bland, calm, clement, delicate, easy, faint, feeble, gradual, halcyon, hushed, imperceptible, lenient, light, low, low-pitched, low-toned, mellow, mild, moderate, muted, peaceful, placid, quiet, sensitive, serene, slight, slow, smooth, soft, soothing, subdued, tender, tranquil, untroubled; CONCEPTS 525,537,594 —*Ant.* harsh, loud, odorless, putrid, rough, sharp, strong

**gentle** [*adj*] *of noble birth* aristocratic, blue-blooded\*, Brahmin\*, courteous, cultured, elegant, genteel, highborn, highbred, noble, polished, polite, refined, upper-class, well-born, well-bred; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* crude, low

**gentleperson** [*n*] *polite, well-mannered person* aristocrat, brick\*, good egg\*, good person, nice person, noble, scholar; CONCEPT 423

**genuine** [*adj*] *authentic, real* 24-carat\*, absolute, accurate, actual, authenticated, bona fide, -carat\*, certain, certified, demonstrable, exact, existent, factual, for real\*, good, hard, honest, honest-to-goodness\*, indubitable, in the flesh\*, kosher\*, legit, legitimate, literal, natural, official, original, palpable, plain, positive, precise, proved, pure, real stuff\*, sound, sterling, sure-enough\*, tested, true, unadulterated, unalloyed, undoubted, unimpeachable, unquestionable, unvarnished, valid, veritable, very, whole; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* counterfeit, false, illegitimate, sham, unreal

**genuine** [*adj*] *unaffected; honest* actual, artless, candid, earnest, frank, heartfelt, known, natural, open, positive, real, reliable, righteous, sincere, true, trustworthy, undesigned, unfeigned, unimpeachable, unpretended, unquestionable, up front\*, valid, well-established; CONCEPTS 267,542 —*Ant.* affected, deceiving, deceptive, dishonest, insincere, misleading

**genus** [*n*] *type* brand, breed, category, class, compartment, department, division, genre, group, kind, make, model, section, sort, style, subdivision, subfamily, variety; CONCEPT 378

**geography** [*n*] *the earth's features; study of land* cartography, chorography, earth science, geology, geopolitical study, geopolitics, physiographics, physiography, topography, topology; CONCEPTS 349,509

**germ** [*n*] *microscopic organism, often causing illness* antibody, bacterium, bug\*, disease, microbe, microorganism, parasite, pathogen, plague, virus, what's going around\*; CONCEPTS 306,392

**germ** [*n*] *beginning* bud, cause, egg, embryo, inception, nucleus, origin, ovule, ovum, root, rudiment, seed, source, spark, spore, sprig, sprout; CONCEPTS 392,648,826,832

**germane** [*adj*] *appropriate* ad rem, akin, allied, applicable, applicative, applicatory, apposite, apropos, apt, cognate, connected, fitting, kindred, kosher\*, legit\*, material, on target\*, on the button\*, on the nose\*, pertinent, proper, related, relating, relevant, right on\*, suitable, that's the ticket\*, to the point, to the purpose;

CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, irrelevant, unfitting, unrelated, unsuitable

**germinate** [v] *grow* bud, develop, generate, live, originate, pullulate, shoot, sprout, swell, vegetate; CONCEPT 427 —*Ant.* halt, slow, stop, thwart

**gestation** [n] *process of early development* evolution, fecundation, gravidity, growth, incubation, maturation, pregnancy, reproduction, ripening; CONCEPTS 316, 704, 809

**gesture** [n] *motion as communication* action, body language, bow, curtsy, expression, genuflection, gesticulation, high sign, indication, intimation, kinesics, mime, nod, pantomime, reminder, salute, shrug, sign, signal, sign language, token, wave, wink; CONCEPTS 74, 185 —*Ant.* speech

**gesture/gesticulate** [v] *make signs, motions to communicate* act out, flag, indicate, mime, pantomime, signal, signalize, use one's hands, use sign language, wave; CONCEPT 74 —*Ant.* speak

**get** [v1] *come into possession of; achieve* access, accomplish, acquire, annex, attain, bag\*, bring, bring in, build up, buy into, buy off, buy out, capture, cash in on\*, chalk up\*, clean up\*, clear, come by, compass, cop\*, draw, earn, educate, effect, elicit, evoke, extort, extract, fetch, gain, get hands on\*, glean, grab, have, hustle\*, inherit, land, lock up, make, make a buy, make a killing\*, net, obtain, parlay, pick up, procure, pull, rack up\*, realize, reap, receive, score, secure, snag\*, snap up\*, snowball\*, succeed to, take, wangle\*, win; CONCEPTS 120, 706, 710 —*Ant.* fail, lose, miss, pass

**get** [v2] *fall victim to* accept, be afflicted with, become infected with, be given, be smitten by, catch, come down with\*, contract, get sick, receive, sicken, succumb, take; CONCEPT 93 —*Ant.* overtake, overthrow

**get** [v3] *seize* apprehend, arrest, bag\*, beat, capture, catch, collar\*, defeat, grab, lay hold of\*, lay one's hands on\*, nab\*, nail\*, occupy, overcome, overpower, secure, take, trap; CONCEPT 90 —*Ant.* give in, surrender, yield

**get** [v4] *come to be* achieve, attain, become, come over, develop into, effect, go, grow, realize, run, turn, wax\*; CONCEPTS 697, 706

**get** [v5] *understand* acquire, catch, catch on to, comprehend, fathom, figure out, follow, gain, get into one's head\*, hear, know, learn, look at, memorize, notice, perceive, pick up\*, receive, see, take in, work out; CONCEPTS 15, 31 —*Ant.* misconstrue, misunderstand

**get** [v6] *arrive* advance, blow in\*, come, come to, converge, draw near, land, make it, reach, show, show up, turn up; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* depart, leave

**get** [v7] *contact for communication* get in touch, reach; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* lose

**get** [v8] *arrange, manage* desired goal adjust, contrive, dispose, dress, fit, fix, make, make up, order, prepare, ready, straighten, succeed, wangle\*; CONCEPT 202 —*Ant.* fail, mismanage

**get** [v9] *convince, induce* argue into, beg, bring around, coax, compel, draw, influence, persuade, press, pressure, prevail upon, prompt, provoke, sway, talk into, urge, wheedle, win over; CONCEPT 68 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade

**get** [v10] *have an effect on* affect, amuse,

arouse, bend, bias, carry, dispose, entertain, excite, gratify, impress, influence, inspire, move, predispose, prompt, satisfy, stimulate, stir, stir up, strike, sway, touch; CONCEPTS 7, 22

**get** [v11] *produce offspring* beget, breed, generate, procreate, produce, propagate, sire; CONCEPT 374

**get** [v12] *irritate, upset* aggravate, annoy, bother, bug\*, bum, exasperate, gall, get someone's goat\*, irk, nettle, peeve, pique, provoke, put out\*, rile, rub the wrong way\*, try, vex; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —*Ant.* calm, please, soothe

**get** [v13] *confuse* baffle, beat, bewilder, buffalo\*, confound, discomfit, disconcert, distress, disturb, embarrass, mystify, nonplus, perplex, perturb, puzzle, stick\*, stump, upset; CONCEPT 16 —*Ant.* understand

**get across** [v] *communicate an idea* bring home\*, convey, get through to, impart, make clear, make understood, pass on, put over, transmit; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* miscommunicate

**get ahead** [v] *excel, succeed* advance, be successful, climb, do well, flourish, get on, leave behind, make good, outdo, outmaneuver, overtake, progress, prosper, surpass, thrive; CONCEPTS 141, 706 —*Ant.* fail, fall behind

**get a kick out of** [v] *delight in* be pleased, dig\*, enjoy, get a bang out of\*, get a charge out of\*, get pleasure from, gloat over, take pleasure in; CONCEPTS 32, 384

**get along** [v1] *make progress* cope, develop, do, fare, flourish, get by\*, get on\*, make out, manage, muddle through\*, prosper, shift, succeed, thrive; CONCEPTS 117, 704 —*Ant.* cease, halt, stop

**get along** [v2] *depart* advance, be off, go, go away, leave, march, move, move off, move on, proceed, progress, push ahead, take a hike\*; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrive

**get along** [v3] *be compatible* agree, be friendly, get on\*, harmonize, hit it off\*; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* argue, bicker

**get at** [v1] *attain* access, achieve, acquire, arrive, ascertain, gain access, get hold of, reach; CONCEPT 120 —*Ant.* lose, miss, pass

**get at** [v2] *mean, intend* aim, hint, imply, lead up to, purpose, suggest; CONCEPT 75

**getaway** [n] *escape* break, breakout, decampment, flight, lam, slip; CONCEPT 102

**get back** [v1] *regain* reclaim, recoup, recover, repossess, retrieve, salvage; CONCEPT 120 —*Ant.* lose, miss, pass

**get back** [v2] *return* arrive home, come back, come home, reappear, revert, revisit, turn back; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* depart, go away, leave

**get back at** [v] *settle a score* be avenged, get even, pay back, retaliate, revenge, take vengeance; CONCEPTS 14, 246

**get by** [v] *manage, survive* contrive, cope, do, do well enough, exist, fare, flourish, get along, get on, make ends meet\*, make out, muddle through\*, prosper, shift, subsist, succeed, thrive; CONCEPT 117

**get down** [v] *dismount* alight, bring down, climb down, come down, descend, disembark, get off, lower, step down; CONCEPT 154 —*Ant.* get up, mount

**get even** [v] *to get revenge* even the score, get back at, get square, settle the score; CONCEPTS 126, 384

**get in** [v] *infiltrate; find a way in* alight, appear, arrive, blow in\*, come, embark, enter, gain ingress, get inside, include, insert, interpose, land, mount, penetrate, reach, show, show up, turn up; CONCEPT 159 —**Ant.** get out

**get off** [v] *depart* alight, blow\*, descend, disembark, dismount, escape, exit, go, go away, leave, light, pull out, quit, retire, withdraw; CONCEPTS 154, 195 —**Ant.** arrive

**get off someone's back** [v] *leave alone* back off, get off someone's case, let someone breathe, stop annoying, stop nagging; CONCEPTS 30, 83

**get on** [v1] *mount* ascend, board, climb, embark, enplane, entrain, go up, scale; CONCEPTS 159, 166 —**Ant.** dismount, get off

**get on** [v2] *cope, progress* advance, do, do well enough, fare, get along, get by, make out, manage, muddle through\*, prosper, shift, succeed; CONCEPTS 117, 704

**get on** [v3] *be compatible* agree, be friendly, concur, get along, harmonize, hit it off; CONCEPT 388 —**Ant.** disagree

**get on** [v4] *put clothing* on assume, attire, don, draw on, dress, slip into, throw on, wear; CONCEPT 167 —**Ant.** disrobe, unclothe

**get out** [v] *escape* alight, avoid, beat it\*, begone, be off, break out, bug off\*, buzz off\*, clear out, decamp, depart, dodge, duck, egress, evacuate, evade, exit, extricate oneself, flee, fly, free oneself, go, hightail\*, kite\*, leave, make tracks\*, run away, scam\*, shirk, shun, skedaddle\*, split, take a hike\*, take off, vacate, vamoose\*, withdraw; CONCEPTS 102, 195 —**Ant.** capture, grab, seize

**get over** [v] *recover* come round, get better, mend, overcome, pull through, recuperate, shake off, survive; CONCEPT 35

**get the lead out** [v] *hurry* get a move on, get cracking\*, get going, get it on, hop to it, hustle, look alive, make it snappy, shake a leg\*, snap to it, step on it; CONCEPTS 91, 150

**get together** [v] *gather, accumulate* assemble, collect, congregate, convene, converge, join, meet, muster, rally, unite; CONCEPTS 109, 113 —**Ant.** disperse, distribute, divide, scatter, separate

**get up** [v] *mount; get out of bed* arise, ascend, awake, awaken, climb, increase, move up, pile out\*, rise, rise and shine\*, roll out, scale, spring out, stand, turn out, uprise, upspring; CONCEPT 154

**geyser** [n] *fountain* gusher, hot spring, jet, spout, thermal spring; CONCEPTS 514, 648

**ghastly** [adj] *horrifying, dreadful; pale* abhorrent, anemic, appalling, ashen, awful, bloodless, cadaverous, corpse-like, deathlike, dim, disgusting, faint, frightening, frightful, funereal, ghostly, ghoulish, grim, grisly, gruesome, haggard, hideous, horrendous, horrible, horrid, livid, loathsome, lurid, macabre, mortuary, nauseating, offensive, pallid, repellent, repulsive, sepulchral, shocking, sickening, spectral, supernatural, terrible, terrifying, uncanny, unearthly, unnatural, unpleasant, wan, weak, wraithlike; CONCEPTS

485, 529, 537 —**Ant.** delightful, pleasant, pleasing, wonderful

**ghetto** [n] *slum* public squalor, rundown section of a city; CONCEPTS 334, 485, 570

**ghetto box** [n] *large portable stereo* boom box, ghetto blaster, radio; CONCEPT 279

**ghost** [n] *spirit of the dead* apparition, appearance, banshee, daemon, demon, devil, eidolon, ethereal being, haunt, incorporeal being, kelpie, manes, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, revenant, shade, shadow, soul, specter, spook, vampire, vision, visitor, wraith, zombie; CONCEPT 370 —**Ant.** being, entity

**ghostly** [adj] *spooky* apparitional, cadaverous, corpse-like, deathlike, divine, eerie, eidolic, ghostly, haunted, holy, illusory, insubstantial, pale, phantasmal, phantom, scary, shadowy, spectral, spiritual, supernatural, uncanny, unearthly, vampiric, wan, weird, wraithlike, wraithy; CONCEPTS 485, 537

**ghoul** [n] *evil demon* bogeyman, devil, evil spirit, fiend, grave robber, monster; CONCEPTS 370, 412

**ghoulish** [adj] *hideous, scary* cruel, demonic, devilish, diabolical, eerie, fiendish, frightening, ghostly, grim, grisly, gruesome, horrible, macabre, monstrous, morbid, revolting, spine-chilling, spooky, terrifying; CONCEPTS 529, 548

**GI** [n] *government issue; soldier* army personnel, doughboy, enlisted person, GI Joe, serviceman; CONCEPT 358

**giant** [adj] *very large* big, blimp\*, brooding-nagian\*, colossal, cyclopean, elephantine\*, enormous, gargantuan, gigantic, gross\*, Herculean\*, huge, hulking, humongous\*, immense, jumbo\*, mammoth, monstrous\*, mountainous, prodigious, super-duper\*, titanic, vast, whale of a\*, whaling\*; CONCEPTS 491, 773, 779, 781 —**Ant.** dwarf, little, miniature, miniscule, minor, small, teeny, tiny

**giant** [n] *extremely large person* behemoth, bulk, colossus, cyclops, elephant\*, goliath, Hercules\*, hulk, jumbo\*, leviathan, mammoth, monster\*, mountain\*, ogre, polypheme, titan, whale\*, whopper\*; CONCEPT 424 —**Ant.** dwarf, midget, runt

**gibberish** [n] *nonsense talk* babble, balderdash\*, blah-blah\*, blather, chatter, claptrap\*, double talk\*, drivel, gobbledygook\*, hocus-pocus\*, jabber\*, jargon, mumbo jumbo\*, palaver\*, prattle, scat\*, twaddle\*, yammer\*; CONCEPT 278 —**Ant.** sense

**gibe** [n] *ridicule* comeback, cutting remark, derision, dig\*, dump\*, jab, jeer, joke, mockery, parting shot\*, put-down\*, rank-out\*, sarcasm, scoffing, slam\*, sneer, swipe, taunt; CONCEPT 278 —**Ant.** commendation, praise

**gibe** [v] *ridicule* deride, dis\*, disrespect, flout, jeer, make fun of\*, mock, poke fun at\*, scoff, scorn, sneer, taunt; CONCEPTS 52, 54 —**Ant.** admire, commend, laud, praise

**giddy** [adj] *silly, impulsive* bemused, brainless, bubbleheaded\*, capricious, careless, changeable, changeful, ditz\*, dizzy, empty-headed\*, erratic, fickle, flighty\*, flustered, frivolous, gaga\*, heedless, inconstant, irresolute, irresponsible, lightheaded\*, punchy\*, reckless, reeling, scatterbrained\*, skittish\*, slaphappy\*, swimming\*, thoughtless, unbalanced, unset-



tled, unstable, unsteady, vacillating, volatile, whimsical, whirling, wild, woozy\*; CONCEPTS 314,401 —**Ant.** calm, careful, level-headed, sensible, serious

**gift** [*n1*] *something given freely, for no recompense* allowance, alms, award, beneficence, benefit, bequest, bestowal, bonus, boon, bounty, charity, contribution, courtesy, dispensation, donation, endowment, fairing, favor, giveaway, goodie, grant, gratuity, hand, hand-me-down\*, handout, honorarium, lagniappe, largesse, legacy, libation, oblation, offering, offertory, philanthropy, pittance, premium, present, presentation, provision, ration, relief, remembrance, remittance, reward, souvenir, subscription, subsidy, tip, token, tribute, write-off\*; CONCEPT 337 —**Ant.** forfeit, loss, penalty

**gift** [*n2*] *talent, aptitude* ability, accomplishment, acquirement, aptness, attainment, attribute, bent, capability, capacity, endowment, faculty, flair, forte, genius, head\*, instinct, knack, leaning, nose\*, numen, power, propensity, set, specialty, turn; CONCEPTS 409,630,706

**gifted** [*adj*] *talented, intelligent* able, accomplished, adroit, brilliant, capable, class act, clever, expert, got it\*, have on the ball\*, have smarts\*, have the goods\*, hot\*, hotshot, ingenious, mad, masterly, phenomenal, shining at\*, skilled, smart; CONCEPTS 402,527,528 —**Ant.** dull, incapable, inept, unintelligent, untalented

**gig** [*n*] *show* appearance, concert, employment, engagement, job, performance, recital; CONCEPT 706

**gigantic** [*adj*] *very large* blimp, broodingnagian\*, colossal, cyclopean\*, elephantine, enormous, gargantuan, giant, gross\*, Herculean\*, huge, immense, jumbo\*, mammoth, massive, Moby\*, monster, monstrous, prodigious, stupendous, super-colossal\*, titan, tremendous, vast, whopping\*; CONCEPTS 491,773,779,781 —**Ant.** dwarfed, little, miniature, miniscule, small, teeny, tiny

**giggle** [*n/v*] *snickering laugh* cackle, chortle, chuckle, guffaw\*, hee-haw\*, snicker, snigger, teehée\*, titter, twitter; CONCEPT 77

**gigolo** [*n*] *male escort* Casanova, Don Juan, innamorato, ladies' man, lady-killer, Lothario, lover, male prostitute, seducer; CONCEPT 423

**gild** [*v*] *embellish, decorate* adorn, aureate, aurify, beautify, bedeck, begild, brighten, coat, deck, dress up, embroider, engild, enhance, enrich, garnish, glitter, grace, ornament, overlay, paint, plate, tinsel, varnish, wash, whitewash\*; CONCEPTS 172,177,202

**gimcrack** [*n*] *gewgaw* bagatelle, bauble, curio, doodad\*, knickknack, novelty, souvenir, trinket; CONCEPT 446

**gimmick** [*n*] *contrived object; scheme* aid, apparatus, artifice, catch, concern, counterfeit, deceit, device, dodge\*, fake, feint, fixture, fun, gadget, gambit, game, gizmo\*, imposture, instrument, jest, maneuver, means, method, ploy, ruse, secret, shift, sport, stratagem, stunt, trick, widget\*, wile; CONCEPTS 59,260,660

**gingerly** [*adj*] *careful* calculating, cautious, chary, circumspect, considerate, dainty, delicate, discreet, fastidious, guarded, hesitant, reluctant, safe, squeamish, suspicious, timid,

wary; CONCEPTS 542,550 —**Ant.** careless, rash, rough, uncaredful, uncautious

**gingerly** [*adv*] *carefully* cautiously, charily, circumspectly, daintily, delicately, discreetly, fastidiously, guardedly, hesitantly, reluctantly, safely, squeamishly, suspiciously, timidly, warily; CONCEPTS 542,550 —**Ant.** carelessly, rashly, roughly, uncarefully, uncautiously

**gin mill** [*n*] *barroom* alehouse, beer garden, cocktail lounge, drinkery, pub, public house, saloon, taproom, tavern, watering hole; CONCEPTS 439,448,449

**gird** [*v1*] *encircle; strengthen* band, belt, bind, block, blockade, bolster, brace, buttress, cincture, circle, enclose, encompass, enfold, environ, fasten, fortify, girdle, hem in\*, make ready, pen, prepare, ready, reinforce, ring, round, secure, steel, support, surround; CONCEPTS 250,758 —**Ant.** let go, weaken

**gird** [*v2*] *make fun of* deride, flout, fun at, gibe, jeer, jest, mock, poke, quip, ridicule, scoff, scorn, sneer, taunt; CONCEPTS 52,54 —**Ant.** compliment, flatter, praise

**girder** [*n*] *main support beam* I-beam, joist, rafter, tiebeam, truss; CONCEPTS 471,479

**girdle** [*n*] *corset* band, belt, sash, undergarment, underwear, waistband; CONCEPT 451

**girl** [*n*] *young female person* adolescent, damsel, daughter, lady, lassie, mademoiselle, Ms, schoolgirl, she, teenager, young lady, young woman; CONCEPTS 415,424 —**Ant.** boy

**girlfriend** [*n*] *female acquaintance or romantic companion* companion, confidante, date, fiancée, flame\*, friend, intimate, partner, soul mate, steady, sweetheart; CONCEPTS 415,423

**gist** [*n*] *meaning, essence* basis, bearing, bottom line\*, burden, core, drift, force, heart, idea, import, kernel\*, keynote, marrow, matter, meat\*, name of the game\*, nature of the beast\*, nitty gritty\*, nuts and bolts\*, pith\*, point, punch line, quintessence, score, sense, short, significance, soul, spirit, stuff\*, subject, substance, summary, tenor, theme, thrust, topic, upshot\*; CONCEPT 682

**give** [*v1*] *contribute, supply, transfer* accord, administer, allow, ante up, award, bequeath, bestow, cede, come across, commit, confer, consign, convey, deed, deliver, dish out\*, dispense, dispose of, dole out, donate, endow, entrust, fork over\*, furnish, gift, grant, hand down, hand out, hand over, heap upon, lavish upon, lay upon, lease, let have, make over\*, parcel out, part with, pass down, pass out, permit, pony up\*, present, provide, relinquish, remit, sell, shell out\*, subsidize, throw in, tip, transmit, turn over, vouchsafe, will; CONCEPTS 108,223,243 —**Ant.** hold, keep, take

**give** [*v2*] *communicate* air, announce, be a source of, broadcast, carry, deliver, emit, express, furnish, impart, issue, notify, present, pronounce, publish, put, read, render, state, supply, transfer, transmit, utter, vent, ventilate; CONCEPTS 60,266 —**Ant.** conceal, keep, refrain, withhold

**give** [*v3*] *demonstrate, proffer* administer, bestow, confer, dispense, display, evidence, extend, furnish, hold out, indicate, issue, manifest, minister, offer, pose, present, produce, provide, put on, render, return, set forth, show, tender, yield; CONCEPTS 97,118 —**Ant.** keep

**give** [v4] *yield, collapse* allow, bend, bow to, break, cave, cede, concede, contract, crumble, crumple, devote, fail, fall, flex, fold, fold up, give way, go, grant, hand over, lend, open, recede, relax, relent, relinquish, retire, retreat, sag, shrink, sink, slacken, surrender, weaken; **CONCEPT 13** —**Ant.** fight, hold up, withstand

**give** [v5] *perform action* address, apply, bend, buckle down, cause, devote, direct, do, engender, lead, make, occasion, produce, throw, turn; **CONCEPT 100**

**give-and-take** [n] *compromise* adaptability, cooperation, exchange, reciprocity, swap, trade-off; **CONCEPTS 230,684**

**give away** [v1] *reveal* betray, blab\*, disclose, discover, divulge, expose, inform, leak, let out, let slip, mouth\*, spill, tell, uncover; **CONCEPT 60** —**Ant.** conceal, hide, secret

**give away** [v2] *unselfishly transfer* award, bestow, devote, donate, hand out, present; **CONCEPT 108** —**Ant.** keep

**give in/give up** [v] *admit defeat* abandon, back down\*, bail out\*, bow out\*, buckle under\*, capitulate, cave in\*, cease, cede, chicken out\*, collapse, comply, concede, cry uncle\*, cut out, desist, despair, drop, drop like a hot potato\*, fold, forswear, hand over, leave off, pull out, quit, relinquish, resign, stop, submit, surrender, take the oath\*, throw in the towel\*, waive, walk out on, wash one's hands of\*, yield; **CONCEPTS 8,45,119,385** —**Ant.** fight, hold out, stand up to, withstand

**given to** [adj] *likely to* accustomed, addicted, apt, disposed, habituated, inclined, in the habit of, inured, liable, obsessed, prone; **CONCEPT 472**

**give off/give out** [v] *discharge* beam, belch, effuse, emanate, emit, exhale, exude, flow, give forth, issue, pour, produce, radiate, release, send out, smell of, throw out, vent, void; **CONCEPT 179**

**give the cold shoulder** [v] *snub* act cool\*, brush off\*, disregard, eject, ignore, make unwelcome, neglect, ostracize, shun, turn up one's nose\*, upstage; **CONCEPT 30**

**gizmo** [n] *gadget* appliance, contraption, contrivance, device, doohickey, instrument, machine, mechanical device, thingamabob, thingamajig, tool, whatchamacallit, widget; **CONCEPTS 463,499**

**glacial** [adj1] *extremely cold* antarctic, arctic, biting, bitter, chill, chilly, cool, freezing, frigid, frosty, frozen, gelid, icy, nippy, piercing, polar, raw, wintry; **CONCEPT 605** —**Ant.** hot, warm

**glacial** [adj2] *unfriendly aloof*, antagonistic, chill, cold, cool, distant, emotionless, frigid, hostile, icy, inaccessible, indifferent, inimical, remote, reserved, seclusive, standoffish, unapproachable, unemotional, withdrawn; **CONCEPTS 401,404** —**Ant.** amicable, friendly, warm

**glacier** [n] *mountain of ice, snow* berg, floe, glacial mass, iceberg, icecap, ice field, ice floe, snow slide; **CONCEPT 509**

**glad** [adj] *happy, delightful* animated, beaming, beautiful, blithesome, bright, can't complain\*, cheerful, cheering, cheery, contented, exhilarated, felicitous, floating on air\*, gay, genial, gleeful, gratified, gratifying, hilarious, jocular, jovial, joyful, joyous, lighthearted, merry, mirthful, overjoyed, pleasant, pleased, pleased

as punch\*, pleasing, radiant, rejoicing, sparkling, tickled, tickled pink\*, tickled to death\*, up, willing; **CONCEPTS 403,529**

—**Ant.** sad, unhappy

**gladden** [v] *please* brighten, cheer, delight, elate, hearten, make happy, warm; **CONCEPT 22**

**gladiator** [n] *combatant* boxer, contender, fighter; **CONCEPTS 358,366,412**

**gladly** [adv] *happily* acquiescently, ardently, beatifically, blissfully, blithely, cheerfully, cheerily, contentedly, cordially, delightedly, delightfully, ecstatically, enchanted, enthusiastically, felicitously, freely, gaily, genially, gleefully, gratefully, heartily, jocularly, jovially, joyfully, joyously, lovingly, merrily, paradisiacally, passionately, pleasantly, pleasingly, pleasurable, rapturously, readily, sweetly, warmly, willingly, with good grace, with pleasure, with relish, zealously, zestfully; **CONCEPTS 403,538,542** —**Ant.** sadly, unhappily

**gladness** [n] *happiness* animation, blitheness, cheer, cheerfulness, delight, felicity, gaiety, glee, high spirits\*, hilarity, jollity, joy, joyousness, mirth, pleasure; **CONCEPT 410**

—**Ant.** sorrow, unhappiness, woe

**glamorous** [adj] *sophisticated in style* alluring, attractive, bewitching, captivating, charismatic, charming, classy, dazzling, drop-dead gorgeous\*, elegant, enchanting, entrancing, exciting, fascinating, flashy, foxy\*, glittering, glossy, looking like a million\*, lovely, magnetic, nifty, prestigious, righteous, seductive, siren, smart; **CONCEPTS 579,589** —**Ant.** dull, lackluster, ugly, unglamorous, unsophisticated

**glamour** [n] *sophisticated style* allure, allure-ment, animal magnetism, appeal, attraction, beauty, bewitchment, charisma, charm, color, enchantment, fascination, interest, magnetism, prestige, ravishment, razzle-dazzle\*, romance, star quality; **CONCEPTS 655,718** —**Ant.** drab, dullness, plainness, ugliness

**glance** [n1] *brief look* eye\*, eyeball\*, flash\*, fleeting look, gander, glimpse, lamp\*, look, look-see\*, peek, peep, quick look, sight, slant\*, squint, swivel\*, view; **CONCEPT 623**

—**Ant.** stare

**glance** [n2] *reflection of light* coruscation, flash, gleam, glimmer, glint, glisten, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle; **CONCEPTS 624,628**

**glance** [v1] *look at briefly* browse, check out, dip into\*, flash\*, flip through, gaze, get a load of\*, glimpse, leaf through, peek, peep, peer, riffle through\*, run over, run through, scan, see, skim through\*, take a gander\*, take in, thumb through\*, view; **CONCEPT 623** —**Ant.** stare

**glance** [v2] *reflect light* coruscate, flash, gleam, glimmer, glint, glisten, glitter, shimmer, shine, sparkle, twinkle; **CONCEPT 624**

**glance** [v1] *ricochet, hit off of something* bounce, brush, careen, carom, contact, dart, graze, kiss\*, rebound, scrape, shave\*, side-swipe, skim, skip, slant, slide, strike, touch; **CONCEPT 189**

**glare** [n1] *very bright light, shine* blaze, blinding light, brilliance, dazzle, flame, flare, glow; **CONCEPT 628** —**Ant.** dullness

**glare** [n2] *dirty look* angry stare, bad eye\*, black look\*, evil eye\*, frown, glower, lower, scowl; **CONCEPTS 623,716** —**Ant.** grin, smile

**glare** [*v*1] *give a dirty look* bore, do a slow burn\*, fix, frown, gape, gawk, gaze, glower, look daggers\*, lower, menace, peer, pierce, scowl, stare, stare angrily\*, stare icily\*, wither; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* grin, smile

**glare** [*v*2] *shine very brightly* beam, blare, blaze, blind, blur, daze, dazzle, flame, flare, glaze, glow, radiate; CONCEPT 624

**glaring** [*adj*1] *obvious, unconcealed* audacious, blatant, brazen, capital, conspicuous, crying, egregious, evident, excessive, extreme, flagrant, gross, inordinate, manifest, noticeable, obtrusive, open, outrageous, outstanding, overt, patent, protrusive, rank, visible; CONCEPTS 576, 619 —*Ant.* concealed, hidden

**glaring** [*adj*2] *bright, dazzling*: *flashy* blatant, blaring, blinding, brazen, chintzy, florid, garish, gaudy, glowing, loud, meretricious, shining, tawdry; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* dark, dull, plain

**glass** [*n*1] *object that reflects an image* looking glass, mirror, reflector, seeing glass; CONCEPTS 260,470

**glass** [*n*2] *object used for drinking liquids* beaker, bottle, chalice, cup, decanter, goblet, highball, jar, jigger, jug, mug, pilsener, pony, snifter, tumbler; CONCEPT 494

**glasses** [*n*] *object worn to correct vision* bifocals, blinkers\*, cheaters\*, contact lenses, eyeglasses, four eyes\*, frames, goggles, lorgnette, pince-nez, rims\*, shades\*, specs\*, spectacles, trifocals; CONCEPT 446

**glassy** [*adj*1] *polished, smooth* burnished, clear, glazed, glazy, glossy, hyaline, hyaloid, icy, lustrous, shiny, sleek, slick, slippery, transparent, vitreous, vitric; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* dull, rough, rugged, uneven

**glassy** [*adj*2] *expressionless, especially referring to eyes* blank, cold, dazed, dull, empty, fixed, glazed, lifeless, stupid, vacant; CONCEPTS 406,619 —*Ant.* shining, smiling

**glaze** [*n*] *varnish, lacquer* coat, enamel, finish, glint, gloss, luster, patina, polish, sheen, shine; CONCEPTS 259,475 —*Ant.* stripper

**glaze** [*v*] *varnish, lacquer* buff, burnish, coat, cover, enamel, furbish, glance, glass, gloss, incrust, make lustrous, make vitreous, overlay, polish, rub, shine, vitrify; CONCEPTS 172,202, 215 —*Ant.* strip

**gleam** [*n*] *brightness, sparkle* beam, brilliance, coruscation, flash, flicker, glance, glim, glimmer, glint, glitz, gloss, glow, luster, ray, scintillation, sheen, shimmer, splendor, twinkle; CONCEPTS 620,624 —*Ant.* dullness

**gleam** [*v*] *sparkle* beam, burn, coruscate, flare, flash, glance, glimmer, glint, glisten, glister, glitter, glow, radiate, scintillate, shimmer, shine, twinkle; CONCEPTS 620,624 —*Ant.* dull

**glean** [*v*] *pick out, collect* accumulate, amass, ascertain, conclude, cull, deduce, extract, garner, gather, harvest, learn, pick, reap, select, sift, winnow; CONCEPTS 31,135

**glee** [*n*] *extreme happiness* blitheness, cheerfulness, delectation, delight, elation, enjoyment, exhilaration, exuberance, exultation, fun, gaiety, gladness, hilarity, jocularity, jollity, joviality, joy, joyfulness, joyousness, liveliness, merriment, mirth, pleasure, sprightliness, triumph, verve; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* discouragement, sadness, unhappiness

**gleeful** [*adj*] *very happy* blithe, blithesome, boon, cheerful, delighted, elated, exalted, exuberant, exultant, frolicsome, gay, gratified, hilarious, jocund, jolly, jovial, joyful, joyous, jubilant, lighthearted, merry, mirthful, overjoyed, pleased, triumphant; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* discouraged, sad, sorrowful, unhappy, upset, worried

**glen** [*n*] *valley* canyon, combe, dale, dell, glade, gorge, vale; CONCEPT 509

**glib** [*adj*] *slick, smooth-talking* artful, articulate, easy, eloquent, facile, fast-talking\*, flip, fluent, garrulous, hot-air\*, insincere, loquacious, plausible, quick, ready, silver-tongued\*, slippery\*, smooth operator\*, smooth-spoken\*, smooth-tongued\*, suave, talkative, urbane, vocal, vocative, voluble; CONCEPTS 267,404 —*Ant.* inarticulate, quiet, stuttering, tongue-tied, uncommunicative

**glide** [*v*] *move smoothly and quickly on a surface* coast, decline, descend, drift, flit, float, flow, fly, glissade, roll, run, sail, scud, shoot, skate, skim, skip, skirr, slide, slink, slip, slither, smooth along, soar, spiral, stream, trip, waft, wing; CONCEPT 150

**glimmer** [*n*] *flash, sparkle* blink, coruscation, flicker, glance, gleam, glint, glow, grain, hint, inkling, ray, scintillation, shimmer, suggestion, trace, twinkle; CONCEPTS 624,831 —*Ant.* dullness

**glimmer** [*v*] *sparkle* blink, coruscate, fade, flash, flicker, glance, gleam, glint, glisten, glister, glow, shimmer, scintillate, shimmer, shine, twinkle; CONCEPT 624

**glimpse** [*n*] *brief look* eye, eyeball\*, flash\*, gander\*, glance, glom\*, gun\*, impression, lamp\*, look-see\*, peek, peep, quick look, sight, sighting, slant, squirt, swivel\*; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* stare

**glimpse** [*v*] *look briefly* catch sight of, check out, descry, espy, eye, flash, get a load of\*, get an eyeful\*, peek, sight, spot, spy, take a gander\*, take in\*, view; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* stare

**glint** [*n*] *sparkle* flash, glance, gleam, glimmer, glitter, look, shine, trace, twinkle; CONCEPTS 411,624,628

**glisten** [*v*] *shimmer* coruscate, flash, flicker, glance, glare, gleam, glimmer, glint, glister, glitter, glow, scintillate, shine, sparkle, twinkle; CONCEPT 624

**glitch** [*n*] *error bug\**, defect, flaw, hitch, malfunction, misfire, mishap, problem, setback, snafu, snag, something wrong; CONCEPTS 101, 230,674,699

**glitter** [*n*] *brilliance, sparkle* beam, brightness, coruscation, display, flash, gaudiness, glamour, gleam, gleam, glint, glisten, glister, glitz, luster, pageantry, radiance, scintillation, sheen, shimmer, shine, show, showiness, splendor, tinsel, twinkle, zap\*; CONCEPTS 620,655 —*Ant.* dullness

**glitter** [*v*] *sparkle* coruscate, flash, glance, glare, gleam, glimmer, glint, glisten, glister, glow, scintillate, shimmer, shine, spangle, twinkle; CONCEPT 624

**glitz** [*n*] *showiness* appeal, flashiness, gaudiness, glamour, ostentation, speciousness; CONCEPT 261

**gloat** [v] *exclaim triumph* celebrate, crow\*, exult, glory, rejoice, relish, rub it in\*, triumph, vaunt, whoop\*; CONCEPT 49 —**Ant.** be sad, commiserate, sympathize

**glob** [n] *thick lump* batch, blob, chunk, clump, gob, hunk, mass, wad; CONCEPTS 432,470,471

**global** [adj] *worldwide, all-encompassing* all-around, all-inclusive, all-out, blanket, catholic, comprehensive, cosmic, cosmopolitan, earthly, ecumenical, encyclopedic, exhaustive, general, grand, international, mundane, overall, pandemic, planetary, spherical, sweeping, thorough, total, unbounded, universal, unlimited, world; CONCEPTS 536,772 —**Ant.** individual, limited, local

**globe** [n] *Earth, sphere* apple\*, ball, balloon\*, big blue marble\*, map, orb, planet, rondure, round, spheroid, terrene, world; CONCEPT 436

**gloom** [n1] *melancholy, depression* anguish, bitterness, blue devils\*, blue funk\*, blues\*, catatonia, chagrin, cheerlessness, dejection, desolation, despair, despondency, disconsolateness, discouragement, dismal, distress, doldrums, dolor, downheartedness, dullness, dumps\*, foreboding, grief, heaviness, heavy-heartedness, horror, low spirits\*, malaise, misery, misgiving, mopes, morbidity, mourning, oppression, pensiveness, pessimism, sadness, saturninity, sorrow, unhappiness, vexation, weariness, woe; CONCEPT 410 —**Ant.** animation, cheer, contentedness, encouragement, happiness, joy, sparkle, vivaciousness

**gloom** [n2] *darkness, blackness* bleakness, cloud, cloudiness, dimness, dullness, dusk, duskiness, gloominess, murk, murkiness, obscurity, shade, shadow, twilight; CONCEPTS 620,622,810 —**Ant.** brightness, light, sunniness

**gloomy** [adj1] *dark, black* bleak, caliginous, cheerless, clouded, cloudy, crepuscular, desolate, dim, dismal, dreary, dull, dusky, forlorn, funereal, lightless, murky, obscure, overcast, overclouded, sepulchral, shadowy, somber, tenebrous, unilluminated, unlit, wintry; CONCEPTS 525,617 —**Ant.** bright, light, sunny

**gloomy** [adj2] *feeling down, blue* blue funk\*, broody, chapfallen, cheerless, crabbed\*, crestfallen, dejected, depressed, desolate, despondent, disconsolate, dismal, dispirited, down, downcast, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, down in the mouth\*, dragged, forlorn, glum, in low spirits\*, in the dumps\*, joyless, low, melancholy, mirthless, miserable, moody, moping, mopish, morose, mournful, oppressed, pessimistic, sad, saturnine, solemn, sulky, sullen, surly, ugly, unhappy, weary, woe-begone, woeful; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** animated, cheerful, content, encouraged, happy, joyful, sparkling, vivacious

**gloomy** [adj3] *sad, depressing* acheronian, acherontic, bad, black, bleak, cheerless, cold, comfortless, depressive, desolate, disconsolate, discouraging, disheartening, dismal, dispiriting, drab, dreary, dull, dusky, funereal, joyless, lugubrious, morose, oppressive, saddening, somber, tenebrific; CONCEPTS 537,548 —**Ant.** cheerful, encouraging, exhilarating, happy, uplifting

**glorify** [v1] *praise* acclaim, bless, boost, build up, celebrate, commend, cry up, eulogize, exalt,

extol, hike, honor, hymn, laud, lionize, magnify, panegyricize, put on a pedestal\*, put up, sing the praises of\*; CONCEPT 69 —**Ant.** castigate, condemn, criticize, debase, degrade

**glorify** [v2] *adore, idolize* adorn, aggrandize, apotheosize, augment, beatify, bless, canonize, deify, dignify, distinguish, elevate, enhance, ennoble, enshrine, erect, exalt, halo\*, honor, illuminate, immortalize, lift up, magnify, pay homage to, raise, revere, sanctify, transfigure, uprear, venerate, worship; CONCEPT 12 —**Ant.** humiliate, lower, mock, shame

**glorious** [adj] *adored, idolized; divine* august, beautiful, bright, brilliant, celebrated, dazzling, delightful, distinguished, effulgent, elevated, eminent, enjoyable, esteemed, exalted, excellent, famed, famous, fine, gorgeous, grand, gratifying, great, heavenly, heroic, honored, illustrious, immortal, magnificent, majestic, marvelous, memorable, noble, notable, noted, pleasurable, preeminent, radiant, remarkable, renowned, resplendent, shining, splendid, sublime, superb, time-honored, triumphant, venerable, well-known, wonderful; CONCEPTS 568,574,579 —**Ant.** atrocious, awful, bad, contemptible, disgraceful, shameful

**glory** [n1] *fame, importance* celebrity, dignity, distinction, eminence, exaltation, grandeur, greatness, honor, illustriousness, immortality, kudos, magnificence, majesty, nobility, praise, prestige, renown, reputation, splendor, sublimity, triumph; CONCEPTS 388,668 —**Ant.** unimportance, unknown

**glory** [n2] *great beauty* brightness, brilliance, effulgence, fineness, gorgeousness, grandeur, luster, magnificence, majesty, pageantry, pomp, preciousness, radiance, resplendence, richness, splendor, sublimity, sumptuousness; CONCEPTS 673,718 —**Ant.** ugliness

**glory** [v] *boast, exult* crow, gloat, jubilate, pride oneself, relish, revel, take delight, triumph; CONCEPTS 12,49 —**Ant.** condemn, criticize

**gloss** [n1] *shine, sheen* appearance, brightness, brilliance, burnish, facade, finish, front, glaze, gleam, glint, glossiness, luster, polish, shimmer, silkiness, sleekness, slickness, surface, varnish, veneer; CONCEPTS 611,620 —**Ant.** dullness

**gloss** [n2] *definition* annotation, comment, commentary, elucidation, explanation, footnote, interpretation, note, translation; CONCEPT 268 —**Ant.** misinformation

**gloss** [v1] *make shiny* buff, burnish, finish, furbish, glance, glaze, lacquer, polish, rub, shine, varnish, veneer; CONCEPTS 202,215 —**Ant.** dull

**gloss** [v2] *conceal truth* belie, camouflage, cover up, deacon, disguise, doctor, explain, extenuate, falsify, hide, justify, mask, misrepresent, palliate, rationalize, smooth over, soft-pedal, sugarcoat\*, varnish, veil, veneer, white, whiten, whitewash\*; CONCEPTS 49,63 —**Ant.** clear up, explain, reveal

**gloss** [v3] *define* annotate, comment, construe, elucidate, explain, interpret, justify, translate; CONCEPT 57 —**Ant.** misinform

**glossary** [n] *word list* dictionary, lexicon, vocabulary, word index; CONCEPT 280

**glossy** [adj] *shiny* bright, brilliant, burnished, glassy, glazed, gleaming, glistening, lustrous, polished, reflecting, silken, silky, sleek, slick,

- smooth; CONCEPTS 606,617 —*Ant.* drab, dull, mate, muted
- glove** [*n*] *hand covering for warmth, protection* gage, gauntlet, mitt, mitten, muff; CONCEPT 451
- glow** [*n*] *burning, brightness* afterglow, bloom, blossom, blush, brilliance, effulgence, flush, glare, gleam, glimmer, glitter, gusto, heat, incandescence, intensity, lambency, light, luminosity, passion, phosphorescence, radiance, ray, splendor, vividness, warmth; CONCEPTS 610, 620,622,673
- glow** [*v*] *burn, radiate* be suffused, blare, blaze, blush, brighten, color, crimson, fill, flame, flare, flush, gleam, glimmer, glisten, glitter, ignite, kindle, light, mantle, pink, pinken, redden, rose, rouge, shine, smolder, thrill, tingle, twinkle; CONCEPTS 249,469,624
- glower** [*v*] *frown* glare, gloom, look, look daggers\*, lower, scowl, stare, sulk, watch; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* grin, smile
- glowing** [*adj*1] *burning, bright* aglow, beaming, flaming, florid, flush, flushed, gleaming, lambent, luminous, lustrous, phosphorescent, red, rich, rubicund, ruddy, sanguine, suffused, vibrant, vivid, warm; CONCEPTS 617,618
- glowing** [*adj*2] *very happy, enthusiastic* adulatory, ardent, avid, blazing, burning, complimentary, desirous, eager, ecstatic, eulogistic, fervent, fervid, fierce, fiery, flaming, heated, hot-blooded, impassioned, keen, laudatory, panegyric, passionate, rave, rhapsodic, zealous; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* dull, unenthusiastic, unhappy, unsmiling
- glue** [*n*] *adhesive* cement, gum, gunk\*, mucilage, paste, plaster, spit\*, stickum\*; CONCEPT 475
- glum** [*adj*] *sullen* blue, bummed out, dejected, depressed, dismal, dispirited, down, gloomy, low, melancholy, morose, sad, sulky; CONCEPT 403
- glut** [*n*] *overabundance* excess, nimiety, oversupply, plenitude, saturation, superfluity, surfeit, surplus, too much\*; CONCEPTS 740,787 —*Ant.* insufficiency, lack, need, want
- glut** [*v*] *choke; oversupply* burden, clog, cloy, congest, cram, deluge, devour, feast, fill, flood, gorge, hog\*, inundate, jade, load, make a pig of\*, overfeed, overload, overstock, overwhelm, pack\*, pall, raven, sat, satiate, saturate, stuff, surfeit, wolf\*; CONCEPTS 140,169,209,740 —*Ant.* abstain, diet, fast, moderate, reduce, repress, suppress
- glutton** [*n*] *person who overeats* epicure, gorgery\*, gormandizer, gourmand, hefty eater, hog\*, pig\*, sensualist, stuffer\*; CONCEPT 412
- gluttonous** [*adj*] *voracious* covetous, devouring, edacious, gorging, gormandizing, greedy, gross, hoggish\*, insatiable, never full, omnivorous, piggish\*, piggy\*, prodigious, rapacious, ravening, ravenous, sating, starved, starving, unquenchable, wolfish\*; CONCEPTS 20,401
- gnarled** [*adj*] *knotted* bent, contorted, crooked, deformed, distorted, gnarly, knurled, leathery, out of shape, rough, rugged, tortured, twisted, weather-beaten, wrinkled; CONCEPTS 485,486 —*Ant.* straight, unbent, uncurled, untwisted
- gnarly** [*adj*] *cool, excellent* boss\*, finest, great, hairy\*, keen, magnificent, marvelous, neat, nifty, sensational, superb, swell, wonderful; CONCEPT 574
- gnash** [*v*] *grind* clamp, crush, grate, grit, rub; CONCEPTS 186,204
- gnaw** [*v*1] *bite, chew* champ, chaw, chomp, consume, corrode, crunch, devour, eat, eat away, erode, gum, masticate, munch, nibble, wear; CONCEPTS 169,185
- gnaw** [*v*2] *be bothered, worried about* annoy, bedevil, beleague, distress, eat at\*, fret, harass, harry, haunt, irritate, nag, pester, plague, prey on one's mind\*, rangle, tease, trouble, wear down; CONCEPTS 17,34
- gnome** [*n*] *troll* elf, fairy; CONCEPT 424
- go** [*n*1] *spirit, vitality* activity, animation, bang, birr\*, drive, energy, force, get-up-and-go\*, hardihood, life, moxie\*, oomph\*, pep, potency, push, snap\*, starch\*, tuck\*, verve, vigor, vivacity, zest; CONCEPT 411
- go** [*n*2] *try, attempt* bid, crack, effort, essay, fling, pop, shot, slap, stab, turn, whack, whirl; CONCEPTS 87,677
- go** [*v*1] *advance, proceed* physically abscond, approach, beat it\*, bug out\*, cruise, decamp, depart, escape, exit, fare, flee, fly, get away, get going\*, get lost, get off\*, hie, hightail\*, hit the road\*, journey, lam, leave, light out\*, make a break for it\*, make for\*, make one's way\*, mosey\*, move, move out, near, pass, progress, pull out, push off, push on, quit, repair, retire, run along, run away, set off, shove off\*, skip out\*, split\*, take a hike\*, take a powder\*, take flight, take leave\*, take off\*, travel, vamoose\*, wend, withdraw; CONCEPTS 159,195 —*Ant.* stay, stop
- go** [*v*2] *operate, function* act, carry on, click\*, continue, flourish, maintain, make out, move, pan out\*, perform, persist, prosper, run, score, succeed, thrive, work; CONCEPTS 4,239 —*Ant.* break
- go** [*v*3] *span, stretch* connect, cover, extend, fit, give access, lead, make, range, reach, run, spread, vary; CONCEPTS 651,756
- go** [*v*4] *contribute, work towards an end* avail, befall, chance, come, concur, conduce, develop, eventuate, fall out, fare, happen, incline, lead to, occur, persevere, persist, proceed, result, serve, tend, transpire, turn, turn out, wax\*; work out; CONCEPTS 87,704
- go** [*v*5] *agree, harmonize* accord, be adapted for, be designed for, belong, blend, chime, complement, conform, correspond, dovetail\*, enjoy, fit, jibe\*, like, match, mesh, relish, set, square, suit; CONCEPTS 8,664,714 —*Ant.* disagree, mismatch
- go** [*v*6] *die, collapse* bend, break, cave, conclude, consume, crumble, decrease, decline, demise, depart, deplete, devour, dissipate, drop, exhaust, expend, expire, fail, finish, fold up, fritter, give, pass away\*, pass on\*, perish, run through\*, spend, squander, succumb, terminate, use up, waste, weaken, worsen, yield; CONCEPTS 105,698 —*Ant.* be born, create
- go** [*v*7] *elapse* be spent, expire, flow, lapse, pass, pass away, slip away, transpire, waste away; CONCEPT 804
- go** [*v*8] *endure* abide, allow, bear, brook, consent to, let, permit, put up with\*, stand, stomach\*, suffer, swallow\*, take, tolerate; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* surrender
- go about** [*v*] *undertake* approach, be employed,

begin, devote oneself to, engage in, get busy with, occupy oneself with, set about, tackle, work at; CONCEPT 100

**goad** [*n*] *stimulus* catalyst, compulsion, desire, drive, impetus, impulse, impulsion, incentive, incitation, incitement, irritation, lash, lust, motivation, passion, pressure, prod, spur, urge, whip, zeal; CONCEPTS 20,661 —*Ant.* deterrent, discouragement, diversion, restraint

**goad** [*v*] *egg on, incite* animate, annoy, arouse, bully, coerce, drive, encourage, excite, exhort, fire up\*, force, goose\*, harass, hound, impel, inspire, instigate, irritate, key up\*, lash, move, needle\*, press, prick\*, prod, prompt, propel, provoke, push, put up to\*, rowel, sic\*, sound, spark\*, spur, stimulate, sting\*, tease, thrust, trigger, turn on\*, urge, whip\*, work up, worry; CONCEPTS 14,68 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade

**go-ahead** [*adj*] *progressive* ambitious, enterprising, entrepreneurial, go-getting\*, gump-tious\*, pioneering, up-and-coming\*; CONCEPTS 538,542 —*Ant.* denied, vetoed

**go-ahead** [*n*] *authorization* assent, consent, green light\*, leave, okay, permission; CONCEPT 685 —*Ant.* ban, denial, refusal, veto

**go ahead** [*v*] *proceed* advance, begin, continue, dash ahead, edge forward, go forward, go on, move on, progress, shoot ahead; CONCEPTS 149,159,704 —*Ant.* cease, discontinue, finish, halt, stop

**goal** [*n*] *aim, purpose of an action* ambition, design, destination, duty, end, ground zero\*, intent, intention, limit, mark, mission, object, objective, target, use, zero\*; CONCEPT 659

**go along/go along with** [*v*] *agree, cooperate* accompany, acquiesce, act jointly, assent, collaborate, concur, conspire, follow, share in, work together; CONCEPTS 8,18 —*Ant.* disagree, fight

**goat** [*n*] *hollow-horned mammal* billy, buck, kid; CONCEPTS 394,400

**go back/go back on** [*v*] *break promise; change one's mind* abandon, betray, be unfaithful, desert, forsake, leave in the lurch\*, renege, repudiate, retract, return, revert, run out on; CONCEPTS 13,71 —*Ant.* keep, promise

**go back to square one** [*v*] *start all over* begin again, go back to the drawing board, make a fresh start, make a new beginning, start from scratch, wipe the slate clean; CONCEPTS 221,241

**gobble** [*v*] *eat hurriedly* cram\*, devour, gorge, gulp\*, guzzle, ingurgitate, scarf\*, stuff\*, suck up\*, swallow, wolf\*; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* nibble

**gobbledygook** [*n*] *jargon* balderdash\*, baloney\*, bosh, bull\*, bunk\*, cant, drivel, gibberish, hokey\*, rigmarole, rubbish\*; CONCEPTS 275,276

**go-between** [*n*] *person acting as an agent* arbitrator, attorney, broker, dealer, delegate, deputy, emissary, entrepreneur, envoy, factor, interagent, interceder, intercessor, intermediary, intermediate, intermediary, liaison, matchmaker, mediator, medium, messenger, negotiator, proxy, referee, representative; CONCEPTS 348,423

**goblin** [*n*] *elf* bogeyman, brownie, demon, fiend, gnome, gremlin, imp, kobold, nixie, pixie, spirit, sprite; CONCEPT 370

**go by** [*v*] *elapse* exceed, flow on, make one's way, move onward, pass, proceed; CONCEPT 141

**go by** [*v*] *adopt, conform* abide by, adjust to, agree, be guided by, comply, cooperate, fall in with, follow, heed, judge from, observe, take as guide; CONCEPTS 8,18

**go crazy** [*v*] *become insane* blow a gasket\*, blow one's mind\*, blow one's stack\*, blow one's top\*, crack up\*, flip one's lid\*, flip out, fly off the handle\*, freak out\*, go ballistic\*, go bananas\*, go batty\*, go berserk\*, go bonkers\*, go buggy\*, go cuckoo\*, go daffy\*, go haywire\*, go kooky\*, go loco\*, go loony\*, go mental, go nuts\*, go nutty\*, go off, go off one's rocker\*, go off the deep end\*, go off the wall\*, go psycho\*, go wacko\*, go wacky\*, lose control of oneself, lose it\*, lose one's cool, lose one's mind, wig out\*; CONCEPT 13

**god** [*n*] *supernatural being worshipped by people* Absolute Being, Allah, All Knowing, All Powerful, Almighty, Creator, daemon, deity, demigod, demon, Divine Being, divinity, Father, God, holiness, Holy Spirit, idol, Infinite Spirit, Jah, Jehovah, King of Kings, Lord, Maker, master, numen, omnipotent, power, prime mover, providence, soul, spirit, totem, tutelary, universal life force, world spirit, Yahweh; CONCEPT 370

**God-fearing** [*adj*] *religious* churchgoing, dedicated, devoted, devout, ecclesiastical, faithful, godly, goody-goody\*, holy, orthodox, pious, prayerful, reverent, righteous, sacred, spiritual, theological; CONCEPTS 536,545

**godforsaken** [*adj*] *desolate* abandoned, backward, deserted, dismal, distant, empty, forgotten, forlorn, gloomy, isolated, lonely, miserable, neglected, out-of-the-way, remote, secluded, wicked; CONCEPTS 485,560

**godless** [*adj*] *without a god or divine faith* adiamorphic, agnostic, atheistic, freethinking, iconoclastic, irreligious, nonbelieving, skeptical, undogmatic; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* godly, religious

**godly** [*adj*] *religious* angelic, born-again, celestial, charismatic, deific, devout, divine, god-fearing, good, holy, pietistic, pious, prayerful, righteous, saintlike, saintly, virtuous; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* godless, hellish, impious, irreligious, sacrilegious, sinful, ungodly, wicked

**go down** [*v*] *lose, fall* be beaten, be defeated, cave in, collapse, crumple, decline, decrease, descend, droop, drop, fold, founder, go under, keel, lessen, make less, pitch, plunge, reduce, sag, set, sink, slump, submerge, submerse, submit, succumb, suffer defeat, topple, tumble; CONCEPTS 181,698 —*Ant.* gain, go up, increase

**godsend** [*n*] *gift, benefit* advantage, benediction, blessing, boon, good, manna\*, stroke of luck\*, windfall; CONCEPTS 337,679 —*Ant.* bad fortune, bad luck, blow, bombshell, setback

**go far** [*v*] *be successful* achieve, advance, do well, get ahead, get on, make a name\*, move up in the world\*, progress, rise, succeed; CONCEPTS 704,706 —*Ant.* fail

**gofer** [*n*] *errand boy or girl* bottom person on the totem pole\*, gal Friday, go getter\*, grunt, guy Friday, hired help, low person on the totem pole\*, office boy, office girl, peon, scrub; CONCEPT 348

**go for** [v1] *reach* clutch at, fetch, obtain, outreach, seek, stretch for; CONCEPT 149

**go for** [v2] *like, choose* accept, admire, appreciate, approve, be attracted to, be fond of, care for, countenance, fancy, favor, hold with, prefer; CONCEPTS 10,32 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**go for** [v3] *attack* assail, assault, launch at, run at, rush, rush upon, set upon, spring at; CONCEPT 86 —*Ant.* surrender, yield

**go for it** [v] *take a risk* bet the farm, bet the ranch, exert oneself, go all out, go for broke, pull out all the stops, put one's heart and soul into it, shoot the works, use every muscle; CONCEPTS 87,100

**go into** [v1] *take an interest in; participate* be absorbed in, begin, develop, engage in, enter, get involved with, take on\*, take up\*, take upon oneself\*, undertake; CONCEPT 100 —*Ant.* ignore

**go into** [v2] *investigate* analyze, consider, delve into, dig\*, dig into\*, discuss, examine, explore, inquire, look into, probe, prospect, pursue, review, scrutinize, sift, study; CONCEPTS 24,103

**gold/golden** [adj1] *dark yellow* aureate, auric, auriferous, aurous, aurlent, blond, blonde, caramel, dusty, flaxen, honeyed, mellow yellow, ochroid, straw, tan, tawny, wheat; CONCEPT 618

**golden** [adj2] *beautiful, advantageous* auspicious, best, blissful, bright, brilliant, delightful, excellent, favorable, flourishing, glorious, happy, joyful, joyous, opportune, precious, promising, propitious, prosperous, resplendent, rich, rosy, shining, successful, valuable; CONCEPTS 529,574 —*Ant.* disadvantaged, ugly, unsuccessful

**gold mine** [n] *very profitable venture* bonanza, cash cow\*, golden goose\*, goose that laid the golden egg\*, gravy train\*, license to print money\*, mother lode, source of supply, vein; CONCEPTS 334,537,572

**gone** [adj] *not present, no longer in existence* absent, astray, away, AWOL\*, burned up\*, consumed, dead, decamped, deceased, defunct, departed, disappeared, disintegrated, displaced, dissipated, dissolved, done, down the drain\*, dried up, elapsed, ended, extinct, finished, flown, lacking, left, lost, missing, moved, no more, nonexistent, not a sign of\*, not here, out the window\*, over, passed, past, quit, removed, retired, run-off, shifted, spent, split, taken a powder\*, taken leave\*, transferred, traveling, turned to dust\*, vanished, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 407,586 —*Ant.* around, current, existing, present, working

**gonzo** [adj] *bizarre* crazy, far-fetched, insane, odd, strange, unconventional, weird, wild; CONCEPTS 547,564

**goo** [n] *sticky substance* crud\*, glop, gook\*, guck\*, gunk\*, muck, ooze, sludge, slush, yuck\*; CONCEPT 260

**good** [adj1] *pleasant, fine* acceptable, ace\*, admirable, agreeable, bad, boss\*, bully, capital, choice, commendable, congenial, crack\*, deluxe, excellent, exceptional, favorable, first-class, first-rate, gnarly\*, gratifying, great, honorable, marvelous, neat\*, nice, pleasing, positive, precious, prime, rad\*, recherche\*, reputable, satisfactory, satisfying, select, ship-shape\*, sound, spanking\*, splendid, sterling,

stupendous, super, superb, super-eminent, super-excellent, superior, tip-top\*, up to snuff\*, valuable, welcome, wonderful, worthy; CONCEPTS 529,572 —*Ant.* bad, detestable, disagreeable, unpleasant

**good** [adj2] *moral, virtuous* admirable, blameless, charitable, dutiful, estimable, ethical, exemplary, guiltless, honest, honorable, incorrupt, inculpable, innocent, irreprehensible, irrefragable, lily-white\*, obedient, praiseworthy, pure, reputable, respectable, right, righteous, sound, tractable, uncorrupted, untainted, upright, well-behaved, worthy; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* evil, immoral, noxious, sinful, unvirtuous, vile, wicked

**good** [adj3] *competent, skilled* able, accomplished, adept, adroit, au fait, capable, clever, dexterous, efficient, expert, first-rate, proficient, proper, qualified, reliable, satisfactory, serviceable, skillful, suitable, suited, talented, thorough, trustworthy, useful; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* incompetent, unskilled, unsuitable

**good** [adj4] *useful, adequate* acceptable, advantageous, all right, ample, appropriate, approving, apt, auspicious, becoming, benefic, beneficial, benignant, brave, commendatory, commending, common, conformable, congruous, convenient, decent, desirable, favorable, favoring, fit, fitting, fruitful, healthful, healthy, helpful, hygienic, meet, needed, opportune, profitable, proper, propitious, respectable, right, salubrious, salutary, satisfying, seemly, serviceable, suitable, tolerable, toward, unobjectionable, wholesome; CONCEPTS 537,558,560 —*Ant.* inadequate, rotten, unsuitable

**good** [adj5] *reliable; untainted* dependable, eatable, fit to eat, flawless, fresh, intact, loyal, normal, perfect, safe, solid, sound, stable, trustworthy, unblemished, uncontaminated, uncorrupted, undamaged, undecayed, unhurt, unimpaired, unspoiled, vigorous, whole; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* noxious, rotten, tainted, unreliable

**good** [adj6] *kind, giving* altruistic, approving, beneficent, benevolent, charitable, considerate, friendly, gracious, humane, humanitarian, kindhearted, merciful, obliging, philanthropic, tolerant, well-disposed; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* bad, mean, vicious

**good** [adj7] *authentic, real* bona fide, conforming, dependable, genuine, honest, justified, kosher\*, legitimate, loyal, orthodox, proper, regular, reliable, sound, strict, true, trustworthy, valid, well-founded; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* fake, forged, unreal

**good** [adj8] *well-behaved* considerate, decorous, dutiful, kindly, mannerly, obedient, orderly, polite, proper, respectful, seemly, thoughtful, tolerant, tractable, well-mannered; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* bad, misbehaving

**good** [adj9] *considerable* adequate, advantageous, ample, big, complete, entire, extensive, full, great, immeasurable, large, long, lucrative, much, paying, profitable, respectable, sizable, solid, substantial, sufficient, whole, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 334,771,781 —*Ant.* inconsequential, inconsiderable

**good** [n1] *advantage, benefit* asset, avail, behalf, benediction, blessing, boon\*, commonwealth,

favor, gain, godsend, good fortune, interest, nugget\*, plum\*, prize, profit, prosperity, service, treasure, use, usefulness, welfare, well-being, windfall; CONCEPTS 337, 658, 679 —*Ant.* disadvantage

**good** [n2] *morality* class, dignity, excellence, ideal, merit, prerogative, probity, quality, rectitude, right, righteousness, straight, uprightness, value, virtue, worth; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* evil, immorality, sin, wickedness

**goodbye** [n] *farewell statement* adieu, adios, bye-bye, cheerio, ciao, godspeed\*, leave-taking, parting, so long\*, swan song\*, toodle-oo\*; CONCEPTS 195, 278 —*Ant.* hello

**good-for-nothing** [n] *person who is idle, worthless* bad lot\*, black sheep\*, bum, loafer, ne'er-do-well\*, no-good\*, profligate, rapsallion, scalawag, scamp, tramp, vagabond, waster\*, wastrel; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* hard worker

**good-humored** [adj] *funny, happy* affable, amiable, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, com-pleasant, congenial, easy, genial, good-natured, good-tempered, lenient, merry, mild, obliging, pleasant, smiling; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* ill-humored, morose, sad, unfunny, unhappy

**good-looking** [adj] *handsome* attractive, beauteous, beautiful, clean-cut, comely, fair, impressive, lovely, pretty, pulchritudinous, righteous; CONCEPT 579 —*Ant.* dull, homely, ugly

**good-natured** [adj] *easygoing, easily pleased* acquiescent, agreeable, altruistic, amiable, benevolent, bighearted, breezy, charitable, complaisant, compliant, cordial, easy, even-tempered, friendly, good-hearted, good-humored, gracious, helpful, kind, kindly, lenient, marshmallow\*, mild, moderate, nice, obliging, softie\*, tolerant, warmhearted, well-disposed, willing to please; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* bad, mean

**goodness** [n] *decency, excellence* advantage, beneficence, benefit, benevolence, ethicality, friendliness, generosity, good will, grace, graciousness, honesty, honor, humaneness, integrity, kindheartedness, kindness, kindness, mercy, merit, morality, nourishment, obligingness, probity, quality, rectitude, righteousness, rightness, superiority, uprightness, value, virtue, wholeness, worth; CONCEPTS 411, 645 —*Ant.* evil, indecency, meanness, wickedness

**goods** [n1] *personal possessions* appurtenances, belongings, chattels, effects, encumbrances, equipment, furnishings, furniture, gear, impedimenta, movables, paraphernalia, property, stuff, things, trappings; CONCEPT 446

**goods** [n2] *merchandise* bolt, cargo, commodities, fabric, freight, line, load, materials, seconds, stock, stuff, textile, vendibles, wares; CONCEPT 338

**good will/goodwill** [n] *kindliness* altruism, amity, benevolence, brownie points\*, charity, comity, cordiality, favor, friendliness, friendship, generosity, good deed, good side of\*, helpfulness, rapport, right side of\*, sympathy, tolerance; CONCEPTS 411, 645 —*Ant.* meanness

**goody-goody** [adj] *straight-laced* God-fearing, goody two-shoes\*, holier-than-thou\*, moral, nice, PC, pious, politically correct,

priggish, prissy, prudish, Puritan, self-righteous, unctuous, Victorian, virtuous; CONCEPT 401

**gooney** [adj] *sticky, gummy* adhesive, gluey, glutinous, mucilaginous, soft, tacky, viscous; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* dry

**goof** [v] *mistake* blow it, blunder, botch\*, bungle, err, flub\*, foul up, get wrong, louse up, make a boner\*, mess up, miscalculate, mix up, screw up\*, slip, snarl; CONCEPTS 101, 230, 410

**go off** [v1] *explode* befall, blow, blow up, burst, detonate, discharge, fire, happen, mushroom, occur, pass, take place; CONCEPT 179

**go off** [v2] *leave* decamp, depart, exit, go away, move out, part, quit; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrive, come, enter

**goof off** [v] *avoid work* bum around, coast, diddle, dog it\*, doodle, drag one's feet\*, featherbed, fiddle around, fluff off, fool around, hang around, hang out, horse around, lollygag, mess around, monkey around, putz around, screw off, shirk, slack, take it easy; CONCEPTS 30, 59, 681

**goofy** [adj] *silly* crazy, daffy\*, dippy\*, ditzy\*, dopey, dotty, empty-headed\*, flaky\*, foolish, idiotic, kooky\*, nutty\*, screwy, stupid, wacky\*, weird; CONCEPTS 401, 403, 542

**goon** [n] *ruffian* bozo\*, bruiser\*, dope, gorilla\*, hood\*, hooligan\*, jerk, lummoX, moron, nin-compoop, ninny, sap, strong-arm, thug, tough guy\*; CONCEPTS 412, 423

**go on** [v] *continue* act, advance, bear, behave, carry on, come about, comport, conduct, deport, endure, execute, go ahead, hang on, happen, hold on, keep on, last, occur, persevere, persist, proceed, ramble, stay, take place; CONCEPTS 100, 239 —*Ant.* cease, halt, stop

**go out** [v1] *become extinguished* become dark, burn out, cease, darken, die, die out, dim, expire, fade out, flicker, stop shining; CONCEPTS 105, 469 —*Ant.* inflame

**go out** [v2] *leave* decamp, depart, exit, go on strike, walk out; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrive, come back, enter

**go over** [v1] *review* analyze, examine, inspect, investigate, look at, peruse, practice, read, rehearse, reiterate, repeat, revise, riffle through\*, scan, skim, study, thumb through\*; CONCEPTS 24, 103 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**go over** [v2] *succeed* be impressive, be successful, click\*, come off\*, go, pan out\*, prove; CONCEPT 706

**gore** [n] *bloodshed* blood, carnage, slaughter; CONCEPT 252

**gore** [v] *pierce* gouge, impale, lance, perforate, puncture, spear, stab, stick, wound; CONCEPT 220

**gorge** [n] *valley* abyss, arroyo, canyon, chasm, cleft, clough, clove, crevasse, fissure, flume, gap, glen, gulch, pass, ravine; CONCEPT 509

**gorge** [v] *eat voraciously* blimp out\*, bolt\*, cloy, congest, cram, devour, eat like a horse\*, feed, fill, glut, gobble, gormandize, gulp, guzzle, Hoover\*, jade, jam, make a pig of\*, overeat, overindulge, pack, sate, satiate, stuff\*, surfeit, swallow, wolf\*; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* abstain, diet, fast

**gorgeous** [adj] *beautiful, magnificent* attractive, beaut\*, bright, brilliant, centerfold\*, colorful, dazzling, delightful, dream, drop-dead\*, easy on the eyes\*, elegant, enjoyable, exquisite,



fine, flamboyant, foxy\*, gaudy, glittering, glorious, good-looking, grand, handsome, imposing, impressive, knockout\*, lavish, lovely, lulu\*, luxuriant, luxurious, opulent, ostentatious, pleasing, plush, pulchritudinous, ravishing, resplendent, showy, splendid, splendiferous, stunning, sublime, sumptuous, superb; CONCEPTS 579,589 —*Ant.* homely, ugly, undesirable

**gormandize** [*v*] *gorge* binge, devour, eat like a horse\*, eat to excess, glut, gluttonize, gobble, gulp, guzzle, Hoover\*, overeat, overindulge, pig out\*, stuff, wolf\*; CONCEPTS 169,225

**gory** [*adj*] *bloody, horrible* bleeding, blood-soaked, bloodstained, imbrued, murderous, offensive, sanguinary, sanguine; CONCEPTS 314,537 —*Ant.* mild, pleasant, pleasing

**gospel** [*n*] *fact, doctrine* actuality, authority, belief, certainty, credo, creed, dogma, faith, last word, scripture, testament, truism, truth, veracity, verity; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* hypothesis, theory

**gossamer** [*adj*] *gauzy, thin* airy, cobweb, delicate, diaphanous, fibrous, fine, flimsy, light, sheer, silky, tiffany, translucent, transparent; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* coarse, thick

**gossip** [*n1*] *talk about others; rumor* account, babble, back-fence talk\*, blather, blether, buzz\*, calumny, chatter, chitchat\*, chronicle, clothesline\*, conversation, cry, defamation, dirty laundry\*, dirty linen\*, dirty wash\*, earful\*, grapevine\*, hearsay, idle talk, injury, malicious talk, meddling, news, prate, prattle, report, scandal, scuttlebutt\*, slander, small talk\*, story, tale, talk, whispering campaign\*, wire\*; CONCEPTS 274,278 —*Ant.* fact

**gossip** [*n2*] *person who talks a lot, spreads rumors* babbler\*, blabbermouth\*, busybody, chatterbox, chatterer, circulator, flibbertigibbet\*, gossipmonger, informer, meddler, news monger, parrot\*, prattler, rumormonger\*, scandalizer\*, scandalmonger\*, snoop\*, talebearer, tattler, telltale; CONCEPT 412

**gossip** [*v*] *talk about others; spread rumors* babble, bad-mouth\*, bend one's ear\*, blab, blather, blether, chat, chatter, cut to pieces\*, cut up\*, dish, hint, imply, insinuate, intimate, jaw\*, prate, prattle, rattle on\*, repeat, report, rumor, schmoose\*, spill the beans\*, spread\*, suggest, talk, talk idly, tattle, tell secrets\*, tell tales\*, wiggle-waggle\*; CONCEPTS 56,60

**go straight** [*v*] *reform* be honorable, go legit, mend one's ways\*, turn over a new leaf\*, walk the straight and narrow\*; CONCEPTS 35,110,126

**go through** [*v1*] *endure* bear, brave, experience, suffer, support, survive, swallow, tolerate, undergo, withstand; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* surrender, yield

**go through** [*v2*] *use up* consume, deplete, exhaust, pay out, spend, squander; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* hoard, save, store

**go through** [*v3*] *search* audit, check, examine, explore, hunt, inspect, investigate, look, pass through; CONCEPT 103

**go to bat for** [*v*] *show support* for back up, cover for, defend, endorse, go to the wall for\*, recommend, stand behind, stand by, stand up for, stick up for, support; CONCEPTS 10,49,110

**go together/go with** [*v1*] *agree, match* accompany, accord, become, befit, be suitable,

blend, complement, concur, correspond, fit, go, harmonize, make a pair\*, not clash, suit; CONCEPT 664 —*Ant.* disagree, mismatch

**go together/go with** [*v2*] *accompany* socially attend, be with, court, date, escort, go out with\*, go steady with\*, keep company with\*; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* go solo

**gouge** [*n*] *groove, hole* channel, cut, excavation, furrow, gash, hollow, notch, scoop, score, scratch, trench; CONCEPT 220

**gouge** [*v*] *cut, scoop* burrow, claw, dig, dredge, excavate, gash, groove, scrape, scratch, shovel, tunnel; CONCEPT 220

**go under** [*v1*] *fail, submerge* bankrupt, default, die, drown, fall, fold, founder, go down, sink, submerge, submit, succumb, suffocate, surrender; CONCEPTS 181,699 —*Ant.* accomplish, achieve, succeed

**gourmet** [*n*] *person who likes, knows about food* bon vivant, connoisseur, critic, epicure, epicurean, gastronome, gastronomer, gastronomist, gourmand; CONCEPTS 348,423

**govern** [*v1*] *take control; rule* administer, assume command, be in power, be in the driver's seat\*, call the shots\*, call the signals\*, captain\*, carry out, command, conduct, control, dictate, direct, execute, exercise authority, guide, head, head up, hold dominion, hold office, hold sway, lay down the law\*, lead, manage, occupy throne, order, overrule, oversee, pilot, pull the strings\*, regulate, reign, render, run, serve the people\*, steer, superintend, supervise, sway, tyrannize, wear the crown\*; CONCEPT 133

—*Ant.* agree, comply, obey, surrender, yield  
**govern** [*v2*] *influence; hold in check* boss, bridle, check, contain, control, curb, decide, determine, direct, directionalize, discipline, dispose, dominate, get the better of\*, guide, handle, incline, inhibit, manage, predispose, regulate, restrain, rule, shepherd, steer, subdue, sway, tame, underlie; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,130 —*Ant.* acquiesce, allow, consent, give way, permit

**government** [*n*] *management, administration* authority, bureaucracy, command, control, direction, domination, dominion, empire, execution, executive, governance, guidance, influence, jurisdiction, law, ministry, patronage, political practice, politics, polity, power, powers-that-be\*, predominance, presidency, regency, regime, regimentation, regulation, restraint, rule, sovereignty, state, statecraft, superintendence, superiority, supervision, supremacy, sway, the feds\*, Uncle Sam\*, union, Washington\*; CONCEPT 299 —*Ant.* anarchy, chaos, coup, insurrection, lawlessness, mutiny, revolt, revolution

**governor** [*n*] *person administering government* administrator, boss, chief, chief of state, commander, comptroller, controller, director, executive, gubernatorial leader, gov\*, head, head honcho\*, leader, manager, overseer, presiding officer, ruler, superintendent, supervisor; CONCEPT 354

**go without** [*adj*] *deny or be denied* abstain, be deprived of, do without, fall short\*, go short\*, lack, need, want; CONCEPT 646 —*Ant.* earn, get, indulge, take, use

**gown** [*n*] *robe, dress* clothes, costume, frock, garb, garment, habit; CONCEPT 451

**grab** [v] *latch on to capture, catch, catch hold of, clutch, collar\**, corral\*, get one's fingers on\*, get one's hands on\*, glom\*, grapple, grasp, grip, hook, land, lay one's hands on\*, nab, nail, pluck, seize, snag, snap up, snatch, take, take hold of; CONCEPTS 90,190 —*Ant.* let go, release

**grace** [n1] *charm, loveliness* address,adroitness, agility, allure, attractiveness, balance, beauty, breeding, comeliness, consideration, cultivation, decency, decorum, dexterity, dignity, ease, elegance, etiquette, finesse, finish, form, gracefulness, lissomeness, litheness, mannerliness, manners, nimbleness, pleasantness, pliancy, poise, polish, propriety, refinement, shapeliness, smoothness, style, suppleness, symmetry, tact, tastefulness; CONCEPTS 633,655,718 —*Ant.* clumsiness, ineptness, tactlessness

**grace** [n2] *mercy, forgiveness* beneficence, beneficence, benevolence, caritas, charity, clemency, compassion, compassionateness, favor, forbearance, generosity, goodness, good will, indulgence, kindness, leniency, leniency, love, pardon, quarter, reprieve, responsiveness, tenderness; CONCEPTS 278,657,685 —*Ant.* mercilessness,unforgiveness

**grace** [n3] *prayer* benediction, blessing, invocation, petition, thanks, thanksgiving; CONCEPTS 278,368

**grace** [v] *beautify, embellish* adorn, bedeck, crown, deck, decorate, dignify, distinguish, elevate, enhance, enrich, favor, garnish, glorify, honor, laureate, ornament, set off; CONCEPTS 202,700 —*Ant.* disgrace, uglify

**graceful** [adj] *agile, charming, lovely* adroit, aesthetic, artistic, balletic, beautiful, becoming, comely, controlled, curvaceous, dainty, decorative, delicate, dexterous, easy, elastic, elegant, exquisite, fair, fine, flowing, handsome, harmonious, limber, lissome, lithe, natural, neat, nimble, pleasing, pliant, poised, practiced, pretty, refined, rhythmic, seemingly, shapely, skilled, slender, smooth, springy, statuesque, supple, symmetrical, tasteful, trim, willowy; CONCEPTS 579,584,589 —*Ant.* awkward, careless, graceless, inept, uncouth, ungraceful, unhandy

**graceless** [adj] *clumsy, unsophisticated* awkward, barbarian, barbaric, barbarous, boorish, clunky\*, coarse, corrupt, crude\*, forced, gauche, gawky\*, ill-mannered, improper, indecorous, inelegant, inept, infelicitous, klutzy\*, loutish, oafish, outlandish, rough, rude, shameless, tasteless, two left feet\*, uncouth, uncultured, unfortunate, ungainly, unhappy, unmannered; CONCEPTS 401,584 —*Ant.* beautiful, charming, dexterous, elegant, graceful, sophisticated

**gracious** [adj] *kind, giving* accommodating, affable, amiable, amicable, approachable, beneficent, benevolent, benign, benignant, big-hearted, bland, bonhomous, charitable, chivalrous, civil, compassionate, complaisant, congenial, considerate, cordial, courteous, courtly, easy, forthcoming, friendly, gallant, genial, good-hearted, good-natured, hospitable, indulgent, lenient, loving, merciful, mild, obliging, pleasing, polite, sociable, stately, suave, tender, unctuous, urbane, well-mannered; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* discourteous, hateful, mean, nasty, rude, sarcastic, severe, ungiving, ungracious, unkind, vulgar

**gradation** [n] *classification, step* arrangement, calibration, change, degree, difference, distinction, divergence, grade, grouping, level, mark, measurement, modification, notch, nuance, ordering, place, point, position, progression, rank, scale, sequence, series, shade, sorting, stage, succession, variation; CONCEPTS 378,665

**grade** [n1] *rank, step* brand, caliber, category, class, classification, condition, degree, division, echelon, estate, form, gradation, group, grouping, league, level, mark, notch, order, pigeon-hole\*, place, position, quality, rung\*, size, stage, standard, station, tier; CONCEPTS 286, 378,665,727,744

**grade** [n2] *incline, slope* acclivity, ascent, bank, cant, climb, declivity, descent, downgrade, elevation, embankment, gradient, height, hill, inclination, inclined plane, lean, leaning, level, obliquity, pitch, plane, ramp, rise, slant, tangent, tilt, upgrade; CONCEPTS 738,757

**grade** [v] *evaluate, rank* arrange, assort, brand, class, classify, group, order, range, rate, sort, value; CONCEPTS 103,291

**gradient** [n] *slope* acclivity, angle, bank, cant, declivity, grade, hill, inclination, incline, lean, leaning, pitch, ramp, rise, slant, tilt; CONCEPTS 738,757

**gradual** [adj] *happening slowly, evenly* bit-by-bit\*, by degrees, continuous, creeping, even, gentle, graduate, moderate, piecemeal, progressive, regular, slow, steady, step-by-step\*, successive, unhurried; CONCEPTS 544,588,799 —*Ant.* abrupt, infrequent, intermittent, sudden, uneven

**gradually** [adv] *happening slowly, evenly* bit by bit\*, by degrees, by installments, constantly, continuously, deliberately, gently, imperceptibly, inch by inch\*, increasingly, in small doses\*, little by little\*, moderately, perceptibly, piece by piece\*, piecemeal, progressively, regularly, sequentially, serially, steadily, step by step\*, successively, unhurriedly; CONCEPTS 544,588,799 —*Ant.* abruptly, fastly, intermittently, suddenly

**graduate** [n] *person who completes education, pursuit* alum\*, alumnus, baccalaureate, bachelor, collegian, diplomat, doctor, former student, grad, holder, licentiate, master, Ph.D., product, recipient; CONCEPT 350 —*Ant.* undergraduate

**graduate** [v1] *complete education, pursuit* be commissioned, certify, confer degree, earn, finish, get a degree, get out\*, give sheepskin\*, grant diploma, take a degree, win; CONCEPT 234

**graduate** [v2] *classify, grade* arrange, calibrate, class, group, mark off, measure, measure out, order, proportion, range, rank, regulate, sort; CONCEPTS 84,103

**graduation** [n] *commencement* commencement exercises, convocation; CONCEPTS 119,706

**graffiti** [n] *wall writing* cave painting, defacement, doodles, scribbling; CONCEPTS 79,284

**graft** [n1] *transplant* bud\*, hybridization, implant, jointure, scion, shoot, slip, splice, sprout, union; CONCEPTS 113,257

**graft** [n2] *payoff for fraud* bribe, corruption, gain, hat\*, hush money\*, juice\*, money, money under the table\*, pay, payola\*, speculation, shake\*, share, skimming\*, squeeze\*, thievery; CONCEPTS 192,344

**graft** [*v*] *transplant, splice* affix, implant, ingraft, insert, join, plant, propagate, unite; CONCEPTS 113,257

**grain** [*n1*] *seed, piece* atom, bit, cereal, corn, crumb, drop, fragment, granule, grit, iota, jot, kernel, mite, modicum, molecule, morsel, mote, ounce, particle, pellet, scintilla, scrap, scruple, smidgen, spark, speck, tittle, trace, whit; CONCEPTS 428,831

**grain** [*n2*] *texture of fabric* character, current, direction, fiber, make-up, nap, pattern, staple, striation, surface, tendency, tissue, tooth, warp and woof, weave, weft; CONCEPT 611

**grammar** [*n*] *language rules* ABCs\*, accident, alphabet, elements, fundamentals, linguistics, morphology, principles, rudiments, sentence structure, stratification, structure, syntax, tagmemics; CONCEPTS 275,276,770

**grammatical** [*adj*] *pertaining to syntax* acceptable, allowable, correct, linguistic, morphological, phonological, semantic, syntactic, well-formed; CONCEPT 272 —*Ant.* solecistic, ungrammatical

**grand** [*adj1*] *impressive, great* admirable, ambitious, august, awe-inspiring, dignified, dynamite, elevated, eminent, exalted, excellent, fab\*, fine, first-class, first-rate, glorious, grandiose, haughty, illustrious, imposing, large, lofty, luxurious, magnificent, majestic, marvelous, monumental, noble, opulent, ostentatious, outstanding, palatial, pompous, pretentious, regal, rich, smashing, something else\*, splendid, stately, striking, sublime, sumptuous, super, superb, terrific, unreal, very good; CONCEPTS 574,589,773 —*Ant.* bad, common, low, paltry, poor, unimpressive

**grand** [*adj2*] *most important* chief, dignified, elevated, exalted, grave, head, highest, leading, lofty, main, majestic, mighty, noble, preeminent, principal, regal, supreme, transcendent; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* contemptible, inferior, insignificant, pitiful, poor, unimportant

**grandeur** [*n*] *great importance* amplitude, augustness, beauty, breadth, brilliance, celebrity, circumstance, dignity, distinction, elevation, eminence, expansiveness, fame, fineness, glory, grandiosity, gravity, greatness, handsomeness, immensity, impressiveness, inclusiveness, loftiness, luxuriousness, magnificence, majesty, might, nobility, opulence, pomp, preeminence, richness, splendor, state, stateliness, sublimity, sumptuousness, superiority, sway, transcendency, vastness; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* insignificance, unimportance

**grandiloquent** [*adj*] *pretentious, flowery* (communication) aureate, big-talking\*, bombastic, declamatory, euphistic, fustian, high-flown, histrionic, inflated, magniloquent, oratorical, orotund, overblown, pompous, purple\*, rhetorical, sonorous, swollen, tall-talking\*, verbose, windbag\*, windy\*; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* plain, simple, unadorned, unpretentious

**grandiose** [*adj*] *theatrical, extravagant* affected, ambitious, august, bombastic, cosmic, egotistic, flamboyant, fustian, grand, high-falutin\*, high-flown, imposing, impressive, lofty, lordly, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, ostentatious, overwhelming, pompous, pretentious, purple\*, royal, showy, splashy,

stately, unfathomable, vast; CONCEPTS 401,542

—*Ant.* calm, moderate, small, unpretentious  
**grandstand** [*v*] *show off* be ostentatious, be vain, flaunt it\*, hot dog\*, parade, play to the crowd, prance, put on airs\*, showboat\*, strut, swagger; CONCEPT 261

**grange** [*n*] *farm acreage, farmstead, hacienda, manor, plantation, ranch*; CONCEPTS 258,516,517

**grant** [*n*] *allowance, gift* admission, allocation, allotment, alms, appropriation, assistance, award, benefaction, bequest, boon, bounty, charity, concession, contribution, dole, donation, endowment, fellowship, gratuity, handout, lump, present, privilege, reward, scholarship, stipend, subsidy; CONCEPTS 337,344 —*Ant.* forfeit, loss

**grant** [*v*] *authorize, allow* concede, accept, accord, acknowledge, acquiesce, admit, agree to, allocate, allot, assign, assume, avow, award, bestow, bless, cede, come across, come around, come through, concede, confer, consent to, convey, donate, drop, gift with\*, give, give in, give out, give the nod\*, give thumbs-up\*, go along with\*, impart, invest, own, own up\*, permit, present, profess, relinquish, shake on\*, sign off on\*, sign on\*, stake, suppose, surrender, transfer, transmit, vouchsafe, yield; CONCEPTS 8,50,82,83,88

—*Ant.* condemn, deny, refuse, veto  
**granted** [*adv*] *allowed, accepted* acknowledged, admitted, assumed, indeed, just so, yes; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* unaccepted

**granulate** [*v*] *crush into tiny pieces* atomize, comminute, crumble, crystallize, disintegrate, grate, grind, make coarse, make grainy, pound, powder, pulverize, triturate; CONCEPT 186

**graphic** [*adj1*] *clear, explicit* colorful, compelling, comprehensible, concrete, convincing, definite, descriptive, detailed, distinct, eloquent, expressive, figurative, forcible, illustrative, incisive, intelligible, lively, lucid, moving, perspicuous, picturesque, precise, realistic, stirring, striking, strong, telling, unequivocal, vivid; CONCEPTS 267,535,562 —*Ant.* implicit, unclear, vague

**graphic** [*adj2*] *pictorial, visible* blocked-out, delineated, depicted, descriptive, diagrammatic, drawn, engraved, etched, iconographic, illustrated, illustrational, illustrative, marked-out, outlined, painted, photographic, pictoric, pictured, portrayed, representational, seen, sketched, traced, visual; CONCEPTS 576,589,619 —*Ant.* obscure, vague

**graphic novel** [*n*] *comic book* cartoon, comic, comic-strip book, manga; CONCEPT 271

**graphics** [*n*] *drawings* artwork, computer graphics, illustrations, pictures, visuals; CONCEPT 625

**grapple** [*v*] *grab, wrestle* attack, battle, catch, clash, clasp, close, clutch, combat, confront, contend, cope, deal with, do battle\*, encounter, engage, face, fasten, fight, grasp, grip, hold, hook, hug, nab, nail, scuffle, seize, snatch, struggle, tackle, take, take on\*, tussle; CONCEPTS 106,191 —*Ant.* let go, release

**grasp** [*n1*] *hold, grip* butt, cinch, clamp, clasp, clench, clinch, clutches, embrace, grapple, hug, possession, purchase, tenure; CONCEPTS 191,710 —*Ant.* avoidance, release

**grasp** [n2] *understanding* awareness, comprehension, ken, knowledge, mastery, perception, realization; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* ignorance, misconception, misunderstanding

**grasp** [v1] *grab* bag\*, catch, clasp, clinch, clutch, collar\*, corral, enclose,glom\*, grapple, grip, hold, hook, land, seize, snatch, take, take hold of; CONCEPTS 90,191 —*Ant.* let go, release

**grasp** [v2] *understand* accept, appreciate, apprehend, catch, catch on\*, cognize, compass, comprehend, dig\*, envisage, fathom, follow, get, get the drift\*, get the picture\*, have, know, latch on\*, make, perceive, pick up\*, realize, see, take, take in\*; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misunderstand, not get

**grasping** [adj] *greedy* acquisitive, avaricious, avid, close-fisted, covetous, desirous, extorting, extortionate, grabby\*, itchy\*, mean, miserly, niggardly\*, penny-pinching\*, penurious, prehensile, rapacious, selfish, stingy\*, tightfisted\*, usurious, venal; CONCEPTS 326,334,542 —*Ant.* generous, unselfish

**grass** [n] *lawn* barley, grama, hay, meadow, pasture, sod, turf, verdure; CONCEPT 429

**grassland** [n] *meadow* campo, field, llano, pampas, pasture, plain, prairie, range, savanna, steppe, sward, swarth, veldt; CONCEPT 509

**grate** [v1] *shred, grind* down abrade, bark, bray, file, fray, fall, mince, pound, pulverize, rasp, raze, rub, scrape, scratch, scuff, skin, triturate; CONCEPTS 186,215

**grate** [v2] *irritate* aggravate, annoy, burn, chafe, exasperate, fret, gall, get on one's nerves\*, irk, nettle, peeve, pique, provoke, rankle, rile, rub the wrong way\*, vex; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* make happy, please

**grateful** [adj1] *appreciative* beholden, gratified, indebted, obliged, pleased, thankful; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* heedless, thankless, unappreciative, ungrateful

**grateful** [adj2] *pleasing, nice* acceptable, agreeable, comforting, congenial, consoling, delectable, delicious, delightful, desirable, favorable, good, gratifying, pleasant, pleasurable, pleasurable, refreshing, rejuvenating, renewing, restful, restorative, restoring, satisfactory, satisfying, solacing, welcome; CONCEPTS 537,548,572 —*Ant.* abusive, mean, rude, ungrateful

**gratification** [n] *satisfaction* delight, enjoyment, fruition, fulfillment, glee, hit, indulgence, joy, kicks\*, luxury, pleasure, recompense, regalement, relish, reward, sure shock\*, thrill; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* disappointment, dissatisfaction, upset

**gratify** [v] *give pleasure; satisfy* appease, aride, baby\*, cater to, coddle, content, delectate, delight, do one proud\*, do the trick\*, enchant, favor, fill the bill\*, fulfill\*, get one's kicks\*, gladden, hit the spot\*, humor, indulge, make a hit\*, make happy, oblige, pamper, please, recompense, requite, thrill; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* annoy, disappoint, disturb, frustrate, offend, pain, upset

**grating** [adj] *irritating; scraping* annoying, disagreeable, discordant, displeasing, dissonant, dry, grinding, harsh, harsh-sounding, hoarse, irksome, jarring, offensive, rasping, raucous, rough, shrill, squeaky, strident, strident,

stridulous, unpleasant, vexatious; CONCEPTS 529,592,594 —*Ant.* pleasing, soothing

**gratis** [adj] *free* as a gift, chargeless, complimentary, costless, for love\*, for nothing, freebie\*, freely given, free of charge, free ride\*, gratuitous, on someone\*, on the house\*, unpaid for, without charge, without recompense; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* costly, expensive

**gratitude** [n] *appreciation* acknowledgment, appreciativeness, grace, gratefulness, honor, indebtedness, obligation, praise, recognition, requital, response, responsiveness, sense of obligation, thankfulness, thanks, thanksgiving; CONCEPTS 32,76,278,410 —*Ant.* ingratitude, thanklessness

**gratuitous** [adj1] *free* chargeless, complimentary, costless, for nothing, gratis, spontaneous, unasked-for, unpaid, voluntary, willing; CONCEPTS 334,542 —*Ant.* costly, expensive

**gratuitous** [adj2] *not necessary* assumed, baseless, bottomless, causeless, groundless, indefensible, inessential, needless, reasonless, supererogatory, superfluous, uncalled-for, unessential, unfounded, unjustified, unmerited, unprovoked, unsupported, unwarranted, wanton; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* deserved, needed, reasonable, warranted

**gratuity** [n] *gift, tip* alms, benefaction, bonus, boon, bounty, contribution, donation, fringe benefit, grease palm\*, largesse, little something\*, offering, perk\*, perquisite, present, recompense, reward, salve\*, sweetener\*, token; CONCEPTS 337,344

**grave** [adj1] *serious; gloomy* cold sober\*, deadpan\*, dignified, dour, dull, earnest, grim-faced, heavy, leaden, long-faced, meaningful, muted, non-nonsense\*, ponderous, quiet, sad, sage, saturnine, sedate, sober, solemn, somber, staid, strictly business\*, subdued, thoughtful, unsmiling; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* cheerful, frivolous, funny, happy, ridiculous, silly

**grave** [adj2] *crucial, dangerous* acute, afflictive, consequential, critical, deadly, destructive, dire, exigent, fatal, fell, grievous, hazardous, heavy\*, important, killing\*, life-and-death\*, major, momentous, of great consequence, ominous, perilous, pressing, serious, severe, significant, threatening, ugly, urgent, vital, weighty; CONCEPTS 537,548,567 —*Ant.* inconsequential, trivial, unimportant

**grave** [n] *burial place* catacomb, crypt, final resting place\*, last home\*, mausoleum, mound, permanent address\*, place of interment, resting place, sepulcher, shrine, six feet under\*, tomb, vault; CONCEPT 305

**graveyard** [n] *burial area* boneyard\*, burial ground, cemetery, charnel house, God's acre\*, memorial park, necropolis; CONCEPT 305

**gravitate** [v] *be drawn toward; fall* to approach, be attracted, be influenced, be pulled, descend, drift, drop, incline, lean, move, precipitate, settle, sink, tend; CONCEPTS 34,159 —*Ant.* retreat, run away

**gravity** [n1] *force of attraction* force, heaviness, pressure, weight; CONCEPT 641 —*Ant.* weightlessness

**gravity** [n2] *seriousness, importance* acuteness, concern, consequence, exigency, hazardousness, momentousness, perilousness, severity,

significance, solemnity, urgency, weightiness; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* frivolity, inconsequentiality, levity, silliness, unimportance

**gray/grey** [*adj*] muted silver in color ash, ashen, battleship\*, cinereal, clouded, dingy, dove, drab, dusky, dusty, granite, heather, iron, lead, leaden, livid, mousy, neutral, oyster, pearly, peppery, powder, sere, shaded, silvered, silvery, slate, smoky, somber, stone; CONCEPT 618

**graze** [*v1*] touch abrade, brush, carom, chafe, glance off, kiss\*, ricochet, rub, scrape, scratch, shave\*, skim, skip; CONCEPT 612 —*Ant.* manhandle

**graze** [*v2*] feed on bite, browse, champ, crop, crunch, eat, forage, gnaw, masticate, munch, nibble, pasture, ruminate, uproot; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* abstain

**grease** [*n*] fat animal oil, drippings, lard, lubricant, oil, tallow, vegetable oil; CONCEPTS 723, 734

**grease** [*v1*] lubricate anoint, butter, oil, slick; CONCEPT 202

**grease** [*v2*] bribe buy off, corrupt, do business\*, entice, fix\*, influence, oil someone's palm\*, pay off, take care of, tamper; CONCEPTS 53,192

**greasy** [*adj*] slippery, oily anointed, creamy, daubed, fatty, lubricated, lubricious, oleaginous, pomaded, salved, slick, slimy\*, slithery, smeared, swabbed, unctuous; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* dry

**greasy spoon** [*n*] inexpensive restaurant beanery, bean wagon, cheap restaurant, dump\*, eatery, grease pit\*, hashery, hashhouse; CONCEPTS 439,448,449

**great** [*adj1*] very large abundant, ample, big, big league\*, bulky, bull, colossal, considerable, decided, enormous, excessive, extended, extensive, extravagant, extreme, fat, gigantic, grievous, high, huge, humongous, husky, immense, inordinate, jumbo\*, lengthy, long, major league\*, mammoth, mondo\*, numerous, oversize, prodigious, prolonged, pronounced, protracted, strong, stupendous, terrible, titanic\*, towering, tremendous, vast, voluminous; CONCEPTS 773,781 —*Ant.* few, little, miniature, minute, short, small

**great** [*adj2*] important, celebrated august, capital, chief, commanding, dignified, distinguished, eminent, exalted, excellent, famed, famous, fine, glorious, grand, heroic, highly regarded, high-minded, honorable, idealistic, illustrious, impressive, leading, lofty, magnanimous, main, major, noble, notable, noted, noteworthy, outstanding, paramount, primary, principal, prominent, puissant, regal, remarkable, renowned, royal, stately, sublime, superior, superlative, talented; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* infamous, insignificant, powerless, uncelebrated, undignified, unimportant, unknown, weak

**great** [*adj3*] excellent, skillful able, absolute, ace\*, adept, admirable, adroit, awesome, bad\*, best, brutal, cold\*, complete, consummate, crack\*, downright, dynamite, egregious, exceptional, expert, fab\*, fantastic, fine, first-class\*, first-rate\*, good, heavy\*, hellacious\*, marvelous, masterly, number one\*, out-and-out\*, out of sight\*, out of this world\*, perfect,

positive, proficient, super-duper\*, surpassing, terrific, total, tough, transcendent, tremendous, unmitigated, unqualified, utter, wonderful; CONCEPTS 527,528,574 —*Ant.* ignorant, menial, poor, stupid, unskilled, weak

**greatly** [*adv*] considerably abundantly, by much, conspicuously, eminently, emphatically, enormously, exceedingly, exceptionally, extremely, famously, glaringly, highly, hugely, immeasurably, immensely, incalculably, incomparably, incredibly, indeed, infinitely, in great measure, inimitably, intensely, largely, markedly, mightily, most, much, notably, on a large scale, powerfully, remarkably, strikingly, superlatively, supremely, surpassingly, tremendously, vastly, very much; CONCEPTS 537,569, 772 —*Ant.* inconsiderably, insignificantly, unremarkably

**greatness** [*n1*] large size abundance, amplitude, bigness, bulk, enormity, force, high degree, hugeness, immensity, infinity, intensity, length, magnitude, mass, might, potency, power, prodigiousness, sizableness, strength, vastness; CONCEPTS 730,767 —*Ant.* littleness, smallness, tininess

**greatness** [*n2*] nobleness of character; eminence celebrity, chivalry, dignity, distinction, fame, generosity, glory, grandeur, heroism, high-mindedness, idealism, illustriousness, importance, loftiness, magnanimity, majesty, merit, morality, nobility, note, prominence, renown, stateliness, sublimity, worthiness; CONCEPTS 411,645,668 —*Ant.* insignificance, unimportance

**greed** [*n*] overwhelming desire for more acquisitiveness, avarice, avidity, covetousness, craving, cupidity, eagerness, edacity, esurience, excess, gluttony, gormandizing, graspingness, hunger, indulgence, insatiableness, intemperance, longing, piggishness\*, rapacity, ravenousness, selfishness, swinishness\*, the gimmies\*, voracity; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* benevolence, generosity

**greedy** [*adj*] desiring excessively acquisitive, avaricious, avid, carnivorous, close, close-fisted\*, covetous, craving, desirous, devouring, eager, edacious, esurient, gluttonous, gobbling, gormandizing, grabby, grasping, grudging, gulping, guzzling, hoggish\*, hungry, impatient, insatiable, insatiate, intemperate, itchy\*, miserly, niggardly, omnivorous, parsimonious, pennypinching\*, penurious, piggish\*, prehensile, rapacious, ravening, ravenous, selfish, stingy, swinish, tight\*, tight-fisted\*, voracious; CONCEPTS 326,403,542 —*Ant.* abstemious, benevolent, charitable, extravagant, generous, liberal, philanthropic

**green** [*adj1*] young, new, blooming bosky, budding, burgeoning, callow, developing, flourishing, foliate, fresh, grassy, growing, half-formed, immature, infant, juvenile, leafy, lush, maturing, pliable, puerile, pullulating, raw, recent, sprouting, supple, tender, undecayed, undried, unfledged, ungrown, unripe, unseasoned, verdant, verduous, youthful; CONCEPTS 485, 578,797 —*Ant.* old, withered

**green** [*adj2*] inexperienced callow, credulous, fresh, gullible, ignorant, immature, inexpert, ingenuous, innocent, naive, new, raw, tender-foot\*, unconversant, unpolished, unpracticed,

unseasoned, unskillful, unsophisticated, untrained, unversed, wet behind the ears\*, young, youthful; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* experienced, expert, skilled

**green** [adj3] *emerald in color* apple, aquamarine, beryl, chartreuse, fir, forest, grass, jade, kelly, lime, malachite, moss, olive, pea, peacock, pine, sage, sap, sea, spinach, verdigris, vert, viridian, willow; CONCEPT 618

**green** [adj4] *referring to practices or policies that do not negatively affect the environment* biodegradable, ecological, environmental, environmentally-safe, environment-friendly; CONCEPT 485

**green** [n] *square or park in center of town* common, field, grass, grassplot, lawn, plaza, sward, terrace, turf; CONCEPTS 509,513

**green around the gills** [adj] *sick* blah, crummy, miserable, nauseated, pale, queasy, shaky, sick as a dog\*, sick to one's stomach, throwing up, under the weather, vomiting; CONCEPT 314

**green card** [n] *working card* pass, passport, permit, visa; CONCEPTS 271,376,685

**greenhorn** [n] *inexperienced person* amateur, apprentice, babe\*, beginner, colt\*, hayseed\*, ingénué, learner, naif, neophyte, newcomer, new hand, novice, recruit, rube\*, simpleton, tenderfoot\*, tyro\*, virgin; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* expert, professional

**green light** [n] *authorization* agreement, approval, assent, blessing, clearance, consent, dispensation, empowerment, go-ahead\*, license, nod\*, OK\*, permission, rubber stamp, sanction, seal of approval, stamp of approval, thumbs-up\*; CONCEPT 685 —*Ant.* red light, refusal, veto

**greet** [v] *welcome* accost, acknowledge, address, approach, attend, bow, call to, compliment, curtsy, embrace, exchange greetings, extend one's hand, flag, hail, herald, highball\*, high-five\*, meet, move to, nod, pay respects, receive, recognize, roll out the red carpet\*, salaam\*, salute, say hello, say hi\*, shake hands, shoulder, speak to, stop, tip one's hat\*, usher in\*, whistle for; CONCEPT 51 —*Ant.* say farewell, say goodbye

**greeting** [n] *welcome; message of kindness* accosting, acknowledgment, address, aloha\*, attention, best wishes\*, blow\*, card\*, ciao\*, compellation, compliments, good wishes\*, hail, hello, heralding, hi, highball\*, high five\*, how-do-you-do\*, howdy\*, letter\*, nod, note, notice, ovation, reception, regards, respects, rumble, salaam\*, salutation, salute, speaking to, testimonial, ushering in, what's happening\*; CONCEPT 51 —*Ant.* farewell, goodbye

**gregarious** [adj] *friendly* affable, clubby\*, companionable, convivial, cordial, fun, outgoing, sociable, social; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* cold, cool, introverted, unfriendly, unhospitable, unsociable

**gridlock** [n] *traffic jam* barrier, blockage, bottleneck, clog, congestion, impasse, logjam, obstacle, stoppage; CONCEPTS 230,432

**grief** [n] *mental suffering* affliction, agony, anguish, bemoaning, bereavement, bewailing, care, dejection, deploring, depression, desolation, despair, despondency, discomfort, disquiet, distress, dole, dolor, gloom, grievance,

harassment, heartache, heartbreak, infelicity, lamentation, lamenting, malaise, melancholy, misery, mortification, mournfulness, mourning, pain, purgatory, regret, remorse, repining, rue, sadness, sorrow, torture, trial, tribulation, trouble, unhappiness, vexation, woe, worry, wretchedness; CONCEPTS 410,728 —*Ant.* delight, ecstasy, exhilaration, happiness

**grief-stricken** [adj] *sad, sorrowful* anguished, cheerless, dejected, depressed, despairing, devastated, distressed, down, heartbroken, heartsick, heavyhearted, hurting, inconsolable, melancholy, miserable, morose, overcome, troubled, unhappy, woebegone; CONCEPT 403

**grievance** [n] *complaint, gripe* affliction, ax to grind\*, beef\*, bellyache\*, big stink\*, blast, case, cross\*, damage, distress, flack\*, grief, grouse\*, hardship, holler\*, hoo-ha\*, howl\*, injury, injustice, jeremiad\*, kick, knock\*, objection, outrage, pain, pain in the neck\*, rap\*, resentment, rigor, roar, rumble, sorrow, squawk\*, stink\*, trial, tribulation, trouble, unhappiness, violence, wrong, yell; CONCEPTS 52,278,689 —*Ant.* compliment, flattery, praise

**grieve** [v1] *mourn, feel deep distress* ache, bear, bemoan, bewail, carry on, complain, cry, cry a river\*, deplore, eat one's heart out\*, endure, hang crepe\*, keen, lament, regret, rue, sing the blues\*, sorrow, suffer, take it hard\*, wail, weep; CONCEPTS 17,410 —*Ant.* be glad, be happy

**grieve** [v2] *upset, distress someone* afflict, aggrieve, agonize, break the heart of\*, constrain, crush, hurt, injure, pain, sadden, wound; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* delight, please, satisfy

**grievous** [adj] *severe, painful; serious* afflicting, agonizing, appalling, atrocious, calamitous, damaging, deplorable, dire, dismal, disquieting, distressing, disturbing, dreadful, egregious, flagrant, glaring, grave, harmful, heart-rending, heavy\*, heinous, hurtful, injurious, intolerable, lamentable, monstrous, mournful, offensive, onerous, oppressive, outrageous, pathetic, pitiful, sad, shameful, sharp, shocking, sorrowful, taxing, tough, tragic, troublesome, unbearable, upsetting, villainous, weighty\*, wounding; CONCEPTS 537,544,548 —*Ant.* good, harmless, pleasant

**grift** [n] *swindle* cheating, confidence game, con game\*, deceit, dirty pool\*, double-dealing\*, extortion, fix, fraud, racket\*, rip-off\*, scam, shady deal\*, shell game\*, stealing, sting, trickery; CONCEPTS 59,139,192

**grill** [v1] *broil food* barbecue, burn, charcoal-broil, cook, cook over an open pit, roast, rotisserie, sear; CONCEPT 170

**grill** [v2] *ask questions aggressively* catechize, cross-examine, give the third degree\*, go over\*, inquisition, interrogate, interview, put the pressure on\*, put the screws to\*, question, roast\*, third degree\*; CONCEPTS 48, 53 —*Ant.* answer

**grim** [adj] *hopeless, horrible in manner, appearance* austere, barbarous, bleak, cantankerous, churlish, crabbed\*, cruel, crusty, dogged, ferocious, fierce, forbidding, foreboding, formidable, frightful, funereal, ghastly, gloomy, glowering, glum, grisly, grouchy, gruesome, grumpy\*, harsh, hideous, horrid, implacable, inexorable, intractable, merciless,

- morose, ominous, relentless, resolute, ruthless, scowling, severe, shocking, sinister, somber, sour, splenetic, stern, stubborn, sulky, sullen, surly, terrible, truculent, unrelenting, unyielding; CONCEPTS 534,544,570 —*Ant.* bright, cheerful, happy, hopeful, joyful, sunny
- grimace** [*n*] *scowling facial expression* face, frown, moue, mouth, mouthing, mug\*, scowl, smile, smirk, sneer, wry face; CONCEPT 716 —*Ant.* grin, smile
- grimace** [*v*] *make a pained expression* contort, deform, distort, frown, make a face, make a wry face, misshape, mouth, mug\*, scowl, screw up one's face\*; smirk, sneer; CONCEPT 185 —*Ant.* grin, smile
- grime** [*n*] *dirt crud\**, dust, filth, filth, gunk\*, gunk\*, muck\*, smudge, smut\*, soil, soot, tarnish; CONCEPT 260 —*Ant.* cleanliness, purity
- grimy** [*adj*] *dirty* begrimed, besmirched, cruddy\*, dingy\*, filthy, foul, grubby\*, grungy\*, messy, mucky\*, nasty, scuzzy\*, sleazy\*, smeared, smutty\*, soiled, sooty, sordid, squalid, unclean; CONCEPTS 485,621 —*Ant.* clean, pure, sterile
- grin** [*n/v*] *smile widely* beam, crack, smiler, smirk; CONCEPTS 185,716 —*Ant.* frown, growl
- grind** [*n*] *tedious job* chore, drudgery, groove\*, grubwork\*, hard work, labor, toil, pace, rote, routine, rut\*, sweat\*, task, toil, travail, treadmill\*; CONCEPT 362
- grind** [*v1*] *crush, pulverize* abrade, atomize, attenuate, beat, bray, chop up, comminute, crumble, crumple, disintegrate, file, granulate, grate, kibble\*, levigate, mill, pestle, pound, powder, pulverize\*, rasp, reduce, roll out\*, scrape, shiver, triturate; CONCEPTS 186,204
- grind** [*v2*] *sharpen* abrade, file, give an edge to, gnash, grate, grit, polish, rub, sand, scrape, smooth, whet; CONCEPTS 186,215
- grind** [*v3*] *oppress* afflict, annoy, harass, hold down, hound, persecute, plague, trouble, tyrannize, vex; CONCEPTS 14,130 —*Ant.* free, liberate
- grip** [*n1*] *clasp, embrace* anchor, brace, catch, cinch, cincture, clamp, clamping, clench, clinch, clutch, coercion, constraint, crushing, duress, enclosing, enclosure, fastening, fixing, grapple, grapple, grasp, gripe, handclasp, handgrip, handhold, handshake, hold, hook, ligature, lug, purchase, restraint, snatch, squeeze, strength, tenure, vise, wrench; CONCEPT 191 —*Ant.* release
- grip** [*n2*] *perception, understanding* clutches\*, comprehension, control, domination, grasp, hold, influence, keeping, ken, possession, power, tenure; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* misconception, misunderstanding
- grip** [*v1*] *hold tightly* clap a hand on, clasp, clench, clinch, clutch, get one's hands on\*, grasp, latch on to\*, lay hands on, nab, seize, snag, snatch, take, take hold of; CONCEPT 191 —*Ant.* let go, release
- grip** [*v2*] *entrance, enchant* catch up, compel, engross, enthral, fascinate, hold, hypnotize, involve, mesmerize, rivet, spellbind; CONCEPTS 7,11,22 —*Ant.* disgust, repel
- gripe** [*n1*] *complaint* ache, aching, affliction, disorder, distress, grievance, groan, grouse, grumble, illness, indisposition, infirmity, moan, objection, pain, pang; CONCEPTS 52,278,313 —*Ant.* compliment, flattery, praise
- gripe** [*n2*] *strong hold* clamp, clasp, clinch, clinch, clutch, crunch, grab, grapple, grasp, grip, tenure; CONCEPT 191
- gripe** [*v1*] *complain* bellyache\*, blow off\*, carp, crab\*, fuss, groan, grouch, grouse, grumble, kvetch\*, moan, murmur, mutter, nag, squawk, take on\*, whine, yammer\*, yawp\*; CONCEPTS 44,52 —*Ant.* compliment, praise
- gripe** [*v2*] *pain, annoy* ache, bother, compress, cramp, disturb, hurt, irritate, pinch, press, squeeze, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19,219,246 —*Ant.* please, soothe
- grisly** [*adj*] *horrifying* abominable, appalling, awful, blood-stained, bloody, disgusting, dreadful, eerie, frightful, ghastly, grim, grody\*, gross\*, gruesome, hideous, horrible, horrid, lurid, macabre, sanguine, shocking, sick, sickening, terrible, terrifying, yucky\*; CONCEPTS 537,544,570 —*Ant.* nice, pleasing, pretty
- grit** [*n1*] *particles of dirt* dust, foreign matter, gravel, lumps, pebbles, powder, sand; CONCEPTS 260,831
- grit** [*n2*] *courage, determination* backbone, daring, doggedness, fortitude, gameness, guts\*, hardihood, intestinal fortitude\*, mettle, moxie\*, nerve, perseverance, pluck, resolution, spine\*, spirit, spunk, steadfastness, tenacity, toughness; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* cowardice, timidity, weakness
- gritty** [*adj1*] *granular* abrasive, branlike, calculous, crumbly, dusty, friable, grainy, gravelly, in particles, loose, lumpy, permeable, porous, powdery, pulverant, rasping, rough, sabulous, sandy, scratchy; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* fine, smooth
- gritty** [*adj2*] *brave* courageous, determined, dogged, game\*, hardy, mettlesome, plucky\*, resolute, spirited, steadfast, tenacious, tough; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* afraid, cowardly, spineless
- groan** [*n*] *moan, complaint* cry, gripe, grouse, grumble, grunt, objection, sigh, sob, whine; CONCEPTS 278,595
- groan** [*v*] *moan, complain* bemoan, cry, gripe, grouse, grumble, keen, lament, mumble, murmur, object, sigh, whine; CONCEPTS 44,52,77
- grocery store** [*n*] *supermarket* bodega, convenience store, corner store\*, food mart, food store, market, mom-and-pop store, retail food store; CONCEPTS 323,333,449
- groggy** [*adj*] *dizzy, stunned* befuddled, confused, dazed, dopey\*, drunken, faint, hazy, out of it\*, punch-drunk\*, punchy\*, reeling, shaky, slaphappy\*, staggering, stupefied, swaying, tired, unsteady, weak, whirling, wobbly, woozy\*; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* clear, clear-headed, cognizant
- groom** [*n1*] *man being married* benedict, bridegroom, fiancé, husband, spouse, suitor; CONCEPT 419 —*Ant.* bride
- groom** [*n2*] *stable attendant; servant* equerry, hostler, stable person; CONCEPTS 348,419
- groom** [*v*] *make ready, prepare* physically brush, clean, coach, comb, curry, dress, drill, educate, lick into shape\*, make attractive, make presentable, nurture, preen, prep\*, pretty up\*, prim, prime, primp, put through grind\*, put

through mill\*, ready, refine, refresh, rub down, shape up, sleek, slick up\*, smarten up\*, spiff up\*, spruce up\*, tend, tidy, train, turn out; CONCEPTS 162,202,285 —*Ant.* forget, ignore

**groove** [n1] *channel, indentation* canal, corrugation, crease, crimp, cut, cutting, depression, ditch, flute, fluting, furrow, gouge, gutter, hollow, incision, notch, pucker, rabbit, rut, scallop, score, scratch, slit, trench, valley; CONCEPT 513

**groove** [n2] *daily routine* daily grind\*, grind, pace, rote, rut\*, same old stuff\*, schtick\*, slot\*; CONCEPTS 362,677

**groovy** [adj] *cool, wonderful* boss\*, chic, deep\*, excellent, fabulous, fantastic, far-out\*, great, hip, neat\*, nifty\*, rad\*, sensational, splendid, super, swell\*, trendy, unorthodox, way-out, wild, with it; CONCEPT 572

**grope** [v] *feel about for* cast about, examine, explore, feel blindly, finger\*, fish\*, flounder, fumble, grabble, handle, manipulate, poke, pry, root, scrabble, search, touch; CONCEPTS 34,216,612

**gross** [adj1] *large, fat* adipose, big, bulky, chubby\*, corpulent, dense, fleshy, great, heavy, hulking, husky, lumpyish, massive, obese, overweight, porcine, portly, stout, thick, unwieldy, weighty; CONCEPTS 773,781 —*Ant.* skinny, slender, thin

**gross** [adj2] *whole aggregate, all, before deductions, before tax, complete, entire, in sum, outright, total, whole ball of wax\*, whole enchilada\*, whole nine yards\*, whole schmear\*, whole shebang\**; CONCEPT 785 —*Ant.* net, part, partial

**gross** [adj3] *crude, vulgar* barnyard\*, boorish, breezy, callous, carnal, cheap, coarse, corporeal, crass, dull, fleshy, foul, ignorant, improper, impure, indecent, indelicate, inelegant, insensitive, in the gutter\*, lewd, loudmouthed, low, low-minded, lustful, obscene, offensive, rank, raunchy, raw, ribald, rough, rude, scatological, sensual, sexual, sleazy\*, smutty\*, swinish\*, tasteless, ugly, uncouth, uncultured, undiscriminating, unfeeling, unrefined, unseemly, unsophisticated, voluptuous; CONCEPTS 267,542,545 —*Ant.* clean, moral, polite

**gross** [adj4] *obvious, apparent* absolute, arrant, blatant, capital, complete, downright, egregious, excessive, exorbitant, extreme, flagrant, glaring, grievous, heinous, immoderate, inordinate, manifest, out-and-out\*, outrageous, outright\*, perfect, plain, rank, serious, shameful, sheer, shocking, unmitigated, unqualified, utter; CONCEPTS 535,537 —*Ant.* hidden, modified, obscured, vague

**gross** [n] *total, whole aggregate, all, entirety, sum, sum total, totality*; CONCEPTS 344,837 —*Ant.* net, part

**gross** [v] *bring in as total* earn, make, take in; CONCEPTS 330,351 —*Ant.* net

**grotesque** [adj] *ugly, misshapen* aberrant, abnormal, absurd, antic, bizarre, deformed, distorted, eerie, extravagant, extreme, fanciful, fantastic, flamboyant, freakish, grody\*, gross\*, incongruous, ludicrous, malformed, monstrous, odd, outlandish, perverted, preposterous, queer, ridiculous, strange, surrealistic, uncanny, unnatural, weird, whimsical; CONCEPTS 486, 537,579 —*Ant.* beautiful, nice, pretty, shapely

**grotto** [n] *cave* antre, cavern, cavity, chamber, den, hollow, rock shelter, subterranean, underground chamber; CONCEPT 509

**grouch** [n] *person who complains* a lot bear\*, bellyacher\*, bug\*, crab\*, crank, crosspatch\*, curmudgeon, faultfinder, griper, grouser, growler, grumbler, grump\*, kicker\*, malcontent, moaner, sorehead\*, sourpuss\*, whiner; CONCEPTS 412,423

**grouch** [v] *complain* a lot bellyache\*, carp, find fault, gripe, grouse, grumble, moan, murmur, mutter, scold, whine; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**grouchy** [adj] *complaining, irritable* cantankerous\*, cross, crusty\*, discontented, grumbling, grumpy\*, ill-tempered, irascible, peevish, petulant, querulous, snappy, sulky, surly, testy; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* complimentary, content, happy, pleased, praising, satisfied

**ground** [n] *earth, land* arena, dirt, dust, field, landscape, loam, old sod, park, real estate, sand, sod, soil, terra firma, terrain, turf; CONCEPT 509 —*Ant.* heavens, sky

**ground** [v1] *base, set; educate* acquaint, bottom, coach, discipline, establish, familiarize, fit, fix, found, indoctrinate, inform, initiate, instruct, introduce, predicate, prepare, prime, qualify, rest, settle, stay, teach, train, tutor; CONCEPTS 18,285

**ground** [v2] *restrict; drop in place* bar, beach, bring down, dock, down, fell, floor, knock down, land, level, mow down\*, prevent, strand; CONCEPTS 130,181 —*Ant.* free, let go, liberate

**groundbreaking** [adj] *pioneering* avant-garde, cutting-edge, innovating, innovative, leading-edge, radical, revolutionary, spearheading, trailblazing, trendsetting; CONCEPTS 529,578, 589,797

**groundless** [adj] *without reason, justification* baseless, bottomless, causeless, chimerical, empty, false, flimsy, foundationless, gratuitous, idle, illogical, illusory, imaginary, unauthorized, uncalled-for, unfounded, unjustified, unprovoked, unsupported, unwarranted; CONCEPTS 267,552 —*Ant.* called-for, grounded, justified, proven, reasonable, warranted

**grounds** [n1] *estate, domain* acreage, area, campus, country, district, environs, fields, gardens, habitat, holding, land, lot, premises, property, real estate, realm, sphere, spot, terrace, terrain, territory, tract, zone; CONCEPTS 508,516

**grounds** [n2] *basis, premise* account, antecedent, argument, base, bedrock\*, call, cause, chapter and verse\*, demonstration, determinant, dope\*, evidence, excuse, factor, footing, foundation, goods\*, groundwork, inducement, info\*, information\*, infrastructure, justification, motive, numbers, occasion, pretext, proof, rationale, reason, root\*, seat, straight stuff\*, substratum, test, testimony, trial, underpinning, wherefore, why, whyfor; CONCEPTS 274,661

**grounds** [n3] *sediment* deposit, dregs, grouts, leavings, lees, precipitate, precipitation, residue, settlements; CONCEPT 260

**groundwork** [n] *basis, fundamentals* ABCs\*, background, base, bedrock\*, cornerstone\*, footing, foundation, ground, infrastructure, origin, preliminaries, preparation, root,



substratum, underpinning, understructure; CONCEPTS 274,442,660,661

**group** [*n*] *number of individuals collectively* accumulation, aggregation, assemblage, assembly, association, assortment, band, batch, battery, bevy, body, bunch, bundle, cartel, category, chain, circle, class, clique, clot, club, clump, cluster, clutch, collection, combination, combine, company, conglomerate, congregation, coterie, covey, crew, crowd, faction, formation, gang, gathering, grade, league, lot, mess, organization, pack, parcel, party, passel, platoon, pool, posse, set, shooting match, society, sort, suite, syndicate, troop, trust; CONCEPTS 391,432

**group** [*v*1] *bring together* arrange, assemble, associate, band together, bracket, bunch, bunch up\*, cluster, collect, congregate, consort, corral, crowd, gang around\*, gang up\*, gather, get together, hang out\*, harmonize, huddle, link, make the scene\*, meet, organize, poke, punch\*, round up\*, scare up\*, systematize; CONCEPTS 109,114 —*Ant.* disperse, scatter, spread

**group** [*v*2] *classify, sort* arrange, assemble, associate, assort, bracket, categorize, class, dispose, file, gather, marshal, order, organize, pigeonhole\* put together, range, rank; CONCEPTS 18, 84,158 —*Ant.* jumble, mix up

**groupie** [*n*] *devoted fan* admirer, buff, devotee, follower, hanger-on, supporter; CONCEPTS 352,366,423

**grove** [*n*] *cluster of trees* brake, coppice, copse, covert, forest, orchard, plantation, spinney, stand, thicket, wood, woodland; CONCEPTS 429,517

**grovel** [*v*] *abase, demean oneself* apple-polish\*, beg, beg for mercy, beseech, blandish, bootlick\*, bow and scrape\*, brown-nose\*, butter up\*, cater to, court, cover, crawl, creep, crouch, crouch, eat crow\*, eat dirt\*, eat humble pie\*, fall all over\*, fawn\*, flatter, humble oneself, humor, implore, kiss one's feet\*, kneel, kowtow\*, make much of\*, make up to\*, pamper, play up to\*, prostrate\*, revere, snivel, soft-soap\*, stoop, suck up to\*, truckle\*, wheedle, yes\*; CONCEPTS 384,633 —*Ant.* boast

**grow** [*v*] *become larger, evolve* abound, advance, age, amplify, arise, augment, become, branch out, breed, build, burgeon, burst forth, come, come to be, cultivate, develop, dilate, enlarge, expand, extend, fill out, flourish, gain, germinate, get bigger, get taller, heighten, increase, issue, luxuriate, mature, mature, mount, multiply, originate, pop up\*, produce, propagate, pullulate, raise, ripen, rise, shoot\*, spread, spring up, sprout, stem, stretch, swell, thicken, thrive, turn, vegetate, wax\*, widen; CONCEPTS 427,469,704,775 —*Ant.* decline, decrease, diminish, halt, lessen, reduce, stop, stunt

**growl** [*n/v*] *animal-like sound* bark, bellow, gnarl, gnarr, grumble, grunt, howl, moan, roar, roll, rumble, snarl, thunder; CONCEPTS 77,595

**grown-up** [*n*] *adult* gentleman, grown person, lady, mam, man, Miss, mister, Mr., Mrs., Ms., woman; CONCEPT 424 —*Ant.* child, youngster

**growth** [*n*] *development, progress* advance, advancement, aggrandizement, augmentation, beefing up\*, boost, buildup, crop, cultivation, enlargement, evolution, evolvment, expansion,

extension, fleshing out\*, flowering, gain, germination, heightening, hike, improvement, increase, maturation, maturing, multiplication, produce, production, proliferation, prosperity, rise, sprouting, stretching, success, surge, swell, thickening, unfolding, up, upping, vegetation, waxing\*, widening; CONCEPTS 427,469,703,704,775 —*Ant.* abatement, decrease, diminishment, failure, lessening, reduction, stagnation, underdevelopment

**growth** [*n*2] *tumor* cancer, canceroid, excrescence, fibrousness, fibrous tissue, fungus, lump, mole, outgrowth, parasite, polyp, swelling, thickening, wen; CONCEPT 306

**grub** [*n*1] *larva* caterpillar, entozoon, maggot, worm; CONCEPT 398

**grub** [*n*2] *food* chow\*, comestibles, eats\*, edibles, feed, nosh\*, nurture, provisions, rations, sustenance, viands, victuals, vittles\*; CONCEPTS 457,460

**grub** [*v*1] *dig, uncover* beat, break, burrow, clean, clear, comb, delve, excavate, ferret, fine-tooth-comb\*, forage, hunt, poke, prepare, probe, pull up, rake, ransack, root, rummage, scour, search, shovel, spade, unearth, uproot; CONCEPTS 178,216 —*Ant.* cover, hide

**grub** [*v*2] *work very hard* drudge, grind, labor, toil, plod, slave, slog, sweat, toil; CONCEPT 100 —*Ant.* idle, laze, tinker

**grubby** [*adj*] *dirty, disheveled* besmeared, black, filthy, foul, frowzy\*, grimy, grungy\*, impure, messy, mucky\*, nasty, scruffy, scuzzy\*, seedy\*, shabby, sloppy, slovenly, smutty\*, soiled, sordid, squalid, unclean, uncleanly, unempt, untidy, unwashed; CONCEPTS 485,621 —*Ant.* clean, cleanly, dressed-up, neat

**grudge** [*n*] *hard feelings* animosity, animus, antipathy, aversion, bad blood\*, bitterness, bone to pick\*, dislike, enmity, grievance, hate, hatred, ill will, injury, injustice, malevolence, malice, maliciousness, malignancy, peeve, pet peeve\*, pique, rancor, resentment, spite, spitefulness, spleen, venom; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* favor, forgiveness, good will

**grudge** [*v*] *feel resentful; give unwillingly* begrudge, be reluctant, be stingy\*, complain, covet, deny, envy, hold back, mind, pinch, refuse, resent, stint; CONCEPT 21 —*Ant.* favor, forgive

**grueling** [*adj*] *difficult, taxing* arduous, back-breaking, brutal, chastening, crushing, demanding, excruciating, exhausting, fatiguing, fierce, grinding, hairy\*, hard, harsh, heavy\*, laborious, punishing, racking, severe, stiff, strenuous, tiring, torturous, trying; CONCEPT 565 —*Ant.* easy, facile

**gruesome** [*adj*] *horrible, awful* abominable, appalling, daunting, fearful, frightful, ghastly, grim, grisly, grody\*, gross\*, hideous, horrendous, horrid, horrific, horrifying, loathsome, lurid, macabre, monstrous, morbid, offensive, repugnant, repulsive, shocking, sick\*, spine-tingling\*, terrible, terrifying, ugly, weird\*; CONCEPTS 485,548 —*Ant.* beautiful, pleasant, pretty

**gruff** [*adj*1] *bad-tempered, rude* abrupt, bearish, blunt, boisterous, boorish, brusque, churlish, crabbed\*, crabby\*, crude, crusty\*, curt, discourteous, dour, fierce, grouchy\*, grumpy\*,

ill-natured, impolite, morose, nasty, offhand, rough, saturnine, short, snappy\*, snippy\*, sour, sullen, surly, truculent, uncivil, ungracious, unmannerly; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* even-tempered, happy, nice, polite

**gruff** [adj2] *rasping in sound cracked, croaking, croaky, grating, guttural, harsh, hoarse, husky, low, rough, throaty*; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* pleasant, soft, sweet

**grumble** [v1] *complain bellyache\*, carp, find fault, fuss, gripe, groan, grouch\*, grouse, kick, kvetch\*, moan, protest, pule, repine, scold, snivel\*, squawk\*, whine*; CONCEPTS 44,52 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**grumble** [v2] *murmur, rumble bark, croak, gnarl, gnarr, growl, grunt, gurgle, mumble, mutter, roar, roll, snap, snarl, snuffle, splutter, whine*; CONCEPTS 65,77

**grump** [n] *cranky person bear\*, complainer, crab\*, curmudgeon, grouch, malcontent, sore-head\*, sourpuss\*, whiner*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**grumpy** [adj] *in a bad mood bad-tempered, cantankerous\*, crabby\*, cross, crotchety, disgruntled, dissatisfied, griping, grouchy\*, grumbling, irritable, peevish, pettish, petulant, querulous, sulky, sullen, surly, testy, truculent*; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* happy, nice, pleasant

**grungy** [adj] *dirty and unkempt cruddy\*, dilapidated, disgusting, disheveled, filthy, flimsy, foul, greasy, grimy, grubby, messy, nasty, offensive, repellent, revolting, rundown, scummy\*, scuzzy\*, shoddy, slimy, sloppy, trashy, unclean, unwashed, vile, wretched*; CONCEPTS 485,579

**guarantee** [n] *pledge, promise agreement, assurance, attestation, bail, bargain, bond, certainty, certificate, certification, charter, collateral, contract, covenant, deposit, earnest, gage, guaranty, insurance, lock, oath, pawn, pipe, recognizance, security, sure thing\*, surety, testament, token, undertaking, vow, warrant, warranty, word, word of honor*; CONCEPTS 71,271,685

**guarantee** [v] *pledge, promise affirm, angel, answer for, assure, attest, aver, back, bankroll, be surety for, bind oneself, certify, confirm, cosign, endorse, ensure, evidence, evince, get behind\*, give bond, grubstake, guaranty, insure, juice\*, maintain, make bail\*, make certain, make sure, mortgage, pick up the check\*, pick up the tab\*, protect, prove, reassure, secure, sign for, stake, stand behind\*, stand up for\*, support, swear, testify, vouch for, wager, warrant, witness*; CONCEPTS 71,110 —*Ant.* break

**guaranteed** [adj] *made certain affirmed, approved, ascertained, assured, attested, bonded, certified, confirmed, endorsed, for a fact, for sure, have a lock on\*, insured, on ice\*, pledged, plighted, protected, sealed, secured, sure, sure enough\*, sure-fire\*, warranted*; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* indefinite, insecure, uncertain, unsure

**guard** [n1] *protector bouncer\*, chaperon, chaperone, chaser\*, convoyer, custodian, defender, escort, guardian, lookout, picket, sentinel, sentry, shepherd, shield, ward, warden, watch, watchperson*; CONCEPT 348

**guard** [n2] *defense aegis, armament, armor, buffer, bulwark, pad, protection, rampart, safeguard, screen, security, shield, ward*; CONCEPT 712

**guard** [v] *protect, watch attend, baby-sit, bulwark, chaperon, chaperone, conduct, convoy, cover, cover up, defend, escort, fend, keep, keep an eye on\*, keep in view, keep under surveillance, look after, lookout, mind, observe, oversee, patrol, police\*, preserve, ride shotgun for\*, safeguard, save, screen, secure, see after, shelter, shepherd, shield, shotgun, stonewall\*, superintend, supervise, tend*; CONCEPTS 96,134 —*Ant.* disregard, forget, ignore, neglect

**guarded** [adj] *suspicious attentive, cagey, calculating, canny, careful, cautious, chary, circumspect, discreet, gingerly, leery, noncommittal, on the lookout\*, overcautious, prudent, reserved, restrained, reticent, safe, vigilant, wary, watchful, with eyes peeled\**; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* careless, incautious, unguarded, unsuspecting, unwatchful

**guardian** [n] *keeper, protector angel\*, attendant, baby-sitter, bird dog\*, cerberus, champion, chaperon, chaperone, conservator, cop\*, curator, custodian, defender, escort, guard, keeper, nurse, overseer, paladin, patrol, preserver, safeguard, sentinel, shepherd, sitter, sponsor, superintendent, supervisor, trustee, vigilante, warden, watchdog\**; CONCEPTS 414,423

**guerrilla** [n] *bushfighter commando, freedom fighter, irregular, mercenary, professional soldier, resistance fighter, soldier of fortune, terrorist, underground fighter*; CONCEPT 358

**guess** [n] *belief, speculation assumption, ballpark figure\*, conclusion, conjecture, deduction, divination, estimate, fancy, feeling, guesstimate\*, guesswork, hunch\*, hypothesis, induction, inference, judgment, notion, opinion, postulate, postulation, prediction, presumption, presupposition, reckoning, shot\*, shot in the dark\*, sneaking suspicion\*, stab\*, supposal, supposition, surmised, surmise, suspicion, theory, thesis, view*; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* calculation, measurement

**guess** [v] *try to figure out; imagine believe, calculate, chance, conjecture, dare say, deduce, deem, divine, estimate, fancy\*, fathom, go out on a limb\*, guesstimate\*, happen upon\*, hazard\*, hypothesize, infer, judge, jump to a conclusion\*, lump it\*, opine, penetrate, pick, postulate, predicate, predict, presume, pretend, reason, reckon, select, size up\*, solve, speculate, suggest, suppose, surmise, survey, suspect, take a shot at\*, take a stab at\*, theorize, think, think likely, venture, work out\**; CONCEPT 28 —*Ant.* calculate, measure

**guest** [n] *person accommodated, given hospitality bedfellow, boarder, caller, client, companion, company, customer, frequent\*, habitué, inmate, lodger, mate, out-of-towner\*, partaker, patron, recipient, renter, roomer, sharer, sojourner, tenant, transient, vacationer, visitant, visitor*; CONCEPT 423

**guff** [n] *nonsense baloney, bulk, bunk, bunkum, crap\*, drivel, flapdoodle, foolishness, garbage, hogwash, hokey, poppycock, rubbish*; CONCEPTS 230,388,633

**guffaw** [n] *burst of laughter belly laugh, deep laugh, howl, howling, laughter, loud laugh, roar, shout, shriek, snort*; CONCEPTS 77,185

**guidance** [n] *counseling advice, auspices, conduct, conduction, control, conveyance,*

direction, government, help, instruction, intelligence, leadership, management, navigation, supervision, teaching; CONCEPTS 75,274,278

**guide** [*n*] *something that or someone who leads* adviser, attendant, captain, chaperon, cicerone, conductor, controller, convoy, counselor, criterion, design, director, docent, escort, example, exemplar, exhibitor, genie, genius, guiding spirit, guru, ideal, inspiration, lead, leader, lodestar, mentor, model, monitor, paradigm, pathfinder, pattern, pilot, pioneer, rudder, scout, standard, superintendent, teacher, usher, vanguard; CONCEPTS 348,423,686

**guide** [*n*2] *information, instructions* ABCs\*, beacon\*, bellwether\*, bible, catalog, chapter and verse\*, clue, compendium, directory, enchiridion, guidebook, guiding light\*, handbook, hot lead\*, key, landmark, lodestar, manual, mark, marker, no-no's\*, pointer, print, sign, signal, signpost, telltale, the book\*, the numbers\*, tip-off\*, vade mecum; CONCEPT 274

**guide** [*v*] *direct, lead* accompany, advise, attend, beacon\*, chaperon, command, conduct, contrive, control, convoy, counsel, coxswain, educate, engineer, escort, govern, handle, have a handle on\*, influence, instruct, manage, maneuver, marshal, navigate, oversee, pilot, quarterback\*, regulate, route, rule, see, shepherd, show, show the way, spearhead\*, steer, superintend, supervise, sway, teach, trailblaze\*, train, usher; CONCEPTS 75,110,117,187 —**Ant.** abandon, leave, misguide, mislead, neglect

**guidebook** [*n*] *handbook* enchiridion, field guide, how-to book, instruction book, manual, map, reference book, road map, travel book, vade mecum; CONCEPT 280

**guideline** [*n*] *direction* clue, code, ground rule, guidance, guide, instruction, key, mark, marker, precept, protocol, rule, signal, standard procedure; CONCEPTS 271,274

**guild** [*n*] *association, fellowship* club, company, corporation, federation, group, interest group, league, lodge, order, organization, profession, society, sodality, trade, union; CONCEPTS 381,387

**guile** [*n*] *slyness, cleverness* artfulness, artifice, chicanery, craft, craftiness, cunning, deceit, deception, dirty dealing\*, dirty pool\*, dirty trick\*, dirty work\*, dishonesty, dissemblance, dissimulation, double-cross\*, duplicity, foul play\*, jive\*, run-around\*, ruse, sellout\*, sharp practice\*, stab in the back\*, treachery, trickery, trickiness, wiliness; CONCEPTS 645,657 —**Ant.** artlessness, frankness, honesty, naivety, openness, sincerity

**guileless** [*adj*] *honest* aboveboard, artless, candid, frank, genuine, ingenuous, innocent, naive, natural, open, simple, simple-minded, sincere, straightforward, truthful, unaffected, undesigning, unsophisticated, unstudied; CONCEPTS 267,542,545 —**Ant.** artful, clever, crafty, cunning, deceitful, dishonest, guileful, tricky

**guilt** [*n*] *blame; bad conscience over responsibility* answerability, blameworthiness, contrition, crime, criminality, culpability, delinquency, dereliction, disgrace, dishonor, error, failing, fault, indiscretion, infamy, iniquity, lapse, liability, malefaction, malfeasance, malpractice, misbehavior, misconduct, misstep,

offense, onus, peccability, penitence, regret, remorse, responsibility, self-condemnation, self-reproach, shame, sin, sinfulness, slip, solecism, stigma, transgression, wickedness, wrong; CONCEPTS 101,532,645,690 —**Ant.** innocence

**guiltless** [*adj*] *blameless, not responsible* clean, clear, crimeless, exemplary, faultless, free, good, immaculate, impeccable, inculpable, innocent, irreproachable, pure, righteous, sinless, spotless, unimpeachable, unsullied, untainted, untarnished, virtuous; CONCEPT 545 —**Ant.** blameful, corrupt, guilty, immoral, sinful, wrong

**guilty** [*adj*] *blameworthy; found at fault* accountable, caught, censurable, censured, chargeable, condemned, conscience-stricken, contrite, convictable, convicted, criminal, culpable, damned, delinquent, depraved, doomed, erring, evil, felonious, hangdog\*, impeached, incriminated, in error, iniquitous, in the wrong, judged, liable, licentious, offending, on one's head\*, out of line\*, proscribed, regretful, remorseful, reprehensible, responsible, rueful, sentenced, sheepish, sinful, sorry, wicked, wrong; CONCEPT 545 —**Ant.** guiltless, innocent, moral, right, sinless, truthful

**guinea pig** [*n*] *test subject* examinee, experimental subject, lab animal, laboratory animal, test animal, testee, victim; CONCEPTS 5,290

**guise** [*n*] *appearance, pretense* air, aspect, behavior, cloak, color, cover, demeanor, disguise, dissembling, dress, facade, face, false front\*, false show\*, fashion, form, front, mask, mien, mode, pose, posture, role, seeming, semblance, shape, show, showing, simulacrum; CONCEPTS 645,716 —**Ant.** reality

**gulch** [*n*] *small ravine* arroyo, channel, cut, ditch, gap, gorge, gully, trench, valley; CONCEPTS 509,513

**gulf** [*n*1] *sea inlet* basin, bay, bayou, bight, cove, firth, harbor, slough, sound, whirlpool; CONCEPTS 509,514

**gulf** [*n*2] *deep, gaping hole* abyss, breach, cave, cavity, chasm, cleft, crevasse, depth, depths, distance, expanse, gap, gulch, hiatus, hollow, opening, pit, ravine, rent, rift, separation, shaft, split, void, well, whirlpool; CONCEPTS 509,513

**gullible** [*adj*] *naive, trusting* being a sucker\*, believing, biting, credulous, easily taken in\*, easy mark\*, falling hook line and sinker\*, foolish, green\*, innocent, kidding oneself\*, mark\*, silly, simple, sucker, susceptible, swallowing whole\*, taken in\*, taking the bait\*, trustful, tumbling for\*, unsuspecting, unsophisticated, unsuspecting, wide-eyed\*; CONCEPTS 402,542 —**Ant.** astute, discerning, knowledgeable, perceptive, suspicious, unbelieving, untrusting, wise

**gully** [*n*] *ravine, ditch* channel, chase, chasm, crevasse, culvert, gutter, notch, trench, watercourse; CONCEPTS 509,513

**gulp** [*n*] *swallow* choke, draught, gasp, mouthful, swig, swill; CONCEPT 185 —**Ant.** nibble

**gulp** [*v*] *eat, drink fast* belt\*, choke down\*, chugalug\*, consume, devour, dispatch, dispose, drop\*, englut, gobble\*, guzzle\*, imbibe, ingurgitate, inhale\*, pour, quaff, scarf down\*, slop\*, slosh\*, stuff, swallow, swig, swill, take in, toss off\*, wolf\*, wolf down\*; CONCEPTS 169,185 —**Ant.** nibble

**gum** [*n*] *sticky substance* adhesive, amber, cement, cohesive substance, exudate, glue, mucilage, paste, pitch, plaster, resin, rosin, tar, wax; CONCEPT 466

**gumption** [*n*] *nerve, initiative* ability, acumen, astuteness, cleverness, commonsense, discernment, enterprise, get-up-and-go\*, good sense, horse sense\*, industry, judgement, perspicaciousness, perspicacity, resourcefulness, sagaciousness, sagacity, savvy, sense, shrewdness, spirit, wisdom, wit; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* cowardice, naivety

**gun** [*n*] *weapon that shoots* 9 mm.\*, blaster\*, cannon, difference\*, equalizer\*, flintlock, forty-five\*, handgun, hardware\*, howitzer, magnum, mortar, musket, ordnance, peashooter\*, persuader\*, piece\*, pistol, revolver, rifle, rod\*, Saturday-night special\*, shotgun, thirty-eight\*, Uzi\*; CONCEPT 500

**gung ho** [*adj*] *extremely enthusiastic* anxious, ardent, dedicated, eager, enthused, excited, fanatical, fired up\*, keyed up\*, lively, passionate, spirited, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542

**gurgle** [*n/v*] *burble, murmur* babble, bubble, crowd, lap, splash, purl, ripple, slosh, splash, wash; CONCEPTS 65,595

**guru** [*n*] *mentor, guide* authority, guiding light\*, leader, master, sage, teacher, tutor; CONCEPT 350 —*Ant.* follower, student

**guru** [*n2*] *technical expert* computer expert, computer geek, computer specialist, geek, techie; CONCEPTS 348,350,416

**gush** [*n*] *outpouring* burst, cascade, flood, flow, flush, issue, jet, run, rush, spate, spout, spring, spurt, stream, surge; CONCEPTS 467,687

**gush** [*v1*] *pour out* burst, cascade, emanate, emerge, flood, flow, flush, issue, jet, pour, roll, run, rush, sluice, spew, spout, spring, spurt, stream, surge, well; CONCEPT 179 —*Ant.* trickle

**gush** [*v2*] *speak with overwhelming enthusiasm* babble\*, blather, carry on about\*, chatter, effervesce, effuse, enthuse, fall all over\*, go on about\*, jabber, make a to-do over\*, overstate, prate, prattle, rave; CONCEPT 49 —*Ant.* be quiet

**gust** [*n*] *rush, eruption* access, blast, blow, breeze, burst, explosion, fit, flare-up, flurry, gale, outburst, paroxysm, passion, puff, sally, squall, storm, surge; CONCEPTS 524,787 —*Ant.* trickle

**gusto** [*n*] *great enthusiasm* appetite, appreciation, ardor, brio, delectation, delight, enjoyment, exhilaration, fervor, heart, liking, palate, passion, pleasure, relish, savor, taste, verve, zeal, zest; CONCEPTS 411,657 —*Ant.* apathy, reluctance, unenthusiasm

**gusty** [*adj*] *windy* airy, blowy, blustering, blustery, breezy, hearty, robust, squally, stormy, tempestuous; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* calm, quiet

**gut** [*adj*] *intuitive* basic, deep-seated, emotional, heartfelt, innate, inner, instinctive, interior, internal, intimate, involuntary, natural, spontaneous, unthinking, visceral, viscERous; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* material, physical

**gut** [*n*] *stomach and abdomen* belly, bowels, duodenum, entrails, innards, intestines, paunch, tripe, tummy\*, venter, viscera; CONCEPT 393

**gut** [*v*] *clean out, strip* bowle, decimate, despoil, dilapidate, disembowel, draw, dress, empty, eviscerate, exenterate, loot, pillage, plunder,

ransack, ravage, rifle, sack; CONCEPTS 165,211 —*Ant.* fill

**gutless** [*adj*] *timid* abject, chicken\*, chicken-hearted\*, coward, cowardly, craven, faint-hearted\*, feeble, irresolute, lily-livered\*, pusillanimous, spineless\*, submissive, weak, wimpy\*, yellow\*, yellow-bellied\*; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* bold, brave, courageous, gutsy, resolute

**guts** [*n*] *nerve, boldness* audacity, backbone\*, courage, daring, dauntlessness, effrontery, forcefulness, fortitude, grit\*, hardihood, heart\*, intestinal fortitude\*, mettle, moxie\*, pluck, resolution, sand\*, spine\*, spirit, spunk\*, willpower; CONCEPTS 411,657 —*Ant.* cowardice, fear, timidity

**gutsy** [*adj*] *bold, brave* courageous, determined, gallant, game\*, indomitable, intrepid, mettlesome, plucky, resolute, spirited, spunky\*, staunch, unfeared, valiant; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* cowardly, fearful, timid

**gutter** [*n*] *ditch* channel, conduit, culvert, dike, drain, duct, eaves, fosse, funnel, gully, moat, pipe, runnel, sewer, sluice, spout, sulcation, trench, trough, tube, watercourse; CONCEPT 440

**guttural** [*adj*] *deep in sound* glottal, grating, gravelly, growling, gruff, harsh, hoarse, husky, inarticulate, low, rasping, rough, sepulchral, thick, throaty; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* dulcet

**guy** [*n*] *man* bird\*, bloke\*, boy, brother, bud, buddy, cat\*, chap, chum, dude\*, feller\*, fellow, gentleman, individual, male, person; CONCEPTS 414,419 —*Ant.* girl

**guzzle** [*v*] *drink down fast* bolt\*, booze\*, carouse\*, cram, devour, englut, gobble\*, gorge, gormandize, imbibe, ingurgitate, knock back\*, quaff, slop\*, slosh\*, soak, swig, swill, tipple; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* sip

**gymnasium** [*n*] *arena for sports, recreation* alley, amphitheater, athletic club, center, circus, coliseum, course, exercise room, field house, floor, gym, health club, hippodrome, pit, recreation center, ring, rink, spa, stadium, sweat-shop\*, theater; CONCEPTS 364,438,439

**gymnastics** [*n*] *acrobatic exercise* aerobatics, balance beam, bars, body-building, calisthenics, floor exercise, free exercise, gym, horse, rings, trampoline, trapeze, tumbling, vaulting, workout; CONCEPT 363

**gyp** [*v*] *rip-off* bamboozle, bilk, cheat, deceive, defraud, dupe, fleece, flimflam\*, gip, gull, hoodwink, hustle\*, pull something\*, rook, scam, stick\*, swindle, take for a ride\*, trick; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* be fair, give, offer

**gyrate** [*v*] *revolve* circle, circulate, circumduct, gyre, pirouette, purl, roll, rotate, spin, spiral, turn, twirl, whirl, whirligig; CONCEPTS 147,149

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**habit** [*n1*] *tendency, practice* addiction, bent, bias, constitution, consuetude, convention, custom, dependence, disposition, fashion, fixation, fixed attitude, frame of mind\*, gravitation, groove, habitude, hangup, impulsion, inclination, make-up\*, manner, mannerism, mode, nature, obsession, pattern, penchant, persuasion, praxis, predisposition, proclivity, proneness,

propensity, quirk, routine, rule, rut, second nature\*, set, style, susceptibility, thing\*, turn, usage, use, way, weakness, wont; CONCEPT 644

**habit** [n2] *dress, clothing, often for a particular purpose* apparel, costume, garb, garment, habitment, riding clothes, robe, vestment; CONCEPT 451

**habitat/habitation** [n] *place where someone resides* abode, accommodations, address, apartment, berth, biosphere, cave, commorancy, condo, condominium, co-op, den, digs\*, domicile, dwelling, element, environment, fireside, flat, haunt\*, haven, hearth, hole\*, home, home plate\*, homestead, house, housing, locale, locality, lodging, neck of the woods\*, nest, nook, occupancy, occupation, pad\*, place, quarters, range, residence, residency, roof\*, roost\*, seat\*, settlement, site, stamping ground\*, stomping ground\*, surroundings, terrain, territory, turf; CONCEPT 515

**habitual** [adj] *usual, established* accepted, accustomed, addicted, addicting, automatic, chronic, common, confirmed, constant, continual, conventional, customary, cyclic, disciplined, familiar, fixed, frequent, hardened, ingrained, inveterate, iterated, iterative, mechanical, methodical, natural, normal, ordinary, perfunctory, permanent, perpetual, persistent, practiced, recurrent, regular, reiterative, repeated, repetitious, rooted, routine, seasoned, set, standard, steady, systematic, traditional, wonted; CONCEPTS 530,547 —**Ant.** infrequent, in habitual, intermittent, occasional, rare, seldom, uncommon, unestablished, unusual

**habituate** [v] *prepare, accustom* acclimate, acclimatize, addict, adjust, break in, condition, confirm, devote, discipline, endure, familiarize, harden, inure, make used to, school, season, take to, tolerate, train; CONCEPTS 35,202 —**Ant.** ignore, neglect

**hacienda** [n] *large estate* cattle ranch, farmhouse, large house, mansion, plantation, ranch; CONCEPTS 439,516

**hack** [n1] *person who does easy work for money* drudge\*, greasy grind\*, grind\*, hireling, lackey\*, old pro\*, plodder\*, pro\*, servant, slave, workhorse\*; CONCEPT 348

**hack** [n2] *taxicab* cab, carriage, coach, hackney, taxi, vehicle; CONCEPT 505

**hack** [n3/v] *cut without care* chop, clip, fell, gash, hackle, hew, lacerate, mangle, mutilate, notch, slash, whack; CONCEPTS 137,176

**hacker** [n] *someone proficient at computers, especially a hobbyist* application programmer, computer architect, computer designer, computer jock, key puncher, operator, programmer, systems analyst, systems engineer, systems programmer, systems software specialist, technician; CONCEPTS 360,366

**hack it** [v] *to succeed* accomplish, avail, be successful, bring home the bacon\*, carry off\*, come out on top\*, come through, cut it, cut the mustard\*, deliver the goods\*, get to the top\*, hit the mark\*, make a go of it\*, make it\*, make the cut\*, make the grade\*, prevail, pull it off, score, win; CONCEPTS 141,706

**hackneyed** [adj] *clichéd, tired* antiquated, banal, common, commonplace, conventional, corny\*, everyday, familiar tune\*, hokey\*,

moth-eaten\*, obsolete, old, old-chestnut\*, old-hat\*, old-saw\*, outdated, outmoded, out-of-date, overworked, pedestrian\*, played-out\*, quotidian, run-of-the-mill\*, stale, stereotyped, stock, threadbare\*, timeworn, tripe, trite, unoriginal, well-worn, worn-out\*; CONCEPTS 267,530 —**Ant.** fresh, new, original, uncommon

**haggard** [adj] *worn, weakened* ashen, careworn, drawn, emaciated, exhausted, faded, fagged, fatigued, fretted, gaunt, ghastly, lank, lean, pale, pallid, pinched, scraggy, scrawny, shrunken, skinny, spare, starved, thin, tired, wan, wasted, weak, wearied, worn-down, wrinkled; CONCEPTS 314,406,491 —**Ant.** fresh, healthy, hearty, strong, unworn

**haggle** [v] *bicker, quarrel* argue, bargain, barter, beat down\*, cavil, chaffer, deal, dicker\*, dispute, hammer out a deal\*, horse-trade\*, make a deal\*, palter, quibble, squabble, wrangle; CONCEPT 46 —**Ant.** agree, comply, concur

**hail** [n] *torrent* barrage, bombardment, broadside, cannonade, hailstorm, pelting, rain, salvo, shower, storm, volley; CONCEPTS 189,524

**hail** [v1] *call to, yell for* accost, address, flag, flag down\*, greet, hello, holler\*, salute, shoulder, shout, signal, sing out\*, speak to, wave down, welcome, whistle down\*, whistle for\*, yawp\*, yoo-hoo\*; CONCEPTS 47,74,77 —**Ant.** whisper

**hail** [v2] *honor, salute* acclaim, acknowledge, applaud, cheer, commend, compliment, exalt, glorify, greet, hear it for\*, kudize, praise, recognize, recommend, root for\*, welcome; CONCEPT 69 —**Ant.** disdain, dishonor, disparage, slight

**hail** [v3] *come from; originate* be a native of, be born in, begin, claim as birthplace; CONCEPT 648

**hail** [v4] *rain down on* barrage, batter, beat down upon, bombard, pelt, shower, storm, volley; CONCEPT 526 —**Ant.** dribble, drip

**hair** [n] *threadlike growth on animate being* beard, bristle, cilium, coiffure, cowlick, cut, down, eyebrow, eyelash, feeler, fiber, filament, fluff, fringe, frizzies\*, fur, grass, haircut, hairstyle, lock, mane, mop\*, moustache, quill, ruff, shock, sideburn, split ends, strand, thatch, tress, tuft, vibrissa, villus, whiskers, wig, wool; CONCEPT 392

**hairdresser** [n] *hair stylist* barber, beautician, coiffeur, coiffeuse, friseur; CONCEPT 348

**hairless** [adj] *without growth on body part* bald, baldheaded, beardless, clean-shaven, cue ball\*, depilated, egghead\*, glabrate, glabrescent, glabrous, shaved, shaven, shorn, skinhead\*, smooth, smooth-faced, tonsured, whiskerless; CONCEPT 406 —**Ant.** furry, hairy, hirsute

**hair-raising** [adj] *causing excitement* bloodcurdling, breathtaking, chilling, cliff-hanging, electrifying, exciting, frightening, shocking, spine-chilling, spine-tingling, suspenseful, terrifying; CONCEPTS 529,542,548

**hairsplitting** [n] *nitpicking* bickering, carping, caviling, faultfinding, perfectionism, pettiness, quibbling, sophistry; CONCEPTS 671,706

**hairstyle** [n] *cut, style of a head of hair* afro\*, beehive\*, blow dry\*, bob\*, bouffant, braid, brushcut, bubble\*, bun, coiffure, crewcut, cut, do\*, dreadlocks, ducktail, fade, feather cut, flattop\*, flip, haircut, hairdo, headdress, horse

tail, mohawk, natural, pageboy, pigtails, pixie, ponytail, razor cut; CONCEPT 718

**hairy** [adj1] *having much hair* bearded, be-whiskered, bristly, bushy, downy, fleecy, flocculent, fluffy, furry, fuzzy, hirsute, lanate, pilous, piliferous, pilose, pubescent, rough, shaggy, stubbly, tufted, unshaven, unshorn, villous, whiskered, woolly; CONCEPT 406  
—*Ant.* bald, balding, clean, hairless

**hairy** [adj2] *dangerous* chancy, difficult, hazardous, jeopardous, perilous, risky, scary, treacherous, uncertain, unhealthy, unsound, wicked; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* calm, safe

**halcyon** [adj] *calm, peaceful* at peace, balmy, bucolic, gentle, golden, happy, harmonious, palmy, pastoral, quiet, serene, soothing, still, sunny, tranquil, untroubled; CONCEPTS 401, 404

**hale** [adj] *strong and healthy* able-bodied, alive and kicking\*, blooming, fit, fit as a fiddle\*, flourishing, healthy, hearty, husky, in fine fettle\*, in the pink\*, right, robust, sane, sound, stout, strapping, strong, trim, vigorous, well, well-conditioned, wholesome; CONCEPTS 314, 489 —*Ant.* sick, unhealthy, weak

**half** [adj] *partial* bisected, divided, even-steven\*, fifty-fifty\*, fractional, halved, incomplete, limited, moderate, partly; CONCEPT 785  
—*Ant.* total, whole

**half** [n] *one of two equal parts of a whole* bisection, division, fifty percent, fraction, hemisphere, moiety; CONCEPT 835

**half-baked** [adj] *stupid; not thought through* backward, batty\*, birdbrained\*, blockheaded\*, boneheaded\*, brainless, crazy, dumb, feeble-minded, foolish, harebrained\*, idiotic, ignorant, ill-conceived, imbecilic, impractical, indiscreet, moronic, poorly planned, retarded, senseless, short-sighted, silly, slow, sophomoric, undeveloped, unformed, witless; CONCEPTS 403, 529, 548 —*Ant.* intelligent, smart, thoughtful, wise

**half-breed** [n] *mixed creation* amalgam, blend, combination, conglomeration, cross, cross-breed, hodgepodge\*, hybrid, medley, mélange, miscgenation, mishmash\*, mule, mutt\*; CONCEPTS 260, 394

**halfhearted** [adj] *without enthusiasm* apathetic, cool, impassive, indifferent, irresolute, lackluster, listless, lukewarm, neutral, passive, perfunctory, spiritless, tame, tepid, unenthusiastic, uninterested; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* desirous, enthusiastic, interested, warm, whole-hearted

**halfway** [adj] *not complete; in the middle* betwixt and between\*, center, centermost, central, equidistant, imperfect, intermediate, medial, median, mid\*, middlemost, midway, moderate, part, partial, part-way, smack dab\*, smack in the middle\*; CONCEPTS 531, 586  
—*Ant.* complete, total, whole

**halfway** [adv] *not complete; in the middle* comparatively, compromising, conciliatory, half the distance, imperfectly, incompletely, in part, insufficiently, medially, middling, midway, moderately, nearly, partially, partly, pretty\*, rather, restrictedly, to a degree, to some extent, to the middle, unsatisfactorily; CONCEPTS 531, 586 —*Ant.* completely, totally, wholly

**half-wit** [n] *stupid person* blockhead\*, cretin, dimwit, dingbat\*, dolt, dope\*, dork\*, dullard, dumbbell\*, dummy\*, dunce, dunderhead, fool,

idiot, ignoramus, imbecile, lamebrain\*, moron, nitwit, pea brain\*, simpleton; CONCEPTS 350, 423

**hall** [n1] *corridor* anteroom, entrance, entrance-way, entry, foyer, gallery, hallway, lobby, pass, passage, passageway, room, rotunda, vestibule; CONCEPT 440

**hall** [n2] *room for large affairs* amphitheater, arena, armory, assembly room, auditorium, ballroom, casino, chamber, church, gallery, gym, gymnasium, lounge, lyceum, mart, meeting place, refectory, salon, stateroom, theater; CONCEPTS 438, 439, 441, 448

**hallmark** [n] *symbol, authentication* badge, certification, device, emblem, endorsement, indication, mark, ratification, seal, sign, signet, stamp, sure sign, telltale sign, trademark; CONCEPTS 284, 628

**hallowed** [adj] *holy, revered* anointed, beatified, blessed, consecrated, dedicated, divine, enshrined, holy, honored, inviolable, sacred, sacrosanct, sanctified, unprofane; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* desecrated, irreigious, profane, unhallowed, unholy, unsanctified

**hallucinate** [v] *imagine vividly* blow one's mind\*, daydream, envision, fantasize, freak out\*, have visions, head trip\*, hear voices\*, trip\*, visualize; CONCEPT 34 —*Ant.* experience

**hallucination** [n] *dream, delusion* aberration, apparition, fantasy, figment of the imagination\*, head trip\*, illusion, mirage, phantasm, phantasmagoria, phantom, trip\*, vision, wraith; CONCEPTS 529, 532, 690 —*Ant.* experience, fact, reality, truth

**halo** [n] *ring of light* aura, aureola, aureole, aurora, corona, crown of light, glory, halation, nimbus, radiance; CONCEPTS 624, 628

**halt** [n] *end, stoppage* arrest, break, break-off\*, close, cutoff, freeze\*, grinding halt, impasse, interruption, layoff, letup, pause, screaming halt\*, screeching halt\*, stand, standstill, stop, termination; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* continuation, endurance, go, perseverance, start

**halt** [v1] *stop, cause to stop* adjourn, arrest, balk, bar, block, blow the whistle on\*, break off\*, bring to an end, bring to standstill, call it a day\*, cease, cease fire, check, close down, come to an end, cool it\*, curb\*, cut short, desist, deter, draw up, drop anchor\*, end, frustrate, hamper, hold at bay\*, hold back, impede, intermit, interrupt, obstruct, pause, pull up\*, punctuate, put a cork in\*, rest, stall, stand still, stay, stem, stop, suspend, terminate, wait; CONCEPTS 121, 234 —*Ant.* carry on, continue, forge, forward, push

**halt** [v2] *hesitate, stutter* be defective, dither, falter, hobble, limp, pause, shilly-shally\*, stagger, stammer, stumble, vacillate, waver, whiffle\*, wiggle-waggle\*; CONCEPTS 234, 721, 804 —*Ant.* continue, speak smoothly

**halting** [adj] *hesitant* awkward, bumbling, clumsy, doubtful, faltering, gauche, imperfect, indecisive, inept, irresolute, labored, limping, lumbering, maladroit, slow, stammering, stumbling, stuttering, tentative, uncertain, unhandy, vacillating, vacillatory, wavering, wooden\*; CONCEPTS 534, 550 —*Ant.* flowing, smooth, unhesitating

**halve** [v] *cut in half* bisect, divide equally, reduce by fifty percent, share equally, split in two; CONCEPT 98 —*Ant.* combine

**hamburger** [*n*] *ground beef sandwich* beef-burger, burger, cheeseburger, chopped beef-steak, ground chuck, ground round, ground sirloin, Salisbury steak; CONCEPTS 457,460

**hamlet** [*n*] *small village* community, crossroads, district, small town, suburb; CONCEPT 507

**hammer** [*v*] *beat, hit* bang, batter, bear down, clobber, defeat, drive, drub, fashion, forge, form, knock, make, pound, pummel, shape, strike, tap, thrash, trounce, wallop, whack, whomp; CONCEPT 189

**hammer away/hammer into** [*v*] *work hard* at continue, drive home\*, drub into\*, drudge, drum into\*, endeavor, grind\*, grind into\*, impress upon, instruct, keep on, peg away\*, persevere, persist, plug away\*, pound away\*, repeat, stick to\*, try hard, try repeatedly, work; CONCEPTS 68,87,239

**hammer out** [*v*] *bring to a conclusion* accomplish, bring about, build, complete, construct, erect, establish, excogitate, fight through, finish, form, make, negotiate, produce, settle, set up, sort out, thrash out\*, work out; CONCEPTS 91,106

**hamper** [*n*] *basket for storage* bassinet, carton, crate, creel, laundry basket, pannier; CONCEPT 494

**hamper** [*v*] *impede, restrict* baffle, balk, bar, bind, block, check, clog, cramp, cramp one's style\*, cumber, curb, drag one's feet\*, embarrass, encumber, entangle, fetter, foil, frustrate, get in the way\*, hamstring\*, handicap, hang up\*, hinder, hobble, hog-tie\*, hold up\*, inconvenience, inhibit, interfere with, leash, obstruct, prevent, restrain, retard, shackle, slow down, stymie, thwart, tie, tie one's hands\*, tie up, trammel; CONCEPT 130 —*Ant.* aid, allow, assist, encourage, expedite, help, permit, promote

**hamstring** [*v*] *disable* cripple, debilitate, handicap, hinder, hobble, immobilize, impair, lame, maim, mangle, paralyze, weaken; CONCEPTS 130,246

**hand** [*n*1] *appendage at end of human arm, including fingers* duke\*, extremity, fin\*, fist, grasp, grip, ham\*, hold, hook, metacarpus, mitt\*, palm, paw\*, phalanges, shaker\*; CONCEPT 392

**hand** [*n*2] *person who does labor* aide, artificer, artisan, craftsperson, employee, help, helper, hired person, laborer, operative, roustabout, worker; CONCEPT 348

**hand** [*n*3] *help, aid* ability, agency, assistance, control, direction, guidance, influence, instruction, knack, lift, part, participation, relief, share, skill, succor, support; CONCEPTS 110,630 —*Ant.* check, encumbrance, hindrance, obstruction, prevention

**hand** [*n*4] *handwriting* calligraphy, chirography, longhand, script; CONCEPT 79

**hand** [*n*5] *round of applause* clap, handclapping, ovation, thunderous reception; CONCEPT 189 —*Ant.* silence

**handbag** [*n*] *person's carryall* backpack, bag, clutch, evening bag, grip, hide, knapsack, leather, pocketbook, portmanteau, purse, reticule; CONCEPT 446

**handbook** [*n*] *document giving instruction, information* bible, compendium, directory,

enchiridion, encyclopedia, fundamentals, guide, guidebook, instruction book, manual, text, textbook, vade mecum; CONCEPT 280

**handful** [*adj*] *a small quantity* few, scattering, small number, smattering, some, spattering, sprinkling; CONCEPT 789 —*Ant.* lot, mass

**handicap** [*n*1] *disadvantage* affliction, baggage\*, barrier, block, burden, detriment, disability, drawback, encumbrance, hangup\*, hindrance, impairment, impediment, injury, limitation, load, millstone, obstacle, psychological baggage\*, restriction, shortcoming, stumbling block\*; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, help

**handicap** [*n*2] *advantage* bulge, edge\*, favor, head start\*, odds, penalty, points\*, start, upper hand\*, vantage; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* disadvantage, drawback, impairment, limitation, restriction, shortcoming

**handicap** [*v*] *give disadvantage* burden, cripple, encumber, hamper, hamstring\*, hinder, hog-tie\*, hold back, impede, limit, put out of commission\*, restrict, sideline\*, take out\*; CONCEPTS 130,246 —*Ant.* aid, assist, benefit, further, give advantage, help, promote

**handicraft** [*n*] *artwork, skill* achievement, art, artifact, artisanship, calling, craft, craftsmanship, creation, design, handiwork, invention, métier, product, production, profession, result, trade, vocation; CONCEPTS 259,630

**handle** [*n*1] *something to grip* arm, bail, crank, ear, grasp, haft, handgrip, helve, hilt, hold, holder, knob, shaft, stem, stock, tiller; CONCEPTS 445,502,831

**handle** [*n*2] *nickname* appellation, byname, byword, cognomen, denomination, designation, moniker, name, nomen, sobriquet, style, title; CONCEPT 683

**handle** [*v*1] *touch* check, examine, feel, finger\*, fondle, grasp, hold, manipulate, maul, palpate, paw\*, pick up, poke, test, thumb\*, try; CONCEPT 612

**handle** [*v*2] *manage, take care of* administer, advise, apply, behave toward, bestow, call the signals\*, command, conduct, control, cope with, cut the mustard\*, deal with, direct, discuss, dispense, dominate, employ, exercise, exploit, get a handle on\*, govern, guide, hack it\*, make out\*, make the grade\*, maneuver, manipulate, operate, play, ply, run things, serve, steer, supervise, swing, take, treat, use, utilize, wield, work; CONCEPTS 91,117 —*Ant.* disregard, mismanage, misuse, neglect

**handle** [*v*3] *carry as merchandise* deal in, market, offer, retail, sell, stock, trade, traffic in; CONCEPT 345 —*Ant.* not carry

**handling** [*n*] *management* administration, approach, care, charge, conduct, direction, manipulation, running, styling, superintendence, supervision, treatment; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* mismanagement

**hand-me-down** [*adj*] *secondhand* not new, passed down, previously owned, used; CONCEPTS 575,585

**hand out** [*v*] *give to others* bestow, deal out, deliver, devote, disburse, dish out, dispense, disseminate, distribute, donate, give away, give out, hand over, mete, present, provide; CONCEPTS 108,140 —*Ant.* receive, take

**hand over** [*v*] *give back; release* abandon, cede, commend, commit, consign, deliver, dispense, donate, entrust, feed, find, fork out\*, fork up\*, give up, hand, leave, present, provide, relegate, relinquish, supply, surrender, transfer, turn over, waive, yield; CONCEPTS 108, 131 —*Ant.* hold, keep, retain

**handsome** [*adj*1] *attractive* admirable, aristocratic, athletic, august, beautiful, becoming, clean-cut, comely, dapper, elegant, fair, fashionable, fine, good-looking, graceful, impressive, lovely, majestic, noble, personable, pulchritudinous, robust, sharp, smart, smooth, spruce, stately, strong, stylish, suave, virile, well-dressed, well-proportioned; CONCEPT 579 —*Ant.* homely, ugly, unattractive

**handsome** [*adj*2] *abundant* ample, bounteous, bountiful, considerable, extensive, full, generous, gracious, large, lavish, liberal, magnanimous, munificent, openhanded, plentiful, princely, sizable, unsparring; CONCEPT 781 —*Ant.* insignificant, poor, small, stingy, ungenerous

**handsomely** [*adv*] *abundantly* amply, bountifully, generously, lavishly, liberally, magnanimously, munificently, nobly, plentifully, richly; CONCEPT 781 —*Ant.* insignificantly, poorly

**handwriting** [*n*] *the way a person writes* autography, calligraphy, chicken scratch\*, chirography, ductus, griffonage, hand, hieroglyphics, longhand, manuscript, manuscripting, mark, pencraft, penscript, scratching\*, scrawl, scribble, script, scription, scrivenery, scrivening, style, writing; CONCEPTS 284, 625, 628

**handy** [*adj*1] *nearly* accessible, adjacent, at hand, available, close, close-at-hand, close by, convenient, near, near-at-hand, on hand, ready, within reach; CONCEPT 586 —*Ant.* faraway, inconveniently, unhandy

**handy** [*adj*2] *easy to use* adaptable, advantageous, available, beneficial, central, convenient, functional, gainful, helpful, manageable, neat, practicable, practical, profitable, ready, serviceable, useful, utile, wieldy; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* awkward, hard, inconvenient, unhandy, useless

**handy** [*adj*3] *adept* physically able, adroit, clever, deft, dexterous, expert, fit, ingenious, nimble, proficient, ready, skilled, skillful; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* awkward, bumbling, bungling, clumsy, inept, unhandy

**hang** [*v*1] *suspend or be suspended* adhere, attach, beetle, be fastened, be in mid-air, be loose, bend, be pendent, be poised, bow, cling, cover, dangle, deck, decorate, depend, drape, drift, droop, drop, fasten, fix, flap, float, flop, furnish, hold, hover, impend, incline, lean, loll, lop, lower, nail, overhang, pin, project, remain, rest, sag, stay up, stick, swing, tack, trail, wave; CONCEPTS 144, 201, 746

**hang** [*v*2] *kill by suspension from a rope* execute, gibbet, hoist, lynch, noose, scrag, send to the gallows, stretch\*, string up\*, swing\*; CONCEPT 252

**hang** [*v*3] *depend on future action* await, be conditional upon, be contingent on, be dependent on, be determined by, be in limbo, be in suspense, cling, hinge, pend, rest, turn on; CONCEPT 681

**hang about/hang around/hang out** [*v*] *associate with; be residing in* abide, affect,

dally, frequent, get along with, haunt, have relations with, linger, live, loiter, reside, resort, room, spend time, stand around, swell, tarry, waste time; CONCEPTS 114, 226 —*Ant.* condemn

**hangdog** [*adj*] *shamefaced* ashamed, brow-beaten, conscience-stricken, cowering, defeated, downcast, guilty, intimidated, sheepish, wretched; CONCEPT 403

**hanger-on** [*n*] *person who attends the powerful for status or benefit* dependent, flunky\*, follower, freeloader\*, lackey\*, leech\*, nuisance, parasite, sponger\*, sycophant, truckler\*; CONCEPT 423

**hang on** [*v*] *continue, endure* be tough, carry on, cling, clutch, go on, grasp, grip, hold fast, hold on, hold out, persevere, persist, remain; CONCEPTS 23, 239 —*Ant.* cease, give up, let go, stop

**hangout** [*n*] *place for socializing* bar, den\*, dive\*, haunt\*, home, honky-tonk\*, joint\*, purlieu, resort, stomping ground\*, watering hole\*; CONCEPTS 439, 447, 449

**hangover** [*n*] *result of heavy drinking* aftereffect, big head\*, delirium tremens, drunkenness, DTs\*, headache, morning after\*, shakes\*, under the weather\*, willies\*, withdrawal; CONCEPT 316 —*Ant.* sobriety

**hang tough** [*v*] *endure* bear, bear the brunt\*, be patient with, brave, cope with, face, go through, grin and bear it\*, gut it out\*, hang in\*, hang in there, keep up, live out, live through, meet with, never say die\*, put up with, ride out\*, sit through, stand, stick in there, stick it out\*, stomach\*, suffer, swallow\*, take, take it\*, tough it out\*, weather, withstand; CONCEPT 23

**hang-up** [*n*] *preoccupation* block, difficulty, dilemma, disturbance, impasse, inhibition, obsession, predicament, problem, reserve, restraint, thing; CONCEPTS 532, 674, 690

**hanker after/hanker for** [*v*] *desire* strongly ache, covet, crave, hunger, itch, long, lust, partial to, pine, sigh, thirst, want, wish, yearn, yen; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**hankering** [*n*] *strong desire* ache, craving, druthers\*, fire in belly\*, hunger, itch\*, longing, munchies\*, pining, thirst, urge, want, weakness, wish, yearning, yen; CONCEPTS 20, 709 —*Ant.* dislike, hate, hatred

**hanky-panky** [*n*] *mischievous* chicane, chicanery, deception, devilry, double-dealing, fourberie, fraud, funny business\*, knavery, machinations, monkey business\*, sharp practice\*, shenanigans\*, skullduggery\*, subterfuge, trickery; CONCEPTS 59, 384 —*Ant.* faithfulness, honesty

**haphazard** [*adj*] *without plan or organization* accidental, aimless, all over the map\*, any old way\*, any which way\*, arbitrary, careless, casual, chance, designless, desultory, devil-may-care\*, disorderly, disorganized, erratic, fluke, helter-skelter\*, hit-or-miss\*, incidental, indiscriminate, irregular, loose, offhand, purposeless, random, reckless, slapdash, slipshod, spontaneous, sudden, unconcerned, unconscious, unconsidered, uncoordinated, unexpected, unmethodical, unorganized, unpremeditated, unsystematic, unthinking, willy-nilly\*; CONCEPTS 535, 581 —*Ant.* careful, designed, intentional, methodical, organized, planned, straight, systematic, thought-out



**hapless** [*adj*] *unfortunate* behind the eightball\*, cursed, hexed, ill-fated, ill-starred, infelicitous, jinxed, Jonah\*, loser, luckless, miserable, poor fish\*, sad sack\*, snakebit\*, star-crossed\*, unhappy, unlucky, untoward, voodooed\*, woeful, wretched; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* fortuitous, fortunate, lucky, well-off

**happen** [*v*] *come to pass; occur* appear, arise, arrive, become a fact, become known, become of, befall, be found, betide, bump, chance, come about, come after, come into being, come into existence, come off, crop up\*, develop, down, ensue, eventuate, fall, follow, go on, hit, issue, light, luck, materialize, meet, pass, present itself, proceed, recur, result, shake, smoke\*, spring, stumble, stumble upon, supervene, take effect, take place, transpire, turn out, turn up, what goes\*; CONCEPT 4

**happening** [*n*] *occurrence* accident, adventure, affair, case, chance, circumstance, episode, event, experience, go\*, incident, milestone, occasion, phenomenon, proceeding, scene, thing\*; CONCEPT 4 —*Ant.* method, plan, system

**happily** [*adv*1] *with joy, pleasure* agreeably, blissfully, blithely, brightly, buoyantly, cheerfully, contentedly, delightedly, delightfully, devotedly, elatedly, enthusiastically, exhilaratingly, exultantly, freely, gaily, gladly, gleefully, graciously, heartily, hilariously, jovially, joyfully, joyously, laughingly, lightheartedly, lightly, lovingly, merrily, optimistically, peacefully, playfully, sincerely, smilingly, sportively, vivaciously, willingly, with relish, with zeal, zestfully; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* unhappily

**happily** [*adv*2] *successfully* appropriately, aptly, auspiciously, favorably, felicitously, fortunately, gracefully, propitiously, prosperously, providentially, satisfyingly, seasonably, swimmingly, well; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* unhappily, unluckily, unsuccessfully

**happiness** [*n*] *high spirits, satisfaction* beatitude, blessedness, bliss, cheer, cheerfulness, cheeriness, content, contentment, delectation, delight, delirium, ecstasy, elation, enchantment, enjoyment, euphoria, exhilaration, exuberance, felicity, gaiety, geniality, gladness, glee, good cheer, good humor, good spirits, hilarity, hopefulness, joviality, joy, jubilation, laughter, lightheartedness, merriment, mirth, optimism, paradise, peace of mind, playfulness, pleasure, prosperity, rejoicing, sanctity, seventh heaven\*, vivacity, well-being; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* depression, gloom, misery, pain, sadness, sorrow, unhappiness, woe

**happy** [*adj*1] *in high spirits; satisfied* blessed, blest, blissful, blithe, can't complain\*, captivated, cheerful, chipper, chirpy, content, contented, convivial, delighted, ecstatic, elated, exultant, flying high\*, gay, glad, gleeful, gratified, intoxicated, jolly, joyful, joyous, jubilant, laughing, light, lively, looking good\*, merry, mirthful, on cloud nine\*, overjoyed, peaceful, peppy, perky, playful, pleasant, pleased, sparkling, sunny, thrilled, tickled, tickled pink\*, up, upbeat, walking on air\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* depressed, discouraged, dissatisfied, miserable, morose, pained, sad, sorrowful, unhappy

**happy** [*adj*2] *lucky* accidental, advantageous, appropriate, apt, auspicious, befitting, casual,

convenient, correct, effective, efficacious, enviable, favorable, felicitous, fitting, fortunate, incidental, just, meet, nice, opportune, promising, proper, propitious, providential, right, satisfactory, seasonable, successful, suitable, timely, well-timed; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* forsaken, hopeless, troubled, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky

**happy-go-lucky** [*adj*] *carefree and untroubled* blithe, casual, cheerful, cool, devil-may-care\*, easy, easygoing, feckless, free-minded, heedless, imprevident, insouciant, irresponsible, lackadaisical\*, lighthearted, nonchalant, reckless, unconcerned; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* disconsolate, discontented, dissatisfied, distressed, troubled, upset, worried

**hara-kiri** [*n*] *ritual suicide* belly cutting, ceremonious suicide, disembowelment, self-immolation, seppuku; CONCEPTS 192,252

**harangue** [*n*] *long lecture* address, chewing out\*, declamation, diatribe, discourse, exhortation, hassle, jeremiad, oration, philippic, reading out\*, screed, sermon, speech, spiel\*, spouting, tirade; CONCEPTS 51,278

**harangue** [*v*] *give a long lecture* accost, address, apostrophize, buttonhole\*, chew out\*, declaim, exhort, get on a soapbox\*, go on about\*, hold forth, orate, perorate, rant, rave, soapbox\*, spiel\*, spout, stump, talk to, yell at; CONCEPT 51

**harass** [*v*] *badger* annoy, attack, bait, bedevil, beleague, bother, bug\*, burn\*, despoil, devil\*, distress, disturb, eat\*, exasperate, exhaust, fatigue, foray, get to\*, give a bad time\*, give a hard time\*, gnaw\*, harry, hassle, heckle, hound\*, intimidate, irk, irritate, jerk around\*, macerate, maraud, noodge\*, pain\*, perplex, persecute, pester, plague, raid, rattle one's cage\*, ride, strain, stress, tease, tire, torment, trouble, try, vex, weary, work on\*, worry; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* aid, assist, facilitate, help, support

**harassment** [*n*] *badgering* aggravation, annoyance, bedeviling, bother, bothering, disturbance, exasperation, hassle, irking, irritation, molestation, nuisance, persecution, perturbation, pestering, provocation, provoking, torment, trouble, vexation, vexing; CONCEPTS 14, 313 —*Ant.* aid, assistance, facilitation, furtherance, help, support

**harbinger** [*n*] *indication* augury, forerunner, foretoker, herald, messenger, omen, portent, precursor, sign, signal; CONCEPTS 74,284,529

**harbor** [*n*1] *place for storing boats in the water* anchorage, arm, bay, bight, breakwater, chuck, cove, dock, embankment, firth, gulf, haven, inlet, jetty, landing, mooring, pier, port, road, roadstead, wharf; CONCEPTS 439,509,514

**harbor** [*n*2] *place for seclusion* asylum, cover, covert, harborage, haven, port, refuge, retreat, sanctuary, sanctum, security, shelter; CONCEPT 515

**harbor** [*v*1] *hide, protect* accommodate, board, bunk, conceal, defend, domicile, entertain, guard, hold back, house, lodge, nurse, nurture, provide refuge, put up, quarter, relieve, safeguard, screen, secrete, secure, shelter, shield, suppress, withhold; CONCEPTS 134,188 —*Ant.* eject, let out, uncover

**harbor** [*v*2] *hold in imagination* believe, brood

over, cherish, cling to, consider, entertain, foster, hold, imagine, maintain, nurse, nurture, regard, retain; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore

**hard** [adj1] *rocklike* adamantine, callous, compact, compacted, compressed, concentrated, consolidated, dense, firm, hardened, impenetrable, indurate, indurated, inflexible, iron\*, packed, rigid, rocky, set, solid, stiff, stony, strong, thick, tough, unyielding; CONCEPT 604 —*Ant.* flexible, malleable, pliable, pliant, soft, yielding

**hard** [adj2] *difficult, exhausting* arduous, backbreaking, bothersome, burdensome, complicated, demanding, difficile, distressing, effortful, exacting, fatiguing, formidable, grinding, hairy\*, heavy\*, Herculean\*, intricate, involved, irksome, knotty\*, labored, laborious, mean, merciless, murder, onerous, operose, rigorous, rough, rugged, scabrous, serious, severe, slavish, sticky, strenuous, terrible, tiring, toilful, toilsome, tough, troublesome, unsparing, uphill\*, uphill battle\*, wearing, wearisome, wearying; CONCEPTS 529, 538, 565 —*Ant.* easy, facile, mild, simple

**hard** [adj3] *cruel, ruthless* acrimonious, angry, antagonistic, austere, bitter, bleak, brutal, callous, cold, cold-blooded\*, cold fish\*, dark, disagreeable, distressing, dour, exacting, grievous, grim, hard as nails\*, hard-boiled\*, harsh, hostile, inclement, intemperate, intolerable, obdurate, painful, perverse, pitiless, rancorous, resentful, rigorous, rugged, severe, stern, strict, stringent, stubborn, thick-skinned\*, tough, unfeeling, unjust, unkind, unpleasant, unrelenting, unsparing, unsympathetic, vengeful; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* merciful, mild, nice, pleasant, sensitive, sympathetic

**hard** [adj4] *true, indisputable* absolute, actual, bare, cold, definite, down-to-earth, genuine, plain, positive, practical, pragmatic, realistic, sure, undeniable, unvarnished, verified; CONCEPTS 535, 582 —*Ant.* disputable, doubtful, inexact, questionable, uncertain, untrue

**hard** [adv1] *with great force* actively, angrily, animatedly, boisterously, briskly, brutally, cruelly, earnestly, energetically, ferociously, fiercely, forcibly, frantically, furiously, heavily, intensely, keenly, like fury, madly, meanly, painfully, powerfully, relentlessly, rigorously, roughly, rowdily, savagely, seriously, severely, sharply, spiritedly, sprightly, stormily, strongly, tumultuously/tumultuously, turbulently, uproariously, urgently, viciously, vigorously, violently, vivaciously, wildly, with all one's might; CONCEPT 540 —*Ant.* gently, softly

**hard** [adv2] *with determination* assiduously, closely, diligently, doggedly, earnestly, exhaustively, industriously, intensely, intensively, intently, painstakingly, persistently, searchingly, sharply, steadily, strenuously, thoroughly, unremittingly, untrudgingly; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* unenthusiastically

**hard** [adv3] *with difficulty* agonizingly, arduously, awkwardly, badly, burdensomely, carefully, cumbrously, cumbrously, distressingly, exhaustingly, gruelingly, hardly, harshly, inconveniently, laboriously, painfully, ponderously, roughly, severely, strenuously, tiredly,

toilsomely, unwieldily, vigorously, with great effort; CONCEPT 565 —*Ant.* easily, moderately

**hard** [adv4] *with resentment* bitterly, hardly, keenly, rancorously, reluctantly, slowly, sorely; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* indulgently, tolerantly

**hard** [adv5] *in a fixed manner* close, fast, firm, firmly, solidly, steadfastly, tight, tightly; CONCEPTS 488, 586 —*Ant.* unfixedly, yielding

**hard-boiled** [adj] *tough* callous, firm, hard as nails\*, hard-line\*, hard-nosed\*, hard-shelled\*, headstrong, inflexible, obdurate, obstinate, rough, stern, strict, unbending, unfeeling; CONCEPTS 403, 542

**hard-core** [adj] *dedicated* determined, devoted, die-hard\*, dyed-in-the-wool\*, explicit, extreme, faithful, intransigent, obstinate, resolute, rigid, staunch, steadfast, stubborn, uncompromising, unwaivering, unyielding; CONCEPTS 535, 542 —*Ant.* indulgent, mild, moderate, soft-core, tolerant, undedicated

**harden** [v1] *make or become solid* amalgamate, anneal, bake, brace, buttress, cake, calcify, callous, cement, close, clot, coagulate, compact, congeal, consolidate, contract, crystallize, curdle, densify, dry, firm, fix, fortify, fossilize, freeze, gird, indurate, jell, nerve, ossify, petrify, precipitate, press, reinforce, set, settle, solidify, starch, steel, stiffen, strengthen, temper, thicken, toughen, vitrify; CONCEPTS 250, 469 —*Ant.* liquefy, melt, soften

**harden** [v2] *accustom* acclimate, acclimatize, adapt, adjust, blunt, brutalize, callous, callus, case-harden, climatize, coarsen, conform, deaden, develop, discipline, dull, embitter, habituate, indurate, inure, make callous, numb, paralyze, render insensitive, roughen, season, steel, stiffen, strengthen, stun, stupefy, teach, train; CONCEPTS 35, 235 —*Ant.* be intolerant, indulge, spoil

**hardened** [adj] *unfeeling* accustomed, benumbed, callous, case-hardened, coldhearted\*, contemptuous, cruel, disdainful, habituated, hard-as-nails\*, hard-bitten\*, hard-boiled\*, hardhearted\*, heartless, impenetrable, impious, inaccessible, indurated, inured, irreverent, obdurate, obtuse, prepared, resistant, seasoned, steeled, toughened, unashamed, unbending, uncaring, uncompassionate, unemotional, unrepenting, unsubmitive; CONCEPTS 404, 542 —*Ant.* compassionate, feeling, kind, nice, sympathetic

**hardhearted** [adj] *cold, cruel* brutish, callous, cold-blooded\*, coldhearted\*, hard, hard-boiled\*, heartless, indifferent, inhuman, insensitive, intolerant, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, stony, uncaring, uncompassionate, unemotional, unfeeling, unkind, unsympathetic; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —*Ant.* compassionate, kind, nice, softhearted, warm

**hard-line** [adj] *firm* adamant, hard-boiled\*, hard-core, hard-nosed\*, inflexible, militant, stand pat\*, staunch, steadfast, stern, stiff, strict, unbending, uncompromising, unyielding, unyielding; CONCEPTS 267, 403, 542

**hardly** [adv] *scarcely; with difficulty* almost inconceivably, almost not, barely, by a hair, by no means, comparatively, detectably, faintly, gradually, imperceptibly, infrequently, just, little, no more than, not a bit, not at all, not by

much, not likely, not markedly, not measurably, not much, not notably, not noticeably, not often, not quite, no way, once in a blue moon\*, only, only just, perceptibly, practically, pretty near, rarely, scantily, seldom, simply, slightly, somewhat, sparsely, sporadically, with trouble; CONCEPTS 541,552,771 —*Ant.* very

**hard-nosed/hardheaded** [*adj*] *stubborn* astute, bullheaded\*, hard\*, hard-boiled\*, headstrong, intractable, levelheaded, locked in\*, mulish, obstinate, pertinacious, perverse, pig-headed\*, practical, pragmatic, rational, realistic, resolute, sensible, shrewd, sober, stand pat, tough, tough-nut\*, unsentimental, unyielding, willful; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* easy, easy-going, laid-back, merciful

**hardship** [*n*] *personal burden* accident, adversity, affliction, asperity, austerity, calamity, case, catastrophe, curse, danger, destitution, difficulty, disaster, discomfort, distress, drudgery, fatigue, grief, grievance, hard knocks\*, hazard, Herculean task\*, injury, labor, mischance, misery, misfortune, need, oppression, peril, persecution, privation, rainy day\*, rigor, rotten luck\*, sorrow, suffering, toil, torment, tough break\*, tough luck\*, travail, trial, tribulation, trouble, uphill battle\*, vicissitude, want, worry; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* advantage, assistance, benefit, blessing, ease, favor, gain, good, profit

**hardware** [*n*] *tools; fittings, especially made of metal* accoutrements, appliances, fasteners, fixtures, household furnishings, housewares, implements, ironware, kitchenware, metalware, plumbing, utensils; CONCEPTS 338,499

**hardy** [*adj*] *strong, tough* able, able-bodied, acclimatized, brawny, burly, capable, enduring, firm, fit, fresh, hale, hardened, healthy, hearty, hefty, indefatigable, in fine fettle\*, in good condition, in good shape, inured, lusty, mighty, muscular, physically fit, powerful, resistant, robust, rugged, seasoned, solid, sound, stalwart, staunch, stout, sturdy, substantial, tenacious, unflagging, vigorous, well; CONCEPTS 314,485,489 —*Ant.* feeble, infirm, invalid, sick, tender, unhealthy, weak

**harebrained** [*adj*] *stupid, unthinking* absurd, asinine, barmy, bizarre, careless, changeable, crazy, dizzy\*, empty-headed\*, featherbrained\*, flighty, foolish, frivolous, giddy, half-baked\*, heedless, inane, irresponsible, loony\*, mindless, preposterous, rash, rattlebrained, reckless, scatterbrained\*, unstable, unsteady, wacky\*, wild; CONCEPTS 402,529 —*Ant.* brainy, intelligent, reasonable, sensible, smart, thoughtful

**harlot** [*n*] *prostitute* call girl, concubine, courtesan, fallen woman\*, floozy\*, hooker, hussy, lady of the evening, loose woman, nymphomaniac\*, painted woman, slut, streetwalker, strumpet, tramp, whore; CONCEPTS 348,412,415,419

**harm** [*n*] *injury, evil* abuse, banefulness, damage, deleteriousness, detriment, disservice, foul play\*, hurt, ill, immorality, impairment, infliction, iniquity, loss, marring, mischance, mischief, misfortune, misuse, noxiousness, outrage, perniciousness, prejudice, ravage, ruin, ruination, sabotage, sin, sinfulness, vandalism, vice, violence, wear and tear\*, wickedness, wrong; CONCEPTS 309,674,728 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, blessing, good, pleasure

**harm** [*v*] *injure; cause evil* abuse, blemish, bruise, cripple, crush, damage, dilapidate, discommode, deserve, do violence to, dump on\*, get, hurt, ill-treat, impair, incommode, inconvenience, louse up\*, maim, maltreat, mangle, mar, mess up\*, misuse, molest, muck up\*, mutilate, nick, outrage, prejudice, put down, ruin, sabotage, sap\*, scathe, shatter, shock, spoil, stab, tarnish, total, trample, traumatize, tweak\*, undermine, vandalize, vitiate, wing\*, wound, wreck, wrench, wrong, zing\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,246,313 —*Ant.* aid, assist, benefit, care, fix, help, improve, mend

**harmful** [*adj*] *injurious, hurtful* adverse, bad, baleful, baneful, calamitous, cataclysmic, catastrophic, consumptive, corroding, corrupting, crippling, damaging, deleterious, destructive, detrimental, dire, disadvantageous, disastrous, evil, harassing, incendiary, inimical, internecine, malefic, malicious, malignant, menacing, mischievous, murderous, noxious, noxious, painful, pernicious, pestiferous, pestilential, risky, ruinous, sinful, sinister, subversive, toxic, undermining, unhealthy, unsafe, unwholesome, virulent; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* aiding, assisting, helpful, nice, unarmful

**harmless** [*adj*] *not injurious or dangerous* controllable, disarmed, gentle, guiltless, hurtless, innocent, innocuous, innoxious, inoffensive, inoperative, kind, manageable, naive, nonirritating, nontoxic, painless, paper-tiger\*, powerless, pussycat\*, reliable, safe, sanitary, simple, soft\*, softie\*, sound, sure, trustworthy, unobjectionable, unoffensive; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* bad, destructive, evil, harmful, hurtful, injurious, sinful, wicked

**harmonious** [*adj*] *agreeable, corresponding; friendly* accordant, adapted, amicable, balanced, compatible, concordant, congenial, congruous, consonant, coordinated, cordial, dulcet, euphonious, harmonic, harmonizing, in accord, in chorus, in concert, in harmony, in step, in tune, in unison, like, matching, mellifluous, melodious, melodious, mix, musical, of one mind\*, on same wavelength\*, peaceful, rhythmical, silvery, similar, simpatico, sonorous, suitable, sweet-sounding, symmetrical, sympathetic, symphonic, symphonious, tuneful; CONCEPT 563 —*Ant.* cacophonous, disagreeable, discordant, dissonant, harsh, inharmonious, opposed, unfriendly, unlike

**harmonize** [*v*] *correspond, match* accord, adapt, adjust, agree, arrange, attune, be in unison, be of one mind\*, blend, carol, chime with, cohere, combine, compose, cooperate, coordinate, correlate, fit in with\*, integrate, orchestrate, proportion, reconcile, reconcile, relate, set, sing, suit, symphonize, synthesize, tune, unify, unite; CONCEPTS 77,664 —*Ant.* clash, disagree, fight

**harmony** [*n*] *social agreement* accord, affinity, amicability, amity, compatibility, concord, conformity, consensus, consistency, cooperation, correspondence, empathy, friendship, good will, kinship, like-mindedness, meeting of minds\*, peace, rapport, sympathy, tranquility, unanimity, understanding, unity; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* clash, disagreement, discord, fighting

**harmony** [n2] *correspondence, balance* accord, agreement, articulation, chime, concord, concordance, conformance, conformity, congruity, consistency, consonance, fitness, form, integration, integrity, oneness, order, parallelism, proportion, regularity, suitability, symmetry, togetherness, tune, unity; CONCEPT 664

—*Ant.* disproportion, imbalance

**harmony** [n3] *musical accordance* arrangement, attunement, blend, blending, chime, chord, chorus, composition, concentus, concert, concinnity, concurrence, consonance, diapason, euphony, harmonics, mellifluousness, melodiousness, melody, organum, overtone, piece, polyphony, richness, symphony, triad, tune, tunelessness, unison, unity; CONCEPTS 65, 262, 595 —*Ant.* cacophony, discord, jangling

**harness** [n] *gear for controlling an animal* belt, equipment, strap, tack, tackle, trappings; CONCEPT 496

**harness** [v] *rein in; control* accouter, apply, bind, bridle, channel, check, cinch, collar, constrain, couple, curb, domesticate, employ, equip, exploit, fasten, fetter, fit, furnish, gear, govern, hitch, hold, leash, limit, make productive, mobilize, muzzle, outfit, put in harness, render useful, rig, saddle, secure, strap, tackle, tame, tie, utilize, yoke; CONCEPTS 94, 130, 191

—*Ant.* release, unharness

**harried** [adj] *pressured* agitated, anxious, at wit's end\*, beset, bothered, distressed, harassed, hard-pressed, stressed, troubled, worried; CONCEPTS 403, 690

**harrowing** [adj] *dangerous, frightening* agonizing, alarming, chilling, distressing, disturbing, excruciating, heartbreaking, heart-rending, nerve-racking, painful, racking, soaring, tearing, terrifying, tormenting, torturing, torturous, traumatic; CONCEPTS 529, 548 —*Ant.* calming, pleasant, pleasing, unfrightingening

**harry** [v] *pester, annoy* attack, badger, bedevil, beleague, chivy, deplete, devastate, disturb, fret, gnaw, harass, hassle, irk, irritate, lay waste, molest, persecute, perturb, pillage, plague, plunder, ravage, sack, tease, torment, trouble, upset, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help, support

**harsh** [adj1] *rough, crude (to the senses)* acrid, asperous, astringent, bitter, bleak, cacophonous, caterwauling, clashing, coarse, cracked, craggy, creaking, croaking, disagreeing, discordant, dissonant, disturbing, earsplitting, flat, glaring, grating, grim, guttural, hard, hoarse, incompatible, jagged, jangling, jarring, noisy, not smooth, off-key\*, out-of-key\*, out-of-tune\*, rasping, raucous, rigid, rugged, rusty, screeching, severe, sharp, sour, strident, stridulous, tuneless, uneven, unlevel, unmelodious, unmusical, unrelenting; CONCEPTS 537, 569 —*Ant.* easy, gentle, mild, peaceful, pleasing, smooth, soft

**harsh** [adj2] *nasty, abusive* austere, bitter, brutal, comfortless, cruel, cursed, discourteous, dour, grim, gruff, hairy\*, hard, hard-boiled, hard-nosed\*, hard-shell\*, mean, pitiless, punitive, relentless, rude, ruthless, severe, sharp, stern, stringent, tough, uncivil, unfeeling, ungracious, unkind, unpleasant, unrelenting, wicked; CONCEPTS 267, 542 —*Ant.* courteous, kind, nice, polite

**harum-scarum** [adj] *reckless* carefree, careless, daring, disorderly, erratic, flighty, foolhardy, giddy, haphazard, hasty, imprudent, irresponsible, light-minded, negligent, rash, regardless, romping, scatty, thoughtless, wild; CONCEPTS 401, 542

**harvest** [n] *crops; taking in of crops* autumn, by-product, consequence, cropping, effect, fall, fruitage, fruition, garnering, gathering, harvesting, harvest-time, ingathering, intake, output, produce, reaping, repercussion, result, return, season, storing, summer, yield, yielding; CONCEPTS 257, 338, 429

**harvest** [v] *gathering of produce* accumulate, acquire, amass, bin, cache, collect, crop, cull, cut, garner, gather, get, glean, harrow, hoard, mow, pick, pile up, plow, pluck, reap, squirrel\*, stash, store, stow, strip, take in; CONCEPTS 142, 257 —*Ant.* plant, seed

**hash** [n] *mess, mix-up* assortment, clutter, confusion, hodgepodge\*, hotchpotch\*, jumble, litter, medley, mélange, miscellany, mish-mash\*, muddle\*, salmagundi\*, shambles\*, stew\*; CONCEPTS 260, 432

**hashish** [n] *cannabis resin* black hash\*, black oil\*, cannabis, dope, drug, ganja\*, grass\*, hash, hemp, marijuana, narcotic, pot\*; CONCEPT 307

**hassle** [n] *problem, fight* altercation, argument, bickering, bother, clamor, commotion, difficulty, disagreement, dispute, inconvenience, quarrel, row, run-in\*, squabble, struggle, trial, trouble, try, tumult, turmoil, tussle, uproar, upset, whirl, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46, 106, 674 —*Ant.* agreement, peace

**hassle** [v] *bother, harass* annoy, argue, argify, badger, bedevil, beleague, bicker, dispute, dun, harry, hound, pester, plague, quibble, squabble, worry, wrangle; CONCEPTS 14, 16, 46 —*Ant.* agree, concur, make peace

**haste** [n] *extreme speed, hurry* alacrity, briskness, bustle, carelessness, celerity, dash, dispatch, drive, expedition, expeditiousness, fleetness, flurry, foolhardiness, hastiness, heedlessness, hurly-burly\*, hurriedness, hustle, hustling, impatience, impetuosity, incautiousness, nimbleness, pace, precipitancy, precipitateness, prematureness, press, promptitude, promptness, quickness, rapidity, rapidness, rashness, recklessness, rush, scamper, scramble, scurry, scuttle, swiftness, urgency, velocity; CONCEPTS 755, 818 —*Ant.* delay, leisure, lingering, rest, slowness

**hasten** [v] *speed something; hurry* accelerate, advance, bolt, bound, burn, bustle, clip\*, cover ground\*, dash, dispatch, expedite, express, flee, fly, gallop, get cracking\*, get the lead out\*, goad, haste, hie, hustle, leap, make haste, make tracks\*, move quickly, not lose a minute\*, pace, plunge, precipitate, press, push, quicken, race, run, rush, scamper, scoot, scurry, scuttle, shake a leg\*, skip, sprint, spurt, step on it\*, step up\*, take wing\*, tear, trot, urge, waste no time\*, whip around; CONCEPTS 150, 152 —*Ant.* go slow, lag, linger, loiter, procrastinate, rest, tarry

**hastily** [adv] *with great speed* agilely, apace, carelessly, double-quick, expeditiously, fast, flat-out\*, heedlessly, hurriedly, impetuously, impulsively, lickety-split\*, nimbly, on spur

of the moment\*, posthaste, precipitately, prematurely, promptly, quickly, rapidly, rashly, recklessly, speedily, straightaway, subito, suddenly, swiftly, thoughtlessly, too quickly, unpremeditatedly; CONCEPTS 544,588 —*Ant.* delayed, slowly

**hasty** [*adj*] *speedy; without much thought* abrupt, agile, brash, breakneck\*, brief, brisk, careless, chop-chop\*, cursory, eager, expeditious, fast, fiery, fleet, fleeting, foolhardy, harefooted\*, headlong, heedless, hurried, ill-advised, impatient, impetuous, impulsive, incautious, inconsiderate, madcap\*, on the double\*, passing, PDQ\*, perfunctory, precipitate, prompt, pronto\*, quick, quickened, quickie, rapid, rash, reckless, rushed, short, slambang\*, slapdash\*, snappy\*, sudden, superficial, swift, thoughtless, urgent; CONCEPTS 542,588,799 —*Ant.* delayed, lazy, lingering, loitering, slow

**hat** [*n*] *covering for the head* boater, bonnet, bowler, bucket, chapeau, fedora, headgear, headpiece, helmet, lid\*, millinery, Panama, sailor\*, skimmer, sombrero, Stetson, stove pipe\*, straw\*, tam, tam o' shanter\*, ten-gallon\*, topper\*; CONCEPT 451

**hatch** [*v*] *create, plan* bear, brainstorm\*, breed, bring forth, brood, cause, come up with, conceive, concoct, contrive, cook up\*, design, devise, dream up\*, engender, formulate, generate, get up, give birth, incubate, induce, invent, lay eggs, make, make up, occasion, originate, parent, plot, prepare, procreate, produce, project, provoke, scheme, set, sire, spawn, spitball\*, think up\*, throw together\*, trump up\*, whip up\*, work up\*; CONCEPTS 36,173,251

**hate** [*n*] *extreme dislike* abhorrence, abomination, anathema, animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, aversion, bête noire\*, black beast\*, bother, bugbear\*, detestation, disgust, enmity, execration, frost\*, grievance, gripe, hatred, horror, hostility, ill will, irritant, loathing, malevolence, malignity, mislike, nasty look, no love lost\*, nuisance, objection, odium, pain, rancor, rankling, repugnance, repulsion, resentment, revenge, revulsion, scorn, spite, trouble, venom; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* liking, love, loving

**hate** [*v*] *dislike very strongly* abhor, abominate, allergic to\*, anathematize, bear a grudge against, be disgusted with, be hostile to, be loath, be reluctant, be repelled by, be sick of, be sorry, can't stand\*, condemn, curse, deprecate, deride, despise, detest, disapprove, disdain, disfavor, disparage, down on\*, excrete, feel malice to, have an aversion to\*, have enough of\*, have no use for\*, loathe, look down on, nauseate\*, not care for\*, object to, recoil from, scorn, shudder at, shun, spit upon\*, spurn; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* like, love

**hateful** [*adj*] *nasty, obnoxious* abhorrent, abominable, accursed, awful, bitter, blasted, catty\*, confounded, cursed, cussed, damnable, damned, despicable, despiteful, detestable, disgusting, evil, execrable, forbidding, foul, gross, heinous, horrid, infamous, invidious, loathsome, malevolent, malign, mean, odious, offensive, omery\*, pesky, pestiferous, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, resentful, revolting, shuddersome, spiteful, uncool\*, undesirable, vicious, vile; CONCEPTS 267,404 —*Ant.*

friendly, kind, likable, lovable, nice, pleasant, polite

**hatred** [*n*] *severe dislike* abhorrence, abomination, acrimony, alienation, allergy to\*, animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, aversion, bitterness, coldness, contempt, detestation, disapproval, disfavor, disgust, displeasure, distaste, enmity, envy, execration, grudge, hard feelings\*, hate, horror, hostility, ignominy, ill will, invidiousness, loathing, malevolence, malice, malignance, militancy, no use for\*, odium, pique, prejudice, rancor, repugnance, repulsion, revenge, revulsion, scorn, spite, spleen, venom; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* like, liking, love, loving

**haughtiness** [*n*] *air of supremacy* aloofness, arrogance, conceit, contempt, contemptuousness, disdain, disdainfulness, hauteur, insolence, loftiness, pomposity, pride, snobbishness, superiority, superciliousness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* humility, meekness

**haughty** [*adj*] *arrogant* assuming, cavalier\*, conceited, contemptuous, detached, disdainful, distant, egotistic, egotistical, high, high and mighty\*, hoity-toity\*, imperious, indifferent, lofty, on high horse\*, overbearing, overweening, proud, reserved, scornful, sniffy\*, snobbish, snooty\*, snotty\*, stuck-up\*, supercilious, superior, uppity\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* humble, meek, shy, timid

**haul** [*n*] *something obtained or moved* booty, burden, cargo, catch, find, freight, gain, harvest, lading, load, loot\*, payload\*, spoils, takings\*, yield; CONCEPTS 337,338

**haul** [*v*] *move, pull to another spot* back, boost, bring, buck, carry, cart, convey, drag, draw, elevate, gun, heave, heel, hoist, hump, jag, lift, lug, pack, piggy back\*, raise, rake, remove, ride, shift, schlepp\*, shoulder, tote, tow, trail, transport, trawl, truck, tug; CONCEPTS 147,148

**haunt** [*n*] *place for socializing* abode, bar, clubhouse, cubbyhole\*, den, dwelling, gathering place, habitat, hangout\*, headquarters, home, lair, living quarters, locality, meeting place, niche, place, purlieu, range, rendezvous, resort, retreat, site, stomping ground\*, trysting place, watering hole\*; CONCEPTS 435,516

**haunt** [*v1*] *visit as a spirit* agitate, agonize, annoy, appall, appear, bedevil, be ever present, beset, besiege, come back, disquiet, dwell, float, frighten, harass, harrow, hound\*, hover, infest, inhabit, intrude, madden, manifest, materialize, molest, nettle, obsess, overrun, permeate, pervade, pester, plague, possess, prey on, rack\*, reappear, recur, return, rise, spook\*, stay with, tease, terrify, terrorize, torment, trouble, vex, voodoo\*, walk, weigh on, worry; CONCEPT 14

**haunt** [*v2*] *spend a lot of time at* affect, frequent, habituate, hang about\*, hang around\*, hang out\*, infest, repair, resort, tarry at, visit; CONCEPT 384

**haunting** [*adj*] *unforgettable* eerie, memorable, nagging, nostalgic, obsessive, ongoing, persistent, recurrent, repeated, spooky; CONCEPTS 529,537

**hauteur** [*n*] *arrogance* airs, audacity, conceit, conceitedness, condescension, contempt, disdain, disdainfulness, egotism, gall, haughtiness, high-handedness, nerve, pomposity, pompous-

ness, presumption, pride, self-importance, snobbishness, vanity; CONCEPTS 411,633

**have** [v1] *be in possession* accept, acquire, admit, annex, bear, carry, chalk up, compass, corner, enjoy, gain, get, get hands on\*, get hold of\*, have in hand, hog\*, hold, include, keep, land, latch on to\*, lock up\*, obtain, occupy, own, pick up, possess, procure, receive, retain, secure, sit on\*, take, take in, team with;

CONCEPTS 124,142,710 —*Ant.* lack, need, want

**have** [v2] *endure, bear* allow, become, be compelled to, be forced to, be one's duty to, be up to, consider, enjoy, entertain\*, experience, fall on, feel, know, leave, let, meet with, must, need, ought, permit, put up with\*, rest with, see, should, suffer, sustain, think about, tolerate, undergo; CONCEPTS 23,83,646

**have** [v3] *contain* comprehend, comprise, embody, embrace, encompass, include, involve, subsume, take in; CONCEPTS 642,742 —*Ant.* exclude

**have** [v4] *cheat, trick* buy off\*, deceive, dupe\*, fix\*, fool, outfox, outmaneuver, outsmart, outwit, overreach, swindle, take in\*, tamper with, undo\*; CONCEPTS 59,192

**have** [v5] *bring into the world* bear, beget, bring forth, deliver, give birth; CONCEPT 374 —*Ant.* kill

**have a ball** [v] *have fun* beat the drum\*, cut loose, enjoy, feast, get down\*, get it on\*, go to town\*, jubilate, kick up one's heels\*, let loose\*, let off steam\*, live it up\*, make merry, paint the town red\*, party, raise hell\*, raise the roof\*, rejoice, revel, reverse; CONCEPT 377

**haven** [n] *refuge, port* anchorage, asylum, cover, covert, harbor, harborage, retreat, roadstead, sanctuary, sanctum, shelter; CONCEPTS 435,515

**have someone's number** [v] *know someone's motives* be onto someone, be wise to someone\*, have someone pegged\*, have someone sized up\*, know what makes someone tick\*, read someone; CONCEPTS 15,18,37

**havoc** [n] *chaotic situation* calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, chaos, confusion, damage, desolation, despoiling, destruction, devastation, dilapidation, disorder, disruption, loss, mayhem, plunder, rack and ruin\*, ravages, ruination, shambles\*, vandalism, waste, wreck, wreckage; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* peace

**hawker** [n] *peddler* colporteur, costermonger, huckster, pitchperson, salesperson, seller, street seller, street vendor; CONCEPTS 347,348

**hayseed** [n] *peddler*, yokel  
backwoodsman/woman, boor\*, clothopper\*, country boy/girl, country bumpkin, country cousin\*, hick\*, hillbilly, rustic; CONCEPT 413

**haywire** [adj] *broken; crazy* amiss, amok, batty, berserk, bonkers\*, chaotic, fussed, cracked, crazed, defective, disordered, disorganized, erratic, flipped, in a mess\*, in pieces, insane, mad, messy, nuts, orderless, out of order, out of whack\*, out to lunch\*, psycho\*, schizo\*, screwball\*, screwy\*, touched\*, unbalanced, unglued\*, unhinged, wacky; CONCEPTS 403,485

**hazard** [n1] *danger* double trouble\*, dynamite, endangerment, hot potato\*, imperilment, jeopardy, peril, risk, risky business\*, thin

ice\*, threat; CONCEPT 675 —*Ant.* protection, safeguard, safety

**hazard** [n2] *luck, chance* accident, adventure, coincidence, dynamite, fling\*, fluke\*, go\*, hundred-to-one\*, long shot, lucky break\*, lucky hit\*, misfortune, mishap, possibility, risk, risky business\*, stroke of luck\*, toss-up, venture, wager, way the ball bounces\*, way the cookie crumbles\*; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* assurance, certainty, determination, fact, proof, reality, surety

**hazard** [v] *take a chance; risk* adventure, conjecture, dare, endanger, gamble, go for broke\*, go out on limb\*, guess, imperil, jeopardize, presume, proffer, skate on thin ice\*, speculate, stake, submit, suppose, take a plunge\*, throw out, try, venture, volunteer, wager; CONCEPTS 28,87

**hazardous** [adj] *dangerous, unpredictable* chancy, dicey\*, difficult, hairy\*, haphazard, hot\*, insecure, perilous, precarious, risky, touchy, uncertain, unhealthy, unsafe, unsound, venturesome, wicked; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* certain, guarded, predictable, protected, safe, secure

**haze** [n] *cloudy air* brume, cloud, dimness, film, fog, fumes, ground clouds, haziness, indistinctness, miasma, mist, murk, obscurity, smog, smokiness, smother, soup\*, steam, vapor; CONCEPT 524 —*Ant.* clarity, clearness

**hazy** [adj1] *cloudy* bleared, bleary, blurred, blurry, clouded, crepuscular, dim, dull, dusky, faint, foggy, frosty, fuliginous, fummy, fuzzy, gauzy, indefinite, indistinct, misty, murky, mushy\*, nebulous, obfuscated, obfuscous, obscure, opaque, overcast, rimy, screened, shadowy, smoggy, smoky, soupy\*, steaming, thick, unclear, vague, vaporous, veiled; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* clear, sunny, uncloudy, unhazy

**hazy** [adj2] *confused* dazed, dizzy, dreamy, groggy, ill-defined, indefinite, indistinct, muddled, murky, nebulous, obscure, stuporous, tranced, uncertain, unclear, unintelligible, unsound, vague, whirling; CONCEPTS 402,529 —*Ant.* certain, definite, distinct, explained, sure, unconfused

**head** [adj] *most important; chief* arch, champion, first, foremost, front, highest, leading, main, pioneer, preeminent, premier, prime, principal, stellar, supreme, topmost; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* auxiliary, inferior, lower, second, secondary, trivial, unimportant

**head** [n1] *top part of an animate body* attic\*, belfry\*, brain, coconut\*, cranium, crown, dome\*, gray matter, noggin\*, noodle\*, pate, scalp, skull, thinker\*, think tank\*, top story\*, upper story\*, upstairs\*; CONCEPT 392 —*Ant.* foot

**head** [n2] *leader* boss, captain, chief, chieftain, commander, commanding officer, director, dominator, executive, honcho\*, lead-off person\*, manager, officer, president, principal, superintendent, supervisor, top dog\*; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* follower

**head** [n3] *top part* apex, banner, beak, bill, cap, cork, crest, crown, heading, headline, height, peak, pitch, point, promontory, streamer, summit, tip, vertex; CONCEPT 836 —*Ant.* bottom, end, rear

**head** [n4] *front, beginning* commencement, first place, fore, forefront, fountainhead, origin, rise, source, start, van, vanguard; CONCEPTS 648,727 —*Ant.* conclusion, end, ending, finish

**head** [n5] *ability, intelligence* aptitude, aptness, bent, brains, capacity, faculty, flair, genius, gift, intellect, knack, mentality, mind, talent, thought, turn, understanding; CONCEPTS 409,630 —*Ant.* ignorance, inability, stupidity

**head** [n6] *turning point* acme, climax, conclusion, crisis, culmination, end; CONCEPT 832

**head** [v] *manage, oversee* address, be first, be in charge, command, control, direct, dominate, go first, govern, guide, hold sway over\*, lead, lead the way\*, pioneer, precede, rule, run, supervise; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* follow, obey

**headache** [n1] *difficulty, problem* annoyance, bane, bother, dilemma, frustration, hassle, hindrance, inconvenience, nuisance, pain in the neck\*, pest, predicament, quagmire, trouble, vexation, worry; CONCEPTS 674,677

**headache** [n2] *migraine* cephalalgia, megrim, pounding head, splitting headache, throbbing head; CONCEPTS 316,728

**headhunting** [n] *recruiting* executive recruiting, executive recruitment, recruitment, talent search; CONCEPT 351

**heading** [n1] *title* caption, description, descriptor, headline, label, legend, lemma, rubric; CONCEPT 283

**heading** [n2] *course* aim, angle, bearing, compass reading, direction, line, point, point of compass, route, track, trajectory, way; CONCEPTS 501,514

**headlong** [adj] *dangerous, reckless* abrupt, brash, breakneck, daredevil, daring, foolhardy, hasty, hurried, impetuous, impulsive, inconsiderate, precipitant, precipitate, rash, rough, rushing, sudden, tempestuous, thoughtless; CONCEPTS 542,588 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, thoughtfully, wary

**headquarters** [n] *center of operations* base, base of operations, central station, command post, company headquarters, high command, HQ, main office, nerve center; CONCEPTS 312,439,441,448,449

**headstrong** [adj] *stubborn* bullheaded\*, contrary, determined, foolhardy, froward, hard-core\*, hard-nosed, hard-shell\*, heedless, imprudent, impulsive, intractable, locked-in\*, mule, mulish, murder, obstinate, perverse, pig-headed\*, rash, reckless, refractory, self-willed, strong-minded, uncontrollable, ungovernable, unruly, unyielding, willful; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* calm, docile, moderate, obedient, submissive, tolerant

**headway** [n] *progress* advance, advancement, anabasis, ground, improvement, increase, march, proficiency, progression, promotion, way; CONCEPTS 230,704 —*Ant.* block, hindrance, stoppage

**heady** [adj] *thrilling, intoxicating* exciting, exhilarating, inebriating, overwhelming, potent, powerful, provocative, spirituous, stimulating, strong; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* dull, unenthused, unexcited

**heal** [v] *cure, recover* alleviate, ameliorate, attend, bring around, compose, conciliate, convalesce, doctor, dress, fix, free, get well,

harmonize, improve, knit, make healthy, make sound, make well, make whole, medicate, meliorate, mend, minister to, patch up, physic, put on feet again\*, reanimate, rebuild, reconcile, regenerate, rehabilitate, rejuvenate, remedy, renew, renovate, repair, restore, resuscitate, revive, revivify, salve, set, settle, soothe, treat; CONCEPTS 308,310 —*Ant.* harm, hurt, injure

**healer** [n] *faith healer* curer, doctor, medicine man, mender, physician, shaman, therapist; CONCEPT 357

**health** [n] *physical, mental wellness* bloom\*, clean bill\*, complexion, constitution, energy, eupesia, euphoria, fettle, fine feather\*, fitness, form, good condition, haleness, hardihood, hardness, healthfulness, healthiness, lustiness, pink\*, prime\*, robustness, salubrioness, salubrity, shape, soundness, stamina, state, strength, tone, tonicity, top form, verdure, vigor, well-being, wholeness; CONCEPTS 316,410,720 —*Ant.* disease, illness, infirmity, sickness

**healthful/healthy** [adj1] *good for one's wellness* advantageous, aiding, aseptic, beneficial, benign, body-building, bracing, cathartic, clean, compensatory, conducive, corrective, desirable, disease-free, energy-giving, fresh, harmless, healing, health-giving, helpful, hygienic, innocuous, invigorating, mitigative, nourishing, nutritious, nutritive, profitable, pure, restorative, salubrious, salutary, sanatory, sanitary, stimulating, sustaining, tonic, unadulterated, unpolluted, untainted, useful, wholesome; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* bad, corrupt, diseased, noxious, rotten, sickening, unhealthy, unhealthy

**healthy** [adj2] *in good condition* able-bodied, active, all right, athletic, blooming, bright-eyed\*, bushy-tailed\*, chipper\*, firm, fit, flourishing, fresh, full of life\*, hale, hardy, healthful, hearty, husky, in fine feather\*, in fine fettle\*, in good shape, in the pink\*, lively, lusty, muscular, normal, physically fit, potent, restored, robust, rosy-cheeked\*, safe and sound\*, sound, stout, strong, sturdy, tough, trim, unimpaired, vigorous, virile, well, whole; CONCEPTS 314,403 —*Ant.* delicate, diseased, fragile, ill, indisposed, infirm, poor, sick, sickly, unhealthy, worn

**heap** [n] *pile, accumulation* abundance, agglomeration, aggregation, a lot\*, amassment, assemblage, bank, batch, bulk, bunch, bundle, cargo, clump, cluster, collection, concentration, congeries, deposit, fullness, gathering, gobs\*, great deal, harvest, haul, hill, hoard, jumble, load, lot, lots, lump, mass, million, mint, mound, mountain, much, ocean, oodles\*, plenty, pot, profusion, quantity, scad\*, stack, stock, stockpile, store, sum, thousand, ton, total, trillion, volume, whole; CONCEPTS 432,787 —*Ant.* bit

**heap** [v] *amass, collect in pile* accumulate, add, arrange, augment, bank, bunch, concentrate, deposit, dump, fill, fill up, gather, group, hoard, increase, load, lump, mass, mound, pack, stack, stockpile, store, swell; CONCEPT 109

**hear** [v1] *detect by perceiving sound* apprehend, attend, auscultate, be all ears\*, become aware, catch, descry, devour, eavesdrop, get\*, get an earful\*, get wind of\*, give an audience to\*,

give attention, give ears\*, hark, hearken, heed, listen, make out\*, overhear, pick up\*, read, strain, take in\*; CONCEPTS 590,596

**hear** [v2] *become aware of information* apperceive, ascertain, be advised, be informed, be led to believe, be told of, catch, catch on, descry, determine, discover, find out, gather, get the picture\*, get wind of\*, get wise to\*, glean, have on good authority\*, learn, pick up\*, receive, see, tumble\*, understand, unearth; CONCEPTS 15,31 —*Ant.* ignore

**hearing** [n1] *ability to perceive sound* audition, auditory, auditory range, detecting, distinguishing, ear, earshot, effect, extent, faculty, hearing distance, listening, perception, range, reach, recording, sense; CONCEPT 597

**hearing** [n2] *opportunity to present views, knowledge, or skill* admittance, attendance, attention, audience, audit, audition, chance, conference, congress, consultation, council, discussion, inquiry, interview, investigation, meeting, negotiation, notice, parley, performance, presentation, reception, review, test, trial, tryout; CONCEPTS 48,103,317,693

**hearsay** [n] *unsubstantiated information* clothesline\*, comment, cry, gossip, grapevine\*, leak\*, mere talk\*, noise\*, report, rumble\*, rumor, scandal, scuttlebutt\*, talk, talk of the town\*, word of mouth\*; CONCEPTS 51,278

—*Ant.* evidence, proof, reality, testimony, truth

**heart** [n1] *person's emotions* affection, benevolence, character, compassion, concern, disposition, feeling, gusto, humanity, inclination, love, nature, palate, pity, relish, response, sensitivity, sentiment, soul, sympathy, temperament, tenderness, understanding, zest; CONCEPT 410

—*Ant.* head

**heart** [n2] *courage* boldness, bravery, dauntlessness, fortitude, gallantry, guts\*, mettle, mind, moxie\*, nerve, pluck, purpose, resolution, soul, spirit, spunk\*, will; CONCEPT 411

—*Ant.* cowardice, fear

**heart** [n3] *essence, central part* basic, bosom, bottom line\*, center, coal and ice\*, core, crux, focal point, focus, gist, hub, kernel, marrow, middle, nitty-gritty\*, nub, nucleus, pith, polestar\*, quick\*, quintessence, root, seat, soul; CONCEPT 826 —*Ant.* exterior, exteriority, outside, periphery, surface

**heart** [n4] *blood-pumping organ in an animate being* cardiac organ, clock\*, ticker\*, vascular organ; CONCEPTS 393,420

**heartache** [n] *anguish, sorrow* affliction, agony, bitterness, broken heart, dejection, depression, despair, despondency, distress, dolor, grief, heartbreak, heavy heart, hurting, misery, pang, remorse, sadness, suffering, torment, torture; CONCEPT 410

**heart attack** [n] *acute myocardial infarction* angina pectoris, cardiac arrest, cardiovascular disease, coronary, coronary thrombosis; CONCEPT 308

**heartbreak** [n] *mental or emotional misery* affliction, agony, anguish, bale, bitterness, broken heart, care, desolation, despair, distress, grief, heartache, heartsickness, heavy heart\*, pain, regret, remorse, rue, sorrow, suffering, torment, torture, woe; CONCEPTS 410,728

—*Ant.* happiness, joy, love

**heartbreaking** [adj] *disappointing* affecting, afflictive, agonizing, bitter, calamitous, cheerless, deplorable, dire, distressing, grievous, heart-rending, joyless, lamentable, moving, pitiful, poignant, regrettable, sad, touching, tragic, unfortunate; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* exhilarating, heartwarming, joyous, wonderful

**hearten** [v] *raise someone's spirits* animate, arouse, assure, buck up, buoy, cheer, comfort, console, embolden, encourage, energize, enliven, incite, inspire, inspire, rally, reassure, revivify, rouse, steel, stimulate, stir, strengthen; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* bring down, depress, discourage, dishearten

**heartfelt** [adj] *genuine* ardent, bona fide, cordial, deep, devout, earnest, fervent, heart-to-heart, hearty, honest, profound, sincere, true, unfeigned, warm, wholehearted; CONCEPTS 267,582 —*Ant.* false, insincere, unreal

**heartless** [adj] *without feeling*: cold brutal, callous, cold-blooded\*, cold fish\*, cold-hearted\*, cruel, hard, hard as nails\*, hard-boiled\*, hard-hearted\*, harsh, inhuman, insensitive, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, ruthless, savage, thick-skinned\*, uncaring, uncompassionate, unemotional, unfeeling, unkind, unsympathetic; CONCEPTS 401,542

—*Ant.* caring, compassionate, considerate, feeling, kind, nice, sympathetic, warmhearted

**heartrending** [adj] *arousing deep sympathy* agonizing, distressing, doleful, excruciating, harrowing, heartbreaking, heartsickening, moving, piteous, pitiful, sad, tear-jerking, touching, tragic; CONCEPTS 529,537

**heartsick** [adj] *despondent* all torn up\*, blue, bummed-out\*, dejected, depressed, despairing, disappointed, disconsolate, disheartened, down, forlorn, grieving, heavy-hearted, inconsolable, low, melancholy, mournful, sad, unhappy, woebegone; CONCEPT 403

**heartwarming** [adj] *pleasant* cheering, encouraging, exhilarating, gladdening, heartening, heartfelt, inspiring, joyous, loving, stirring, sweet; CONCEPTS 542,548,572

**hearty** [adj1] *energetic, enthusiastic* affable, animated, ardent, avid, back-slapping\*, cheerful, cheery, cordial, deep, deepest, deep-felt, devout, eager, earnest, ebullient, effusive, exuberant, frank, friendly, gay, generous, genial, genuine, glad, gushing, heartfelt, honest, impassioned, intense, jolly, jovial, neighborly, passionate, profuse, real, responsive, sincere, true, unfeigned, unreserved, unrestrained, vivacious, warm, warmhearted, wholehearted, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* apathetic, emotionless, lazy, lethargic, unenthusiastic

**hearty** [adj2] *healthy, full* active, ample, energetic, filling, glowing, good, hale, hardy, nourishing, robust, sizable, solid, sound, square, strong, substantial, vigorous, well; CONCEPTS 314,773 —*Ant.* feeble, small, unhealthy, weak

**heat** [n1] *high temperature* calefaction, calidity, dog days\*, fever, fieriness, heatwave, hotness, hot spell, hot weather, incandescence, incandescence, sultriness, swelter, torridity, torridness, warmth, warmth; CONCEPT 610

—*Ant.* cold, cool

**heat** [n2] *anger, passion* agitation, ardor, desire, earnestness, excitement, ferocity, fervor, fever,



fury, impetuosity, intensity, rage, vehemence, violence, warmth, zeal; CONCEPTS 410,657  
 —*Ant.* coolness, disinterest, frigidity

**heat** [v] *make or become hot* bake, bask, blaze, boil, broil, calorify, chafe, char, enflame, enkindle, fire, flame, flush, fizzles, fry, glow, grill, grow hot, grow warm, ignite, incandesce, incinerate, inflame, kindle, melt, oxidate, oxidize, perspire, raise the temperature, reheat, roast, scald, scorch, sear, seethe, set on fire, singe, smelt, steam, sun, swelter, tepefy, thaw, toast, warm, warm up; CONCEPTS 255,469  
 —*Ant.* cool, freeze

**heated** [adj1] *angry* acrimonious, ardent, avid, bitter, excited, fervent, fervid, feverish, fierce, fiery, frenzied, furious, hectic, impassioned, indignant, intense, irate, ireful, mad, passionate, raging, stormy, tempestuous, vehement, violent, wrathful; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* calm, peaceful

**heated** [adj2] *warmed* baked, baking, boiling, broiled, broiling, burned, burning, burnt, cooked, fiery, fired, fried, hot, parched, scalding, scorched, scorching, sizzling, toasted; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* cooled, frozen

**heathen** [adj] *not believing in Christian god* agnostic, atheistic, barbarian, godless, idolatrous, infidel, irreligious, nonbeliever, pagan, profane, skeptic; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* godly, religious

**heave** [v1] *lift, throw with effort* boost, cast, chuck, drag, elevate, fling, haul, heft, hoist, hurl, launch, pitch, pull, raise, send, sling, toss, tug; CONCEPTS 196,222

**heave** [v2] *discharge with force; expel from digestive system by mouth* billow, breathe, cast, dilate, disgorge, exhale, expand, gag, groan, huff, palpitate, pant, puff, puke\*, retch, rise, sign, sob, spew, spit up, surge, suspire, swell, throb, throw up, upchuck\*, vomit; CONCEPTS 163,179

**heaven** [n] *place where God lives; wonderful feeling* afterworld, Arcadia, atmosphere, azure\*, beyond, bliss, Canaan, dreamland, ecstasy, Elysium, empyrean, enchantment, eternal home, eternal rest, eternity, fairyland\*, felicity, firmament, glory, great unknown\*, happiness, happy hunting ground\*, harmony, heights, hereafter, immortality, kingdom, kingdom come, life everlasting, life to come, next world, nirvana, paradise, pearly gates\*, promised land\*, rapture, Shangri-la\*, sky\*, the blue\*, transport, upstairs\*, Utopia, wonderland\*, Zion; CONCEPTS 370,410,435 —*Ant.* hell

**heavenly** [adj] *very pleasant* adorable, alluring, ambrosial, angelic, beatific, beautiful, blessed, blissful, celestial, cherubic, darling, delectable, delicious, delightful, divine, empyrean, enjoyable, entrancing, excellent, exquisite, extraterrestrial, glorious, godlike, holy, immortal, lovely, luscious, lush, paradisaical, rapturous, ravishing, scrumptious, seraphic, sublime, superhuman, supernal, supernatural, sweet, wonderful, yummy; CONCEPTS 537,572 —*Ant.* hellish

**heavy** [adj1] *having great weight* abundant, ample, awkward, beefy\*, big, built, bulky, burdensome, chunky\*, considerable, copious, corpulent, cumbersome, cumbersome, elephantine, enceinte, excessive, expectant, fat, fleshy, gravid, gross\*, hefty, huge, laden, large, lead-

footed\*, loaded, lumbering, massive, obese, oppressed, overweight, parturient, ponderous, porcine, portly, pregnant, stout, substantial, top-heavy, two-ton\*, unmanageable, unwieldy, weighted, weighty, zaftig\*; CONCEPT 491  
 —*Ant.* airy, light, lightweight, little, slight, small

**heavy** [adj2] *difficult, severe* abstruse, acroamatic, arduous, boisterous, burdensome, complex, complicated, confused, effortful, esoteric, formidable, grave, grievous, hard, harsh, intolerable, knotty\*, labored, laborious, onerous, oppressive, profound, recondite, rough, serious, solemn, stormy, strenuous, tedious, tempestuous, toilsome, tough, troublesome, turbulent, vexatious, violent, wearisome, weighty, wild; CONCEPTS 538,565,569 —*Ant.* easy, inconsequential, insignificant, trivial, unimportant

**heavy** [adj3] *depressed, gloomy* close, cloudy, crestfallen, damp, dark, dejected, despondent, disconsolate, dismal, downcast, dull, grieving, leaden, lowering, melancholically, oppressive, overcast, sad, sodden, soggy, sorrowful, stifling, wet; CONCEPTS 403,525,548 —*Ant.* gay, happy, joyful

**heavy** [adj4] *listless, slow* apathetic, comatose, dull, hebetudinous, indifferent, lethargic, sluggish, slumberous, torpid; CONCEPT 584 —*Ant.* light, moving, smooth

**heckle** [v] *jeer* badger, bait, bother, bully, chivy, dis\*, discomfit, disconcert, disrupt, disturb, embarrass, faze, gibe, hound\*, interrupt, pester, plague, rattle, ride\*, ridicule, shout at, taunt, tease, torment, worry; CONCEPTS 44,47 —*Ant.* encourage, help, promote, support

**hectic** [adj] *frantic, turbulent* animated, boisterous, burning, chaotic, confused, disordered, excited, exciting, fervid, fevered, feverish, flurrying, flustering, frenetic, frenzied, furious, hassle, heated, hell broke loose\*, jungle\*, madhouse\*, nutsy\*, restless, riotous, rip-roaring, tumultuous, unsettled, wild, woolly\*, zoolike\*; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* calm, easeful, leisurely, unhurried

**hedge** [n] *boundary, obstacle, especially one made of plants* barrier, bush, enclosure, fence, guard, hedgerow, hurdle, protection, quickset, screen, shrubbery, thicket, windbreak; CONCEPTS 429,470

**hedge** [v1] *avoid, dodge* beat around the bush\*, be noncommittal, blow hot and cold\*, cop a plea\*, cop out\*, duck, equivocate, evade, flip-flop\*, fudge\*, give the run around\*, hem and haw\*, jive\*, pass the buck\*, prevaricate, pussyfoot\*, quibble, run around, shilly-shally\*, shuck\*, shuffle, sidestep, sit on the fence\*, stall, stonewall\*, temporize, tergiversate, tergiverse, waffle\*; CONCEPTS 18,30 —*Ant.* confront, face, meet

**hedge** [v2] *enclose* block, border, cage, confine, coop, corral, edge, fence, girdle, hem in, hinder, immure, obstruct, pen, restrict, ring, siege, surround; CONCEPT 758 —*Ant.* release

**hedonist** [n] *person who seeks pleasure above other values* bon vivant, debauchee, epicure, epicurean, glutton, gourmand, lecher, libertine, pleasuremonger, pleasureseeker, profligate, sensualist, sybarite, thrill-seeker, voluptuary; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* ascetic

**heed** [*n*] *care, thought* application, attention, carefulness, caution, cognizance, concentration, concern, consideration, debate, deliberation, ear\*, heedfulness, interest, listen up\*, mark, mind\*, note, notice, observance, observation, regard, remark, respect, spotlight\*, study, tender loving care\*, TLC\*, watchfulness; CONCEPTS 17,532 —*Ant.* carelessness, disregard, heedlessness, inattention, indifference, neglect, negligence, thoughtlessness

**heed** [*v*] *give care, thought* to attend, baby-sit, bear in mind, be aware, be guided by, catch, consider, dig\*, do one's bidding\*, follow, follow orders, get a load of\*, give ear\*, hark, hear, hearken, keep eye peeled\*, keep tabs\*, listen, mark, mind, mind the store\*, note, obey, observe, pay attention, pick up, regard, ride herd on\*, see, sit, spot, stay in line\*, take notice of, take to heart\*, toe the line\*, watch, watch one's step\*, watch out, watch over, watch the store\*; CONCEPTS 17,623 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore, neglect, overlook

**heedless** [*adj*] *careless* asleep at the switch\*, daydreaming, disregardful, fast and loose\*, feckless, foolhardy, goofing off\*, impetuous, imprudent, inadvertent, inattentive, incautious, inconsiderate, irreflective, neglectful, negligent, oblivious, out to lunch\*, precipitate, rash, reckless, slapdash\*, sloppy, thoughtless, uncaring, unmindful, unobservant, unthinking, unwary; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* attentive, careful, caring, cautious, concerned, heedful, observant, thoughtful

**hefty** [*adj*] *big, bulky* ample, awkward, beefy\*, brawny, burly, colossal, cumbersome, extensive, fat, forceful, heavy, hulking, husky, large, large-scale, major, massive, muscular, ponderous, powerful, robust, sizable, strapping\*, strong, sturdy, substantial, thumping\*, tremendous, unwieldy, vigorous, weighty; CONCEPTS 491, 773 —*Ant.* slight, small, thin, tiny

**height** [*n1*] *altitude, top* part acme, apex, apogee, brow, ceiling, crest, crown, cusp, elevation, extent, highness, hill, loftiness, mountain, peak, pinnacle, pitch, prominence, rise, solstice, stature, summit, tallness, tip, tiptop, vertex, zenith; CONCEPTS 741,743,791,836 —*Ant.* bottom, depth, lowness

**height** [*n2*] *climax; importance* acme, crest, crisis, crowning point, culmination, dignity, eminence, end, exaltation, extremity, grandeur, heyday\*, high point, limit, loftiness, maximum, ne plus ultra\*, prominence, sublimity, top, ultimate, utmost degree, uttermost; CONCEPTS 388,668,832 —*Ant.* bottom, nadir, unimportance

**heighten** [*v*] *intensify* add to, amplify, augment, boost, build up, elevate, enhance, enlarge, exalt, extend, improve, increase, lift, magnify, make higher, raise, send up, strengthen; CONCEPT 233

**heinous** [*adj*] *horrifying, monstrous* abhorrent, abominable, accused, atrocious, awful, bad, beastly, crying, cursed, evil, execrable, flagitious, flagrant, frightful, godawful\*, grave, gross\*, hateful, hideous, horrendous, infamous, iniquitous, nefarious, odious, offensive, outrageous, raunchy, revolting, scandalous, shocking, stinking\*, unspeakable, vicious, villainous; CONCEPTS 529,548,570 —*Ant.* glorious, good, lovely, magnificent, wonderful

**heir** [*n*] *person who inherits possessions* beneficiary, crown prince/princess, devisee, grantee, heritor, inheritor, next in line, scion, successor; CONCEPTS 355,414 —*Ant.* heiress

**heirloom** [*n*] *something inherited, often antique* antique, bequest, birthright, gift, heritage, inheritance, legacy, patrimony, reversion; CONCEPT 337

**heist** [*n*] *burglary, robbery* break-in, breaking and entering, caper, crime, five-finger discount, holdup, larceny, pilferage, rip-off, stickup, sting, theft; CONCEPT 139

**helicopter** [*n*] *aircraft* autogiro, chopper, copter, eggbeater\*, whirlybird; CONCEPT 504

**hell** [*n*] *place of the condemned; bad situation* Abaddon\*, abyss, affliction, agony, anguish, blazes\*, bottomless pit\*, difficulty, everlasting fire\*, fire and brimstone\*, Gehenna\*, grave, Hades, hell-fire, infernal regions, inferno, limbo, lower world, misery, nether world, nightmare, ordeal, pandemonium, perdition, pit, place of torment, purgatory, suffering, torment, trial, underworld, wretchedness; CONCEPTS 370,435,674 —*Ant.* heaven

**hell-bent** [*adj*] *determined* bent on, bound and determined, constant, decided, driven, firm, fixed, intent, obsessed, persevering, persistent, resolute, resolved, serious, set on, steadfast, strong-minded, strong-willed, stubborn, tenacious, unhesitating, unwavering; CONCEPTS 404,542

**hellion** [*n*] *troublemaker* agent provocateur, agitator, demon, evildoer, firebrand\*, heel\*, incendiary, inciter, inflamer, instigator, loose cannon\*, mischief-maker, punk\*, rattlebrouter\*, rascal, recreant, rogue, rowdy\*, smart aleck\*, wise guy\*; CONCEPT 412

**hellish** [*adj*] *fiendish; unpleasant* abominable, accused, atrocious, barbarous, cruel, damnable, damned, demonic, devilish, diabolical, horrible, infernal, monstrous, nefarious, satanic, terrible, vicious, wicked; CONCEPTS 529,570

**helm** [*n*] *wheel* command, control, controls, driver's seat, leadership, reins, rudder, steering wheel, tiller; CONCEPTS 436,464,502

**helmet** [*n*] *headgear* armor, busby, crash helmet, hard hat, hat, head protector, kepi, safety helmet, shako; CONCEPT 451

**help** [*n1*] *assistance, relief* advice, aid, assist, avail, balm\*, benefit, comfort, cooperation, corrective, cure, guidance, hand, helping hand\*, lift\*, maintenance, nourishment, remedy, service, succor, support, sustenance, use, utility; CONCEPTS 658,694 —*Ant.* blockage, check, counteraction, harm, hindrance, hurt, injury, obstruction, stop

**help** [*n2*] *employee* abettor, adjutant, aide, ally, ancilla, assistant, attendant, auxiliary, collaborator, colleague, deputy, domestic, hand, helper, helpmate, mate, partner, representative, right-hand person\*, servant, subsidiary, supporter, worker; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* management, ownership

**help** [*v1*] *aid, assist* abet, accommodate, advocate, back, ballyhoo\*, befriend, benefit, be of use, bolster, boost, buck up\*, cheer, cooperate, do a favor, do a service, do one's part\*, encourage, endorse, further, go to bat for\*, go with, hype\*, intercede, lend a hand\*, maintain, open

doors\*, patronize, plug\*, promote, prop, puff\*, push, relieve, root for\*, sanction, save, second, see through, serve, stand by, stick up for\*, stimulate, stump for\*, succor, support, sustain, take under one's wing\*, uphold, work for; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* block, check, counteract, harm, hinder, hurt, injure, obstruct, stop

**help** [v2] *improve* alleviate, ameliorate, amend, attend, better, cure, doctor, ease, facilitate, heal, meliorate, mitigate, nourish, palliate, relieve, remedy, restore, revive, treat; CONCEPT 244 —*Ant.* decrease, harm, hinder, hurt, injure, worsen

**helper** [n] *assistant* abettor, accessory, accomplice, adherent, adjunct, aide, ally, appointee, apprentice, attendant, backer, backup\*, coadjutant, coadjutor, collaborator, colleague, companion, deputy, fellow worker, follower, friend, gal Friday\*, girl Friday\*, gofer\*, help, helpmate, henchman, man Friday\*, paraprofessional, partner, right-hand man/woman, right-hand person, secretary, servant, subordinate, supporter, temp\*, temporary worker; CONCEPTS 348,423

**helpful** [adj] *beneficial, beneficent* accessible, accommodating, advantageous, applicable, benevolent, bettering, caring, conducive, considerate, constructive, contributive, convenient, cooperative, crucial, effectual, efficacious, essential, favorable, fortunate, friendly, good for, important, improving, instrumental, invaluable, kind, neighborly, operative, practical, pragmatic, productive, profitable, serendipitous, serviceable, significant, suitable, supportive, symbiotic, sympathetic, timely, usable, useful, utilitarian, valuable; CONCEPTS 537,560 —*Ant.* disadvantageous, harmful, hurtful, injurious, unconstructive, unhelpful, useless, worthless

**helping** [n] *portion of food* allowance, course, dollop, meal, order, piece, plateful, ration, serving, share; CONCEPT 457

**helpless** [adj] *incapable, incompetent; vulnerable* abandoned, basket-case\*, debilitated, defenseless, dependent, destitute, disabled, exposed, feeble, forlorn, forsaken, friendless, handcuffed, impotent, inefficient, inexpert, infirm, invalid, over a barrel\*, paralyzed, pinned\*, powerless, prostrate, shiftless, tapped, tapped out\*, unable, unfit, unprotected, up creek without paddle\*, weak, with hands tied\*; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* able, capable, competent, enterprising, independent, resourceful, skilled, strong

**helter-skelter** [adv] *carelessly, confused* about, anyhow, any which way\*, anyway, around, at random, cluttered, disorderly, haphazard, hastily, headlong, higgledy-piggledy\*, hit-or-miss\*, hotfoot\*, hurriedly, impetuously, incautiously, in confusion, incontinently, irregular, jumbled, muddled, pell-mell\*, random, randomly, rashly, recklessly, topsyturvy\*, tumultuous/tumultuous, unmindfully, wildly; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* carefully, methodical, organized, straight, systematic

**hem** [n] *border, edge* brim, brink, define, edging, fringe, margin, perimeter, periphery, piping, rim, selvage, skirt, skirting, trimming, verge; CONCEPTS 484,513 —*Ant.* body, center, interior

**he-man** [adj] *masculine* macho\*, male, manful, manly, mannish, muscular, potent, virile;

CONCEPTS 371,408,648

**he-man** [n] *masculine* man caveman\*, hunk\*, macho man\*, man's man, strong man, virile man; CONCEPTS 414,419

**hem/hem in** [v] *enclose, restrict* begird, beset, border, bound, cage, circle, circumscribe, close in, confine, corral, define, edge, encircle, encompass, envelop, environ, fence, fringe, girdle, hedge in, immerse, margin, pen, rim, ring, round, shut, shut in, skirt, surround, verge; CONCEPTS 130,758 —*Ant.* let go, release

**hemorrhage** [v] *bleed* drain, extravasate, gush, lose blood, ooze, open vein, outflow, phlebotomize, seep, spill blood; CONCEPT 185

**hence** [adv] *for that reason; therefore* accordingly, as a deduction, away, consequently, ergo, forward, from here, from now on, henceforth, henceforward, hereinafter, in the future, it follows that, on that account, onward, out, so, then, thence, thereupon, thus, wherefore; CONCEPT 799

**henchman** [n] *follower* abettor, accessory, accomplice, adherent, adjunct, aide, ally, appointee, apprentice, assistant, attendant, backer, backup\*, bodyguard, coadjutant, coadjutor, cohort, collaborator, colleague, companion, deputy, fellow worker, flunky, friend, gal Friday\*, girl Friday\*, gofer\*, hanger-on, hatchet man/woman, help, helper, helpmate, lackey, man Friday\*, partner, right-hand man/woman, right-hand person, secretary, servant, sidekick\*, stooge\*, subordinate, supporter, yes-person\*; CONCEPTS 348,423

**henpeck** [v] *nag* badger, berate, bother, bug\*, bully, carp, fuss, give a hard time\*, harass, hector, hound, intimidate, irritate, needle, pester, pick on\*, ride, scold, torment; CONCEPTS 7,19,52

**herald** [n] *omen, messenger* adviser, bearer, courier, crier, forerunner, harbinger, indication, outrider, precursor, prophet, reporter, runner, sign, signal, token; CONCEPTS 274,284,423

**herald** [v] *bring message* advertise, announce, ballyhoo\*, broadcast, declare, forerun, foretoken, harbinger, indicate, pave the way\*, portend, precede, preindicate, presage, proclaim, publicize, publish, promise, show, tout, trumpet\*, usher in\*; CONCEPT 60

**herbicide** [n] *poison* DDT, defoliant, fungicide, insecticide, paraquat, pesticide, weedkiller; CONCEPTS 307,475,674,675

**Herculean** [adj] *powerful, strong* almighty, backbreaking, colossal, courageous, forceful, gargantuan, gigantic, hard, heroic, huge, impressive, laborious, mighty, strenuous, tough, vigorous; CONCEPTS 489,527,540,574

**herd** [n] *large group* assemblage, bevy, brood, clan, collection, covey, crowd, crush, drift, drove, flight, flock, gaggle, gathering, hoi polloi\*, horde, lot, mass, mob, multitude, nest, pack, people, populace, press, rabble, school, swarm, throng; CONCEPTS 397,432

**herd** [v] *gather; shepherd* assemble, associate, collect, congregate, corral, drive, flock, force, goad, guide, huddle, lead, muster, poke, punch, rally, round up\*, run, scare up\*, spur; CONCEPT 109 —*Ant.* disperse, scatter

**here** [adv] *in this place* attendant, attending, available, hereabouts, hither, hitherto, in this direction, on board, on deck, on hand, on-the-

spot, on this spot, present, within reach;  
CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* there

**hereafter** [adv] *from now on after this, eventually, hence, henceforth, henceforward, hereupon, in the course of time, in the future, ultimately*; CONCEPT 799

**hereafter** [n] *life after death afterlife, aftertime, afterward, afterworld, by-and-by\**, future, future existence, future life, heaven, hell, next world, ofing, otherworld, the beyond\*, to-be\*, underworld, world to come\*; CONCEPT 370  
—*Ant.* life

**hereditary** [adj] *inherited; transmitted at birth ancestral, bequeathed, family, genealogical, genetic, handed down, heritable, inborn, inbred, inheritable, inherited, lineal, maternal, paternal, patrimonial, traditional, transmissible, transmitted, willed*; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* acquired

**heredity** [n] *transmission of traits from parents to offspring ancestry, congenital traits, constitution, eugenics, genealogy, genetic make-up, genetics, inborn character, inheritance*; CONCEPT 648 —*Ant.* acquirement

**heresy** [n] *unorthodox opinion, especially in religious matters agnosticism, apostasy, atheism, blasphemy, defection, disbelief, dissent, dissidence, divergence, error, fallacy, heterodoxy, iconoclasm, impiety, infidelity, misbelief, nonconformism, nonconformity, paganism, revisionism, schism, sectarianism, secularism, sin*; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* orthodoxy

**heretical** [adj] *unorthodox agnostic, apostate, atheistic, differing, disagreeing, dissenting, dissentive, dissident, freethinking, heterodox, iconoclastic, idolatrous, impious, infidel, misbelieving, miscreant, nonconformist, revisionist, schismatic, sectarian, skeptical, unbelieving*; CONCEPTS 529, 545 —*Ant.* orthodox

**heritage** [n] *person's background, tradition ancestry, bequest, birthright, convention, culture, custom, dowry, endowment, estate, fashion, heirship, heritage, inheritance, legacy, lot, patrimony, portion, right, share, tradition*; CONCEPTS 296, 648, 678

**hermeneutical** [adj] *interpretive critical, demonstrative, explanatory, explicative, expository, illustrative, investigative, revealing*; CONCEPT 268

**hermeneutics** [n] *the science of searching for hidden meaning in texts exegetics, exploration, interpretation, investigation, literary criticism, psychoanalytic criticism, revealing, unmasking*; CONCEPT 349

**hermetic** [adj] *airtight completely sealed, impervious, sealed, shut, tight, waterproof, watertight*; CONCEPT 483

**hermit** [n] *person who chose to live alone outside of human society anchorite, anchorite, ascetic, eremite, misanthrope, pillarist, recluse, skeptic, solitaire, solitary, solitary, stylist*; CONCEPTS 361, 423

**hero** [n] *submarine sandwich grinder, hoagie, sub\**, submarine\*, torpedo; CONCEPTS 457, 460

**hero/heroine** [n] *brave person; champion ace, adventurer, celebrity, combatant, conqueror, daredevil, demigod, diva, exemplar, gallant, god, goddess, great person, heavy, ideal, idol, lead, leading person\*, lion, martyr, model, paladin, person of the hour\*, popular figure,*

*prima donna\**, principal, protagonist, saint, star, superstar, tin god\*, victor, worthy; CONCEPTS 352, 416

**heroic** [adj] *brave, champion bigger than life\*, bold, classic, courageous, daring, dauntless, doughty, elevated, epic, exaggerated, fearless, fire-eating\*, gallant, grand, grandiose, gritty, gutsy\*, gutty\*, high-flown, impavid, inflated, intrepid, lion-hearted, mythological, noble, stand tall\*, stouthearted, unafraid, undaunted, valiant, valorous*; CONCEPTS 401, 404

—*Ant.* afraid, cowardly, fearful, meek, timid  
**heroin** [n] *smack big H\*, candy\*, crap\*, diacetylmorphine, doojee\*, dope, drug, flea powder\*, H\*, hard stuff\*, horse\*, junk\*, mojo\*, narcotic, opium, scag\*, white stuff\**; CONCEPT 307

**heroism** [n] *bravery boldness, courage, courageousness, daring, doughtiness, fearlessness, fortitude, gallantry, intrepidity, nobility, prowess, spirit, strength, valiance, valiancy, valor, valorousness*; CONCEPTS 411, 633  
—*Ant.* cowardice, fear, meekness, timidity

**hesitant** [adj] *uncertain, waiting afraid, averse, backward, dawdling, delaying, diffident, disinclined, doubtful, doubting, faltering, half-hearted, halting, hanging back, hesitating, indecisive, irresolute, lacking confidence, lazy, loath, reluctant, shy, skeptical, slow, tentative, timid, uneager, unpredictable, unsure, unwilling, vacillating, wavering*; CONCEPTS 534, 535, 542 —*Ant.* certain, definite, resolute, sure, unhesitant, unwavering

**hesitate** [v] *wait; be uncertain alternate, balance, balk, be irresolute, be reluctant, be unwilling, blow hot and cold\*, dally, debate, defer, delay, demur, dillydally\*, dither, doubt, equivocate, falter, flounder, fluctuate, fumble, hang\*, hang back, hedge, hem and haw\*, hold back, hold off, hover, linger, oscillate, pause, ponder, pull back, pussyfoot\*, scruple, see-saw\*, shift, shrink, shy away, sit on fence\*, stammer, stop, straddle, stumble, stutter, swerve, tergiversate, think about, think twice\*, vacillate, waffle\*, waver, weigh*; CONCEPTS 21, 121, 681 —*Ant.* attack, carry on, continue, go, go ahead, persevere, resolve

**hesitation** [n] *waiting; uncertainty averseness, dawdling, delay, delaying, demurral, doubt, dubiety, equivocation, faltering, fluctuation, fumbling, hemming and hawing\*, hesitancy, indecision, indecisiveness, indisposition, irresolution, misgiving, mistrust, oscillation, pause, procrastination, qualm, reluctance, scruple, skepticism, stammering, stumbling, stuttering, unwillingness, vacillation, wavering*; CONCEPTS 21, 121, 410, 681 —*Ant.* certainty, eagerness, go, perseverance, sureness

**heterogeneous** [adj] *assorted, miscellaneous amalgamate, composite, confused, conglomerate, contrary, contrasted, different, discordant, discrepant, disparate, dissimilar, divergent, diverse, diversified, incongruous, independent, inharmonious, jumbled, mingled, mixed, mongrel, mosaic, motley, multifarious, multiplex, odd, opposed, unallied, unlike, unrelated, variant, varied, variegated*; CONCEPT 564  
—*Ant.* homogeneous, identical, pure, single, unchanging, uniform

**hex** [*n*] *curse, spell* abracadabra\*, allure, bewitching, bewitchment, charm, conjuration, double whammy\*, enchantment, evil eye, hexing, hocus-pocus\*, jinx, magic, magic spell, mumbo jumbo\*, sorcery, voodoo\*, whammy\*; CONCEPTS 370,673,689

**heyday** [*n*] *prime* acme, culmination, day, height, high point, high spot, peak, pinnacle, prime time, salad days, time, zenith; CONCEPT 816 —*Ant.* low point

**hiatus** [*n*] *pause, interruption* aperture, blank, breach, break, chasm, discontinuity, gap, interim, interval, lacuna, lapse, opening, rift, space; CONCEPT 807 —*Ant.* continuation, continuity

**hibernate** [*v*] *lie dormant; sleep through cold weather* hide, hole up, immature, lie torpid, sleep, vegetate, winter; CONCEPT 315

**hick** [*n*] *rustic* backwoodsman/woman, boor, bumpkin, clodhopper, cornfed\*, country boy/girl, country cousin\*, countryman/woman, farmer, hayseed\*, hillbilly, local yokel\*, redneck\*, rube, rural, yokel\*; CONCEPT 413

**hidden** [*adj*] *unseen, secret* abstruse, buried, clandestine, cloaked, close, clouded, concealed, covered, covert, cryptic, dark, disguised, eclipsed, esoteric, hermetic, hermetical, imperceptible, indiscernible, in the dark, invisible, latent, masked, mysterious, mystic, mystical, obscure, occult, out of view, private, QT\*, recondite, screened, secluded, sequestered, shadowy, shrouded, surreptitious, ulterior, undercover, underground, undetected, undisclosed, unexposed, unknown, unrevealed, veiled, withheld; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* bare, exhibited, exposed, open, out, seen, showing, uncovered

**hide** [*v*] *conceal; remain unseen* adumbrate, blot out, bury, cache, camouflage, cloak, cover, curtain\*, disguise, dissemble, ditch, duck, eclipse, ensconce, go into hiding, go underground, harbor, hold back, hole up\*, hush up, keep from, keep secret, lie low\*, lock up, mask, not give away, not tell, obscure, plant, protect, put out of the way, reserve, salt away\*, screen, secrete, shadow, shelter, shield, shroud, smuggle, squirrel\*, stash, stifle, stow away, suppress, take cover, tuck away, veil, withhold; CONCEPTS 17,188 —*Ant.* bare, disclose, divulge, exhibit, expose, lay bare, let out, open, reveal, show, tell, uncover, unmask

**hideous** [*adj*] *grotesque, horrible* abominable, animal, appalling, awful, beast, bestial, detestable, disgusting, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, grim, grisly, gross\*, gruesome, hateful, horrendous, horrid, loathsome, macabre, monstrous, morbid, nasty, odious, offensive, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, shocking, sick, sickening, terrible, terrifying, ugly, uncomely, unsightly, weird; CONCEPTS 537,579 —*Ant.* attractive, beautiful, charming, delightful, pleasing

**hideout** [*n*] *hiding place* cover, den, hideaway, refuge, safe house, safe place, sanctuary, shelter; CONCEPTS 198,515

**hierarchy** [*n*] *order* chain of command\*, due order, echelons, grouping, pecking order, placing, position, pyramid, ranking, scale; CONCEPT 727

**high** [*adj*1] *tall; at a great distance aloft* aerial, alpine, altitudinous, big, colossal, elevated, eminent, flying, formidable, giant, gigantic, grand, great, high-reaching, high rise, hovering, huge, immense, large, lofty, long, sky-high, sky-scraping, soaring, steep, towering, tremendous, uplifted, upraised; CONCEPTS 779,782 —*Ant.* dwarfed, low, lowly, short, stunted

**high** [*adj*2] *extreme* costly, dear, excessive, exorbitant, expensive, extraordinary, extravagant, grand, great, high-priced, intensified, lavish, luxurious, precious, rich, sharp, special, steep, stiff, strong, unusual; CONCEPTS 334, 569 —*Ant.* inferior, mean, worthless

**high** [*adj*3] *important* arch, capital, chief, consequential, crucial, distinguished, eminent, essential, exalted, extreme, grave, influential, leading, necessary, noble, powerful, prominent, ruling, serious, significant, superior; CONCEPT 567 —*Ant.* dishonorable, inferior, low, unimportant, worthless

**high** [*adj*4] *very happy* boisterous, bouncy, cheerful, elated, excited, exhilarated, exuberant, joyful, lighthearted, merry, psyched\*, pumped\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* depressed, down, low, upset

**high** [*adj*5] *intoxicated, drugged* delirious, doped, drunk, euphoric, flying\*, freaked out\*, inebriated, on a trip\*, potted\*, spaced out\*, stoned\*, tanked\*, tipsy; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* sober

**high** [*adj*6] *shrill, strong (on the senses)* acute, high-pitched, loud, malodorous, penetrating, piercing, piping, putrid, rancid, rank, reeking, sharp, smelly, soprano, strident, treble; CONCEPTS 406,594,598 —*Ant.* low, soft, weak

**high and mighty** [*adj*] *haughty, overbearing* arrogant, cavalier, cocky\*, conceited, contemptuous, disdainful, egotistic, egotistical, highfalutin\*, high-handed\*, hoity-toity\*, imperious, lofty, lordly, on high horse\*, presumptuous, sniffy\*, snobbish, snooty\*, snotty, stuck-up\*, stuffy, superior, uppity\*; CONCEPTS 401,404

**highbrow** [*adj*] *intellectual* bookish, brainy\*, cerebral, cultivated, cultured, erudite, intellectual, intelligent, learned, scholarly, studious, wise; CONCEPT 402

**highbrow** [*n*] *intellectual, very smart person* academic, academican, bluestocking, brain\*, egghead\*, Einstein\*, genius, illuminato, intelligentsia, literato, longhair, philosopher, sage, savant, scholar, thinker, whiz\*; CONCEPT 402

**high-class** [*adj*] *first-class* best, choice, classy, deluxe, elite, superior, supreme, upper-class, upper-crust\*; CONCEPTS 568,572

**highfalutin** [*adj*] *pompous* arrogant, boastful, conceited, flaunting, grandiose, high and mighty\*, important, lofty, ostentatious, overbearing, presumptuous, pretentious, puffed up\*, puffy, self-centered, stuck-up\*, swanky, uppity\*, vain; CONCEPTS 267,401,542

**high-flown** [*adj*] *exalted, lofty* bombastic, elaborate, exaggerated, extravagant, grandiloquent, grandiose, inflated, showy, turgid; CONCEPT 562

**high-handed** [*adj*] *domineering* authoritarian, autocratic, bossy, dictatorial, imperious, iron-handed, oppressive, overbearing, tyrannical; CONCEPTS 319,401

**highlight** [*n*] *memorable part* best part, climax, feature, focal point, focus, high point, high spot, main feature, peak; CONCEPT 832

**highly** [*adv*] *very, well* awful, awfully, bloody\*, but good\*, decidedly, deeply, eminently, exceedingly, exceptionally, extraordinarily, extremely, greatly, hugely, immensely, jolly, mighty, mucho\*, notably, parously, plenty, powerful, profoundly, real, really, remarkably, right, so, so much\*, strikingly, supremely, surpassingly, terribly, terrifically, too much\*, tremendously, vastly, very much; CONCEPTS 537,569 —*Ant.* little

**high-minded** [*adj*] *principled* chivalrous, conscientious, ethical, honest, moral, noble, righteous, upright, virtuous; CONCEPT 545

**high-powered** [*adj*] *powerful* authoritarian, authoritative, commanding, controlling, dominant, dynamic, effective, effectual, forceful, forcible, in control, influential, in the saddle\*, mighty, potent, robust, ruling, strong, supreme, weighty; CONCEPTS 489,527,540,574

**high society** [*n*] *cultured class* aristocracy, beau monde, beautiful people\*, best people, cream of society, elite, fashionable society, high life, jet set\*, polite society, privileged class, smart set, upper class; CONCEPTS 387,388,417

**high-strung** [*adj*] *nervous* all shook up\*, choked\*, easily upset, edgy, excitable, fidgety, hyper\*, impatient, irascible, irritable, jittery, jumpy, nervy, neurotic, on pins and needles\*, on ragged edge, restless, sensitive, spooked\*, stressed, taut, temperamental, tense, tight\*, unrestful, uptight\*, wired\*, zonkers\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* calm, easy-going, laid-back, peaceful

**highway** [*n*] *heavily traveled, capacious road* artery, avenue, boulevard, drag\*, four-lane\*, freeway, interstate, parking lot\*, parkway, path, pike\*, roadway, skyway, street, superhighway, super slab\*, thoroughfare, toll road, track, turnpike; CONCEPT 501

**hijack** [*v*] *seize control* carjack, commandeer, kidnap, shanghai, skyjack, steal, take hostage; CONCEPTS 90,139

**hijacker** [*n*] *abductor* carjacker, kidnapper, robber, skyjacker, terrorist, thief; CONCEPTS 90,139

**hike** [*n*] *journey by foot* backpack, constitutional, excursion, exploration, march, ramble, tour, traipse, tramp, trek, trip, walk, walkabout; CONCEPTS 149,224,363

**hike** [*v*] *walk for recreation* backpack, explore, hit the road\*, hoof\*, leg it\*, ramble, rove, stroll, stump, tour, tramp, travel, tromp; CONCEPTS 149,224,363

**hike** [*v*] *raise, increase* advance, boost, jack, jump, lift, pull up, put up, up\*, upgrade; CONCEPTS 236,245 —*Ant.* decrease, lower, reduce

**hilarious** [*adj*] *very funny* amusing, comical, convivial, entertaining, exhilarated, frolicsome, gay, gleeful, gut-busting\*, happy, humorous, jocular, jolly, jovial, joyful, joyous, laughable, lively, merry, mirthful, noisy, priceless, riot, rollicking, scream, side-splitting\*, uproarious, witty; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* grave, serious, somber, tragic, unfunny

**hill** [*n*] *uprising of earth's surface; pile* acclivity, ascent, bluff, butte, cliff, climb, down, drift,

dune, elevation, eminence, esker, fell, gradient, headland, heap, height, highland, hillock, hilltop, hummock, inclination, incline, knoll, mesa, mound, mount, precipice, prominence, promontory, protuberance, range, ridge, rise, rising ground, shock, slope, stack, summit, talus, tor, upland; CONCEPT 509 —*Ant.* canyon, ditch, gulley

**hillbilly** [*n*] *haysseed* backwoodsman/woman, boor\*, bumpkin, clodhopper\*, country boy/girl, country bumpkin, country cousin\*, hick\*, rube, rustic, yokel; CONCEPT 413

**hillock** [*n*] *small hill* acclivity, ascent, bluff, butte, cliff, drift, dune, elevation, esker, headland, heap, highland, hilltop, hummock, inclination, incline, knoll, mesa, mound, mount, precipice, prominence, promontory, ridge, rise, slope, summit; CONCEPT 509

**hinder** [*v*] *prevent, slow down* arrest, balk, bar, block, bottleneck, box in, burden, check, choke, clog, contravene, counteract, crab, cramp, crimp, cripple, curb, debar, delay, deter, encumber, fetter, frustrate, get in the way\*, hamper, hamstring\*, handicap, hog-tie\*, hold back, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, interrupt, louse up\*, muzzle, neutralize, obstruct, offset, oppose, preclude, prohibit, resist, retard, shut out, snafu\*, stay, stop, stymie\*, terminate, thwart, trammel; CONCEPTS 121,130 —*Ant.* advance, aid, allow, assist, encourage, facilitate, forward, further, help, permit, promote, push

**hindrance** [*n*] *obstruction, difficulty* albatross\*, baggage\*, ball and chain\*, bar, barrier, catch, Catch-22\*, check, clog, crimp, cumbrance, deterrent, drag, drawback, encumbrance, excess baggage\*, foot dragging\*, glitch\*, grid-lock, handicap, hang-up\*, hitch, impedance, impediment, interference, interruption, intervention, jam-up\*, joker, limitation, lock, millstone\*, monkey wrench\*, obstacle, restraint, restriction, snag, stoppage, stumbling block\*, trammel; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* advance, aid, assistance, encouragement, expedition, help, promotion, push

**hindsight** [*n*] *retrospect* 20/20 vision\*, experience, knowledge, looking back, Monday morning quarterbacking, recollection, remembering, wisdom; CONCEPTS 17,40,410

**hinge** [*n*] *pivot, turning point* articulation, axis, ball-and-socket, butt, elbow, hook, joint, juncture, knee, link, pin, spring, swivel; CONCEPTS 471,498

**hinge** [*v*] *be contingent on* be subject to, be undecided, depend, hang, pend, pivot, rest, revolve around, stand on, turn, turn on; CONCEPT 711

**hint** [*n*] *indication; suggestion* adumbration, advice, allusion, announcement, clue, communication, connotation, denotation, evidence, flea in ear\*, glimmering, help, idea, implication, impression, inference, information, inkling, innuendo, insinuation, intimation, iota, lead, mention, notice, notion, observation, omen, pointer, print, reference, reminder, scent, sign, signification, smattering, suspicion, symptom, taste, telltale, tinge, tip, tip-off\*, token, trace, warning, whiff\*, whisper, wink\*, word to wise\*, wrinkle\*; CONCEPT 274

**hint** [*v*] *suggest; indicate* acquaint, adumbrate,

advise, allude to, angle, apprise, bring up, broach, coax, connote, cue, drop, expose, fish\*, foreshadow, give an inkling\*, impart, imply, infer, inform, insinuate, intimate, jog memory, leak\*, let it be known, let out of bag\*, make\*, mention, point, prefigure, press, prompt, put flea in ear\*, recall, refer to, remind, say in passing, shadow, signify, solicit, spring, tip off\*, tip one's hand\*, touch on\*, whisper, wink\*; CONCEPTS 60,74,75

**hinterland** [*n*] *backcountry* boondocks\*, boonies\*, borderland, brush, bush country, frontier, outback, sticks\*, wasteland, wilderness, woods; CONCEPTS 513,745

**hip** [*adj*] *fashionable, stylish* all the rage\*, chic, chichi\*, contemporary, cool\*, current, faddy\*, hot\*, in style, in-things\*, in vogue, latest\*, latest thing\*, mod\*, modern, modish\*, natty\*, new, now, popular, smart, sophisticated, trendsetting, trendy, with it\*; CONCEPTS 579,580

**hippie** [*n*] *nonconformist* beatnik, Bohemian, drop-out, flower child, freak, free spirit, free-thinker, yippie; CONCEPT 423

**hire** [*v*] *commission for responsibility, use* add to payroll, appoint, authorize, book, bring in, bring on board, carry, charter, contract for, delegate, draft, employ, empower, engage, enlist, exploit, fill a position, find help, give a break\*, give job to, give work, ink\*, lease, let, make use of, obtain, occupy, pick, place, pledge, procure, promise, put on\*, put to work, rent, retain, secure, select, sign on, sign up\*, sublease, sublet, take on, truck with\*, utilize; CONCEPT 351 —*Ant.* discharge, fire, lay off, let go

**hiss** [*n*] *buzzing sound; jeer* boo, Bronx cheer\*, buzz, catcall, contempt, derision, hoot, sibilance, sibilation; CONCEPTS 278,595

**hiss** [*v*] *make buzzing sound; ridicule* blow, boo, catcall, condemn, damn, decry, deride, disparage, hoot, jeer, mock, rasp, revile, seethe, shout down, shrill, sibilate, hiss, spit, wheeze, whirl, whisper, whistle, whiz; CONCEPTS 52,77

**historic** [*adj*] *momentous, remarkable* celebrated, consequential, extraordinary, famous, important, memorable, notable, outstanding, red-letter\*, significant, well-known; CONCEPTS 548,568 —*Ant.* unimportant, unremarkable

**historical** [*adj*] *recorded as actually having happened* actual, ancient, archival, attested, authentic, chronicled, classical, commemorated, documented, factual, important, in truth, old, past, real, verifiable; CONCEPTS 548,582,820 —*Ant.* fictional

**history** [*n1*] *past events, experiences* ancient times, antiquity, bygone times, days of old\*, days of yore\*, good old days\*, old days\*, olden days\*, past, yesterday, yesteryear; CONCEPTS 678,807 —*Ant.* future

**history** [*n2*] *chronicle of events* account, annals, autobiography, biography, diary, epic, journal, memoirs, narration, narrative, prehistory, recapitulation, recital, record, relation, report, saga, story, tale, version; CONCEPTS 268,271

**histrionic** [*adj*] *overly dramatic* melodramatic, overacting, overplayed, theatrical, thespian; CONCEPTS 537,548

**histrionics** [*n*] *theatrics* dramatics, dramatization, performance, performing; CONCEPT 674

**hit** [*n1*] *strike, bump* bang, bat, bell-ringer\*, belt, blow, bonk, box\*, buffet, butt, chop, clash, clip, clout, collision, cuff\*, fisticuff, glance, impact, knock, lick\*, one-two punch\*, paste\*, pat, plunk, punch, rap, roundhouse\*, shock, shot, slap, slog, smack, smash, sock, spank, stroke, swat, swing, swipe, tap, uppercut, wallop, whammy\*, whop, zap\*, zinger\*; CONCEPTS 189,200

**hit** [*n2*] *entertainment success* achievement, bang, click, favorite, knockout, masterstroke, sellout, sensation, smash, SRO\*, triumph, winner, wow; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* failure, flop, loss

**hit** [*v1*] *strike* bang, bash, bat, batter, beat, belt, blast, blitz, box\*, brain\*, buffet, bump, clap, clip, clobber, clout, club, crack, cudgel, cuff\*, dab, ding\*, flail, flax, flog, give a black eye\*, hammer\*, hook, jab, kick, knock, knock around, knock out, KO\*, lace, lambaste, larrup, lather, let fly\*, let have it\*, lob, nail\*, pellet, pelt, percuss, pop, pound, punch, rap, ride roughshod\*, slap, smack, sock, stone, swat, tap, thrash, thump, thwack, trash, uppercut, wallop, whack\*, whang\*; CONCEPTS 189,200

**hit** [*v2*] *collide, bump into* bang into, buffet, butt, carom, clash, crash, glance, jostle, knock, light, meet, meet head-on\*, pat, rap, run into, scrape, sideswipe, smash, stumble, tap, thud, thump; CONCEPTS 189,208

**hit** [*v3*] *accomplish* achieve, affect, arrive at, attain, gain, influence, leave a mark, occur, overwhelm, reach, secure, strike, touch; CONCEPTS 199,706 —*Ant.* fail, lose

**hitch** [*n*] *problem, difficulty* block, bug\*, catch, check, delay, discontinuance, drawback, glitch\*, hang-up, hindrance, hold-up, impediment, interruption, joker, mishap, snafu\*, snag, stoppage, stumbling block, tangle, trouble; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, chance, opening, opportunity

**hitch** [*v*] *join, fasten* attach, chain, connect, couple, harness, hook, lash, make fast, moor, strap, tether, tie, unite, yoke; CONCEPTS 85,113,160 —*Ant.* disjoin, unchain, unfasten, unhitch, unlock

**hit it off** [*v*] *get along well* be of one mind\*, be on the same wavelength\*, click, make friends, see eye to eye, take to; CONCEPT 388

**hit man** [*n*] *professional killer* assassin, contract killer, executioner, gunman, hatchet man, hired gun\*, hired killer, murderer, triggerman; CONCEPT 412

**hit-or-miss** [*adj*] *random* accidental, aimless, arbitrary, casual, chance, contingent, fluky, fortuitous, haphazard, incidental, irregular, slipshod, trial-and error, unplanned, unpremeditated; CONCEPTS 535,548,557

**hoard** [*n*] *stockpile* abundance, accumulation, agglomeration, aggregation, amassment, backlog, cache, collection, conglomeration, cumulation, fund, garner, heap, inventory, mass, nest egg\*, pile, reserve, reservoir, riches, stock, store, supply, treasure, treasure-trove\*, trove, wealth; CONCEPT 712 —*Ant.* debt

**hoard** [*v*] *put away, accumulate* acquire, amass, buy up, cache, collect, deposit, garner, gather, hide, keep, lay away, lay up, pile up, put aside for rainy day\*, put by, save, scrimp, sock

away\*, squirrel\*, stash, stockpile, store, stow away, treasure; CONCEPTS 135,710 —*Ant.* expend, spend, squander, throw away, waste

**hoarse** [*adj*] *raspy in voice* blatant, breathy, cracked, croaking, croaky, croupy, discordant, dry, grating, gravelly, growling, gruff, guttural, harsh, husky, indistinct, jarring, piercing, ragged, raucous, rough, scratching, squawking, stertorous, strident, stridulous, thick, throaty, uneven, whispering; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* smooth, soft, soothing

**hoary** [*adj*1] *ancient* aged, age-old, antiquated, antique, elderly, lot of mileage\*, old, older, old-fashioned, oldie\*, out-of-date, relic, rusty, time-worn, venerable, very old; CONCEPTS 578,797

**hoary** [*adj*2] *gray or white* frosty, gray-haired, graying, salt and pepper, silvery, snow-haired, white-haired, whitish; CONCEPT 618

**hoax** [*n*] *trick* cheat, cock-and-bull story\*, con\*, con game\*, crock\*, deceit, deception, dodge, fabrication, fake, falsification, fast one\*, fast shuffle\*, fib, flimflam\*, fraud, gimmick, gyp\*, hokey\*, humbug\*, hustle, imposture, joke, lie, practical joke, prank, put-on, racket, ruse, scam, sell, shift, snow job\*, spoof, sting, swindle, whopper\*; CONCEPTS 59,63

**hoax** [*v*] *trick* bamboozle\*, bluff, chicane, con, deceive, delude, dupe, fake out, fleece, flimflam\*, fool, frame, gammon, gull, hoodwink\*, Murphy\*, play games with\*, pull one's leg\*, rook\*, run a game on\*, set up\*, sting\*, swindle, take for a ride\*, take in\*; CONCEPT 59

**hobble** [*v*1] *limp* clump, dodder, falter, halt, hitch, scuff, shuffle, stagger, stumble, totter; CONCEPT 151 —*Ant.* go, move, run, walk

**hobble** [*v*2] *cripple, restrict* clog, cramp, cramp one's style, crimp, curb, entrammel, fasten, fetter, gimp, hamper, hamstring\*, hang up\*, hinder, hog-tie\*, leash, put a crimp in\*, shackle, tie, trammel; CONCEPT 130 —*Ant.* free, let go, release

**hobby** [*n*] *pleasurable pastime* amusement, art, avocation, bag\*, craft, craze, distraction, diversion, divertissement, fad\*, fancy, favorite occupation, fun, game, interest, kick\*, labor of love\*, leisure activity, leisure pursuit, obsession, occupation, pet topic, play, quest, relaxation, schtick\*, shot, sideline, specialty, sport, thing\*, vagary, weakness, whim, whimsy; CONCEPTS 363,364 —*Ant.* profession, vocation, work

**hobgoblin** [*n*] *mischievous goblin* bogeyman, brownie, elf, fairy, fay, imp, leprechaun, pixie, puck, sprite; CONCEPT 370

**hobnob** [*v*] *associate with* chum around, consort, fraternize, hang around\*, hang out with\*, keep company, knock around with\*, mingle, mix, pal, pal around, rub elbows\*, rub shoulders\*, socialize, spend time; CONCEPT 384

**hobo** [*n*] *homeless person* beggar, bum, derelict, drifter, migrant worker, street person, tramp, transient, vagabond, vagrant, wanderer, wino; CONCEPTS 412,423

**hock** [*v*] *pawn* borrow, give security, pledge; CONCEPTS 115,330

**hocus-pocus** [*n*] *deception, magic* abracadabra\*, artifice, cant, chant, charm, cheating, chicanery, conjuring, deceit, delusion, flimflam\*, fraud, gibberish, gobbledegook\*, hoax, humbug, imposture, incantation, jargon,

juggling, legerdemain, mumbo jumbo\*, mummary, nonsense, open sesame\*, rigmarole\*, sleight of hand\*, spell, swindle, trick, trickery; CONCEPTS 59,278 —*Ant.* reality, truth

**hodgepodge** [*n*] *mixture, mess* collection, combination, goulash\*, hash, jubilee, medley, mélange, miscellany, mishmash\*, mixed bag, olio, patchwork, potpourri, salmagundi\*; CONCEPTS 260,432 —*Ant.* singularity

**hog** [*n*1] *pig* boar, cob roller\*, oinker\*, piggy, piglet, porker\*, razorback, shoat, sow, swine, warthog; CONCEPTS 394,400

**hog** [*n*2] *glutton* cormorant, epicure, gorgor\*, gormandizer, gourmand, greedy eater, hefty eater, pig\*, swine\*; CONCEPT 412

**hog** [*v*] *be selfish* be greedy, gobble up, grab all of, have all to oneself\*, monopolize; CONCEPTS 90,190

**hogwash** [*n*] *nonsense* absurdity, balderdash\*, baloney\*, BS\*, bull\*, bunk\*, debris, drivel\*, foolishness, hokum, hokey\*, horsefeathers\*, poppycock\*, refuse, ridiculousness, rot, rubbish, trash, twaddle\*; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* sense, truth

**hoi polloi** [*n*] *the masses* commonality, commoners, common people, rank and file, the herd, the multitude, the proletariat, the working class; CONCEPTS 379,417

**hoist** [*v*] *lift* elevate, erect, heave, pick up, raise, rear, take up, uphold, uplift, upraise, uprear; CONCEPT 196 —*Ant.* drop, fall, hold down, lower, push

**hokey** [*adj*] *corny* banal, commonplace, dull\*, feeble, hackneyed, mawkish, old-fashioned, old hat\*, sentimental, shopworn, stale, trite; CONCEPT 550

**hold** [*n*] *grasp, possession* authority, clasp, clench, clinch, clout, clutch, control, dominance, dominion, grip, influence, occupancy, occupation, ownership, pull, purchase, retention, sway, tenacity, tenure; CONCEPTS 190,343,710 —*Ant.* dispossession, release

**hold** [*v*1] *have in one's hands, possession; grasp* adhere, arrest, bind, bottle up, carry, catch, check, cherish, clasp, cleave, clench, clinch, cling, clutch, confine, contain, cork up\*, cradle, detain, embrace, enclose, enjoy, fondle, freeze to\*, grip, handle, hang on, have, hug, imprison, keep, keep close, keep out, lock up, maintain, not let go, nourish, occupy, own, palm, possess, press, put a lock on, restrain, retain, secure, seize, squeeze, stay put, stick, take, trammel, vise, wield, withhold, wring; CONCEPTS 190,191,200,710 —*Ant.* drop, let go, release

**hold** [*v*2] *believe* assume, aver, bet bottom dollar\*, buy\*, consider, credit, cross one's heart\*, deem, entertain, esteem, feel, have hunch\*, have sneaking suspicion\*, judge, lap up, lay money on, maintain, okay, presume, reckon, regard, sense, set store by\*, swear by, swear up and down\*, take as gospel truth\*, take stock in\*, think, view; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* abandon, disbelieve, forsake

**hold** [*v*3] *continue, endure* apply, be in effect, be in force, be the case, be valid, exist, have bearing, hold good, hold true, last, operate, persevere, persist, remain, remain true, resist, stand up, stay, stay staunch, wear; CONCEPT 239 —*Ant.* cease, desert, halt, quit, stop



**hold** [v4] *support* bear, bolster, brace, buttress, carry, lock, prop, shore up, shoulder, stay, sustain, take, underpin, uphold; CONCEPTS 110, 190

**hold** [v5] *have a capacity for* accommodate, be equipped for, carry, comprise, contain, include, seat, take; CONCEPTS 719, 742

**hold** [v6] *conduct meeting, function* assemble, call, carry on, celebrate, convene, have, officiate, preside, run, solemnize; CONCEPTS 324, 384 —*Ant.* cancel

**hold back/hold off** [v] *repress* bit, bridle, check, control, curb, defer, delay, deny, forbear, hold down, hold in, inhibit, keep, keep back, keep out, postpone, prevent, put off, refrain, refuse, restrain, stop, suppress, withhold; CONCEPTS 121, 130 —*Ant.* let go, reveal

**holdup** [n1] *problem bottleneck\**, delay, difficulty, gridlock\*, hitch, obstruction, setback, snag, stoppage, traffic jam\*, trouble, wait; CONCEPTS 192, 674 —*Ant.* aid, assistance, help

**holdup** [n2] *take goods illegally by force* burglary, crime, mugging, robbery, stickup, theft; CONCEPT 192

**hold up** [v1] *postpone* delay, detain, hinder, hold off, impede, interfere, interrupt, pause, prorogue, retard, set back, slow down, stay, stop, suspend, waive; CONCEPTS 121, 130 —*Ant.* allow, continue, forward, permit, promote

**hold up** [v2] *rob* burglarize, mug, steal from, stick up, waylay; CONCEPTS 139, 192 —*Ant.* give

**hole** [n1] *opening in a solid object* aperture, breach, break, burrow, cave, cavern, cavity, chamber, chasm, chink, cistern, cleft, covert, crack, cranny, crater, cut, den, dent, depression, dimple, dip, excavation, eyellet, fissure, foramen, fracture, gap, gash, gorge, hollow, hovel, keyhole, lacuna, lair, leak, mouth, nest, niche, nick, notch, orifice, outlet, passage, peephole, perforation, pit, pocket, pockmark, puncture, rent, retreat, scoop, shaft, shelter, space, split, tear, tunnel, vacancy, vent, void, window; CONCEPT 513 —*Ant.* closure, solid

**hole** [n2] *predicament* box\*, corner\*, difficulty, dilemma, emergency, fix, imbroglio, impasse, jam, mess, pickle\*, plight, quandary, scrape, spot, tangle; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, good fortune

**holiday** [n] *celebratory day; time off* anniversary, break, celebration, day of rest, feast, festival, festivity, fete, few days off\*, fiesta, gala, gone fishing\*, holy day, jubilee, layoff, leave, liberty, long weekend\*, recess, red-letter day\*, saint's day, vacation; CONCEPTS 364, 802

**holier-than-thou** [adj] *self-righteously pious* goody-goody, high-hat, judgmental, pietistic, sanctimonious, smug, snobbish, unctuous; CONCEPT 401

**holiness** [n] *religiousness* asceticism, beatitude, blessedness, consecration, devotion, devoutness, divineness, divinity, faith, godliness, grace, humility, inviolability, piety, purity, religiosity, reverence, righteousness, sacredness, saintliness, sanctity, spirituality, unction, venerableness, virtuousness, worship; CONCEPTS 368, 645 —*Ant.* agnosticism, atheism, sin, unholiness, wickedness

**holistic** [adj] *complete, whole* aggregate,

comprehensive, entire, full, integrated, total, universal; CONCEPT 531

**holler** [v] *shout, yell* bawl, bellow, call, cheer, complain, cry, hoot, howl, roar, scream, screech, shriek, shrill, squawk, squeal, ululate, vociferate, wail, whoop, yap, yelp; CONCEPTS 47, 595

**hollow** [adj1] *empty, hollowed out* alveolate, arched, carved out, cavernous, cleft, concave, cupped, cup-shaped, curved, deep-set, depressed, dimpled, excavated, incurved, indented, infundibular, notched, not solid, pitted, striated, sunken, troughlike, unfilled, vacant, vaulted, void; CONCEPTS 483, 490 —*Ant.* convex, full, raised, solid

**hollow** [adj2] *deep, resonant in sound* cavernous, clangorous, dull, echoing, flat, ghostly, low, muffled, mute, muted, resounding, reverberant, ringing, roaring, rumbling, sepulchral, sounding, thunderous, toneless, vibrant, vibrating; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* high, light, soft

**hollow** [adj3] *meaningless* empty, fruitless, futile, idle, nugatory, otiose, pointless, specious, unavailing, useless, vain, worthless; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* earnest, meaningful, sincere, substantial

**hollow** [adj4] *false, artificial* cynical, deceitful, faithless, flimsy, hypocritical, insincere, treacherous, unsound, weak; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* frank, genuine, honest, real, sincere, truthful

**hollow** [n] *empty or dented area* basin, bottom, bowl, cave, cavern, cavity, chamber, channel, cleft, concavity, crater, cup, dale, den, depression, dimple, dip, dish, excavation, groove, gulf, hole, indentation, notch, pit, pocket, sag, scoop, sinkage, sinkhole, socket, trough, vacancy, valley, void; CONCEPTS 740, 754 —*Ant.* solid

**hollow** [v] *empty out; make concave* channel, chase, corrugate, dent, dig, dish, ditch, excavate, furrow, gorge, groove, indent, notch, pit, rabbit, remove, rut, scoop, shovel, trench; CONCEPTS 178, 211 —*Ant.* fill, make convex, raise

**holocaust** [n] *widespread destruction* annihilation, carnage, catastrophe, devastation, extermination, extinction, genocide, immolation, inferno, massacre, mass murder, slaughter; CONCEPT 252

**holy** [adj] *religious, sacred* angelic, believing, blessed, chaste, clean, consecrated, dedicated, devoted, devotional, devout, divine, faithful, faultless, glorified, god-fearing, godlike, godly, good, hallowed, humble, immaculate, innocent, just, moral, perfect, pietistic, pious, prayerful, pure, revered, reverent, righteous, sacrosanct, sainted, saintlike, saintly, sanctified, seraphic, spiritual, spotless, sublime, uncorrupt, undefiled, untainted, unworldly, upright, venerable, venerated, virtuous; CONCEPTS 545, 567, 574 —*Ant.* depraved, evil, immoral, irreligious, irreverent, sacrilegious, sinful, unholy, unsacred, vile, wicked

**homage** [n] *devotion, admiration* adoration, adulation, allegiance, awe, deference, duty, esteem, faithfulness, fealty, fidelity, genuflection, honor, kneeling, loyalty, obeisance, praise, respect, reverence, service, tribute, worship; CONCEPTS 32, 69 —*Ant.* dishonor, disloyalty, disrespect, faithlessness, scorn, treachery

**home** [adj] *domestic* at ease, at rest, central, down home\*, familiar, family, homely, homey, household, inland, in one's element\*, internal, in the bosom\*, local, national, native; CONCEPT 536 —**Ant.** business, commercial

**home** [n1] *place where a human lives* abode, address, apartment, asylum, boarding house, bungalow, cabin, castle, cave\*, commorancy, condo, condominium, co-op, cottage, crash pad\*, diggings\*, digs\*, domicile, dormitory, dump\*, dwelling, farm, fireside\*, flat, habitation, hangout\*, haunt, hearth, hideout, hole in the wall\*, home plate\*, homestead, hospital, house, hut, joint\*, living quarters, manor, mansion, nest\*, orphanage, pad\*, palace, parking place\*, place, residence, resort, roof\*, rooming house, roost\*, shanty, shelter, trailer, turf, villa, where the hat is\*; CONCEPT 516 —**Ant.** office

**home** [n2] *birthplace, environment* abode, camping ground\*, country, element, family, farm, fireside\*, habitat, habitation, haunt, haven, hearth, hills, home ground, homeland, homestead, hometown, household, land, locality, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, range, roof, site, soil, stamping ground\*, stomping ground\*, territory; CONCEPTS 510, 515, 648

**homeboy** [n] *friend bro\**, brother\*, buddy, fellow gang member, homie, neighbor; CONCEPT 423

**homegrown** [adj] *grown at home* domestic, homemade, native; CONCEPT 536

**homeless** [adj] *displaced* abandoned, banished, deported, derelict, desolate, destitute, disinherited, displaced, dispossessed, down-and-out\*, estranged, exiled, forlorn, forsaken, friendless, houseless, itinerant, outcast, refugee, uncared-for, unhoued, unsettled, unwelcome, vagabond, vagrant, wandering, without a roof\*; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** settled

**homely** [adj1] *ordinary, comfortable* comfy, cozy, domestic, everyday, familiar, friendly, homelike, homespun, homey, inelaborate, informal, modest, natural, plain, simple, snug, unaffected, unassuming, unostentatious, unpretentious, welcoming; CONCEPTS 579, 589

**homely** [adj2] *unattractive* animal, disgusting, not beautiful, ordinary, plain, ugly, unaesthetic, unalluring; CONCEPT 579 —**Ant.** attractive, beautiful

**homemade** [adj] *made in the home* do-it-yourself, handcrafted, handmade, homegrown, homespun, natural; CONCEPT 536

**homesick** [adj] *nostalgic* hankering, heartsick, lonely, longing for home, missing, wistful, yearning; CONCEPTS 403, 529

**homespun** [adj] *spun from home* crude, handcrafted, handmade, homemade, ordinary, plain, rough, rustic, simple, unrefined, unsophisticated; CONCEPT 536

**homey** [adj] *comfortable* adequate, cared for, cheerful, comfy\*, complacent, contented, cozy, delightful, easy, familiar, folksy, friendly, intimate, plain, pleasant, relaxed, rested, restful, simple, snug, snug as a bug in a rug\*, soft, soothed, warm; CONCEPT 572

**homicidal** [adj] *murderous* bloodthirsty, deadly, lethal, maniacal, slaughterous, violent; CONCEPTS 538, 548, 565

**homicide** [n] *killing* assassination, big chill\*,

bloodshed, bump-off\*, butchery, carnage, crime, death, erase\*, foul play, hit, manslaughter, murder, offing, ride, rubout\*, slaying; CONCEPT 252 —**Ant.** birth

**homogenous** [adj] *similar, comparable* akin, alike, analogous, cognate, consistent, homologous, identical, kindred, like, uniform, unvarying; CONCEPTS 487, 573 —**Ant.** different, discrete, dissimilar, heterogeneous, miscellaneous, varied

**homosexual** [adj] *sexually attracted to the same sex* gay, homoerotic, homophile, lesbian; CONCEPT 372

**hone** [v] *sharpen* acuminate, edge, file, grind, make sharp, put an edge on, put a point on, whet; CONCEPTS 137, 250

**honest** [adj] *truthful, candid* above-board, authentic, bona fide\*, conscientious, decent, direct, equitable, ethical, fair, fair and square\*, forthright, frank, genuine, high-minded\*, honorable, impartial, ingenuous, just, law-abiding\*, lay it on the line\*, like it is\*, no lie\*, on the level\*, on the up and up\*, open, outright, plain, proper, real, reliable, reputable, scrupulous, sincere, straight, straightforward, true, true blue\*, trustworthy, trusty, undisguised, unfeigned, upfront\*, upright, veracious, virtuous, what you see is what you get\*; CONCEPTS 267, 545 —**Ant.** deceptive, devious, dishonest, false, fraudulent, lying, misleading, treacherous, untrustworthy, untruthful

**honest-to-God** [adj] *genuine* absolute, accurate, actual, authentic, authenticated, bona fide, certain, certified, factual, for real\*, for-sure, honest, honest-to-goodness\*, kosher\*, legit, legitimate, no buts about it\*, official, on the level\*, on the up-and-up, positive, real, really-truly\*, real stuff\*, straight, sure-enough, surething, true, unquestionable, valid; CONCEPT 582

**honesty** [n] *truthfulness, candidness* bluntness, candor, confidence, conscientiousness, equity, evenhandedness, fairness, faithfulness, fidelity, frankness, genuineness, goodness, honor, impeccability, incorruptibility, integrity, justness, loyalty, morality, openness, outspokenness, plainness, principle, probity, rectitude, reputability, responsibility, right, scrupulousness, self-respect, sincerity, soundness, straightforwardness, straightness, trustiness, trustworthiness, uprightness, veracity, virtue; CONCEPTS 633, 645 —**Ant.** artifice, cheating, deceit, deception, dishonesty, duplicity, falsehood, fraud, fraudulence, lying, treachery

**honeyed** [adj] *sweetened* cajoling, candied, dulcet, flattering, ingratiating, sugarcoated, sugary; CONCEPT 170

**honk** [v] *toot* beep, blare, blast, blow, blow the horn, sound, sound one's horn, tootle; CONCEPT 65

**honor** [n1] *respect* account, adoration, adulation, aggrandizement, apotheosis, approbation, attention, canonization, celebration, confidence, consideration, credit, deference, deification, dignity, distinction, elevation, esteem, exaltation, faith, fame, fealty, glorification, glory, greatness, high standing, homage, immortalization, laud, laurel, lionization, notice, obeisance, popularity, praise, prestige, rank, recognition, renown, reputation, repute, reverence, tribute,

trust, veneration, worship, wreath; CONCEPTS 668,689 —*Ant.* debasement, degradation, denunciation, derision, disgrace, dishonor, disrespect, humiliation

**honor** [*n*2] *integrity* character, chastity, courage, decency, fairness, goodness, honesty, honesty, incorruption, incorruptness, innocence, modesty, morality, morals, principles, probity, purity, rectitude, righteousness, trustworthiness, truthfulness, uprightness, virtue; CONCEPTS 411,645 —*Ant.* blemish, disgrace, dishonor, ill repute, stigma

**honor** [*n*3] *praise, award* acclaim, accolade, adoration, badge, bays, commendation, compliment, credit, decoration, deference, distinction, favor, homage, kudos, laurels, pleasure, privilege, recognition, regard, respect, reverence, source of pride, tribute, veneration; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* censure, condemnation, reproach

**honor** [*v*] *recognize, treat with respect* acclaim, admire, adore, aggrandize, appreciate, be faithful, be true, celebrate, commemorate, commend, compliment, decorate, dignify, distinguish, ennoble, erect, esteem, exalt, give glad hand\*, give key to city\*, glorify, hallow, keep, laud, lionize, live up to, look up to, magnify, observe, praise, prize, revere, roll out red carpet\*, sanctify, sublime, uprear, value, venerate, worship; CONCEPTS 10,633 —*Ant.* betray, denounce, disgrace, dishonor, disrespect, reproach, shame

**honorable** [*adj*] *reputable* acclaimed, celebrated, chivalrous, conscientious, dependable, distinguished, eminent, esteemed, ethical, faithful, forthright, high-principled, honest, honored, illustrious, just, knightly, law-abiding, noble, notable, of good repute, on the up-and-up\*, principled, reliable, respectable, righteous, sincere, sterling, straightforward, trustworthy, truthful, unstained, upright, virtuous; CONCEPTS 545,567,574

**honorary** [*adj*] *honorific* celebratory, congratulatory, titular; CONCEPTS 668,689

**hood/hoodlum** [*n*] *gangster* criminal, delinquent, gangster, goon\*, hooligan, mobster, punk, rioter, rowdy, ruffian, thug, troublemaker; CONCEPT 545

**hoodwink** [*v*] *deceive* bamboozle\*, beat out of, bilk, bluff, buffalo\*, burn, cheat, con, defraud, double-cross, dupe, fake, fleece, fool, gull, gyp\*, hoax, hornsoggle, kid, mislead, pull a fast one\*, pull the wool over one's eyes\*, scam, screw, suck in\*, swindle, take advantage of, take for a ride\*, take to the cleaners\*, trick, victimize; CONCEPTS 7,19,59

**hook** [*n*] *curved fastener* angle, catch, clasp, crook, curve, grapple, grapple, hasp, holder, link, lock, peg; CONCEPTS 260,498

**hook** [*v*] *grab, catch* angle, bag, clasp, crook, curve, enmesh, ensnare, entrap, fasten, fix, hasp, lasso, net, pin, secure, snare, trap; CONCEPT 190 —*Ant.* let go, release, unhook, unlatch, unlock

**hooked** [*adj*] *addicted* absorbed, captivated, dependent, devoted, enamored, obsessed, prone, strung out\*, under the influence; CONCEPT 542

**hooker** [*n*] *prostitute* bawd, call girl, concubine, courtesan, fallen woman\*, floozy\*, harlot, hustler, lady of the evening, moll, nymphomaniac\*, painted\*, pro\*, streetwalker, strumpet,

whore, woman of the streets, working girl\*; CONCEPTS 348,412,415,419

**hooligan** [*n*] *hoodlum* criminal, delinquent, gangster, goon\*, hood, mobster, punk, rioter, rowdy, ruffian, thug, troublemaker; CONCEPT 545

**hoopla** [*n*] *excitement* action, activity, brouhaha, bustle, buzz\*, commotion, drama, elation, emotion, excitation, feeling, fever, fireworks\*, flurry, frenzy, furor, fuss, heat\*, hubbub\*, hullabaloo\*, hysteria, passion, racket, rage, ruckus, rumpus, stir, thrill; CONCEPT 388

**hoot** [*v*] *cry* boo, catcall, heckle, hiss, howl, jeer, razz\*, scoff at, scorn, scream, shout down, whistle; CONCEPTS 44,47

**hop** [*n*v] *jump on one leg* bounce, bound, caper, dance, hurdle, leap, lop, lope, skip, skitter, spring, step, trip, vault; CONCEPT 194

**hope** [*n*] *longing; dream* achievement, ambition, anticipation, aspiration, assumption, belief, bright side\*, buoyancy, castles in air\*, concern, confidence, daydream, dependence, desire, endurance, expectancy, expectation, faith, fancy, fool's paradise\*, fortune, gain, goal, greedy glutton\*, hopefulness, light at end of tunnel\*, optimism, pipe dream\*, promise, promised land\*, prospect, reliance, reverie, reward, rosiness, sanguineness, security, stock, thing with feathers\*, Utopia, wish; CONCEPTS 20,410,709 —*Ant.* despair, disbelief, discouragement, hopelessness, pessimism

**hope** [*v*] *long for, dream about* anticipate, aspire, assume, await, believe, be sure of, cherish, contemplate, count on, deem likely, depend on, desire, expect, feel confident, foresee, hang in\*, have faith, hold, keep fingers crossed\*, knock on wood\*, look at sunny side\*, look forward to, pray, presume, promise oneself, rely, suppose, surmise, suspect, sweat\*, sweat it\*, sweat it out\*, take heart\*, think to, trust, watch for, wish; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* despair, disbelieve, fear

**hopeful** [*adj*1] *optimistic, expectant* anticipating, anticipative, assured, at ease, blithe, buoyant, calm, cheerful, comfortable, confident, content, eager, elated, emboldened, enthusiastic, expecting, faithful, forward-looking\*, high, hoping, inspired, keeping the faith\*, lighthearted, looking forward to, reassured, rose-colored\*, rosy\*, sanguine, satisfied, serene, trustful, trusting, unflagging, upbeat; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* despairing, despondent, discouraged, fearful, gloomy, hopeless, low, pessimistic, sad

**hopeful** [*adj*2] *promising, auspicious* advantageous, arousing, beneficial, bright, cheerful, cheering, conducive, convenient, elating, encouraging, enlivening, exciting, expeditious, fair, favorable, fine, fit, flattering, fortifying, fortunate, golden, good, gracious, halcyon, heartening, helpful, inspiring, inspiring, likely, lucky, opportune, pleasant, pleasing, probable, promissive, propitious, providential, reasonable, reassuring, roseate, rosy\*, rousing, stirring, suitable, sunny, timely, uplifting, well-timed; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* desperate, hopeless, inauspicious, pointless, unpromising, wretched

**hopeless** [*adj*] *futile, pessimistic* bad, beyond recall, cynical, dejected, demoralized, despairing, desperate, despondent, disconsolate,

discouraging, downhearted, fatal, forlorn, gone\*, goner\*, helpless, ill-fated, impossible, impracticable, incurable, in despair, irredeemable, irreparable, irreversible, irrevocable, lost, menacing, no-win, past hope, pointless, sad, shot down\*, sinister, sunk, threatening, tragic, unachievable, unavailing, unfortunate, unmitigable, up the creek\*, useless, vain, woe-begone, worsening; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* auspicious, bright, encouraging, expectant, hopeful, optimistic, promising, propitious, rosy

**horde** [*n*] *uncontrolled throng, pack band, crew, crowd, crush, drove, everybody, gang, gathering, host, jam, mob, multitude, press, push, squash, swarm, troop, turnout, wall-to-wall\**; CONCEPTS 397,417

**horizon** [*n*] *skyline, extent border, boundary, compass, field of vision, ken, limit, perspective, prospect, purview, range, reach, realm, scope, sphere, stretch, vista*; CONCEPTS 484,509,529

**horizontal** [*adj*] *lying flat accumbent, aligned, even, flush, level, parallel, plane, recumbent, regular, smooth, straight, uniform*; CONCEPTS 581,583 —*Ant.* upright, vertical

**horny** [*adj*] *sexually aroused concupiscent, desiring, hard up, hot\*, hot to trot\*, lascivious, libidinous, lustful, oversexed, passionate, randy, turned on*; CONCEPT 372

**horoscope** [*n*] *astrological forecast astrology, crystal gazing, prediction*; CONCEPT 70

**horrible/horrendous/horrid** [*adj*] *repulsive, very unpleasant abhorrent, abominable, appalling, awful, beastly, cruel, detestable, disagreeable, disgusting, dreadful, eerie, execrable, fearful, frightful, ghastly, grim, grisly, gross\*, gruesome, heinous, hideous, loathsome, lousy, lurid, mean, nasty, obnoxious, offensive, repellent, revolting, scandalous, scary, shameful, shocking, terrible, terrifying, ungodly, unholly, unkind*; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* agreeable, delightful, magnificent, pleasant, pleasing, wonderful

**horrify** [*v*] *scare affright, alarm, appall, chill off\*, consternate, daunt, disgust, dismay, frighten, intimidate, outrage, petrify, scare to death\*, shake, shock, sicken, terrify, terrorize*; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* delight, make happy, please

**horror** [*n*] *fear, revulsion abhorrence, abomination, alarm, antipathy, apprehension, aversion, awe, chiller, consternation, detestation, disgust, dislike, dismay, dread, fright, hate, hatred, loathing, monstrosity, panic, repugnance, terror, trepidation*; CONCEPTS 27,29,532,690 —*Ant.* beauty, delight, miracle, pleasure, wonder

**hors d'oeuvre** [*n*] *appetizer antipasto, aperitif, canape, cocktail, dip, finger food, finger sandwich, munchies, sample, starter*; CONCEPT 457

**horse** [*n*] *equine species bronco, colt, filly, foal, gelding, mare, mustang, nag, plug\*, pony, stallion, steed*; CONCEPT 394

**horse around** [*v*] *fool around carry on, cavort, cut up, lark, monkey around\*, play around*; CONCEPTS 114,384

**horseplay** [*n*] *rough play antics, buffoonery, capers, clowning, fooling around, fun and games, hijinks, misbehavior, pranks, roughhousing, rowdiness, shenanigans, tomfoolery*; CONCEPT 386

**horticulture** [*n*] *gardening agriculture, arboriculture, cultivation, farming, floriculture, groundskeeping, viticulture, viticulture*; CONCEPTS 205,257

**hospitable** [*adj*] *sociable, accommodating accessible, amenable, amicable, bountiful, charitable, companionable, convivial, cooperative, cordial, courteous, friendly, generous, genial, gracious, gregarious, kind, liberal, magnanimous, neighborly, obliging, open, open-minded, philanthropic, receptive, red-carpet treatment\**, responsive, tolerant, welcoming; CONCEPTS 542,555 —*Ant.* hostile, inhospitable, isolated, solitary, unaccommodating, uncordial, unfriendly, unkind, unsociable

**hospital** [*n*] *place where ill, injured are treated clinic, emergency room, health service, hospice, infirmary, institution, nursing home, rest home, sanatorium, sanitarium, sick bay\*, surgery, ward*; CONCEPTS 312,439,449

**hospitality** [*n*] *neighborliness accommodation, affability, amiability, cheer, companionship, comradeship, consideration, conviviality, cordiality, entertainment, friendliness, generosity, geniality, good cheer, heartiness, hospitableness, obligingness, reception, sociability, warmth, welcome*; CONCEPTS 388,657

—*Ant.* hostility, inhospitality, unfriendliness, unneighborliness, unsociableness

**host** [*n*] *person who entertains, performs anchor, anchor person, emcee, entertainer, innkeeper, keeper, manager, moderator, owner, person of the house, presenter, proprietor*; CONCEPT 352 —*Ant.* guest, visitor

**host** [*n*] *large group army, array, cloud, crowd, crush, drove, flock, gathering, horde, legion, multitude, myriad, rout, score, swarm, throng*; CONCEPTS 417,432

**host** [*v*] *entertain, accommodate do the honors\**, introduce, pick up the check\*, present, receive, spread oneself\*, throw a party, treat, wine and dine\*; CONCEPTS 292,384

**hostage** [*n*] *person held captive until captor's demand is met captive, earnest, guaranty, pawn, pledge, prisoner, sacrificial lamb\*, scapegoat\*, security, surety, token, victim*; CONCEPTS 359, 423 —*Ant.* captor

**hostile** [*adj*] *antagonistic, mean adverse, alien, allergic, anti\*, argumentative, bellicose, belligerent, bitter, catty\*, chill\*, cold\*, competitive, contentious, contrary, disapproving, dour, hateful, ill-disposed, inhospitable, inimical, malevolent, malicious, malignant, militant, nasty, opposed, opposite, oppugnant, ornery\*, pugnacious, rancorous, scrappy\*, sour\*, spiteful, surly, unfavorable, unfriendly, unkind, unpropitious, unsociable, unsympathetic, unwelcoming, viperous, virulent, vitriolic, warlike*; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* agreeable, friendly, gentle, kind, nice, welcoming

**hostility** [*n*] *antagonism, meanness abhorrence, aggression, animosity, animus, antipathy, aversion, bad blood\*, bellicosity, belligerence, bitterness, detestation, disaffection, enmity, estrangement, grudge, hatred, ill will, inimicality, malevolence, malice, opposition, rancor, resentment, spite, spleen, unfriendliness, venom, virulence, war, warpath*; CONCEPTS

633,657 —*Ant.* agreeableness, friendliness, friendship, gentleness, kindness, niceness  
**hot** [*adj*1] *very high in temperature* baking, blazing, blistering, boiling, broiling, burning, calescent, close, decalescent, febrile, fevered, feverish, feverous, fiery, flaming, heated, humid, igneous, incandescent, like an oven\*, on fire, ovenlike, parching, piping, recalescent, red\*, roasting, scalding, scorching, searing, sizzling, smoking, steaming, stuffy, sultry, summery, sweltering, sweltry, thermogenic, torrid, tropic, tropical, very warm, warm, white\*; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* cold, cool, freezing, frigid  
**hot** [*adj*2] *spicy to taste* acrid, biting, peppery, piquant, pungent, racy, sharp, spicy, zestful; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* mild, moderate  
**hot** [*adj*3] *passionate, vehement* angry, animated, ardent, aroused, distracted, eager, enthusiastic, excited, fervent, fervid, fierce, fiery, furious, ill-tempered, impassioned, impetuous, indignant, inflamed, intense, irascible, lustful, raging, stormy, temperamental, touchy, violent; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* calm, indifferent, unfeeling  
**hot** [*adj*4] *new, in vogue* approved, cool\*, dandy, favored, fresh, glorious, groovy\*, in demand, just out\*, keen, latest\*, marvelous, neat\*, nifty\*, peachy\*, popular, recent, sought-after, super, trendy, up-to-the-minute\*; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* old, old-fashioned, out, unpopular  
**hot** [*adj*5] *sexually excited* aroused, carnal, concupiscent, erotic, lascivious, lewd, libidinous, lustful, passionate, prurient, salacious, sensual; CONCEPTS 372,555 —*Ant.* frigid, turned off  
**hot dog** [*n*1] *frankfurter* foot long\*, frank, pigs in a blanket, red-hot, weenie\*, wiener; CONCEPTS 399,457,460  
**hot dog** [*n*2] *showoff* booster, braggart, crowd-pleaser, granstander, showboat; CONCEPT 412  
**hotel** [*n*] *place where one pays for accommodation* auberge, boarding house, caravansary, dump\*, fleabag\*, flophouse\*, hospice, hostel, hostelry, house, inn, lodging, motel, motor inn, public house, resort, roadhouse, rooming house, spa, tavern; CONCEPTS 439,449,516  
**hotfoot** [*v*] *hurry* barrel\*, bolt, boogie\*, burn rubber\*, clip, dart, dash, fly, gallop, go like a bat out of hell\*, hightail it\*, hurdle, make haste, race, run, scoot\*, speed, sprint, streak, tear\*, zip\*, zoom; CONCEPT 150 —*Ant.* dawdle  
**hotheaded** [*adj*] *quick-tempered* easily provoked, excitable, explosive, hot-tempered, impetuous, passionate, rash, short-fused, touchy, volatile; CONCEPTS 401,542,548  
**hound** [*n*] *dog* afghan, airedale, akita, basset, beagle, bowwow\*, canine, dachshund, man's best friend\*, mongrel, mutt, pointer, pooch, poodle, retriever; CONCEPTS 394,400  
**hound** [*v*] *chase, badger* annoy, bait, be at, beat the bushes\*, be on one's back\*, be on one's case\*, be on one's tail\*, bird-dog\*, bother, bug, chivy, curdle, dog\*, drive, give chase, goad, harass, harry, hassle, heckle, hector, hunt, hunt down, impel, leave no stone unturned\*, persecute, pester, prod, provoke, pursue, rag\*, rag on\*, ride, scout, scratch, scratch around, search high heaven\*, tail, take out after\*, track down, turn inside out, turn upside down, yap at\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,207 —*Ant.* leave alone

**house** [*n*1] *human habitat* abode, apartment, box\*, building, bullpen, castle, cave\*, com-morancy, condo, condominium, co-op, coop, crash pad\*, crib\*, cubbyhole\*, den, diggings\*, digs\*, domicile, dump\*, dwelling, edifice, flat, flophouse\*, habitation, hole in the wall\*, home, home plate\*, homestead, joint, kennel, layout, lean-to\*, mansion, pad, pied-à-terre, pigpen\*, pigsty\*, rack\*, residence, residence, roof, roost\*, setup, shack, shanty, turf\*; CONCEPT 439  
**house** [*n*2] *family, ancestry* clan, dynasty, family tree, folk, folks, household, kin, kindred, line, lineage, ménage, race, stock, tradition, tribe; CONCEPT 296  
**house** [*n*3] *business establishment* company, concern, corporation, firm, organization, outfit, partnership; CONCEPT 325  
**house** [*n*4] *government body, sometimes elected, responsible for laws* commons, congress, council, legislative body, legislature, parliament; CONCEPT 299  
**household** [*adj*] *domestic* domiciliary, everyday, family, home, homely, homey, ordinary, plain; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* business, commercial, industrial  
**household** [*n*] *domestic establishment* family, family unit, folks, home, house, ménage; CONCEPTS 296,516  
**housekeeper** [*n*] *domestic caretaker*, chambermaid, house cleaner, housemaid, housewife, maid, servant; CONCEPTS 348,415  
**housework** [*n*] *cleaning, maintaining a home* administration, bed-making, cooking, domestic art, domestic science, dusting, home economics, homemaking, housecraft, housekeeping, ironing, laundering, management, mopping, sewing, stewardship, sweeping, washing; CONCEPTS 165,170,202  
**housing** [*n*] *place of accommodation* construction, digs\*, dwelling, habitation, home, house, lodgment, quarter, quarterage, residence, roof, shelter, sheltering, stopping place; CONCEPTS 388,516  
**hovel** [*n*] *tiny unkept house* burrow, cabin, cottage, den, dump\*, hole\*, hut, hutch, lean-to, pigpen\*, pigsty\*, rathole\*, rattrap\*, shack, shanty, shed, stall, sty\*; CONCEPT 516  
**hover** [*v*] *hang, float over* be suspended, brood over, dance, drift, flicker, flit, flutter, flutter, fly, hang about, linger, poise, wait nearby, waver; CONCEPT 154 —*Ant.* lie, rest, settle  
**how** [*adv*] *in what way or manner* according to what, after what precedent, by means of, by virtue of what, by what means, by what method, by whose help, from what source, through what agency, through what medium, to what degree, whence, whereby, wherewith; CONCEPT 544  
**however** [*adv*] *still, nevertheless* after all, all the same, anyhow, be that as it may, but, despite, for all that, howbeit, in spite of, nonetheless, notwithstanding, on the other hand, per contra, though, withal, without regard to, yet; CONCEPT 544  
**howl** [*n/v*] *long, painful cry* bark, bawl, bay, bel-low, blubber, clamor, groan, growl, hoot, keen, lament, moan, outcry, quest, roar, scream, shout, shriek, ululate, wail, weep, whimper, whine, yell, yelp, yip, yowl; CONCEPTS 64,77,595

**hub** [*n*] *center, focal point* core, focus, heart, middle, nerve center\*, pivot, polestar, seat; CONCEPT 826 —*Ant.* exterior, exteriority, outside

**hubbub** [*n*] *commotion, disorder* babel, bedlam, brouhaha\*, clamor, confusion, din, disturbance, fuss, hassle, hell broke loose\*, hue and cry\*, hullabaloo\*, hurly-burly\*, jangle, noise, pandemonium, racket, riot, rowdydow\*, ruckus, ruction, rumpus, to-do\*, tumult, turmoil, uproar, whirl; CONCEPTS 230, 384, 388 —*Ant.* calm, order, peace

**hubris** [*n*] *arrogance* airs, audacity, brass\*, cheek\*, chutzpah\*, cockiness, conceitedness, contemptuousness, disdain, insolence, loftiness, nerve, ostentation, overbearance, pomposity, pompousness, presumption, pretension, pretentiousness, self-importance, vanity; CONCEPTS 411, 633

**huckster** [*n*] *peddler* colporteur, costermonger, hawker, pitchperson, salesperson, seller, street seller, street vendor; CONCEPTS 347, 348

**huddle** [*n*] *assemblage, crowd, often disorganized* bunch, chaos, cluster, clutter, confab\*, conference, confusion, disarray, discussion, disorder, gathering, group, heap, jumble, mass, meeting, mess\*, muddle; CONCEPTS 230, 260

**huddle** [*v*] *meet, discuss* bunch, cluster, confer, consult, converge, crouch, crowd, cuddle, curl up, draw together, flock, gather, herd, hug, hunch up\*, mass, nestle, parley, powwow\*, press, press close, snuggle, throng; CONCEPTS 56, 114, 154 —*Ant.* cancel

**hue** [*n*] *color, shade* aspect, cast, chroma, complexion, dye, tincture, tinge, tint, tone, value; CONCEPT 622

**hue and cry** [*n*] *public clamor* brouhaha, bugle call, hullabaloo, outcry, protest, rallying cry, uproar; CONCEPTS 46, 65, 106, 674

**huff** [*n*] *bad mood* anger, annoyance, dudgeon, miff, offense, passion, perturbation, pet\*, pique, rage, snit\*, stew\*, temper, tiff, umbrage; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* delight, good mood, happiness

**huff** [*v*] *sigh, breathe out forcefully* blow, expire, gasp, heave, pant, puff; CONCEPT 163 —*Ant.* inhale

**huffy** [*adj*] *angry, in a bad mood* angered, annoyed, crabbed, crabby, cross, crotchety, crusty, curt, disgruntled, exasperated, fractious, grumpy, huffish, hurt, insulted, irked, irritable, miffed, moody, moping, nettled, offended, peeved, peevish, pettish, petulant, piqued, provoked, put out\*, querulous, resentful, riled, short, snappish, snappy, stewed, sulky, sullen, surly, testy, touchy, vexed, waspish; CONCEPTS 401, 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, delighted, happy, joyful

**hug** [*n*] *embrace* affection, bear hug\*, bunny hug\*, caress, clasp, clinch, lock, squeeze, tight grip; CONCEPTS 190, 375 —*Ant.* push, release

**hug** [*v*] *hold close, cling to* bear hug, be near to, cherish, clasp, clinch, cradle, cuddle, embrace, enbosom, enfold, envelop, fold in arms, follow closely, grasp, hold onto, keep close, lie close, lock, love, nestle, nurse, press, receive, retain, seize, squeeze, stay near, take in one's arms, welcome; CONCEPTS 190, 375 —*Ant.* push away, release

**huge** [*adj*] *extremely large* behemothic, bulky,

colossal, cyclopean, elephantine, enormous, extensive, gargantuan, giant, gigantic, great, gross\*, humongous, immeasurable, immense, jumbo, leviathan, lusty, magnificent, mammoth, massive, mighty, mondo\*, monster\*, monstrous\*, monumental, mountainous, outsize, oversize, planetary, prodigious, stupendous, titanic\*, towering, tremendous, vast, walloping, whopping\*; CONCEPTS 771, 773 —*Ant.* dwarf, little, miniature, minute, small, teeny, tiny

**hulk** [*n*] *large piece, lump; remains* blob, body, bulk, chunk, clod, clump, frame, hull, hunk, mass, ruins, shambles, shell, shipwreck, skeleton, wreck; CONCEPT 829 —*Ant.* bit

**hulking** [*adj*] *massive* big, bulky, clumsy, colossal, cumbersome, elephantine, enormous, extensive, gargantuan, gigantic, grand, great, heavy, hefty, huge, immense, imposing, large, lumbering, mammoth, monumental, solid, titanic, towering, tremendous, unwieldy, weighty; CONCEPTS 773, 781

**hull** [*n*] *skeleton, body* bark, case, casing, cast, covering, frame, framework, husk, mold, peel, peeling, pod, rind, shell, shuck, skin, structure; CONCEPTS 484, 829

**hullabaloo** [*n*] *uproar* bedlam, big scene\*, brouhaha, chaos, clamor, commotion, confusion, free-for-all\*, furor, fuss, hassle, hubbub, hue and cry, mayhem, melee, noise, pandemonium, racket\*, riot, row, ruckus, to-do\*; CONCEPTS 46, 65, 106, 230, 384, 388, 674

**hum** [*v*] *buzz, vibrate* bombilate, bombinate, bum, bumble, croon, drone, moan, mumble, murmur, purr, rustle, sing, sing low, sound, strum, throb, thrum, trill, warble, whirl, whisper, zoom; CONCEPTS 65, 77

**human** [*adj*] *characteristic of people* animal, anthropoid, anthropological, anthropomorphic, biped, bipedal, civilized, creatural, ethnologic, ethological, fallible, fleshly, forgivable, hominal, hominid, hominine, humanistic, individual, mortal, personal, vulnerable; CONCEPTS 406, 549 —*Ant.* immortal, inhuman, unmanly

**human** [*n*] *person, Homo sapiens* being, biped, body, character, child, creature, individual, life, mortal, personage, soul, wight; CONCEPT 417 —*Ant.* abstract, immortal, inanimate, nonentity, plant

**humane** [*adj*] *kind, compassionate* accommodating, altruistic, amiable, approachable, benevolent, benign, benignant, broad-minded, charitable, clement, considerate, cordial, democratic, forbearing, forgiving, friendly, generous, genial, gentle, good, good-natured, gracious, helpful, human, humanitarian, indulgent, kindhearted, kindly, lenient, liberal, magnanimous, merciful, mild, natural, obliging, open-minded, philanthropic, pitying, righteous, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, tolerant, understanding, unselfish, warmhearted; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* cruel, fierce, inhumane, merciless, uncivilized, uncompassionate, unkind, unsympathetic, violent

**humanitarian** [*adj*] *giving, compassionate* altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, charitable, eleemosynary, generous, good, humane, idealistic, kindly, philanthropic, public-spirited; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* egoistic, egotistic, inhumanitarian, uncompassionate, ungiving

**humanitarian** [*n*] *person who gives generously* altruist, benefactor, bleeding heart\*, do-gooder\*, Good Samaritan\*, good scout\*, helper, patron, philanthropist; CONCEPTS 416, 423 —*Ant.* egoist, stingy

**humanity** [*n*1] *human race* Homo sapiens, human beings, humankind, humanness, mankind, people, society; CONCEPT 417

**humanity** [*n*2] *benevolence* altruism, amity, brotherly love, charity, compassion, empathy, feeling, friendship, generosity, goodness, goodwill, heart, kindheartedness, kindness, mercy, sympathy; CONCEPTS 410, 633

**humankind** [*n*] *the human race* community, flesh, Homo sapiens, human beings, humanity, human species, mortality, mortals, people, populace, society; CONCEPT 417

**humble** [*adj*1] *meek, unassuming* apprehensive, backward, bashful, biddable, blushing, content, courteous, deferential, demure, diffident, docile, fearful, gentle, hesitant, lowly, manageable, mild, modest, obliging, obsequious, ordinary, polite, quiet, reserved, respectful, retiring, reverential, sedate, self-conscious, self-effacing, servile, sheepish, shy, simple, soft-spoken, standoffish, submissive, subservient, supplicatory, tentative, timid, timorous, tractable, unambitious, unobtrusive, unostentatious, unpretentious, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —*Ant.* assertive, boasting, brave, conceited, egotistical, insolent, pretentious, proud, showy

**humble** [*adj*2] *poor, inferior* base, beggarly, common, commonplace, contemptible, humdrum, ignoble, inglorious, insignificant, little, low, low-born, lowly, low-ranking, meager, mean, measly, menial, miserable, modest, obscure, ordinary, paltry, petty, pitiful, plebeian, proletarian, puny, rough, scrubby, seemly, servile, severe, shabby, simple, small, sordid, trivial, unassuming, uncouth, underprivileged, undistinguished, unfit, unimportant, unpretentious, unrefined, vulgar, wretched; CONCEPTS 334, 549, 589 —*Ant.* luxurious, rich, superior

**humble** [*v*] *shame, put down* abase, abash, beamen, break, bring down\*, cast down, chagrin, chasten, confound, confuse, crush\*, cut to the quick\*, debase, deflate, degrade, demean, demote, deny, discomfit, discredit, disgrace, embarrass, hide, humiliate, lower\*, make eat dirt\*, make one feel small\*, mortify, overcome, pop one's balloon\*, pull down\*, put away\*, put one away\*, put to shame, reduce, silence, sink, snub, squash\*, squelch, strike dumb, subdue, take down\*, take down a peg\*, upset; CONCEPTS 14, 16, 44, 52 —*Ant.* build up, praise, promote

**humbug** [*n*1] *nonsense* babble, balderdash\*, baloney\*, BS\*, bull\*, bunk\*, drivel, empty talk, gibberish, hogwash\*, hooey\*, hot air\*, poppycock\*, pretense, rubbish, silliness, trash\*; CONCEPTS 230, 388, 633

**humbug** [*n*2] *hoax* con\*, con game\*, deceit, fast one\*, flimflam\*, fraud, gyp\*, hustle, prank, put-on, scam, snow job\*, spoof, sting, swindle; CONCEPTS 59, 63

**humdinger** [*n*] *something extraordinary* ace, beauty, champ, champion, crackerjack\*, doozy, hit, hot stuff\*, knockout, lulu, pip\*, pistol\*, smash hit, something, something else, whopper, winner; CONCEPT 668

**humdrum** [*adj*] *boring, uneventful* arid, banal, blah, bromidic, common, commonplace, dim, dime a dozen\*, drab, dreary, dull, everyday, garden-variety\*, insipid, lifeless, monotone, monotonous, mundane, ordinary, pedestrian, plodding, prosy, repetitious, routine, tedious, tiresome, toneless, treadmill, uninteresting, unvaried, vanilla\* wearisome, whitebread\*; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* busy, eventful, exciting, lively, unusual

**humid** [*adj*] *very damp, referring to weather* boiling, clammy, close, dank, irriguous, moist, mucky, muggy, oppressive, sodden, soggy, steamy, sticky, stifling, stuffy, sultry, sweaty, sweltering, watery, wet; CONCEPTS 525, 603 —*Ant.* arid, dry

**humidity** [*n*] *very damp weather* clamminess, dampness, dankness, dew, dewiness, evaporation, fogginess, heaviness, humectation, humidness, moistness, moisture, mugginess, oppressiveness, sogginess, steam, steaminess, stickiness, sultriness, sweatiness, swelter, thickness, vaporization, wet, wetness; CONCEPTS 524, 607 —*Ant.* aridity, dryness

**humiliate** [*v*] *embarrass, put down* abase, abash, base, bemean, blister, break, bring down\*, bring low\*, cast down, chagrin, chasten, confound, confuse, conquer, crush\*, cut down to size\*, debase, degrade, demean, denigrate, deny, depress, discomfit, discountenance, disgrace, dishonor, downplay, humble, lower, make a fool of\*, make ashamed, mortify, pan, play down, put out of countenance\*, put to shame, rip\*, run down\*, shame, shoot down\*, slam\*, smear, snub, squash\*, subdue, take down\*, take down a peg\*, tear down\*, vanquish, wither; CONCEPTS 14, 44, 52 —*Ant.* build up, elevate, laud, praise

**humiliation** [*n*] *embarrassment* abasement, affront, chagrin, comedown\*, comeuppance, condescension, confusion, degradation, discomfiture, disgrace, dishonor, humbling, ignominy, indignity, loss of face\*, mental pain, mortification, put-down, resignation, self-abasement, shame, submission, submissiveness, touché\*; CONCEPTS 388, 410 —*Ant.* elevation, flattery, glorification, praise, success, triumph

**humility** [*n*] *humbleness, modesty* abasement, bashfulness, demureness, diffidence, docility, fawning, inferiority complex, lack of pride, lowliness, meekness, mortification, nonresistance, obedience, obsequiousness, passiveness, reserve, resignation, self-abasement, self-abnegation, servility, sheepishness, shyness, subjection, submissiveness, subservience, timidity, timorousness, unobtrusiveness, unpretentiousness; CONCEPTS 633, 657 —*Ant.* arrogance, assertiveness, egoism, pretentiousness, pride, self-importance

**humor** [*n*1] *comedy, funniness* amusement, badinage, banter, buffoonery, clowning, comicality, comicalness, drollery, facetiousness, farce, flippancy, fun, gag, gaiety, happiness, high spirits, jest, jesting, jocoseness, jocularly, joke, joking, joyfulness, kidding, levity, lightness, playfulness, pleasantry, raillery, toomfoolery, whimsy, wisecrack, wit, witticism, wittiness; CONCEPT 293 —*Ant.* depression, drama, sadness, seriousness, tragedy, unhappiness

**humor** [n2] *mood, temperament* bee, bent, bias, caprice, character, complexion, conceit, disposition, fancy, frame of mind, individualism, individuality, makeup, mind, nature, notion, personality, propensity, quirk, spirits, strain, temper, tone, vagary, vein, whim; CONCEPT 410

**humorist** [n] *comedian* card\*, clown, comedienne, comic, cutup, entertainer, jester, joker, jokesmith, jokester, satirist, stand-up comic, wisecracker, wit; CONCEPTS 352,423

**humorous** [adj] *funny, comical* amusing, camp\*, campy\*, comic, droll, entertaining, facetious, farcical, hilarious, jocose, jocular, jokey, joshing, laughable, ludicrous, merry, playful, pleasant, priceless, ribald, screaming\*, side-splitting\*, too funny for words\*, waggish, whimsical, witty; CONCEPTS 267,529 —*Ant.* depressing, dramatic, gloomy, morose, sad, serious, tragic, uncomical, unfunny

**hump** [n] *swelling, projection* bulge, bump, convexedness, convexity, dune, elevation, eminence, excrescence, gibbosity, hill, hummock, hunch, knap, knob, knurl, kyphosis, mound, prominence, protrusion, protuberance, ridge, swell, tumescence; CONCEPTS 471,513 —*Ant.* depression

**hunch** [n] *feeling, idea* anticipation, apprehension, auguration, augury, boding, clue, expectation, feeling in one's bones\*, foreboding, forecast, foreknowledge, forewarning, forewisdom, funny feeling\*, glimmer, hint, impression, inkling, instinct, intuition, misgiving, notion, omination, portent, preapprehension, precognition, preconceived notion, premonition, prenotation, prenotice, presage, presagement, prescience, presentiment, qualm, suspicion, thought; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* proof, reality, truth

**hunch** [v] *cower, crouch* arch, bend, bow, curve, draw in, draw together, huddle, hump, lean, scrooch down, squat, stoop, tense; CONCEPT 154 —*Ant.* stand, straighten

**hunger** [n] *appetite for food, other desire* ache, appetence, appetency, appetite, a stomach for\*, big eyes\*, bottomless pit\*, craving, desire, emptiness, esurience, eyes for\*, famine, famishment, gluttony, greed, greediness, hungriness, longing, lust, mania, munchies\*, ravenousness, starvation, sweet tooth\*, vacancy, void, voracity, want, yearning, yen; CONCEPTS 20,709 —*Ant.* satiation, satisfaction

**hungry** [adj] *starving; desirous* athirst, avid, carnivorous, could eat a horse\*, covetous, craving, eager, edacious, empty, esurient, famished, famishing, flying light\*, got the munchies\*, greedy, hankering, hoggish, hollow, hungered, insatiate, keen, omnivorous, on empty stomach\*, piggyish\*, rapacious, ravenous, starved, unfilled, unsatisfied, voracious, yearning; CONCEPTS 20,406 —*Ant.* full, replete, satiated, satisfied, stuffed

**hunk** [n] *chunk of solid material* a lot\*, batch, bit, block, bulk, bunch, clod, glob, gob\*, large piece, loads\*, loaf, lump, mass, morsel, nugget, piece, pile, portion, quantity, slab, slice, wad, wedge; CONCEPTS 470,471

**hunt** [n] *search, chase* coursing, exploration, field sport, following, frisking, game, hounding, hunting, inquest, inquiry, inquisition, interroga-

tion, investigation, look-see\*, meddling, probe, prosecution, prying, pursuance, pursuing, pursuit, quest, race, raid, reconnaissance, research, rummage, scrutiny, seeking, sifting, snooping, sporting, steeplechase, study, tracing, trailing; CONCEPTS 207,216

**hunt** [v1] *chase for killing* beat the bushes\*, bird-dog\*, capture, course, dog, drag, drive, fish, follow, give chase, grouse, gun\*, gun for\*, hawk, heel, hound, kill, look for, poach, press, pursue, ride, run, scent, scratch, scratch around, seek, shadow, shoot, snare, stalk, start, track, trail; CONCEPTS 207,216,252,363 —*Ant.* let go

**hunt** [v2] *look, search for* be on the lookout\*, cast about, delve, drag, examine, ferret out, fish for, forage, go after, grope, inquire, interrogate, investigate, look all over hell\*, look high and low\*, nose around\*, probe, prow, quest, question, ransack, rummage, run down, scour, scratch around\*, search high heaven\*, seek, sift, trace, trail, try to find, winnow; CONCEPT 216 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**hurdle** [n] *barrier, obstacle* bar, barricade, blockade, complication, difficulty, fence, hamper, handicap, hedge, hindrance, impediment, interference, mountain, obstruction, rub, snag, stumbling block, traverse, wall; CONCEPTS 470,674 —*Ant.* clear path, opening

**hurdle** [v] *jump over an obstacle* bounce, bound, clear, conquer, down, hop, jump across, leap over, lick, lop, master, negotiate, over, overcome, saltate, scale, spring, surmount, vault; CONCEPT 194

**hurl** [v] *throw forcefully* burn, cast, chuck, chunk, fire, fling, gun, heave, launch, let fly, lob, peg, pitch, project, propel, send, sling, toss; CONCEPT 222

**hurricane** [n] *violent windstorm* blow, cyclone, gale, line storm, monsoon, storm, tempest, tornado, tropical cyclone, tropical storm, twister, typhoon, whirlwind; CONCEPTS 524,526

**hurried** [adj] *quick, rushed* abrupt, breakneck, brief, cursory, fast, hasty, headlong, hectic, impetuous, perfunctory, precipitant, precipitate, precipitous, rushing, short, slapdash, speedy, subitaneous, sudden, superficial, swift; CONCEPTS 548,588,799 —*Ant.* easily, leisurely, slow, unhurried, unrushed

**hurry** [n] *speed in action, motion* bustle, celerity, commotion, dash, dispatch, drive, expedition, expeditiousness, flurry, haste, precipitation, precipitateness, precipitation, promptitude, push, quickness, rush, rustle, scurry, speediness, swift-ness, urgency; CONCEPTS 657,748,755 —*Ant.* delay, procrastination, rest, slowness, stall, wait

**hurry** [v] *act, move speedily* accelerate, barrel, beeline\*, be quick, bestir, breeze, bullet, burst, bustle, dash, dig in, drive, expedite, fleet, flit, fly, get a move on\*, goad, go like lightning\*, haste, hasten, hurry up, hustle, jog, lose no time, make haste, make short work of\*, make time\*, make tracks\*, nip, push, quicken, race, rip, rocket, roll, run, rush, sally, scoot, scurry, shake a leg\*, smoke, speed, speed up, spur, step on gas\*, step on it\*, turn on steam\*, urge, whirl, whisk, whiz, zip; CONCEPTS 150,234 —*Ant.* dally, dawdle, delay, procrastinate, rest, slow, stall, wait

**hurt** [adj] *physically or mentally injured* aching,



aggrieved, agonized, all torn up\*, battered, bleeding, bruised, buffeted, burned, busted up\*, contused, crushed, cut, damaged, disfigured, distressed, disturbed, grazed, harmed, hit, impaired, indignant, in pain, lacerated, marred, mauled, miffed, mutilated, nicked, offended, pained, piqued, put away, resentful, rueful, sad, scarred, scraped, scratched, shook, shot, sore, stricken, struck, suffering, tender, tortured, umbrageous, unhappy, warped, wounded; CONCEPTS 314,403 —*Ant.* comforted, cured, healed, healthy, ok, pleased, remedied, well

**hurt** [*n*] *injury; damage* ache, black and blue\*, blow, boo-boo\*, bruise, chop, detriment, disadvantage, disaster, discomfort, disservice, distress, down, gash, harm, ill, ill-treatment, loss, mark, mischief, misfortune, nick, ouch, outrage, pain, pang, persecution, prejudice, ruin, scratch, sore, soreness, suffering, wound, wrong; CONCEPTS 316,728 —*Ant.* aid, assist, cure, healing, help, remedy

**hurt** [*v*] *cause physical pain; experience pain* abuse, ache, afflict, ail, belt, be sore, be tender, bite, blemish, bruise, burn, cramp, cut, cut up, damage, disable, do violence, flail, fling, harm, impair, injure, kick, lacerate, lash, maltreat, mar, maul, mess up, nip, pierce, pinch, pommel, prick, pummel, punch, puncture, punish, rough up, shake up, slap, slug, smart, spank, spoil, squeeze, stab, sting, tear, throb, torment, torture, total, trouble, wax, whack, whip, wing, wound, wrack up, wring; CONCEPTS 246,313 —*Ant.* aid, assist, assuage, cure, heal, help, relieve, remedy, soothe

**hurt** [*v*2] *cause mental pain* abuse, afflict, aggrieve, annoy, burn, chafe, constrain, cut to the quick\*, discomfit, discommode, displease, distress, excruciate, faze, give no quarter\*, go for jugular\*, grieve, hit where one lives\*, injure, lambaste, lay a bad trip on\*, lean on\*, martyr, martyrize, prejudice, punish, put down, put out, sadden, sting\*, thumb nose at\*, torment, torture, try, upset, vex, vitiate, work over\*, wound, zing\*; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* calm, placate, please, relieve, soothe

**hurtful** [*adj*] *injurious, cruel* aching, afflictive, bad, cutting, damaging, dangerous, deadly, deleterious, destructive, detrimental, disadvantageous, distressing, evil, harmful, hurting, malicious, mean, mischievous, nasty, noxious, noxious, ominous, pernicious, poisonous, prejudicial, spiteful, unkind, upsetting, wounding; CONCEPTS 537,542 —*Ant.* aiding, assisting, harmless, helpful, helping, kind, nice, relieving

**hurtle** [*v*] *plunge, charge* bump, collide, fly, lunge, push, race, rush, rush headlong, scoot, scramble, shoot, speed, spurt, tear; CONCEPT 150

**husband** [*n*] *married man* bridegroom, companion, consort, groom, helpmate, hubby, mate, monogamist, monogynist, other half, partner, spouse; CONCEPTS 414,419 —*Ant.* wife

**hush** [*n*] *quiet* calm, lull, peace, peacefulness, quietude, silence, still, stillness, tranquility; CONCEPT 65 —*Ant.* clamor, yelling

**hush** [*v*] *attempt to make quiet* burke, choke, gag, muffle, mute, muzzle, quiet, quieten, shush\*, shut up, silence, stifle, still, stop, suppress; CONCEPTS 65,87 —*Ant.* yell

**hush-hush** [*adj*] *secret* clandestine, classified, closet, confidential, covert, dark, private, restricted, sub-rosa\*, surreptitious, undercover, under-the-table\*; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* known, public, revealed, told

**hush up** [*v*] *keep secret* burke, conceal, cover, cover up, keep dark, sit on, smother, squash, stifle, suppress; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* reveal, tell

**husk** [*n*] *covering, case* aril, bark, case, chaff, glume, hull, outside, pod, rind, shell, shuck, skin; CONCEPTS 428,484 —*Ant.* core

**husky** [*adj*1] *deep, scratchy in sound* croaking, croaky, growling, gruff, guttural, harsh, hoarse, loud, rasping, raucous, rough, throaty; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* low, quiet, soft

**husky** [*adj*2] *big, burly* brawny, gigantic, hefty, Herculean\*, mighty, muscular, powerful, rugged, sinewy, stalwart, stocky, stout, strapping, strong, sturdy, thickset, well-built; CONCEPT 773 —*Ant.* little, small, thin

**hussy** [*n*] *loose woman* broad, floozy, jade, Jezebel, minx, slut, strumpet, tart\*, tramp, trollop, vamp, wench, whore; CONCEPTS 348, 412,415,419

**hustle** [*v*] *hurry; work hurriedly* apply oneself, be conscientious, bulldoze\*, bustle, elbow, fly, force, haste, hasten, hotfoot\*, impel, jog, press, push, race, rush, shove, speed, thrust, use elbow grease\*; CONCEPTS 91,150 —*Ant.* dally, delay, procrastinate, slow, wait

**hustler** [*n*] *con artist; prostitute* call girl, cheater, fast talker, floozy, grifter, hooker, rip-off artist\*, scam artist, streetwalker, swindler, whore; CONCEPTS 348,412,415,419

**hut** [*n*] *tiny, often roughly built, house* box\*, bungalow, cabana, cabin, camp, chalet, cot, cottage, crib\*, den, dugout, dump\*, hovel\*, hutch, lean-to, lodge, log house, pigeonhole\*, rathole\*, refuge, shack, shanty, shed, shelter, summer house, tepee, wigwam; CONCEPT 516

**hybrid** [*n*] *composite, mixture* amalgam, bastard, combination, compound, cross, crossbreed, half-blood, half-breed, half-caste, inbreed, miscegenation, mongrel, mule, outcross; CONCEPTS 260,394,414,429 —*Ant.* homogeneous, pedigreed, pure, purebred, thoroughbred, unmixed

**hygiene** [*n*] *cleanliness* healthful living, hygienics, preventive medicine, public health, regimen, salutariness, sanitation, wholesome-ness; CONCEPTS 316,405 —*Ant.* dirtiness, filth, foulness

**hygienic** [*adj*] *clean* aseptic, disinfected, germ-free, good, healthful, healthy, pure, salubrious, salutary, salutiferous, sanitary, sterile, uncontaminated, uninfected, wholesome; CONCEPT 621 —*Ant.* contaminated, dirty, diseased, filthy, foul, infected, unclean, unpure, unsanitary, unsterile

**hymn** [*n*] *religious song* aria, canticle, carol, chant, choral, chorale, descendant, ditty, evensong, hosanna, laud, lay, lied, litaney, ode, oratorio, paean, psalm, shout, song of praise, worship song; CONCEPTS 262,595

**hype** [*n*] *extensive publicity* advertising, buildup\*, plugging\*, promotion; CONCEPTS 292,324 —*Ant.* secrecy

**hyperactive** [*adj*] *excessively active* excitable, high-strung, hyper\*, overactive, overzealous, uncontrollable, wild; CONCEPTS 401,404

**hyperbole** [*n*] *exaggeration* amplification, big talk\*, coloring\*, distortion, embellishment, embroidering, enlargement, hype\*, laying it on thick\*, magnification, metaphor, mountain out of molehill\*, overstatement, PR\*, tall talk\*; CONCEPT 268 —*Ant.* understatement

**hypercritical** [*adj*] *captious* carping, caviling, censorious, critical, demanding, faultfinding, finicky, fussy, hair-splitting, hard to please, niggling, nit-picking, overcritical, persnickety; CONCEPTS 267, 404

**hyperinflation** [*n*] *extremely high, rising economic inflation* devaluation, overextension, run-away inflation, wheelbarrow economics; CONCEPT 335

**hypermedia** [*n*] *system giving access to multimedia information on a single subject* data base, information bank, information retrieval; CONCEPT 274

**hypnotic** [*adj*] *spellbinding, sleep-inducing* anesthetic, anodyne, calmative, lenitive, mesmeric, mesmerizing, narcotic, opiate, sleepy, somniferous, somnolent, soothing, soporific, soporose, trance-inducing; CONCEPTS 529, 537 —*Ant.* exciting, exhilarating, inciteful, inspiring, stimulating

**hypnotize** [*v*] *put in trance; spellbind* anesthetize, bring under control, captivate, charm, drug, dull the will, entrance, fascinate, hold under a spell, induce, lull to sleep, magnetize, make drowsy, make sleepy, mesmerize, narcotize, put to sleep, soothe, stupefy, subject to suggestion; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* excite, exhilarate, incite, inspire, stimulate

**hypochondriac** [*adj*] *neurotic health-obsessed*, hypochondriacal, hypochondric, imagining, preoccupied with health, valetudinarian; CONCEPT 403

**hypochondriac** [*n*] *neurotic hypochondriast, valetudinarian*; CONCEPT 316

**hypocrisy** [*n*] *deceitfulness, pretense* affectation, bad faith\*, bigotry, cant, casuistry, deceit, deception, dishonesty, display, dissembling, dissimulation, double-dealing, duplicity, false profession, falsity, fraud, glibness, imposture, insincerity, irreverence, lie, lip service\*, mockery, pharisaicalness, pharisaism, phoniness, pietism, quackery, sanctimoniousness, sanctimony, speciousness, unctuousness; CONCEPTS 63, 633, 657 —*Ant.* forthrightness, honesty, righteousness, sincerity, truth

**hypocrite** [*n*] *person who pretends, is deceitful* actor, attitudinizer, backslider\*, bigot, bluffer, casuist, charlatan, cheat, con artist, crook, deceiver, decoy, dissembler, dissimulator, fake, faker, four-flusher\*, fraud, hook\*, humbug, impostor, informer, lip server\*, malingerer, masquerader, mountebank, Pharisee, phony, playactor\*, poser, pretender, quack\*, smoothie\*, sophist, swindler, trickster, two-face\*, two-timer\*, wolf in sheep's clothing\*; CONCEPT 412

**hypocritical** [*adj*] *deceitful, pretending* affected, artificial, assuming, bland, canting, captious, caviling, deceptive, deluding, dissembling, double, double-dealing, duplicitous, faithless, false, feigning, fishy\*, fraudulent, glib, hollow, insincere, jivey, left-handed, lying, moralistic, oily, pharisaical, phony,

pietistic, pious, sanctimonious, self-righteous, smooth, smooth-spoken, smooth-tongued\*, snide, specious, spurious, two-faced\*, unctuous, unnatural, unreliable; CONCEPTS 267, 401, 542 —*Ant.* actual, authentic, forthright, honest, just, real, reliable, righteous, sincere, truthful, upright

**hypothesis** [*n*] *theory* antecedent, apriority, assignment, assumption, attribution, axiom, basis, belief, conclusion, condition, conjecture, data, deduction, demonstration, derivation, explanation, foundation, ground, guess, inference, interpretation, layout, lemma, philosophy, plan, position, postulate, premise, presupposition, principle, proposal, proposition, rationale, reason, scheme, shot in the dark\*, speculation, starting point, suggestion, supposition, surmise, system, tentative law, term, theorem, thesis; CONCEPTS 661, 689 —*Ant.* calculation, measurement, proof, reality, truth

**hypothetical** [*adj*] *guessed, assumed* academic, assumptive, casual, concocted, conditional, conjecturable, conjectural, contestable, contingent, debatable, disputable, doubtful, equivocal, imaginary, imagined, indefinite, indeterminate, postulated, presumptive, presupposed, pretending, problematic, provisory, putative, questionable, refutable, speculative, stochastic, supposed, suppositional, suppositious, suspect, theoretic, theoretical, uncertain, unconfirmed, vague; CONCEPTS 529, 552, 582 —*Ant.* calculated, confirmed, factual, measured, proved, proven, real, reliable, truthful

**hysteria** [*n*] *state of extreme upset* agitation, delirium, excitement, feverishness, frenzy, hysterics, madness, mirth, nervousness, panic, unreason; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* calm, control, serenity

**hysterical** [*adj*] *very upset, excited* agitated, berserk, beside oneself, blazing, carried away\*, convulsive, crazed, crazy, delirious, distracted, distraught, emotional, fiery, frantic, frenzied, fuming, furious, impassioned, impetuous, in a fit, incensed, irrepressible, mad, maddened, nervous, neurotic, overwrought, panic-stricken, passionate, possessed, rabid, raging, rampant, raving, seething, spasmodic, tempestuous, turbulent, uncontrollable, uncontrolled, unnerved, unrestrained, uproarious, vehement, violent, wild, worked up\*; CONCEPTS 403, 542 —*Ant.* calm, controlled, serene

**ice** [*n*] *frozen water* chunk, crystal, cube ice, diamonds\*, dry ice, floe, glacier, glaze, hail, hailstone, iceberg, ice cube, icicle, permafrost, sleet; CONCEPTS 470, 514 —*Ant.* water

**ice-cold** [*adj*] *very cold* algid, arctic, biting, bitter, bitterly cold, brumal, chill, cutting, freezing, frozen, gelid, glacial, icy, piercing, polar, raw, Siberian, sub-zero, wintry; CONCEPTS 605, 606 —*Ant.* burning hot, hot, warm

**icing** [*n*] *frosting* cream, glacé, glaze, ornamentation, sugar paste, topping, trimming; CONCEPT 457

**icky** [*adj*] *not pleasant* disgusting, horrible, loathsome, nasty, noisome, offensive, repellent,

revolting, sickening, vile; CONCEPT 570  
**—Ant.** good, nice, pleasing

**icon** [n] *image* figure, graphical user interface, graphic image, idol, ikon, likeness, painted image, picture, portrait, portrayal, representation, symbol; CONCEPTS 259,667,716

**iconoclast** [n] *detractor* critic, cynic, denouncer, dissenter, dissident, heretic, image-breaker, nonbeliever, non-conformist, questioner, radical, rebel, revolutionist, ruiner, sceptic, unbeliever; CONCEPTS 359,423

**icy** [adj1] *frozen; slippery when frozen* antarctic, arctic, biting, bitter, chill, chilled to the bone\*, chilling, chilly, cold, freezing, frigid, frost-bound, frosty, frozen over, gelid, glacial, glaring, iced, polar, raw, refrigerated, rimy, shivering, shivery, sleeted, smooth as glass\*; CONCEPTS 605,606 **—Ant.** unfrozen, watery

**icy** [adj2] *aloof* chill, cold, distant, emotionless, forbidding, frigid, frosty, glacial, hostile, indifferent, steely, stony, unemotional, unfriendly, unwelcoming; CONCEPTS 401,404 **—Ant.** friendly, warm

**idea** [n] *something understood, planned, or believed* abstraction, aim, approximation, belief, brainstorm\*, clue, concept, conception, conclusion, conviction, design, doctrine, end, essence, estimate, fancy, feeling, flash\*, form, guess, hint, hypothesis, import, impression, inkling, intention, interpretation, intimation, judgment, meaning, notion, object, objective, opinion, pattern, perception, plan, purpose, reason, scheme, sense, significance, solution, suggestion, suspicion, teaching, theory, thought, understanding, view, viewpoint; CONCEPTS 529,660,661,689

**ideal** [adj1] *model, perfect* absolute, archetypal, classic, classical, complete, consummate, excellent, exemplary, fitting, flawless, have-it-all\*, indefectible, optimal, paradigmatic, pie-in-the-sky\*, prototypical, quintessential, representative, Shangri-la\*, supreme; CONCEPTS 533,574 **—Ant.** flawed, imperfect, incorrect, problematic, wrong

**ideal** [adj2] *conceptual; impractical* abstract, chimerical, dreamlike, extravagant, fanciful, fictitious, high-flown, hypothetical, imaginary, intellectual, in the clouds\*, ivory-tower\*, mental, mercurial, notional, out-of-reach\*, quixotic, theoretical, transcendent, transcendental, unattainable, unearthly, unreal, Utopian\*; visionary; CONCEPTS 529,552 **—Ant.** actual, common, material, practical, pragmatic

**ideal** [n] *model* archetype, criterion, epitome, example, exemplar, goal, idol, jewel, last word\*, mirror, nonesuch, nonpareil, paradigm, paragon, pattern, perfection, prototype, standard; CONCEPTS 671,686 **—Ant.** error, flaw, imperfection, problem, wrong

**idealist** [n] *person who holds fancies in mind, who believes in perfection* dreamer, enthusiast, escapist, optimist, Platonist, radical, romancer, romantic, romanticist, seer, stargazer, theorizer, transcendentalist, utopian, visionary; CONCEPTS 359,416,423 **—Ant.** pragmatist, realist

**idealistic** [adj] *visionary* abstracted, chimerical, dreaming, idealized, impractical, optimistic, quixotic, radical, romantic, starry-eyed, unrealistic, utopian; CONCEPTS 529,560,582

**ideals** [n] *moral beliefs* ethics, goals, principles, standards, values; CONCEPTS 645,689

**identical** [adj] *alike, equal* carbon copy\*, corresponding, dead ringer\*, ditto\*, double, duplicate, equivalent, exact, identic, indistinguishable, interchangeable, like, like two peas in a pod\*, look-alike, matching, same, same difference\*, selfsame, spitting image\*, tantamount, twin, very, very same, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 487,566,573 **—Ant.** different, dissimilar, distinct, diverse, opposite, unequal, unlike

**identification** [n] *labeling; means of labeling* aperception, assimilation, badge, bracelet, cataloging, classifying, credentials, description, dog tag, establishment, ID\*, identity bracelet, letter of introduction, letter of recommendation, naming, papers, passport, recognition, tag, testimony; CONCEPTS 268,271

**identify** [v] *recognize; label* analyze, button down\*, card, catalog, classify, describe, determinate, determine, diagnose, diagnosticate, distinguish, establish, find, make out, name, peg\*, pick out, pinpoint, place, put one's finger on\*, select, separate, single out\*, spot, tab\*, tag\*; CONCEPTS 38,62 **—Ant.** confuse, mistake

**identify with** [v] *put oneself in the place of another* ally, associate, empathize, feel for\*, put in same category\*, put oneself in another's shoes\*, relate to, respond to, see through someone's eyes\*, sympathize, think of in connection\*, understand; CONCEPTS 15,39

**identity** [n1] *person's individuality* character, circumstances, coherence, distinctiveness, existence, identification, integrity, ipseity, name, oneness, particularity, personality, self, selfdom, selfhood, selfness, singleness, singularity, status, uniqueness; CONCEPT 411

**identity** [n2] *similarity, correspondence* accord, agreement, congruence, congruity, empathy, equality, equivalence, identicalness, likeness, oneness, rapport, resemblance, sameness, self-sameness, semblance, similitude, unanimity, uniformity, unity; CONCEPTS 664,670 **—Ant.** difference, dissimilarity, opposition

**ideology** [n] *beliefs* articles of faith\*, credo, creed, culture, dogma, ideas, outlook, philosophy, principles, system, tenets, theory, view, Weltanschauung\*; CONCEPTS 688,689

**idiocy** [n] *utter stupidity* asininity, cretinism, derangement, fatuity, fatuousness, foolishness, imbecility, inanity, insanity, insipidity, lunacy, madness, senselessness, tomfoolery; CONCEPTS 409,410 **—Ant.** brains, intelligence

**idiom** [n] *manner of speaking, turn of phrase* argot, colloquialism, dialect, expression, idiosyncrasy, jargon, language, lingo\*, localism, locution, parlance, patois, phrase, provincialism, set phrase, street talk\*, style, talk, tongue, usage, vernacular, vernacularism, word; CONCEPT 275 **—Ant.** standard

**idiosyncrasy** [n] *oddy, quirk* affectation, bit, characteristic, distinction, eccentricity, feature, habit, mannerism, peculiarity, singularity, trait, trick; CONCEPTS 411,644

**idiot** [n] *very stupid person* blockhead, bone-head\*, cretin, dimwit, dork, dumbbell, dunce, fool, ignoramus, imbecile, jerk, kook\*, moron, nincompoop, ninny\*, nitwit, out to lunch\*,

- pinhead\*, simpleton, stupid, tomfool, twit\*;  
**CONCEPT 412** —**Ant.** brain
- idiotic** [*adj*] *very stupid* asinine, batty\*, bird-brained\*, crazy, daffy\*, daft, dull, dumb, fatuous, foolhardy, foolish, harebrained\*, imbecile, imbecilic, inane, insane, lunatic, moronic, senseless, silly, squirrely\*, thick-witted\*, unintelligent; **CONCEPT 402** —**Ant.** brainy, intelligent, smart
- idle** [*adj*1] *not used; out of action* abandoned, asleep, barren, closed down, dead, deserted, down, dusty, empty, gathering dust\*, inactive, inert, jobless, laid-off, leisured, mothballed, motionless, on the bench\*, on the shelf\*, out of operation, out of work\*, passive, quiet, redundant, resting, rusty, sleepy, stationary, still, uncultivated, unemployed, unoccupied, untouched, unused, vacant, void, waste, workless; **CONCEPTS 542, 560** —**Ant.** active, busy, employed, productive, used, working
- idle** [*adj*2] *lazy* at rest, indolent, lackadaisical, resting, shiftless, slothful, sluggish, taking it easy\*; **CONCEPTS 401, 538** —**Ant.** ambitious, busy, diligent, hustling, productive
- idle** [*adj*3] *worthless, ineffective* abortive, bootless, empty, frivolous, fruitless, futile, groundless, hollow, insignificant, irrelevant, not serious, nugatory, of no avail\*, otiose, pointless, rambling, superficial, trivial, unavailing, unhelpful, unnecessary, unproductive, unsuccessful, useless, vain; **CONCEPTS 267, 560** —**Ant.** effective, important, productive, worthwhile
- idleness** [*n*] *laziness, inaction* dawdling, dilly-dallying\*, dormancy, droning, goof-off time\*, hibernation, inactivity, indolence, inertia, joblessness, laze, lazing, leisure, lethargy, loafing, loitering, otiosity, own sweet time\*, pottering, shiftlessness, sloth, slothfulness, slouch, slowness, sluggishness, stupor, time on one's hands\*, time to burn\*, time to kill\*, time-wasting, torpidity, torpor, trifling, truancy, unemployment, vegetating; **CONCEPTS 657, 677, 681** —**Ant.** action, ambition, busyness, diligence, employment, hustle, industry, labor, occupation, work
- idol** [*n*] *person greatly admired* beloved, darling, dear, deity, desire, eidolon, false god, favorite, fetish, god, goddess, golden calf\*, graven image, hero, icon, image, inamorata, pagan symbol, simulacrum, superstar; **CONCEPTS 352, 423**
- idolize** [*v*] *think of very highly; worship* admire, adore, apotheosize, bow down, canonize, deify, dote on, exalt, glorify, look up to\*, love, put on a pedestal\*, revere, reverence, venerate; **CONCEPTS 10, 32** —**Ant.** despise
- idyllic** [*adj*] *perfect; extremely pleasant* arduan, bucolic, charming, comfortable, halcyon, heavenly, ideal, idealized, out-of-this-world\*, pastoral, peaceful, picturesque, pleasing, rustic, unspoiled; **CONCEPTS 529, 572** —**Ant.** bad, disagreeable, flawed, imperfect
- iffy** [*adj*] *uncertain* capricious, chancy, conditional, dicey, doubtful, erratic, fluctuant, incalculable, in lap of gods\*, problematic, undecided, unpredictable, unsettled, up in the air\*, whimsical; **CONCEPT 552** —**Ant.** certain, definite, reliable, sure
- ignite** [*v*] *set on fire* burn, burst into flames, catch fire, enkindle, fire, flare up, inflame,
- kindle, light, put match to\*, set alight, set fire to, start up, take fire, touch off; **CONCEPT 249** —**Ant.** extinguish, put out
- ignoble** [*adj*] *lowly, unworthy* abject, base, baseborn, coarse, common, contemptible, corrupt, craven, dastardly, degenerate, degraded, despicable, disgraceful, dishonorable, heinous, humble, infamous, inferior, lewd, low, mean, menial, modest, ordinary, peasant, petty, plain, plebeian, poor, rotten, scurvy, servile, shabby, shameful, simple, sordid, unwashed, vile, vulgar, wicked, wretched, wrong; **CONCEPTS 542, 545, 549** —**Ant.** dignified, grand, high, honorable, noble, reputable, respectable, worthy
- ignorance** [*n*] *unintelligence, inexperience* benightedness, bewilderment, blindness, callowness, crudeness, darkness, denseness, disregard, dumbness, empty-headedness\*, fog\*, half-knowledge, illiteracy, incapacity, incomprehension, innocence, inscience, insensitivity, lack of education, mental incapacity, naiveté, nescience, oblivion, obtuseness, philistinism, rawness, sciolism, shallowness, simplicity, unawareness, unconsciousness, uncouthness, unenlightenment, unfamiliarity, unscholarliness, vagueness; **CONCEPTS 409, 678** —**Ant.** competence, cultivation, education, experience, intelligence, knowledge, literacy, talent, wisdom
- ignorant** [*adj*] *unaware, unknowing* apprenticed, benighted, birdbrained\*, blind to\*, cretinous, dense, green\*, illiterate, imbecilic, inexperienced, innocent, insensible, in the dark\*, mindless, misinformed, moronic, naive, nescient, oblivious, obtuse, shallow, thick, unconscious, unconservant, uncultivated, uncultured, uneducated, unenlightened, uninformed, uninitiated, unintellectual, unknowledgeable, unlearned, unlettered, unmindful, unread, unschooled, unsuspecting, untaught, untrained, unwitting, witless; **CONCEPTS 402, 542** —**Ant.** aware, competent, educated, intelligent, knowledgeable, literate, talented, wise
- ignore** [*v*] *disregard on purpose* avoid, be oblivious to, blink, brush off\*, bury one's head in sand\*, cold-shoulder\*, discount, disdain, evade, fail, forget, let it go\*, neglect, omit, overlook, overpass, pass over, pay no attention to, pay no mind\*, pooh-pooh\*, reject, scorn, shut eyes to\*, slight, take no notice, tune out\*, turn back on\*, turn blind eye\*, turn deaf ear; **CONCEPT 30** —**Ant.** acknowledge, heed, look at, note, notice, pay attention, recognize, regard, take notice
- ilk** [*n*] *kind, type* brand, class, classification, denomination, gender, kin, lot, order, persuasion, race, set, sort, species, variety; **CONCEPTS 378, 411, 673**
- ill** [*adj*1] *sick* afflicted, ailing, a wreck\*, below par\*, bummed\*, diseased, down, down with, feeling awful, feeling rotten, feeling terrible, got the bug\*, indisposed, infirm, laid low\*, off one's feet\*, on sick list\*, out of sorts\*, peaked, poorly, queasy, rotten, run-down, running temperature, sick as a dog\*, under the weather\*, unhealthy, unwell, woozy\*; **CONCEPT 314** —**Ant.** good, healthy, sound, strong, well
- ill** [*adj*2] *bad, evil* acrimonious, adverse, antagonistic, cantankerous, cross, damaging, deleteri-

ous, detrimental, disrespectful, disturbing, foreboding, foul, harmful, harsh, hateful, hostile, hurtful, ill-mannered, impertinent, inauspicious, inimical, iniquitous, injurious, malevolent, malicious, noxious, noxious, ominous, ruinous, sinister, sullen, surly, threatening, unfavorable, unfortunate, unfriendly, ungracious, unhealthy, unkind, unlucky, unpromising, unpropitious, unwholesome, vile, wicked, wrong; CONCEPTS 537, 545, 570 —*Ant.* good

**ill** [*n*] *misfortune* abuse, affection, affliction, ailment, badness, complaint, condition, cruelty, damage, depravity, destruction, disease, disorder, evil, harm, hurt, illness, indisposition, infirmity, injury, insult, malady, malaise, malice, mischief, misery, pain, sickness, suffering, syndrome, trial, tribulation, trouble, unpleasantness, wickedness, woe, wrong; CONCEPTS 316, 674, 675 —*Ant.* benefit, blessing, fortune, happiness, luck, privilege, profit, prosperity

**ill-advised** [*adj*] *unwise, not thought out* brash, confused, foolhardy, foolish, half-baked\*, hotheaded\*, ill-considered, ill-judged, impolitic, imprudent, inappropriate, incautious, inconsiderate, indiscreet, inexpedient, injudicious, madcap\*, misguided, off the top of one's head\*, overhasty, rash, reckless, shortsighted\*, thoughtless, unseemly, wrong; CONCEPTS 544, 548 —*Ant.* reasonable, sensible, well-advised, wise

**ill at ease** [*adj*] *uncomfortable, nervous* anxious, awkward, discomfited, disquieted, disturbed, doubtful, edgy, faltering, fidgety, hesitant, insecure, on edge\*, on pins and needles\*, on tenterhooks\*, out of place\*, restless, self-conscious, shy, suspicious, tense, uneasy, unrelaxed, unsettled, unsure; CONCEPTS 401, 403 —*Ant.* at ease, comfortable, content

**illegal** [*adj*] *against the law* actionable, banned, black-market\*, bootleg\*, contraband, criminal, crooked, extralegal, felonious, forbidden, heavy\*, hot\*, illegitimate, illicit, interdicted, irregular, lawless, not approved, not legal, outlawed, outside the law, prohibited, proscribed, prosecutable, racket, shady, smuggled, sub rosa, taboo, unauthorized, unconstitutional, under the table\*, unlawful, unlicensed, unofficial, unwarrantable, unwarranted, verboten, violating, wildcat\*, wrongful; CONCEPTS 319, 545 —*Ant.* allowed, authorized, ethical, good, lawful, legal, legitimate, moral, permissible, right

**illegible** [*adj*] *unreadable* cacographic, crabbed, cramped, difficult to read, faint, hard to make out\*, hieroglyphic, indecipherable, indistinct, obscure, scrawled, unclear, undecipherable, unintelligible; CONCEPTS 535, 576 —*Ant.* decipherable, legible, readable, understandable

**illegitimate** [*adj*] *not legal* contraband, illegal, illicit, improper, invalid, misbegotten, spurious, supposititious, unauthorized, unconstitutional, unlawful, unsanctioned, wicked, wrong; CONCEPTS 319, 549 —*Ant.* authorized, blessed, ethical, justifiable, legal, legitimate, moral, sanctioned, warranted

**ill-fated/ill-starred** [*adj*] *doomed* blighted, catastrophic, destroyed, disastrous, hapless, ill-omened, inauspicious, luckless, misfortunate, ruined, star-crossed\*, unfortunate,

unhappy, unlucky, untoward; CONCEPTS 537, 548 —*Ant.* happy, lucky

**illicit** [*adj*] *not legal; forbidden* adulterous, black-market\*, bootleg\*, clandestine, contraband, contrary to law, criminal, crooked, dirty\*, felonious, furtive, guilty, heavy\*, illegal, illegitimate, immoral, improper, in violation of law, lawless, out of line\*, prohibited, racket, unauthorized, unlawful, unlicensed, wrong, wrongful; CONCEPTS 319, 545 —*Ant.* blessed, good, legal, legitimate, licit, moral, noble, proper, right

**illiterate** [*adj*] *unable to read well; lacking education* benighted, catachrestic, ignorant, inerudite, soecistic, uneducated, unenlightened, ungrammatical, uninstructed, unlearned, unlettered, unread, unschooled, untaught, untutored; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* able, educated, learned, literate, taught

**ill-mannered** [*adj*] *badly behaved* bad-mannered, boorish, cheap, churlish, coarse, discourteous, disrespectful, ill-behaved, ill-bred, impertinent, impolite, insolent, loud, loud-mouthed, loutish, raunchy\*, raw, rough, roughneck\*, rude, tacky\*, uncivil, uncouth, ungracious, unmannerly, unrefined, vulgar; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* behaved, mannered, mannerly, polite

**ill-natured** [*adj*] *bad-tempered* catty, churlish, crabbed, crabby, cross, crotchety, cussed\*, dirty\*, disagreeable, disobliging, dyspeptic, hot-tempered, ill-humored, irritable, malevolent, malicious, mean, nasty, ornery\*, perverse, petulant, spiteful, sulky, sullen, surly, temperamental, tempersome, touchy, unfriendly, unkind, unpleasant; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —*Ant.* friendly, good-natured, good-tempered, nice, pleasant

**illness** [*n*] *disease; bad health* affliction, ailing, ailment, attack, breakdown, bug\*, collapse, complaint, confinement, convalescence, disability, diseasedness, disorder, disturbance, dose, failing health, fit, flu, ill health, indisposition, infirmity, malady, malaise, poor health, prostration, relapse, seizure, sickness, syndrome, unhealth, virus, what's going around\*; CONCEPT 306 —*Ant.* good health, health, well-being, wellness

**illogical** [*adj*] *not making sense* absurd, casuistic, cockeyed\*, fallacious, false, fatuous, faulty, groundless, hollow, implausible, inconclusive, incongruous, inconsequent, inconsistent, incorrect, invalid, irrational, irrelevant, mad, meaningless, not following, nutty\*, off the wall\*, preposterous, screwy\*, self-contradictory, senseless, sophistic, sophistical, specious, spurious, unconnected, unproved, unreasonable, unscientific, unsound, unsubstantial, untenable, wacky, without basis, without foundation; CONCEPTS 267, 529 —*Ant.* correct, logical, meaningful, rational, reasonable, right, sensible

**ill-suited** [*adj*] *inappropriate* bad form, ill-fitted, ill-matched, ill-timed, improper, inapt, incompatible, incorrect, irrelevant, malapropos, mismatched, out of character, out of its element, out of place, unbecoming, unfit, unfitting, unseemly, unsuitable, wrong; CONCEPT 558

**ill-tempered** [*adj*] *irritable* annoyed, bad-tempered, bearish, cantankerous, choleric, crabby, cross, crotchety, grouchy, grumpy, irascible, moody, nasty, quick-tempered, sharp, snappy,

sour, spiteful, surly, testy, touchy, vicious;  
CONCEPTS 401,403

**ill-timed** [adj] *not occurring at a suitable time* awkward, badly timed, improper, inappropriate, inconvenient, inept, inopportune, malapropos, mistimed, unbecoming, unbecoming, unfavorable, unseasonable, unseemly, unsuitable, untimely, unwelcome; CONCEPT 548 —**Ant.** appropriate, convenient, opportune, suitable, welcome, well-timed

**illuminate** [v1] *make light* brighten, fire, flash, floodlight, highlight, hit with a light\*, ignite, illumine, illumine, irradiate, kindle, light, lighten, light up, limelight\*, spot, spotlight; CONCEPT 624 —**Ant.** cloud, darken, obscure

**illuminate** [v2] *make clear; educate* better, clarify, clear up, construe, define, dramatize, edify, elucidate, enlighten, explain, expound, express, finish, give insight, gloss, illustrate, improve, instruct, interpret, perfect, polish, shed light on\*, uplight; CONCEPTS 57,285

—**Ant.** cloud, complicate, dull, involve, obscure

**illumination** [n1] *light; making light* beam, brightening, brightness, brilliance, flame, flash, gleam, lighting, lights, radiance, ray; CONCEPTS 620,624 —**Ant.** darkness, dimness

**illumination** [n2] *clear understanding* awareness, clarification, edification, education, enlightenment, information, insight, inspiration, instruction, perception, revelation, teaching; CONCEPTS 274,409 —**Ant.** ignorance, misconception, misunderstanding, obscurity, vagueness

**illusion** [n] *false appearance; false belief* apparition, bubble\*, chimera, confusion, day-dream, deception, déjà vu\*, delusion, error, fallacy, false impression, fancy, fantasy, figment of imagination\*, fool's paradise\*, ghost, hallucination, head trip\*, hocus-pocus\*, idolism, ignus fatuus, image, invention, make-believe, mirage, misapprehension, misbelief, misconception, misimpression, mockery, myth, optical illusion, paramnesia, phantasm, pipe dream\*, rainbow\*, seeming, semblance, trip\*, virtual reality; CONCEPTS 689,716 —**Ant.** certainty, event, fact, reality, truth

**illusory/illusive** [adj] *deceptive, false* apparent, blue-sky\*, chimerical, deceitful, delusive, delusory, fake, fallacious, fanciful, fantastic, fictional, fictitious, fictive, hallucinatory, ideal, imaginary, misleading, mistaken, ostensible, pseudo\*, seeming, semblant, sham\*, suppositious, unreal, untrue, visionary, whimsical; CONCEPTS 529,552,582 —**Ant.** certain, factual, real, sure, true

**illustrate** [v1] *demonstrate, exemplify* allegorize, bring home\*, clarify, clear, clear up, delineate, depict, disclose, draw a picture\*, elucidate, emblemize, embody, emphasize, epitomize, evidence, evince, exhibit, explain, expose, expound, get across\*, get over\*, highlight, illuminate, imitate, instance, interpret, lay out\*, limelight\*, make clear, make plain, manifest, mark, mirror, ostend, personify, picture, point up\*, portray, proclaim, represent, reveal, show, show and tell\*, spotlight\*, symbolize, typify, vivify; CONCEPTS 57,97 —**Ant.** hide, obscure

**illustrate** [v2] *explain by drawing, decorating* adorn, delineate, depict, embellish, illuminate,

limn, ornament, paint, picture, portray, represent, sketch; CONCEPTS 57,174

**illustration** [n1] *demonstration, exemplification* analogy, case, case history, case in point, clarification, elucidation, example, explanation, for instance, instance, interpretation, model, representative, sample, sampling, specimen; CONCEPTS 268,686

**illustration** [n2] *drawing, artwork that assists explanation* adornment, cartoon, decoration, depiction, design, engraving, etching, figure, frontispiece, halftone, image, line drawing, painting, photo, photograph, picture, plate, sketch, snapshot, tailpiece, vignette; CONCEPT 259

**illustrative** [adj] *explanatory* allegorical, clarifying, comparative, corroborative, delineative, descriptive, diagrammatic, emblematic, exemplifying, explicatory, expository, figurative, graphic, iconographic, illuminative, illustrational, illustratory, imagistic, indicative, interpretive, metaphorical, pictorial, pictoric, representative, revealing, sample, specifying, symbolic, typical; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** atypical, complicated, confusing, involved

**illustrious** [adj] *famous, prominent* big league\*, brilliant, celeb\*, celebrated, distinguished, eminent, esteemed, exalted, famed, glorious, great, heavy, lofty, monster\*, name\*, noble, notable, noted, outstanding, remarkable, renowned, resplendent, signal, splendid, star, sublime, superstar, well-known; CONCEPT 568 —**Ant.** infamous, lowly, unimportant, unknown, unremarkable

**ill will** [n] *hatred; hard feelings* acrimony, animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, aversion, bad blood\*, bad will, blame, despite, dislike, enmity, envy, feud, grudge, hate, hostility, malevolence, malice, maliciousness, no love lost\*, objection, rancor, resentment, spite, spitefulness, spleen, unfriendliness, venom; CONCEPT 29 —**Ant.** friendliness, friendship, good feelings, good will, liking, loving

**image** [n1] *representation; counterpart* angel\*, appearance, carbon\*, carbon copy, carved figure, chip off old block\*, copy, dead ringer\*, double, drawing, effigy, equal, equivalent, facsimile, figure, form, icon, idol, illustration, likeness, match, model, photocopy, photograph, picture, portrait, reflection, replica, reproduction, similitude, simulacre, simulacrum, spitting image\*, statue; CONCEPTS 259,667,716

**image** [n2] *concept* apprehension, conceit, conception, construct, figure, idea, impression, intellection, mental picture, notion, perception, phantasm, thought, trope, vision; CONCEPTS 529,689 —**Ant.** concrete, entity

**imaginable** [adj] *believable, possible* apprehensible, calculable, comprehensible, conceivable, conjecturable, convincing, credible, likely, plausible, sensible, supposable, thinkable, under the sun\*; CONCEPTS 529,552 —**Ant.** impossible, improbable, incomprehensible, unbelievable, unimaginable, unthinkable

**imaginary** [adj] *fictitious, invented* abstract, apocryphal, apparitional, assumed, chimerical, deceptive, delusive, dreamed-up\*, dreamlike, dreamy, fabulous, fancied, fanciful, fantastic, fictional, figmental, fool's paradise\*, hallucinatory, hypothetical, ideal, illusive, illusory,

imaginative, imagined, legendary, made-up, mythological, nonexistent, notional, phantasmal, phantasmic, quixotic, shadowy, spectral, supposed, supposititious, theoretical, trumped up\*, unreal, unsubstantial, visionary, whimsical; CONCEPTS 529,582 —*Ant.* existing, factual, genuine, physical, real, substantial, true

**imagination** [*n*] *power to create in one's mind* acuteness, artistry, awareness, chimera, cognition, conception, creation, creative thought, creativity, enterprise, fabrication, fancy, fantasy, flight of fancy\*, idea, ideality, illusion, image, imagery, ingenuity, insight, inspiration, intelligence, invention, inventiveness, mental agility, notion, originality, perceptibility, realization, resourcefulness, sally, supposition, thought, thoughtfulness, unreality, verve, vision, visualization, wit, wittiness; CONCEPTS 409,410 —*Ant.* being, entity, existence, material, reality, substance, truth

**imaginative** [*adj*] *creative, inventive* artistic, avant-garde, blue-sky\*, brain wave, breaking ground, clever, dreamy, enterprising, extravagant, fanciful, fantastic, fertile, fictive, high-flown\*, ingenious, inspired, offbeat, original, originative, pie-in-the-sky\*, poetic, poetical, productive, quixotic, romantic, utopian, visionary, vivid, way out\*, whimsical; CONCEPTS 529,542 —*Ant.* dull, uncreative, unimaginative, uninventive, unresourceful

**imagine** [*v*1] *dream up, conceive* brainstorm, build castles in air\*, conceptualize, conjure up, cook up\*, create, depict, devise, envisage, envision, fabricate, fancy, fantasize, fantasy, feature, figure, form, frame, harbor, image, invent, make up, nurture, perceive, picture, plan, project, realize, scheme, see in one's mind\*, spark, think of, think up, vision, visualize; CONCEPT 43

**imagine** [*v*2] *assume, deduce* apprehend, believe, conjecture, deem, expect, fancy, gather, guess, infer, presume, realize, reckon, suppose, surmise, suspect, take for granted, take it, think, understand; CONCEPTS 12,26 —*Ant.* know

**imbecile** [*adj*] *stupid, foolish* asinine, backward, deranged, dim-witted, dull, fatuous, feeble-minded, idiotic, imbecilic, inane, ludicrous, moronic, simple, simple-minded, slow, thick, witless; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* brainy, intelligent, smart

**imbecile** [*n*] *very stupid person* birdbrain, dimwit, dolt, dummy, dunce, fool, idiot, jerk, lamebrain\*, moron, pinhead\*, simpleton; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* brain

**imbibe** [*v*] *drink, often heavily* absorb, assimilate, belt\*, consume, down, gorge, guzzle\*, ingest, ingurgitate, irrigate, partake, put away\*, quaff, raise a few\*, sip, swallow, swig\*, will\*, toss\*; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* abstain

**imbroglio** [*n*] *misunderstanding; fight* altercation, argument, bickering, brawl, broil\*, brouhaha\*, complexity, complication, dispute, embarrassment, embroilment, entanglement, falling-out\*, flack\*, involvement, knock-down-drag-out\*, miff\*, quandary, quarrel, row, run-in\*, soap opera\*, spat, squabble; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* agreement, peacemaking

**imbue** [*v*] *infuse, saturate* bathe, diffuse, impregnate, inculcate, infix, ingrain, inoculate, instill, invest, leaven, permeate, pervade, steep,

suffuse; CONCEPTS 209,236,245 —*Ant.* drain, take out

**imitate** [*v*] *pretend to be; do an impression of* act like, affect, ape, assume, be like, borrow, burlesque, carbon\*, caricature, clone, copy, counterfeit, ditto\*, do like\*, do likewise, duplicate, echo, emulate, falsify, feign, follow, follow in footsteps\*, follow suit\*, forge, impersonate, look like, match, mime, mimic, mirror, mock, model after, parallel, parody, pattern after, personate, play a part, pretend, put on\*, reduplicate, reflect, repeat, replicate, reproduce, resemble, send up\*, sham, simulate, spoof, take off\*, travesty, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 87,111,171

—*Ant.* be original, clash, differ, oppose, reverse  
**imitation** [*n*] *simulation, substitution* apery, aping, carbon copy, clone, copy, counterfeit, counterfeiting, counterpart, ditto\*, dupe\*, duplicate, duplication, echoing, ersatz\*, fake, forgery, image, impersonation, impression, likeness, match, matching, mime, mimicry, mirroring, mockery, parallel, paralleling, paraphrasing, parody, parroting, patterning, phony, picture, reflection, replica, representing, reproduction, resemblance, ringer, semblance, sham\*, simulacrum, takeoff\*, transcription, travesty, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 171,260,716 —*Ant.* difference, opposite, original, reverse

**imitative** [*adj*] *simulated, unoriginal* artful, copied, copycat, copying, counterfeit, deceptive, derivative, echoic, emulative, emulous, following, forged, mimetic, mimic, mimicking, mock, onomatopoeic, parrot\*, plagiarized, pseudo\*, put-on\*, reflecting, reflective, secondhand, sham\*, simulant; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* different, genuine, original

**immaculate** [*adj*1] *very clean; unspotted* bright, clean, errorless, exquisite, faultless, flawless, impeccable, irreproachable, neat, pure, snowy\*, spick-and-span\*, spotless, spruce, stainless, taintless, trim, unexceptionable, unsoiled, unsludged; CONCEPT 621 —*Ant.* dirty, filthy, foul, tainted, unclean, unsterile

**immaculate** [*adj*2] *innocent, uncorrupted* above reproach, chaste, clean, decent, faultless, flawless, guiltless, incorrupt, modest, perfect, pure, sinless, spotless, stainless, unblemished, uncontaminated, undefiled, unpolluted, unsludged, untarnished, virtuous; CONCEPTS 404,545 —*Ant.* corrupt, defiled, immoral, impure, sinful

**immaterial** [*adj*1] *irrelevant* extraneous, foreign, impertinent, inapplicable, inapposite, inappropriate, inconsequential, inconsiderable, inconsiderate, inessential, insignificant, irrelevant, matter of indifference, meaningless, no big deal\*, no never mind\*, of no account\*, of no consequence\*, of no importance\*, trifling, trivial, unimportant, unnecessary; CONCEPT 575 —*Ant.* essential, important, material, meaningful, relevant, substantial

**immaterial** [*adj*2] *not existing in physical form* aerial, airy, apparitional, asomatous, bodiless, celestial, disbodied, discarnate, disembodied, dreamlike, dreamy, ethereal, ghostly, heavenly, impalpable, imponderable, incorporate, incorporeal, insensible, intangible, metaphysical, nonmaterial, nonphysical, psychic, shadowy, spectral, spiritlike, spiritual, subjective, supernatural, unearthly, unembodied, unfl eshly,

unsubstantial, unworldly, wraithlike; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* bodily, material, physical, real, solid, substantial

**immature** [adj] *young, inexperienced* adolescent, baby, babyish, callow, childish, crude, green\*, half-grown, imperfect, infantile, infantine, jejune, juvenile, kid, kidstuff\*, premature, puerile, raw, sophomoric, tender\*, tenderfoot\*, underdeveloped, undergrown, undeveloped, unfinished, unfledged, unformed, unripe, unseasonable, unseasoned, unsophisticated, untimely, wet behind ears\*, youthful; CONCEPTS 485, 578, 797 —*Ant.* adult, developed, experienced, grown, mature, old

**immeasurable** [adj] *infinite, incalculable* alive with, bottomless, boundless, countless, crawling with, endless, extensive, illimitable, immense, indefinite, inestimable, inexhaustible, jillion\*, large, limitless, measureless, no end of\*, no end to\*, umpteen\*, unbounded, uncountable, unfathomable, unlimited, unmeasurable, unreckonable, vast, zillion\*; CONCEPTS 762, 773, 781 —*Ant.* bounded, calculable, finite, limited, measurable

**immediate** [adj1] *instantaneous; without delay* actual, at once, at present time, at this moment, critical, current, existing, extant, first, hair-trigger\*, instant, live, next, now, on hand\*, paramount, present, pressing, prompt, up-to-date\*, urgent; CONCEPTS 567, 585, 812, 820 —*Ant.* eventually, later, never

**immediate** [adj2] *near, next* adjacent, close, contiguous, direct, firsthand, near-at-hand, nearby, nearest, nigh, primary, proximal, proximate, recent; CONCEPTS 586, 778 —*Ant.* away, distant, far

**immediately** [adv] *at once, right away* anon, at short notice, away, directly, double-time\*, forthwith, hereupon, in a flash\*, in a jiffy\*, in a New York minute\*, in nothing flat\*, instantaneously, instanter, instantly, like now\*, now, now or never\*, on the dot\*, on the double\*, on the spot\*, PDQ\*, promptly, pronto\*, rapidly, right now, shortly, soon, soon afterward, straight away\*, straight off\*, summarily, thereupon, this instant, this minute, tout de suite\*, unhesitatingly, urgently, without delay, without hesitation; CONCEPTS 544, 820 —*Ant.* eventually, later, never

**immemorial** [adj] *ancient, old* age-old, archaic, fixed, forever, long-standing, of yore, olden, prehistoric, primeval, rooted, time-honored, traditional; CONCEPTS 578, 797, 799 —*Ant.* current, lately, memorable, new, recent, young

**immense** [adj] *extremely large* barn door\*, boundless, Broddingnagian\*, colossal, elephantine, endless, enormous, eternal, extensive, giant, gigantic, great, gross, huge, humongous, illimitable, immeasurable, infinite, interminable, jumbo\*, limitless, mammoth, massive, measureless, mighty, monstrous, monumental, prodigious, stupendous, super, titanic\*, tremendous, unbounded, vast; CONCEPT 773 —*Ant.* little, miniature, minute, small, teeny, tiny

**immerse** [v1] *submerge in liquid* asperse, baptize, bathe, bury, christen, dip, douse, drench, drown, duck, dunk, merge, plunge, saturate, sink, slop, soak, souse, sprinkle, steep, submerge; CONCEPT 256 —*Ant.* dry, retrieve

**immerse** [v2] *become deeply involved* absorb,

busy, engage, engross, interest, involve, occupy, soak, take up; CONCEPTS 17, 100 —*Ant.* disinvolve, ignore, neglect

**immersed** [adj] *deeply involved* with absorbed, bound-up\*, buried\*, busy, consumed, deep, eat sleep and breathe\*, engaged, engrossed, intent, into\*, mesmerized, occupied, preoccupied, rapt, spellbound, taken up\*, tied up\*, turned on\*, wrapped up\*; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* ignorant, neglectful, negligent

**immigrant** [n] *person from a foreign land* adoptive citizen, alien, colonist, documented alien, foreigner, incomer, migrant, naturalized citizen, newcomer, outsider, pioneer, settler, undocumented alien; CONCEPT 413 —*Ant.* local, national, native

**immigrate** [v] *enter a foreign area intending to live there* arrive, colonize, come in, go in, migrate, settle; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* emigrate, stay

**imminent** [adj] *at hand, on the way* about to happen, approaching, brewing\*, close, coming, expectant, fast-approaching, following, forthcoming, gathering, handwriting-on-the-wall\*, immediate, impending, ineluctable, inescapable, ineluctable, inevitable, in store\*, in the air\*, in the cards\*, in the offing\*, in the wind\*, in view\*, likely, looming, menacing, near, nearing, next, nigh, on its way, on the horizon, on the verge, overhanging, possible, probable, see it coming\*, threatening, to come, unavoidable, unescapable; CONCEPTS 548, 820 —*Ant.* distant, doubtful, far, future, later

**immobile** [adj] *motionless, fixed* anchored, at a standstill, at rest, frozen, immobilized, immotile, immovable, nailed, nailed down, pat, quiescent, rigid, riveted, rooted, stable, stagnant, static, stationary, steadfast, stiff, still, stock-still, stolid, unmovable, unmoving; CONCEPTS 488, 584 —*Ant.* mobile, movable, moving, unfixated

**immoderate** [adj] *excessive, extreme* dizzying, egregious, enormous, exaggerated, exorbitant, extravagant, inordinate, intemperate, overindulgent, profligate, steep, too much\*, too-too\*, towering, unbalanced, unbridled, uncalled-for\*, unconscionable, uncontrolled, undue, unjustified, unmeasurable, unreasonable, unrestrained, unwarranted, wanton; CONCEPTS 544, 569 —*Ant.* calm, justified, mild, moderate, reasonable, restrained

**immodest** [adj] *shameless* bawdy, bold, brazen, coarse, depraved, forward, indecent, lewd, obscene, revealing, risqué, unshamed, unchaste, unseemly; CONCEPTS 401, 545

**immoral** [adj] *evil, degenerate* abandoned, bad, corrupt, debauched, depraved, dishonest, dissipated, dissolute, fast\*, graceless, impure, indecent, iniquitous, lewd, licentious, loose\*, nefarious, obscene, of easy virtue\*, pornographic, profligate, rakish, reprobate, saturnalian, shameless, sinful, speedy, unchaste, unclean\*, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked, wrong, X-rated\*; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* chaste, good, moral, noble, pure, right, uncorrupt, virtuous

**immortal** [adj1] *death-defying, imperishable* abiding, amaranthine, ceaseless, constant, deathless, endless, enduring, eternal, evergreen, everlasting, incorruptible, indestructible,



- indissoluble, interminable, lasting, never-ceasing, never-ending, perdurable, perennial, permanent, perpetual, phoenixlike, sempiternal, timeless, undying, unfolding; CONCEPTS 539, 798 —*Ant.* destructible, ephemeral, human, mortal, perishable
- immortal** [*adj*2] *famous* celebrated, eminent, epic, genius, glorious, heroic, illustrious, laureate, paragon, storied; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* infamous, insignificant, mortal, unimportant, unknown
- immortality** [*n*1] *endless life* athanasia, deathlessness, endurance, eternal life, eternity, everlasting life, perpetuity, timelessness; CONCEPTS 539, 798
- immortality** [*n*2] *enduring fame* celebrity, fame, famousness, glorification, glory, greatness, lasting fame, renown; CONCEPTS 388, 668
- immovable** [*adj*] *fixed, stubborn* adamant, constant, dead set on\*, dug in, fast, firm, hard-nosed, immobile, immotile, immutable, impassive, inflexible, intransigent, locked in\*, motionless, obdurate, quiescent, resolute, rooted, secure, set, set in concrete\*, set in stone\*, solid, stable, stand pat\*, stationary, steadfast, stick to guns\*, stuck, tough nut\*, unalterable, unchangeable, uncompromising, unmodifiable, unshakable, unwavering, unyielding; CONCEPTS 404, 488, 534 —*Ant.* mobile, movable, moving, unfixed
- immune** [*adj*] *invulnerable* allowed, clear, exempt, favored, free, hardened to, insusceptible, irresponsible, licensed, not affected, not liable, not subject, privileged, protected, resistant, safe, unaffected, unanswerable, unliable, unsusceptible; CONCEPTS 314, 552 —*Ant.* susceptible, unguarded, unprotected, vulnerable
- immunity** [*n*] *privilege, exemption* amnesty, charter, exoneration, franchise, freedom, impunity, indemnity, invulnerability, liberty, license, prerogative, protection, release, resistance, right; CONCEPTS 316, 376, 388 —*Ant.* defenselessness, responsibility, susceptibility, vulnerability
- immutable** [*adj*] *unchangeable* abiding, ageless, changeless, constant, enduring, fixed, immovable, inflexible, invariable, permanent, perpetual, sacrosanct, stable, steadfast, unalterable, unmodifiable; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* alterable, changeable, flexible, mutable, variable
- imp** [*n*] *mischievous child, small person* brat, demon, devil, deviling, devilkin, elf, fiend, gamin, gnome, gremlin, hellion, minx, pixie, puck, rascal, rogue, scamp, sprite, troll, tyke, urchin, villain; CONCEPT 412
- impact** [*n*1] *collision, force* appulse, bang, blow, bounce, brunt, buffet, bump, clash, concussion, contact, crash, crunch, crush, encounter, hit, impingement, jar, jolt, jounce, kick, knock, meeting, percussion, pound, punch, quake, quiver, ram, rap, rock, shake, shock, slap, smash, smashup, strike, stroke, thump, tremble, tremor, wallop; CONCEPTS 189, 641
- impact** [*n*2] *effect* brunt, burden, consequences, full force, impression, imprint, influence, mark, meaning, power, repercussion, significance, thrust, weight; CONCEPT 230
- impact** [*v*] *hit with force* bang into, clash, collide, crack up, crash, crush, jolt, kick, register, smash, smash up, strike, wrack up\*; CONCEPT 189
- impair** [*v*] *harm, hinder* blemish, blunt, cheapen, damage, debase, debilitate, decrease, destroy, deteriorate, devalue, devalue, diminish, ding\*, disqualify, enervate, enfeeble, hurt, injure, invalidate, lessen, lose strength, make useless, mar, prejudice, queer, reduce, rough up\*, spoil, tarnish, total, tweak, undermine, unfit, vitiate, weaken, worsen; CONCEPTS 130, 240, 246 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help
- impaired** [*adj*] *injured, faulty* broken, busted, damaged, debilitated, defective, down\*, flawed, harmed, hurt, imperfect, kaput\*, marred, on the blink\*, on the fritz\*, spoiled, unsound; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* healthy, perfect, strong
- impale** [*v*] *stab* lance, perforate, pierce, prick, punch, puncture, run through, skewer, skewer, spear, spike, stick, transfix; CONCEPT 220
- impalpable** [*adj*] *intangible, unsubstantial* airy, delicate, disembodied, fine, imperceptible, imperponderable, imprecise, inappreciable, incorporeal, indiscernible, indistinct, insensible, insubstantial, nebulous, shadowy, tenuous, thin, unapparent, unobservable, unperceivable, vague; CONCEPTS 485, 529, 619 —*Ant.* believable, palpable, perceptible, substantial, tangible, understandable
- impart** [*v*1] *make known* admit, announce, break, communicate, convey, disclose, discover, divulge, expose, inform, pass on, publish, relate, reveal, tell, transmit; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide
- impart** [*v*2] *give* accord, afford, allow, bestow, cede, confer, contribute, grant, lead, offer, part with, present, relinquish, render, yield; CONCEPT 108 —*Ant.* keep, take
- impartial** [*adj*] *fair, unprejudiced* candid, detached, disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, evenhanded, fair-minded, impersonal, just, middle-of-the-road\*, neutral, nondiscriminating, nondiscriminatory, nonpartisan, objective, on-the-fence, open-minded, unbiased, unbigoted, uncolored, unslanted, without favor; CONCEPTS 403, 542 —*Ant.* biased, discriminating, favoring, partial, prejudiced, unfair, unjust
- impasse** [*n*] *stalemate* box\*. Catch-22\*, cessation, corner\*, cul-de-sac\*, dead end, deadlock, dilemma, fix, gridlock, jam, mire\*, morass\*, pause, pickle\*, plight, predicament, quandary, rest, scrape\*, standoff, standstill; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* agreement, breakthrough
- impassioned** [*adj*] *excited, vehement* animated, ardent, blazing, burning, deep, fervent, fervid, fierce, fiery, fired up\*, flaming, furious, glowing, heated\*, hot-blooded\*, inflamed, inspired, intense, melodramatic, moving, mushy, overemotional, passionate, perfervid, powerful, profound, red-hot\*, romantic, rousing, sentimental, starry-eyed\*, steamed up\*, stirring, torrid, violent, vivid, warm, white-hot\*, wild about, worked up\*, zealous; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* apathetic, calm, cool, impassive, indifferent, unconcerned, unexcited
- impassive** [*adj*] *aloof, cool* apathetic, callous, cold, cold-blooded\*, collected, composed, dispassionate, dry, emotionless, hardened, heartless, imperturbable, indifferent, indurated,

inexcitable, inexpressive, inscrutable, insensible, insusceptible, matter-of-fact, nonchalant, passionless, phlegmatic, placid, poker-faced\*, reserved, reticent, sedate, self-contained, serene, spiritless, stoic, stoical, stolid, taciturn, unconcerned, unemotional, unexcitable, unfeeling, unflappable, unimpressible, unmoved, unruffled, wooden; CONCEPTS 404, 542 —*Ant.* emotional, feeling, passionate, responsive, sensitive, susceptible, warm

**impatience** [*n*] *inability, unwillingness to wait* agitation, anger, annoyance, ants in pants\*, anxiety, avidity, disquietude, eagerness, edginess, excitement, expectancy, fretfulness, haste, hastiness, heat\*, impetuosity, intolerance, irritability, irritableness, nervousness, quick temper, rashness, restiveness, restlessness, shortness, snappiness, suspense, uneasiness, vehemence, violence; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* control, ease, endurance, forbearance, patience, tolerance, waiting, willingness

**impatient** [*adj*] *unable, unwilling to wait* abrupt, agog, antsy, anxious, appetent, ardent, athirst, avid, breathless, brusque, chafing, choleric, curt, demanding, dying to\*, eager, edgy, feverish, fretful, hasty, having short fuse\*, headlong, hot-tempered, hot under collar\*, impetuous, indignant, intolerant, irascible, irritable, itchy, keen, on pins and needles\*, quick-tempered, racing one's motor\*, restless, ripe\*, snappy, straining, sudden, testy, thirsty, unforbearing, unindulgent, vehement, violent; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* controlled, easy-going, enduring, forbearing, laid-back, patient, tolerant, waiting, willing

**impeach** [*v*] *denounce, censure* accuse, arraign, blame, bring charges against, call into question, call to account, cast aspersions on, cast doubt on, challenge, charge, criminate, criticize, discredit, disparage, hold at fault, impugn, incriminate, inculpate, indict, query, question, reprehend, reprimand, reprobate, tax, try; CONCEPTS 44,52,317 —*Ant.* elect

**impeccable** [*adj*] *above suspicion; flawless* accurate, aces, A-okay\*, apple-pie\*, clean, correct, errorless, exact, exquisite, faultless, fleckless, immaculate, incorrupt, infallible, innocent, irreplicable, nice, note-perfect, on target\*, perfect, precise, pure, right, sinless, stainless, ten\*, unblemished, unerring, unflawed, unimpeachable; CONCEPTS 535,574,621 —*Ant.* blemished, corrupt, defective, flawed, imperfect, suspicious, wrong

**impetuous** [*adj*] *poverty-stricken* beggared, broke\*, cleaned out\*, destitute, dirt poor\*, homeless, impoverished, indigent, insolvent, necessitous, needy, penniless, penurious, poor, strapped\*, unprosperous; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* moneyed, rich, wealthy

**impede** [*v*] *obstruct, hinder* bar, block, blow whistle on\*, brake, check, clog, close off, cramp one's style\*, curb, cut off, dam, delay, deter, discomfit, disconcert, disrupt, embarrass, faze, flag one\*, freeze, hamper, hang up, hold up, interfere, oppose, rattle, restrain, retard, saddle with\*, shut down, shut off, slow, slow down, stonewall\*, stop, stymie, thwart; CONCEPTS 121,130 —*Ant.* advance, aid, assist, facilitate, forward, help, support

**impediment** [*n*] *obstruction, hindrance* bar, barricade, barrier, block, blockage, bottleneck\*, burden, catch\*, Catch-22\*, chain, check, clog, cramp, curb, dead weight\*, defect, delay, deterrent, detriment, difficulty, disadvantage, drag\*, drawback, encumbrance, fault, flaw, handicap, hazard, hitch, holdup, hurdle, inhibition, load, manacle, millstone\*, obstacle, prohibition, red tape\*, restraint, restriction, retardation, retardment, road block\*, rub\*, setback, shackle, snag, stoppage, stricture, stumbling block\*, tie, trammel, wall; CONCEPT 666 —*Ant.* aid, assistance, facilitation, furtherance, help, support

**impel** [*v*] *prompt, incite* activate, boost, compel, constrain, drive, excite, foment, force, goad, induce, influence, inspire, instigate, jog, lash, mobilize, motivate, move, oblige, poke, power, press, prod, propel, push, require, set in motion, shove, spur, start, stimulate, thrust, urge; CONCEPTS 14,68,221,242 —*Ant.* delay, dissuade, repress, slow, suppress

**impending** [*adj*] *forthcoming* approaching, at hand, brewing, coming, gathering, handwriting-on-the-wall\*, hovering, imminent, in the cards\*, in the offing\*, in the wind\*, looking to\*, looming, menacing, near, nearing, ominous, on the horizon\*, overhanging, portending, proximate, see it coming\*, threatening, waiting to; CONCEPTS 548,820 —*Ant.* distant, later, never, remote

**impenetrable** [*adj*] *dense* bulletproof, close, compact, firm, hard, hermetic, impassable, impermeable, impervious, inviolable, solid, substantial, thick, unpiercable; CONCEPTS 483,604 —*Ant.* clear, penetrable, permeable, porous, soft, thin

**impenetrable** [*adj*] *incomprehensible* arcane, baffling, cabalistic, dark, Delphic, enigmatic, enigmatical, hidden, incognizable, indiscernible, inexplicable, inscrutable, mysterious, mystic, obscure, sibylline, unaccountable, unfathomable, ungraspable, unintelligible, unknowable; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* comprehensible, intelligible, penetrable, understandable

**imperative** [*adj*] *necessary* acute, burning, clamant, clamorous, compulsory, critical, crucial, crying, essential, exigent, immediate, important, importunate, indispensable, inescapable, insistent, instant, no turning back\*, obligatory, pressing, urgent, vital; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* inessential, optional, secondary, unnecessary, voluntary

**imperative** [*adj*] *authoritative* aggressive, autocratic, bidding, bossy, commanding, dictatorial, dominant, domineering, harsh, high-handed, imperial, imperious, ordering, overbearing, peremptory, powerful, stern; CONCEPTS 267, 574 —*Ant.* discretionary, free, unrestrained, voluntary

**imperceptible** [*adj*] *hard to sense; faint* ephemeral, evanescent, fine, gradual, impalpable, imponderable, inappreciable, inaudible, inconsiderable, inconspicuous, indiscernible, indistinct, indistinguishable, infinitesimal, insensible, insignificant, invisible, microscopic, minute, momentary, shadowy, slight, small, subtle, tiny, trivial, undetectable, unnoticeable, vague; CONCEPTS 406,537 —*Ant.* apparent,

conspicuous, distinct, evident, noticeable, obvious, perceptible, seeable, striking, unobscured

**imperfect** [*adj*] *flawed* amiss, below par, bottom-of-barrel\*, broken, damaged, defective, deficient, disfigured, dud\*, faulty, few bugs\*, garbage\*, immature, impaired, incomplete, inexact, injured, junk\*, lemon\*, limited, low, marred, minus, partial, patchy, rudimentary, schlocky\*, sick, sketchy, two-bit\*, undeveloped, unfinished, unsound, vicious, warped; CONCEPTS 570,574,579 —*Ant.* excellent, faultless, finished, perfect, pure, unblemished, unflawed

**imperfection** [*n*] *flaw* blemish, bug\*, catch, defect, deficiency, deformity, demerit, disfigurement, failing, fallibility, fault, foible, frailty, glitch\*, gremlin\*, inadequacy, incompleteness, infirmity, insufficiency, peccadillo, problem, shortcoming, sin, stain, taint, weakness, weak point; CONCEPTS 230,671,718 —*Ant.* excellence, flawlessness, perfection, purity

**imperil** [*v*] *cause to be in danger* chance it, compromise, endanger, expose, hazard, jeopard, jeopardize, jeopardy, menace, peril, risk; CONCEPT 240 —*Ant.* guard, protect, save

**imperious** [*adj*] *bossy, overbearing* arrogant, authoritative, autocratic, commanding, compulsory, compulsory, despotic, dictatorial, domineering, exacting, haughty, high-handed, imperative, imperial, mandatory, obligatory, oppressive, overweening, peremptory, required, tyrannical, tyrannous; CONCEPTS 267,574 —*Ant.* fawning, helpless, humble, obedient, servile, subservient, weak

**impermeable** [*adj*] *impenetrable* airtight, dense, hermetic, impassable, impervious, leak-proof, nonporous, sealed, waterproof, water-resistant, watertight; CONCEPTS 483,604

**impersonal** [*adj*] *cold, unfriendly* abstract, bureaucratic, businesslike, candid, cold-blooded\*, cold turkey\*, colorless, cool, detached, disinterested, dispassionate, emotionless, equal, equitable, fair, formal, impartial, indifferent, inhuman, neutral, nondiscriminatory, objective, poker-faced\*, remote, straight, strictly business\*, unbiased, uncolored, unpassioned; CONCEPTS 401,542,544 —*Ant.* friendly, informal, personable, personal, warm

**impersonate** [*v*] *pretend to be another* act, act a part, act like, act out, ape, assume character, ditto\*, do, do an impression of, double as, dress as, enact, fake, imitate, make like\*, masquerade as, mimic, mirror, pass oneself off as\*, perform, personate, play, playact, play a role, portray, pose as, put on an act\*, represent, take the part of; CONCEPTS 59,292 —*Ant.* be original, differ, oppose, reverse

**impertinence** [*n*] *boldness* assurance, audacity, backchat, back talk\*, brazenness, cheek\*, chutzpah\*, come-back\*, crust\*, disrespect, disrespectfulness, effrontery, forwardness, freshness, gall, guff, hardihood, impropriety, impudence, incivility, insolence, insolency, lip\*, nerve, pertness, presumption, rudeness, sass\*, smart mouth\*, wisecrack\*, wise guy\*; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* humility, manners, politeness

**impertinent** [*adj*] *bold, disrespectful* arrogant, brash, brassy\*, brazen, contumelious, discourteous, disgracious, flip\*, forward, fresh, ill-mannered, impolite, impudent, inappropriate,

incongruous, inquisitive, insolent, interfering, intrusive, lippy\*, meddling, meddling, nosy\*, off base\*, offensive, out of line\*, pert, presumptuous, proccacious, prying, rude, sassy\*, smart, smart alecky\*, uncalled-for\*, uncivil, ungracious, unmannerly, unsuitable; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* kind, mannered, nice, polite, refined, respectful

**imperturbable** [*adj*] *calm, collected* assured, complacent, composed, cool, cool as cucumber\*, disimpassioned, equanimous, hard as nails\*, immovable, nerveless, nonchalant, roll with punches\*, sedate, self-possessed, self-satisfied, smug, stiff upper lip\*, stoical, thick-skinned, tranquil, unaffected, undisturbed, unexcitable, unflappable, unmoved, unruffled, untouched; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* excitable, irritable, jittery, perturbable, touchy

**impervious** [*adj*] *unable to be penetrated* closed to, hermetic, immune, impassable, impassive, impenetrable, impermeable, imper-viable, inaccessible, invulnerable, resistant, sealed, tight, unaffected, unapproachable, unmoved, unpierceable, unresponsive, watertight; CONCEPTS 485,534,604 —*Ant.* exposed, open, penetrable, responsive, sensitive, vulnerable

**impetuous** [*adj*] *acting without thinking* abrupt, ardent, eager, fervid, fierce, furious, going off deep end\*, hasty, headlong, hurried, impassioned, impulsive, passionate, precipitant, precipitate, precipitous, rash, restive, rushing, spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment, subitaneous, sudden, swift, unbridled, unexpected, unplanned, unpremeditated, unreflecting, unrestrained, unthinking, vehement, violent; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* calm, cautious, circumspect, considerate, reflective, sensible, thoughtful, wise

**impetus** [*n*] *stimulus, force* catalyst, energy, goad, impulse, impulsion, incentive, incitation, incitement, momentum, motivation, power, pressure, push, spur, stimulant, urge; CONCEPTS 641,661 —*Ant.* block, check, hindrance

**impinge** [*v*] *trespass* affect, bear upon, disturb, encroach, influence, infringe, intrude, invade, make inroads, meddle, obtrude, pry, touch, violate; CONCEPTS 14,156 —*Ant.* avoid, dodge

**impious** [*adj*] *not religious* agnostic, apostate, atheistic, blasphemous, canting, contrary, deceitful, defiling, desecrating, desecrative, diabolic, disobedient, disrespectful, godless, hardened, hypocritical, iconoclastic, immoral, iniquitous, irreligious, irreverent, perverted, pietistical, profane, recusant, reprobate, sacrilegious, sanctimonious, satanic, scandalous, sinful, unctuous, unutilful, unethical, unfaithful, ungodly, unhallowed, unholy, unregenerate, unrighteous, unsanctified, wayward, wicked; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* holy, pious, religious

**impish** [*adj*] *mischievous* casual, devilish, devil-may-care\*, elfin, elvish, fiendish, flippant, free and easy\*, fresh, frolicsome, giddy, jaunty, naughty, offhand, pert, pixieish, playful, prankish, puckish, rascally, saucy\*, sportive, waggish; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* behaved, subdued, unmischievous

**implacable** [*adj*] *merciless, cruel* grim, inexorable, inflexible, intractable, ironfisted, mortal, pitiless, rancorous, relentless, remorseless,

ruthless, unappeasable, unbending, uncompromising, unflinching, unforgiving, unrelenting, unyielding, vindictive; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** kind, merciful, nice, placable

**implausible** [adj] *not likely* doubtful, dubious, farfetched, far out\*, fishy\*, flimsy, for the birds\*, full of holes\*, impossible, improbable, inconceivable, incredible, obscure, problematic, puzzling, reachy, suspect, thin\*, too much\*, unbelievable, unconvincing, unreasonable, unsubstantial, weak, won't hold water\*, won't wash\*; CONCEPT 552 —**Ant.** believable, likely, plausible, possibly, probably, reasonable

**implement** [n] *agent, tool* apparatus, appliance, contraption, contrivance, device, equipment, gadget, instrument, machine, utensil; CONCEPT 499

**implement** [v] *start, put into action* achieve, actualize, bring about, carry out, complete, effect, enable, enforce, execute, fulfill, invoke, make good\*, make possible, materialize, perform, provide the means, put into effect, realize, resolve; CONCEPTS 91, 99, 221 —**Ant.** cancel, cease, delay, halt, hinder, pause, stop

**implicate** [v] *imply, involve* accuse, affect, associate, blame, charge, cite, compromise, concern, connect, embroil, entangle, frame, hint, impute, include, incriminate, inculpate, insinuate, lay at one's door\*, link, mean, mire, name, pin on\*, point finger at\*, relate, stigmatize, suggest, tangle\*; CONCEPTS 44, 112 —**Ant.** defend, pardon, support

**implication** [n] *association, suggestion* assumption, conclusion, connection, connotation, entanglement, guess, hint, hypothesis, incrimination, indication, inference, innuendo, intimation, involvement, link, meaning, overtone, presumption, ramification, reference, significance, signification, undertone, union; CONCEPTS 28, 39

**implicit** [adj] *included without question, inherent, absolute* accurate, certain, complete, constant, constructive, contained, definite, entire, firm, fixed, full, implicative, implied, inarticulate, inevitable, inferential, inferred, latent, practical, steadfast, tacit, taken for granted, total, undeclared, understood, unexpressed, unhesitating, unqualified, unquestioned, unreserved, unsaid, unshakable, unspoken, unuttered, virtual, wholehearted; CONCEPTS 267, 535, 549 —**Ant.** explicit, specific

**implied** [adj] *hinted at* adumbrated, alluded to, allusive, connoted, constructive, figured, foreshadowed, hidden, implicit, indicated, indicative, indirect, inferential, inferred, inherent, insinuated, intended, involved, latent, lurking, meant, occult, parallel, perceptible, potential, significative, signified, suggested, symbolized, tacit, tacitly assumed, undeclared, understood, unexpressed, unsaid, unspoken, unuttered, wordless; CONCEPTS 267, 535 —**Ant.** explicated, expressed, stated

**implode** [v] *collapse inward* cave in, fall down, fall in, fold, fold up; CONCEPTS 230, 316, 410, 674

**implore** [v] *beg* appeal, beseech, conjure, crave, entreat, go on bended knee\*, importune, plead, pray, solicit, supplicate, urge; CONCEPT 48 —**Ant.** answer

**imply** [v] *indicate, mean* betoken, connote, denote, designate, entail, evidence, give a hint,

hint, import, include, insinuate, intend, intimate, involve, mention, point to, presuppose, refer, signify, suggest; CONCEPTS 75, 97, 682

—**Ant.** define, explicate, express, state  
**impolite** [adj] *having bad manners* bad-mannered, boorish, churlish, crude, discourteous, disgracious, disrespectful, ill-bred, ill-mannered, indecorous, indelicate, insolent, irritable, loutish, moody, oafish, rough, rude, sullen, uncivil, ungracious, unmannered, unmannerly, unrefined; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** courteous, mannerly, polite

**impolitic** [adj] *unwise, careless* brash, ill-advised, ill-judged, imprudent, inadvisable, inconsiderate, indiscreet, inexpedient, injudicious, maladroit, misguided, rash, stupid, tactless, undiplomatic, untimely; CONCEPTS 401, 544 —**Ant.** careful, cautious, discreet, politic, wise

**import** [n1] *meaning* acceptance, bearing, bottom line\*, construction, drift\*, gist\*, heart\*, implication, intentment, intention, interpretation, meat\*, message, name of the game\*, nature of beast\*, nuts and bolts\*, point, punch line\*, purport, score\*, sense, significance, signification, signification, stuff\*, thrust, understanding; CONCEPT 682

**import** [n2] *significance, weight* consequence, design, emphasis, importance, intent, magnitude, moment, momentousness, object, objective, pith, purpose, signification, stress, substance, value, weightiness, worth; CONCEPTS 346, 668 —**Ant.** insignificance

**importance** [n1] *significance, weight* accent, attention, bearing, caliber, concern, concernment, consequence, denotation, distinction, drift\*, effect, emphasis, force, gist\*, gravity, import, influence, interest, materiality, moment, momentousness, notability, paramountcy, point, precedence, preponderance, preponderancy, priority, purport, relevance, sense, seriousness, signification, standing, stress, substance, tenor, usefulness, value, weightiness; CONCEPTS 346, 668, 682 —**Ant.** insignificance

**importance** [n2] *prominence, standing* consequence, conspicuousness, distinction, eminence, esteem, fame, greatness, influence, lionization, mark, notability, note, noteworthiness, rank, reputation, salience, status, usefulness, worth; CONCEPTS 388, 671

**important** [adj1] *valuable, substantial* big, big-league\*, chief, considerable, conspicuous, critical, crucial, decisive, determining, earnest, essential, esteemed, exceptional, exigent, extensive, far-reaching, foremost, front-page\*, grave, great, heavy, imperative, importunate, influential, large, marked, material, mattering much, meaningful, momentous, necessary, of moment, of note, of substance, paramount, ponderous, pressing, primary, principal, relevant, salient, serious, signal, significant, something, standout, urgent, vital, weighty; CONCEPT 567 —**Ant.** inappreciable, insignificant, little, nonessential, small, trivial, unimportant, unsubstantial

**important** [adj2] *eminent, influential, outstanding* aristocratic, big-time\*, distinctive, distinguished, effective, esteemed, extraordinary, famous, first-class\*, foremost, four-star\*, front-page\*, grand, heavy\*, high-level, high

profile, high-ranking, high-up, honored, illustrious, imposing, incomparable, leading, majestic, major-league\*, noble, notable, noted, noteworthy, of note, page-one\*, potent, powerful, preeminent, prominent, remarkable, seminal, signal, solid, superior, talented, top-drawer\*, top-notch\*, upper-class, VIP\*, well-known; CONCEPTS 555,574 —**Ant.** insignificant, powerless, unimportant, unknown, worthless

**imported** [adj] *brought in from another place* alien, carried, choice, exotic, ferried, foreign, introduced, rare, sent, shipped, transported, trucked; CONCEPT 549 —**Ant.** exported

**importunate** [adj] *demanding, insistent* burning, clamant, clamorous, crying, disturbing, dogged, earnest, exigent, harassing, imperative, instant, overly solicitous, persevering, persistent, pertinacious, pressing, solicitous, troublesome, urgent; CONCEPTS 267,401 —**Ant.** relaxed, undemanding, unimportant

**importune** [v] *demand, insist* appeal, ask, badger, beg, beseech, beset, besiege, con\*, crave, dun, egg on\*, entreat, goose\*, harass, hound\*, implore, invoke, nag, persuade, pester, plague, plead, pray, press, sell, solicit, supplicate, urge, work on\*; CONCEPT 53

**impose** [v] *set, dictate* appoint, burden, charge, command, compel, constrain, decree, demand, encroach, enforce, enjoin, establish, exact, fix, foist, force, force upon, horn in, inflict, infringe, institute, introduce, intrude, lade, lay, lay down, lay down the law, levy, move in on, oblige, obtrude, ordain, order, place, prescribe, presume, promulgate, put, put foot down\*, read riot act\*, require, saddle\*, take advantage, trespass, visit, wish, wreak, wreck; CONCEPTS 18,53,133

**imposing** [adj] *impressive* august, big, commanding, dignified, effective, exciting, grand, grandiose, imperial, magnificent, majestic, massive, mega\*, mind-blowing\*, monumental, moving, noble, ominous, one for the book\*, overblown, overwhelming, pretentious, regal, royal, something else\*, something to write home about\*, stately, stirring, striking, towering; CONCEPTS 537,574,773 —**Ant.** common, modest, ordinary, poor, subordinate, trivial, unimportant, unimposing, unimpressive

**imposition** [n1] *deception* artifice, cheating, con, craftiness, dissimulation, fraud, hoax, hocus-pocus\*, hypocrisy, illusion, imposture, stratagem, trick, trickery; CONCEPTS 59,645 —**Ant.** forthrightness, honesty

**imposition** [n2] *burden* charge, command, constraint, demand, drag, duty, encroachment, encumbrance, intrusion, levy, pain, pain in the neck\*, pressure, presumption, restraint, tax; CONCEPTS 14,130 —**Ant.** advantage, aid, benefit, blessing, help, profit

**impossible** [adj1] *beyond the bounds of possibility* absurd, beyond, contrary to reason, careless, futile, hardly possible, hopeless, hundred-to-one\*, impassable, impervious, impracticable, impractical, inaccessible, inconceivable, inexcusable, infeasible, insurmountable, irrealizable, irreparable, no-go\*, not a prayer\*, no-way\*, no-win\*, out of the question\*, preposterous, too much, unachievable, unattainable, uncorrectable, unfeasible, unimaginable, unobtainable, unreasonable,

unrecoverable, unthinkable, unworkable, useless, visionary, way out; CONCEPT 552 —**Ant.** achievable, believable, obtainable, possible, reasonable, tenable

**impossible** [adj2] *intolerable, ungovernable* absurd, egregious, hopeless, improper, incongruous, ludicrous, objectionable, offensive, outrageous, preposterous, unacceptable, unanswerable, undesirable, unreasonable, unsuitable; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** behaving, good, governable, manageable, tolerable

**impostor** [n] *person pretending to be something else* actor, beguiler, bluffer, charlatan, cheat, con artist, deceiver, empiric, fake, faker, four-flusher\*, fraud, hypocrite, imitator, impersonator, masquerader, mimic, mocker, mountebank, pettifogger, phony, pretender, pseudo, quack, scormer, sham, sharper, shyster, trickster; CONCEPT 412

**imposture** [n] *fraud, trick* artifice, cheat, con, copy, counterfeit, deceit, deception, fabrication, fake, feint, fiddle, flimflam\*, forgery, gambit, hoax, hocus-pocus\*, illusion, imitation, impersonation, imposition, make-believe, maneuver, masquerade, phony, play, pretense, pretension, put-on\*, quackery, ruse, sell\*, sham, sleight, spoof, stratagem, swindle, wile; CONCEPTS 59,192,645,674 —**Ant.** honesty, reality, truth

**impotent** [adj] *disabled; unable to perform action* barren, crippled, dud, effete, enervated, enfeebled, feeble, forceless, frail, gutless, helpless, inadequate, incapable, incapacitated, incompetent, ineffective, ineffectual, inept, infecund, infirm, nerveless, paper tiger\*, paralyzed, powerless, prostrate, sterile, unfruitful, unproductive, weak; CONCEPT 485 —**Ant.** able, capable, fertile, potent, productive, strong

**imbound** [v] *confine* cage, coop up, enclose, fence in, hold, imprison, keep, pen, seize, shut in, take; CONCEPTS 121,130

**impoverished** [adj] *poor, exhausted* bankrupt, barren, beggared, broke, clean, depleted, destitute, distressed, drained, empty, flat\*, flat broke\*, have-not\*, hurting, impecunious, indigent, insolvent, necessitous, needy, penurious, played out\*, poverty-stricken, reduced, ruined, spent, sterile, strapped; CONCEPTS 334,560 —**Ant.** enriched, full, plentiful, rich

**impractical/impracticable** [adj] *unrealistic* abstract, absurd, chimerical, idealistic, illogical, impossible, impracticable, improbable, inapplicable, inefficacious, infeasible, inoperable, irrealizable, ivory-tower\*, no-go\*, nonfunctional, nonviable, not a prayer\*, otherworldly, out of the question\*, quixotic, romantic, speculative, starry-eyed\*, theoretical, unattainable, unbusinesslike, unfeasible, unreal, unserviceable, unusable, unwise, unworkable, useless, visionary, wild, won't fly\*; CONCEPT 552 —**Ant.** practicable, practical, probable, realistic, reasonable, tenable, viable

**impregnable** [adj] *unyielding* firm, fortified, impenetrable, indestructible, invincible, invulnerable, secure, solid, strong, unassailable; CONCEPTS 489,540,551

**impregnate** [v] *infuse, fill; make pregnant* charge, conceive, drench, fecundate, fertilize, imbue, implant, inoculate, inseminate, leaven, overflow, percolate, permeate, pervade,

procreate, produce, reproduce, saturate, seethe, soak, sodden, souse, steep, suffuse, transfuse; CONCEPTS 179,375 —*Ant.* deplete, take out

**impresario** [*n*] *manager, producer* director, showperson, sponsor, stage manager; CONCEPT 347

**impress** [*v*1] *influence* affect, arouse, awe, be conspicuous, blow away\*, buffalo\*, bulldoze\*, carry, electrify, enforce, enthuse, excite, faze, galvanize, get\*, grab, grandstand\*, inspire, kill\*, knock out\*, make a hit\*, make an impression, make splash\*, move, overawe, pique, provoke, push around\*, register, score, show off, slay\*, stimulate, stir, strike, sway, thrill, touch\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,261

**impress** [*v*2] *press down to make design* carve, dent, emboss, engrave, etch, imprint, indent, inscribe, mark, print, stamp; CONCEPT 174 —*Ant.* take apart

**impress** [*v*3] *emphasize* bring home\*, drive home\*, establish, fix, get into head\*, inculcate, instill, press, set, stress; CONCEPT 49 —*Ant.* neglect

**impression** [*n*1] *influence* consequence, effect, feeling, impact, reaction, response, result, sway; CONCEPT 230

**impression** [*n*2] *feeling, idea* apprehension, belief, conceit, concept, conception, conjecture, conviction, fancy, feel, hunch, image, inking, intelligence, memory, notion, opinion, perception, recollection, sensation, sense, supposition, suspicion, theory, thought, view; CONCEPTS 529,689 —*Ant.* materiality, physicality

**impression** [*n*3] *design made by pressing* brand, cast, dent, depression, dint, fingerprint, footprint, form, hollow, impress, imprint, indentation, mark, matrix, mold, outline, pattern, print, sign, spoor, stamp, stamping, trace, track, vestige; CONCEPTS 284,625

**impression** [*n*4] *pretending to be somebody* imitation, impersonation, masquerade, parody, sendup, takeoff; CONCEPT 263

**impressional** [*adj*] *easily taught; gullible* affectable, affected, feeling, impressible, influenceable, ingenuous, open, perceptive, plastic\*, receptive, responsive, sensible, sensile, sensitive, sentient, suggestible, susceptible, susceptible, vulnerable, wax-like; CONCEPTS 402,403 —*Ant.* insusceptible, obstinate, stubborn, unimpressional, unresponsive

**impressive** [*adj*] *powerful, influential* absorbing, affecting, arresting, august, awe-inspiring, consequential, cool\*, deep\*, dramatic, effective, eloquent, excited, exciting, extraordinary, forcible, grand, impassioned, important, imposing, inspiring, intense, lavish, luxurious, majestic, massive, momentous, monumental, moving, noble, notable, penetrating, prime\*, profound, remarkable, rousing, splendid, stately, stirring, striking, sumptuous, superb, thrilling, touching, towering, vital, well-done; CONCEPTS 574,773 —*Ant.* inconsequential, ineffective, insignificant, unimportant, unimpressive, weak

**imprint** [*n*] *impression; symbol* banner, dent, design, effect, emblem, heading, impress, indentation, influence, mark, name, print, sign, signature, stamp, trace, trademark; CONCEPTS 284,625

**imprint** [*v*] *stamp* designate, engrave, establish,

etch, fix, impress, inscribe, mark, offset, print; CONCEPT 174

**imprison** [*v*] *confine; put in jail* apprehend, bastille, bottle up\*, cage, check, circumscribe, closet, commit, constrain, curb, detain, fence in, hold, hold captive, hold hostage, hold in custody, ice\*, immure, impound, incarcerate, intern, jail, keep, keep captive, keep in custody, limit, lock in, lock up, nab\*, occlude, pen, put away, put behind bars, rail in, remand, restrain, send to prison, send up\*, shut in, stockade, take prisoner, trammel; CONCEPTS 90,191,317 —*Ant.* free, let go, release

**improbable** [*adj*] *not likely* doubtful, dubious, fanciful, far-fetched, flimsy\*, hundred-to-one\*, iffy\*, implausible, inconceivable, not expected, outside chance\*, questionable, rare, slim, slim and none\*, unbelievable, uncertain, unconvincing, unheard of, unimaginable, unlikely, unsubstantial, weak; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* believable, likely, ostensible, plausible, possible, probable, tenable

**impromptu** [*adj/adv*] *unrehearsed, improvised* ad-lib\*, dashed off, extemporaneous, extempore, extemporized, fake, faked, improv\*, improviso, offhand, off the cuff\*, played by ear\*, shot from the hip\*, spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment, thrown off\*, tossed off\*, unpremeditated, unprepared, unscripted, unstudied, vamped, whipped up\*, winged\*; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* deliberate, designed, planned, premeditated, rehearsed

**improper** [*adj*1] *not suitable* abnormal, at odds, awkward, bad form, discordant, discrepant, erroneous, false, ill-advised, ill-timed, imprudent, inaccurate, inadmissible, inadvisable, inapplicable, inapposite, inappropriate, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, inexpedient, infelicitous, inharmonious, inopportune, irregular, ludicrous, malapropos, odd, off-base\*, out-of-place\*, out-of-season\*, preposterous, unapt, unfitting, uncalled-for\*, uncomely, undue, unfit, unfitting, unseasonable, unsuitable, unsuited, untimely, unwarranted, wrong; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* appropriate, correct, fitting, proper, right, suitable

**improper** [*adj*2] *vulgar, immoral* blue\*, dirty, impolite, indecent, indecorous, indelicate, lewd, malodorous, naughty, risqué, rough, salacious, suggestive, unbecoming, unconventional, unequitable, unethical, ungodly, unjust, unrighteous, unrightful, unseemly, untoward, wrong, wrongful; CONCEPTS 542,545 —*Ant.* decent, formal, good, moral, proper, uncorrupt

**impropriety** [*n*] *bad taste, mistake* barbarism, blunder, faux pas, gaffe, gaucherie, goof\*, immodesty, impudence, incongruity, incorrectness, indecency, indecorum, inelegance, rudeness, slip\*, solecism, unseemliness, unsuitability, vulgarity, vulgarity; CONCEPTS 101,278,674 —*Ant.* correctness, propriety, suitability, tastefulness

**improve** [*v*] *make or become better* advance, ameliorate, amend, augment, better, boost, civilize, come around\*, convalesce, correct, cultivate, develop, doctor up\*, edit, elevate, emend, enhance, gain ground\*, help, increase, lift, look up\*, make strides, meliorate, mend, perk up\*, pick up\*, polish, progress, promote, purify, raise, rally, recover, rectify, recuperate, refine, reform, revamp, revise, rise, set right\*,

shape up\*, sharpen, skyrocket\*, straighten out\*, take off\*, touch up\*, turn the corner\*, update, upgrade; CONCEPTS 244,700 —*Ant.* damage, decline, decrease, diminish, harm, hurt, injure, weaken, worsen

**improvement** [*n*] *bettering; something bettered* advance, advancement, amelioration, amendment, augmentation, betterment, change, civilization, correction, cultivation, development, elevation, enhancement, enrichment, furtherance, gain, growth, increase, preferment, progress, progression, promotion, rally, reclamation, recovery, rectification, reformation, regeneration, renovation, revision, rise, upbeat, upgrade, upswing; CONCEPTS 230,700 —*Ant.* damage, decline, decrease, diminishing, harm, hurt, injury, weakening, worsening

**improvident** [*adj*] *careless, spendthrift* extravagant, heedless, imprudent, inconsiderate, lavish, negligent, prodigal, profligate, profuse, reckless, shiftless, shortsighted, thoughtless, thriftless, uneconomical, unthrifty, wasteful; CONCEPTS 334,542 —*Ant.* careful, miserly, provident, thrifty

**improvisation** [*n*] *extemporary speech* ad-libbing, autoschediasm, extemporization, speaking off the cuff, spontaneity, winging it; CONCEPT 266

**improvise** [*v*] *make up ad-lib, brainstorm*, coin, concoct, contrive, dash off\*, devise, do offhand, do off top of head\*, dream up, extemporize, fake, fake it, improv\*, improvise, invent, jam\*, knock off\*, make do\*, slapdash\*, spark, speak off the cuff\*, throw together\*, wing it\*; CONCEPTS 173,266 —*Ant.* design, devise, plan, premeditate

**improvised** [*adj*] *made-up ad-lib, autoschediastic, Band-Aid\**, extemporaneous, extempore, extemporized, fly-by-night\*, hit-or-miss\*, impromptu, improvise, makeshift, offhand, spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment\*, unprepared, unrehearsed, unstudied; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* designed, planned, premeditated, rehearsed

**imprudent** [*adj*] *without much thought* brash, careless, foolhardy, foolish, heedless, ill-advised, ill-considered, ill-judged, impolitic, improvident, incautious, inconsiderate, indiscreet, inexpedient, injudicious, irresponsible, leaving self wide open\*, off the deep end\*, overhasty, playing with fire\*, rash, reckless, temerarious, thoughtless, unadvisable, unthinking, unwise; CONCEPTS 267,542 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, discreet, prudent, wise

**impudent** [*adj*] *bold, shameless* arrant, audacious, barefaced, blatant, boldfaced, brassy, brazen, bumpitious, cheeky\*, cocky\*, contumelious, cool\*, flip\*, forward, fresh, immodest, impertinent, insolent, nervey\*, off-base\*, overbold, pert, presumptuous, procacious, rude, sassy\*, saucy\*, smart\*, smart-alecky\* unabashed, unblushing, wise\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* humble, modest, polite, retiring

**impugn** [*v*] *criticize, challenge* assail, attack, blast, break, call into question, cast aspersions upon, cast doubt upon, come down on\*, contradict, contravene, cross, cut to shreds\*, deny, disaffirm, dispute, gainsay, knock\*, negate, negative, oppose, pin something on\*, put down\*, question, resist, run down, skin alive\*,

slam\*, smear\*, stick it to\*, swipe at\*, tar\*, throw doubt on, throw the book at\*, thumb nose at\*, traduce, trash, traverse, zap\*, zing\*; CONCEPTS 52,58 —*Ant.* flatter, praise

**impulse** [*n*] *drive, resolve* actuation, appeal, bent, caprice, catalyst, desire, disposition, excitant, extemporization, fancy, feeling, flash\*, goad, hunch, impellent, impulsion, incitation, incitement, inclination, influence, inspiration, instinct, itch\*, lash, lust, mind, motivation, motive, notion, passion, spontaneity, spur, thought, urge, vagary, whim, whimsy, wish, yen; CONCEPTS 20,410

**impulse** [*n*] *throb, stimulus* augmentation, beat, bump, catalyst, drive, force, impetus, impulsion, lash, momentum, movement, pressure, propulsion, pulsation, pulse, push, rush, shock, shove, stroke, surge, thrust, vibration; CONCEPT 641

**impulsive** [*adj*] *tending to act without thought* abrupt, ad-lib\*, automatic, careless, devil-may-care\*, emotional, extemporaneous, flaky\*, gone off deep end\*, hasty, headlong, hot-and-cold\*, impetuous, instinctive, intuitive, involuntary, jumping the gun\*, mad, offhand, passionate, precipitate, quick, rash, spontaneous, sudden, swift, unconsidered, unexpected, unmeditated, unpredictable, unpremeditated, unprompted, up-and-down\*, violent, winging it\*; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* cautious, considering, heedful, premeditative, thoughtful, wise

**impunity** [*n*] *freedom* dispensation, exception, exemption, immunity, liberty, license, nonliability, permission, privilege, security; CONCEPT 376 —*Ant.* imprisonment, incarceration

**impure** [*adj*] *not clean mentally, physically; mixed* admixed, adulterated, alloyed, carnal, coarse, common, contaminated, corrupt, debased, defiled, desecrated, diluted, dirty, doctored\*, filthy, foul, gross\*, grubby\*, immodest, immoral, indecent, infected, lewd, nasty, not pure, obscene, polluted, profaned, smutty\*, squalid, sullied, tainted, unchaste, unclean, unrefined, unwholesome, vile, vitiated, weighted, wicked; CONCEPTS 545,621 —*Ant.* chaste, clean, impeccable, pure, sterile

**impurity** [*n*] *contaminant* adulteration, contamination, corruption, defilement, dirt, filth, foreign matter, grime, pestilence, poisoning, pollutant, pollution, scum, stain, taint, uncleanliness; CONCEPTS 230,306,674

**impute** [*v*] *attribute* accredit, accuse, adduce, ascribe, assign, blame, brand, censure, charge, credit, hang something on\*, hint, indict, insinuate, intimate, lay, pin on\*, refer, reference, stigmatize; CONCEPTS 44,49 —*Ant.* defend, guard, help, protect

**inability** [*n*] *disabling lack of talent, skill* disqualification, failure, frailty, impotence, inadequacy, inaptitude, incapability, incapacitation, incapacity, incompetence, ineffectiveness, ineffectualness, inefficacy, inefficiency, ineptitude, ineptness, insufficiency, inutility, lack, necessity, powerlessness, shortcoming, unfitness, weakness; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* ability, capacity, competence, skill, talent

**inaccessible** [*adj*] *out of reach* aloof, away, beyond, distant, elusive, far, faraway, far-off,

impassable, impervious, impracticable, insurmountable, not at hand\*, out-of-the-way\*, remote, unachievable, unapproachable, unattainable, unavailable, unfeasible, ungettable, unobtainable, unreachable, unrealizable, unworkable; CONCEPT 576 —**Ant.** accessible, approachable, reachable

**inaccuracy** [*n*] *error, erroneousness* blunder, corrigendum, deception, defect, erratum, exaggeration, fault, howler\*, imprecision, incorrectness, inexactness, miscalculation, mistake, slip\*, solecism, typo\*, unfaithfulness, unreliability, wrong; CONCEPTS 101, 230

—**Ant.** accuracy, correctness, right  
**inaccurate** [*adj*] *erroneous* all wet\*, careless, counterfactual, defective, discrepant, doesn't wash\*, fallacious, false, faulty, imprecise, incorrect, in error, inexact, mistaken, off, off base\*, out\*, specious, unfaithful, unreliable, unsound, untrue, way-off\*, wide\*, wild\*, wrong; CONCEPTS 565, 582 —**Ant.** accurate, correct, right

**inactive** [*adj*] *not engaged in action; inert, lazy* abeyant, asleep, blah\*, disengaged, do-nothing\*, dormant, down, draggy, dull, idle, immobile, indolent, in holding pattern\*, inoperative, jobless, latent, lax, lethargic, limp, low-key, moth-balled\*, motionless, on hold, ossified, out of action, out of commission\*, out of service, out of work\*, passive, quiescent, quiet, sedentary, slack, sleepy, sloughful, slow, sluggish, somnolent, stable, static, still, torpid, unemployed, unoccupied, unused; CONCEPTS 401, 560, 584

—**Ant.** active, busy, involved, working  
**inadequacy** [*n*] *shortage, defect, inability* blemish, dearth, defalcation, defectiveness, deficiency, deficit, drawback, failing, faultiness, flaw, imperfection, inadequateness, inaptness, incapacity, incompetence, incompetency, incompleteness, ineffectiveness, ineffectualness, inefficacy, inefficiency, ineptitude, insufficiency, lack, meagerness, paucity, poverty, scantiness, shortcoming, skimpiness, underage, unfitness, unsuitableness, weakness; CONCEPTS 335, 674, 709 —**Ant.** ability, adequacy, enough, plenty, sufficiency

**inadequate** [*adj*] *defective, insufficient, incompetent* bare, barren, bush-league\*, deficient, depleted, dry, failing, faulty, feeble, found wanting, glitch\*, imperfect, impotent, inappreciable, inapt, incapable, incommensurate, incompetent, incomplete, inconsiderable, insubstantial, junk\*, lacking, lame\*, lemon\*, lousy, low, meager, minus, miserly, niggardly, not enough, parsimonious, poor, scanty, scarce, short, shy\*, sketchy\*, skimpy\*, small, spare, sparse, sterile, stunted, stunted\*, thin\*, too little, unequal, unproductive, unqualified, weak; CONCEPTS 546, 570, 771 —**Ant.** able, adequate, competent, enough, sufficient

**inadmissible** [*adj*] *not appropriate* exceptionable, ill-favored, ill-timed, immaterial, improper, inappropriate, inapt, incompetent, inept, irrelevant, malapropos, objectionable, unacceptable, unallowable, unbecoming, undesirable, unfit, unqualified, unreasonable, unsatisfactory, unseemly, unsuited, unwanted, unwelcome; CONCEPTS 319, 558 —**Ant.** acceptable, admissible, allowable, appropriate

**inadvertent** [*adj*] *accidental* careless, chance,

feckless, heedless, irreflective, negligent, not on purpose, reckless, thoughtless, uncaring, unconcerned, undesigned, undevised, unheeding, unintended, unintentional, unmindful, unplanned, unpremeditated, unthinking, unthought, unwitting; CONCEPTS 542, 544 —**Ant.** advertent, attentive, deliberate, intentional, planned  
**inadvisable** [*adj*] *not recommended* careless, foolhardy, foolish, harebrained\*, ill-advised, impolitic, improper, imprudent, inappropriate, incautious, inconvenient, indiscreet, inexpedient, injudicious, pointless, rash, undesirable, unsensible, unsuitable, unwise, wrong; CONCEPTS 529, 558 —**Ant.** advisable, good, ok, recommended, wise

**inalienable** [*adj*] *absolute, inherent* basic, entailed, inbred, inviolable, natural, nonnegotiable, nontransferable, sacrosanct, unassailable, untransferable; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** acquired, alienable, changeable, impermanent, transitory

**inane** [*adj*] *stupid* absurd, asinine, daft, empty, fatuous, flat, foolish, frivolous, futile, harebrained\*, idiotic, illogical, imbecilic, innocuous, insipid, jejune, laughable, meaningless, mindless, pointless, puerile, ridiculous, sappy\*, senseless, silly, trifling, unintelligent, vacant, vacuous, vain, vapid, weak, wishy-washy\*, worthless; CONCEPTS 542, 548 —**Ant.** bright, intelligent, smart

**inanimate** [*adj*] *not alive, not organic* azoic, cold, dead, defunct, dull, exanimate, extinct, idle, inactive, inert, inoperative, insensate, insentient, lifeless, mineral, motionless, nonanimal, nonvegetable, quiescent, soulless, spiritless; CONCEPT 539 —**Ant.** animate, living

**inapplicable** [*adj*] *not relevant* extraneous, foreign, garbage\*, immaterial, impertinent, inapposite, inappropriate, inappurtenant, inapropos, inapt, inconsistent, irrelative, irrelevant, remote, unsuitable, unsuited; CONCEPT 546 —**Ant.** applicable, related, relevant, suitable

**inappropriate** [*adj*] *not proper, suitable* bad form, disproportionate, foot-in-mouth\*, garbage\*, ill-fitted, ill-suited, ill-timed, improper, inapplicable, inapropos, incongruous, in consonant, incorrect, indecorous, inept, irrelevant, left-field\*, malapropos, off\*, out of line, out of place, tasteless, unbecoming, unfitting, undue, unfit, unfitting, unmeet, unseasonable, unseemly, unsuitable, untimely, way off\*, wrong, wrong-number\*; CONCEPT 558 —**Ant.** appropriate, fitting, ok, proper, suitable

**inapt** [*adj*] *incompetent; not suitable* awkward, banal, clumsy, dull, flat, gauche, ill-adapted, ill-fitted, ill-suited, improper, inadapt, inapposite, inappreciable, incongruous, inept, inexperienced, inexpert, infelicitous, insipid, jejune, maladroit, malapropos, slow, stupid, unable, unadventurous, unafacile, unfit, unhandy, unmeet, unproficient, unskilled, unsuitable, unsuited, untimely; CONCEPTS 527, 558 —**Ant.** apt, competent, happy, suitable, suited

**inarticulate** [*adj*] *unable to speak* well blurred, dumb, faltering, halting, hesitant, hesitating, inaudible, incoherent, incomprehensible, indistinct, maundering, muffled, mumbled, mumbling, mute, obscure, reticent, silent, speechless, stammering, tongue-tied, unclear, unintelligible, unspoken, unuttered, unvocal,



unvoiced, vague, voiceless, wordless; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* articulate, communicative

**inattentive** [*adj*] *negligent, not paying attention* absent, absentminded, apathetic, blind, bored, careless, distracted, distraught, distraught, diverted, dreamy, faraway, heedless, inadvertent, indifferent, inobservant, listless, lost\*, musing, neglectful, oblivious, off-guard\*, out to lunch\*, preoccupied, rapt, regardless, remiss, removed, scatterbrained\*, thoughtless, unconscious, undiscerning, unheeding, un-mindful, unnoticing, unobservant, unobserving, unperceiving, unthinking, unwatchful, vague; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* attentive, heedful, looking, noticing, observant

**inaudible** [*adj*] *silent* closemouthing, faint, hushed, imperceptible, low, muffled, mum, mumbled, mute, muted, noiseless, nonvocal, not talkative, quiet, soundless, still, unclear, uncommunicative, unhearable, voiceless, wordless; CONCEPT 594

**inaugurate** [*v*] *begin; install* bow, break in, break the ice\*, commence, commission, dedicate, get things rolling\*, get under way\*, induct, initiate, instate, institute, introduce, invest, jump, kick off\*, launch, make up, open, ordain, originate, set in motion\*, set up, start, usher in; CONCEPT 221 —*Ant.* adjourn, close, end, stop, uninstall

**inauguration** [*n*] *installation of newcomers* commencement, inaugural, induction, initiation, institution, investiture, launch, launching, opening, setting up; CONCEPT 386 —*Ant.* adjournment, close, end, finish

**inauspicious** [*adj*] *ominous, unpromising* bad, baleful, baneful, black, dire, discouraging, evil, fateful, foreboding, ill-boding, ill-omened, impending, inopportune, sinister, threatening, unfavorable, unfortunate, unlucky, unpromising, unpropitious, untimely, untoward; CONCEPTS 548,570 —*Ant.* auspicious, favorable, fortunate, lucky, promising

**inborn/inbred** [*adj*] *coming from birth; natural* congenital, connate, connatural, constitutional, deep-seated, essential, hereditary, inbred, indigenous, indwelling, ingenerate, ingrained, inherent, inherited, innate, instinctive, intrinsic, intuitive, native, unacquired; CONCEPTS 406,549 —*Ant.* acquired, earned

**incalculable** [*adj*] *countless, limitless* boundless, capricious, chancy, enormous, erratic, fluctuant, iffy\*, immense, incomputable, inestimable, infinite, innumerable, jillion\*, measureless, no end of\*, no end to\*, numberless, uncertain, uncountable, unfixed, unforeseen, unpredictable, unreckonable, untold, vast, whimsical, without number, zillion\*; CONCEPTS 535,773,781 —*Ant.* calculable, countable, limited, measurable

**incandescent** [*adj*] *glowing* beaming, brilliant, effulgent, fulgent, intense, lambent, lucent, luminous, phosphorescent, radiant, red-hot\*, refulgent, shining, white-hot\*; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* dark, dim

**incantation** [*n*] *spell, magic* abracadabra\*, ala kazam\*, bewitchment, black magic, chant, charm, conjuration, conjuring, enchantment, formula, hex, hocus-pocus\*, hoodoo\*, hymn, invocation, mumbo-jumbo\*, necromancy, open

sesame\*, rune, sorcery, voodoo\*, witchcraft, wizardry; CONCEPTS 370,689

**incapable** [*adj*] *not adequate; helpless* but-terfingers\*, disqualified, feeble, impotent, inadequate, incompetent, ineffective, ineligible, inept, inexperienced, inexpert, inproficient, insufficient, losing, naive, not equal to, not up to\*, poor, powerless, unable, uncool\*, unequipped, unfit, unqualified, unskilled, unskillful, unsuited, weak; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* capable, competent, qualified, strong

**incapacitate** [*v*] *put out of action* clip wings\*, cripple, damage, disable, disarm, disenable, disqualify, hamstring\*, hinder, hog-tie\*, hurt, immobilize, lame, lay up\*, maim, paralyze, prostrate, put out of commission\*, take out, undermine, weaken; CONCEPTS 121,246 —*Ant.* allow, facilitate, mobilize, permit

**incapacitated** [*adj*] *disabled* bedridden, broken-down, confined, crippled, debilitated, handicapped, helpless, hurt, immobilized, impaired, impotent, incapable, infirm, laid-up, lame, maimed, out-of-action\*, out of commission\*, paralyzed, powerless, sidelined, weak, weakened, wornout; CONCEPTS 314,527

**incarcerate** [*v*] *put in jail, confinement* bastille, book\*, cage\*, commit, confine, constrain, coop up\*, detain, hold, immure, impound, imprison, intern, jail, lock up, put away, put on ice\*, put under lock and key\*, railroad\*, restrain, restrict, send up the river\*, settle, slough, take away, throw book at\*; CONCEPTS 90,191,317 —*Ant.* free, let go, release

**incarnate** [*adj*] *in bodily form* embodied, exteriorized, externalized, human, in human form, in the flesh\*, made flesh, manifested, materialized, personified, physical, real, substantiated, tangible, typified; CONCEPTS 490,539

**incautious** [*adj*] *not careful* any old way\*, bold, brash, careless, caught napping\*, devil-may-care\*, fast-and-loose\*, foot-in-mouth\*, hasty, heedless, hotheaded\*, ill-advised, ill-judged, impetuous, improvident, imprudent, impulsive, inconsiderate, indiscreet, injudicious, madcap\*, neglectful, negligent, off guard\*, pay no mind\*, playing with fire\*, precipitate, rash, reckless, regardless, sticking one's neck out\*, thoughtless, unalert, unguarded, unskillful, unthinking, unvigilant, unwatchful, wary, wide open\*; CONCEPTS 542,544 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, discreet, thoughtful

**incendiary** [*adj*] *causing trouble, damage* dangerous, demagogic, dissentious, inflammatory, malevolent, provocative, rabble-raising\*, seditious, subversive, treacherous, wicked; CONCEPTS 537,570 —*Ant.* peacemaking

**incendiary** [*n*] *person who causes fire, trouble* agitator, arsonist, criminal, demagogue, demonstrator, firebrand\*, insurgent, pyromaniac, rabble-rouser\*, rebel, revolutionary, rioter; CONCEPT 412

**incense** [*n*] *strongly fragrant smoke* aroma, balm, bouquet, burnt offering, essence, flame, frankincense, fuel, myrrh, odor, perfume, punk, redolence, scent, spice; CONCEPTS 599,600

**incense** [*v*] *make very angry* anger, ask for it\*, bother, disgust, egg on\*, enrage, exasperate, excite, fire up\*, get a rise out of\*, get under one's skin\*, inflame, infuriate, ire, irritate,

mad, madden, make blood boil\*, make see red\*, provoke, rile, umbrage; CONCEPT 14

—*Ant.* calm, comfort, please

**incensed** [adj] *very angry* at end of one's rope\*, buffaloed\*, bugged\*, bummed up\*, burned up\*, dogged, enraged, exasperated, fuming, furious, hacked, hot and bothered\*, huffy\*, indignant, infuriated, irate, ireful, mad, maddened, miffed, on the warpath\*, peeved, riled, roused, rubbed the wrong way\*, steamed up\*, up in arms\*, uptight\*, wrathful; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, joyous, pleased

**incentive** [n] *lure, inducement* allurements, bait, carrot\*, catalyst, come-on\*, consideration, determinant, drive, encouragement, enticement, excuse, exhortation, goad, ground, impetus, impulse, incitement, influence, insistence, inspiration, instigation, motivation, motive, persuasion, provocation, purpose, rationale, reason, reason why, spring, spur, stimulant, stimulation, stimulus, temptation, urge, whiff; CONCEPT 661 —*Ant.* block, hindrance, turn-off

**inception** [n] *beginning* birth, commencement, dawn, derivation, fountain, inauguration, initiation, kickoff, origin, outset, provenance, provenience, rise, root, source, start, well, well-spring; CONCEPTS 648,832 —*Ant.* conclusion, end, ending, finish

**incessant** [adj] *never-ending, persistent* ceaseless, constant, continual, continuous, day-and-night\*, endless, eternal, everlasting, interminable, interminate, monotonous, nonstop, perpetual, relentless, round-the-clock\*, timeless, unbroken, unceasing, unending, unrelenting, unremitting; CONCEPTS 534,798 —*Ant.* broken, ceasing, ending, intermittent, interrupted

**inch** [n] *one-twelfth of a foot/2.54 centimeters* measured fingerbreadth, one thirty-sixth of a yard, square; CONCEPTS 790,791

**inchoate** [adj] *undeveloped, beginning* amorphous, elementary, embryonic, formless, immature, imperfect, inceptive, incipient, just begun, nascent, preliminary, rudimentary, shapeless, unfinished, unformed, unshaped; CONCEPTS 485,578,797 —*Ant.* developed, grown, mature

**incident** [n] *occurrence* adventure, circumstance, episode, event, fact, happening, matter, milestone, occasion, scene, trip; CONCEPT 2

**incidental** [adj] *related; minor* accidental, accompanying, adventitious, ancillary, attendant, by-the-way\*, casual, chance, circumstantial, coincidental, concomitant, concurrent, contingent, contributing, contributory, fluke\*, fortuitous, irregular, nonessential, occasional, odd, random, secondary, subordinate, subsidiary; CONCEPTS 547,548,577 —*Ant.* basic, essential, fundamental, important, vital

**incidentally** [adv] *by chance* accidentally, as a by-product, as side effect, by the bye\*, by the way, casually, fortuitously, in passing, in related manner, not by design, obiter, parenthetically, remotely, subordinately, unexpectedly; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* purposely

**incinerate** [v] *reduce to ashes* blaze, burn, combust, consume, cremate, flame, ignite, light, parch, scald, scorch, set a match to, torch; CONCEPT 249

**incinerator** [n] *furnace* boiler, burner, cinera-

tor, crematory, heater, heating system, oil burner; CONCEPT 463

**incipient** [adj] *developing* basic, beginning, commencing, elementary, embryonic, fundamental, inceptive, inchoate, initial, initiative, initiatory, introductory, nascent, originating, start; CONCEPT 585 —*Ant.* developed, grown, mature

**incision** [n] *cut, slit* carving, cleavage, cleft, dissection, gash, groove, laceration, mark, nick, nip, notch, opening, pierce, slash, stab, wound; CONCEPT 309

**incisive** [adj1] *intelligent* acute, bright, clever, concise, keen, penetrating, perspicacious, piercing, profound, sharp, trenchant; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* incompetent, stupid

**incisive** [adj2] *sarcastic* acerb, acerbic, acid, biting, caustic, clear-cut, concise, crisp, cutting, drilling, laconic, mordant, penetrating, sardonic, satirical, scathing, severe, sharp, slashing, succinct, tart, terse, trenchant; CONCEPT 267

—*Ant.* gentle, kind, nice

**incite** [v] *encourage, provoke* abet, activate, actuate, agitate, animate, arouse, coax, craze, drive, egg on\*, encourage, excite, exhort, fan the fire\*, foment, force, forward, further, get to\*, goad, impel, induce, inflame, influence, inspire, inspirit, instigate, juice\*, key up\*, motivate, persuade, prick, promote, prompt, provoke, psych\*, push, put up to\*, raise, rouse, set, set off\*, solicit, spur, stimulate, stir up\*, talk into, taunt, trigger, urge, whip up\*, work up\*; CONCEPTS 14,221,242 —*Ant.* delay, deter, discourage, prohibit

**incivility** [n] *discourtesy* bad manners, coarseness, discourteousness, disrespect, impoliteness, rudeness, unmannerliness; CONCEPTS 29,633

**inclement** [adj1] *bitter, nasty (weather)* brutal, cold, foul, hard, harsh, intemperate, raw, rigorous, rough, rugged, severe, stormy, tempestuous, violent, wintry; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* clear, mild, nice, sunny

**inclement** [adj2] *cruel, merciless* callous, draconian, harsh, intemperate, pitiless, rigorous, ruthless, savage, severe, tyrannical, unfeeling, unkind, unmerciful; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* kind, merciful, nice, sympathetic

**inclination** [n1] *tendency, bent* affection, appetite, aptitude, aptness, attachment, attraction, bias, capability, capacity, cup of tea\*, desire, disposition, drift, druthers\*, fancy, fondness, groove\*, idiosyncrasy, impulse, leaning, liking, mind, movement, partiality, penchant, persuasion, pleasure, predilection, predisposition, preference, prejudice, proclivity, proneness, propensity, slant\*, soft spot\*, stomach\*, susceptibility, taste, temperament, thing\*, trend, turn\*, type, urge, velleity, weakness, whim, will, wish; CONCEPTS 20,411,630

**inclination** [n2] *slant, angle* acclivity, bank, bend, bending, bevel, bow, bowing, cant, declivity, deviation, direction, downgrade, grade, gradient, hill, incline, lean, leaning, list, pitch, ramp, slope, tilt; CONCEPT 738

**incline** [n] *slope* acclivity, approach, ascendent, cant, declivity, descent, dip, grade, gradient, inclination, lean, leaning, plane, ramp, rise, slant, tilt; CONCEPT 738

**incline** [v1] *tend toward* affect, be disposed, bend, be partial, be predisposed, be willing,

bias, drive, favor, govern, gravitate toward, impel, induce, influence, lean to, look, make willing, move, not mind, persuade, predispose, prefer, prejudice, prompt, sway, turn, verge; CONCEPT 657

**incline** [v2] *bend, lean* aim, bevel, bow, cant, cock, deviate, diverge, heel, lay, level, list, lower, nod, point, recline, skew, slant, slope, stoop, tend, tilt, tip, train, turn, veer, yaw; CONCEPT 738

**inclined** [adj] *having a preference* apt, bent on, disposed, given, in the mood, likely, predisposed, prone, tending, willing; CONCEPT 542

**include** [v] *contain, involve* accommodate, add, admit, allow for, append, bear, be composed of, be made up of, build, build in, carry, combine, comprehend, comprise, consist of, constitute, count, cover, cut in on, embody, embrace, encircle, enclose, encompass, entail, enter, have, hold, implicate, incorporate, inject, insert, interject, interpolate, introduce, make allowance for, make room for, number, number among, receive, subsume, take in, take into account, team with, work in; CONCEPTS 112, 532, 643

—**Ant.** eliminate, exclude, neglect, reject

**including** [adj] *containing* along with, among other things, as well as, counting, in addition to, inclusive of, in conjunction with, made up of, not to mention, plus, together with, with; CONCEPT 577

—**Ant.** excluding, rejecting

**inclusion** [n] *addition* admittance, composition, comprisal, embodiment, embracement, encompassment, formation, incorporation, insertion, involvement, subsumption; CONCEPT 642

—**Ant.** exclusion, subtraction

**inclusive** [adj] *all-encompassing, all-embracing* across-the-board\*, all-around, all the options\*, all together, ball-of-wax\*, blanket\*, broad, catchall\*, comprehensive, encyclopedic, full, general, global, in toto\*, overall, sweeping, umbrella\*, wall-to-wall\*, whole, without exception; CONCEPT 772

—**Ant.** exclusive, incomprehensive, narrow

**incognito** [adj] *in disguise* anonymous, bearded, camouflaged, concealed, disguised, hidden, incog\*, isolated, masked, masquerading, obscure, under assumed name, unknown, unrecognized; CONCEPTS 576, 589

—**Ant.** known, openly, seen, unhidden

**incoherent** [adj] *unintelligible* breathless, confused, disconnected, discontinuous, discordant, disjointed, disordered, dumb, faltering, inarticulate, incohesive, incomprehensible, incongruous, inconsistent, indistinct, indistinguishable, irrational, jumbled, maundering, muddled, muffled, mumbling, mute, muttered, puzzling, rambling, stammering, stuttering, tongue-tied\*, uncommunicative, unconnected, uncoordinated, uneven, unvocal, wandering, wild; CONCEPT 267

—**Ant.** coherent, intelligible, understandable

**income** [n] *money earned by work or investments* assets, avails, benefits, bottom line\*, cash, cash flow, commission, compensation, dividends, drawings, earnings, gains, gravy\*, gross, harvest, honorarium, interest, in the black\*, livelihood, means, net, pay, payoff, proceeds, profit, receipts, returns, revenue, royalty, salary, take home, wage; CONCEPTS 340, 344

—**Ant.** bills, debt, expenses

**incoming** [adj] *arriving* approaching, coming, coming in, entering; CONCEPT 159

—**Ant.** outgoing

**incoming** [adj2] *succeeding* designate, elect, elected, future, new, next, to-be; CONCEPT 585

—**Ant.** outgoing

**incomparable** [adj] *superlative* beyond compare, excellent, exceptional, ideal, inimitable, matchless, paramount, peerless, perfect, preeminent, second to none, sovereign, superior, supreme, surpassing, towering, transcendent, ultimate, unequalled, unmatched, unpaired, unparalleled, unrivalled, unsurpassable; CONCEPT 574

—**Ant.** common, inferior, lowly, poor, unimpressive

**incompatible** [adj] *antagonistic, contradictory* adverse, antipathetic, antipodal, antithetical, clashing, conflicting, contrary, counter, disagreeing, discordant, discrepant, disparate, factious, inadmissible, inappropriate, incoherent, inconvertible, incongruous, inconsistent, inconstant, inconstant, irreconcilable, jarring, marching to a different drummer\*, mismatched, night and day\*, offbeat\*, opposed, opposite, poles apart\*, unadapted, ungenial, unsuitable, unsuited, warring, whale of difference\*; CONCEPT 564

—**Ant.** compatible, consonant, harmonious, loving, suited, well-matched

**incompetent** [adj] *unskillful, unable* amateur, amateurish, awkward, bungling, bush-league\*, clumsy, disqualified, floundering, helpless, inadequate, incapable, ineffectual, inefficient, ineligible, inept, inexperienced, inexpert, insufficient, maladroit, not cut out for\*, not equal to, not have it\*, out to lunch\*, raw, unadapted, unequipped, unfit, unfitted, unhandy, uninitiated, unproficient, unqualified, unskilled, untrained, useless; CONCEPT 527

—**Ant.** able, adept, capable, competent, dexterous, effective, efficient, experienced, expert, proficient, skillful

**incomplete** [adj] *unfinished, wanting* abridged, broken, crude, defective, deficient, expurgated, fractional, fragmentary, garbled, half-done, immature, imperfect, inadequate, incoherent, insufficient, lacking, meager, part, partial, rough, rude, rudimentary, short, sketchy, unaccomplished, unconsummated, under construction, undeveloped, undone, unexecuted, unpolished; CONCEPT 531

—**Ant.** accomplished, complete, finished, perfect

**incomprehensible** [adj] *not understandable* baffling, beats me\*, beyond comprehension, beyond one's grasp\*, clear as mud\*, cryptic, Delphic\*, enigmatic, fathomless, Greek\*, impenetrable, incognizable, inconceivable, inscrutable, mysterious, mystifying, obscure, opaque, over one's head\*, perplexing, puzzling, sibylline, unclear, unfathomable, ungraspable, unimaginable, unintelligible, unknowable; CONCEPTS 402, 529

—**Ant.** comprehensible, fathomable, intelligible, understandable

**inconceivable** [adj] *beyond reason, belief* extraordinary, fantastic, incomprehensible, implausible, impossible, improbable, incogitable, incredible, insupposable, mind-boggling\*, phony, rare, reachy, staggering, strange, thin\*, unbelievable, unconvincing, unheard-of, unimaginable, unknowable, unlikely, unsubstantial, unthinkable, weak\*, won't fly\*, won't

wash\*; CONCEPTS 529,552 —*Ant.* believable, conceivable, fathomable, imaginable, reasonable

**inconclusive** [adj] *up in the air* ambiguous, deficient, incomplete, indecisive, indeterminate, lacking, open, uncertain, unconvincing, undecided, uneventful, unfateful, unfinished, unsatisfactory, unsettled, vague; CONCEPTS 537,548 —*Ant.* certain, conclusive, decisive, definite, sure

**incongruous** [adj] *out of place; absurd* alien, bizarre, conflicting, contradictory, dissonant, discordant, disparate, distorted, divergent, extraneous, fantastic, fitful, foreign, illogical, improper, inappropriate, inapropos, inapt, incoherent, incompatible, incongruent, inconsistent, irreconcilable, irregular, jumbled, lopsided, mismatched, out of keeping\*, rambling, shifting, twisted, unavailing, unbalanced, unbecoming, unconnected, uncoordinated, uneven, unintelligible, unpredictable, unrelated, unsuitable, unsuited; CONCEPTS 547,558 —*Ant.* compatible, congruous, consistent, corresponding, fitting, harmonious, matched, suitable, uniform

**inconsequential/inconsiderable** [adj] *of no significance* casual, dinky\*, entry-level\*, exiguous, immaterial, inadequate, inappreciable, inconsequent, insignificant, insufficient, light, little, measly, minor, negligible, paltry, petty, picayune, puny, runt, scanty, shoestring\*, skimpy, small, small potatoes\*, small-time\*, trifling, trivial, two-bit\*, unconsidered, unimportant, wimpy\*, worthless; CONCEPT 575 —*Ant.* consequential, considerable, important, significant

**inconsiderate** [adj] *insensitive to others* boorish, brash, careless, discourteous, hasty, impolite, incautious, indelicate, intolerant, reckless, rude, self-centered, selfish, sharp, short, tactless, thoughtless, unceremonious, uncharitable, ungracious, unkind, unthinking; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* considerate, generous, kind, nice, sensitive, tactful, thoughtful

**inconsistent** [adj] *contradictory, irregular* at odds, at variance, capricious, changeable, conflicting, contrary, discordant, discrepant, dissonant, erratic, fickle, illogical, incoherent, incompatible, in conflict, incongruent, incongruous, inconstant, irreconcilable, lubricious, mercurial, out of step\*, temperamental, uncertain, unpredictable, unstable, variable, warring; CONCEPTS 534,564 —*Ant.* consistent, consonant, regular, steady, unchanging

**inconsolable** [adj] *brokenhearted* comfortless, dejected, desolate, despairing, disconsolate, discouraged, distressed, forlorn, heartbroken, heartsick, sad, unconsolable; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* consolable, happy, understanding

**inconspicuous** [adj] *hidden, unnoticeable* camouflaged, concealed, dim, faint, hidden, indistinct, insignificant, low-key\*, low-profile\*, modest, muted, ordinary, plain, quiet, retiring, secretive, shy, soft-pedaled\*, subtle, tenuous, unassuming, unemphatic, unobtrusive, unostentatious; CONCEPTS 485,576 —*Ant.* conspicuous, exposed, noticeable, open, unhidden

**inconstant** [adj] *changeable* capricious, changeful, erratic, fickle, flickering, fluctuating, impulsive, inconsistent, intermittent, irregular, irresolute, mercurial, shifting, uncertain,

undependable, unreliable, unsettled, unstable, vacillating, variable, varying, volatile, waffling, wavering; CONCEPT 534

**incontinent** [adj] *lacking control* unchecked, uncontrollable, uncontrolled, ungovernable, unsuppressed; CONCEPT 94 —*Ant.* continent, restrained

**incontrovertible** [adj] *beyond dispute* accurate, authentic, certain, established, incontestable, indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, nailed down\*, no mistake\*, no two ways about it\*, positive, sure, surefire\*, sure thing\*, uncontestable, undeniable, unequivocal, unquestionable, unshakable; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* changeable, controvertible, questionable, uncertain, variable

**inconvenience** [n] *bother, trouble* aggravation, annoyance, awkwardness, bothersomeness, cumbersomeness, difficulty, disadvantage, disruption, disturbance, drawback, exasperation, fuss, hindrance, nuisance, pain\*, stew\*, trial, troublesomeness, uneasiness, unfitness, unhandiness, unsuitableness, untimeliness, unwieldiness, upset, vexation; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, convenience, profit

**inconvenience** [v] *bother, trouble* aggravate, discombobulate, discommode, discompose, disoblige, disrupt, disturb, exasperate, give a hard time\*, give trouble\*, hang up\*, interfere, irk, make it tough\*, meddle, put in a spot\*, put on the spot\*, put to trouble\*, try, upset; CONCEPTS 14,242 —*Ant.* aid, assist, be convenient, benefit, help

**inconvenient** [adj] *bothersome, troublesome* annoying, awkward, cumbersome, detrimental, difficult, disadvantageous, discommoding, discommodious, disturbing, embarrassing, incommodious, inexpedient, inopportune, pestiferous, prejudicial, remote, tiresome, troublesome, unhandy, unmanageable, unseasonable, unsuitable, untimely, unwieldy, vexatious; CONCEPTS 537,548 —*Ant.* aiding, beneficial, convenient, helpful

**incorporate** [v] *include, combine* absorb, add to, amalgamate, assimilate, associate, blend, charter, coalesce, consolidate, cover, dub, embody, form, fuse, gang up\*, hook in\*, imbibe, integrate, join, link, merge, mix, organize, pool, put together, start, subsume, tie in\*, unite; CONCEPTS 112,113,324 —*Ant.* divide, drop, exclude, separate

**incorrect** [adj] *wrong* counterfactual, erroneous, false, faulty, flawed, imprecise, improper, inaccurate, inappropriate, inexact, mistaken, not trustworthy, out\*, specious, unfitting, unreliable, unseemly, unsound, unsuitable, untrue, way off\*, wide of the mark\*, wrong number\*; CONCEPTS 558,570 —*Ant.* correct, right, true

**incorrigible** [adj] *bad, hopeless* abandoned, beastly, hardened, incurable, intractable, inveterate, irredeemable, irreparable, loser, recidivous, uncorrectable, unreformed, useless, wicked; CONCEPT 570 —*Ant.* good, manageable, nice, obedient, reformable

**incorruptible** [adj] *honest, honorable* above suspicion, imperishable, indestructible, inextinguishable, just, loyal, moral, perpetual, persistent, pure, reliable, straight, trustworthy,

unbribeable, undestroyable, untouchable, upright; CONCEPTS 485,545 —*Ant.* bad, corruptible, dishonest

**increase** [*n*] *addition, growth* access, accession, accretion, accrual, accumulation, aggrandizement, augmentation, boost, breakthrough, burgeoning, cumulation, development, elaboration, enlargement, escalation, exaggeration, expansion, extension, gain, hike, incorporation, increment, inflation, intensification, maximization, merger, multiplication, optimization, raise, rise, spread, step-up, surge, swell, swelling, upgrade, upsurge, upturn, waxing; CONCEPTS 763,780 —*Ant.* decrease, depletion, diminishment, loss, subtraction

**increase** [*v*] *add or grow* advance, aggrandize, aggravate, amplify, annex, augment, boost, broaden, build, build up, deepen, develop, dilate, distend, double, enhance, enlarge, escalate, exaggerate, expand, extend, further, heighten, inflate, intensify, lengthen, magnify, mark up, mount, multiply, pad\*, progress, proliferate, prolong, protract, pullulate, raise, redouble, reinforce, rise, sharpen, slap on\*, snowball\*, spread, step up, strengthen, supplement, swarm, swell, tack on\*, teem, thicken, triple, wax, widen; CONCEPTS 236,245,780 —*Ant.* decrease, deplete, diminish, lose, subtract

**increasingly** [*adv*] *to a greater extent* more, more and more, progressively, with acceleration; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* decreasingly, less

**incredible** [*adj1*] *beyond belief* absurd, far-fetched, fishy\*, flimsy\*, implausible, improbable, incogitable, inconceivable, insupportable, outlandish, out of the question\*, phony, preposterous, questionable, ridiculous, rings phony\*, suspect, thin\*, unbelievable, unconvincing, unimaginable, unsubstantial, untenable, unthinkable; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* believable, credible, plausible, possible, realistic, tenable

**incredible** [*adj2*] *marvellous* ace\*, amazing, astonishing, astounding, awe-inspiring, awesome, extraordinary, fabulous, glorious, great, prodigious, superhuman\*, unreal\*, wonderful; CONCEPTS 529,572 —*Ant.* bad, poor, terrible

**incredulous** [*adj*] *unbelieving* disbelieving, distrustful, doubtful, doubting, dubious, hesitant, mistrustful, questioning, quizzical, show-me\*, skeptical, suspect, suspicious, uncertain, unconvinced, unsatisfied, wary; CONCEPTS 403,529 —*Ant.* believing, convinced, credulous

**increment** [*n*] *small step toward gain* accession, accretion, accrual, accrument, addition, advancement, augmentation, enlargement, increase, profit, raise, rise, supplement; CONCEPTS 763,780 —*Ant.* decrease, loss

**incriminate** [*v*] *accuse* allege, attack, attribute, blame, brand, bring charges, charge, cite, finger\*, frame, hold accountable, implicate, inculpate, indict, involve, name, pin on\*, point the finger at\*, prosecute, serve summons; CONCEPT 44

**incubus** [*n*] *evil spirit* demon, devil, fiend, goblin, hobgoblin, nightmare, succuba, succubus; CONCEPTS 370,412

**inculcate** [*v*] *implant, infuse information* brain-wash\*, break down, communicate, drill, drum into\*, educate, hammer into\*, impart, impress,

indoctrinate, inseminate, instill, instruct, plant, program, shape up, teach, work over\*; CONCEPTS 14,285

**incur** [*v*] *bring upon oneself* acquire, arouse, be subjected to, bring down on\*, catch, contract, draw, earn, expose oneself to, gain, get, induce, meet with, obtain, provoke; CONCEPT 93

**incurable** [*adj*] *unfixable, unchangeable* cureless, deadly, fatal, hopeless, immedicable, impossible, inoperable, irrecoverable, irreparable, irreparable, nowhere to go\*, out of time\*, remediless, serious, terminal, uncorrectable, unrecoverable; CONCEPTS 485,548 —*Ant.* curable, healable, medicable, operable

**incursion** [*n*] *invasion* aggression, attack, foray, infiltration, inroad, intrusion, irruption, penetration, raid; CONCEPTS 86,320 —*Ant.* retreat

**indebted** [*adj*] *under an obligation* accountable, answerable for, appreciative, beholden, bound, bounden, chargeable, duty-bound, grateful, honor-bound, hooked\*, in debt, in hock\*, liable, obligated, obliged, owed, owing, responsible, thankful; CONCEPTS 334,546 —*Ant.* paid, settled

**indecently** [*n*] *obscenity, vulgarity* bawdiness, coarseness, crudity, drunkenness, evil, foulness, grossness, immodesty, impropriety, impurity, incivility, indecorum, indelicacy, lewdness, licentiousness, offense, outrageousness, pornography, ribaldry, smuttness, unseemliness, vileness; CONCEPTS 633,645 —*Ant.* chastity, cleanness, decency, modesty, purity, virtue

**indecent** [*adj*] *obscene, vulgar; offensive* blue\*, coarse, crude, dirty\*, filthy, foul, foulmouthed, gross\*, ill-bred, immodest, immoral, improper, impure, in bad taste, indecorous, indelicate, lewd, licentious, malodorous, off-color\*, outrageous, pornographic, raunchy\*, raw, ridiculous, rough, salacious, scatological, shameless, shocking, smutty\*, tasteless, unbecoming, unbecoming, unseemly, untoward, vile, wicked, X-rated\*; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* chaste, clean, decent, modest, pure, virtuous

**indecisive** [*adj*] *uncertain, indefinite* astraddle, changeable, doubtful, faltering, halting, hemming and hawing\*, hesitant, hesitating, hot and cold\*, inconclusive, indeterminate, irresolute, of two minds\*, on the fence\*, tentative, unclear, undecided, undetermined, uneventful, unsettled, unstable, vacillating, waffling, wavering, weak-kneed\*, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPTS 534,535 —*Ant.* certain, decisive, definite, deliberate, determined, sure

**indeed** [*adv*] *actually* absolutely, amen\*, certainly, doubtlessly, easily, even, for real, in point of fact, in truth, much, naturally, of course, positively, really, strictly, surely, sure thing\*, to be sure, truly, undeniably, undoubtedly, verily, veritably, very, very much, well; CONCEPT 535

**indefatigable** [*adj*] *untiring* active, assiduous, bound and determined\*, dead set on\*, determined, diligent, dogged, energetic, hell-bent\*, industrious, inexhaustible, ironclad, nose to grindstone\*, painstaking, patient, persevering, persistent, pertinacious, relentless, sedulous, steadfast, stop at nothing\*, strenuous, tireless, unflinching, unflagging, unflinching, unremitting, unwavering, unwearied, unwearying,

vigorous; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* fatigued, tired, weary

**indefensible** [*adj*] *inexcusable* bad, faulty, inexcusable, insupportable, unforgivable, unjustifiable, unpardonable, untenable, unwarrantable, wrong; CONCEPTS 545, 548 —*Ant.* defensible, excusable, justifiable, justified

**indefinite** [*adj*] *ambiguous, vague* broad, confused, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, evasive, general, ill-defined, imprecise, indeterminable, indeterminate, indistinct, inexact, inexhaustible, infinite, innumerable, intangible, loose, obscure, shadowy, uncertain, unclear, undefined, undependable, undetermined, unfixed, unknown, unlimited, unsettled, unspecified, unsure, wide; CONCEPT 535

—*Ant.* certain, definite, distinct, sure  
**indefinitely** [*adv*] *continually* considerably, endlessly, forever, frequently, regularly, sine die, without end; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* definitely, incontinuously

**indelible** [*adj*] *not able to be erased, indestructible* enduring, ineffaceable, ineradicable, inerasable, inexpungible, inextirpable, ingrained, lasting, memorable, permanent, rememberable, stirring, unforgettable; CONCEPTS 482, 529 —*Ant.* delible, destructible, erasable, impermanent

**indelicate** [*adj*] *obscene, vulgar* base, brash, brutish, callow, coarse, crude, earthy, embarrassing, immodest, improper, indecent, indecorous, lewd, low, lowbred, off-color\*, offensive, outrageous, risqué, rude, suggestive, tasteless, unbecoming, unblushing, uncouth, unseemly, untautful, untoward; CONCEPTS 544, 545

—*Ant.* decent, delicate, inoffensive, nice, pure  
**indecant** [*v*] *make a space; push in slightly* bash, cave in, cut, dent, depress, dint, hollow, jag, mark, nick, notch, pink, pit, rabbit, rut, scallop, score, serrate; CONCEPTS 158, 201, 208 —*Ant.* flush

**independence** [*n*] *liberty, freedom* ability, aptitude, autarchy, autonomy, home rule\*, license, qualification, self-determination, self-government, self-reliance, self-rule, self-sufficiency, separation, sovereignty; CONCEPTS 376, 691 —*Ant.* dependence, subordination

**independent** [*adj*] *liberated, free* absolute, autarchic, autarchical, autonomous, freewheeling, individualistic, nonaligned, nonpartisan, on one's own, self-contained, self-determining, self-governing, self-reliant, self-ruling, self-sufficient, self-supporting, separate, separated, sovereign, unaided, unallied, unconnected, unconstrained, uncontrolled, unregimented; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* dependent, subordinate, subservient

**independently** [*adv*] *alone* all by one's self, apart, autonomously, by oneself, exclusive of, freely, individually, of one's own volition, one at a time, one by one, on one's own, separately, severally, singly, solo, unaided, unrestrictedly, unsupervised, without regard to, without support; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* dependently

**indescribable** [*adj*] *beyond words* impossible, incommunicable, indefinable, ineffable, inexpressible, nondescript, sublime, subtle, unspeakable, untellable, unutterable; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* definable, describable, explainable

**indestructible** [*adj*] *lasting, unable to be destroyed* abiding, deathless, durable, enduring, everlasting, immortal, immutable, imperishable, incorruptible, indelible, indissoluble, inexterminal, inextinguishable, inextirpable, irrefragable, irrefragible, nonperishable, permanent, perpetual, unalterable, unbreakable, unchangeable, undestroyable, undying, unfading; CONCEPTS 489, 534 —*Ant.* breakable, destructible, perishable

**indeterminate** [*adj*] *uncertain, vague* borderless, general, imprecise, inconclusive, indefinite, indistinct, inexact, undefined, undetermined, unfixed, unspecified, unstipulated; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* certain, definite, determined, exact, fixed, measurable, sure

**index** [*n*] *indication* basis, clue, evidence, formula, guide, hand, indicant, indication, indicator, indicia, mark, model, needle, pointer, ratio, rule, sign, significant, symbol, symptom, token; CONCEPTS 284, 290

**index** [*v*] *arrange, order* alphabetize, catalogue, docket, file, list, record, tabulate; CONCEPT 84

—*Ant.* disarrange, disorder, disorganize  
**indicate** [*v*] *signify, display* add up to, announce, argue, attest, augur, bespeak, be symptomatic, betoken, button down\*, card, connote, demonstrate, denote, designate, evidence, evince, express, finger, hint, illustrate, imply, import, intimate, make, manifest, mark, mean, name, peg\*, pin down\*, pinpoint\*, point out, point to, prove, read, record, register, reveal, show, sign, signal, slot, specify, suggest, symbolize, tab, tag, testify, witness; CONCEPTS 74, 118, 266 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, mislead

**indication** [*n*] *evidence, clue* adumbration, attestation, augury, auspice, cue, earnest, explanation, expression, forewarning, gesture, hint, implication, index, indicia, inking, intimation, manifestation, mark, nod, note, notion, omen, pledge, portent, preamble, prefiguration, prognostic, prolegomenon, proof, reminder, show, sign, signal, significant, signifier, suggestion, symptom, telltale, token, trace, vestige, warning, wind\*, wink\*; CONCEPTS 74, 278, 284 —*Ant.* misinformation

**indicative** [*adj*] *exhibitive* apocalyptic, augural, auspicious, characteristic, connotative, demonstrative, denotative, denotive, designative, diagnostic, emblematic, evidential, evincive, expressive, inauspicious, indicatory, indicial, ominous, pointing to, prognostic, significant, signficatory, suggestive, symbolic, symptomatic, testatory, testimonial; CONCEPT 267

**indicator** [*n*] *sign* barometer, beacon, clue, dial, gauge, guide, hint, index, mark, meter, omen, pointer, signal, symbol, warning; CONCEPTS 274, 529, 673, 689

**indict** [*v*] *accuse* arraign, censure, charge, criminate, face with charges, finger\*, frame\*, impeach, incriminate, inculpate, prosecute, summon, tax; CONCEPTS 44, 317 —*Ant.* absolve, acquit, exonerate

**indictment** [*n*] *accusation* allegation, arraignment, bill, blame, censure, charge, citation, detention, findings, impeachment, incrimination, presentment, prosecution, statement, summons, warrant, writ; CONCEPTS 44, 317, 318 —*Ant.* absolution, acquittal, exoneration

**indifference** [*n*] *absence of feeling, interest* alienation, aloofness, apathy, callousness, carelessness, cold-bloodedness, coldness, cold shoulder\*, coolness, detachment, disdain, disinterest, disinterestedness, dispassion, disregard, equity, heedlessness, immunity, impartiality, impassiveness, impassivity, inattention, inertia, insensitivity, insouciance, isolationism, lack, lethargy, listlessness, negligence, neutrality, nonchalance, noninterference, objectivity, stoicism, torpor, unconcern, unmindfulness; CONCEPTS 410,657 —**Ant.** caring, compassion, concern, feeling, interest, involvement, regard, sympathy

**indifferent** [*adj*] *unfeeling, uninterested* aloof, apathetic, blasé, callous, cold, cool, detached, diffident, disinterested, dispassionate, distant, equitable, haughty, heartless, heedless, high-brow, impartial, impervious, inattentive, listless, neutral, nonchalant, nonpartisan, objective, passionless, phlegmatic, regardless, scornful, silent, stoical, supercilious, superior, unaroused, unbiased, uncaring, uncommunicative, unconcerned, unemotional, unimpressed, uninvolved, unmoved, unprejudiced, unresponsive, unsocial, unsympathetic; CONCEPTS 403,542

—**Ant.** caring, compassionate, concerned, feeling, interested, involved, sympathetic  
**indigenous** [*adj*] *native, inborn* aboriginal, autochthonous, chthonic, congenital, connate, domestic, endemic, homegrown, inbred, inherent, inherited, innate, natural, original, primitive, unacquired; CONCEPT 549 —**Ant.** alien, foreign

**indigent** [*adj*] *poor* beggared, busted, destitute, down and out\*, flat broke\*, hard up\*, homeless, impecunious, impoverished, in want, necessitous, needy, penniless, penurious, poverty-stricken; CONCEPT 334 —**Ant.** rich, wealthy

**indigestion** [*n*] *upset stomach* acid indigestion, acidosis, digestive upset, dyspepsia, dyspepsy, flatulence, flu, gas, gaseous stomach, heartburn, nausea, pain; CONCEPT 306

**indignant** [*adj*] *angry* acrimonious, annoyed, bent out of shape\*, boiling\*, bugged\*, burned up\*, disgruntled, displeased, exasperated, fuming, furious, heated, huffy\*, in a huff\*, incensed, irate, livid, mad, miffed, peeved, piqued, p.o.'d\*, provoked, resentful, riled, scornful, seeing red\*, up in arms\*, upset, wrathful; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** gleeful, happy, pleased

**indignation** [*n*] *anger* animus, boiling point\*, danger, displeasure, exasperation, fury, huff\*, ire, mad, miff\*, pique, rage, resentment, rise, scorn, slow burn\*, umbrage, wrath; CONCEPTS 29,657 —**Ant.** glee, happiness, joy

**indignity** [*n*] *embarrassment, humiliation* abuse, affront, backhanded compliment\*, contumely, discourtesy, dishonor, disrespect, grievance, injury, injustice, insult, obloquy, opprobrium, outrage, put-down\*, reproach, slap\*, slight, slur, snub, take-down\*, taunt; CONCEPTS 278,410 —**Ant.** dignity, esteem, honor, regard, respect

**indirect** [*adj*] *roundabout; unintended* ambiguous, ancillary, circuitous, circular, circumlocutory, collateral, complicated, contingent, crooked, devious, discursive, duplicitous, erratic, eventual, implied, incidental, long, long-drawn-out\*, long way home\*,

long-winded\*, meandering, oblique, obscure, out-of-the-way, periphrastic, rambling, secondary, serpentine\*, sidelong, sinister, sinuous, snaking\*, sneaking, sneaky, subsidiary, tortuous, twisting, underhand, vagrant, wandering, winding, zigzag; CONCEPTS 544,581

—**Ant.** direct, straight, straightforward  
**indiscreet** [*adj*] *injudicious* careless, foolish, hasty, heedless, imprudent, inconsiderate, insensitive, rash, reckless, unthinking; CONCEPT 542

**indiscretion** [*n*] *mistake* bumble, crudeness, dropping the ball\*, dumb move\*, error, excitability, faux pas, folly, foolishness, fool mistake\*, foul-up, gaffe, gaucherie, goof\*, hastiness, imprudence, indiscreetness, ingenuousness, lapse, miscue, misjudgment, misspeak, naïveté, rashness, recklessness, screw-up\*, simple-mindedness, slip\*, slip of the tongue\*, slip-up\*, stumble, stupidity, tactlessness, thoughtlessness, unseemliness; CONCEPTS 101,633,674 —**Ant.** care, discreetness, discretion, right

**indiscriminate** [*adj*] *random, chaotic* aimless, assorted, broad, careless, confused, designless, desultory, extensive, general, haphazard, heterogeneous, hit-or-miss\*, imperceptive, jumbled, mingled, miscellaneous, mixed, mongrel, motley\*, multifarious, promiscuous, purposeless, shallow, spot, superficial, sweeping, unconsidered, uncritical, indiscriminating, unmethodical, unplanned, unselective, unsystematic, varied, variegated, wholesale\*, wide; CONCEPTS 403,542,585,772 —**Ant.** chosen, critical, discriminatory, methodical, particular, selective, specific, systematic

**indispensable** [*adj*] *necessary* basal, basic, cardinal, crucial, essential, fundamental, imperative, key, necessitous, needed, needful, prerequisite, primary, required, requisite, vital; CONCEPT 546 —**Ant.** dispensable, needless, nonessential, redundant, superfluous, unnecessary

**indisposed** [*adj*1] *not well* ailing, below par, confined, down, down with\*, feeling rotten\*, got a bug\*, ill, infirm, laid up\*, on sick list\*, out of action\*, poorly, sick, sickly, under the weather\*, unwell; CONCEPT 314 —**Ant.** healthy, well

**indisposed** [*adj*2] *unwilling* afraid, antagonistic, antipathetic, averse, backward, disinclined, hesitant, hostile, inimical, loath, reluctant, uncaring, uneager, uninclined; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** bent, disposed, inclined, tending, willing

**indisputable** [*adj*] *beyond doubt* absolute, accurate, actual, certain, double-checked, evident, incontrovertible, incontrovertible, indubitable, irrefutable, no ifs ands or buts about it\*, no mistake\*, open and shut\*, positive, real, sure, that's a fact\*, true, unassailable, undeniable, undoubted, unfabled, unquestionable, veridical; CONCEPTS 535,582 —**Ant.** disputable, doubtful, dubious, indefinite, questionable, refutable, uncertain, unreliable, unsure, vague

**indistinct** [*adj*] *obscure, ambiguous* bleared, bleary, blurred, confused, dark, dim, doubtful, faint, fuzzy, hazy, ill-defined, inaudible, inconspicuous, indefinite, indeterminate, indiscernible, indistinguishable, inexact, misty, muffled, murky, out of focus, shadowy, unclear,

undefined, undetermined, unheard, unintelligible, vague, weak; CONCEPTS 485,535 —**Ant.** apparent, certain, defined, definite, discernible, distinct, evident, explicit, plain, positive, sure

**indistinguishable** [adj] *alike* duplicate, equivalent, identic, identical, like, same, tantamount, twin; CONCEPT 566 —**Ant.** different, distinguishable, unlike, unlike

**individual** [adj] *distinctive, exclusive* alone, characteristic, definite, diacritic, diagnostic, different, discrete, distinct, especial, express, idiosyncratic, indivisible, lone, odd, only, original, own, particular, peculiar, personal, personalized, proper, reserved, respective, secluded, select, separate, several, single, singular, sole, solitary, special, specific, uncommon, unique, unitary, unusual; CONCEPTS 404,564 —**Ant.** common, general, ordinary

**individual** [n] *singular person, thing* being, body, character, child, creature, dude\*, entity, existence, human being, man, material, matter, mortal, number, party, person, personage, self, singleton, somebody, something, soul, stuff, substance, type, unit, woman; CONCEPTS 389,433 —**Ant.** group

**individuality** [n] *personality* air, character, complexion, difference, discreteness, disposition, dissimilarity, distinction, distinctiveness, eccentricity, habit, humor, identity, idiosyncrasy, independence, individualism, ipseity, makeup, manner, nature, oddity, oneness, originality, particularity, peculiarity, rarity, seity, selfhood, selfness, separateness, singleness, singularity, singularness, temper, temperament, uniqueness, unity, unlikeness, way; CONCEPT 411

**individually** [adv] *separately* alone, apart, by oneself, distinctively, exclusively, independently, one at a time, one by one, personally, restrictedly, severally, singly, without help; CONCEPT 544 —**Ant.** together

**individual retirement account** [n] *IRA* Keogh plan, retirement plan, Roth IRA, self-funded retirement plan, tax-free savings account; CONCEPTS 335,340,446,710

**indoctrinate** [v] *brainwash* break down, convince, drill, ground, imbue, implant, inculcate, influence, initiate, instill, instruct, plant, program, school, teach, train, work over; CONCEPTS 14,285 —**Ant.** leave alone, neglect

**indolent** [adj] *lazy* drony, easygoing, faintant, idle, inactive, inert, lackadaisical, languid, lax, lazy, lethargic, listless, resting, shiftless, slothful, slow, slow-going, sluggish, torpid; CONCEPTS 538,542,584 —**Ant.** active, busy, diligent, energetic, enthusiastic, hard-working, industrious, intent

**indomitable** [adj] *steadfast, unyielding* dogged, impassable, impregnable, insuperable, insurmountable, invincible, invulnerable, obstinate, pertinacious, resolute, ruthless, staunch, stubborn, unassailable, unbeatable, unconquerable, undefeatable, unflinching, willful; CONCEPTS 404,489,534 —**Ant.** beatable, conquerable, unstable, weak, yielding

**indubitably** [adv] *unquestionably* certainly, definitely, for sure, indeed, no question, of course, positively, surely, undoubtedly, without doubt; CONCEPT 535

**induce** [v] *cause to happen; encourage* abet, activate, actuate, argue into, breed, bring about, bring around, bulldoze\*, cajole, cause, coax, convince, draw, draw in, effect, engender, generate, get\*, get up, give rise to, goose\*, impel, incite, influence, instigate, lead to, make, motivate, move, occasion, persuade, press, prevail upon, procure, produce, promote, prompt, sell one on\*, set in motion, soft-soap\*, squeeze, steamroll\*, suck in\*, sway, sweet-talk\*, talk into\*, twist one's arm\*, urge, wheedle, win over\*; CONCEPTS 14,68,242 —**Ant.** discourage, halt, hinder, prevent

**inducement** [n] *incentive, motive* attraction, bait, brainwash\*, carrot\*, cause, come-on\*, con\*, consideration, desire, encouragement, hard sell\*, hook\*, impulse, incitement, influence, leader, lure, reward, snow job\*, soft soap\*, spur, stimulus, sweet talk\*, temptation, twist, urge; CONCEPTS 68,661 —**Ant.** discouragement, disincentive, hindrance, prevention

**induct** [v] *take into an organization* conscript, draft, enlist, inaugurate, initiate, install, instate, introduce, invest, recruit, sign on, sign up, swear in; CONCEPTS 50,88,320,384 —**Ant.** blackball, expel, reject, turn away

**induction** [n1] *taking in, initiation* consecration, draft, entrance, greetings, inaugural, inauguration, installation, instatement, institution, introduction, investiture, ordination, selection; CONCEPTS 320,384,685 —**Ant.** blackballing, expulsion, rejection

**induction** [n2] *inference* conclusion, conjecture, deducement, generalization, judgment, logical reasoning, ratiocination, rationalization, reason; CONCEPTS 37,689

**indulge** [v1] *treat oneself or another* to allow, baby, cater, coddle, cosset, delight, entertain, favor, foster, give in, give rein to\*, go along, go easy on\*, gratify, humor, mollycoddle\*, nourish, oblige, pamper, pander, pet, please, regale, satiate, satisfy, spoil, spoil rotten\*, take care of\*, tickle, yield; CONCEPT 110 —**Ant.** disappoint, distress, hurt

**indulge** [v2] *luxuriate in* bask in, ego trip\*, enjoy, go in for\*, live it up\*, look out for number one\*, revel in, rollick\*, take part, wallow in; CONCEPT 20 —**Ant.** abstain, moderate, not use

**indulgence** [n] *luxury; gratification* allowance, appeasement, attention, babying\*, coddling\*, courtesy, endurance, excess, extravagance, favor, favoring, fondling, fondness, forbearance, fulfillment, goodwill, gratifying, hedonism, immoderation, intemperance, intemperateness, kindness, kowtowing\*, lenience, leniency, pampering, partiality, patience, permissiveness, petting, placating, pleasing, privilege, profligacy, profligateness, satiation, satisfaction, service, spoiling, toadying\*, tolerance, toleration, treating, understanding; CONCEPTS 337,657,712 —**Ant.** abstention, care, moderation, temperance

**indulgent** [adj] *lenient, giving* able to live with\*, big\*, charitable, clement, compassionate, complaisant, compliant, considerate, easy, easygoing, favorable, fond, forbearing, gentle, going along with\*, going easy on\*, gratifying, kind, kindly, liberal, merciful, mild, overpermissive, permissive, soft-shelled\*, tender, tolerant,



understanding; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* abstaining, moderate, moderating, strict, tempering

**industrial** [*adj*] *related to manufacturing* automated, business, factory-made, industrialized, in industry, machine-made, manufactured, manufacturing, mechanical, mechanized, modern, smokestack, streamlined, technical; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* domestic

**industrious** [*adj*] *hardworking* active, assiduous, ball of fire\*, burning, busy, conscientious, diligent, dynamic, eager, energetic, grind\*, in full swing\*, intent, involved, jumping, laborious, on the go\*, operose, perky\*, persevering, persistent, plugging, productive, psyched up on\*, purposeful, sedulous, spirited, steady, tireless, zealous; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* idle, inactive, indolent, lackadaisical, lazy, lethargic, slack, unemployed, unproductive

**industry** [*n1*] *manufacturing* big business\*, business, commerce, commercial enterprise, corporation, management, manufactory, megacorp\*, mob, monopoly, multinational, outfit\*, production, trade, traffic; CONCEPTS 323,325

**industry** [*n2*] *hard work* activity, application, assiduity, attention, care, determination, diligence, dynamism, effort, energy, enterprise, intentness, inventiveness, labor, pains, patience, perseverance, persistence, tirelessness, toil, vigor, zeal; CONCEPT 677 —*Ant.* idleness, indolence, laziness, lethargy, unemployment, worthlessness

**inebriated** [*adj*] *drunk* blind drunk\*, bombed, boozey, high\*, inebriate, intoxicated, loaded\*, plastered\*, smashed\*, tight\*, tipsy, under the influence, wasted\*; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* sober, straight

**ineffable** [*adj*] *too great for words* beyond words, celestial, divine, empyreal, empyrean, ethereal, heavenly, holy, ideal, impossible, incommunicable, incredible, indefinable, indescribable, inexpressible, nameless, sacred, spiritual, too sacred for words\*, transcendent, transcendental, unspeakable, unutterable, unutterable; CONCEPTS 267,574 —*Ant.* definable, describable, utterable

**ineffective/ineffectual** [*adj*] *weak, useless* abortive, anticlimactic, barren, bootless, defeasible, feckless, feeble, forceless, fruitless, futile, idle, impotent, inadequate, incompetent, indecisive, inefficacious, inefficient, inept, inferior, innocuous, inoperative, invertebrate, lame, limited, neutralized, nugatory, null, null and void\*, paltry, powerless, spineless, unable, unavailing, unfruitful, unproductive, unprofitable, unsuccessful, vain, void, withered, worthless; CONCEPTS 537,560 —*Ant.* competent, effective, effectual, efficient, powerful, strong, useful

**inefficient** [*adj*] *not working well; wasteful* can't hack it\*, careless, disorganized, extravagant, faulty, feeble, half-baked\*, improficient, improvident, incapable, incompetent, ineffective, inefficient, inefficacious, inept, inexpert, not cut out for\*, prodigal, shooting blanks\*, slack, slipshod, sloppy, slovenly, unfit, unprepared, unqualified, unskilled, unskillful, untrained, weak; CONCEPTS 402,527,560 —*Ant.* able, capable, competent, efficient, expert, useful

**inelegant** [*adj*] *clumsy, crude* awkward, coarse, crass, gauche, graceless, gross, indelicate, la-

bored, oafish, raw, rough, rude, stiff\*, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, ungainly, ungraceful, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar, wooden\*; CONCEPTS 267,542,555 —*Ant.* elegant, glamorous, graceful, refined, sophisticated

**ineligible** [*adj*] *not qualified* disqualified, inappropriate, incompetent, objectionable, ruled out, unacceptable, unavailable, undesirable, unequipped, unfit, unqualified, unsuitable; CONCEPTS 402,558 —*Ant.* acceptable, eligible, equipped, qualified, suitable

**inept** [*adj1*] *clumsy, unskilled; incompetent* all thumbs\*, artless, awkward, bumbling, bungling, butterfingers\*, gauche, halting, ineapt, incapable, incompetent, inefficient, inexpert, loser, maladroït, unapt, un Dexterous, unfacile, ungraceful, unhandy, unproficient, unskillful, wooden\*; CONCEPTS 402,527 —*Ant.* able, adroit, competent, dexterous, fit, skilled, skillful

**inept** [*adj2*] *not suitable; improper* absurd, ill-timed, inappropriate, inapt, infelicitous, malapropos, meaningless, not adapted, out of place\*, pointless, ridiculous, undue, unfit, unseasonable, unseemly, unsuitable; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* acceptable, proper, suitable

**inequality** [*n*] *prejudice; lack of balance* asperity, bias, contrast, difference, discrimination, disparity, disproportion, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, diversity, imparity, incommensurateness, injustice, irregularity, one-sidedness, partisanship, preferentiality, roughness, unequivalence, unevenness, unfairness, unjustness, variation; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* balance, equality, evenness, similarity

**inequitable** [*adj*] *unfair* arbitrary, biased, discriminatory, one-sided, partial, partisan, prejudiced, unbalanced, unequal, unethical, uneven, unjust; CONCEPTS 480,544,545,548

**inert** [*adj*] *not moving; lifeless* apathetic, asleep, dead, dormant, down, dull, idle, immobile, impassive, impotent, inactive, inanimate, indolent, languid, languorous, lazy, leaden, listless, motionless, numb, paralyzed, passive, phlegmatic, powerless, quiescent, quiet, slack, sleepy, slothful, sluggish, sluggish, slumberous, static, still, stolid, torpid, unmoving, unreactive, unresponsive; CONCEPTS 542,584 —*Ant.* active, alive, animated, lively, mobile, moving, working

**inertia** [*n*] *disinclination to move; lifelessness* apathy, deadness, drowsiness, dullness, idleness, immobility, immobilization, inactivity, indolence, languor, lassitude, laziness, lethargy, listlessness, occultancy, paralysis, passivity, sloth, sluggishness, stillness, stupor, torpidity, torpor, unresponsiveness; CONCEPT 657 —*Ant.* activity, animation, life, liveliness, moving

**inevitable** [*adj*] *certain; cannot be avoided* all locked up\*, assured, binding, compulsory, decided, decreed, destined, determined, doomed, fated, fateful, fixed, for certain, foreordained, imminent, impending, ineluctable, ineludible, inescapable, inexorable, inflexible, in the bag\*, irresistible, irrevocable, necessary, no ifs ands or buts\*, obligatory, ordained, pat\*, prescribed, settled, sure, unalterable, unavoidable, undeniable, unpreventable, without recourse; CONCEPTS 535,552 —*Ant.* avoidable, doubtful, escapable, fortuitous, preventable, uncertain, unlikely, unsure

**inexcusable** [*adj*] *not forgivable* blamable, blameworthy, censurable, criticizable, impermissible, indefensible, inexpiable, intolerable, outrageous, reprehensible, unallowable, unforgivable, unjustifiable, unpardonable, unpermissible, untenable, unwarrantable, wrong; CONCEPTS 545,570 —*Ant.* excusable, forgivable, justifiable

**inexhaustible** [*adj*] *unlimited* bountiful, endless, infinite, limitless, never-ending, no end to\*, numberless; CONCEPT 772

**inexhaustible** [*adj*] *tireless* enduring, indefatigable, unflagging, untiring, unwearied, vigorous; CONCEPTS 538,542

**inexorable** [*adj*] *cruel, pitiless* adamant, adamantine, bound, bound and determined\*, compulsory, dead set on\*, dogged, hard, harsh, hell bent on\*, immobile, immovable, implacable, ineluctable, inescapable, inflexible, iron-clad, like death and taxes\*, locked in\*, mean business\*, merciless, necessary, no going back\*, obdurate, obstinate, relentless, remorseless, resolute, rigid, set in stone\*, severe, single-minded, stubborn, unappeasable, unbending, uncompromising, unmovable, unrelenting, unyielding; CONCEPTS 401,534 —*Ant.* flexible, lenient, merciful, remorseful, yielding

**inexpensive** [*adj*] *not high priced* bargain, budget, buy, cheap, cost next to nothing\*, cut-rate, dime a dozen\*, dirt-cheap\*, economical, for a song\*, half-price, low, low-cost, low-priced, marked down, modest, nominal, popular, popularly priced, real buy\*, real steal\*, reasonable, reduced, steal, thrifty; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* costly, dear, expensive, high-cost, high-priced

**inexperienced** [*adj*] *unskilled, unfamiliar* amateur, callow, fresh, green\*, ignorant, immature, inept, inexperienced, innocent, kid\*, naive, new, apprentice, raw\*, rookie, rude, sophomore, spring chicken\*, tenderfoot\*, unaccustomed, unacquainted, unconversant, undisciplined, unfamiliar with, unflagged, unpracticed, un schooled, unseasoned, unsophisticated, untrained, untried, unused, unversed, unworldly, verdant, wet behind ears\*, young; CONCEPTS 402,404,527 —*Ant.* educated, experienced, expert, familiar, schooled, seasoned, skilled, trained, versed

**inexplicable** [*adj*] *beyond comprehension, explanation* baffling, enigmatic, incomprehensible, indecipherable, indescribable, inexplicable, inscrutable, insoluble, mysterious, mystifying, obscure, odd, peculiar, puzzling, strange, unaccountable, undefinable, unexplainable, unfathomable, unintelligible, unsolvable; CONCEPTS 267,529 —*Ant.* comprehensible, explainable, explicable, intelligible

**infallible** [*adj*] *unerring, dependable* acceptable, accurate, agreeable, apodictic, authoritative, certain, correct, effective, effectual, efficacious, efficient, exact, faultless, flawless, foolproof, handy, helpful, impeccable, incontrovertible, inerrable, inerrant, omniscient, perfect, positive, reliable, satisfactory, satisfying, sure, surefire, true, trustworthy, unbeatable, undecivable, unailing, unimpeachable, unquestionable, useful; CONCEPTS 535,560,574 —*Ant.* erring, fallible, faulty, imperfect

**infamous** [*adj*] *shameful, bad in reputation* abominable, atrocious, base, caitiff, con-

temptible, corrupt, degenerate, despicable, detestable, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, egregious, evil, flagitious, foul, hateful, heinous, ignominious, ill-famed, iniquitous, loathsome, miscreant, monstrous, nefarious, notorious, odious, offensive, opprobrious, outrageous, perverse, questionable, rotten, scandalous, scurvy, shady, shocking, sorry, unhealthy, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked; CONCEPTS 404,545,570 —*Ant.* dignified, glorious, good, innocent, moral, perfect, principled, pure, respectable, righteous, virtuous

**infamy** [*n*] *shameful, bad reputation* abomination, atrocity, disapprobation, discredit, disesteem, disgrace, dishonor, disrepute, enormity, evil, ignominy, immorality, impropriety, notoriety, notoriousness, obloquy, odium, opprobrium, outrageousness, scandal, shame, stigma, villainy, wickedness; CONCEPTS 411,645 —*Ant.* dignity, goodness, innocence, morality, righteousness, virtue

**infant** [*n*] *baby* babe, bairn, bambino, bantling, bundle, child, kid, little one, neonate, newborn, small child, suckling, toddler, tot; CONCEPTS 414,424 —*Ant.* adult

**infant/infantile** [*adj*] *very young* baby, babyish, callow, childish, childlike, dawning, developing, early, emergent, green\*, growing, immature, infantine, initial, juvenile, kid, naive, nascent, newborn, puerile, tender, unflagged, unripe, weak, youthful; CONCEPTS 542,578,797,820 —*Ant.* adult, grown-up, mature

**infatuated** [*adj*] *in love with; obsessed* beguiled, besotted, bewitched, captivated, carried away\*, charmed, crazy about\*, enamored, enraptured, far gone on\*, fascinated, foolish, inflated, intoxicated, possessed, seduced, silly\*, smitten, spellbound, under a spell\*; CONCEPTS 32,403 —*Ant.* desponding, disenchanted, hating

**infect** [*v*] *pollute, contaminate* affect, blight, corrupt, defile, disease, influence, poison, spoil, spread among, spread to, taint, touch, vitiate; CONCEPTS 143,246

**infection** [*n*] *contamination* bug\*, communicability, contagion, contagiousness, corruption, defilement, disease, epidemic, flu, germs, impurity, insanitation, poison, pollution, septicity, virus, what's going around\*; CONCEPTS 230,306 —*Ant.* sanitation, sterility

**infectious** [*adj*] *catching, spreading* communicable, contagious, contaminating, corrupting, defiling, diseased, epidemic, infective, mephitic, miasmatic, noxious, pestilent, pestilential, poisoning, polluting, toxic, transferable, transmittable, virulent, vitiating; CONCEPTS 314,559 —*Ant.* antiseptic, germless, harmless, non-infectious, uncommunicable, uncontagious

**infer** [*v*] *conclude* arrive at, ascertain, assume, believe, collect, conjecture, construe, deduce, derive, draw, draw inference, figure, figure out, gather, glean, guess, induce, interpret, intuit, judge, presume, presuppose, reach conclusion, read between lines\*, read into\*, reason, reckon, speculate, suppose, surmise, think, understand; CONCEPTS 12,15,37 —*Ant.* misconceive, misunderstand

**inference** [*n*] *conclusion, deduction* assumption, conjecture, corollary, guess, hint, interpre-

tation, presumption, reading, reasoning, supposition; CONCEPT 689

**inferior** [adj1] *less in rank, importance* back seat\*, bottom, bottom-rung\*, entry-level, junior, less, lesser, lower, menial, minor, minus, nether, peon, second, secondary, second-banana\*, second-fiddle\*, second-string\*, smaller, subadjacent, subordinate, subsidiary, under, underneath; CONCEPT 567 —**Ant.** best, better, extraordinary, first-class, first-rate, foremost, superior

**inferior** [adj2] *poor, second-rate* average, bad, base, common, déclassé, fair, good-for-nothing\*, hack\*, imperfect, indifferent, junk\*, lemon\*, lousy, low-grade, low-rent\*, mean, mediocre, middling, ordinary, paltry, poorer, sad, second-class, sorry\*, substandard, tawdry, two-bit\*, worse, wretched; CONCEPT 574

**inferior** [n] *person of lesser rank, importance* adherent, attendant, auxiliary, deputy, disciple, follower, hanger-on, hireling, junior, menial, minion, minor, peon, satellite, second banana\*, subaltern, subject, subordinate, sycophant, underling; CONCEPTS 348,423 —**Ant.** superior

**infernal** [adj] *dammned; underworld* accursed, blamed, blasted, chthonian, confounded, cursed, cussed, damnable, demonic, devilish, diabolical, execrable, fiendish, hellish, lower, malevolent, malicious, monstrous, nether, satanic, subterranean, sulphurous, wicked; CONCEPT 536 —**Ant.** heavenly, otherworldly

**inferno** [n] *hell* blazes\*, bottomless pit\*, everlasting fire\*, fire and brimstone\*, Hades, hellfire, netherworld, purgatory, underworld; CONCEPTS 370,435,674

**infertile** [adj] *not bearing fruit, young* barren, depleted, drained, effete, exhausted, impotent, impoverished, infecund, nonproductive, sterile, unbearing, uninfertile, unfruitful, unproductive; CONCEPTS 406,560 —**Ant.** fertile, fruitful, potent, productive

**infest** [adj] *flood, overrun* abound, annoy, assail, beset, crawl, crowd, defile, fill, flock, harass, harry, infect, invade, overspread, overwhelm, pack, penetrate, pester, plague, pollute, press, ravage, swarm, teem, throng, worry; CONCEPTS 14,86,179

**infidel** [n] *nonbeliever* agnostic, atheist, gentile, heathen, heretic, nonworshiper, pagan, unbeliever; CONCEPT 689

**infidelity** [n] *disloyalty to an obligation* adultery, affair, bad faith, betrayal, cheating, duplicity, extramarital relations, faithlessness, falseness, falsity, inconstancy, lewdness, perfidiousness, perfidy, treacherousness, treachery, treason, two-timing\*, unfaithfulness; CONCEPTS 388,645 —**Ant.** faithfulness, fidelity, loyalty

**infiltrate** [v] *creep in* access, crack\*, edge in, filter through, foist, impregnate, insinuate, penetrate, percolate\*, permeate, pervade, saturate, sneak in, tinge, work into, worm into\*; CONCEPTS 159,179

**infinite** [adj] *limitless, without end* absolute, all-embracing, bottomless, boundless, enduring, enormous, eternal, everlasting, illimitable, immeasurable, immense, incalculable, incessant, inestimable, inexhaustible, interminable, measureless, million, never-ending, no end of, no end to, numberless, perdurable, perpetual, sempiternal, stupendous, supertemporal, supreme,

total, unbounded, uncounted, unending, untold, vast, wide, without limit, without number; CONCEPTS 762,781,798 —**Ant.** bounded, calculable, confined, countable, definite, ephemeral, finite, fleeting, limited, measurable

**infinitesimal** [adj] *small* atomic, imperceptible, inappreciable, inconsiderable, insignificant, little, microscopic, miniature, minuscule, minute, negligible, teeny\*, tiny, unnoticeable; CONCEPTS 773,789 —**Ant.** big, huge, large, significant, substantial

**infinity** [n] *endlessness* beyond, boundlessness, continuity, continuum, endless time, eternity, expanse, extent, immeasurability, immensity, infinitude, limitlessness, myriad, perpetuity, sempiternity, space, ubiquity, unlimited space, vastitude, vastness; CONCEPTS 730,807 —**Ant.** bounds, definiteness, ending, finiteness, limitation

**infirm** [adj] *sick, weak* ailing, anemic, anile, debilitated, decrepit, delicate, enfeebled, failing, faint, faltering, feeble, flimsy, fragile, frail, halting, ill, insecure, irresolute, laid low\*, lame, sensile, shaky, unsound, unstable, unsubstantial, vacillating, wavering, wobbly; CONCEPTS 314,485,489 —**Ant.** firm, healthy, hearty, robust, sound, strong

**infirmity** [n] *weakness, sickness* affliction, ailing, ailment, confinement, debilitation, debility, decay, decrepitude, defect, deficiency, disease, diseasedness, disorder, failing, fault, feebleness, flu, frailty, ill health, imperfection, indisposition, malady, malaise, shortcoming, sickness, unhealth, unhealthiness, unwellness, vulnerability; CONCEPTS 306,674,732 —**Ant.** good health, healthiness, robustness, soundness, strength

**inflame** [v] *anger, aggravate* agitate, annoy, arouse, burn, disturb, embitter, enrage, exacerbate, exasperate, excite, fan, fire, fire up, foment, gall, get\*, grate, heat, heat up, ignite, impassion, incense, increase, infuriate, intensify, intoxicate, irritate, kindle, light, madden, provoke, put out\*, rile, roil, rouse, steam up, stimulate, vex, worsen; CONCEPTS 7,14,19,22,249 —**Ant.** alleviate, appease, cool, pacify, placate, put out, quench, soothe, tranquilize

**inflammable** [adj] *ready to burn* burnable, combustible, dangerous, flammable, hazardous, ignitable, incendiary, risky, unsafe; CONCEPT 485 —**Ant.** fire-proof, incombustible, nonflammable, non-inflammable

**inflammation** [n] *redness, swelling* burning, infection, irritation, pain, rash, sore, tenderness; CONCEPTS 306,309

**inflammatory** [adj] *instigative, angering* anarchic, demagogic, exciting, explosive, fiery, incendiary, incitive, inflaming, insurgent, intemperate, provocative, rabble-raising\*, rabid, rebellious, revolutionary, riotous, seditious, seditious; CONCEPTS 537,542 —**Ant.** calming, mitigating, placating, pleasing, tranquilizing

**inflate** [v] *blow up, increase* aerate, aggrandize, amplify, augment, balloon\*, beef up\*, bloat, boost, build up, cram\*, dilate, distend, enlarge, escalate, exaggerate, exalt, expand, flesh out\*, magnify, maximize, overestimate, pad\*, puff up\*, pump up\*, pyramid, raise, spread, stretch,

surcharge, swell up\*, widen; CONCEPTS 236,245,780 —*Ant.* compress, contract, deflate, let air out, shrink

**inflated** [*adj*] *exaggerated* aggrandized, amplified, augmented, austere, bloated, bombastic, diffuse, dilated, distended, dropsical, enlarged, ephuistic, extended, filled, flatulent, flowery, fustian, grandiloquent, grown, magnified, magniloquent, ostentatious, overblown, overestimated, pompous, pretentious, prolix, puffed, pumped up, ranting, rhapsodical, rhetorical, showy, spread, stretched, surcharged, swollen, tumescent, tumid, turgid, verbose, windy, wordy; CONCEPTS 267,773 —*Ant.* deflated, shrunken

**inflation** [*n*] *increase, swelling* aggrandize-ment, blowing up, boom, boost, buildup, distension, enhancement, enlargement, escalation, expansion, extension, hike, intensification, prosperity, puffiness, rise, spread, tumefaction; CONCEPTS 335,763,780 —*Ant.* compression, decrease, deflation, shrinkage

**inflection** [*n*] *accent, intonation* articulation, change, emphasis, enunciation, modulation, pitch, pronunciation, sound, timbre, tonality, tone, tone of voice, variation; CONCEPTS 65,595 —*Ant.* monotone

**inflexible** [*adj*1] *stubborn* adamant, adamantine, determined, dogged, dyed-in-the-wool\*, firm, fixed, hard, hard-and-fast\*, immovable, immutable, implacable, indomitable, inexorable, intractable, iron, obdurate, obstinate, relentless, resolute, rigid, rigorous, set, set in one's ways\*, single-minded, stand one's ground\*, staunch, steadfast, steely, stiff, strict, stringent, unadaptable, unbending, unchangeable, uncompliant, uncompromising, unrelenting, unswayable, unyielding; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* flexible, reasonable, willing, yielding

**inflexible** [*adj*2] *hardened, stiff* hard, immalleable, impliable, inelastic, nonflexible, rigid, set, starched, taut, unbending; CONCEPT 604 —*Ant.* bendable, elastic, flexible, pliable, pliant, resilient, soft

**inflict** [*v*] *impose something* administer, apply, bring upon, command, deal out, deliver, dispense, exact, expose, extort, force, force upon, give, give it to\*, lay down the law\*, levy, mete out, require, stick it to\*, strike, subject, visit, wreak; CONCEPTS 50,53,88,242

**influence** [*n*] *power, authority* access, agency, ascendancy, character, clout, command, connections, consequence, control, credit, direction, domination, dominion, drag, effect, esteem, fame, fix, force, grease\*, guidance, hold, impact, importance, imprint, in, juice\*, leadership, leverage, magnetism, mark, moment, money, monopoly, network, notoriety, predominance, prerogative, pressure, prestige, prominence, pull, repercussions, reputation, ropes\*, rule, significance, spell, supremacy, sway, weight\*; CONCEPT 687 —*Ant.* impotence, incapacity, inferiority, powerlessness, weakness

**influence** [*v*] *lead to believe, do act upon, affect, alter, argue into, arouse, be recognized, bias, brainwash\*, bribe, bring to bear, carry weight, change, channel, compel, control, count, determine, direct, dispose, form, get at\*, guide, have a part in, impact on, impel,*

*impress, incite, incline, induce, instigate, manipulate, modify, mold, move, persuade, predispose, prejudice, prevail, prompt, pull strings\*, regulate, rouse, lure, seduce, sell, shape, snow\*, sway, talk into, train, turn, urge, work upon; CONCEPTS 18,68,242*

**influential** [*adj*] *effective, powerful* affecting, authoritative, big-gun\*, big-wheel\*, controlling, dominant, efficacious, famous, forcible, governing, guiding, hot-dog\*, important, impressive, inspiring, instrumental, leading, major-league\*, meaningful, momentous, moving, name, persuasive, potent, prominent, significant, strong, substantial, telling, touching, weighty; CONCEPTS 537,568 —*Ant.* ineffective, ineffectual, unimportant, uninfluential, unmoving, weak

**influx** [*n*] *flow, rush* arrival, coming in, convergence, entrance, incursion, inflow, impouring, inrush, introduction, inundation, invasion, penetration; CONCEPTS 159,179,786

**informercial** [*n*] *full-length television program existing solely to market a product* advertorial, commercial, demonstration, docutainment, infotainment, paid announcement; CONCEPT 277

**inform** [*v*] *communicate knowledge, information* acquaint, advise, apprise, betray, blab\*, brief, caution, clue, edify, educate, endow, endue, enlighten, familiarize, fill in, forewarn, give a pointer, give a tip, give away, give two cents\*, illuminate, inspire, instruct, invest, leak, let in on\*, let know, level, make conversant with, notify, post, relate, send word, show the ropes\*, snitch, squeal, tattle, teach, tell, tell on, tip, tout, update, warn, wise; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, secret

**informal** [*adj*] *casual, simple* breezy, colloquial, congenial, cool\*, democratic, down home\*, easy, easygoing, everyday, extempore, familiar, folksy, frank, free, free-and-easy\*, homey, improv\*, inconspicuous, intimate, laid back\*, loose, low-pressure, mellow, mixed, motley, natural, off-the-cuff\*, open, ordinary, relaxed, spontaneous, sporty, straightforward, throwaway\*, unceremonious, unconstrained, unconventional, unussy, unofficial, unrestrained, urbane, without ceremony; CONCEPTS 548,589 —*Ant.* buttoned-up, ceremonious, dressed-up, formal, official, rigid, stiff

**informant/informer** [*n*] *person who delivers news* accuser, adviser, announcer, betrayer, blabbermouth\*, canary\*, crier, deep throat\*, double-crosser, herald, interviewer, journalist, messenger, newscaster/newsperson, notifier, preacher, propagandist, rat\*, reporter, sneak, source, stool pigeon\*, tattler, tattletale; CONCEPTS 348,354,423

**information** [*n*] *facts, news* advice, ammo\*, break\*, chapter and verse\*, clue, confidence, counsel, cue, data, dirt\*, dope\*, dossier, earful\*, enlightenment, erudition, illumination, info\*, inside story\*, instruction, intelligence, knowledge, leak, learning, lore, lowdown\*, material, message, network, notice, notification, orientation, propaganda, report, science, scoop, score, tidings, tip, what's what\*, whole story\*, wisdom, word\*; CONCEPT 274 —*Ant.* ignorance

**informative** [*adj*] *educational* advisory, chatty, communicative, descriptive, edifying,

educative, elucidative, enlightening, explanatory, forthcoming, gossipy, illuminating, informational, instructional, instructive, newsy, revealing, revelatory, significant; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* unilluminating, unimportant, uninformative, useless

**informed** [*adj*] *cognizant, conversant* abreast, acquainted, apprized, au courant\*, au fait\*, briefed, enlightened, erudite, expert, familiar, in the know\*, into\*, knowledgeable, know the score\*, know what's what\*, learned, on top of\*, posted\*, primed\*, reliable, savvy\*, tuned in\*, up\*, up on\*, up-to-date, versant, versed, well-read, wise to\*; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, unaware, uninformed, unknowledgeable

**infraction** [*n*] *violation* breach, breaking, contravention, crime, error, faux pas, infringement, lapse, offense, sin, slip\*, transgression, trespass; CONCEPTS 192,645 —*Ant.* obedience

**infrastructure** [*n*] *foundation* base, footing, framework, groundwork, root, support, underpinning; CONCEPTS 442,826

**infrequent** [*adj*] *not happening regularly* exceptional, few, few and far between\*, isolated, limited, meager, occasional, odd, rare, scant, scanty, scarce, scattered, seldom, semioccasional, sparse, spasmodic, sporadic, stray, uncommon, unusual; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* common, frequent, often, usual

**infringe** [*v*] *violate* borrow, breach, break, contravene, crash, disobey, encroach, entrench, impose, infract, intrude, invade, lift, meddle, obtrude, offend, pirate, presume, steal, trespass, trespass; CONCEPTS 192,384 —*Ant.* comply, discharge, obey, observe

**infuriate** [*v*] *make angry* aggravate, anger, enrage, exasperate, incense, ire, irritate, madden, make blood boil\*, provoke, rile, T-off\*, umbrage; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* make happy, please

**infuse** [*v*] *introduce; soak* impregnate, breathe into, imbue, impart, implant, innigrate, inculcate, indoctrinate, ingrain, inoculate, inspire, instill, intersperse, invest, leaven, permeate, pervade, plant, saturate, steep, suffuse; CONCEPTS 140, 179,187

**ingenious** [*adj*] *clever; brilliant* able, adroit, artistic, bright, canny, crafty, creative, cunning, deviceful, dexterous, gifted, imaginative, innovative, innovative, innovatory, intelligent, inventive, original, ready, resourceful, shrewd, skillful, sly, subtle; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* awkward, dumb, ignorant, incompetent, inept, stupid

**ingenuity** [*n*] *cleverness* ability, adroitness, astuteness, brains, brightness, brilliance, creativity, cunning, dexterity, flair, genius, gumption, intelligence, inventiveness, resourcefulness, shrewdness, skill, smartness, talent, wisdom, wit; CONCEPT 409

**ingenuous** [*adj*] *honest, trustful* artless, candid, childlike, frank, green\*, guileless, innocent, like a babe in the woods\*, naive, natural, open, outspoken, plain, simple, sincere, square, straightforward, trusting, unaffected, unartful, unartificial, undisguised, unreserved, unschooled, unsophisticated, unstudied, up front\*; CONCEPTS 267,542,589 —*Ant.* deceitful, dishonest, sly

**ingest** [*v*] *swallow* absorb, consume, devour, digest, down, drink, eat, inhale; CONCEPT 169

**inglorious** [*adj*] *disgraceful* blameworthy, contemptible, degrading, detestable, dishonorable, disreputable, ignoble, ignominious, offensive, reprehensible, shameful, unrespectable, unworthy; CONCEPT 555

**ingrained** [*adj*] *deep-rooted* built-in, chronic, confirmed, congenital, constitutional, deep-seated, fixed, fundamental, hereditary, implanted, inborn, inbred, inbuilt, indelible, indwelling, ineradicable, inherent, innate, in the blood\*, intrinsic, inveterate, rooted; CONCEPTS 535,549 —*Ant.* superficial, surface

**ingratiating** [*v*] *get on the good side of someone* attract, blandish, brownnose\*, captivate, charm, crawl, flatter, get in with\*, grovel, hand a line\*, insinuate oneself, kowtow\*, play up to\*, seek favor, truckle; CONCEPTS 7,22,68 —*Ant.* deter, disgust, repel

**ingratiating** [*adj*] *fawning, servile* charming, crawling, deferential, disarming, flattering, humble, insinuating, obsequious, saccharine, serving, silken, smarmy, soft, sycophantic, toadying\*, unctuous; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* deterring, disgusting, repellent

**ingredient** [*n*] *component of concoction* additive, constituent, element, factor, fixing, fundamental, innards, integral, integrant, making, part, part and parcel\*, piece; CONCEPT 835 —*Ant.* whole

**inhabit** [*v*] *take up residence* in abide, crash, dwell, indwell, live, locate, lodge, make one's home, occupy, park, people, perch, populate, possess, reside, roost, settle, squat, stay, tenant; CONCEPT 226 —*Ant.* depart, leave, move, vacate

**inhabitant** [*n*] *person who is resident of habitation* aborigine, addressee, autochthon, boarder, citizen, colonist, denizen, dweller, householder, incumbent, indweller, inmate, lessee, lodger, native, neighbor, occupant, occupier, renter, resider, roomer, settler, squatter, suburbanite, tenant, urbanite; CONCEPTS 354,413

**inhale** [*v*] *breathe in* drag, draw in, gasp, inspire, insufflate, puff, pull, respire, smell, sniff, snort, suck in; CONCEPTS 163,601 —*Ant.* breathe out, exhale

**inherent** [*adj*] *basic, hereditary* built-in, characteristic, congenital, connate, constitutional, deep-rooted, deep-seated, distinctive, elementary, essential, fixed, fundamental, genetic, immanent, implicit, inborn, inbred, inbuilt, indigenous, indispensable, individual, indwelling, ingrained, inherited, innate, inner, instinctive, integral, integrated, internal, in the grain, intimate, intrinsic, inward, latent, native, natural, original, part and parcel\*, resident, running in the family\*, subjective, unalienable; CONCEPTS 404,549 —*Ant.* acquired, added, external, extrinsic, incidental, learned

**inherit** [*v*] *gain as possession from someone's death* accede, acquire, be bequeathed, be granted, be left, come in for, come into, derive, fall heir, get, obtain, receive, succeed, take over; CONCEPTS 124,317

**inheritance** [*n*] *possession gained through someone's death* bequest, birthright, devise, estate, gift, heirloom, heritage, heritage, legacy, primogeniture; CONCEPT 337

**inherited** [*adj*] *hereditary* congenital, connate, genetic, handed down, inborn, inbred, innate, in the blood, in the genes, passed down, rooted; CONCEPT 549

**inhibit** [*v*] *restrict, prevent* arrest, avert, bar, bit, bridle, check, constrain, cramp, curb, discourage, enjoin, faze, forbid, frustrate, hung up\*, hinder, hog-tie\*, hold back, hold down, hold in, impede, interdict, keep in, obstruct, outlaw, prohibit, put on brakes\*, repress, restrain, sandbag\*, stop, stymie, suppress, taboo\*, ward, withhold; CONCEPTS 121,130 —*Ant.* aid, allow, approve, assist, free, help

**inhibited** [*adj*] *shy* bottled up\*, cold, constrained, frustrated, guarded, hung up\*, passionless, repressed, reserved, reticent, self-conscious, subdued, un demonstrative, unresponsive, uptight, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* aggressive, bold, forward, immodest, self-confident

**inhibition** [*n*] *restriction, hindrance* bar, barrier, blockage, check, embargo, hangup, interdict, interference, obstacle, prevention, prohibition, reserve, restraint, reticence, self-consciousness, shyness, sublimation, suppression; CONCEPTS 411,657 —*Ant.* aid, approval, assistance, freedom, help, liberation

**inhospitable** [*adj*] *unfriendly* brusque, cold, cool, hostile, rude, short, un congenial, unfavorable, ungenerous, unkind, unresponsive, unsociable, unwelcoming; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* friendly, generous, hospitable, kind

**inhuman/inhumane** [*adj*] *animal, savage* barbaric, barbarous, bestial, brutal, cannibalistic, cold-blooded, cruel, devilish, diabolical, fell, ferocious, fiendish, fierce, grim, hateful, heartless, implacable, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, merciless, pitiless, relentless, remorseless, ruthless, truculent, uncompassionate, unfeeling, unkind, unrelenting, unsympathetic, vicious; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* animate, human/humane, sensate

**inhumanity** [*n*] *lack of compassion* atrocity, barbarism, bloodthirstiness, brutality, brutishness, callousness, cold-bloodedness, cruelty, ferocity, heartlessness, maliciousness, ruthlessness, savagery, viciousness, violence; CONCEPTS 29,645

**inimical** [*adj*] *antagonistic, contrary* adverse, antipathetic, destructive, disaffected, harmful, hostile, hurtful, ill, ill-disposed, inimicable, injurious, noxious, opposed, oppugnant, pernicious, repugnant, unfavorable, unfriendly, unwelcoming; CONCEPTS 401,537 —*Ant.* friendly, hospitable, kind

**inimitable** [*adj*] *incomparable* consummate, matchless, nonpareil, peerless, perfect, supreme, unequalled, unexampled, unique, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivalled, unsurpassable; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* comparable, indistinctive, matchable

**iniquity** [*n*] *sin, evil* abomination, baseness, crime, evildoing, heinousness, immorality, infamy, injustice, miscreancy, misdeed, offense, sinfulness, unfairness, unrighteousness, wickedness, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* good, goodness, virtue

**initial** [*adj*] *beginning, primary* antecedent, basic, commencing, earliest, early, elementary, embryonic, first, foremost, fundamental, germi-

nal, headmost, inaugural, inceptive, inchoate, incipient, infant, initiative, initiatory, introductory, leading, nascent, opening, original, pioneer, virgin; CONCEPTS 585,799,828 —*Ant.* closing, final, last

**initiate** [*v1*] *start, introduce* admit, begin, break the ice\*, come out with, come up with, commence, dream up, enter, get ball rolling\*, get feet wet\*, get under way, inaugurate, induct, install, instate, institute, intro\*, invest, kick off\*, launch, make up, open, originate, pioneer, set in motion, set up, take in, take up, trigger, usher in; CONCEPT 221 —*Ant.* close, conclude, end, finish, terminate

**initiate** [*v2*] *teach* brief, coach, edify, enlighten, familiarize, indoctrinate, induct, inform, instate, instruct, introduce, invest, train; CONCEPT 285 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**initiation** [*n*] *start, introduction* admission, baptism, beginning, commencement, debut, enrollment, entrance, inaugural, inauguration, inception, indoctrination, induction, installation, instatement, investiture, preliminaries; CONCEPTS 221,386 —*Ant.* close, conclusion, end, ending, finish, termination

**initiative** [*n*] *eagerness to do something* action, ambition, drive, dynamism, energy, enterprise, enthusiasm, get-up-and-go\*, gumption\*, inventiveness, leadership, moxie\*, originality, punch, push, resource, resourcefulness, spunk\*, steam\*, vigor; CONCEPTS 411,657 —*Ant.* indifference, lethargy

**inject** [*v1*] *put in, introduce* add, drag in, force into, imbue, implant, impregnate, include, infuse, insert, instill, interjuculate, interject, place into, squeeze in, stick in, throw in; CONCEPTS 187,208,209 —*Ant.* take out

**inject** [*v2*] *introduce into bloodstream by use of a needle* give a shot, inoculate, jab, mainline\*, shoot, vaccinate; CONCEPTS 179,310

**injection** [*n*] *introduction into bloodstream* booster, dose, dram, enema, inoculation, needle, vaccine; CONCEPT 311

**injunction** [*n*] *decree* admonition, ban, bar, behest, bidding, charge, command, demand, dictate, embargo, enjoiner, exhortation, instruction, mandate, order, precept, prohibition, ruling, word, writ; CONCEPTS 271,318

**injure** [*v*] *hurt, harm* abuse, aggrieve, batter, blemish, blight, break, contort, cripple, cut up, damage, deface, deform, disable, disfigure, distort, distress, do in\*, draw blood\*, foul, foul up, grieve, hack up, impair, maim, maltreat, mangle, mar, mutilate, pain, pique, prejudice, ruin, shake up, spoil, sting, tarnish, torment, torture, total, undermine, vitiate, wax, weaken, wound, wrong; CONCEPT 246 —*Ant.* aid, assist, cure, fix, heal, help, mend

**injurious** [*adj*] *hurtful* abusive, adverse, bad, baneful, corrupting, damaging, dangerous, deadly, deleterious, destructive, detrimental, disadvantageous, evil, harmful, iniquitous, insulting, libeling, mischievous, nocent, nocuous, noxious, opprobrious, pernicious, poisonous, prejudicial, ruinous, slanderous, uncondusive, unhealthy, unjust, wrongful; CONCEPTS 537,570 —*Ant.* aiding, assisting, beneficial, constructive, curing, fixing, good, healing, helpful, mending, nice

**injury** [*n*] *hurt, harm* abrasion, abuse, affliction, affront, agony, bad, bite, blemish, boo-boo\*, bruise, burn, chop, cramp, cut, damage, deformation, detriment, discomfiture, disservice, distress, evil, fracture, gash, grievance, hemorrhage, ill, impairment, indignity, injustice, insult, laceration, lesion, libel, loss, mischief, misery, mutilation, nick, ouch\*, outrage, pang, ruin, scar, scratch, shock, slander, sore, sprain, stab, sting, suffering, swelling, trauma, twinge, wound, wrong; CONCEPTS 309,728 —*Ant.* aid, assistance, benefit, blessing, favor, good, health, help, right

**injustice** [*n*] *unfair treatment; bias* abuse, breach, crime, crying shame\*, damage, dirty deal\*, discrimination, encroachment, favoritism, grievance, inequality, inequity, infraction, infringement, iniquity, malfeasance, malpractice, maltreatment, miscarriage, mischief, negligence, offense, onesidedness, oppression, outrage, partiality, partisanship, prejudice, railroad\*, ruin, sellout\*, transgression, trespass, unfairness, unjustness, unlawfulness, villainy, violation, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 192,645,674 —*Ant.* equality, equity, ethics, fairness, impartiality, justice, lawfulness, morality

**inking** [*n*] *idea, clue* conception, cue, faintest idea\*, foggiest idea\*, glimmering, hint, hot lead\*, hunch\*, impression, indication, innuendo, intimation, lead, notion, sneaking suspicion\*, suggestion, suspicion, tip, tipoff, whisper; CONCEPT 689

**inlet** [*n*] *arm of the sea* basin, bay, bayou, bight, canal, channel, cove, creek, delta, entrance, estuary, firth, fjord, gulf, harbor, ingress, loch, narrows, passage, slew, slough, sound, strait; CONCEPTS 509,514

**inn** [*n*] *accommodation for travellers* auberge, hospice, hostel, hostelry, hotel, lodge, motel, public house, resort, roadhouse, saloon, tavern; CONCEPTS 439,449,516

**innards** [*n*] *internal organs* bowels, entrails, guts, insides, intestines, numbles, viscera, vital organs; CONCEPT 393

**innate** [*adj*] *inherited, native* congenital, connate, connatural, constitutional, deep-seated, elemental, essential, hereditary, inborn, inbred, indigenous, ingrained, inherent, instinctive, intrinsic, intuitive, natural, normal, regular, standard, typical, unacquired; CONCEPTS 406,549 —*Ant.* acquired, extrinsic, learned

**inner** [*adj*1] *central, middle physically* close, constitutional, essential, familiar, focal, inherent, inermore, inside, interior, internal, intestinal, intimate, intrinsic, inward, nuclear; CONCEPTS 826,830 —*Ant.* exterior, external, outer, outside

**inner** [*adj*2] *mental, private* central, concealed, deep-rooted, deep-seated, emotional, esoteric, essential, focal, gut\*, hidden, individual, inherent, innate, inside, interior, internal, intimate, intrinsic, intuitive, inward, personal, psychological, repressed, secret, spiritual, subconscious, unrevealed, visceral, viscerous; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* outer, physical

**innocence** [*n*1] *blamelessness* chastity, clean hands\*, clear conscience\*, guiltlessness, immaculateness, impeccability, incorruptibility, incorruption, inculpability, probity, purity,

righteousness, sinlessness, stainlessness, uprightness, virtue; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* badness, blame, corruption, evil, guilt, sin

**innocence** [*n*2] *harmlessness, naïveté* artlessness, candidness, credulousness, forthrightness, frankness, freshness, guilelessness, gullibility, ignorance, inexperience, ingenuousness, innocuousness, innoxiousness, inoffensiveness, lack, nescience, plainness, purity, simplicity, sincerity, unaffectedness, unawareness, unfamiliarity, unknowingness, unsophistication, unworldliness, virtue; CONCEPTS 409,411 —*Ant.* experience, impurity, knowledge, treacherousness, wildness

**innocent** [*adj*1] *blameless* above suspicion, angelic, chaste, clean, cleanhanded, clear, crimeless, exemplary, faultless, free of, good, guilt-free, guiltless, honest, immaculate, impeccable, impeccable, inculpable, in the clear\*, irreproachable, lawful, legal, legitimate, licit, not guilty, pristine, pure, righteous, safe, sinless, spotless, stainless, unblemished, unensurable, uncorrupt, unimpeachable, uninvolved, unoffending, unsullied, untainted, upright, virginal, virtuous; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* bad, blamable, corrupt, evil, guilty, sinful

**innocent** [*adj*2] *harmless, naïve* artless, childlike, credulous, frank, fresh, guileless, gullible, hurtless, ignorant, inexperienced, ingenuous, innocuous, innoxious, innoxious, inoffensive, offenseless, open, raw, safe, simple, soft, square, unacquainted, unartificial, uncool, unfamiliar, unhurtful, uninjurious, unmalicious, unobjectionable, unoffensive, unschooled, unsophisticated, unstudied, unsuspecting, unworldly, well-intentioned, wellmeant, wide-eyed, youthful; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* cunning, experienced, impure, knowledgeable

**innocuous** [*adj*] *harmless* banal, bland, flat, innocent, innoxious, innoxious, inoffensive, insipid, jejune, kind, painless, safe, sapless, unobjectionable, unoffending, weak; CONCEPTS 401,572 —*Ant.* bad, damaging, destructive, harmful, hurtful, injurious

**innovation** [*n*] *change, novelty* addition, alteration, contraption, cutting edge\*, departure, deviation, introduction, last word\*, latest thing\*, leading edge\*, modernism, modernization, modification, mutation, newness, notion, permutation, shift, variation, vicissitude, wrinkle\*; CONCEPTS 260,529,660,665 —*Ant.* custom, habit, old, old hat, rut, tradition

**innovative** [*adj*] *creative* avant-garde, breaking new ground\*, contemporary, cutting-edge\*, deviceful, ingenious, innovative, innovative, inventive, just out\*, leading-edge\*, new, newfangled\*, original, originative, state-of-the-art; CONCEPTS 529,578,589,797 —*Ant.* customary, habitual, old, traditional, uncreative, unimaginative

**innovator** [*n*] *inventor* avant-garde, creator, discoverer, groundbreaker, pioneer, trailblazer, trendsetter, vanguard; CONCEPTS 348,413

**innuendo** [*n*] *suggestion* allusion, aside, aspersions, hint, implication, imputation, insinuation, intimation, overtone, reference, whisper; CONCEPTS 75,278 —*Ant.* evidence, proof

**innumerable** [*adj*] *many, infinite* alive with\*, beyond number, countless, frequent, incalcula-

ble, multitudinous, myriad, numberless, numerous, uncountable, unnumbered, untold; CONCEPT 762 —*Ant.* computable, countable, definite, finite, known, numbered, numerable

**inoculation** [*n*] immunization injection, prevention, shot, vaccination; CONCEPT 310

**inoffensive** [*adj*] *not obnoxious; harmless* calm, clean, friendly, humble, innocent, innocuous, innoxious, mild, neutral, nonprovocative, peaceable, pleasant, quiet, retiring, safe, unobjectionable, unobtrusive, unoffending; CONCEPTS 267,542 —*Ant.* damaging, harmful, malicious, offensive, provocative

**inopportune** [*adj*] *not appropriate or suitable* contrary, disadvantageous, disturbing, ill-chosen, ill-timed, inappropriate, inauspicious, inconvenient, malapropos, mistimed, troublesome, unfavorable, unfortunate, unpropitious, unseasonable, unsuitable, untimely; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* appropriate, auspicious, ok, opportune, suitable, timely

**inordinate** [*adj*] *excessive, extravagant* disproportionate, dizzying, exorbitant, extortionate, extreme, gratuitous, immoderate, intemperate, irrational, outrageous, overindulgent, overmuch, preposterous, supererogatory, superfluous, surplus, too much, towering, uncalled-for, unconscionable, uncurbed, undue, unmeasurable, unreasonable, unrestrained, untempered, unwarranted, wanton, wasteful; CONCEPTS 570,781 —*Ant.* moderate, ok enough, reasonable, warranted

**inorganic** [*adj*] *not organic* dead, extinct, inanimate, lifeless, manmade, mineral, not living, not natural; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* organic

**inquest** [*n*] investigation delving, examination, hearing, inquiry, inquisition, probe, probing, quest, research, trial; CONCEPTS 48,290,318 —*Ant.* conclusion, findings

**inquire** [*v*] *ask; look into* analyze, catechize, examine, explore, feel out, go over, grill, hit, hit up, inspect, interrogate, investigate, knock, probe, prospect, pry, query, question, request information, roast, scrutinize, search, seek, seek information, sift, study, test the waters\*; CONCEPTS 24,48 —*Ant.* answer, respond

**inquiring** [*adj*] *wondering, curious* analytical, catechistic, doubtful, examining, fact-finding, heuristic, inquisitive, interested, interrogative, investigative, investigatory, nosy, outward-looking, probing, prying, questioning, quizzical, searching, Socratic, speculative, studious; CONCEPTS 402,542 —*Ant.* disinterested, incurious, unskeptical

**inquiry** [*n*] *asking; looking into* analysis, audit, catechizing, check, cross-examination, delving, disquisition, examination, exploration, fishing expedition\*, grilling, hearing, inquest, inquisition, inspection, interrogation, interrogatory, investigation, legwork\*, poll, probe, probing, pursuit, Q and A\*, query, quest, question, questioning, quizzing, request, research, scrutiny, search, study, survey, third degree\*, trial balloon\*; CONCEPTS 24,48,290 —*Ant.* answer, reply

**inquisitive** [*adj*] *curious* big-eyed\*, analytical, challenging, forward, impertinent, inquiring, inquisitorial, interested, intrusive, investigative, meddling, nosy, peering,

personal, poking, presumptuous, probing, prying, questioning, scrutinizing, searching, sifting, snooping, speculative; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* incurious, indifferent, unconcerned, uninterested

**inroad** [*n*] *advance, foray* encroachment, impingement, incursion, intrusion, invasion, irruption, onslaught, raid, trespass; CONCEPTS 86,704

**insane** [*adj*] *mentally ill; foolish* batty\*, bizarre, cracked\*, crazed, crazy, cuckoo\*, daft, demented, derailed, deranged, fatuous, frenzied, idiotic, impractical, irrational, irresponsible, loony\*, lunatic, mad, maniacal, mental, moonstruck\*, nuts\*, nutty\*, off one's rocker\*, of unsound mind, out of one's mind\*, paranoid, preposterous, psychopathic, psychotic, rabid, raging, raving, schizophrenic, screwy, senseless, touched, unhinged, unsettled, wild; CONCEPTS 314,403,548 —*Ant.* balanced, healthy, rational, reasonable, sane, sound, well

**insanely** [*adv*] *extremely* crazily, ferociously, fiercely, furiously, idiotically, irrationally, stupidly, violently, wildly; CONCEPT 569

**insanity** [*n*] *mental illness; foolishness* aberration, absurdity, alienation, craziness, delirium, delusion, dementia, derangement, distraction, dotage, folly, frenzy, hallucination, hysteria, illusion, inanity, irrationality, irresponsibility, lunacy, madness, mania, mental disorder, neurosis, phobia, preposterousness, psychopathy, psychosis, senselessness, unbalance, unreasonable, witlessness; CONCEPTS 316,410 —*Ant.* balance, sanity, soundness, wellness

**insatiable** [*adj*] *voracious, wanting* clamorous, crying, demanding, desiring, exigent, gluttonous, greedy, importunate, insatiate, insistent, intemperate, pressing, quenchless, rapacious, ravenous, unappeasable, unquenchable, unsatisfiable, unsatisfied, urgent, yearning; CONCEPTS 20,403,546 —*Ant.* fulfilled, full, pleased, satiable, satisfied

**inscribe** [*v*] *imprint, write* book, carve, cut, engrave, engross, etch, impress, indite, list, record, register, scribe; CONCEPT 79

**inscription** [*n*] *message* autograph, caption, dedication, engraving, epitaph, heading, imprint, label, legend, lettering, saying, signature, wording; CONCEPT 283

**inscrutable** [*adj*] *hidden, mysterious; blank* ambiguous, arcane, cabalistic, deadpan\*, difficult, enigmatic, impenetrable, incomprehensible, inexplicable, mystical, mystic, poker-faced\*, secret, sphinxlike, unaccountable, undiscoverable, unexplainable, unfathomable, unintelligible, unknowable, unreadable; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* clear, comprehensible, evident, intelligible, obvious, plain

**insect** [*n*] *bug* ant, aphid, bedbug, bee, beetle, bumblebee, butterfly, cockroach, cotee, daddy longlegs, dragonfly, flea, fly, fruit fly, gnat, grasshopper, hornet, ladybug, louse, mite, mosquito, moth, pest, praying mantis, termite, tick, vermin, yellowjacket; CONCEPT 398

**insecure** [*adj*] *uncertain, worried* afraid, anxious, apprehensive, choked, Delphic, diffident, hanging by thread\*, hesitant, jumpy, on thin ice\*, questioning, shaky, touch and go\*,



touchy\*, troubled, unassured, unconfident, unpoised, unsure, up in the air\*, uptight\*, vague; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* certain, confident, secure, sure

**insecure** [adj2] *dangerous, precarious* defenseless, exposed, fluctuant, frail, hazardous, immature, insubstantial, loose, open to attack\*, perilous, rickety, rocky, rootless, shaky, unguarded, unprotected, unreliable, unsafe, unshielded, unsound, unstable, unsteady, vacillating, vulnerable, wavering, weak, wobbly; CONCEPTS 488,570 —*Ant.* guarded, protected, safe, secure, sound

**insensitive** [adj1] *indifferent, callous* aloof, bloodless\*, coldhearted\*, crass, feelingless, hard, hard as nails\*, hard-boiled\*, hardened, hardhearted\*, heartless, imperceptive, incurious, obtuse, stony, tactless, thick-skinned\*, tough, uncaring, unconcerned, unfeeling, unkind, unresponsive, unsusceptible; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* caring, concerned, feeling, impressionable, mindful, responsive, sensitive

**insensitive** [adj2] *numb* anesthetized, asleep, benumbed, dead, deadened, immune to, impervious to, insensible, nonreactive, senseless, unfeeling; CONCEPT 406 —*Ant.* aware, feeling, sensate, touched

**inseparable** [adj] *unable to be divided* as one, attached, conjoined, connected, entwined, inalienable, indissoluble, indivisible, inseverable, integral, integrated, intertwined, interwoven, molded, secure, tied up, unified, united, whole; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* dividable, separable

**insert** [v] *put, tuck* in admit, drag in, embed, enter, fill in, imbue, implant, include, infix, infuse, inject, inlay, insinuate, instill, intercalate, interject, interlope, interpolate, interpose, introduce, intrude, lug in, obtrude, place, pop in\*, root, set, shoehorn\*, shove in, squeeze in, stick, work in; CONCEPTS 201,209 —*Ant.* remove, take out, withdraw

**inside** [adj1] *in the middle; interior* central, indoors, inner, innermost, internal, intramural, inward, surrounded, under a roof; CONCEPTS 583,830 —*Ant.* exterior, external, outer, outside

**inside** [adj2] *secret* classified, closet, confidential, esoteric, exclusive, hushed, internal, limited, private, restricted; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* known, public

**inside** [adv] *within* indoors, under a roof, under cover, within doors, within walls; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* exterior, outside

**inside** [n] *middle, lining* belly, bowels, breast, center, contents, gut, heart, innards, inner portion, interior, recess, soul, stuffing, womb; CONCEPT 830 —*Ant.* exteriority, outside

**insidious** [adj] *sneaky, tricky* artful, astute, corrupt, crafty, crooked, cunning, dangerous, deceitful, deceptive, deep, designing, dishonest, disingenuous, duplicitous, ensnaring, false, foxy, guileful, intriguing, like a snake in the grass\*, Machiavellian, perfidious, perilous, secret, slick, sly, smooth, snaky\*, sneaking, stealthy, subtle, surreptitious, treacherous, wily, wormlike\*; CONCEPTS 401,542,545 —*Ant.* fair, honest, open, sincere

**insight** [n] *intuitiveness, awareness* acumen, click\*, comprehension, discernment, divination, drift\*, intuition, judgment, observation, pene-

tration, perception, perceptivity, perspicacity, sagaciousness, sagacity, sagemess, sapience, shrewdness, understanding, vision, wave-length\*, wisdom; CONCEPTS 409,410 —*Ant.* ignorance, stupidity

**insightful** [adj] *perceptive* alert, astute, awake, aware, brainy, conscious, cute, discerning, ear to the ground\*, intelligent, intuitive, keen, knowing, knowledgeable, knows what's what\*, observant, penetrating, penetrative, quick, responsive, savvy, sensitive, sharp, shrewd, smart, tuned in\*, understanding, wise; CONCEPTS 402,542

**insignia** [n] *emblem* badge, coat of arms, crest, decoration, earmark, ensign, mark, paraphernalia, regalia, symbol; CONCEPTS 259,284

**insignificant** [adj] *not important; of no consequence* casual, immaterial, inappreciable, inconsequential, inconsiderable, infinitesimal, irrelevant, lesser, light, lightweight\*, little, meager, meaningless, minim, minimal, minor, minuscule, minute, negligible, nondescript, nonessential, not worth mentioning\*, nugatory, paltry, petty, pointless, purportless, scanty, secondary, senseless, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant, unsubstantial; CONCEPT 575 —*Ant.* consequential, important, significant, substantial, valuable

**insincere** [adj] *dishonest, pretended* ambidextrous, backhanded, deceitful, deceptive, devious, disingenuous, dissembling, dissimulating, double, double-dealing, duplicitous, evasive, faithless, fake, false, hollow, hypocritical, lying, mendacious, perfidious, phony, pretentious, put-on\*, shifty, slick, sly, snide, two-faced\*, unfaithful, untrue, untruthful; CONCEPTS 267,542 —*Ant.* forthright, frank, honest, open, sincere

**insinuate** [v1] *hint, suggest* allude, ascribe, connote, imply, impute, indicate, intimate, mention, propose, purport, refer, signify; CONCEPTS 49,75 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, withhold

**insinuate** [v2] *force one's way into* curry favor\*, edge in, fill in, foist, get in with\*, horn in\*, infiltrate, infuse, ingratiate, inject, insert, instill, intercalate, interject, interpose, introduce, muscle in\*, slip in, wedge in, work in, worm in\*; CONCEPTS 159,208,384 —*Ant.* leave alone

**insipid** [adj1] *dull, uninteresting* anemic, arid, banal, beige, blah\*, bland, characterless, colorless, commonplace, dead\*, drab, driving, dry, feeble, flat, ho-hum\*, inane, innocuous, jejune, lifeless, limp, mild, mundane, nebbish, nothing, ordinary, plain, pointless, prosaic, prosy, slight, soft\*, spiritless, stale, stupid, subdued, tame, tedious, tenuous, thin, tired, tired, unimaginative, vapid, watery, weak, weariful, wearisome, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPTS 402,404,537 —*Ant.* exciting, exhilarating, interesting, pleasing

**insipid** [adj2] *tasteless* bland, distasteful, flat, flavorless, jejune, mild, savorless, stale, unappetizing, unpalatable, unsavory, vapid, watered-down, watery; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* appetizing, delicious, tasty, yummy

**insist** [v] *order and exact; claim* assert, asseverate, aver, be firm, contend, demand, hold, importune, lay down the law\*, maintain, persist, press, reiterate, repeat, request, require, stand firm, swear, take a stand\*, urge, vow; CONCEPTS 49,53 —*Ant.* endure, forget, tolerate

**insistent** [*adj*] *demanding* assertive, burning, clamant, clamorous, continuous, crying, dire, dogged, emphatic, exigent, forceful, imperative, imperious, importunate, incessant, obstinate, peremptory, perseverant, persevering, persistent, pressing, reiterative, resolute, resounding, unrelenting, urgent; CONCEPTS 267,534,540 —*Ant.* disinterested, indifferent, lenient, tolerant

**insolence** [*n*] *boldness, disrespect* abuse, arrogance, audacity, back talk, brass\*, brazenness, cheek\*, chutzpah\*, contempt, contemptuousness, contumely, effrontery, gall, guff\*, hardness, impertinence, impudence, incivility, insubordination, lip\*, offensiveness, perversity, presumption, rudeness, sass\*, sauce\*, uncivility; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* humility, modesty, politeness, respect

**insolent** [*adj*] *bold, disrespectful* abusive, arrogant, barefaced, brassy\*, braten, breezy, contemptuous, contumelious, dictatorial, discourteous, disdainful, flip\*, fresh, imperative, impertinent, impolite, impudent, insubordinate, insulting, magisterial, nervy, off-base\*, offensive, out-of-line\*, overbearing, peremptory, pert, procacious, put down, rude, sassy\*, saucy\*, smart, smart-alecky\*, uncivil, ungracious; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* cowardly, humble, modest, polite, respectful, servile

**insoluble** [*adj*] *mysterious, unable to be solved or answered* baffling, difficult, impenetrable, indecipherable, inexplicable, inextricable, irresolvable, mystifying, obscure, unaccountable, unconcluded, unfathomable, unresolved, unsolvable, unsolved; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* explainable, explicable, obvious, open, solvable

**insolvent** [*adj*] *financially ruined* bankrupt, broke\*, broken, busted\*, failed, foreclosed, in Chapter 11\*, in Chapter 13\*, indebted, in receivership, in the red\*, lost, on the rocks\*, out of money, strapped\*, taken to the cleaners\*, unbalanced, undone, wiped out\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* moneyed, rich, solvent, wealthy

**insomnia** [*n*] *inability to sleep soundly* disposition, insomnolence, restlessness, sleeplessness, stress, tension, vigil, vigilance, wakefulness; CONCEPT 315 —*Ant.* sleep

**insouciant** [*adj*] *easygoing, casual* airy, breezy, buoyant, carefree, careless, free and easy\*, gay, happy-go-lucky\*, heedless, jaunty, lighthearted, nonchalant, sunny\*, thoughtless, unconcerned, untroubled, unworried; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* anxious, high-strung, nervous

**inspect** [*v*] *examine, check* audit, canvass, case, catechize, check out, clock\*, eye\*, give the once-over\*, go over, go through, inquire, interrogate, investigate, kick the tires\*, look over, notice, observe, oversee, probe, question, review, scan, scope, scout, scrutinize, search, study, superintend, supervise, survey, vet, view, watch; CONCEPTS 103,623 —*Ant.* forget, ignore, neglect

**inspection** [*n*] *examination, check* analysis, checkup, frisk, inquest, inquiry, inquisition, inventory, investigation, look-over, maneuvers, once-over\*, pageant, parade, perustration, probe, read, research, review, scan, scrutiny, search, superintendence, supervision, surveillance, survey, view; CONCEPTS 103,290 —*Ant.* ignorance, neglect

**inspector** [*n*] *examiner* assessor, auditor, checker, controller, detective, investigator, monitor, overseer, police officer, private eye, reviewer, scrutinizer, sleuth, tester; CONCEPT 348

**inspiration** [*n*] *idea, stimulus* afflatus, animus, approach, arousal, awakening, brainstorm\*, brainstorm\*, creativity, deep think\*, elevation, encouragement, enthusiasm, exaltation, fancy, flash\*, genius, hunch\*, illumination, impulse, incentive, inflatus, influence, insight, motivation, motive, muse, notion, revelation, rumble, spark, spur, stimulation, thought, vision, whim; CONCEPTS 529,661

**inspire** [*v*] *encourage, stimulate* affect, animate, arouse, be responsible for, carry, cause, commove, elate, embolden, endue, enkindle, enliven, exalt, excite, exhilarate, fire up\*, galvanize, get\*, give impetus, give one an idea\*, give rise to, hearten, imbue, impress, infect, inflame, influence, inform, infuse, inspirit, instill, invigorate, motivate, occasion, produce, provoke, quicken, reassure, set up, spark, spur, start off, stir, strike, sway, touch, trigger, urge, work up; CONCEPTS 7,22,221,242 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade

**instability** [*n*] *imbalance, inconstancy* alternation, anxiety, capriciousness, changeability, changeableness, disequilibrium, disquiet, fickleness, fitfulness, flightiness, fluctuation, fluidity, frailty, hesitation, immaturity, impermanence, inconsistency, inquietude, insecurity, irregularity, irresolution, mutability, oscillation, pliancy, precariousness, restlessness, shakiness, transience, uncertainty, unfixedness, unpredictability, unreliability, unsteadiness, vacillation, variability, volatility, vulnerability, wavering, weakness; CONCEPTS 410,637,731 —*Ant.* balance, constancy, soundness, stability, steadfastness

**install** [*v*] *set up, establish* build in, ensconce, fix, fix up, furnish, inaugurate, induct, instate, institute, introduce, invest, lay, line, lodge, place, plant, position, put in, settle, station; CONCEPTS 201,221

**installation** [*n*1] *establishment, inauguration* accession, coronation, fitting, furnishing, inaugural, induction, installment, instatement, investiture, investment, launching, ordination, placing, positioning, setting up; CONCEPTS 201,221,832

**installation** [*n*2] *equipment* base, establishment, fort, fortification, furnishings, lighting, machinery, plant, post, power, station, system, wiring; CONCEPTS 439,463,496

**installment** [*n*] *part, section* chapter, division, earnest, episode, partial payment, payment, portion, repayment, token; CONCEPTS 344,835 —*Ant.* whole

**instance** [*n*] *case, situation* case history, case in point, detail, example, exemplification, exponent, ground, illustration, item, occasion, occurrence, particular, precedent, proof, reason, representative, sample, sampling, specimen, time; CONCEPTS 686,696,815

**instance** [*v*] *name* adduce, cite, exemplify, illustrate, mention, quote, refer, show, specify; CONCEPT 73

**instant** [*adj*] *immediate, urgent* burning\*, clamant, contemporary, crying\*, current, dire,

direct, exigent, existent, extant, fast, imperative, importunate, insistent, instantaneous, on-the-spot\*, present, present-day, pressing, prompt, quick, split-second\*; CONCEPTS 544,588,799 —*Ant.* delayed, eventual, late, later

**instant** [*n*] *moment* bat of the eye\*, breath, crack, flash, jiffy\*, juncture, minute, nothing flat\*, occasion, point, sec\*, second, shake\*, short while, split second\*, tick, time, trice, twinkling\*, while, wink\*; CONCEPTS 802,808

**instantaneous** [*adj*] *immediate* direct, fast, hair-trigger\*, in a flash\*, instant, momentary, quick, rapid, spontaneous, transitory; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* delayed, eventual, late, later

**instantly** [*adv*] *right now* at once, away, directly, double-time\*, first off\*, forthwith, immediately, in a flash\*, instantaneously, instanter, now, on a dime\*, PDQ\*, pronto\*, right, right away, spontaneously, straight away\*, there and then\*, this minute, tout de suite\*, without delay; CONCEPTS 544,588,799 —*Ant.* eventually, later

**instead** [*adv*] *alternatively* alternately, alternative, as a substitute, in lieu, in place of, in preference, on behalf of, on second thought, preferably, rather, rather than; CONCEPT 560

**instigate** [*v*] *influence, provoke* abet, actuate, add fuel, bring about, egg on\*, encourage, fire up\*, foment, goad, hint, impel, incite, inflame, initiate, insinuate, kindle, make waves\*, move, needle\*, persuade, plan, plot, prompt, put up to, rabble-rouse\*, raise, rouse, scheme, set on, spur, start, steam up, stimulate, stir up, suggest, turn on, urge, whip up\*, work up; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,221,242 —*Ant.* halt, prevent, stop

**instigator** [*n*] *troublemaker* agent provocateur, agitator, firebrand, hellion, incendiary, inciter, inflamer, knave, meddler, mischief-maker, nuisance, provocateur\*, punk\*, rabble-rouser\*, ringleader, sparkplug\*, wise guy\*; CONCEPT 412

**instill** [*v*] *implant, introduce* brainwash\*, catechize, diffuse, disseminate, engender, engraft, force in, imbue, impart, impregnate, impress, inculcate, indoctrinate, infiltrate, infix, infuse, inject, inoculate, inseminate, insert, insinuate, inspire, interject, intermix, program, propagandize, put in head\*, suffice, transfuse; CONCEPTS 14,221,285 —*Ant.* dislodge, halt, stop, uproot

**instinct** [*n*] *gut feeling, idea* aptitude, faculty, feeling, funny feeling\*, gift, gut reaction\*, hunch, impulse, inclination, intuition, knack, know-how\*, nose\*, predisposition, proclivity, savvy\*, sense, sentiment, sixth sense\*, talent, tendency, urge; CONCEPTS 529,689 —*Ant.* knowledge, reason

**instinctive** [*adj*] *reflex, automatic* accustomed, by seat of one's pants\*, congenital, habitual, impulsive, inborn, ingrained, inherent, innate, instinctual, intrinsic, intuitional, intuitive, involuntary, knee-jerk\*, mechanical, native, natural, normal, regular, rooted, second-nature\*, spontaneous, typical, unlearned, unmediated, unpremeditated, unprompted, unthinking, visceral; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* conscious, deliberate, meditated, reasonable, sensible

**institute** [*n1*] *law; custom* convention, decree, decretum, doctrine, dogma, edict, establishment, fixture, habit, maxim, ordinance, practice, precedent, precept, prescript, principle, regula-

tion, rite, ritual, rule, statute, tenet, tradition; CONCEPTS 318,688

**institute** [*v*] *begin; put into operation* appoint, bow, break in, bring into being, come out with, come up with, commence, constitute, create, enact, establish, fix, found, inaugurate, induct, initiate, install, introduce, invest, launch, make up, open, open up, ordain, organize, originate, pioneer, rev\*, set in motion, settle, set up, start, usher in\*; CONCEPTS 173,221,242 —*Ant.* cease, halt, prevent, stop

**institute/institution** [*n2*] *organization, usually educational* academy, association, asylum, business, clinic, college, company, conservatory, establishment, fixture, foundation, guild, hospital, orphanage, school, seminar, seminary, society, system, think tank, university; CONCEPTS 288,381,439

**instruct** [*v1*] *inform, teach* acquaint, advise, apprise, brainwash\*, break in, break it to, brief, clue in, coach, counsel, discipline, disclose, drill, drum into\*, educate, engineer, enlighten, give lessons, ground, guide, keep posted\*, lead, lecture, level, notify, pilot, reveal, school, steer, tell, train, tutor, update, wise up\*; CONCEPTS 60,285 —*Ant.* learn

**instruct** [*v2*] *order, command* assign, bid, charge, define, direct, enjoin, prescribe, tell, warn; CONCEPTS 53,61 —*Ant.* ask

**instruction** [*n1*] *education* apprenticeship, chalk talk\*, coaching, direction, discipline, drilling, edification, enlightenment, grounding, guidance, information, lesson, preparation, schooling, teaching, training, tuition, tutelage; CONCEPTS 274,285

**instruction** [*n2*] *demand, command* advice, briefing, direction, directive, information, injunction, mandate, order, plan, ruling; CONCEPTS 274,278 —*Ant.* question

**instructive** [*adj*] *informative* educational, educative, enlightening, explanatory, helpful, illuminating, informational, instructional, useful; CONCEPT 267

**instructor** [*n*] *person who educates* adviser, coach, demonstrator, exponent, guide, lecturer, mentor, pedagogue, preceptor, professor, teacher, trainer, tutor; CONCEPT 350 —*Ant.* pupil, student

**instrument** [*n1*] *tool, implement* apparatus, appliance, contraption, contrivance, device, doodad\*, equipment, gadget, gear, gizmo\*, machine, machinery, mechanism, paraphernalia, tackle, utensil; CONCEPTS 463,499

**instrument** [*n2*] *means, agent* agency, channel, factor, force, instrumentality, material, mechanism, medium, ministry, organ, vehicle, wherewithal; CONCEPTS 6,687 —*Ant.* end

**instrumental** [*adj*] *influential, assisting* active, auxiliary, conducive, contributory, helpful, helping, involved, of help, of service, partly responsible, serviceable, subsidiary, useful; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* unhelpful, useless

**insubordinate** [*adj*] *rebellious* contrary, contumacious, defiant, disaffected, disobedient, disorderly, dissentious, factious, fractious, insurgent, intractable, refusing, naughty, perverse, recalcitrant, refractory, riotous, seditious, treacherous, turbulent, uncompliant, uncomplying, undisciplined, ungovernable,

unruly; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* behaved, compliant, obedient

**insubordination** [*n*] *disobedience* defiance, dereliction, disregard, dissension, indiscipline, infringement, insurrection, mutiny, noncompliance, noncooperation, nonobservance, rebellion, revolt, revolution, riot, sabotage; CONCEPT 633

**insubstantial** [*adj*] *weak, imaginary* aerial, airy, chimerical, decrepit, ephemeral, false, fanciful, feeble, flimsy, fly-by-night\*, fragile, frail, idle, illusory, immaterial, imponderable, incorporeal, infirm, intangible, metaphysical, petty, poor, puny, slender, slight, tenuous, thin, too little too late\*, unreal, unsound, unsubstantial; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* real, strong, substantial

**insufferable** [*adj*] *horrible, intolerable* detestable, distressing, dreadful, impossible, insupportable, outrageous, painful, unacceptable, unbearable, unendurable, unspeakable; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* delightful, endurable, happy, pleasant, sufferable, tolerable

**insufficient** [*adj*] *not enough; lacking* bereft, defective, deficient, destitute, devoid, drained, dry, failing, faulty, imperfect, inadequate, incapable, incommensurate, incompetent, incomplete, infrequent, meager, minus, out of, poor, rare, scant, scarce, short, short of, shy, thin\*, too little too late\*, unample, unfinished, unfit, unqualified, unsatisfactory, wanting; CONCEPTS 546,771 —*Ant.* adequate, ample, enough, sufficient

**insular** [*adj*] *narrow-minded* bigoted, circumscribed, closed, confined, contracted, cut off, detached, illiberal, inward-looking, isolated, limited, narrow, parochial, petty, prejudiced, provincial, restricted, secluded, separate, separated, sequestered; CONCEPTS 403,583

—*Ant.* broad-minded, unbiased, unprejudiced

**insulate** [*v*] *protect; close off* coat, cocoon, cushion, cut off, inlay, island, isolate, keep apart, line, seclude, separate, sequester, set apart, shield, tape, treat, wrap; CONCEPT 172

**insult** [*n*] *hateful communication* abuse, affront, aspersion, black eye\*, blasphemy, cheap shot\*, contempt, contumely, derision, despite, discourtesy, disdainfulness, disgrace, disrespect, ignominy, impertinence, impudence, incivility, indignity, insolence, invective, libel, mockery, obloquy, offense, opprobrium, outrage, put-down, rudeness, scorn, scurrility, shame, slam, slander, slap, slap in the face\*, slight, snub, superciliousness, taunt, unpleasantry, vilification, vituperation; CONCEPTS 52,54,278

—*Ant.* compliment, flattery, praise

**insult** [*v*] *abuse, offend* abuse, affront, aggravate, annoy, blister, curse, cut to the quick\*, debase, degrade, deride, dishonor, disoblige, dump on\*, flout, gird, humiliate, injure, irritate, jeer, libel, mock, outrage, pan\*, provoke, put down\*, revile, ridicule, roast\*, scoff, slam\*, slander, slight, sneer, snub, step on one's toes\*, taunt, tease, underestimate, vex; CONCEPTS 52, 54 —*Ant.* compliment, flatter, praise

**insulting** [*adj*] *abusive* biting, degrading, derogatory, discourteous, disparaging, disrespectful, hurtful, insolent, offensive, repulsive, ridiculing, rude, slighting, uncivil; CONCEPTS 267,529,537

**insurance** [*n*] *protection, security* allowance,

assurance, backing, cover, coverage, guarantee, indemnification, indemnity, provision, safeguard,

support, warrant, warranty; CONCEPTS 318,332

**insure** [*v*] *protect, secure* assure, cinch, cover, guarantee, guard, hedge, indemnify, register, safeguard, shield, underwrite, warrant; CONCEPTS 317,330

**insurgent** [*adj*] *rebellious* anarchical, contumacious, disobedient, factious, insubordinate, insurrectionary, mutinous, revolting, revolutionary, riotous, seditious; CONCEPT 401

—*Ant.* obedient, subordinate

**insurgent** [*n*] *rebel* agitator, anarchist, demonstrator, frondeur, insurrectionist, malcontent, mutineer, radical, resister, revolter, revolutionary, revolutionist, rioter; CONCEPTS 359,412

**insurmountable** [*adj*] *impossible* forget it, hopeless, impassable, impregnable, inaccessible, indomitable, ineluctable, insuperable, invincible, not a prayer\*, no way\*, no-win\*, overwhelming, unbeatable, unconquerable, unmasterable; CONCEPTS 552,565 —*Ant.* attainable, beatable, defeatable, possible, surmountable

**insurrection** [*n*] *rebellion* coup, disorder, insurgence, insurgency, mutiny, revolt, revolution, riot, rising, sedition, uprising; CONCEPTS 86,320

—*Ant.* compliance, obedience, subordination

**intact** [*adj*] *undamaged; all in one piece* complete, entire, flawless, imperforate, indiscrete, perfect, scatheless, sound, together, unblemished, unbroken, uncut, undefiled, unharmed, unhurt, unimpaired, uninjured, unmarred, unscathed, untouched, unviolated, whole; CONCEPTS 485,531 —*Ant.* broken, damaged, defective, harmed, hurt, injured, violated

**intangible** [*adj*] *indefinite, obscured* abstract, abstruse, airy, dim, eluding, elusive, ethereal, evading, evanescent, evasive, hypothetical, impalpable, imperceptible, imponderable, inappreciable, incorporeal, indeterminate, insensible, invisible, rare, shadowy, slender, slight, unapparent, uncertain, unobservable, unreal, unsubstantial, unsure, vague; CONCEPTS 535,582 —*Ant.* definite, obvious, palpable, perceptible, tangible

**integral** [*adj*] *necessary, basic* component, constituent, elemental, essential, fundamental, indispensable, intrinsic, requisite; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* extrinsic, secondary, supplemental, unnecessary

**integral** [*adj*] *complete* aggregate, choate, elemental, entire, full, indivisible, intact, part-and-parcel\*, perfect, unbroken, undivided, whole; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* accessory, fractional, part, partial, supplementary

**integrate** [*v*] *mix, merge* accommodate, amalgamate, arrange, articulate, assimilate, associate, attune, blend, coalesce, combine, come together, compact, concatenate, concentrate, conform, conjoin, consolidate, coordinate, desegregate, embody, fuse, get together, harmonize, incorporate, interface, intermix, join, knit, link, meld with, mesh, orchestrate, organize, proportion, reconcile, conciliate, symphonize, synthesize, systematize, throw in together, tune, unify, unite, wed; CONCEPTS 113,114 —*Ant.* divide, separate

**integrity** [*n*] *honor, uprightness* candor, forthrightness, goodness, honesty, honesty,

honorableness, incorruptibility, incorruption, principle, probity, purity, rectitude, righteousness, sincerity, straightforwardness, virtue; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* corruption, disgrace, dishonesty, dishonest

**integrity** [n2] *completeness* absoluteness, coherence, cohesion, entireness, perfection, purity, simplicity, soundness, stability, totality, unity, wholeness; CONCEPT 635 —*Ant.* incompleteness

**intellect** [n] *capability of the mind; someone with capable mind* ability, acumen, brains\*, cerebration, comprehension, egghead\*, genius, intellectual, intellectuality, intelligence, intuition, judgment, mentality, mind, psyche, pundit, reason, savvy, sense, smarts, thinker, understanding, what it takes\*, wits; CONCEPTS 409, 416 —*Ant.* ignorance

**intellectual** [adj] *very smart* bookish, brainy\*, cerebral, creative, highbrow\*, highbrowed\*, intellective, intelligent, inventive, learned, mental, phrenic, psychological, rational, scholarly, studious, subjective, thoughtful; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* foolish, ignorant, simple, stupid

**intellectual** [n] *very smart person* academic, academican, avant-garde, brain\*, braintruster\*, doctor, egghead\*, Einstein\*, genius, highbrow\*, intelligentsia, philosopher, pundit, sage, scholar, thinker, whiz\*, wizard; CONCEPTS 350, 416 —*Ant.* ignoramus

**intelligence** [n1] *ability to perceive, understand* acuity, acumen, agility, alertness, aptitude, brainpower, brains\*, brightness, brilliance, capacity, cleverness, comprehension, coruscation, discernment, gray matter\*, intellect, IQ\*, judgment, luminosity, mentality, mind, penetration, perception, perspicacity, precocity, quickness, quotient, reason, sagacity, savvy, sense, skill, smarts, subtlety, the right stuff\*, trenchancy, understanding, what it takes\*, wit; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* ignorance, inability, ineptness

**intelligence** [n2] *secret information* advice, clue, data, dirt, disclosure, facts, findings, hot tip\*, info\*, inside story\*, knowledge, leak, lowdown\*, news, notice, notification, picture, report, rumor, tidings, tip-off\*, word\*; CONCEPT 274

**intelligent** [adj] *very smart* able, acute, alert, alive, all there\*, apt, astute, brainy\*, bright, brilliant, calculating, capable, clever, comprehending, creative, deep\*, discerning, enlightened, exceptional, highbrow\*, imaginative, ingenious, instructed, inventive, keen, knowing, knowledgeable, original, penetrating, perceptive, perspicacious, profound, quick, quick-witted, rational, ready, reasonable, resourceful, responsible, sage, sharp, smart, thinking, together\*, understanding, well-informed, whiz\*, wise, witty; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* foolish, idiotic, imbecile, stupid, unintelligent

**intelligible** [adj] *understandable* apprehensible, clear, comprehensible, distinct, fathomable, graspable, knowable, lucid, luminous, obvious, open, plain, unambiguous, unequivocal, unmistakable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* ambiguous, confusing, equivocal, obscure, perplexing, unintelligible

**intend** [v] *have in mind; determine* add up, aim, appoint, aspire to, attempt, be determined, be

resolved, connote, contemplate, decree, dedicate, denote, design, designate, destine, devote, endeavor, essay, expect, express, figure on, have in mind, hope to, import, indicate, look forward, mean, meditate, ordain, plan, plot, propose, purpose, reserve, resolve, scheme, set apart, set aside, signify, spell, strive, think, try; CONCEPTS 18, 36, 73, 129

**intended** [adj] *engaged; destined* accidentally on purpose\*, advised, affianced, afrethought, asked for, betrothed, calculated, contemplated, contracted, designed, expected, future, intentional, meant, pinned, planned, plighted, prearranged, predestined, predetermined, promised, proposed, set, steady; CONCEPT 552

**intense** [adj] *forceful, severe; passionate* acute, agonizing, all-consuming, ardent, biting, bitter, burning, close, concentrated, consuming, cutting, deep, diligent, eager, earnest, energetic, exaggerated, exceptional, excessive, exquisite, extraordinary, extreme, fanatical, fervent, fervid, fierce, forcible, full, great, hard, harsh, heightened, impassioned, intensified, intensive, keen, marked, piercing, powerful, profound, protracted, pungent, sharp, shrill, stinging, strained, strong, supreme, undue, vehement, violent, vivid, zealous; CONCEPT 569 —*Ant.* calm, dull, low-key, mild, moderate

**intensify** [v] *make more forceful, severe* accent, accentuate, add fuel\*, add to, aggravate, aggravate, augment, beef up\*, boost, brighten, build up, concentrate, darken, deepen, emphasize, enhance, escalate, exacerbate, exalt, heat up\*, heighten, increase, intensate, lighten, magnify, pour, pour it on\*, quicken, raise, redouble, reinforce, rise, rouse, set off, sharpen, spike\*, step up, strengthen, stress, tone up, whet; CONCEPTS 233, 250 —*Ant.* calm, lower, slow, soothe, weaken

**intensity** [n] *passion, force* acuteness, anxiety, ardor, concentration, deepness, depth, earnestness, emotion, emphasis, energy, excess, excitement, extreme, extremity, fanaticism, ferment, ferociousness, ferocity, fervency, fervor, fierceness, fire, force, forcefulness, fury, high pitch\*, intensesness, keenness, magnitude, might, nervousness, potency, power, severity, sharpness, strain, strength, tenseness, tension, vehemence, vigor, violence, volume, weightiness, wildness; CONCEPTS 641, 669 —*Ant.* apathy, dullness, inactivity, laziness, lethargy, moderation

**intensive** [adj] *exhaustive* accelerated, all-out\*, complete, comprehensive, concentrated, deep, demanding, fast, hard, in-depth, out-and-out\*, profound, radical, severe, speeded-up\*, thorough, thoroughgoing; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* incomplete, incomprehensive, superficial, surface

**intent** [adj] *determined, resolute* absorbed, alert, attending, attentive, bent, bound, committed, concentrated, concentrating, decided, decisive, deep, eager, earnest, engaged, engrossed, enthusiastic, firm, fixed, hell-bent\*, immersed, industrious, intense, minding, occupied, piercing, preoccupied, rapt, resolved, riveted\*, set, settled, steadfast, steady, watchful, watching, wrapped up\*; CONCEPTS 403, 542 —*Ant.* distracted, irresolute

**intent/intention** [n] *aim, purpose* acceptance, animus, bottom line\*, conation, design, desire,

drift, end, goal, heart, hope, idea, import, intendment, meaning, meat\*, name of the game\*, nature, notion, nub, nuts and bolts\*, object, objective, plan, point, project, purport, scheme, score, sense, significance, significancy, signification, target, understanding, volition, will, wish; CONCEPT 659

**intentional** [adj] *deliberate* advised, aforethought, calculated, considered, designed, designful, done on purpose, intended, meant, meditated, planned, prearranged, premeditated, proposed, purposed, studied, unforced, voluntary, willful, willing, witting; CONCEPT 544

—*Ant.* accidental, unintentional, unplanned  
**intently** [adv] *with concentration* attentively, closely, fixedly, hard, keenly, searchingly, sharply, steadily, watchfully; CONCEPTS 403, 544 —*Ant.* distractedly

**inter** [v] *bury* cover up, entomb, inhume, inurn, lay to rest, plant, put away, sepulcher, sepulture, tomb; CONCEPTS 172, 178, 367 —*Ant.* dig up, exhume

**interact** [v] *communicate* collaborate, combine, connect, contact, cooperate, get across\*, get the message\*, interface, interplay, interreact, join, keep in touch, merge, mesh, network, reach out, relate, touch, touch base\*, unite; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* not speak

**intercede** [v] *mediate* advocate, arbitrate, barge in, butt in\*, intermediate, interpose, intervene, intrude, mix in, monkey with\*, negotiate, plead, reconcile, speak, step in; CONCEPTS 56, 110

**intercept** [v] *head off*; *interrupt* ambush, appropriate, arrest, block, catch, check, curb, cut in, cut off, deflect, head off at pass\*, hijack, hinder, interlope, interpose, make off with, obstruct, prevent, seize, shortstop\*, stop, take, take away; CONCEPTS 121, 164 —*Ant.* abet, forward, help

**interchange** [n] *switch, exchange* altering, alternation, barter, change, crossfire, give-and-take\*, intersection, junction, mesh, networking, reciprocity, shift, trade, transportation, variation, varying; CONCEPTS 104, 697

**interchange** [v] *switch, exchange* alternate, bandy, barter, commute, connect, contact, convert, interact, interface, mesh, network, reciprocate, relate, reverse, substitute, swap, trade, transpose; CONCEPTS 56, 104

**interchangeable** [adj] *identical, transposable* changeable, commutable, compatible, converse, convertible, correspondent, equivalent, exchangeable, fungible, interconvertible, mutual, reciprocal, reciprocative, same, substitutable, synonymous, workalike; CONCEPTS 487, 573 —*Ant.* different, dissimilar

**intercourse** [n1] *sexual act* carnal knowledge, coition, coitus, copulation, fornication, intimacy, love-making, relations, sex, sexual relations; CONCEPT 375

**intercourse** [n2] *communication*; *business exchange* association, commerce, communion, connection, contact, converse, correspondence, dealings, give-and-take, interchange, intercommunication, mesh, networking, team play, teamwork, trade, traffic, transactions; CONCEPTS 266, 324 —*Ant.* miscommunication

**interest** [n1] *attraction, curiosity* absorption, activity, affection, attentiveness, care, case, concern, concernment, consequence, diversion,

engrossment, enthusiasm, excitement, game, hobby, importance, interestedness, into, leisure activity, matter, moment, note, notice, passion, pastime, preoccupation, pursuit, racket, recreation, regard, relaxation, relevance, significance, sport, suspicion, sympathy, thing; CONCEPTS 20, 532, 690 —*Ant.* apathy, boredom, disinterest, indifference

**interest** [n2] *advantage* benefit, gain, good, profit, prosperity, welfare, well-being; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* disadvantage

**interest** [n3] *share, investment* accrual, authority, bonus, claim, commitment, credit, discount, due, earnings, gain, influence, involvement, participation, percentage, piece, points, portion, premium, right, stake, title; CONCEPTS 332, 344, 835

**interest** [v] *hold the attention of* affect, amuse, appeal, appeal to, arouse, attract, be interesting to, concern, divert, engage, engross, entertain, enthrall, excite, fascinate, grab, hook, intrigue, involve, lure, move, perk up, pique, please, pull, sit up, snare, tantalize, tempt, titillate, touch, turn on; CONCEPTS 7, 11, 22 —*Ant.* bore, bother, disenchant, disinterest

**interested** [adj] *concerned, curious* absorbed, affected, attentive, attracted, awakened, biased, caught, drawn, eat sleep and breathe\*, engrossed, enticed, excited, fascinated, fired\*, gone\*, hooked\*, implicated, impressed, inspired, inspired, intent, into\*, involved, keen, lured, moved, obsessed, occupied, on the case\*, open, partial, partisan, predisposed, prejudiced, responsive, roused, sold, stimulated, stirred, struck, sympathetic, taken, touched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* apathetic, disinterested, incurious, unconcerned

**interesting** [adj] *appealing, entertaining* absorbing, affecting, alluring, amusing, arresting, attractive, beautiful, captivating, charismatic, compelling, curious, delightful, elegant, enchanting, engaging, engrossing, enthralling, entrancing, exceptional, exotic, fascinating, fine, gracious, gripping, impressive, intriguing, inviting, lovely, magnetic, pleasing, pleasurable, prepossessing, provocative, readable, refreshing, riveting, stimulating, stirring, striking, suspicious, thought-provoking, unusual, winning; CONCEPTS 529, 572 —*Ant.* boring, dull, unexciting, unstimulating

**interfere** [v] *meddle, intervene* baffle, balk, barge in, busybody\*, butt in\*, conflict, discommode, foil, fool with, frustrate, get in the way\*, get involved, hamper, handicap, hang up\*, hinder, hold up, horn in\*, impede, incommode, inconvenience, inhibit, intercede, interlope, intermeddle, intermediate, intermit, interpose, intrude, jam, make\*, mix in, obstruct, obtrude, oppose, poke nose in\*, prevent, remit, step in, stop, suspend, tamper, thwart, trammel, trouble; CONCEPTS 121, 384 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help

**interference** [n] *meddling, impedance* arrest, background, backseat driving\*, barging in\*, barring, blocking, checking, choking, clashing, clogging, conflict, hampering, hindrance, intermeddling, interposition, intervention, intrusion, meddlesomeness, obstruction, opposition, prying, resistance, retardation, tackling, tampering,

trespassing; CONCEPTS 121,384 —*Ant.* aid, assistance, help

**interim** [*adj*] *temporary* acting, ad interim, caretaker\*, improvised, intervening, makeshift, pro tem, pro tempore, provisional, stopgap, thrown-together\*; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* continual, permanent

**interval** [*n*] *interval* breach, break, breather, breathing spell, coffee break, cutoff, downtime\*, gap, hiatus, interlude, interregnum, interruption, lacuna, layoff, letup\*, meantime, meanwhile, pause, take ten\*, time\*, time-out; CONCEPTS 807,822 —*Ant.* continuation, permanence

**interior** [*adj*] *inside, central* autogenous, domestic, endogenous, gut, home, in-house, inland, inner, innermost, internal, intimate, inward, private, remote, secret, visceral, viscerous, within; CONCEPTS 583,826,830 —*Ant.* exterior, external, outer, outside

**interior** [*n*] *center, core* belly, bosom, contents, heart, heartland, innards, inner parts, inside, internals, intrinsicity, lining, marrow, midst, pith, pulp, soul, substance, viscera, within; CONCEPTS 742,826,830 —*Ant.* exterior, exteriority, outside

**interject** [*v*] *throw in; interrupt* add, fill in, force in, implant, import, include, infiltrate, infuse, ingrain, inject, insert, insinuate, intercalate, interpolate, interpose, intersperse, introduce, intrude, parenthesis, put in, splice, squeeze in; CONCEPTS 14,51

**interloper** [*n*] *person who intrudes, meddles* alien, busybody, intermeddler, intruder, meddler, obtruder, trespasser, uninvited guest, unwanted visitor; CONCEPTS 412,423

**interlude** [*n*] *pause, break* breathing space\*, delay, episode, halt, hiatus, idyll, interim, intermission, interregnum, interruption, interval, lull, meantime, meanwhile, parenthesis, recess, respite, rest, spell, stop, stoppage, wait; CONCEPT 807 —*Ant.* continuation

**intermediary** [*n*] *person who negotiates* agent, broker, channel, connection, cutout, delegate, emissary, entrepreneur, fixer, go-between\*, influence, instrument, interagent, interceder, intercessor, intermediate, mediator, medium, middle person, negotiator, organ, vehicle; CONCEPTS 348,354

**intermediate** [*adj*] *middle, in-between* average, between, center, central, common, compromising, fair, halfway, indifferent, intermediary, interposed, intervening, mean, medial, median, mediocre, medium, mid, middling, midway, moderate, neutral, so-so\*, standard, transitional; CONCEPTS 585,830 —*Ant.* end, extreme

**interment** [*n*] *burial* burying, entombment, funeral, inhumation, inurning, obsequy, sepulture; CONCEPT 367

**interminable** [*adj*] *infinite* boring, boundless, ceaseless, constant, continuous, day-and-night\*, dragged out\*, dull, endless, eternal, everlasting, immeasurable, incessant, interminate, limitless, long, long-drawn-out\*, long-winded, looped, never-ending, no end of\*, no end to\*, on a treadmill\*, permanent, perpetual, protracted, spun out\*, strung out\*, timeless, unbound, unceasing, uninterrupted, unlimited, wearisome; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* bounded, ending, finite, terminable

**intermingle** [*v*] *blend, mix* amalgamate, associate, combine, come together, commingle, commix, fuse, imingle, interblend, interfuse, interlace, intermix, interweave, join, merge, mesh, network, pool, throw in with, throw together, wed; CONCEPTS 113,114 —*Ant.* divide, separate, unmix

**intermission** [*n*] *break, recess* abeyance, abeyancy, break-off, breather, breathing spell, cessation, doldrums, dormancy, downtime\*, interim, interlude, interregnum, interruption, interval, latency, layoff, let-up\*, lull, parenthesis, pause, quiescence, quiescency, respite, rest, spell, stop, stoppage, suspense, suspension, time, time-out, wait; CONCEPT 807

**intermittent** [*adj*] *irregular, sporadic* alternate, arrested, broken, by bits and pieces\*, checked, cyclic, cyclical, discontinuing, discontinuous, epochal, every other, fitful, here and there\*, hit-or-miss\*, infrequent, interrupted, isochronal, isochronous, iterant, iterative, metrical, now and then\*, occasional, on and off\*, periodic, periodical, punctuated, recurrent, recurring, rhythmic, rhythmical, seasonal, serial, shifting, spasmodic, stop-and-go\*; CONCEPTS 482,534,799 —*Ant.* constant, continual, continuing, perpetual, regular

**internal** [*adj*] *within* centralized, circumscribed, civic, constitutional, domestic, enclosed, gut, home, indigenously, inherent, in-house, innate, inner, innermore, inside, interior, intestine, intimate, intramural, intrinsic, inward, municipal, national, native, private, subjective, visceral, viscerous; CONCEPTS 536,585,826,830 —*Ant.* external, outer

**international** [*adj*] *worldwide* all-embracing, cosmopolitan, ecumenical, foreign, global, intercontinental, universal, world; CONCEPTS 536,772 —*Ant.* local, national

**Internet** [*n*] *computer network* ARPANET, cyberspace, hyperspace, infobahn, information highway, information superhighway, national information infrastructure, online network, the Net\*, the Web\*, W3, World Wide Web, WWW; CONCEPTS 381,388,770

**interplay** [*n*] *interaction* coaction, exchange, give-and-take\*, mesh, meshing, networking, reciproaction, reciprocity, team play\*, teamwork, tit for tat\*, transaction; CONCEPT 266

**interpolate** [*v*] *add* admit, annex, append, enter, fill in, include, inject, insert, insinuate, intercalate, interjuncture, interject, interlope, interpose, introduce, intrude, throw in; CONCEPTS 112,201,209 —*Ant.* erase, remove, subtract

**interpret** [*v*] *make sense of; define* adapt, annotate, clarify, comment, commentate, construe, decipher, decode, delineate, depict, describe, elucidate, enact, exemplify, explain, explicate, expound, gather, gloss, illustrate, image, improvise, limn, make of, mimic, paraphrase, perform, picture, play, portray, read, reenact, render, represent, solve, spell out, take\*, throw light on\*, translate, understand, view; CONCEPTS 57,292 —*Ant.* misinterpret, misunderstand

**interpretation** [*n*] *understanding* analysis, apprehension, assimilation, awareness, clarification, comprehension, discernment,

explanation, grasp, grip, insight, judgment, knowing, meaning, perception, reading, slant, translation; **CONCEPT 409**

**interrogate** [v] *ask pointed questions* catechize, cross-examine, cross-question, examine, give the third degree\*, go over\*, grill, inquire, investigate, pump, put the screws to\*, put through the wringer\*, query, question, quiz, roast\*, sweat out\*, work over\*; **CONCEPTS 48, 53** —**Ant.** answer, reply

**interrupt** [v] *bother, interfere* arrest, barge in, break, break in, break off, break train of thought\*, bust in\*, butt in\*, check, chime in\*, come between, crash, crowd in, cut, cut in on\*, cut off\*, cut short\*, defer, delay, disconnect, discontinue, disjoin, disturb, disunite, divide, edge in, get in the way, halt, heckle, hinder, hold up, horn in, impede, in, infringe, inject, insinuate, intrude, lay aside, obstruct, prevent, punctuate, put in, separate, sever, shortstop\*, stay, stop, suspend, work in; **CONCEPTS 51, 121, 384**

**interruption** [n] *break; interference* abeyance, abeyancy, arrest, blackout, breach, break-off, cessation, check, cutoff, delay, disconnection, discontinuance, disruption, dissolution, disturbance, disuniting, division, doldrums, dormancy, gap, halt, hiatus, hindrance, hitch, impediment, interim, intermission, interval, intrusion, lacuna, latency, layoff, letup\*, obstacle, obstruction, parenthesis, pause, precedence, rift, rupture, separation, severance, split, stop, stoppage, suspension; **CONCEPTS 807, 832**

—**Ant.** continuation

**intersect** [v] *cut across; cross at a point* bisect, break in two, come together, converge, criss-cross, cross, crosscut, cut, decussate, divide, intercross, join, meet, separate, touch, traverse; **CONCEPTS 113, 738, 749**

**intersection** [n] *crossroads* circle, cloverleaf, crossing, crosswalk, crossway, interchange, junction, stop; **CONCEPT 501**

**intersperse** [v] *scatter* bestrew, diffuse, distribute, infuse, interfuse, interlard, intermix, intersow, intersprinkle, pepper, sprinkle; **CONCEPTS 201, 222** —**Ant.** collect, gather

**interstice** [n] *opening, crack* aperture, chink, cleft, cranny, crevice, fissure, gap, hole, interval, slit, space; **CONCEPT 513** —**Ant.** closing, closure

**intertwine/intertwine** [v] *twist around* associate, braid, connect, convolute, crisscross, cross, entwine, interknit, interlace, intertwist, interweave, interwind, interweathe, link, mesh, network, relate, reticulate, tangle, tat, weave; **CONCEPTS 113, 114** —**Ant.** untwine, untwist

**interval** [n] *break, pause* breach, breathing space\*, comma, delay, distance, downtime, five\*, gap, hiatus, interim, interlude, intermission, interregnum, interruption, lacuna, layoff, letup, lull, meantime, opening, parenthesis, pausation, period, playtime, rest, season, space, spell, ten\*, term, time, time-out, wait, while; **CONCEPTS 807, 822** —**Ant.** continuation

**intervene** [v] *mediate* arbitrate, barge in, butt in\*, come between, divide, horn in\*, intercede, interfere, intermediate, interpose, interrupt, intrude, involve, meddle, mix in, muscle in\*, negotiate, obtrude, part, put in two cents\*,

reconcile, separate, settle, sever, step in, take a hand\*; **CONCEPTS 110, 234, 266** —**Ant.** ignore, leave alone

**intervene** [v2] *happen* bedevil, befall, come to pass, ensue, occur, succeed, supervise, take place; **CONCEPTS 4, 242**

**interview** [n] *questioning and evaluation* account, audience, call, call back, cattle call\*, communication, conference, consultation, conversation, dialogue, examination, hearing, meeting, oral, parley, press conference, record, statement, talk; **CONCEPTS 48, 351**

**interview** [v] *ask questions and evaluate* consult, converse, examine, get for the record, get opinion, give oral examination, hold inquiry, interrogate, question, quiz, sound out, talk, talk to; **CONCEPTS 48, 351**

**interviewer** [n] *questioner* inquirer, inquisitor, interrogator, reporter, talk-show host; **CONCEPTS 348, 356**

**intestinal/intestine** [adj] *pertaining to digestive organs* abdominal, alimentary, bowel, celiac, duodenal, gut, inner, inside, interior, internal, inward, rectal, stomachic, ventral, visceral; **CONCEPT 406**

**in the bag** [adj] *certain* assured, bound, certified, cinched, concluded, decided, definite, ensured, fixed, guaranteed, insured, set, settled, sure; **CONCEPT 535**

**intimacy** [n] *closeness between people* acquaintance, affection, affinity, close relationship, communion, confidence, confidentiality, experience, familiarity, friendship, inwardness, understanding; **CONCEPT 388** —**Ant.** disagreement, incompatibility

**intimate** [adj1] *friendly, devoted* affectionate, bosom, buddy-buddy\*, cherished, chummy\*, close, clubby\*, comfy, confidential, cozy, dear, dearest, faithful, fast, fond, loving, mellow, mix, near, nearest, next, nice, regular, roommate, snug, warm; **CONCEPT 555** —**Ant.** cool, formal, incompatible, unfriendly

**intimate** [adj2] *private, personal* confidential, deep, deep-seated, detailed, elemental, essential, exhaustive, experienced, firsthand, guarded, gut\*, immediate, inborn, inbred, in-depth, indwelling, ingrained, inherent, inmost, innate, innermost, interior, internal, intrinsic, penetrating, privy, profound, secret, special, thorough, trusted, upright, visceral, viscerous; **CONCEPTS 529, 549** —**Ant.** formal, public

**intimate** [n] *a close friend; familiar person* associate, bosom buddy\*, chum, companion, comrade, confidant, confidante, crony, familiar, family, lover, mate, pal; **CONCEPTS 416, 423** —**Ant.** enemy, foe

**intimate** [v] *suggest; tip off* affirm, air, allude, announce, assert, aver, avouch, communicate, connote, declare, drop a hint\*, expose, express, hint, impart, imply, indicate, infer, insinuate, leak, let cat out of bag\*, let it be known, make known, make noise\*, profess, remind, spill the beans\*, spring, state, utter, vent, voice, warn; **CONCEPTS 49, 60, 75**

**intimation** [n] *clue, hint* allusion, announcement, breath, communication, cue, declaration, implication, indication, inking, inuendo, insinuation, notice, notion, reminder, shade, shadow, strain, streak, suggestion, suspicion,



telltale, tinge, tip, trace, warning, wind;

CONCEPTS 274,689

**intimidate** [*v*] *frighten, threaten* alarm, appall, awe, badger, bait, bludgeon, bluster, bowl over\*, browbeat\*, buffalo\*, bulldoze\*, bully, chill, coerce, compel, constrain, cow\*, daunt, dishearten, dismay, dispirit, disquiet, dragon, enforce, force, hound\*, lean on\*, oblige, overawe, push around\*, ride\*, ruffle, scare, showboat, spook, strong-arm, subdue, terrify, terrorize, twist someone's arm\*; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* assist, encourage, help

**intimidating** [*adj*] *threatening* aggressive, bullying, frightening, pressuring, terrifying, terrorizing; CONCEPTS 525,548,570

**intolerable** [*adj*] *unacceptable; beyond bearing* a bit much, enough already\*, excruciating, extreme, impossible, insufferable, insupportable, last straw\*, offensive, painful, unbearable, undesirable, unendurable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* acceptable, bearable, tolerable

**intolerant** [*adj*] *impatient, prejudiced* antipathetic, averse, biased, bigoted, chauvinistic, communist, conservative, contemptuous, dictatorial, disdainful, dogmatic, fanatical, fractious, hateful, illiberal, indignant, individualistic, inflexible, irate, irritable, jaundiced, narrow, narrow-minded, obdurate, one-sided, outraged, racist, short-fuse\*, small-minded\*, snappy, stuffy, tilted, uncharitable, unfair, unforbearing, unindulgent, unsympathetic, unwilling, upset, waspish, worked-up\*, xenophobic; CONCEPTS 403,404,542 —*Ant.* fair, impartial, patient, tolerant, unprejudiced

**intonation** [*n*] *inflection* accent, articulation, emphasis, enunciation, modulation, pitch, pronunciation, sound, tonality, tone, tone of voice; CONCEPTS 65,595

**intoxicated** [*adj1*] *drunk* blind\*, bombed\*, boozed, buzzed\*, drunken, high\*, inebriated, loaded\*, looped\*, muddled, potted\*, sloppy, smashed\*, tanked\*, three sheets to the wind\*, tied one on\*, tight\*, tipsy, under the influence, unsober; CONCEPT 406 —*Ant.* sober, straight

**intoxicated** [*adj2*] *extremely happy* absorbed, affected, beside oneself, captivated, concerned, delirious, dizzy, drunk, ecstatic, elated, enraptured, euphoric, excited, exhilarated, galvanized, high\*, infatuated, interested, moved, piqued, quickened, sent\*, stimulated, turned-on\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* sad, unhappy

**intoxicating** [*adj*] *causing great happiness* exciting, exhilarant, exhilarating, exhilarative, eye-popping, heady, inspiring, provocative, rousing, stimulating, stirring, thrilling; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* saddening, sobering

**intractable / intransigent** [*adj*] *difficult, stubborn* awkward, bullheaded\*, cantankerous, contrary, hang tough\*, hard-line\*, headstrong, immovable, incomplicant, incurable, indocile, indomitable, insoluble, locked in\*, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, pat, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded\*, recalcitrant, refractory, resolute, self-willed, set in stone, tenacious, tough, tough-nut\*, unbending, uncompromising, uncooperative, undisciplined, ungovernable, unmanageable, unpliable, unruly, unyielding, wayward, wild, willful; CONCEPTS 401,534,542 —*Ant.* amenable, easy, facile, manageable

**intrepid** [*adj*] *brave, nervy* audacious, bodacious\*, bold, courageous, daring, dauntless, doughty, fearless, gallant, game, gritty, gutsy\*, heroic, ivy, lionhearted, nerveless, plucky, resolute, spunky\*, stalwart, unafraid, undaunted, unflinching, valiant, valorous; CONCEPT 401

—*Ant.* cowardly, meek, timid

**intricate** [*adj*] *complicated, elaborate* abstruse, baroque, Byzantine\*, can of worms\*, complex, convoluted, Daedal\*, difficult, entangled, fancy, hard, high-tech\*, involved, labyrinthine, obscure, perplexing, rococo, sophisticated, tangled, tortuous, tricky; CONCEPT 562 —*Ant.* direct, methodical, simple, systematic, understandable

**intrigue** [*n1*] *scheme* artifice, cabal, chicanery, collusion, complication, conspiracy, contrivance, deal, design, dodge, double-dealing\*, fix, frame-up\*, fraud, game, graft, hookup, little game\*, machination, maneuver, manipulation, plan, plot, rose, stratagem, trickery, wile; CONCEPTS 192,660

**intrigue** [*n2*] *love affair* affair, amour, attachment, case, flirtation, infatuation, interlude, intimacy, liaison, romance; CONCEPT 388

**intrigue** [*v1*] *arouse curiosity* appeal, attract, bait, captivate, charm, con, delight, draw, enchant, entertain, excite, fascinate, grab, hook, interest, lead on\*, mousetrap\*, pique, please, pull, rivet, tickle, titillate, tout; CONCEPTS 7,11,22 —*Ant.* bore

**intrigue** [*v2*] *plot* angle, be in cahoots\*, cogitate, collude, connive, conspire, contrive, cook up\*, devise, finagle, frame up\*, machinate, maneuver, operate, plan, promote, scheme, set up\*, work hand in glove\*; CONCEPT 36 —*Ant.* forget, neglect

**intriguing** [*adj*] *interesting* absorbing, alluring, appealing, arousing, attractive, beguiling, captivating, compelling, curious, enchanting, enthralling, exciting, fascinating, gripping, provocative, puzzling, riveting, stimulating, stirring, thought-provoking; CONCEPTS 529,572

**intrinsic** [*adj*] *basic, inborn* built-in, central, congenital, connate, constitutional, constitutive, deep-seated, elemental, essential, fundamental, genuine, hereditary, inbred, indwelling, inherent, inmost, innate, intimate, material, native, natural, particular, peculiar, real, true, underlying; CONCEPTS 404,406,546 —*Ant.* accidental, acquired, extrinsic, incidental, learned

**introduce** [*v1*] *make known; present* acquaint, advance, air, announce, bring out, bring up, broach, come out with, do the honors\*, familiarize, fix up, get things rolling\*, get together, give introduction, harbingers\*, herald, kick off, knock down, lead into, lead off, moot, offer, open, open up, originate, pave the way\*, precede, preface, propose, put forward, recommend, set forth, spring with, start ball rolling\*, submit, suggest, usher, ventilate; CONCEPTS 60,384 —*Ant.* close, end, finish, take away

**introduce** [*v2*] *begin, institute* admit, bring forward, bring in, commence, enter, establish, found, inaugurate, induct, initiate, innovate, install, invent, kick off\*, launch, organize, pioneer, plan, preface, present, set up, start, unveil, usher in; CONCEPT 221 —*Ant.* close, end, finish

**introduce** [v3] *add, insert* carry, enter, fill in, freight, import, include, infix, inject, inlay, inlet, inset, insinuate, instill, intercalate, interject, interpolate, interpose, put in, send, ship, throw in, transport, work in; CONCEPTS 112, 113, 209 —*Ant.* erase, extract, subtract, take away

**introduction** [n] *something new; something that begins* addition, admittance, awakening, baptism, basic principles, basic text, beginning, commencement, debut, essentials, establishment, exordium, first acquaintance, first taste, foreword, inauguration, inception, induction, influx, ingress, initiation, insertion, installation, institution, interpolation, intro\*, launch, lead, lead-in, opening, opening remarks, overture, pioneering, preamble, preface, preliminaries, prelude, presentation, primer, proem, prolegomenon, prologue, survey; CONCEPTS 270, 727, 828 —*Ant.* conclusion, end, ending, finish

**introductory** [adj] *preliminary, first* anterior, basic, beginning, early, elementary, inaugural, incipient, inductive, initial, initiatory, opening, original, precursory, prefatory, prelusive, preparative, preparatory, primary, prior, proemial, provisional, rudimentary, starting; CONCEPTS 546, 585 —*Ant.* concluding, ending, final, finishing, last

**introspection** [n] *self-analysis* brooding, contemplation, deep thought, egoism, heart-searching, introversion, meditation, reflection, rumination, scrutiny, self-absorption, self-examination, self-observation, self-questioning, soul-searching; CONCEPTS 24, 410

**introvert** [n] *person who retreats mentally* autistic, brooder, egoist, egotist, loner\*, narcissist, self-observer, solitary, wallflower\*; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* extrovert

**introverted** [adj] *reserved* bashful, cautious, close-mouthed, cold\*, collected, cool, demure, introspective, modest, offish, quiet, reclusive, restrained, secretive, shy, soft-spoken, solitary, standoffish, uncommunicative, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401, 404

**intrude** [v] *trespass, interrupt* barge in, bother, butt in\*, chisel in\*, cut in, disturb, encroach, entrench, go beyond, hold up, horn in\*, infringe, insinuate, intercalate, interfere, interject, interlope, intermeddle, interpolate, interpose, introduce, invade, meddle, obtrude, overstep, pester, push in, thrust, violate; CONCEPTS 14, 159, 208, 266 —*Ant.* leave, leave alone, withdraw

**intruder** [n] *person who trespasses* burglar, criminal, gate-crasher\*, infiltrator, interferer, interloper, interrupter, invader, meddler, nuisance, obtruder, prowler, raider, snooper, squatter, thief, trespasser; CONCEPTS 412, 423

**intrusive** [adj] *obtrusive* forward, interfering, invasive, meddlesome, meddling, nosy\*, presumptuous, protruding, prying; CONCEPTS 401, 542

**intuition** [n] *insight* clairvoyance, discernment, divination, ESP\*, feeling\*, foreknowledge, gut reaction\*, hunch\*, innate knowledge, inspiration, instinct, intuitiveness, nose\*, penetration, perception, perceptivity, premonition, presentiment, second sight\*, sixth sense\*; CONCEPTS 409, 689 —*Ant.* knowledge, reason, reasoning

**intuitive** [adj] *instinctive* automatic, direct, emotional, habitual, immediate, inherent, innate,

instinctual, involuntary, natural, perceptive, spontaneous, understood, unreflecting, untaught, visceral; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* calculated, meditated, reasoned, taught

**inundate** [v] *drown, overwhelm* deluge, dunk, engulf, flood, glut, immerse, overflow, overrun, pour down on, snow\*, submerge, swamp, whelm; CONCEPTS 172, 179 —*Ant.* underwhelm

**inure** [v] *accustom* acclimate, familiarize, habituate, harden, make ready, season, toughen, train; CONCEPTS 15, 38

**invade** [v] *attack and encroach* access, assail, assault, breach, burglarize, burst in, crash, descend upon, entrench, fall on, foray, go in, infect, infest, infringe, inroad, interfere, loot, make inroads\*, maraud, meddle, muscle in\*, occupy, overrun, overspread, overswarm, penetrate, permeate, pervade, pillage, plunder, raid, ravage, storm, swarm over, trespass, violate; CONCEPTS 86, 159, 320 —*Ant.* leave alone, surrender, yield

**invalid** [adj1] *worthless; unfounded* bad, baseless, fallacious, false, ill-founded, illogical, inoperative, irrational, mad, not binding, not working, nugatory, null, null and void\*, reasonless, sophistic, unreasonable, unreasoned, unscientific, unsound, untrue, void, wrong; CONCEPTS 552, 560 —*Ant.* sound, valid, worthwhile, worthy

**invalid** [adj2] *sickly* ailing, bedridden, below par, debilitated, disabled, down, feeble, frail, ill, infirm, laid low\*, on the sick list\*, out of action\*, peaked, poorly, run-down, sick, weak; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* healthy, well

**invalid** [n] *sick person* consumptive, convalescent, incurable, patient, shut-in, sufferer; CONCEPT 424

**invalidate** [v] *render null and void* abate, abolish, abrogate, annihilate, annul, blow sky-high\*, cancel, circumduct, counteract, counterbalance, disannul, discredit, disqualify, impair, negate, negative, neutralize, nix, nullify, offset, overrule, overthrow, quash, refute, revoke, shoot full of holes\*, undermine, undo, unfit, weaken, X-out\*; CONCEPTS 121, 234 —*Ant.* approve, permit, validate

**invaluable** [adj] *priceless* beyond price, costly, dear, expensive, helpful, inestimable, precious, serviceable, valuable; CONCEPTS 334, 568 —*Ant.* worthless

**invariable** [adj] *not changing* changeless, consistent, constant, fixed, immovable, immutable, inalterable, inflexible, monotonous, perpetual, regular, rigid, same, set, static, unalterable, unchangeable, unchanging, undiversified, unailing, uniform, unmodifiable, unrelieved, unvarying, unwavering; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* changeable, changing, variable, varying

**invasion** [n] *attack, encroachment* aggression, assault, breach, entrenchment, foray, forced entrance, incursion, infiltration, infraction, infringement, inroad, intrusion, irruption, maraud, offense, offensive, onslaught, overstepping, raid, transgression, trespass, usurpation, violation; CONCEPTS 86, 159, 320 —*Ant.* retreat, surrender, withdrawal

**invective** [n] *verbal abuse* accusation, berating, billingsgate, blame, blasphemy, castigation, censure, condemnation, contumely, denunciation, diatribe, epithet, jeremiad, obloquy,

philippic, reproach, revilement, sarcasm, scurrility, tirade, tongue-lashing\*, vilification, vituperation; CONCEPTS 44,52,54,278 —*Ant.* compliment, flattery, praise

**inveigh** [*v*] *blame, denounce* admonish, berate, blast, castigate, censure, condemn, crack down on\*, except, expostulate, go after\*, have at\*, jump down one's throat\*, kick, lambaste, lay into, lay out, let have it, object, protest, rail, read out\*, recriminate, remonstrate, reproach, rip into, roast, scold, scorch, sound off, tongue-lash, trash\*, upbraid, vituperate, work over\*; CONCEPTS 44,52,54 —*Ant.* flatter, praise

**inveigle** [*v*] *entice, manipulate* allure, bait, bamboozle, beguile, blandish, butter\*, cajole, charm, coax, con\*, decoy, egg on\*, ensnare, entrap, get around\*, honey\*, hook, influence, jolly, lay it on thick\*, lead on\*, lure, maneuver, massage, oil\*, overdo it, persuade, play up to, rope in\*, seduce, snow\*, soap\*, soften up\*, string along\*, stroke\*, sweet talk\*, tempt, toll, urge, wheedle, work over\*; CONCEPTS 11,14,59 —*Ant.* disenchant, disgust, turn off

**invent** [*v1*] *create, think up* ad-lib, author, bear, bring into being, coin, come upon, come up with, compose, conceive, contrive, cook up\*, design, devise, discover, dream up, envision, execute, fake, fashion, find, forge, form, formulate, frame, hatch, imagine, improve, improvise, inaugurate, initiate, jam\*, knock off\*, make, make up, mint, off-the-cuff\*, originate, plan, produce, project, toss off\*, turn out, wing\*; CONCEPTS 36,173,221 —*Ant.* steal

**invent** [*v2*] *fabricate* concoct, conjure up, create out of thin air\*, equivocate, fake, falsify, feign, fib, forge, lie, make believe, make up, misrepresent, misstate, pretend, prevaricate, simulate, tell a white lie\*, tell untruth, think up, trump up\*, vamp; CONCEPTS 59,63 —*Ant.* tell truth

**invention** [*n1*] *creation, creativeness* apparatus, black box\*, brainchild\*, coinage, concoction, contraption, contrivance, creativity, design, development, device, discovery, doodad\*, gadget, genius, gimmick, gizmo\*, imagination, ingenuity, innovation, inspiration, inventiveness, novelty, opus, original, originality, resourcefulness; CONCEPTS 260,409,660 —*Ant.* steal

**invention** [*n2*] *fabrication, lie* deceit, fake, falsehood, fancy, fantasy, fib, fiction, figment, forgery, prevarication, sham\*, story, tall story\*, untruth, yarn\*; CONCEPTS 63,278 —*Ant.* truth

**inventive** [*adj*] *creative* adroit, artistic, avant-garde, breaking new ground, causative, constructive, demiurgic, deviceful, fertile, forgetive, formative, fruitful, gifted, imaginative, ingenious, innovational, innovative, innovatory, inspired, original, originative, poetical, productive, resourceful, teeming; CONCEPTS 402,542 —*Ant.* stolen, uncreative, uninventive, unoriginal

**inventor** [*n*] *discoverer* architect, author, builder, coiner, creator, designer, experimenter, father, founder, innovator, maker, originator, pioneer; CONCEPTS 348,352,361

**inventory** [*n*] *list of stock; stock* account, backlog, catalogue, file, fund, hoard, index, itemization, record, register, reserve, reservoir, roll, roster, schedule, stock book, stockpile, store,

summary, supply, table, tabulation; CONCEPTS 283,338

**inverse** [*adj*] *opposite* changed, contrary, converse, flipped, inverted, reverse, reversed, reverted, transposed, turned, turned over; CONCEPT 564

**invert** [*v*] *reverse; turn upside down* alter, backtrack, capsize, change, convert, double back, evert, flip, flip-flop\*, introvert, inverse, modify, overturn, renege, revert, tip, transplace, transpose, turn, turn down, turn inside out, turn over, turn the tables\*, upend, upset, upturn; CONCEPTS 213,232

**invest** [*v1*] *contribute money to make money* advance, back, bankroll, buy into, buy stock, devote, endow, endue, entrust, get into, go in for, imbue, infuse, lay out, lend, loan, pick up the tab\*, plow back into\*, plunge, provide, put in, put up dough\*, salt away\*, sink, spend, stake, supply; CONCEPTS 115,330,341 —*Ant.* divest, take out

**invest** [*v2*] *give power or authority* adopt, authorize, bequeath, charge, consecrate, empower, endow, endue, enthrone, establish, honor, inaugurate, induct, initiate, install, instate, license, ordain, sanction, vest; CONCEPTS 50,88 —*Ant.* divest, take away

**investigate** [*v*] *check into thoroughly* be all ears\*, bug, case\*, check out, check over, check up, consider, delve, dig, examine, explore, eyeball\*, feel out, frisk, give the once over\*, go into, inquire, inquire, inspect, interrogate, listen in, look into, look over, look-see, make inquiry, muckrake, nose around\*, poke, probe, prospect, pry, put to the test\*, question, read, reconnoiter, research, review, run down, scout, scrutinize, search, sift, spy, stake out, study, tap, wiretap; CONCEPTS 48,103,216 —*Ant.* ignore

**investigation** [*n*] *thorough check* analysis, case, delving, examination, exploration, fact-finding, gander, hearing, hustle, inquest, inquiry, inquisition, inspection, legwork, observation, observing, pike, probe, probing, quest, quiz, research, review, scrutiny, search, sounding, study, survey, surveying; CONCEPTS 48, 103,216,290

**investigator** [*n*] *person who checks thoroughly* agent, analyst, attorney, auditor, detective, examiner, gumshoe\*, hound\*, inquirer, inspector, plainclothes officer, police, private detective, private eye, prosecutor, researcher, reviewer, Sherlock Holmes\*, sleuth, snooper, spy, tester, undercover cop; CONCEPTS 348,355

**investment** [*n*] *something given, lent for a return* advance, ante, asset, backing, bail, contribution, endowment, expenditure, expense, finance, financing, flutter, grant, hunch, inside, interests, investing, loan, money, piece, plunge, property, purchase, smart money\*, spec\*, speculation, stab\*, stake, transaction, venture, vested interests; CONCEPTS 330,332,340 —*Ant.* divestment

**investor** [*n*] *financier* backer, banker, capitalist, lender, shareholder, stockholder, venture capitalist; CONCEPTS 347,348,353

**inveterate** [*adj*] *long-standing, established* abiding, accustomed, addicted, chronic, confirmed, continuing, customary, deep-rooted, deep-seated, dyed-in-the-wool\*, enduring,

entrenched, fixed, habitual, habituated, hard-core\*, hardened, inbred, incorrigible, incurable, indurated, ineradicable, ingrained, innate, life-long, long-lasting, long-lived, obstinate, old, perennial, permanent, persistent, persisting, set, settled, stubborn, sworn, usual; CONCEPTS 404,534,798 —*Ant.* short-lived

**invidious** [*adj*] *hateful* abominable, calumnious, defamatory, detestable, detracting, detractive, detractory, discriminatory, envious, envying, green-eyed\*, jealous, libelous, maligning, obnoxious, odious, offensive, repugnant, scandalous, slanderous, slighting, undesirable, vilifying; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* delightful, likeable, lovable

**invigorate** [*v*] *stimulate* activate, animate, brace, buck up, energize, enliven, excite, exhilarate, fortify, freshen, galvanize, harden, inspirit, liven up, nerve, pep up, perk up, pick up, quicken, rally, refresh, reinforce, rejuvenate, renew, restore, revitalize, rouse, snap up\*, stir, strengthen, trigger, turn on\*, vitalize, vivify, zap; CONCEPTS 7,14,22,110 —*Ant.* bore, depress, dishearten, dull, enervate

**invigorating** [*adj*] *stimulating* aesthetic, bracing, brisk, charged, energizing, exhilarating, exhilarative, fascinating, fresh, healthful, high\*, hyper\*, interesting, lively, quickening, refreshing, rejuvenating, rejuvenative, restorative, salubrious, tonic, uplifting, vitalizing; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* boring, depressing, dull, enervating, unstimulating

**invincible** [*adj*] *indestructible* bulletproof, impassable, impregnable, indomitable, insuperable, inviolable, invulnerable, irresistible, powerful, strong, unassailable, unattackable, unbeatable, unconquerable, undefeatable, unsurmountable, untouchable, unyielding; CONCEPTS 489,540,551 —*Ant.* beatable, breakable, conquerable, destructible

**invisible** [*adj*] *unable to be seen; hidden* concealed, covert, deceptive, disguised, ethereal, gaseous, ghostly, ideal, impalpable, imperceptible, imponderable, inappreciable, inconspicuous, indiscernible, infinitesimal, insensible, intangible, masked, microscopic, not in sight, obliterated, obscured, occult, out of sight, perdu, screened, supernatural, ulterior, unapparent, undisclosed, ungraspable, unnoticeable, unobservable, unperceivable, unreal, unseeable, unseen, unviewable, vaporous, veiled, wraithlike; CONCEPTS 485,582,619 —*Ant.* detectable, obvious, seen, visible

**invitation** [*n*] *proposal; asking* allurements, appeal, attraction, begging, bid, bidding, call, challenge, compliments, coquetry, date, encouragement, enticement, feeler\*, ground, hit, incitement, inducement, invite, lure, motive, offer, open door\*, overture, paper, pass, petition, pressure, proffer, prompting, proposition, provocation, rain check\*, reason, request, solicitation, suggestion, summons, supplication, temptation, urge; CONCEPTS 48,384

**invite** [*v*] *ask to do something socially* allure, appeal to, attract, beg, bid, bring on, call, command, countenance, court, draw, encourage, entice, entreat, give invitation, have in, have over, include as guest, insist, inveigle, invitation, issue, lead, lure, persuade, petition, ply,

pray, press, prevail on, propose, provoke, request, send invitation, solicit, suggest, summon, supplicate, tempt, toll, urge, vamp, welcome, woo; CONCEPTS 48,68,384 —*Ant.* reject

**inviting** [*adj*] *alluring, captivating* agreeable, appealing, attractive, beguiling, bewitching, charming, cordial, delightful, encouraging, engaging, enticing, fascinating, intriguing, magnetic, mouthwatering, open, persuasive, pleasing, provocative, seductive, tempting, warm, welcoming, winning, winsome; CONCEPTS 404,529,537 —*Ant.* disenchanted, disgusting, uninviting

**in vitro** [*adj*] *artificial* artificial insemination, outside the womb, test-tube; CONCEPTS 372,723

**invocation** [*n*] *prayer* abracadabra\*, appeal, beseeching, calling, command, conjuration, entreaty, hocus-pocus\*, hoodoo\*, mumbo jumbo\*, petition, rune, summons, supplication, voodoo\*; CONCEPTS 48,278,368

**invoice** [*n*] *itemized bill* account, bill of sale, check, IOU, note, statement; CONCEPTS 329,332

**invoke** [*v*] *call upon* adjure, appeal to, beg, beseech, call forth, conjure, crave, entreat, implore, importune, petition, plead, pray, request, send for, solicit, summon, supplicate; CONCEPT 48

**invoke** [*v*] *put into effect* apply, call in, effect, enforce, have recourse to, implement, initiate, resort to, use; CONCEPTS 50,88

**involuntary** [*adj*] *automatic; not done willingly* automatic, begrudging, blind, compulsory, conditioned, forced, grudging, habitual, impulsive, instinctive, instinctual, knee-jerk\*, obligatory, reflex, reflexive, reluctant, spontaneous, uncalculated, unconscious, uncontrolled, unintended, unintentional, unmeditated, unpremeditated, unprompted, unthinking, unwilling, unwitting, will-less; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* conscious, intentional, unforced, voluntary

**involve** [*v*] *draw in; include* absorb, affect, argue, associate, bind, catch, commit, complicate, comprehend, comprise, compromise, concern, connect, contain, cover, denote, embrace, embroil, engage, engross, enmesh, entail, entangle, grip, hold, hook, implicate, imply, incorporate, incriminate, inculcate, link, mean, mire, mix up\*, necessitate, number, point to, pre-occupy, presuppose, prove, relate, require, rivet, rope in, snarl up, suggest, take in, tangle, touch, wrap up in\*; CONCEPT 112 —*Ant.* exclude, free, remove

**involved** [*adj*] *complicated* Byzantine\*, complex, confusing, convoluted, difficult, elaborate, Gordian\*, high-tech\*, intricate, knotty\*, labyrinthine, mazy, muddled, ramified, sophisticated, tangled, tortuous, winding; CONCEPT 562 —*Ant.* easy, simple, uncomplicated

**involved** [*adj*] *implicated in action* affected, caught, concerned, eat sleep and breathe\*, embarrassed, embroiled, enmeshed, entangled, hooked, immersed in, incriminated, interested, into, knee-deep in\*, mixed up in\*, mixed up with\*, occupied, participating, taking part in, tangled, up to here in\*, up to one's neck in\*; CONCEPTS 542,545 —*Ant.* blameless, exonerated

**invulnerable** [*adj*] *invincible* bulletproof, impassable, impenetrable, impregnable,

indestructible, powerful, secure, strong, unbeatable, untouchable; CONCEPTS 489,540,551

**inward** [*adj*1] *ingoing* entering, inbound, incoming, infiltrating, inflowing, impouring, penetrating, through; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* outgoing, outward

**inward** [*adj*2] *private* confidential, hidden, inmost, inner, innermost, inside, intellectual, interior, internal, intimate, personal, privy, psychological, religious, secret, spiritual; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* outward, public

**iota** [*n*] *small bit* atom, crumb, grain, hint, infinitesimal, jot, mite, molecule, nucleus, ounce, particle, ray, scintilla, scrap, smidgen, speck, trace, whit; CONCEPT 831 —*Ant.* lot

**IRA** [*n*] *individual retirement account* Keogh plan, retirement plan, Roth IRA, self-funded retirement plan, tax-free savings account; CONCEPTS 335,340,446,710

**irascible** [*adj*] *crabby* angry, bearish, bristly, cantankerous, choleric, crabbed, cranky, cross, feisty, fractious, grouchy, hasty, hot-tempered, huffy, ireful, irritable, ogre, passionate, peevish, petulant, querulous, quick-tempered, short-tempered, snappish, surly, testy, thin-skinned\*, touchy, uptight; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy

**irate** [*adj*] *angry* angered, annoyed, blown a gasket\*, enraged, exasperated, fuming, furious, incensed, indignant, infuriated, irritated, livid, mad, piqued, provoked, riled, steamed\*, ticked off\*, up in arms\*, worked up\*, wrathful, wroth; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* calm, cheerful, happy, pleased

**ire** [*n*] *anger* annoyance, boiling point\*, conniption, conniption fit\*, displeasure, exasperation, fury, indignation, more heat than light\*, passion, rage, slow burn\*, wrath; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* cheer, happiness

**iridescent** [*adj*] *rainbow-colored* irised, lustrous, many-colored, nacreous, opalescent, opaline, pearly, polychromatic, prismatic, rainbowlike, shimmering; CONCEPT 618

**irk** [*v*] *aggravate*; *rub the wrong way* abrade, annoy, bother, bug\*, discommode, disturb, eat\*, fret, gall, get on nerves\*, get to\*, give a hard time\*, harass, incommode, inconvenience, irritate, make waves\*, miff, nettle, peeve, provoke, put out\*, rasp, rile, ruffle, trouble, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* delight, please

**irksome** [*adj*] *annoying* aggravating, boring, bothersome, burdensome, irritating, tedious, tiresome, troublesome, troubling, vexing; CONCEPT 529

**iron** [*adj*] *hard, tough*; *inflexible* adamant, adamantite, cruel, dense, ferric, ferrous, firm, heavy, immovable, implacable, indomitable, inexorable, insensible, obdurate, relentless, rigid, robust, steel, steely, strong, stubborn, thick, unbending, unyielding; CONCEPTS 534,604 —*Ant.* flexible, soft, weak

**iron** [*n*1] *hard, ferrous metal* cast, coke, pig; CONCEPT 476

**iron** [*n*2] *restraint made of metal* bond, chain, cuffs, fetter, handcuffs, leg irons, manacles, shackles; CONCEPT 476

**ironclad** [*adj*] *fixed, rigid* abiding, agreed, arranged, certain, changeless, confirmed, definite, determinate, enduring, firm, inflexible,

in the bag\*, planned, prearranged, settled, stated, stubborn, sure, unalterable, uncompromising, unwavering; CONCEPTS 535,554

**ironic/ironical** [*adj*] *sarcastic* acid, alert, arrogant, backbiting, biting, bitter, burlesque, caustic, chaffing, clever, contemptuous, contradictory, critical, cutting, cynical, defiant, derisive, disparaging, double-edged, exaggerated, implausible, incisive, incongruous, jibing, keen, mocking, mordant, paradoxical, pungent, quick-witted, ridiculous, sardonic, satiric, satirical, scathing, scoffing, sharp, sneering, spicy, trenchant, twisted, uncomplimentary, witty, wry; CONCEPTS 267,548 —*Ant.* considerate, deferential

**iron out** [*v*] *reconcile a situation* agree, arbitrate, clear up\*, compromise, eliminate, eradicate, erase, expedite, get rid of\*, harmonize, negotiate, put right\*, reach agreement, resolve, settle, settle differences, simplify, smooth over\*, sort out\*, straighten out\*, unravel; CONCEPT 126 —*Ant.* make worse, mess up

**irony** [*n*] *sarcasm* banter, burlesque, contempt, contrariness, criticism, derision, humor, incongruity, jibe, mockery, mordancy, paradox, quip, raillery, repartee, reproach, ridicule, sardonicism, satire, taunt, twist, wit; CONCEPTS 230,278 —*Ant.* consideration, deference

**irrational** [*adj*] *illogical, senseless* aberrant, absurd, brainless, cockamamie\*, crazy, delirious, demented, disconnected, disjointed, distraught, fallacious, flaky\*, foolish, freaky, incoherent, injudicious, insane, invalid, kooky\*, loony\*, mad, mindless, nonsensical, nutty\*, off-the-wall\*, preposterous, raving, reasonless, ridiculous, silly, sophistic, specious, stupid, unreasonable, unreasoning, unsound, unstable, unthinking, unwise, wacky\*, wild, wrong; CONCEPTS 402,403,529 —*Ant.* logical, rational, reasonable, reflective, sensible, sound, stable

**irreconcilable** [*adj*] *hostile, conflicting* clashing, diametrically opposed, discordant, discrepant, dissonant, hard-line, implacable, incompatible, incongruous, inconsistent, inexorable, inflexible, inharmonious, intransigent, opposed, reluctant, unappeasable, uncompromising, unfriendly; CONCEPTS 401,564 —*Ant.* compromising, friendly, reconcilable

**irrefutable** [*adj*] *beyond question* accurate, apodictic, can bet on it\*, certain, double-checked, evident, final, inarguable, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, invincible, ironclad, irrefutable, irrefragable, irresistible, nof ifs ands or buts\*, obvious, odds-on\*, positive, proven, set, sure, unanswerable, unassailable, undeniable, unimpeachable, unquestionable; CONCEPTS 529,535,582 —*Ant.* doubtful, dubious, questionable, refutable, uncertain

**irregular** [*adj*1] *random, variable* aberrant, aimless, capricious, casual, changeable, designless, desultory, disconnected, discontinuous, eccentric, erratic, faltering, fitful, fluctuating, fragmentary, haphazard, hit-or-miss\*, inconstant, indiscriminate, infrequent, intermittent, jerky, nonuniform, occasional, out of order, patchy, purposeless, recurrent, shaky, shifting, spasmodic, sporadic, uncertain, unconsidered, uneven, unmethodical, unpunctual, unreliable,

- unsettled, unsteady, unsystematic, up and down\*, weaving; CONCEPTS 534,799 —*Ant.* conventional, methodical, regular, systematic
- irregular** [*adj*2] *abnormal, peculiar* aberrant, anomalous, atypical, capricious, deviant, different, disorderly, divergent, eccentric, exceptional, extraordinary, immoderate, improper, inappropriate, inordinate, odd, off-key\*, queer, quirky, singular, strange, unconventional, unique, unnatural, unofficial, unorthodox, unsuitable, unusual; CONCEPT 547 —*Ant.* common, conventional, normal, standard, usual
- irregular** [*adj*3] *bumpy, uneven* aberrant, amorphous, asymmetrical, bent, broken, cockeyed\*, craggy, crooked, devious, disproportionate, eccentric, elliptic, elliptical, hilly, jagged, lopsided, lumpy, meandering, notched, not uniform, off-balance, off-center, out of proportion, pitted, protuberant, rough, scarred, serrate, serrated, unaligned, unbalanced, unequal, unsymmetrical, variable, wobbly, zigzagged; CONCEPTS 490,606 —*Ant.* even, flat, level, smooth
- irregularly** [*adv*] *intermittently* anyhow, any which way\*, at intervals, by fits and starts\*, by turns, disconnectedly, eccentrically, erratically, fitfully, haphazardly, helter-skelter\*, infrequently, in snatches\*, jerkily, now and again, occasionally, off and on\*, out of sequence, periodically, slapdash, spasmodically, sporadically, uncertainly, uncommonly, unevenly, unmethodically, unpunctually, willy-nilly\*; CONCEPTS 544,548,799 —*Ant.* evenly, regularly
- irrelevant** [*adj*] *beside the point* extraneous, foreign, garbage, immaterial, impertinent, inapplicable, inapposite, inappropriate, inappurtenant, inapropos, inapt, inconsequent, inconsequential, insignificant, not connected with, not germane, not pertaining to, off the point, off the topic, out of order, out of place, outside, pointless, remote, trivial, unapt, unconnected, unimportant, unnecessary, unrelated, without reference; CONCEPTS 560,575 —*Ant.* appropriate, necessary, pertinent, related, relevant
- irreligious** [*adj*] *ungodly* agnostic, atheistic, blasphemous, faithless, free-thinking, godless, heathen, iconoclastic, impious, irreverent, pagan, sacrilegious, sinful, unbelieving, undevout, unholy; CONCEPT 545
- irreparable** [*adj*] *unable to be fixed* beyond repair, broken, cureless, destroyed, hopeless, impossible, incorrigible, incurable, irrecoverable, irredeemable, irremediable, irremedial, irreplaceable, irretrievable, irreversible, ruined, uncorrectable, unrecoverable; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* fixable, mendable, repairable, repairable
- irrepressible** [*adj*] *effervescent, vivacious* boisterous, bubbling, buoyant, ebullient, enthusiastic, insuppressible, rebellious, rhapsodical, tumultuous/tumuluous, unconstrained, uncontrollable, uncontrollable, unmanageable, unquenchable, unrestrainable, unrestrained, unruly, unstoppable; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* depressed, despondent, grave, hopeless, serious
- irreproachable** [*adj*] *innocent* beyond reproach, blameless, exemplary, faultless, good, guiltless, impeccable, inculpable, innocent, irreprehensible, irreprovable, perfect, pure, reproachless, righteous, unblamable, unblemished, unimpeachable, virtuous; CONCEPTS 545,574 —*Ant.* blameable, imperfect
- irresistible** [*adj*] *compelling; inescapable* alluring, beckoning, charming, enchanting, fascinating, glamorous, imperative, indomitable, ineluctable, inevitable, inexorable, invincible, lovable, overpowering, overwhelming, potent, powerful, ravishing, scrumptious, seductive, stunning, tempting, unavoidable, unconquerable, urgent; CONCEPTS 529,574,579 —*Ant.* avoidable, escapable, resistible
- irresolute** [*adj*] *indecisive* changing, doubtful, doubting, faltering, fearful, fickle, fluctuating, halfhearted\*, halting, hesitant, hesitating, hot-and-cold\*, infirm, on-the-fence\*, shaky, tentative, timid, uncertain, undecided, undetermined, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, vacillating, waffling\*, wavering, weak, weak-kneed\*, wimpy\*, wishy-washy\*, wobbly; CONCEPTS 403,535 —*Ant.* definite, determined, obstinate, resolute, stubborn, unyielding, willful
- irresponsible** [*adj*] *careless, reckless* capricious, carefree, devil-may-care\*, feckless, fickle, flighty, fly-by-night\*, giddy, harebrained, ill-considered, immature, immoral, incautious, lax, loose\*—no-account\*, rash, scatterbrained\*, shiftless, thoughtless, unaccountable, unanswerable, uncared, undependable, unpredictable, unreliable, unstable, untrustworthy, wild; CONCEPTS 404,544 —*Ant.* accountable, careful, liable, reliable, responsible, trustworthy
- irreverence** [*n*] *disrespect* blasphemy, cheek, derision, discourtesy, flippancy, heresy, impertinence, impiety, impudence, insult, mockery, profanity, ridicule, rudeness, sauciness\*, sin, sinfulness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* regard, respect, reverence
- irreverent** [*adj*] *disrespectful* aweless, cheeky\*, cocky\*, contemptuous, crusty\*, derisive, flip\*, flippant, fresh, iconoclastic, impertinent, impious, impudent, insolent, irreverential, mocking, out-of-line\*, profane, rude, sacrilegious, sassy\*, saucy\*, tongue-in-cheek\*, ungodly, unhalloved, unholy; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* religious, respectful, reverent
- irrevocable** [*adj*] *fixed, unchangeable* certain, changeless, constant, doomed, established, fated, final, immutable, indelible, inevitable, invariable, irremediable, irretreivable, irreversible, lost, permanent, predestined, predetermined, settled, unalterable, unrepeatable, unversible; CONCEPTS 534,551 —*Ant.* alterable, changeable, reversible, revocable
- irritable** [*adj*] *bad-tempered, crabby* annoyed, bearish, brooding, cantankerous, carping, choleric, complaining, contentious, crabbed, cross, crotchety, disputatious, dissatisfied, dyspeptic, easily offended, exasperated, fiery, fractious, fretful, fretting, gloomy, grouchy, grumbling, hasty, hot, huffy, hypercritical, ill-humored, irascible, moody, morose, out of humor, oversensitive, peevish, petulant, plaintive, prickly, querulous, quick-tempered, resentful, sensitive, snappy, snarling, surly, tense, testy, touchy; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, nice
- irritate** [*v*1] *upset, anger* abrade, affront, aggravate, annoy, bother, bug\*, burn\*, chafe, confuse, distemper, disturb, drive up the

wall\*, enrage, exasperate, fret, gall, get, get on nerves\*, get under skin\*, grate, harass, incense, inflame, infuriate, irk, madden, needle\*, nettle, offend, pain, peeve, pester, pique, provoke, put out, rangle, rasp, rattle, rile, roil, rub the wrong way\*, ruffle, sour, try, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19

—*Ant.* aid, assuage, delight, help, please

**irritate** [v2] *hurt, chafe* aggravate, burn, erupt, fret, inflame, intensify, itch, pain, redden, rub, sensitize, sharpen, sting, swell; CONCEPT 246

—*Ant.* aid, assist, calm, help, soothe

**island** [n] *land surrounded by body of water* archipelago, atoll, bar, cay, enclave, haven, isle, islet, key, peninsula, reef, refuge, retreat, sanctuary, shelter; CONCEPT 509

**isolate** [v] *cut off, set apart* abstract, block off, close off, confine, detach, disconnect, disengage, divide, divorce, insulate, island, keep apart, part, quarantine, remove, seclude, segregate, separate, sequester, sever, sunder; CONCEPTS 188,201 —*Ant.* include, incorporate, integrate, join, mingle

**isolated** [adj] *unique; private* abandoned, abnormal, alone, anomalous, apart, backwoods\*, confined, deserted, detached, exceptional, far-out, forsaken, hidden, incommunicado\*, lonely, lonesome, off beaten track\*, outlying, out-of-the-way\*, random, remote, retired, screened, secluded, segregated, sequestered, single, solitary, special, stranded, unaccompanied, unfrequented, unrelated, untypical, unusual, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 577,583 —*Ant.* included, incorporated, mingling, public

**isolation** [n] *seclusion* aloneness, aloofness, beleaguering, concealment, confinement, desolation, detachment, exile, hiding, monkhood, privacy, privateness, quarantine, reclusion, reclusiveness, remoteness, retreat, seclusiveness, segregation, sequestration, solitude, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 135,188,388,631

**issue** [n1] *point in question* affair, argument, concern, contention, controversy, matter, matter of contention, point, point of departure, problem, puzzle, question, subject, topic; CONCEPTS 278,532

**issue** [n2] *result* causatum, conclusion, consequence, culmination, effect, end, end product, eventuality, finale, fruit, outcome, payoff, sequel, termination, upshot; CONCEPT 230

—*Ant.* cause, origin, source

**issue** [n3] *edition of publication* copy, impression, installment, number, printing; CONCEPT 280

**issue** [n4] *distribution* circulation, delivery, dispersion, dissemination, granting, issuance, issuing, publication, sending out, supply, supplying; CONCEPT 140

**issue** [n5] *children* brood, descendants, get, heirs, offspring, posterity, progeniture, progeny, scions, seed; CONCEPTS 296,414 —*Ant.* parent

**issue** [v1] *distribute* air, allot, announce, assign, bring out, broadcast, circulate, consign, declare, deliver, dispatch, dispense, emit, get out, give out, promulgate, publish, put in circulation, put out, release, send, send out, transmit; CONCEPTS 60,140,292 —*Ant.* hold, keep

**issue** [v2] *emit, emerge; come from* appear, arise, be a consequence, birth, come forth, derive from, emanate, exude, flow, give off,

give out, ooze, originate, proceed, release, rise, send forth, spring, spurt, stem, throw off, vent, well; CONCEPTS 179,648 —*Ant.* hold, keep, repress, retain, suppress

**itch** [n1] *scratching; tingling* crawling, creeping, irritation, itchiness, pricking, psoriasis, rawness, tickle; CONCEPTS 608,728

**itch** [n2] *strong desire* aphrodisia, appetite, appetite, concupiscence, craving, eroticism, hankering, hunger, impulse, longing, lust, lustfulness, motive, passion, prurience, restlessness, urge, yearning, yen; CONCEPTS 20,529

—*Ant.* dislike, hate, hatred

**itch** [v1] *scratch; tingle* crawl, creep, irritate, prick, prickle, sting, tickle, titillate; CONCEPTS 185,313,612

**itch** [v2] *desire strongly* ache, be impatient, burn, chafe, crave, hanker, have a yen for, hunger, long, lust, pant, pine, sigh, thirst, want, yearn; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**item** [n] *part, article* account, aspect, bit, blurb\*, bulletin, column, component, consideration, conversation piece, detail, dispatch, element, entry, feature, incidental, information, matter, minor point, minutia, news, note, notice, novelty, paragraph, particular, piece, point, report, scoop\*, scrap, specific, story, thing, write-up; CONCEPTS 270,831,835

**itemize** [v] *keep detailed record* catalog, circumstantiate, cite, count, detail, document, enumerate, individualize, instance, inventory, lay out, list, mention, number, particularize, quote, recite, record, recount, rehearse, relate, set out, specify, spell out, tally; CONCEPTS 57,125

**itinerant** [adj] *roaming* afoot, ambulant, ambulatory, floating, gypsy, journeying, migratory, moving, nomadic, on foot, peripatetic, ranging, riding the rails\*, roving, shifting, travelling, unsettled, vagabond, vagrant, wandering, wayfaring; CONCEPTS 536,584 —*Ant.* permanent, settled

**itinerary** [n] *plan of travel* beat, circuit, course, guide, guidebook, journey, line, outline, path, program, route, run, schedule, tour, way; CONCEPTS 281,660

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**jab** [n/v] *poke* blow, buck, bump, bunt, dig, hit, jog, lunge, nudge, prod, punch, push, stab, tap, thrust; CONCEPT 189

**jabber** [v] *talk incessantly and trivially* babble, blather\*, chatter, drivel, gab, go on and on\*, jaw, mumble, murmur, mutter, prate, ramble, run off at mouth\*, shoot the breeze\*, talk, tattle, utter, yak, yap; CONCEPTS 51,56 —*Ant.* be silent

**jacket** [n] *covering* case, casing, coat, envelope, folder, fur, hide, parka, pelt, sheath, skin, threads, tunic, wrapper, wrapping; CONCEPTS 451,484

**jaded** [adj] *exhausted, indifferent* been around, blah\*, blasé, bored, cool\*, done it all\*, dulled, fagged, fatigued, fed up\*, had it\*, mellow, sated, satiated, sick of\*, spent, surfeited, tired, tired-out\*, up to here\*, wearied, weary, worn, worn-down, worn-out; CONCEPTS 401,406 —*Ant.* fresh, unused

**jagged** [*adj*] *ragged, notched* asperous, barbed, broken, cleft, craggy, denticulate, harsh, indented, irregular, pointed, ridged, rough, rugged, scabrous, serrated, snaggy, spiked, toothed, uneven, unlevel, unsmooth; CONCEPTS 490,606 —*Ant.* even, smooth

**jail** [*n*] *place for incarceration* bastille, black hole\*, brig, bullpen\*, can\*, cell, clink\*, cooler\*, detention camp, dungeon, house of correction, inside\*, jailhouse, joint\*, lockup, pen, penal institution, penitentiary, pound, prison, rack\*, reformatory, slammer\*, solitary\*, stir\*, stockade, up the river\*; CONCEPTS 439,449,516

**jail** [*v*] *incarcerate* bastille, book, cage, can\*, confine, constrain, detain, hold, immature, impound, imprison, lock up, prison, put away\*, put behind bars\*, put on ice\*, railroad\*, send up\*, sentence, take away\*, throw away the keys\*, throw in dungeon, throw the book at\*; CONCEPT 317 —*Ant.* free, liberate

**jailer** [*n*] *prison warden* correctional officer, corrections officer, guard, prison guard, turnkey; CONCEPT 348

**jalopy** [*n*] *old, dilapidated automobile* bucket of bolts\*, clunker, heap\*, junker\*, rattletap\*, tin lizzie\*, wreck; CONCEPTS 260,674

**jam** [*n*] *troublesome situation* bind, box, corner, difficulty, dilemma, fix, hole, hot water\*, pickle\*, plight, predicament, problem, quandary, scrape, spot, strait, trouble; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* benefit, boon

**jam** [*v*] *squeeze in; compress* bear, bind, block, cease, clog, congest, cram, crowd, crush, elbow, force, halt, jam-pack, jostle, obstruct, pack, press, push, ram, squish, stall, stick, stuff, tamp, throng, wad, wedge; CONCEPTS 121,208

**jamboree** [*n*] *noisy celebration* bash\*, blowout\*, ceremony, convention, festival, gathering, hoopla, jubilee, party, rally, revelry, shindig, wingding\*; CONCEPT 377

**jangle** [*n*] *cacophony of noises* babel, clang, clangor, clash, din, dissonance, hubbub\*, hulla-baloo\*, jar, pandemonium, racket, rattle, reverberation, roar, tumult, uproar; CONCEPT 595

**jangle** [*v*] *make clinking noises* chime, clank, clash, clatter, conflict, disaccord, discord, disharmony, hit a sour note\*, jar, jingle, mismatch, rattle, vibrate; CONCEPT 65

**janitor** [*n*] *person who cleans and maintains* attendant, caretaker, cleaning person, concierge, custodian, doorkeeper, doorman, gatekeeper, house sitter, porter, sitter, super, superintendent, sweeper, watchperson; CONCEPT 348

**jar** [*n1*] *container* basin, beaker, bottle, burette, can, chalice, crock, cruet, decanter, ewer, flagon, flask, jug, pitcher, pot, tun, urn, vase, vat, vessel; CONCEPT 494

**jar** [*n2*] *shocking hit* bump, clash, collision, concussion, crash, impact, jolt, jounce, rock, smash, succession, thud, thump; CONCEPT 189

**jar** [*v1*] *shock, jolt* agitate, bang, bounce, bump, clash, convulse, crash, disturb, grate, grind, hit, irritate, jerk, jiggle, jounce, jump, offend, quake, rasp, rattle, rock, shake, slam, thump, tremor, vibrate, wiggle, wobble; CONCEPTS 65,189

**jar** [*v2*] *clash, disharmonize* annoy, bicker, contend, disaccord, disagree, discompose, discord, grate, grind, interfere, irk, irritate,

jangle, mismatch, nettle, oppose, outrage, quarrel, shock, wrangle; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* agree, harmonize

**jargon** [*n*] *specialized language; dialect* abracadabra\*, argot, balderdash\*, banality, bombast, bunk\*, buzzwords\*, cant, cliché, colloquialism, commonplace term, doublespeak, drivel, fustian, gibberish, hackneyed term, idiom, insipidity, lexicon, lingo\*, mumbo jumbo\*, neologism, newspeak, nonsense, overused term, palaver, parlance, patois, patter, rigmarole, shoptalk, slang, slangue\*, speech, stale language, street talk\*, tongue, trite language, twaddle\*, usage, vernacular, vocabulary; CONCEPTS 275,276 —*Ant.* standard

**jaundiced** [*adj*] *tainted, prejudiced* biased, bigoted, bitter, colored, cynical, disapproving, distorted, envious, grudging, hostile, intolerant, jealous, one-sided, opprobrious, partial, partisan, preconceived, prepossessed, resentful, skeptical, spiteful, suspicious, tendentious, unfair, unfraternally, unindifferent, warped, yellow; CONCEPTS 401,403,542 —*Ant.* clean, fresh, unbiased, unprejudiced

**jaunt** [*n*] *expedition* adventure, airing, amble, beat, canter, circuit, constitutional, course, cruise, drive, excursion, frolic, gallop, hike, jog, journey, junket, march, outing, patrol, peregrination, picnic, promenade, prowl, ramble, ride, round, roundabout, run, safari, sally, saunter, stroll, tour, tramp, travel, trek, trip, turn, voyage, walk; CONCEPTS 159,195,224

**jaunty** [*adj*] *lively* airy, animated, bold, brash, breezy, buoyant, carefree, careless, cocky, dapper, dashing, debonair, devilish, devil-may-care\*, easy, exhilarated, flip\*, flippant, forward, free, fresh, frisky, frolicsome, gamesome, gay, high-spirited, hilarious, impetuous, impish, impudent, jocose, joking, jolly, jovial, light, natty, nervy, perky, playful, prankish, provocative, reckless, rollicking, self-confident, showy, smart, sportive, sporty, sprightly, spruce, swaggering, trim, venturesome, vivacious; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* depressed, lethargic, lifeless

**jaw** [*n*] *bones of chin* bone, chops\*, jowl, mandible, maxilla, mouth, muzzle\*, orifice; CONCEPT 392

**jaw** [*v1*] *talk a lot* babble, chat, chatter, gab\*, gossip, jabber, lecture, orate, prate, prattle, yak; CONCEPTS 51,56 —*Ant.* be quiet

**jaw** [*v2*] *criticize* abuse, baste, berate, blame, call on the carpet\*, censure, rail, rate, revile, scold, tongue-lash\*, upbraid, vituperate; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* praise

**jazz** [*n*] *style of music* bebop\*, blues, boogie\*, boogie-woogie\*, Dixieland, fusion jazz, hot jazz, improvisational music, jive\*, ragtime, swing; CONCEPT 595

**jazzed-up** [*adj*] *shouped up* gassed-up, high geared, high performance, high speed, hopped-up\*, pepped-up\*, pumped-up\*, revved-up\*, speedy, supercharged; CONCEPTS 401,404

**jazzy** [*adj*] *fancy* animated, exciting, flashy, gaudy, lively, salacious, sexy, smart, snazzy\*, spirited, vivacious, wild, zesty, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 537,589 —*Ant.* conservative, simple, unfancy

**jealous** [*adj*] *desirous; wary* anxious, apprehensive, attentive, begrudging, covetous,



demanding, doubting, emulous, envious, envying, grabby, grasping, green-eyed, grudging, guarded, intolerant, invidious, jaundiced, mistrustful, monopolizing, possessive, possessory, protective, questioning, resentful, rival, skeptical, solicitous, suspicious, vigilant, watchful, zealous; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* confident, content, satisfied, trusting, unresentful

**jealousy** [*n*] *envy* backbiting, begrudging, covetousness, enviousness, evil eye\*, green-eyed monster\*, grudge, grudgingness, jaundiced eye\*, resentfulness, resentment, spite; CONCEPT 410

**jeans** [*n*] *dunagees* blue jeans, chaps, denims, Lees<sup>TM</sup>, Levi<sup>SM</sup>, pants, trousers, Wranglers<sup>TM</sup>; CONCEPT 451

**jeer** [*v*] *heckle* banter, comeback, contemn, deride, dig\*, fleer, flout, gibe, hector, hoot, jab, jest, laugh at, make a crack\*, mock, poke fun, put down, put on, quip, ridicule, scoff, sneer, snipe, taunt; CONCEPT 54

**jell** [*v*] *coagulate* clot, cohere, come together, condense, congeal, crystallize, finalize, form, freeze, gel, gelate, gelatinize, harden, jellyfy, jelly, materialize, set, solidify, stick, stiffen, take shape, thicken; CONCEPTS 250,469

—*Ant.* liquidate, melt  
**jeopardize** [*v*] *endanger* be careless, chance, chance it\*, gamble, hazard, imperil, lay on the line\*, peril, put at risk, put in danger, put in jeopardy, risk, stake, subject to, tempt fate, threaten; CONCEPTS 246,252,384

**jeopardy** [*n*] *danger, trouble* accident, chance, double-trouble\*, endangerment, exposure, hazard, insecurity, liability, on the line\*, on the spot\*, out on a limb\*, peril, precariousness, risk, venture, vulnerability; CONCEPT 675 —*Ant.* protection, safety

**jerk** [*n*] *a lurching move* bounce, bump, flick, flop, jolt, pull, quake, quiver, shiver, snag, thrust, tug, tweak, twitch, wiggle, wrench, wriggle, yank; CONCEPTS 80,149,150

**jerk** [*n*] *stupid, bumbling person* brute, fool, idiot, nincompoop, ninny, oaf, rascal; CONCEPT 423

**jerk** [*v*] *move with lurch* bounce, bump, dance, flick, fling, flip, flop, grab, hook, hurtle, jolt, lug, pluck, pull, quake, quiver, seize, shiver, shrug, sling, snag, snatch, throw, thrust, tug, tweak, twitch, vellicate, whisk, wiggle, wrench, wrest, wriggle, wring, yank; CONCEPTS 150,152

**jerky** [*adj*] *uncontrolled* bouncy, bumpy, convulsive, fitful, jarring, jolting, lurching, paroxysmal, rough, shaking, shaky, spasmodic, tremulous, twitching, twitchy, uncontrollable; CONCEPT 482 —*Ant.* fluid, smooth

**jerry-built** [*adj*] *flimsy* cheap, defective, insubstantial, jerry-rigged, junky, makeshift, ramshackle, rickety, shoddy, slipshod, unsound, unsubstantial; CONCEPT 267

**jest** [*n*] *joke* banter, bon mot, crack, fun, funny, gag, game, hoax, jive, jolly, laugh, one-liner\*, play, pleasantry, prank, quip, rib, rib-tickler\*, ridicule, sally, spoof, sport, wisecrack, witticism; CONCEPT 273

**jest** [*v*] *joke* banter, chaff, deride, flout, fool, fun\*, gibe\*, gird\*, jeer, jive\*, jolly\*, josh\*, kid, mock, needle\*, put on, quip, rag\*, razz\*, rib\*, roast\*, scoff, sneer, spoof, tease; CONCEPT 273

**jester** [*n*] *person who jokes, plays jokes* actor, antic, banterer, buffoon, card\*, clown, comedian, comic, cutup\*, droll, fool, harlequin, humorist, japer, joker, jokester, larker, life of the party\*, madcap\*, pantaloons, practical joker, prankster, quipster, standup comic, trickster, wag\*, wisecracker\*, wit; CONCEPT 423

**jet** [*adj*] *black* atramentous, coal-black, dark, ebon, ebony, inky, midnight, obsidian, pitch-black, pitch-dark, raven, sable; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* white

**jet** [*n*] *rush, gush* of substance flow, fountain, spout, spray, spring, spritz, spurt, squirt, stream; CONCEPTS 465,467

**jet** [*n*] *vehicle propelled by ejection of pressurized gas or liquid* airbus, airplane, plane, supersonic, supersonic transport, turbo; CONCEPTS 463,503

**jet** [*v*] *spurt, gush* flow, fly, issue, pour, roll, rush, shoot, soar, spew, spout, spritz, squirt, stream, surge, travel, zoom; CONCEPT 179

**jet set** [*n*] *high society* beau monde, beautiful people, cream of society, elite, fashionable society, in-crowd, leisured class, moneyed class, polite society, smart set, the well-to-do, upper crust; CONCEPTS 387,388,417

**jettison** [*v*] *eject; throw* overboard abandon, abdicate, cashier\*, cast, cast off, deep-six\*, discard, dump, expel, heave, hurl, junk\*, maroon, reject, scrap\*, shed, slough, throw away, unload\*; CONCEPTS 180,222 —*Ant.* take in, take on

**jetty** [*n*] *pier* barrier, breakwater, dock, groin, landing, quay, seawall, slip, wharf; CONCEPTS 439,443,479

**jewel** [*n*] *precious stone* baguette, bauble, bead, bijou, birthstone, brilliant, gem, gemstone, glass, gullion, hardware\*, ornament, rock\*, sparkler\*, stone, trinket; CONCEPTS 446,474,478

**jewel** [*n*] *something, someone* precious charm, find, gem, genius, ideal, masterpiece, nonesuch, nonpareil, paragon, pearl\*, phenomenon, phoenix\*, prize, prodigy, rarity, specialty, treasure, wonder; CONCEPT 671

**jewelry** [*n*] *precious stones, metals worn as decoration* adornment, anklet, band, bangle, bauble, beads, bijou, bracelet, brass, brooch, cameo, chain, charm, choker, costume, cross, crown, diamonds, earring, finery, frippery, gem, glass\*, gold, ice\*, jewel, junk\*, knickknack, lavalier, locket, necklace, ornament, pendant, pin, regalia, ring, rock, rosary, silver, solitaire, sparkler, stickpin, stone, tiara, tie pin, treasure, trinket; CONCEPT 446

**Jewish** [*adj*] *Israelite* Hasidic, Hebrew, Judaistic, Semitic; CONCEPT 369

**Jezebel** [*n*] *prostitute* broad, fallen woman\*, femme fatale, floozy\*, harlot, hooker, hussy, jade, loose woman, scarlet, slut, strumpet, tart, trollop, vamp, whore; CONCEPTS 348,412,415,419

**jibe** [*v*] *agree* accord, conform, correspond, dovetail, fit, fit in, go, harmonize, match, resemble, square, tally; CONCEPT 664 —*Ant.* clash, disagree

**jiffy** [*n*] *instant* breath, crack, flash, jiff\*, minute, moment, second, shake\*, split second\*, trice, twinkling\*; CONCEPT 808

**jiggle** [v] *bounce up and down* agitate, bob, fidget, jerk, jig, jigger, jog, joggle, shake, shimmer, shimmy, twitch, vellicate, wiggle; CONCEPTS 150,152

**jilt** [v] *abandon, betray* break off\*, coquette, deceive, desert, disappoint, discard, ditch\*, drop\*, dump\*, forsake, get rid of, leave, leap\* at the altar\*, leave flat\*, reject, throw over\*; CONCEPTS 195,297,384 —**Ant.** keep, love

**jingle** [v] *make metallic clinking noise* chime, chink, chinkle, clamor, clang, clatter, clink, ding, jangle, rattle, reverberate, ring, sound, tingle, tinkle, tintannabulate; CONCEPT 65

**jinx** [n] *curse* black magic, charm, enchantment, evil eye\*, hex, hoodoo\*, kiss of death\*, nemesis, plague, spell, voodoo\*; CONCEPTS 230,679 —**Ant.** advantage, benefit, boon, luck

**jinx** [v] *curse* bedevil, bewitch, cast a spell on, charm, condemn, damn\*, enchant, give the evil eye\*, hex; CONCEPTS 14,192 —**Ant.** benefit

**jitters** [n] *nervousness* anxiety, dither, fidgets, heebie-jeebies\*, jumps, nerves, shakes, shivers, tenseness, willies\*; CONCEPTS 230,410,690

—**Ant.** calmness

**jittery** [adj] *nervous* antsy\*, anxious, apprehensive, edgy, excitable, fidgety, high-strung\*, jumpy, on edge\*, on pins and needles\*, panicky, quivering, restless, shaky, skittish, spooked, tense, trembling, uneasy, uptight; CONCEPT 401

**job** [n1] *employment* activity, appointment, assignment, berth, billet, business, calling, capacity, career, chore, connection, craft, daily grind\*, engagement, faculty, function, gig\*, grind\*, handicraft, line, livelihood, means, métier, niche, nine-to-five\*, occupation, office, opening, operation, place, position, post, posting, profession, pursuit, racket\*, rat race\*, situation, spot, stint, swindle\*, task, trade, vocation, work; CONCEPTS 351,360 —**Ant.** unemployment

**job** [n2] *task* act, action, affair, assignment, burden, business, care, charge, chore, commission, concern, contribution, deed, devoir, duty, effort, enterprise, errand, function, matter, mission, obligation, office, operation, project, province, pursuit, responsibility, role, stint, task, taskwork, thing\*, tour of duty, undertaking, venture, work; CONCEPT 362 —**Ant.** fun

**jobless** [adj] *unemployed* between jobs\*, collecting unemployment benefits, laid off, on the dole\*, out of a job, out of work, without employment, without gainful employment, workless; CONCEPT 538

**jock** [n] *athlete* competitor, letterman/woman, letterperson, player, sportsman/woman, sportsperson; CONCEPT 366

**jockey** [v] *maneuver* direct, guide, handle, move, navigate, negotiate, pilot, position, ride, steer, turn, twist; CONCEPTS 187,225

**jocular/jocose/jocund** [adj] *funny, playful* amusing, blithe, camp, cheerful, comic, comical, crazy, daffy, droll, facetious, flaky\*, frolicsome, gay, gleeful, happy, humorous, jesting, jokey, joking, jolly, joshing, jovial, joyous, laughable, lighthearted, lively, ludicrous, merry, mischievous, pleasant, roguish, sportive, teasing, wacky, waggish, whimsical, witty; CONCEPTS 267,529 —**Ant.** morose, serious, unfunny

**jog** [v1] *activate, push* agitate, arouse, bounce, dig, hit, jab, jar, jerk, jiggle, joggle, jolt, jostle,

jounce, nudge, press, prod, prompt, punch, remind, rock, shake, shove, stimulate, stir, suggest, whack; CONCEPTS 14,208 —**Ant.** repress

**jog** [v2] *run for recreation* amble, canter, dash, dogtrot, lope, pace, sprint, trot; CONCEPT 151

**John Hancock** [n] *signature* autograph, endorsement, inscription, mark, seal, undersignature; CONCEPT 284

**joie de vivre** [n] *cheerfulness* delight, enjoyment, gaiety, gladness, happiness, high spirits, joviality, joy, joyfulness, joyousness, lightheartedness, love of life, merriment, molliness, spiritedness; CONCEPTS 410,411 —**Ant.** depression, sobriety

**join** [v1] *unite* accompany, add, adhere, affix, agglutinate, annex, append, assemble, associate, attach, blend, bracket, cement, clamp, clasp, clip, coadunate, coalesce, combine, compound, concrete, conjoin, conjugate, connect, copulate, couple, entwine, fasten, fuse, grapple, hitch on, incorporate, interlace, intermix, juxtapose, knit, leash, link, lock, lump together, marry, mate, melt, mix, pair, put together, slap on, span, splice, stick together, tack on, tag on, tie, tie up, touch, weave, wed, weld, yoke; CONCEPT 113 —**Ant.** disjoin, divide, separate

**join** [v2] *affiliate with organization* align, associate with, be in, come aboard\*, consort, cooperate, enlist, enroll, enter, fall in with\*, follow, go to, mingle with, pair with, plug into\*, side with, sign on, sign up, take part in, take up with, team up with, throw in with\*, tie up with; CONCEPT 114 —**Ant.** leave, resign, withdraw

**join** [v3] *touch; border* on abut, adjoin, be adjacent to, be at hand, be close to, be contiguous to, bound, butt, communicate, conjoin, extend, fringe, hem, lie beside, lie near, lie next to, line, march, meet, neighbor, open into, parallel, reach, rim, skirt, trench on, verge on; CONCEPT 747 —**Ant.** separate

**joint** [adj] *shared, combined* collective, common, communal, concerted, conjoin, conjunct, consolidated, cooperative, hand in hand, intermutual, joined, mutual, public, united; CONCEPTS 577,708 —**Ant.** disjoint, separate, single, uncombined, unshared

**joint** [n1] *intersection, juncture* abutment, articulation, bend, bond, bracket, bridge, concourse, confluence, conjuncture, connection, copula, coupling, crux, elbow, hinge, hyphen, impingement, interconnection, junction, knot, link, meeting, nexus, node, point, seam, splice, suture, swivel, tangency, tie, union, vinculum; CONCEPTS 393,830,831

**joint** [n2] *cheap hangout* bar, club, dive\*, hole in the wall\*, honky-tonk\*, juke joint\*, roadhouse, tavern; CONCEPTS 439,449

**jointly** [adv] *as one* accordingly, agreeably, alike, arm in arm\*, coincidentally, collectively, combined, companionably, concomitantly, concurrently, conjointly, connectedly, cooperatively, en masse, hand in glove\*, hand in hand\*, harmoniously, in a group, in common, in company with, in concert, in conjunction, inextricably, in league, in partnership, inseparably, intimately, in union, mutually, reciprocally, side by side\*, similarly, simultaneously, synchronically, together, unitedly, with one another; CONCEPT 577 —**Ant.** singly

**joke** [*n1*] *fun, quip* antic, bon mot, buffoonery, burlesque, caper, caprice, chestnut\*, clowning, drollery, epigram, escapade, farce, frolic, gag, gambol, game, ha-ha\*, hoodwinking\*, horse-play\*, humor, jape, jest, lark, laugh, mischief, monkeyshine\*, mummery, one-liner\*, parody, payoff, play, pleasantry, prank, pun, put-on, quirk, rallery, repartee, revel, rib, sally, saw, shaggy-dog story\*, shenanigan\*, snow job\*, sport, spree, stunt, tomfoolery, trick, vagary, whimsy, wisecrack, witticism, yarn; CONCEPT 273

**joke** [*n2*] *person that is made fun of* buffoon, butt, clown, derision, fool, goat, jackass, jestee, laughingstock, mockery, simpleton, sport, target; CONCEPTS 412,423

**joke** [*v*] *kid, tease* banter, chaff, deceive, deride, fool, frolic, fun, gambol, horse around\*, jape, jest, jive\*, jolly, josh, kid around, laugh, make merry, mock, needle, play, play the clown, play tricks, poke fun\*, pull one's leg\*, pun, put on, quip, rag, revel, rib, ridicule, roast\*, spoof, sport, taunt, trick, wisecrack\*; CONCEPT 273

—*Ant.* be serious

**joker** [*n*] *person who kids, teases* actor, banana\*, buffoon, card\*, clown, comedian, comic, cutup\*, droll, farceur, fool, funster\*, gagster\*, humorist, jester, jokesmith, jokester, joshier\*, kiddler, life of the party\*, prankster\*, punster\*, quipster\*, second banana\*, stand-up comic, stooge, straight person, top banana\*, trickster\*, wag, wisecracker\*, wit; CONCEPTS 352,423

**jolly** [*adj*] *laughing, joyful* blithe, blithesome, bouncy, carefree, cheerful, chipper, chirpy, convivial, daffy, delightful, enjoyable, entertaining, festive, frolicsome, funny, gay, glad-some, gleeful, happy, hilarious, jocund, jokey, joshing, jovial, joyous, jubilant, larking, lighthearted, lots of laughs, merry, mirthful, playful, pleasant, sportive, sprightly, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 267,342,348 —*Ant.* sad, unhappy

**jolt** [*n*] *surprise; sudden push* blow, bombshell\*, bounce, bump, clash, collision, concussion, double whammy\*, impact, jar, jerk, jog, jounce, jump, kick, lurch, percussion, punch, quiver, reversal, setback, shake, shock, shot, start, surprise, thunderbolt; CONCEPTS 42,208

**jolt** [*v*] *surprise; push suddenly* astonish, bowl over\*, bump, churn, convulse, discompose, disturb, floor, jar, jerk, jog, jostle, knock, knock over\*, lay out\*, perturb, rock, shake, shake up\*, shock, shove, spring something on\*, stagger, start, startle, stun, throw a curve\*, upset; CONCEPTS 42,208

**jostle** [*v*] *bump, shake* bang into, bulldoze\*, bump heads\*, butt\*, crash, crowd, elbow, hustle, jab, jog, joggle, jolt, nudge, press, push, push around, push aside, rough and tumble\*, scramble, shoulder, shove, squeeze, thrust; CONCEPTS 152,189,208

**journal** [*n*] *chronicle* account, almanac, annals, annual, calendar, chronology, comic book, daily, daybook, diary, gazette, ledger, log, magazine, memento, memoir, minutes, monthly, newspaper, note, observation, organ, paper, periodical, publication, rag, record, register, reminder, reminiscence, review, scandal sheet\*, statement, tabloid, weekly; CONCEPTS 271,280,801

**journalism** [*n*] *reporting* broadcast writing, news, newspaper writing, the fourth estate, the press, writing; CONCEPTS 280,349,356

**journalist** [*n*] *person who writes about factual events for a living* announcer, broadcaster, columnist, commentator, contributor, correspondent, cub, editor, hack, media person, newspaper person, newswoman, pencil pusher\*, press, publicist, reporter, scribe, scrivener, stringer\*, television commentator, writer; CONCEPTS 348,356

**journey** [*n*] *excursion* adventure, airing, beat, campaign, caravan, circuit, constitutional, course, crossing, drive, expedition, exploration, hike, itinerary, jaunt, junket, march, migration, odyssey, outing, passage, patrol, peregrination, pilgrimage, progress, promenade, quest, ramble, range, roaming, round, route, run, safari, sally, saunter, sojourn, stroll, survey, tour, tramp, transit, transmigration, travel, traveling, traverse, trek, trip, vagabondage, vagrancy, venture, visit, voyage, wandering, wayfaring; CONCEPT 224

**journey** [*v*] *travel* circuit, cruise, fare, fly, globe trot\*, go, go places, hie, hop, jaunt, jet, junket, knock about\*, pass, peregrinate, proceed, process, push on, ramble, range, repair, roam, rove, safari, take a trip, tour, traverse, trek, voyage, wander, wend; CONCEPT 224 —*Ant.* stay, wait

**jovial** [*adj*] *happy* affable, airy, amiable, animated, bantering, blithe, blithesome, bouncy, buoyant, chaffing, cheery, chipper, chirpy, companionable, conversable, convivial, cordial, daffy\*, delightful, dizzy\*, enjoyable, facetious, festal, festive, gay, glad, gleeful, good-natured, hilarious, humorous, jocose, jocund, jokey, jolly, jollying, joshing, jubilant, larking, lighthearted, loony, lots of laughs\*, merry, mirthful, nutty\*, off-the-wall\*, pleasant, sociable; CONCEPTS 401,403

—*Ant.* sad, unhappy

**joy** [*n*] *great happiness, pleasure* alleviation, amusement, animation, bliss, charm, cheer, comfort, delectation, delight, diversion, ecstasy, elation, exultation, exulting, felicity, festivity, frolic, fruition, gaiety, gem, gladness, glee, good humor, gratification, hilarity, humor, indulgence, jewel, jubilation, liveliness, luxury, merriment, mirth, pride, pride and joy, prize, rapture, ravishment, refreshment, regalement, rejoicing, revelry, satisfaction, solace, sport, transport, treasure, treat, wonder; CONCEPTS 410,529 —*Ant.* sadness, sorrow, unhappiness, woe

**joyful/joyous** [*adj*] *happy* blithesome, cheerful, cheery, delighted, ecstatic, effervescent, elated, enjoyable, enraptured, expansive, festive, flying\*, gay, glad, gladsome, gratified, heartening, high\*, high as a kite\*, jubilant, lighthearted, merry, overjoyed, pleased, pleasurable, popping\*, rapturous, satisfied, sunny\*, sunny-side up\*, transported, upbeat; CONCEPTS 403,342,348 —*Ant.* sad, sorrowful, unhappy, woe

**joyless** [*adj*] *unhappy* black, bleak, blue, cheerless, dejected, depressant, depressed, depressing, dismal, dispirited, dispiriting, doleful, downcast, down in the mouth\*, dragged, dreary, droopy, gloomy, have the

blahs\*, heavy\*, low, melancholic, melancholy, miserable, mopey, mournful, sad, saddening, somber; CONCEPTS 403, 542, 548 —**Ant.** cheerful, delighted, happy, joyful

**jubilant** [adj] *happy* celebrating, doing hand-springs\*, elated, enraptured, euphoric, excited, exuberant, exultant, exulting, flipping, flying\*, glad, gleeful, joyous, overjoyed, pleased, rejoicing, rhapsodic, thrilled, tickled\*, triumphal, triumphant; CONCEPTS 401, 403 —**Ant.** depressed, sad, sorrowful, unhappy

**Judas** [n] *traitor* backstabber, Benedict Arnold, betrayer, conspirator, deceiver, rat, turncoat, two-timer\*, weasel; CONCEPT 412

**judge** [n] *person who arbitrates* adjudicator, appraiser, arbiter, assessor, authority, bench, chancellor, conciliator, court, critic, evaluator, expert, honor, inspector, intercessor, intermediary, interpreter, judiciary, justice, justice of peace, legal official, magistrate, magistrate, marshal, moderator, negotiator, peacemaker, reconciler, referee, umpire, warden; CONCEPT 355

**judge** [v] *make decision from evidence; deduce* act on, adjudge, adjudicate, appraise, appreciate, approximate, arbitrate, arrive, ascertain, assess, check, collect, conclude, condemn, consider, criticize, decide, decree, deduct, derive, determine, discern, distinguish, doom, draw, esteem, estimate, evaluate, examine, find, gather, give a hearing, make, make out, mediate, pass sentence, place, pronounce sentence, put, rate, reckon, referee, resolve, review, rule, sentence, settle, sit, size up, suppose, test, try, umpire, value; CONCEPTS 18, 317

**judgment** [n1] *common sense* acumen, acuteness, apprehension, astuteness, awareness, brains, capacity, comprehension, discernment, discrimination, experience, genius, grasp, incisiveness, ingenuity, intelligence, intuition, keenness, knowledge, mentality, penetration, perception, perspicience, perspicacity, prudence, quickness, range, rationality, reach, readiness, reason, reasoning, sagacity, sanity, sapience, savvy, sense, sharpness, shrewdness, sophistication, soundness, taste, understanding, wisdom, wit; CONCEPTS 37, 409 —**Ant.** ignorance, inanity, misjudgment, stupidity

**judgment** [n2] *decision about blame* analysis, appraisal, appreciation, arbitration, assaying, assessment, award, belief, close study, conclusion, contemplation, conviction, decree, deduction, determination, estimate, estimation, evaluation, examination, exploration, finding, idea, inference, inquest, inquiry, inquisition, inspection, observation, opinion, order, probing, pursuit, quest, reconnaissance, regard, report, research, resolution, result, review, ruling, scrutiny, search, sentence, sifting, summary, verdict, view, weigh-in; CONCEPTS 103, 689 —**Ant.** indecision

**judgment** [n3] *doom, fate* affliction, castigation, chastisement, correction, damnation, infliction, manifestation, misfortune, mortification, punishment, retribution, visitation; CONCEPT 679

**judicial** [adj] *legal* administrative, authoritative, constitutional, discriminating, distinguished, equitable, forensic, impartial, judge-like, judiciary, juridical, jurisdictional, juristic, lawful,

legalistic, magisterial, official, pontifical, principled, regular, statutory; CONCEPT 319

**judicious** [adj] *wise, thoughtful* accurate, acute, astute, calculating, careful, cautious, circumspect, clear-sighted, considerate, considered, diplomatic, discerning, discreet, discriminating, efficacious, enlightened, expedient, far-sighted, informed, judicial, keen, perceptive, perspicacious, politic, profound, prudent, quick-witted, rational, reasonable, sagacious, sage, sane, sapient, seasonable, seemly, sensible, sharp, shrewd, skillful, sober, sophisticated, sound, thorough, wary, well-advised, well-judged, worldly-wise; CONCEPTS 402, 403, 542 —**Ant.** foolish, hasty, idiotic, injudicious, irrational, nonsensical, reckless, senseless, thoughtless, unwise

**jug** [n] *container for liquid* amphora, beaker, bottle, bucket, canteen, carafe, crock, cruet, decanter, ewer, flagon, flask, growler, hooker, jar, pitcher, pot, tub, urn, vase, vessel; CONCEPT 494

**juggle** [v] *mislead, falsify; handle several things at once* alter, beguile, betray, bluff, change, conjure, delude, disguise, doctor\*, double-cross, fix, humbug\*, illude, maneuver, manipulate, misrepresent, modify, perform magic, prestidigitate, shuffle, take in, tamper with, trim; CONCEPTS 59, 63 —**Ant.** be honest

**juice** [n] *liquid squeezed from fruit, plant* abstract, alcohol, aqua vitae, distillation, drink, essence, extract, fluid, liquor, milk, nectar, oil, sap, sauce, secretion, serum, spirit, syrup, water; CONCEPTS 428, 467

**juicy** [adj1] *moist* dank, dewy, dripping, humid, liquid, luscious, lush, mellow, oily, oozy, pulpy, sappy, saturated, sauced, slippery, slushy, soaked, sodden, succulent, syrupy, viscid, watery, wet; CONCEPT 603 —**Ant.** dry

**juicy** [adj2] *exciting, interesting* colorful, fascinating, intriguing, piquant, provocative, racy, risqué, sensational, spicy, suggestive, tantalizing, vivid; CONCEPTS 537, 548 —**Ant.** unexciting, uninteresting

**jumble** [n] *hodgepodge* assortment, chaos, clutter, confusion, derangement, disarrangement, disarray, disorder, farrago, gallimaufry, garbage, goulash, hash\*, litter, medley, mélange, mess, miscellany, mishmash, mixture, muddle, olio, pastiche, patchwork, potpourri, salmagundi, scramble, shuffle, snarl, tangle, tumble; CONCEPT 432 —**Ant.** order, organization

**jumble** [v] *mix up, confuse* clutter, confound, derange, disarrange, disarray, dishevel, disorder, disorganize, disturb, entangle, foul up, mess up, mistake, muddle, rummage, shuffle, snarl, tangle, tumble; CONCEPTS 16, 84 —**Ant.** arrange, clear up, order, organize

**jumbled** [adj] *confused, mixed-up* blurred, chaotic, cluttered, disarranged, disordered, disorderly, disorganized, in disarray, messy, misunderstood, out of order, scrambled, tangled, unsettled, unsorted, untidy; CONCEPT 585

**jumbo** [adj] *gigantic* colossal, cyclopean, elephantine, giant, huge, immense, large, mammoth, mighty, oversized, prodigious; CONCEPT 781 —**Ant.** little, mini, miniature, small, tiny

**jump** [n1] *leap* bob, bounce, bound, buck, canter, caper, capriole, dance, dive, drop, fall, gambade, gambol, hop, hopping, hurdle, jar, jerk,

jolt, leapfrog, leapfrogging, leaping, lurch, nosedive, plummet, plunge, pounce, rise, salta-tion, shock, skip, skipping, spring, start, swerve, twitch, upspring, upsurge, vault, wrench;  
CONCEPT 194

**jump** [n2] *increase, advantage* advance, ascent, augmentation, boost, handicap, head start, in-crement, inflation, rise, spurt, start, upper hand, upsurge, upturn; CONCEPTS 704,763 —*Ant.* decline, decrease, disadvantage

**jump** [n3] *obstacle* bar, barricade, barrier, fence, hurdle, impediment, rail, stretch; CONCEPTS 470,674 —*Ant.* opening

**jump** [v1] *leap, spring* bail out, barge, bob, bounce, bound, buck, canter, caper, clear, curvet, dive, drop, fall, gambol, hop, hurdle, hurtle, jerk, jiggle, jounce, lollap, lop, lunge, lurch, parachute, plummet, pop, quiver, rattle, ricochet, saltate, shake, skip, sky, somersault, surge, take, top, trip, vault, waver, wobble;  
CONCEPT 194

**jump** [v2] *recoil* bob, bolt, bounce, carom, flinch, jerk, jounce, rebound, ricochet, spring, start, startle, wince; CONCEPT 213

**jump** [v3] *omit, avoid* abandon, cancel, clear out, cover, cross out, digress, evade, leave, miss, nullify, overshoot, pass over, skip, switch; CONCEPT 25 —*Ant.* address, face

**jump** [v4] *increase* advance, ascend, boost, escalate, gain, hike, jack up, mount, put up, raise, rise, surge, up; CONCEPTS 236,245,763 —*Ant.* decline, decrease

**jumpy** [adj] *nervous* agitated, antsy\*, anxious, apprehensive, creepy\*, excitable, excited, fidgety, frisky, high-strung\*, jittery, on edge\*, on pins and needles\*, restless, sensitive, shaky, skittish, spooked, tense, timorous, unrestful; CONCEPTS 401,690 —*Ant.* calm, collected, composed, easy-going, laid-back

**junction/juncture** [n1] *link, connection* alliance, annexation, articulation, assemblage, attachment, bond, coalition, coherence, collo-cation, combination, combine, concatenation, concourse, concursion, confluence, conjuga-tion, consolidation, convergence, coupling, crossing, crossroads, dovetail, elbow, gather-ing, gore, hinge, hookup, interface, intersec-tion, joining, joint, knee, linking, meeting, miter, mortise, node, pivot, plug-in, reunion, seam, splice, terminal, tie-in, tie-up, union, weld; CONCEPTS 746,830

**juncture** [n2] *turning point* choice, circum-stance, condition, contingency, crisis, crossroad, crux, emergency, exigency, instant, meeting point, moment, occasion, pass, pinch, plight, point, position, posture, predicament, quandary, state, status, strait, time, zero hour\*; CONCEPTS 388,693,815

**jump** [n] *wilderness full of plant and animal life* boscage, bush, chaparral, forest, labyrinth, maze, morass, primeval forest, tangle, under-growth, wasteland, web, wood, zoo; CONCEPT 517

**junior** [adj] *subordinate, younger* inferior, lesser, lower, minor, second, secondary, second-string\*; CONCEPTS 574,578,797 —*Ant.* elder, older, senior

**junk** [n] *odds and ends; garbage* clutter, collat-eral, debris, filth, hogwash\*, litter, miscellany,

offal, refuse, rubbish, rubble, rummage, salvage, scrap, trash, waste; CONCEPTS 260,432

**jurisdiction** [n] *area of authority* administra-tion, arbitration, area, authority, bailiwick, bounds, circuit, command, commission, compass, confines, control, discretion, district, domination, dominion, empire, extent, field, hegemony, influence, inquisition, judicature, limits, magistracy, might, orbit, power, preroga-tive, province, purview, range, reach, reign, right, rule, say, scope, slot, sovereignty, sphere, stomping grounds\*, supervision, sway, territory, turf\*; zone; CONCEPTS 198,376,651

**jurist** [n] *jurisprudent* attorney, barrister, counsel, counsellor, counselor, defender, judge, justice, lawyer, legal adviser, legal expert, legal scholar, magistrate; CONCEPT 355

**jury** [n] *panel that hears legal matter* board, judges, peers, tribunal; CONCEPTS 299,318

**just** [adj1] *fair, impartial* aloof, blameless, condign, conscientious, decent, dependable, dispassionate, due, equal, equitable, ethical, evenhanded, fair-minded, good, honest, honorable, lawful, nondiscriminatory, nonparti-san, objective, pure, reliable, right, righteous, rightful, rigid, scrupulous, strict, tried, true, trustworthy, unbiased, uncolored, upright, virtuous; CONCEPTS 319,545 —*Ant.* inequitable, partial, unfair, unjust

**just** [adj2] *accurate, precise* cogent, correct, exact, faithful, good, justified, normal, proper, regular, right, sound, strict, true, undistorted, veracious, veridical, well-founded, well-grounded; CONCEPTS 535,582 —*Ant.* imprecise, inaccurate, unjust, unjustified, wrong

**just** [adj3] *suitable, appropriate* apt, befitting, condign, deserved, due, felicitous, fit, fitting, happy, justified, legitimate, meet, merited, proper, reasonable, requisite, right, rightful, well-deserved; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inappropriate, unfitting, unjust, unsuitable, unsuited

**just** [adv1] *definitely* absolutely, accurately, completely, directly, entirely, exactly, expressly, perfectly, precisely, right, sharp, smack-dab\*, square, squarely, unmistakably; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* indefinitely

**just** [adv2] *only now* almost, a moment ago, approximately, at this moment, barely, by very little, hardly, just a while ago, just now, lately, nearly, now, presently, recently, right now, scarce, scarcely; CONCEPTS 544,820

**just** [adv3] *merely* at most, but, no more than, nothing but, only, plainly, simply, solely; CONCEPT 557

**just about** [adv] *almost* about, all but, approxi-mately, around, as good as, close to, nearly, nigh, not quite, practically, well-nigh; CONCEPTS 762,771,799

**justice** [n1] *lawfulness, fairness* amends, ap-pel, authority, authorization, charter, code, compensation, consideration, constitutionality, correction, credo, creed, decree, due process, equity, evenness, fair play, fair treatment, hear-ing, honesty, impartiality, integrity, judicatory, judicature, justness, law, legality, legalization, legal process, legitimacy, litigation, penalty, reasonableness, recompense, rectitude, redress, reparation, review, right, rule, sanction, sentence, square deal\*, truth; CONCEPTS 376,

645,691 —*Ant.* illegality, injustice, lawlessness, partiality, unethicalness, unfairness

**justice** [*n2*] *person who oversees court of law* chancellor, court, judge, magistrate, umpire\*; CONCEPT 354

**justifiable** [*adj*] *reasonable, well-founded* acceptable, admissible, allowable, condonable, defensible, excusable, fair, fit, forgivable, lawful, legit\*, legitimate, licit, logical, pardonable, probable, proper, reasonable, remissible, right, rightful, sound, suitable, tenable, understandable, valid, vindicable, warrantable; CONCEPTS 545,558 —*Ant.* unjustifiable, unreasonable, unwarranted

**justification** [*n*] *reason, excuse* absolution, account, acquittal, advocacy, answer, apologia, apology, approval, argument, basis, confirmation, defense, exculpation, exoneration, explanation, extenuation, grounds, idea, mitigation, palliation, palliative, plea, pretext, raison d'être, rationale, rationalization, rebuttal, redemption, reply, response, salvation, sanctification, song and dance\*, story, support, validation, vindication, warrant, whatfor\*, wherefore\*, whitewashing\*, whole idea\*, why and wherefore\*; CONCEPT 661

**justify** [*v*] *legitimize, substantiate* absolve, acquit, advocate, alibi\*, answer for, apologize for, approve, argue for, assert, be answerable for, bear out, brief, claim, clear, condone, confirm, contend, cop a plea\*, countenance, crawl, defend, do justice to, establish, exculpate, excuse, exonerate, explain, favor, legalize, maintain, make allowances, make good\*, palliate, pardon, plead, rationalize, rebut, show cause, speak in favor, square, stand up for, support, sustain, uphold, validate, verify, vindicate, warrant; CONCEPTS 49,57

**justly** [*adv*] *fairly* accurately, befittingly, beneficently, benevolently, benignly, candidly, charitably, correctly, decently, decorously, duly, duteously, dutifully, equally, equitably, evenhandedly, fitly, fittingly, frankly, helpfully, honestly, honorably, impartially, lawfully, legally, legitimately, moderately, nicely, piously, properly, reasonably, respectably, righteously, rightfully, rightly, straightforwardly, temperately, tolerantly, unreservedly, uprightly, virtuously, well; CONCEPTS 544,545 —*Ant.* unfairly, unjustly

**jut** [*v*] *extend* beetle, bulge, elongate, impend, lengthen, overhang, poke, pop, pouch, project, protrude, protuberate, stand out, stick out; CONCEPT 201 —*Ant.* indent, recede

**juvenile** [*adj*] *childish* adolescent, babyish, beardless, blooming, boyish, budding, callow, childlike, developing, formative, fresh, girlish, green, growing, immature, inexperienced, infant, infantile, jejune, junior, kid stuff\*, milk-fed\*, naive, pubescent, puerile, teenage, tender, undeveloped, unfledged, unripe, unsophisticated, unweaned, vernal, young, younger, youthful; CONCEPTS 401,578,797 —*Ant.* adult, grown-up, mature

**juvenile** [*n*] *young person* adolescent, boy, child, girl, infant, kid\*, minor, youngster, youth; CONCEPT 424 —*Ant.* adult

**juvenile delinquent** [*n*] *hooligan, punk* criminal, first offender, gangster, goon\*, hood,

hoodlum, punk, rowdy, ruffian, thug, trouble-maker; CONCEPT 412

**juxtapose** [*v*] *place side by side* appose, bring near, bring together, connect, pair, place in proximity, set side by side; CONCEPTS 85, 113,160

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**kaleidoscopic** [*adj*] *multicolored* many-colored, motley, multicolor, particolored, polychromatic, prismatic, psychedelic, rainbow, varicolored, variegated; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* monochrome

**kaput** [*adj*] *ruined, wrecked* all washed up\*, belly-up\*, burned out, cooked\*, dead\*, destroyed, done for, down and out, down for the count\*, down the drain\*, down the tubes\*, finished, floored, had it, nonfunctioning, on the skids\*, out of business, out of circulation, sunk, totaled, washed up, wiped out; CONCEPT 252

**keel over** [*v*] *fall, faint* black out, capsize, collapse, drop, founder, go down, overturn, pass out, pitch, plunge, slump, swoon, topple, tumble, upset; CONCEPTS 152,181 —*Ant.* stand, straighten

**keen** [*adj1*] *enthusiastic* agog, alert, animate, animated, anxious, appetent, ardent, athirst, avid, breathless, devoted, dying to\*, eager, earnest, ebullient, fervent, fervid, fierce, fond of, gung ho\*, impassioned, impatient, intense, intent, interested, lively, perfervid, spirited, sprightly, thirsty, vehement, vivacious, warm, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* reluctant, unenthusiastic, uninterested

**keen** [*adj2*] *sharp, piercing* acid, acute, caustic, cutting, edged, extreme, fine, honed, incisive, intense, observant, penetrating, perceptive, pointed, quick-witted, razor-sharp\*, sardonic, satirical, strong, tart, trenchant, unblunted; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* blunt, dull, obtuse, pointless

**keen** [*adj3*] *intelligent* astute, bright, brilliant, canny, clever, discerning, discriminating, Einstein\*, nobody's fool\*, perceptive, perspicacious, quick, sagacious, sapient, sensitive, sharp, sharp as a tack\*, shrewd, whiz, wise; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* idiotic, ignorant, obtuse, stupid

**keep** [*v1*] *hold, maintain* accumulate, amass, cache, care for, carry, conduct, conserve, control, deal in, deposit, detain, direct, enjoy, garner, grasp, grip, have, heap, hold back, manage, own, pile, place, possess, preserve, put, put up, reserve, retain, save, season, stack, stock, store, trade in, withhold; CONCEPT 710 —*Ant.* consume, disperse, give, give up, hand over, let go, release

**keep** [*v2*] *tend; provide* for administer, attend, board, care for, carry on, command, conduct, continue, defend, direct, endure, feed, foster, guard, look after, maintain, manage, mind, minister to, nourish, nurture, operate, ordain, protect, provision, run, safeguard, shelter, shield, subsidize, support, sustain, victual, watch over; CONCEPTS 110,140 —*Ant.* abandon, ignore, neglect

**keep** [*v3*] *prevent* arrest, avert, block, check, constrain, control, curb, delay, detain, deter, hamper, hamstring, hinder, hold back, impede,

- inhibit, limit, obstruct, restrain, retard, shackle, stall, stop, withhold; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* let go, let happen
- keep** [v4] *commemorate; pay attention to* adhere to, bless, celebrate, comply with, consecrate, fulfill, hold, honor, laud, obey, observe, perform, praise, regard, respect, ritualize, sanctify, solemnize; CONCEPT 377 —*Ant.* dishonor, ignore
- keep at** [v] *continue, endure* be steadfast, carry on, complete, drudge, finish, grind, labor, last, maintain, persevere, persist, remain, slave, stay, stick, toil; CONCEPTS 23,87 —*Ant.* discontinue, give in, give up
- keeper** [n] *guardian* archivist, attendant, caretaker, conservator, curator, custodian, defender, guard, jailer, lookout, overseer, protector, sentinel, sentry, steward, superintendent, supervisor, warden; CONCEPTS 414,423
- keep one's cool** [v] *remain calm* control one's temper, go with the flow\*, keep calm, keep cool\*, keep one's shirt on\*, restrain oneself; CONCEPTS 121,130,191
- keepsake** [n] *something precious* emblem, favor, memento, memorial, relic, remembrance, reminder, souvenir, symbol, token, trophy; CONCEPT 446
- keep up** [v] *maintain, sustain* balance, compete, contend, continue, emulate, go on, hold on, keep pace, keep step, match, pace, persevere, preserve, rival, run with, vie; CONCEPTS 23,87,363 —*Ant.* let go, neglect
- keg** [n] *barrel* butt, cask, container, drum, firkin, hogshead, pipe, tub, tun, vat; CONCEPT 494
- ken** [n] *perception acumen, apprehending, apprehension, attention, attitude, awareness, cognizance, comprehension, concept, consciousness, grasp, idea, impression, insight, judgment, knowledge, light, notion, picture, realizing, recognition, sense, sight, understanding, vision*; CONCEPTS 409,410,689
- kernel** [n] *seed, essence* atom, bit, center, core, crux, fruit, germ, gist, grain, heart, hub, keynote, marrow, matter, meat, morsel, nub, nubbin, nut, part, piece, pith, root, substance, upshot; CONCEPTS 668,826
- kettle** [n] *metal pot* boiler, cauldron, pot, steamer, teakettle, vat, vessel; CONCEPT 494
- key** [adj] *essential, important* basic, chief, crucial, decisive, fundamental, indispensable, leading, main, major, material, pivotal, primary, principal, vital; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* inessential, insignificant, nonessential, unimportant
- key** [n1] *item that unlocks* latchkey, opener, passkey, screw\*, skeleton; CONCEPT 499 —*Ant.* lock
- key** [n2] *answer, solution* blueprint, brand, cipher, clue, code, core, crux, cue, earmark, explanation, fulcrum, guide, hinge, index, indicator, interpretation, lead, lever, marker, means, nexus, nucleus, passport, password, pivot, pointer, root, sign, symptom, ticket, translation; CONCEPTS 274,668 —*Ant.* question
- keynote/keystone** [n] *essence, theme* basic idea, basis, center, core, cornerstone, criterion, crux, gist, heart, idea, kernel, linchpin, main-spring, marrow, measure, motive, nub, pith, principle, root, source, spring, standard, substance; CONCEPTS 532,661,688
- kibosh** [n] *stop* cancellation, check, curb, end, halt, veto; CONCEPT 119
- kick** [n1] *thrill, enjoyment* bang\*, buzz\*, excitement, fun, gratification, hoot\*, joy, pleasure, refreshment, sensation, stimulation, wallop\*; CONCEPTS 388,410 —*Ant.* boredom
- kick** [n2] *power, strength* backlash, blow, boot\*, force, intensity, jar, jolt, pep, punch, pungency, snap, sparkle, tang, verve, vitality, zest, zing\*; CONCEPTS 641,732 —*Ant.* dullness, powerlessness, tastelessness, weakness
- kick** [v1] *hit with foot* boot, calcitate, dropkick, give the foot, jolt, punt; CONCEPT 189
- kick** [v2] *complain* anathematize, carp, combat, condemn, criticize, curse, damn, except, execrate, expostulate, fight, fuss, gripe, grumble, inveigh, mumble, object, oppose, protest, rebel, remonstrate, repine, resist, spurn, wail, whine, withstand; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* compliment, praise
- kick** [v3] *quit a habit* abandon, desist, give up, go cold turkey\*, leave off, stop; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* take up
- kickback** [n] *bribe* cut, gift, graft, money under the table\*, oil\*, payment, payoff, payola, percentage, recompense, reward, share; CONCEPTS 192,344
- kick back** [v] *relax* breathe easy\*, calm down\*, catch one's breath, chill out\*, collect oneself, compose oneself, cool off\*, feel at home, hang loose\*, lie down, loosen up, make oneself at home\*, mellow out\*, put one's feet up\*, recline, rest, settle back, sit around, sit back, take a break\*, take a breather\*, take a load off\*, take it easy\*, take ten\*, unwind, wind down; CONCEPT 210
- kick in** [v] *contribute* ante up, chip in, commit, dish out\*, dole out\*, donate, fork over\*, furnish, give, hand out, hand over, pitch in\*, pony up\*, provide; CONCEPTS 108,140
- kick out** [v] *get rid of* ax, boot\*, bounce\*, can\*, cashier\*, chase, chuck, discharge, dismiss, drop, eject, evict, expel, extrude, fire, oust, out, reject, remove, sack\*, throw out, toss out; CONCEPTS 180,351,384 —*Ant.* allow, hold, keep
- kid** [n] *young person* baby, bairn, boy, child, daughter, girl, infant, juvenile, lad, lass, little one\*, son, teenager, tot, youngster, youth; CONCEPTS 414,424 —*Ant.* adult
- kid** [v] *fool, ridicule* bamboozle\*, banter, beguile, bother, cozen, delude, dupe, flimflam\*, fun\*, gull, hoax, hoodwink, jape, jest, joke, jolly, josh, make fun of, make sport of, mock, pretend, rag\*, razz, rib, roast, spoof, tease, trick; CONCEPTS 59,273 —*Ant.* be serious
- kid around** [v] *tease* annoy, badger, bait, banter, bother, chaff, disturb, dog\*, fool around, give a hard time\*, goad, harass, josh, lead on\*, mock, needle\*, nudge, pester, pick on\*, rag\*, razz\*, rib\*, ride, ridicule, roast\*, taunt; CONCEPTS 7,11,19,22
- kidnap** [v] *abduct; hold for ransom* body snatch\*, bundle off, capture, carry away, carry off, coax, decoy, entice, grab, hijack, impress, inveigh, lay hands on, lure, make off with\*, pirate, remove, run away with, seduce, seize, shanghai\*, skyjack, snatch, spirit away\*, steal, waylay; CONCEPTS 90,139
- kill** [v1] *deprive of existence; destroy* annihilate,

asphyxiate, assassinate, crucify, dispatch, do away with\*, do in\*, drown, dump, electrocute, eradicate, erase\*, execute, exterminate, extirpate, finish, garrote, get\*, guillotine, hang, hit\*, immolate, liquidate, lynch, massacre, murder, neutralize, obliterate, off\*, poison, polish off\*, put away\*, put to death, rub out\*, sacrifice, slaughter, slay, smother, snuff, strangle, suffocate, waste\*, wipe out\*, X-out\*, zap\*; CONCEPT 252 —**Ant.** bear, create, give birth

**kill** [v2] *turn off; cancel* annul, cease, counteract, deaden, defeat, extinguish, forbid, halt, negative, neutralize, nix\*, nullify, prohibit, quash, quell, recant, refuse, revoke, ruin, scotch\*, shut off, smother, stifle, still, stop, suppress, turn out, veto; CONCEPTS 121, 239 —**Ant.** begin, initiate, start, turn on

**killer** [n] *murderer* assassin, butcher, cut-throat, executioner, exterminator, gunman/woman, gunperson, hit-man/woman, hit person, hunter, slayer, soldier; CONCEPT 412

**killing** [n] *murder* assassination, bloodshed, bumping off\*, capital punishment, carnage, execution, extermination, homicide, manslaughter, massacre, slaughter, slaying; CONCEPTS 192, 252

**killjoy** [n] *spoilsport* complainer, dampener, doomsdayer, grinch\*, grouch\*, moaner, party-pooper, pessimist, prophet of doom\*, stick in the mud\*, wet blanket\*, whiner; CONCEPT 412

**kin** [n] *blood relative* affinity, blood, clan, connection, consanguinity, cousin, extraction, family, folk, house, kindred, kinsfolk, kinship, kinsperson, kith, lineage, member, people, race, relation, relationship, sibling, stock, tribe; CONCEPTS 296, 414, 421

**kind** [adj] *generous, good* affectionate, all heart\*, altruistic, amiable, amicable, beneficent, benevolent, benign, big, bleeding-heart\*, bounteous, charitable, clement, compassionate, congenial, considerate, cordial, courteous, eleemosynary, friendly, gentle, good-hearted, gracious, heart in right place\*, humane, humanitarian, indulgent, kindhearted, kindly, lenient, loving, mild, neighborly, obliging, philanthropic, propitious, softhearted, soft touch, sympathetic, tenderhearted, thoughtful, tolerant, understanding; CONCEPTS 401, 404, 542 —**Ant.** bad, bitter, cruel, inconsiderate, mean, unfriendly, ungenerous, unkind

**kind** [n1] *class, species* brand, breed, classification, family, genus, ilk, kin, order, race, set, sort, type, variety; CONCEPT 378

**kind** [n2] *type, character* breed, complexion, connection, denomination, description, designation, essence, fiber, gender, habit, ilk, likes, lot, manner, mold, nature, number, persuasion, set, sort, stamp, stripe, style, temperament, tendency, tribe, variety, way; CONCEPTS 411, 673

**kindhearted** [adj] *compassionate, helpful* altruistic, amiable, amicable, considerate, generous, good, good-natured, gracious, humane, kind, merciful, responsive, softhearted, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, warm, warmhearted; CONCEPTS 404, 542 —**Ant.** nasty, uncompassionate, unsympathetic

**kindle** [v1] *start a fire* blaze, burn, fire, flame, flare, glow, ignite, inflame, light, set alight, set fire; CONCEPT 249 —**Ant.** extinguish, put out

**kindle** [v2] *excite, incite* agitate, animate, arouse, awaken, bestir, burn up\*, challenge, egg on\*, enkindle, exasperate, fire up\*, foment, get smoking\*, induce, inflame, inspire, key up\*, provoke, rally, rouse, sharpen, stimulate, stir, thrill, turn on\*, wake, waken, whet, work up\*; CONCEPTS 7, 14, 22, 221 —**Ant.** disenchant, turn off

**kindly** [adj] *compassionate, helpful* attentive, beneficial, benevolent, benign, benignant, cool, cordial, favorable, friendly, generous, genial, gentle, good, good-hearted, good-natured, gracious, hearty, humane, kind, kindhearted, mellow, merciful, mild, neighborly, pleasant, polite, sociable, sympathetic, thoughtful, warm; CONCEPTS 404, 542 —**Ant.** disagreeable, inconsiderate, unkindly, unsympathetic

**kindly** [adv] *with compassion* affectionately, agreeably, benevolently, benignly, carefully, charitably, compassionately, considerately, cordially, courteously, delicately, generously, genially, good-naturedly, graciously, heedfully, helpfully, humanely, politely, solicitously, sympathetically, tenderly, thoughtfully, tolerantly, understandingly, well; CONCEPTS 542, 544 —**Ant.** disagreeably, inconsiderately, unkindly

**kindness** [n1] *compassion, generosity* affection, altruism, amiability, beneficence, benevolence, charity, clemency, consideration, cordiality, courtesy, decency, delicacy, fellow feeling, forbearance, gentleness, good intention, goodness, good will, grace, graciousness, heart, helpfulness, hospitality, humanity, indulgence, kindness, magnanimity, mildness, patience, philanthropy, serviceability, solicitousness, solicitude, sweetness, sympathy, tact, tenderness, thoughtfulness, tolerance, understanding, unselfishness; CONCEPTS 633, 657 —**Ant.** cruelty, harshness, meanness

**kindness** [n2] *helping act; service* accommodation, aid, alms, assistance, benediction, benefaction, benevolence, benison, blessing, boon, boost, bounty, charity, dispensation, favor, generosity, good deed, good turn, help, indulgence, lift, mercy, philanthropy, relief, succor; CONCEPTS 110, 657 —**Ant.** barbarousness, cruelty

**kindred** [adj] *corresponding, matching* affiliated, agnate, akin, alike, allied, analogous, cognate, congeneric, congenial, connate, con-natural, consanguine, germane, homogeneous, incident, kin, likable, parallel, related, similar; CONCEPT 563 —**Ant.** irrelevant, noncorresponding, unaffiliated

**kindred** [n] *blood relative* affinity, blood, clan, connection, consanguinity, cousin, family, flesh, folk, homefolk, house, kin, kinsfolk, kinsperson, lineage, race, relation, relationship, stock, tribe; CONCEPTS 296, 414, 421

**kingdom** [n] *historically, an area ruled by a monarch* commonwealth, country, county, crown, division, domain, dominion, dynasty, empire, field, lands, monarchy, nation, possessions, principality, province, realm, reign, rule, scepter, sovereignty, sphere, state, suzerainty, sway, territory, throne, tract; CONCEPTS 508, 510

**kink** [n1] *bend, twist* coil, corkscrew, crimp,



crinkle, curl, curve, entanglement, frizz, knot, loop, tangle, wrinkle; **CONCEPT 436** —**Ant.** line

**kink** [n2] *spasm of muscular tissue* charley horse\*, cramp, crick, knot, muscle spasm, pain, pang, pinch, stab, stitch, tweak, twinge; **CONCEPTS 185,728**

**kink** [n3] *complication* defect, difficulty, flaw, hitch, impediment, imperfection, knot, tangle; **CONCEPT 674** —**Ant.** easiness, simplicity

**kink** [n4] *person's idiosyncrasy* eccentricity, fetish, foible, notion, peculiarity, quirk, singularity, vagary, whim; **CONCEPT 411** —**Ant.** normalcy

**kinky** [adj1] *twisted* coiled, crimped, curled, curly, frizzled, frizzy, knotted, matted, matty, rolled, tangled; **CONCEPT 486** —**Ant.** straight, unkninked, untwisted

**kinky** [adj2] *bizarre, perverted* degenerated, depraved, deviant, eccentric, far-out, licentious, odd, outlandish, outre, peculiar, queer, quirky, sick, strange, unconventional, unnatural, unusual, warped, weird; **CONCEPTS 372,542,589** —**Ant.** clean, decent, ethical, normal, unperverted, usual

**kinship** [n] *family relationship* affinity, blood, clan, family, flesh, folk, kin, kindred, lineage, relations, tribe; **CONCEPTS 296,414,421**

**kiosk** [n] *gazebo* bandstand, booth, rotunda, stall, stand; **CONCEPTS 442,443**

**kismet** [n] *fate, fortune* chance, destination, destiny, divine will\*, doom, handwriting on the wall\*, horoscope, karma, Lady Luck\*, lot, luck, portion, predestination, providence; **CONCEPT 679**

**kiss** [n] *touching lips to another* butterfly\*, caress, embrace, endearment, osculation, peck, salutation, salute, smack\*, smooch\*; **CONCEPTS 185,375**

**kiss** [v] *touch one's lips to another's* blow, brush, butterfly\*, French\*, glance, graze, greet, lip\*, make out\*, mush\*, neck\*, osculate, peck, pucker up\*, salute, smack\*, smooch\*; **CONCEPTS 185,375**

**kit** [n] *provisions, equipment* accoutrements, apparatus, assortment, bag, collection, container, effects, gear, impedimenta, implements, material, outfit, pack, paraphernalia, rig, satchel, selection, set, stock, stuff, suitcase, supplies, tackle, things, tools, trappings, utensils; **CONCEPTS 494,496**

**kitchen** [n] *room for cooking food* canteen, cookery, cookhouse, cook's room, cuisine, eat-in, gallery, galley, kitchenette, mess, scullery; **CONCEPT 448**

**kittenish** [adj] *frisky, playful* childish, coquetish, coy, elvish, flirtatious, frolicsome, fun-loving, impish, jaunty, mischievous, sportive; **CONCEPT 401** —**Ant.** lethargic, stiff, unplayful

**klutz** [n] *clumsy person* bungler, butterfingers\*, dolt, dullard, lummoX, oaf; **CONCEPT 412**

**knack** [n] *ability, talent* adroitness, aptitude, aptness, bent, capacity, command, dexterity, expertise, expertism, expertness, facility, faculty, flair, forte, genius, gift, handiness, hang of it\*, head\*, ingenuity, know-how, mastership, nose\*, propensity, quickness, readiness, savvy\*, set, skill, skillfulness, trick, turn; **CONCEPTS 409,630** —**Ant.** inability, ineptitude, lack, want

**knapsack** [n] *backpack* carryall, duffel bag, haversack, kit bag, pack, rucksack, satchel; **CONCEPT 446**

**knead** [v] *mix by pressing* aerate, alter, blend, form, manipulate, massage, mold, ply, press, push, rub, shape, squeeze, stroke, twist, work; **CONCEPTS 170,208**

**kneel** [v] *get down on one's knees* bow, bow down, curtesy, do obeisance, genuflect, kowtow, prostrate oneself, stoop; **CONCEPT 154**

**knickknack** [n] *trinket; decorative piece* bagatelle, bauble, bibelot, bric-a-brac, conversation piece, curio, curiosity, device, embellishment, flummery, frill, furbelow, gadget\*, miniature, notion, novelty, objet d'art, ornament, plaything\*, showpiece, souvenir, thingamajig\*, toy, trapping, trifle, whatnot\*, whimsy; **CONCEPTS 259,260,446**

**knife** [n] *cutting tool* bayonet, blade, bolo, cut-lass, cutter, cutting edge, dagger, edge, lance, lancet, machete, point, ripper, sabre, scalpel, scimitar, scythe, the shank, shiv, sickle, skewer, skiver, steel, stiletto, switchblade, sword, tickler; **CONCEPTS 495,499**

**knife** [v] *stab with pointed tool* brand, carve, chop down, clip, cut, hurt, impale, jag, kill, lacerate, lance, open up, pierce, shank, shiv, slash, slice, spit, stick, thrust, wound; **CONCEPTS 176,220,246**

**knit** [v] *intertwine* affiliate, affix, ally, bind, cable, connect, contract, crochet, fasten, heal, interlace, intermingle, join, link, loop, mend, net, purl, repair, secure, sew, spin, tie, unite, weave, web; **CONCEPTS 113,202,218** —**Ant.** unknit

**knob** [n] *lump, handle* bulge, bulk, bump, bunch, doorknob, hump, knot, knurl, latch, lever, nub, opener, projection, protusion, protuberance, snag, stud, swell, swelling, trigger, tumor; **CONCEPTS 445,471**

**knock** [n1] *pushing, striking* beating, blow, box, clip, conk, cuff, hammering, hit, injury, lick, rap, slap, smack, swat, swipe, thump, whack; **CONCEPT 189**

**knock** [n2] *strong criticism* blame, censure, condemnation, defeat, failure, flak, pan, rap, rebuff, rejection, reversal, setback, stricture, swipe; **CONCEPTS 52,278** —**Ant.** compliment, praise

**knock** [v1] *push over; strike* abuse, bash, batter, beat, beat up, bob, bruise, buffet, clap, clout, cuff, damage, deck, drub\*, fell, flatten, floor, hit, hurt, KO\*, level, maltreat, manhandle, maul, mistreat, pound, punch, rap, roughhouse, slap, smack, tap, thrash, thump, thwack\*, total, wallop, whack\*, wound; **CONCEPT 189**

**knock** [v2] *criticize harshly* abuse, alive\*, belittle, blame, carp, caviI, censure, condemn, denounce, denunciate, deprecate, disparage, find fault, lambaste, reprehend, reprobate, run down\*, skin\*, slam; **CONCEPT 52** —**Ant.** compliment, praise

**knock about/knock around** [v] *roam, wander* drift, ramble, range, rove, traipse, travel, walk; **CONCEPTS 151,224** —**Ant.** stay, wait

**knock off** [v1] *kill* assassinate, do away with\*, do in\*, dust\*, eliminate, execute, finish, liquidate, murder, rub out\*, shoot, slay, stab, waste; **CONCEPT 252** —**Ant.** bear, create

**knock off** [v2] *steal* filch, knock over, loot, pilfer, pinch, plunder, purloin, ransack, relieve, rifle, rip off\*, rob, thief; CONCEPTS 139,192  
—*Ant.* give

**knock off** [v3] *stop action; accomplish* achieve, cease, complete, conclude, desist, discontinue, eliminate, finish, give over, halt, leave off, quit, stop work, succeed, surcease, terminate; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* continue, pursue, start

**knoll** [n] *small hill* acclivity, ascent, bluff, butte, cliff, drift, dune, elevation, esker, headland, heap, highland, hillock, hilltop, hummock, inclination, incline, knoll, mesa, mound, mount, precipice, prominence, promontory, ridge, rise, slope, summit; CONCEPT 509

**knot** [n1] *bow, loop* bond, braid, bunch, coil, connection, contortion, entanglement, gnarl, helix, hitch, joint, kink, ligament, ligature, link, mat, nexus, perplexity, rosette, screw, snarl, spiral, splice, tangle, tie, twirl, twist, vinculum, warp, whirl, whorl, yoke; CONCEPTS 436,471 —*Ant.* line

**knot** [n2] *lump; crowd* aggregation, assemblage, assortment, band, bunch, circle, clique, clump, cluster, collection, company, crew, gang, gathering, group, heap, mass, mob, pack, pile, set, squad, swarm, tuft; CONCEPT 432

**knot** [v] *weave, complicate* bind, cord, entangle, knit, loop, secure, tat, tether, tie; CONCEPTS 85,113,160 —*Ant.* unknot

**knotty** [adj] *troublesome* baffling, complex, complicated, difficult, effortful, elaborate, formidable, Gordian\*, hard, intricate, involved, labyrinthine, mazy, mystifying, perplexing, problematical, puzzling, ramified, reticular, rough, rugged, sophisticated, sticky\*, terrible, thorny\*, tough, tricky, uphill\*; CONCEPTS 529,565 —*Ant.* simple, uncomplicated, untroublesome

**know** [v1] *understand information* apperceive, appreciate, apprehend, be acquainted, be cognizant, be conversant in, be informed, be learned, be master of, be read, be schooled, be versed, cognize, comprehend, differentiate, discern, discriminate, distinguish, experience, fathom, feel certain, get the idea\*, grasp, have, have down pat\*, have information, have knowledge of, keep up on, ken, learn, notice, on top of\*, perceive, prize, realize, recognize, see, undergo; CONCEPTS 15,38 —*Ant.* misinterpret, misunderstanding

**know** [v2] *be familiar with* associate, be acquainted with, be friends with, experience, feel, fraternize, get acquainted, have dealings with, identify, savor, see, sustain, taste, undergo; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* be ignorant, forget

**know-how** [n] *skill, talent* ability, adroitness, aptitude, art, background, capability, command, craft, cunning, dexterity, experience, expertise, expertness, faculty, flair, ingenuity, knack, knowledge, proficiency, savoir-faire, wisdom; CONCEPTS 409,630 —*Ant.* ignorance, lack, want

**knowing** [adj] *experienced, aware* alive, apprehensive, astute, awake, brainy, bright, brilliant, canny, clever, cognizant, competent, conscious, conversant, cool\*, crack\*, deliberate, discerning, expert, insightful, intelligent, intended, intentional, judicious, knowledgeable, observant, perceptive, percipient, qualified, quick,

quick-witted, sagacious, sage, sensible, sentient, sharp, skillful, slick\*, smart, sophic, sophisticated, tuned-in, vigilant, watchful, well-informed, wise, with-it, witting, worldly, worldly-wise; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* inexperienced, unaware, uncognizant, unknowing

**know-it-all** [n] *intellectual, smart aleck* braggart, brain\*, smarty-pants\*, walking encyclopedia, windbag, wiseacre, wise guy\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**knowledge** [n] *person's understanding; information* ability, accomplishments, acquaintance, apprehension, attainments, awareness, cognition, comprehension, consciousness, dirt\*, discernment, doctrine, dogma, dope\*, education, enlightenment, erudition, expertise, facts, familiarity, goods\*, grasp, inside story\*, insight, instruction, intelligence, judgment, know-how\*, learning, light\*, lore, observation, philosophy, picture, power\*, principles, proficiency, recognition, scholarship, schooling, science, scoop\*, substance, theory, tuition, wisdom; CONCEPTS 274,409,529 —*Ant.* ignorance

**knowledgeable** [adj] *aware, educated* abreast, acquainted, alert, appreciative, apprised, au courant, au fait, brainy\*, bright, brilliant, clever, cognizant, conscious, conversant, discerning, erudite, experienced, familiar, informed, insightful, intelligent, in the know, knowing, learned, lettered, omniscient, perceptive, plugged in\*, posted, prescient, privy, quick-witted, sagacious, sage, savvy, scholarly, sensible, sharp, smart, sophic, sophisticated, tuned-in\*, understanding, versed, well-informed, well-rounded, wise, with-it; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, unaware, uneducated, uninformed

**known** [adj] *famous, popular* accepted, acknowledged, admitted, avowed, celebrated, certified, common, confessed, conscious, down pat\*, established, familiar, hackneyed, manifest, noted, notorious, obvious, patent, plain, proverbial, published, received, recognized, well-known; CONCEPTS 529,567,576  
—*Ant.* obscure, unknown

**knurled** [adj] *knotted* bumpy, coarse, gnarled, knobby, knotty, rough; CONCEPTS 485,606

**kook** [n] *eccentric person* crackpot, crank, crazy\*, dingbat\*, flake\*, fruitcake\*, lamebrain, lunatic, nut, screwball\*, wacko\*, weirdo; CONCEPTS 412,423

**kosher** [adj1] *ritually proper* apropos, clean, decent, ritually pure, undefiled; CONCEPTS 401,404

**kosher** [adj2] *legitimate* acceptable, according to law, authentic, genuine, legal, permissible, permitted, proper; CONCEPTS 319,558,582

**kowtow** [v] *grovel* bow, brownnose\*, cave in\*, court, cower, cringe, fawn, flatter, fold, genuflect, give in, go along with, kneel, knuckle under, lie down and roll over\*, pander, prostrate, say uncle\*, stoop, toe the mark\*; CONCEPT 384

**kudos** [n] *praise, acclaim* applause, credit, distinction, eminence, esteem, fame, flattery, glory, honor, illustriousness, laudation, notability, pat on the back\*, plaudits, plum\*, PR\*, preeminence, prestige, prominence, puff\*, pumping up\*, raves\*, regard, renown, repute, strokes\*; CONCEPTS 69,268 —*Ant.* blame, criticism

## L

**label** [*n*] *marker, description; brand* characterization, classification, company, design, epithet, hallmark, identification, insignia, logo, mark, number, price mark, stamp, sticker, tag, tally, ticket, trademark; CONCEPTS 268,270,284

**label** [*v*] *mark, describe; brand* call, characterize, class, classify, define, designate, identify, name, specify, stamp, sticker, tag, tally; CONCEPTS 62,79

**labor** [*n*1] *work, undertaking* activity, chore, daily grind, diligence, drudgery, effort, employment, endeavor, energy, exercise, exertion, grind\*, gruntwork\*, industry, job, moonlight\*, operation, pains\*, pull, push, strain, stress, struggle, sweat, toil, travail; CONCEPTS 87,100,351,360,362 —*Ant.* entertainment, fun

**labor** [*n*2] *person(s) performing service* apprentice, blue collar, breadwinner, employee, hack\*, hand\*, hard hat\*, help, helper, hiring, instrument, laborer, learner, operative, apprentice, proletariat, rank and file\*, toiler, worker, work force, working people; CONCEPTS 325,348 —*Ant.* management, manager

**labor** [*n*3] *childbirth process* birth, birth pangs, childbearing, contractions, delivery, giving birth, pains, parturition, throes, travail; CONCEPT 374

**labor** [*v*] *work very hard* bear down, cultivate, drudge, drudge, endeavor, exert oneself, grind, plod, plug away\*, pour it on\*, slave, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, tend, toil, travail, work oneself to the bone\*; CONCEPTS 87,100 —*Ant.* idle, laze, relax

**laboratory** [*n*] *testing room* chemistry laboratory, lab, research laboratory, workshop; CONCEPTS 312,439,441,448,449

**labored** [*adj*] *difficult to understand, unclear* affected, arduous, awkward, clumsy, contrived, effortful, forced, hard, heavy, inept, maladroït, operose, overdone, overwrought, ponderous, stiff, strained, strenuous, studied, toilsome, unnatural, uphill\*, weighty; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* easy, facile, natural, relaxed

**laborer** [*n*] *worker* blue-collar worker, drudge, farmhand, grunt, hand, hiring, manual worker, migrant worker, peon, unskilled worker, working man/woman, working stiff\*; CONCEPT 348

**laborious** [*adj*1] *hard, difficult* arduous, back-breaking, burdensome, effortful, fatiguing, forced, heavy, herculean\*, labored, onerous, operose, ponderous, rough go\*, stiff, strained, strenuous, tiresome, toilsome, tough, tough job\*, wearing, wearisome, wicked\*; CONCEPTS 538,565 —*Ant.* easy, effortless, facile, simple, trivial

**laborious** [*adj*2] *hardworking* active, assiduous, diligent, indefatigable, industrious, operose, painstaking, persevering, sedulous, tireless, unflagging; CONCEPTS 538,550 —*Ant.* idle, lackadaisical, lazy, reticent

**labyrinth** [*n*] *maze, complexity* coil, complication, convolution, entanglement, intricacy, jungle, knot, mesh, morass, perplexity, problem, puzzle, riddle, skein, snarl, tangle, web; CONCEPTS 436,663,666

**labyrinthine** [*adj*] *mazeline* complex, convo-

luted, elaborate, intricate, mazy, meandering, serpentine, sinuous, tangled, tortuous, twisting, wandering, winding, zigzag; CONCEPT 436

—*Ant.* simple, straight, straightforward

**lace** [*n*1] *netted material* appliqué, banding, border, crochet, edging, filigree, mesh, net, netting, openwork, ornament, tating, thread-work, tissue, trim, trimming; CONCEPT 473

**lace** [*n*2] *string used to connect* band, cord, rope, shoelace, thong, thread, tie; CONCEPT 475

**lace** [*v*] *fasten, intertwine* add, attach, bind, close, do up, fortify, interlace, interweave, mix, plat, spike, strap, thread, tie, twine; CONCEPT 113 —*Ant.* unfasten, unlace, untie, untwine

**lacerate** [*v*] *tear, cut; wound* claw, gash, harm, hurt, injure, jag, lance, maim, mangle, mutilate, puncture, rend, rip, score, serrate, slash, stab, torment, torture; CONCEPTS 137,176,214,220,246

**laceration** [*n*] *cut, wound* gash, injury, lesion, pierce, rip, slash, slice, slit, stab, tear; CONCEPT 309

**lack** [*n*] *deficiency, need* abridgement, absence, curtailment, dearth, decrease, default, defect, deficit, depletion, deprivation, destitution, distress, exigency, exiguity, inadequacy, inferiority, insufficiency, insufficiency, loss, meagerness, miss, necessity, paucity, poverty, privation, reduction, retrenchment, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, shortcoming, shortfall, shortness, shrinkage, shrinking, slightness, stint, want; CONCEPTS 707,709 —*Ant.* abundance, enough, excess, extra, lot, plenty, plethora, profusion, surplus

**lack** [*v*] *do not have* be deficient in, be short of, be without, have need of, hurting for\*, minus, miss, need, not got\*, out, require, too little too late\*, want; CONCEPTS 20,646 —*Ant.* have

**lackadaisical** [*adj*] *careless, indifferent* abstracted, apathetic, daydreaming, disinterested, dreamy, dull, energyless, enervated, faineant, halfhearted, idle, inattentive, inquiring, indolent, inert, laid-back, languid, languishing, languorous, lazy, lethargic, limp, listless, moony\*, passive, romantic, sentimental, slothful, spiritless, spring fever\*, unconcerned; CONCEPTS 403,542,544 —*Ant.* active, careful, caring, energetic, enthusiastic, hard-working

**lackey** [*n*] *servant* attendant, butler, domestic, doormat, drudge, factotum, flunkey, retainer, steward, subordinate, toady, underling, valet, yes-person; CONCEPT 348

**lacking** [*adj*] *wanting, deficient* can't cut it\*, coming up short\*, defective, deprived of, flawed, impaired, inadequate, incomplete, minus, missing, needed, needing, not hacking it\*, not making it\*, sans, short, without; CONCEPTS 546,771 —*Ant.* abundant, enough, having, profuse, sufficient

**lackluster** [*adj*] *dull, lifeless* blah\*, blind, boring, colorless, dark, dead, dim, drab, draggy\*, dry, flat\*, ho-hum\*, laid-back\*, leaden, lusterless, matte, muted, nothing\*, obscure, pabulum\*, prosaic, sombre, unimaginitive, uninspired, vanilla\*, vapid, zero\*; CONCEPTS 542,548,617 —*Ant.* bright, enthusiastic, lively, shining, shiny, spirited

**laconic** [*adj*] *short, to the point* breviloquent, brief, brusque, compact, compendiarly,

compendious, concise, crisp, curt, pithy, sententious, short and sweet\*, succinct, terse; CONCEPTS 267,773,798 —*Ant.* long-winded, verbose, wordy

**lacquer** [*n*] *coating* covering, finish, glaze, lamination, layer, varnish, veneer; CONCEPT 475

**lacy** [*adj*] *delicate, netlike* elegant, fancy, filigree, fine, frilly, gauzy, gossamer, lacelike, meshy, open, ornate, patterned, sheer, thin, transparent; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* heavy, thick

**lad** [*n*] *young man* boy, buddy, child, fellow, guy, half-pint\*, juvenile, kid\*, runt\*, school-boy, son, stripling, youngster, youth; CONCEPTS 419,424 —*Ant.* man

**laden** [*adj*] *loaded down* burdened, charged, encumbered, fraught, full, hampered, oppressed, taxed, weighed down, weighted; CONCEPTS 485,538 —*Ant.* empty, light, unladen, unloaded

**lag** [*v*] *move slowly; delay* be behind, dally, dawdle, decrease, dillydally\*, diminish, drag, drag one's feet\*, ebb, fail, fall off, falter, flag, get no place fast\*, hang back, hobble, idle, inch, inch along\*, jelly, limp, linger, loiter, lose strength, lounge, plod, poke, procrastinate, put off, retard, saunter, shuffle, slacken, slouch, slow, slow up, stagger, stay, straggle, tail, tarry, tool, trail, trudge, wane; CONCEPTS 151,153 —*Ant.* run, rush

**laggard** [*n*] *straggler* dawdler, idler, lingerer, loafer, lounger, slowpoke, slow starter; CONCEPT 151

**lagoon** [*n*] *shallow body of water* bayou, gulf, marsh, pond, pool, shallows, shoal, tidal pond; CONCEPT 514

**laid-back** [*adj*] *relaxed* easygoing, lax, low-pressure, mellow, undemanding, unhurried; CONCEPT 404

**lair** [*n*] *hideout, habitat* burrow, cave, den, earth, form, hideaway, hole, nest, pen, refuge, resting place, retreat, sanctuary; CONCEPT 515

**laissez-faire** [*n*] *free enterprise, for the most part unrestrained* by law free trade, indifference, individualism, live and let live\*, neutrality, nonintervention; CONCEPTS 388,691

**lake** [*n*] *inland body of water* basin, creek, inland sea, lagoon, lakelet, loch, mere, millpond, mouth, pond, pool, reservoir, sluice, spring, tarn; CONCEPT 514

**lambaste** [*v*] *punish, beat* assail, attack, berate, blister, bludgeon, castigate, censure, criticize, cudgel, denounce, excoriate, flay, flog, hammer, hit, lash into\*, pan, pelt, pound, pummel, rake over the coals\*, read the riot act\*, rebuke, reprimand, rip into, roast, scathe, scold, scorch, scourge, shellac, slam, slap, slash, smear, smother, strike, thrash, trim, upbraid, wallop, whip; CONCEPTS 52,54,86 —*Ant.* praise, uphold

**lame** [*adj*1] *unable to walk properly* bruised, deformed, disabled, game, gimp, gimp, halt, handicapped, hobbling, limping, pained, raw, sidelined, sore, stiff; CONCEPTS 314,489 —*Ant.* able, agile, mobile, uncrippled, walking

**lame** [*adj*2] *feeble, weak* faltering, faulty, flabby, flimsy, inadequate, ineffective, inefficient, insufficient, poor, thin, unconvincing, unpersuasive, unpleasing, unsatisfactory, unsuitable; CONCEPTS 558,570 —*Ant.* able, capable, efficient, satisfactory, strong

**lament** [*v*] *to mourn or grieve* deeply bawl,

beat one's breast\*, bemoan, bewail, bleed, cry, deplore, eat one's heart out\*, howl, hurt, kick self\*, moan, rain, regret, repine, rue, sing, sob, sorrow, take it hard\*, wail, weep; CONCEPTS 52,54 —*Ant.* celebrate, compliment, laud, praise

**lamentable** [*adj*] *upsetting, miserable* afflictive, awful, bad, calamitous, deplorable, dire, dirty, distressing, doleful, dolorous, god-awful, grievous, grim, heartbreaking, hurting, lousy, low, lugubrious, meager, mean, melancholy, mournful, pitiful, plaintive, poor, regretful, rotten, rueful, sad, sorrowful, stinking, tragic, unfavorable, unfortunate, unsatisfactory, woeful, wretched; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* cheering, fortunate, good, lucky, satisfactory

**lament/lamentation** [*n*] *grief, complaint* complaining, dirge, elegy, grieving, jeremiad, keen, keening, lament, moan, moaning, mourning, plaint, requiem, sob, sobbing, sorrow, tears, threnody, ululation, wail, wailing, weeping; CONCEPTS 29,278,410 —*Ant.* celebration, enjoyment, praise

**laminated** [*v*] *cover with veneer* coat, exfoliate, face, flake, foil, foliate, layer, overlayer, plate, separate, split, stratify, veneer; CONCEPT 172 —*Ant.* strip

**lamp** [*n*] *lattern* beacon, flashlight, gas lamp, gaslight, hurricane lamp, kerosene lamp, light, searchlight, torch; CONCEPTS 620,624,628,810

**lampoon** [*n*] *parody, satire* burlesque, caricature, invective, pasquil, pasquinade, pastiche, ridicule, roast\*, send-up\*, skit, squib, take-down, takeoff\*; CONCEPTS 263,273

**lampoon** [*v*] *ridicule, make fun of* burlesque, caricature, jape, mock, parody, pasquinade, put on\*, rail, roast\*, satirize, send up\*, squib, take off\*, travesty; CONCEPT 273 —*Ant.* applaud, approve, praise, support

**lance** [*v*] *pierce* bore, cut, cut into, gash, gore, incise, penetrate, prick, puncture, slash, slice, slit, stab, stick into; CONCEPTS 137,159,176,220

**land** [*n*] *earth's surface; ownable property* acreage, acres, area, beach, continent, country, countryside, dirt, district, earth, estate, expanse, extent, farming, farmland, field, ground, grounds, holding, home, homeland, loam, mainland, manor, nation, old sod, parcel, plot, province, purlieu, quarry, quinta, ranch, real estate, realty, region, shore, sod, soil, stretch, sweep, terra firma, terran, territory, tillage, tract; CONCEPTS 508,509,510,515 —*Ant.* sea, sky

**land** [*v*1] *arrive, come to rest on* alight, berth, bring in, check in, come ashore, come down, come in, come to berth, debark, descend upon, disembark, ditch, dock, drop anchor, flatten out, get down, ground, level off, light on, make land, pilot, put down, put in, set down, set on deck, settle, sit down, splash down, steer, take down, thump, touch down; CONCEPTS 159,181 —*Ant.* ascend, take off

**land** [*v*2] *achieve, acquire* annex, bring in, gain, get, have, obtain, pick up, procure, secure, win; CONCEPTS 120,706 —*Ant.* fail, lose

**landfill** [*n*] *dump* ash heap\*, depot, disposal area, dumping ground, garbage lot, hazardous waste dump, junk pile\*, junkyard, recycling station, refuse heap, rubbish pile, toxic waste site, transfer station; CONCEPTS 438,449,680

**landing** [*n*] harbor anchorage, berth, dock, jetty, landing place, marina, pier, platform, quay, slip, wharf; CONCEPT 442

**landlord** [*n*] owner of property leased freeholder, hotelier, hotelkeeper, innkeeper, lessor, property owner, proprietor, saw, squire; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* boarder, leaser, renter

**landmark** [*n1*] historical or notable sight battleground, benchmark, bend, blaze, feature, fragment, guide, hill, mark, marker, memorial, milepost, milestone, monument, mountain, museum, promontory, remnant, ruins, souvenir, specimen, stone, survival, trace, tree, vantage point, vestige, waypost; CONCEPTS 198,284,447

**landmark** [*n2*] turning point crisis, event, milepost, milestone, stage, watershed, waypost; CONCEPTS 696,817

**landscape** [*n*] countryside; picture of countryside mural, outlook, painting, panorama, photograph, prospect, scene, scenery, sketch, view, vista; CONCEPTS 259,509

**landslide** [*n1*] landslide avalanche, earthfall, mudslide, rockslide, snowslide; CONCEPTS 509,524,786

**landslide** [*n2*] great victory advantage, clean sweep\*, conquest, defeat, grand slam\*, killing\*, overthrow, superiority, sweep, triumph, win; CONCEPTS 95,671,706,832

**lane** [*n*] road alley, artery, avenue, back street, boulevard, byway, drive, expressway, highway, parkway, passage, pathway, roadway, route, street, thoroughfare, throughway, thruway, turnpike; CONCEPT 201

**language** [*n*] system of words for communication accent, argot, articulation, brogue, cant, communication, conversation, dialect, diction, dictionary, discourse, doublespeak\*, expression, gibberish, idiom, interchange, jargon, lexicon, lingua franca, palaver, parlance, patois, phraseology, prose, signal, slang, sound, speech, style, talk, terminology, tongue, utterance, verbalization, vernacular, vocabulary, vocalization, voice, word, wording; CONCEPT 276

**languid** [*adj*] drooping, dull, listless apathetic, blah\*, blahs\*, comatose, dopey, easy, energyless, enervated, faint, feeble, heavy, impassive, inactive, indifferent, inert, infirm, lackadaisical, laid-back, languishing, languorous, lazy, leaden, leisurely, lethargic, limp, moony\*, nebbish, phlegmatic, pining, sickly, sleepyhead\*, slow, sluggish, snoozy\*, spiritless, supine, torpid, unconcerned, unenthusiastic, unhurried, uninterested, weak, weary, wimpy\*; CONCEPTS 403, 542,584 —*Ant.* alert, animated, energetic, lively, spirited, vivacious

**languish** [*v*] droop; become dull, listless be disregarded, be neglected, brood, conk out\*, decline, desire, despond, deteriorate, die on vine\*, dwindle, ebb, fade, fag, fag out, fail, faint, fizzle out, flag, go soft\*, go to pieces\*, grieve, hanker, hunger, knock out, long, pine, repine, rot, sicken, sigh, snivel, sorrow, suffer, tucker, waste, waste away, weaken, wilt, wither, yearn; CONCEPTS 20,105,469 —*Ant.* flourish, grow, improve, strengthen

**languor** [*n*] lethargy apathy, dullness, fatigue, idleness, inaction, inactivity, laziness, listlessness, sluggishness, tiredness, torpor, weakness; CONCEPTS 315,410,633,748

**lanky** [*adj*] tall and thin angular, attenuated, beanpole\*, beanstalk\*, bony, broomstick\*, emaciated, gangling, gangly, gaunt, lean, meager, rangy, rawboned, scraggy, scrawny, slender, spare, spindling, spindly, stilt, stringy, twiggy\*, weedy; CONCEPTS 491,779 —*Ant.* squat

**lantern** [*n*] lamp beacon, flashlight, gas lamp, gaslight, hurricane lamp, kerosene lamp, light, searchlight, torch; CONCEPTS 620,624,628,810

**lap** [*n*] orbit, circuit circle, course, distance, loop, round, tour; CONCEPTS 364,436

**lap** [*v1*] slosh, wash against bathe, bubble, burble, drink, gurgle, have, lick, lip, splash, purr, ripple, sip, slap, splash, sup, swish; CONCEPT 144

**lap** [*v2*] overlap cover, enfold, envelop, fold, imbricate, overlie, override, ride, single, swaddle, swathe, turn, twist, wrap; CONCEPTS 172,201

**lapse** [*n1*] mistake blunder, breach, bungle, crime, error, failing, failure, fault, flub, foible, frailty, gaff, goof, goof-up\*, indiscretion, misuse, negligence, offense, omission, oversight, screw-up\*, sin, slip, slip-up, transgression, trespass, trip\*, vice, violation; CONCEPTS 101, 674 —*Ant.* achievement, perfection, success

**lapse** [*n2*] break in action gap, intermission, interruption, interval, lacuna, lull, passage, pause; CONCEPT 807 —*Ant.* continuity

**lapse** [*n3*] backsliding decadence, declension, decline, degeneration, descent, deterioration, devolution, drop, fall, recession, regression, relapse, retrogradation, retrogression; CONCEPTS 230,316,388 —*Ant.* progress

**lapse** [*v*] become void; fall back into previous pattern apostatize, backslide, become obsolete, cease, decline, degenerate, descend, deteriorate, die, elapse, end, expire, go by, pass, recede, recidivate, relapse, retrograde, return, revert, run out, slide, slip, subside, terminate, weaken; CONCEPT 119 —*Ant.* continue, go on, restart

**larceny** [*n*] theft burglary, crime, lift, misappropriation, pilfering, pinch, purloining, robbery, steal, stealing, thievery, thieving, touch\*; CONCEPTS 139,192

**larder** [*n*] provisions food supply, groceries, pantry, provender, stock, storage, supplies; CONCEPTS 140,712

**large** [*adj*] big, abundant ample, barn door\*, blimp\*, booming, broad, bulky, capacious, colossal, comprehensive, considerable, copious, enormous, excessive, exorbitant, extensive, extravagant, full, generous, giant, gigantic, goodly, grand, grandiose, great, gross, hefty, huge, humongous\*, immeasurable, immense, jumbo\*, liberal, massive, monumental, mountainous, plentiful, populous, roomy, sizable, spacious, stupendous, substantial, super, sweeping, thumping, tidy, vast, voluminous, whopping\*, wide; CONCEPTS 773,781 —*Ant.* little, miniature, small, tiny

**largely** [*adv*] to a great extent abundantly, as a rule, broadly, by and large, chiefly, commodiously, comprehensively, considerably, copiously, expansively, extensively, extravagantly, generally, generously, grandly, immoderately, imposingly, in a big way, in a grand manner, lavishly, liberally, magnificently, mainly, mostly, on a large scale, overall, predominantly, primarily, principally, prodigally, prodigiously, voluminously, widely; CONCEPTS 544,772

**larger than life** [*adj*] *legendary* awesome, celebrated, extraordinary, famed, famous, immortal, imposing, impressive, mythical, renowned, towering; CONCEPT 568

**largess** [*adj*] *generosity* aid, alms, altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, charitable, charity, donation, endowment, generous, gift, giving, philanthropy, thoughtful; CONCEPTS 404, 542

**lascivious** [*adj*] *sexually aroused*; displaying excessive interest in sex bawdy, blue, bodily, carnal, coarse, crude, evil-minded, fast\*, fleshly, gross\*, hard-core\*, hot\*, immoral, incontinent, indecent, lecherous, lewd, libertine, libidinous, licentious, low-down\*, lubricious, lustful, nasty, obscene, off-color\*, offensive, orgiastic, pornographic, prurient, randy, raunchy\*, raw, ribald, rough, salacious, scurrilous, sensual, smutty\*, soft-core\*, steamy, suggestive, unchaste, voluptuous, vulgar, wanton, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 372, 403 —*Ant.* chaste, decent, moral

**lash** [*v1*] *beat, whip* baste, batter, buffet, chastise, dash, drum, flagellate, flay, flog, hammer, hide, hit, horsewhip, knock, lam, lather, pound, pummel, scourge, smack, strap, strike, thrash, wear out, whale\*; CONCEPT 189

**lash** [*v2*] *criticize harshly* abuse, attack, baste, bawl out\*, belabor, berate, blister, castigate, censure, chew out\*, exporate, flay, fulminate, jaw, lambaste, lampoon, ridicule, satirize, scold, tear into\*, tell off\*, tongue-lash\*, up-braid; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**lass** [*n*] *young woman* colleen, damsel, female, girl, lassie, maid, maiden, miss, missy; CONCEPTS 548, 585

**lassitude** [*n*] *lethargy* apathy, dullness, exhaustion, fatigue, idleness, inaction, inactivity, languor, laziness, listlessness, sleepiness, sluggishness, tiredness, torpor, weakness, weariness; CONCEPTS 315, 410, 633, 748

**lasso** [*n*] *lariat* bola, halter, rope, snare; CONCEPT 475

**last** [*adj*] *final*; *newest* aftermost, antipodal, at the end, bitter end, climactic, closing, concluding, conclusive, crowning, curtains\*, definitive, determinate, determinative, end, ending, eventual, extreme, far, far-off, farthest, finishing, furthest, hindmost, lag, latest, least, lowest, meanest, most recent, once and for all\*, outermost, rearmost, remotest, supreme, swan song\*, terminal, ulterior, ultimate, utmost, uttermost; CONCEPTS 585, 778, 799 —*Ant.* beginning, first, front, initial, introductory, oldest, primary, starting

**last** [*n*] *end* close, completion, conclusion, ending, finale, finis, finish, omega, termination; CONCEPT 832 —*Ant.* beginning, commencement, introduction, lead, start

**last-ditch** [*adj*] *last-minute* desperate, do-or-die, eleventh-hour, final, frantic, last-chance, last-gasp, last-resort; CONCEPT 799

**lasting** [*adj*] *enduring, unending* abiding, constant, continual, continuing, deep-rooted, durable, endless, eternal, everlasting, forever, incessant, indelible, indissoluble, inexhaustible, inexpungible, in for the long haul\*, lifelong, longstanding, long-term, old, perdurable, perennial, permanent, perpetual, persisting, stable, till the cows come home\*, unceasing, undying,

unremitting; CONCEPTS 551, 798 —*Ant.* ceasing, ending, ephemeral, fleeting, passing, short-lived, temporary, transient

**lastly/last** [*adv*] *in the end* after, after all, all in all, at last, at the end, behind, bringing up rear\*, finally, in conclusion, in the rear, to conclude, to sum up, ultimately; CONCEPTS 585, 799 —*Ant.* firstly/first

**latch** [*n*] *lock bar*, bolt, catch, clamp, fastening, hasp, hook, padlock; CONCEPTS 445, 499 —*Ant.* key

**latch** [*v*] *fasten with lock bar*, bolt, cinch, close, close up, lock, make fast, secure; CONCEPT 85 —*Ant.* loose, loosen, unfasten, unlatch, unlock

**late** [*adj1*] *not on time* backward, behind, behindhand, behind time, belated, blown\*, delayed, dilatory, eleventh-hour\*, gone, held up, hung up\*, in a bind\*, in the lurch\*, jammed\*, lagging, last-minute, missed the boat\*, out of luck\*, overdue, postponed, put off, remiss, slow, stayed, strapped\*, tardy, too late, unpunctual; CONCEPTS 548, 799 —*Ant.* early, on time, prompt, punctual

**late** [*adj2*] *new advanced*, fresh, just out, modern, recent; CONCEPTS 578, 797 —*Ant.* antique, old, old-fashioned

**late** [*adj3*] *dead asleep*, bygone, cold, deceased, defunct, departed, erstwhile, ex-\*, exanimate, extinct, former, inanimate, lifeless, old, once, onetime, past, preceding, previous, quondam, sometime; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* live

**late** [*adv*] *at the last minute* backward, behind, behindhand, behind time, belatedly, dilatorily, slowly, tardily, unpunctual; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* early, on time, punctually

**lately** [*adv*] *new, recently* afresh, anew, a short time ago, in recent times, just now, latterly, newly, not long ago, of late; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* in the past, old

**latent** [*adj*] *dormant, hidden* abeyant, between the lines, concealed, contained, covert, idle, immature, implied, in abeyance, inactive, inert, inferential, inferred, inherent, inoperative, intrinsic, invisible, involved, lurking, passive, possible, potential, quiescent, rudimentary, secret, sleeping, smoldering, suppressed, suspended, tacit, torpid, underdeveloped, underlying, undeveloped, unexposed, unexpressed, unrealized, unripe, unseen, veiled, vestigial; CONCEPTS 404, 576 —*Ant.* active, apparent, clear, live, manifest, obvious, open, public

**later** [*adj*] *coming after* downstream, ensuing, following, more recent, next, posterior, postliminary, proximate, subsequent, subsequent, succeeding, ulterior; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* before, earlier

**later** [*adv*] *happening after* after, afterward, again, at another time, behind, by and by\*, come Sunday\*, down the line\*, down the road\*, in a while, infra, in time, later on, latterly, more recent, next, subsequently, succeeding, thereafter; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* before, earlier

**lateral** [*adj*] *sideways* crabwise, edgeways, flanking, oblique, side, side-by-side, sidelong, sideward, sidewise, skirting; CONCEPTS 581, 583 —*Ant.* centered, central

**lather** [*n1*] *bubbles* cream, foam, froth, head, soap, soapsuds, spume, suds, yeast; CONCEPTS 260, 437

**lather** [n2] *commotion, fuss* agitation, bustle, clamor, confusion, dither, fever, flap\*, fluster, hassle, hoopla\*, hubbub\*, hullabaloo\*, state, stew\*, storm\*, sweat\*, tizzy\*, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, twitter\*; CONCEPTS 230,388 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**lather** [v] *cause to bubble* beat, foam, froth, scrub, soap, wash, whip; CONCEPT 165 —*Ant.* flatten

**latitude** [n] *freedom, room to move; scope* breadth, compass, elbow room, extent, independence, indulgence, laxity, leeway, liberty, license, margin, play, range, reach, room, run, run of, space, span, spread, sweep, swing, unrestrictedness, width; CONCEPTS 651,739,756,788 —*Ant.* limitation, restriction

**latter** [adj] *latest, concluding* closing, eventual, final, following, hindmost, lag, last, last-mentioned, later, modern, rearmost, recent, second, terminal; CONCEPTS 585,799 —*Ant.* earliest, former, preceding

**lattice** [n] *mesh, trellis* filigree, frame, fretwork, grating, grid, grill, latticework, net, network, openwork, reticulation, screen, structure, tracery, web; CONCEPT 259 —*Ant.* solid

**laud** [v] *acclaim, praise* admire, adore, approve, bless, boost, build up, celebrate, commend, compliment, cry up, eulogize, extol, flatter, glorify, hand it to\*, honor, hymn, magnify, panegyricize, pat on the back\*, revere, reverence, sing the praises of\*, stroke, venerate, worship; CONCEPT 69 —*Ant.* blame, castigate, criticize

**laudable** [adj] *admirable* commendable, creditable, deserving, estimable, excellent, mean, meritable, meritorious, of note, praisable, praiseworthy, stellar, terrific, thankworthy, worthy; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* bad, blameable

**laudatory** [adj] *complimentary* acclamatory, adulatory, approbative, approbatory, approving, commendatory, encomiastic, eulogistic, flattering, laudative, panegyric, praiseful; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* blaming, castigating, critical

**laugh** [v] *expressing amusement, happiness* with sound be in stitches\*, break up\*, burst\*, cachinnate, chortle, chuckle, convulsed\*, crack up\*, crow, die laughing\*, fracture\*, giggle, grin, guffaw, howl, roar, roll in the aisles\*, scream, shriek, snicker, snort, split one's sides\*, titter, whoop\*; CONCEPTS 77,185 —*Ant.* cry

**laughable** [adj] *easily made fun of* absurd, amusing, asinine, bizarre, camp, campy, comic, comical, derisive, derisory, diverting, droll, eccentric, entertaining, facetious, fantastic, farcical, funny, gelastic, har-har\*, hilarious, humorous, inane, jocular, jokey, joshing, ludicrous, mirthful, mocking, nonsensical, preposterous, rich, ridiculous, riot, risible, scream, unusual, witty; CONCEPTS 267,550 —*Ant.* grave, serious

**laugh at** [v] *ridicule* belittle, deride, hoot, jeer, lampoon, make fun of, mock, scoff, taunt; CONCEPT 54

**laugh/laughter** [n] *audible expression of amusement* amusement, cachinnation, cackle, chortle, chuckle, chuckling, crack-up\*, crow, fit, gesture, giggle, giggling, glee, guffaw, hilarity, howling, merriment, mirth, peal, rejoicing, roar, shout, shriek, snicker, snigger, snort, sound, titter, yuck\*; CONCEPTS 77,185 —*Ant.* cry

**laughing stock** [n] *object of ridicule* Aunt Sally, butt, dupe, fair game, fall guy\*, fool, goat\*, joke, laughingstock, stooge, target, victim; CONCEPT 412

**launch** [v1] *send off* barrage, bombard, bung, cast, catapult, discharge, dispatch, drive, eject, fire, fling, heave, hurl, lance, pitch, project, propel, send forth, set afloat, set in motion, shoot, sling, throw, toss; CONCEPTS 179,222 —*Ant.* hold, keep

**launch** [v2] *begin, initiate* bow, break the ice\*, break the seal\*, commence, embark upon, get show on road\*, inaugurate, instigate, institute, introduce, jump, kick off\*, open, originate, set going, start, start ball rolling\*, usher in\*; CONCEPT 221 —*Ant.* cease, end, finish, stop

**launder** [v] *wash clean, cleanse, do the laundry\**, do the washing\*, rinse; CONCEPT 165

**laurels** [n] *credit, praise* acclaim, accolade, award, badge, bays, blue ribbon, commendation, crown, decoration, distinction, fame, feather in cap\*, glory, gold, gold star\*, kudos, prestige, recognition, renown, reward; CONCEPTS 69,278,337 —*Ant.* criticism

**lavatory** [n] *bathroom* latrine, powder room, restroom, shower, toilet, washroom, water closet, WC; CONCEPT 448

**lavish** [adj] *profuse; splendid* abundant, bountiful, copious, effusive, exaggerated, excessive, extravagant, exuberant, first-class, free, generous, gorgeous, grand, immoderate, impressive, improvident, inordinate, intemperate, liberal, lush, luxuriant, luxurious, munificent, open-handed, opulent, plentiful, plush, posh, prodigal, profligate, profusive, prolific, riotous, ritzy, sumptuous, swanky, thriftless, unreasonable, unrestrained, unsparing, unstingy, wasteful, wild; CONCEPTS 334,589,781 —*Ant.* economical, scanty, scarce, small, spare

**lavish** [v] *pamper, shower* be generous, be wasteful, deluge, dissipate, expend, fritter, give, go through, heap, pour, run through\*, scatter, spend, spend money like water\*, squander, thrust upon, waste; CONCEPTS 110,327,341 —*Ant.* economize, hoard, limit, starve

**law** [n1] *rules of a government, society* act, assize, behest, bidding, bylaw, canon, case, caveat, charge, charter, code, command, commandment, constitution, covenant, decision, decree, decretum, demand, dictate, divestiture, due process, edict, enactment, equity, garnishment, injunction, institute, instruction, jurisprudence, legislation, mandate, measure, notice, order, ordinance, precedent, precept, prescription, prescription, reg. regulation, requirement, ruling, statute, subpoena, summons, warrant, writ; CONCEPT 318 —*Ant.* breaking, lawlessness, transgression, violation

**law** [n2] *standard, principle of behavior* assumption, axiom, base, canon, cause, criterion, exigency, formula, foundation, fundamental, generalization, ground, guide, maxim, origin, postulate, precept, principium, proposal, proposition, reason, regulation, rule, source, theorem, truth, usage; CONCEPT 688 —*Ant.* transgression, violation

**lawbreaker** [n] *criminal* blackmailer, black marketeer, con, convict, crook, culprit, delinquent, felon, fugitive, gangster, hood\*,

hoodlum, hooligan, jailbird, malefactor, mobster, offender, outlaw, racketeer, scofflaw; CONCEPT 412

**law court** [*n*] *place for legal action* court, court of justice, court of law, judicature, tribunal; CONCEPT 299

**lawful** [*adj*] *allowable, legitimate* authorized, bona fide, canonical, card-carrying\*, commanded, condign, constitutional, decreed, due, enacted, enforced, enjoined, established, innocent, judged, judicial, jural, juridical, jurisprudent, just, justifiable, kosher\*, legal, legalized, legislated, legit\*, legitimized, licit, mandated, official, of right, on the level\*, on the up and up\*, ordained, ordered, passed, permissible, proper, protected, rightful, ruled, statutory, valid, vested, warrantable, warranted; CONCEPTS 319,545 —*Ant.* illegal, illegitimate, illicit, prohibited, taboo, unlawful

**lawless** [*adj*] *reckless, uncontrolled* anarchic, anarchical, anarchistic, bad, barbarous, chaotic, contumacious, criminal, despotic, disobedient, disordered, disorderly, evil, fierce, heterodox, infringing, insubordinate, insurgent, mutinous, nihilistic, noncompliant, nonconformist, piratical, rebellious, recusant, revolutionary, riotous, savage, seditious, tempestuous, terrorizing, traitorous, turbulent, tyrannous, uncivilized, uncultivated, unorthodox, unpeaceful, unrestrained, unruly, untamed, violent, warlike, wild; CONCEPTS 319,545 —*Ant.* governed, lawful, legal, legitimate, licit, proper, rightful, valid

**lawn** [*n*] *cultivated area of green grass* backyard, garden, grass, grassplot, green, park, plot, terrace, yard; CONCEPTS 509,513,517

**lawsuit** [*n*] *case brought to court* accusation, action, argument, arraignment, assumption, bill, cause, claim, contest, dispute, impeachment, indictment, litigation, presentment, proceedings, prosecution, replevin, suit, trial; CONCEPT 318

**lawyer** [*n*] *person who is trained to counsel or argue in cases of law* advocate, attorney, attorney-at-law, barrister, counsel, counsellor, counselor, defender, jurisprudent, jurist, legal adviser, legal eagle\*, legist, member of the bar, mouthpiece\*, pleader, practitioner, proctor, procurator, solicitor; CONCEPT 355

**lax** [*adj*] *slack, remiss* any way\*, asleep on job\*, behindhand, broad, careless, casual, delinquent, derelict, devil-may-care\*, disregardful, easygoing, flaccid, forgetful, general, imprecise, inaccurate, indefinite, indifferent, inexact, lenient, neglectful, negligent, nonspecific, oblivious, overindulgent, paying no mind\*, regardless, shapeless, slipshod, sloppy, soft, unmindful, vague, yielding; CONCEPTS 401,542,557 —*Ant.* hard, rigid, strict, tight

**laxative** [*n*] *aperient* cathartic, purgative; CONCEPT 307

**lay** [*adj*] *amateur, not trained in a religious or other profession* inexperienced, nonclerical, nonprofessional, nonspecialist, ordinary, secular, temporal, unsacred; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* ordained, professional

**lay** [*v*] *put, place* arrange, deposit, dispose, establish, fix, leave, locate, order, organize, plant, posit, position, repose, rest, set, set down, set out, settle, spread, stick, systematize; CONCEPTS 158,201 —*Ant.* lift, take

**lay** [*v*2] *produce, advance* adduce, allege, bear, bring forth, bring forward, cite, deposit, generate, lodge, offer, present, put forward, submit, yield; CONCEPTS 66,205

**lay** [*v*3] *credit, allocate* accredit, address, aim, allot, apply, ascribe, assess, assign, attribute, burden, cast, charge, direct, encumber, impose, impute, incline, level, point, refer, saddle, tax, train, turn, zero in\*; CONCEPTS 49,50,88,187

**lay** [*v*4] *design, plan* concoct, contrive, devise, hatch, plot, prepare, work out; CONCEPT 36 —*Ant.* neglect

**lay** [*v*5] *make smooth* allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, calm, even, flatten, flush, iron, level, plane, press, quiet, relieve, steam, still, suppress; CONCEPTS 235,250 —*Ant.* rough

**lay** [*v*6] *bet, wager* gamble, game, give odds, hazard, play, risk, stake; CONCEPT 363

**layer** [*n*] *coating, tier* band, bed, blanket, coat, coping, couch, course, cover, covering, film, flag, flap, floor, fold, girdle, lamina, lamination, lap, mantle, overlap, overlay, panel, ply, row, seam, sheet, slab, story, stratum, stripe, substratum, thickness, zone; CONCEPTS 744,835

**lay into** [*v*] *criticize, attack* assail, battle, belabor, fire at\*, invade, lambaste, let fly at\*, set about; CONCEPTS 52,86 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**layoff** [*n*] *dismissal from job or responsibility* cutback, discharge, early retirement, respite, unemployment; CONCEPT 351 —*Ant.* employment, hiring

**lay off** [*v*1] *stop doing* cease, desist, end, give a rest, give up, halt, leave alone, leave off, let up, lie by, quit, rest, spell; CONCEPTS 119,234 —*Ant.* begin, start

**lay off** [*v*2] *relieve of responsibility* discharge, dismiss, drop, fire, let go, oust, pay off, retire early; CONCEPT 351 —*Ant.* employ, hire

**layout** [*n*] *physical arrangement* blueprint, chart, design, diagram, draft, formation, geography, map, organization, outline, plan, purpose; CONCEPTS 625,660

**lay out** [*v*1] *spend money* disburse, expend, give, invest, lend, outlay, pay, put out, put up, shell out\*; CONCEPTS 327,341 —*Ant.* hoard, save

**lay out** [*v*2] *design, plan* arrange, chart, diagram, display, exhibit, map, outline, set out, spread out; CONCEPTS 36,158,174 —*Ant.* neglect

**layperson** [*n*] *amateur person, not trained in religious or other profession* believer, dilettante, follower, laic, member, neophyte, nonprofessional, novice, outsider, parishioner, proselyte, recruit, secular; CONCEPTS 361,423 —*Ant.* minister, ordained, priest, professional, reverend

**lay up** [*v*1] *hurt, incapacitate* beat up, confine, disable, harm, hospitalize, injure; CONCEPT 246 —*Ant.* heal, help

**lay up/lay by** [*v*2] *set aside, store* accumulate, amass, build up, bury, conserve, cumulate, garner, hide, hoard, keep, lay in, preserve, put away, roll up, salt away, save, spare, store up, treasure; CONCEPTS 120,134 —*Ant.* squander, use, waste

**laziness** [*n*] *unwillingness to work, be active* apathy, dilatoriness, do-nothingness, dormancy,



dreaminess, drowsiness, dullness, fainéance, fainéancy, heaviness, idleness, inactivity, indolence, inertia, inertness, lackadaisicalness, languidness, languorously, laxness, leadenness, leisuress, lethargy, listlessness, neglectfulness, negligence, otioseness, otiosity, passivity, remissness, slackness, sleepiness, sloth, slothfulness, slowness, sluggishness, stolidity, supineness, tardiness, torpescence, torpidness, weariness; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* activity, diligence, hard work, industriousness, industry, liveliness

**lazy** [*adj*] *inactive, sluggish* apathetic, asleep on the job\*, careless, comatose, dallying, dilatory, drowsy, dull, flagging, idle, inattentive, indifferent, indolent, inert, lackadaisical, laggard, lagging, languid, languorous, lethargic, lifeless, loafing, neglectful, out of it\*, passive, procrastinating, remiss, shiftless, slack, sleepy, slothful, slow, slow-moving, snoozy\*, somnolent, supine, tardy, tired, torpid, trifling, unconcerned, unenergetic, unindustrious, unpersevering, unready, weary; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* active, diligent, energetic, hard-working, industrious, lively

**leach** [*v*] *drain, empty* extract, filter, filtrate, lixivate, percolate, seep, strain, wash away; CONCEPTS 142,211,225

**lead** [*n1*] *first place, supremacy* advance, advantage, ahead, bulge, cutting edge\*, direction, edge, example, facade, front rank, guidance, head, heavy, leadership, margin, model, over, pilot, point, precedence, primacy, principal, priority, protagonist, spark, star, start, title role, top, top spot, vanguard; CONCEPTS 668,693,828 —*Ant.* last

**lead** [*n2*] *clue* evidence, guide, hint, indication, proof, sign, suggestion, tip, trace; CONCEPTS 274,284

**lead** [*v1*] *guide physically* accompany, attend, be responsible for, chaperone, coerce, compel, conduct, convey, convoy, direct, drive, escort, find a way, force, get, go along with, guard, impel, induce, manage, pass along, persuade, pilot, point out, point the way, precede, prevail, protect, quarterback\*, route, safeguard, see, shepherd, show, show around, show in, show the way, span, square, steer, traverse, usher, watch over; CONCEPT 187 —*Ant.* follow

**lead** [*v2*] *guide mentally; influence* affect, bring, bring on, call the shots\*, cause, command, conduce, contribute, convert, direct, dispose, draw, get the jump on\*, go out in front\*, govern, head, helm, incline, induce, introduce, manage, motivate, move, persuade, preside over, prevail, produce, prompt, quarterback\*, result in, run things\*, serve, shepherd, spearhead\*, spur, supervise, tend, trail-blaze\*; CONCEPTS 68,117,221 —*Ant.* comply, consent, follow, obey

**lead** [*v3*] *surpass* be ahead, blaze a trail\*, come first\*, exceed, excel, outdo, outstrip, precede, preface, transcend, usher; CONCEPT 141 —*Ant.* fall behind, lose

**lead (a life)** [*v4*] *experience* have, live, pass, spend, undergo; CONCEPT 678

**leader** [*n*] *person who guides* boss, captain, chief, chieftain, commander, conductor, controller, counsellor, dean, dignitary, director, doyen, eminence, exec, forerunner, general,

governor, guide, harbinger, head, herald, lead, lion\*, luminary, manager, mistress, notability, notable, officer, pacesetter, pilot, pioneer, precursor, president, principal, rector, ring-leader, ruler, shepherd, skipper, superintendent, superior; CONCEPTS 347,354 —*Ant.* follower

**leadership** [*n*] *guidance* administration, authority, capacity, command, conduction, control, conveyance, direction, directorship, domination, foresight, hegemony, influence, initiative, management, pilotage, power, preeminence, primacy, skill, superintendency, superiority, supremacy, sway; CONCEPTS 376,687

**leading** [*adj*] *chief, superior* arch, best, champion, dominant, dominating, famous, first, foremost, governing, greatest, headmost, highest, inaugural, initial, main, noted, notorious, number one\*, outstanding, popular, preeminent, premier, primary, principal, prominent, ruling, stellar, top, well-known; CONCEPTS 574,585 —*Ant.* inferior, last, subordinate, supplementary, unimportant

**leaf** [*n1*] *green foliage of plant* blade, bract, flag, foliole, frond, leaflet, needle, pad, petal, petiole, scale, stalk, stipule; CONCEPT 428

**leaf** [*n2*] *page of document* folio, paper, sheet; CONCEPT 270

**leaf** [*v*] *flip through* browse, dip into, glance, riff, riffle, run through, scan, skim, thumb; CONCEPTS 72,623

**leafy** [*adj*] *abundant in foliage* abounding, abundant, covered, green, hidden, leafed, leaved, shaded, shady, umbrageous, verdant, wooded; CONCEPTS 485,583 —*Ant.* leafless

**league** [*n1*] *association, federation* alliance, band, bunch, circle, circuit, club, coalition, combination, combine, compact, company, confederacy, confederation, conference, consortium, crew, gang, group, guild, loop, mob, order, organization, outfit, partnership, pool, ring, society, sodality, union, unit; CONCEPTS 365,381,387

**league** [*n2*] *group of a certain ability* category, circle, class, grade, grouping, level, pigeon-hole\*, rank, status, tier; CONCEPTS 388,630

**league** [*v*] *associate* ally, amalgamate, band, coadjute, collaborate, combine, concur, confederate, conjoin, consolidate, cooperate, federate, join forces, unite; CONCEPTS 8,10,114 —*Ant.* disassociate

**leak** [*n*] *opening; seepage through opening* aperture, chink, crack, crevice, decrease, destruction, detriment, drip, drop, escape, expenditure, exposure, fissure, flow, hole, leakage, leaking, loss, outgoing, percolation, pit, puncture, short circuit, slip; CONCEPTS 116,513

**leak** [*v*] *seep; make known* break, come out, discharge, disclose, divulge, drip, drool, escape, exude, get out, give away, let slip\*, make public, ooze, out, pass, pass on, percolate, reveal, slip, spill, spill the beans, tell, transpire, trickle; CONCEPTS 60,116,179

**lean** [*adj*] *bare, thin* angular, anorexic, barren, beanpole\*, bony, emaciated, gangling, gangly, gaunt, haggard, inadequate, infertile, lank, lanky, meager, no fat, pitiful, poor, rangy, rawboned, scanty, scraggy, scrawny, shadow\*, sinewy, skinny, slender, slim, spare, sparse, stick, stilt, stringy, svelte, sylphlike, twiggy\*,

unfruitful, unproductive, wasted, wiry, wizened, worn; CONCEPTS 485,491 —*Ant.* fat, plump

**lean** [*v*1] *bend, angle toward* bear on, beetle, be off, be slanted, bow, cant, careen, cock, curve, decline, deflect, dip, divert, drift, droop, fasten on, hang on, heel, incline, jut, list, nod, overhang, pitch, place, prop, put weight on, recline, repose, rest, rest on, roll, sag, sheer, sink, slant, slope, tilt, tip, turn, twist, veer; CONCEPTS 147,201,738 —*Ant.* straighten

**lean** [*v*2] *be disposed* be prone, be willing, favor, gravitate toward, have propensity, incline, look, not mind, prefer, tend; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* dislike, not like

**lean** [*v*3] *count, depend on* bank on\*, believe in, bet bottom dollar\*, bet on\*, confide, gamble on\*, have faith, hinge on\*, lay money on\*, put faith in, rely, trust; CONCEPTS 12,26 —*Ant.* disregard, forget

**leanness** [*n*] *tendency, bias* aptitude, bent\*, cup of tea\*, disposition, drift, favor, favoritism, inclination, inclining, liking, mindset, partiality, penchant, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, proneness, propensity, sentiment, taste, thing, weakness; CONCEPTS 20,32,689

**leap** [*n*] *jump; increase* bound, caper, escalation, frisk, hop, rise, skip, spring, surge, upsurge, upswing, vault; CONCEPTS 194,780

**leap** [*v*] *jump, jump over; increase* advance, arise, ascend, bounce, bound, caper, cavort, clear, escalate, frisk, hop, hurdle, lop, mount, rise, rocket, saltate, skip, soar, spring, surge, vault; CONCEPTS 194,780

**learn** [*v*1] *acquire information* apprentice, attain, become able, become versed, be taught, be trained, brush up on\*, burn midnight oil\*, commit to memory, con, crack the books\*, cram\*, determine, drink in\*, enroll, gain, get, get down pat\*, get the hang of\*, get the knack of\*, grasp, grind, imbibe, improve mind, lucubrate, major in, master, matriculate, memorize, minor in, peruse, pick up\*, pore over, prepare, read, receive, review, soak up\*, specialize in, study, take course\*, take in, train in, wade through\*; CONCEPTS 31,33 —*Ant.* teach

**learn** [*v*2] *discover, find out* ascertain, catch on, detect, determine, dig up\*, discern, gain, gather, hear, see, smoke out\*, stumble upon\*, trip over, tumble, uncover, understand, unearth; CONCEPTS 34,183 —*Ant.* miss, overlook

**learned** [*adj*] *well-informed* abstruse, academic, accomplished, bookish, brainy\*, conversant, cultivated, cultured, deep\*, educated, erudite, esoteric, experienced, expert, grave, grounded, highbrow\*, intellectual, in the know\*, judicious, lettered, literary, literate, omniscient, pansophic, pedantic, philosophic, philosophical, polymath, posted, professional, recondite, sage, sapient, scholarly, scientific, sharp, skilled, solemn, solid, sound, studied, studious, versed, well-educated, well-grounded, well-read, well-rounded; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, stupid, uninformed

**learner** [*n*] *person who receives education* abecedarian, apprentice, beginner, bookworm, catechumen, disciple, initiate, neophyte, novice, probationer, pupil, scholar, student, trainee; CONCEPT 350 —*Ant.* ignoramus

**learn** [*n*] *education, knowledge* acquire-

ments, attainments, culture, erudition, information, letters, literature, lore, research, scholarship, schooling, science, study, training, tuition, wisdom; CONCEPTS 274,409 —*Ant.* ignorance

**lease** [*v*] *rent object, residence* charter, hire, let, loan, rent out, sublease, sublet; CONCEPTS 89,115 —*Ant.* sell

**leash** [*n*] *rein* bridle, chain, check, control, cord, curb, deterrent, hold, lead, restraint, rope, strap, tether; CONCEPT 475

**leash** [*v*] *rein, hold* bridle, check, clog, control, curb, entammel, fasten, fetter, hamper, hobble, hog-tie\*, hold back, restrain, secure, shackle, suppress, tether, tie, tie up, trammel; CONCEPT 191 —*Ant.* let go, release

**least** [*adj*] *slightest, smallest* atomic, bottom, entry-level, feeblest, fewest, finical, first, gutter, infinitesimal, last, lowest, meanest, microcosmic, microscopic, minimal, minimum, minute, minutest, molecular, most trivial, nadir, next to nothing\*, niggling\*, piddling\*, poorest, second, short-end\*, third\*, tiniest, trivial, unimportant; CONCEPTS 585,789 —*Ant.* most

**leathery** [*adj*] *hard, durable* coriaceous, hardened, leatherlike, rough, rugged, strong, tough, wrinkled; CONCEPTS 489,606 —*Ant.* soft, supple

**leave** [*n*1] *permission* allowance, assent, authorization, concession, consent, dispensation, freedom, go-ahead\*, green light\*, liberty, okay, permit, sanction, sufferance, tolerance; CONCEPTS 376,685 —*Ant.* limitation, prohibition, restriction

**leave** [*n*2] *holiday, time off* adieu, departure, farewell, furlough, goodbye, leave of absence, leave-taking, liberty, parting, retirement, sabbatical, vacation, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 802,807 —*Ant.* workday

**leave** [*v*1] *depart, abandon* physically abscond, beat it\*, break away, clear out\*, come away, cut out, decamp, defect, desert, disappear, ditch\*, elope, embark, emigrate, escape, exit, flee, flit, fly, forsake, give the slip\*, go, go away, go forth, head out\*, issue, migrate, move, move out, part, pull out\*, push off\*, quit, relinquish, remove oneself, retire, ride off\*, run along\*, sally, say goodbye\*, scam, set out, slip out, split\*, start, step down, take a hike\*, take leave, take off, vacate, vamoose\*, vanish, walk out, withdraw; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* come, go

**leave** [*v*2] *abandon, renounce* back out\*, cease, cede, desert, desist, drop, drop out\*, evacuate, forbear, forsake, give notice, give up\*, hand over, knock off, maroon, quit, refrain, relinquish, resign, stop, surrender, terminate, waive, yield; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* continue, hold, keep

**leave** [*v*3] *forget, neglect* allow, drop, have, lay down, leave behind, let, let be, let continue, let go, let stay, mislay, omit, permit, suffer; CONCEPTS 30,83 —*Ant.* care, maintain

**leave** [*v*4] *give, especially after death* allot, apportion, assign, bequeath, bequest, cede, commit, confide, consign, demise, devise, entrust, give over, hand down, leave behind, legate, refer, transmit, will; CONCEPTS 108,317 —*Ant.* hold

**leave off** [*v*] *stop* abstain, break off, cease, desist, discontinue, end, give over, give up, halt, knock off\*, quit, refrain, surcease; CONCEPT 234 —*Ant.* begin, continue, restart

**lecherous** [adj] *lustful, lewd* carnal, concupiscent, corrupt, fast\*, hot and heavy\*, incontinent, lascivious, libertine, libidinous, licentious, low-down\*, lubricous, prurient, raunchy\*, salacious, satyric, sensual, unchaste, wanton; CONCEPTS 372,401 —*Ant.* chaste, clean

**lechery** [n] *lewdness* carnality, debauchery, lasciviousness, libertinism, licentiousness, lust, lustfulness, raunchiness, salaciousness, wantonness; CONCEPTS 20,709

**lectern** [n] *reading desk* ambo, platform, pulpit, reading stand, rostrum, stand, support; CONCEPTS 440,443

**lecture** [n1] *lesson, speech* address, allocution, chalk talk\*, discourse, disquisition, harangue, instruction, oration, pep talk\*, pitch\*, soapbox\*, spiel\*, talk; CONCEPTS 60,278

**lecture** [n2] *speech of criticism* castigation, censure, chiding, dressing-down\*, going-over\*, harangue, moralism, preaching, preachment, rebuke, reprimand, reproof, scolding, sermon, talking-to\*, telling off\*; CONCEPTS 52,54

**lecture** [v1] *give a lesson, speech* address, declaim, deliver, discourse, expound, get on a soapbox\*, give a talk, harangue, hold forth, orate, prelect, recite, speak, spiel\*, spout, talk, teach; CONCEPTS 60,266

**lecture** [v2] *criticize lengthily* admonish, berate, chide, exprobate, flay, give going-over\*, give piece of mind\*, moralize, preach, rank on, rate, reprimand, reprove, scold, sermonize, tell off; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* praise

**ledge** [n] *shelf* bar, bench, berm, bracket, console, edge, jut, mantle, offset, path, projection, reef, ridge, rim, route, sill, step, strip, tier, track, trail, walk, way; CONCEPTS 445,513

**ledger** [n] *account book* books, daybook, journal, record book, register; CONCEPTS 271, 280,801

**leech** [n] *parasite* barnacle, bloodsucker\*, bum\*, freeloader, scrounger, sponge\*, sycophant; CONCEPTS 394,412

**leer** [n/v] *look at longingly* eye, eyeball\*, gloat, goggle\*, ogle, smirk, sneer, squint, stare, wink; CONCEPT 623

**leery** [adj] *suspicious* careful, cautious, chary, distrustful, doubting, dubious, on one's guard\*, shy, skeptical, uncertain, unsure, wary; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* certain, sure, unwary

**leeway** [n] *room to move, grow* elbow room\*, extent, headway, latitude, margin, play, scope, space; CONCEPT 739

**left** [adj1] *on west side when facing north* hard to left, larboard, near, high side, port, portside, sinister, sinistral, south; CONCEPTS 581,583 —*Ant.* right

**left** [adj2] *politically radical* leftist, left-wing, liberal, progressive, revolutionary, socialist; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* right

**left** [adj3] *abandoned* continuing, departed, extra, forsaken, gone out, leftover, marooned, over, remaining, residual, split, staying; CONCEPT 577

**leftover** [adj] *remaining, excess* extra, residual, surplus, unconsumed, uneaten, untouched, unused, unwanted; CONCEPTS 360,771 —*Ant.* core, main, principle

**leftover** [n] *remainder, remains* debris, leavings, legacy, oddments, odds and ends\*,

orts, remnants, residue, scraps, surplus, survivor, trash; CONCEPTS 260,457 —*Ant.* main meal

**left-wing** [adj] *liberal* communist, leftist, radical, socialist; CONCEPTS 529,542

**leg** [n] *appendage used for support* brace, column, lap, limb, member, part, pile, pole, portion, post, prop, section, segment, shank, stage, stake, stilt, stretch, stump, support, upright; CONCEPTS 392,471,832

**legacy** [n] *inheritance, heritage* bequest, birthright, devise, endowment, estate, gift, heirloom, throwback, tradition; CONCEPTS 337,710

**legal** [adj] *allowable, permissible* acknowledged, allowed, authorized, card-carrying\*, chartered, clean\*, condign, constitutional, contractual, decreed, due, enforced, enforceable, enjoined, fair, forensic, granted, innocent, judged, judicial, juridical, just, justifiable, justified, lawful, legalized, legit\*, legitimate, licit, on the level\*, on the up and up\*, ordained, passed, predated, prescribed, proper, protected, right, rightful, sanctioned, sound, statutory, straight, sure enough, valid, warranted, within the law; CONCEPT 319 —*Ant.* illegal, illegitimate, illicit, unlawful, wrong

**legalize** [v] *allow, validate* approve, authorize, clean up, codify, constitute, decree, decriminalize, enact, formulate, launder, legislate, legitimate, legitimize, license, ordain, permit, regulate, sanction; CONCEPTS 298,317 —*Ant.* deny, prohibit, refuse, veto

**legend** [n1] *story of the past, often fictitious* fable, fiction, folklore, folk story, folk tale, lore, myth, mythology, mythos, narrative, saga, tale, tradition; CONCEPT 282

**legend** [n2] *brief description in document* cipher, code, device, epigraph, epitaph, head, heading, inscription, key, motto, rubric, table, underline; CONCEPTS 268,270

**legendary** [adj1] *fictitious but well known* allegorical, apocryphal, created, customary, doubtful, dubious, fabled, fabricated, fabulous, fanciful, figmental, handed-down, imaginary, imaginative, improbable, invented, mythical, mythological, related, romantic, storied, told, traditional, unhistoric, unhistorical, unreal, unverifiable; CONCEPTS 267,552 —*Ant.* factual, real, true

**legendary** [adj2] *famous* celebrated, famed, illustrious, immortal, renowned, well-known; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* infamous, unimportant

**legerdemain** [n] *sleight of hand* artfulness, chicanery, conjuring, craftiness, cunning, deceit, deception, hocus-pocus, manipulation, trickery; CONCEPTS 59,278

**legible** [adj] *easy to read* clear, coherent, decipherable, distinct, easily read, intelligible, lucid, neat, plain, readable, sharp, understandable; CONCEPTS 267,535,576 —*Ant.* illegible, unreadable

**legion** [adj] *numerous* countless, many, multifarious, multitudinal, multitudinous, myriad, numberless, populous, several, sundry, various, very many, voluminous; CONCEPTS 762,781 —*Ant.* few, numbered

**legion** [n] *mass, force of people* army, body, brigade, cloud, company, division, drove, flock, group, horde, host, multitude, myriad, number,

phalanx, rout, scores, throng, troop; CONCEPTS 322,387,417

**legislation** [*n*] *law of a government act, bill, charter, codification, constitution, enactment, lawmaking, measure, prescription, regulation, ruling, statute*; CONCEPT 318

**legislative** [*adj*] *lawmaking congressional, decreeing, enacting, jurisdiction, lawgiving, legislative, legislative, ordaining, parliamentarian, parliamentary, senatorial, statute-making, synodical*; CONCEPT 319

**legislator** [*n*] *person in government who makes laws administrator, aldermember, assembly-member, council member, deputy, lawgiver, lawmaker, leader, member, member of Congress, parliamentarian, representative, senator*; CONCEPT 354

**legislature** [*n*] *governmental body, most often elected, that makes laws assembly, body, chamber, congress, council, diet, house, house of representatives, lawmakers, parliament, plenum, senate, voice of the people*; CONCEPT 299

**legitimate** [*adj*] *authentic, valid, legal accepted, accredited, acknowledged, admissible, appropriate, authorized, canonical, certain, cogent, consistent, correct, customary, fair, genuine, innocent, just, justifiable, lawful, licit, logical, natural, normal, official, on the level, on the up and up, orthodox, probable, proper, real, reasonable, received, recognized, regular, reliable, rightful, sanctioned, sensible, sound, statutory, sure, true, typical, usual, verifiable, warranted, well-founded*; CONCEPTS 319,558,582 —*Ant.* illegal, illegitimate, invalid, unlawful, unwarranted

**leisure** [*n*] *free time and its activities chance, convenience, ease, freedom, holiday, idle hours, intermission, leave of absence, liberty, one's own sweet time\*, opportunity, pause, quiet, range, recess, recreation, relaxation, repose, requiescence, respite, rest, retirement, sabbatical, scope, spare moments\*, spare time, time, time off\*, unemployment, vacant hour\*, vacation*; CONCEPTS 363,681,807 —*Ant.* employment, work

**leisurely** [*adj*] *casual, unhurried comfortable, delayed, deliberate, dilatory, easy, free, gentle, laggard, laid-back\*, languid, lax, lazy, relaxed, restful, slack, slackened, slow, slow-moving, unhasty*; CONCEPTS 550,584,799 —*Ant.* hectic, hurried

**leisurely** [*adv*] *casually, unhurriedly at one's convenience\*, at one's leisure, calmly, comfortably, composedly, deliberately, dilatorily, easily, gradually, inactively, indolently, laggardly, languorously, languidly, lazily, lethargically, lingeringly, listlessly, slowly, sluggishly, taking one's time\*, tardily, torpidly, with delay, without haste*; CONCEPTS 544,584,799 —*Ant.* hectically, hurriedly

**lemon** [*n*] *dud failure, flop, junk, piece of junk, reject*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**lend** [*v*] *loan, accommodate add, advance, afford, allow, bestow, confer, contribute, entrust, extend, furnish, give, grant, impart, lay on one, lend-lease, let, loan shark\*, oblige, permit, present, provide, shark, stake, supply, trust*; CONCEPTS 115,140 —*Ant.* borrow

**length** [*n*] *extent of object, distance, time*

breadth, compass, continuance, diameter, dimension, duration, elongation, endlessness, expanse, expansion, extensiveness, height, interval, lastingness, lengthiness, limit, linearity, loftiness, longitude, longness, magnitude, measure, mileage, orbit, panorama, period, piece, portion, protractedness, purview, quantity, radius, range, ranginess, reach, realm, remoteness, season, section, segment, space, spaciousness, span, stretch, stride, tallness, term, unit, width, year; CONCEPTS 651,721,743,788,804 —*Ant.* height

**lengthen** [*v*] *extend amplify, augment, continue, dilate, distend, drag out, draw, draw out\*, elongate, expand, increase, let out, make longer, pad, proceed, prolong, prolongate, protract, reach, spin out\*, stretch, string out\**; CONCEPTS 236,239,245 —*Ant.* abbreviate, cut, shorten

**lengthy** [*adj*] *extended diffuse, dragging, drawn-out, elongate, elongated, interminable, lengthened, long, longish, long-winded, overlong, padded, prolix, prolonged, protracted, tedious, tiresome, verbose, very long, wearisome, windy, wordy*; CONCEPTS 267,482,782 —*Ant.* abbreviated, curtailed, shortened

**lenient** [*adj*] *permissive allowing, amiable, assuaging, assuasive, being big\*, benign, benignant, charitable, clement, compassionate, complaisant, compliant, condoning, easy, easy-going, emollient, excusing, favoring, forbearing, forgiving, gentle, going easy on\*, good-natured, humoring, indulgent, kind, kindly, letting, live with\*, loving, merciful, mild, mollycoddling\*, obliging, pampering, pardoning, permitting, soft, softhearted, soft-shell\*, sparing, spoiling, sympathetic, tender, tolerant, yielding*; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* hard, intolerant, limiting, restrictive, rigorous, severe

**leprechaun** [*n*] *elf brownie, elfin, fairy, fay, gnome, nisse, pixie, sprite*; CONCEPT 370

**lesion** [*n*] *injury, wound abrasion, bruise, contusion, cut, gash, laceration, scrape, scratch, sore*; CONCEPT 309

**less** [*adj*] *smaller, inferior beneath, declined, deficient, depressed, diminished, excepting, fewer, lacking, lesser, limited, lower, minor, minus, negative, not as great, reduced, secondary, shortened, shorter, slighter, subordinate, subtracting, unsubstantial, without*; CONCEPTS 574,762,789 —*Ant.* bigger, more, superior

**less** [*adv*] *little barely, in a lower degree, meagerly, to a smaller extent*; CONCEPTS 530,544 —*Ant.* more

**lessen** [*v*] *lower, reduce abate, abridge, amputate, attenuate, become smaller, clip, close, contract, crop, curtail, cut, cut back, decline, decrease, de-escalate, degrade, die down, dilute, diminish, downsize, drain, dwindle, ease, erode, grow less, impair, lighten, minify, minimize, mitigate, moderate, narrow, roll back, shrink, slacken, slack up, slow down, soft-pedal\*, take the bite out\*, take the edge off\*, take the sting out\*, taper, taper off, thin, truncate, weaken, wind down*; CONCEPTS 247,698,776 —*Ant.* enlarge, extend, increase, raise, strengthen

**lesser** [*adj*] *inferior, secondary a notch under\*, bottom, bush, bush-league\*, dinky\*, insignificant, less important, low, lower, minor, minor-*

- league\*, nether, second-fiddle\*, second-string\*, slighter, small, small-fry\*, small-time\*, subjacent, subordinate, third-string\*, undersized; CONCEPTS 575,793 —**Ant.** greater, higher, major, superior
- lesson** [n1] *information taught* assignment, chalk talk\*, class, coaching, drill, education, exercise, homework, instruction, lecture, period, practice, quiz, reading, recitation, schooling, study, task, teaching, test, tutoring; CONCEPTS 274,285,287
- lesson** [n2] *helpful example, communication* admonition, censure, chiding, deterrent, exemplar, helpful word, message, model, moral, noble action, notice, precept, punishment, rebuke, reprimand, reproof, scolding, warning; CONCEPTS 123,661,686
- let** [v1] *allow* accredit, approve, authorize, be big\*, cause, certify, commission, concede, enable, endorse, free up, give, give leave, give okay, give permission, grant, have, hear of, leave, license, live with, make, permit, sanction, sit still for\*, suffer, tolerate, warrant; CONCEPTS 50,83,88 —**Ant.** forbid, hinder, hold, impede, inhibit, keep, obstruct, prevent
- let** [v2] *rent out object, property* charter, hire, lease, sublease, sublet; CONCEPTS 89,115 —**Ant.** buy, sell
- letdown** [n] *disappointment* anticlimax, balk, bitter pill\*, blow, chagrin, comedown, disgruntlement, disillusionment, frustration, setback, washout\*; CONCEPTS 410,728 —**Ant.** advantage, benefit, blessing, boon, satisfaction
- let down** [v] *disappoint* abandon, depress, disenchant, disillusion, dissatisfy, fail, fall short, leave in lurch\*, leave stranded\*, lower, pull down, take down; CONCEPTS 7,19 —**Ant.** benefit, satisfy
- lethal** [adj] *deadly* baleful, dangerous, deathly, destructive, devastating, fatal, harmful, hurtful, malignant, mortal, mortiferous, mortuary, murderous, necrotic, noxious, pernicious, pestilent, pestilential, poisonous, virulent; CONCEPT 537 —**Ant.** beneficial, harmless, helpful, life-giving
- lethargic** [adj] *lazy, sluggish* apathetic, blah\*, comatose, debilitated, dilatory, dopey, dormant, draggy\*, drowsy, dull, enervated, having spring fever\*, heavy, idle, impassive, inactive, indifferent, inert, lackadaisical, laggard, laid-back\*, languid, languorous, listless, moony\*, nebbish, out of it\*, passive, phlegmatic, sleepy, sleepyhead\*, slothful, slow, slumberous, snoozy, somnolent, spiritless, stolid, stretchy, stupefied, supine, torpid, wimpy\*; CONCEPTS 401,403,584 —**Ant.** active, busy, energetic, lively, vital, vivacious
- lethargy** [n] *laziness, sluggishness* apathy, coma, disinterest, disregard, drowsiness, dullness, hebetude, heedlessness, idleness, impassivity, inaction, inactivity, inanition, indifference, indolence, inertia, inertness, insouciance, languor, lassitude, listlessness, passiveness, phlegm, sleep, sleepiness, sloth, slowness, slumber, stupor, supineness, torpidity, torpidness, torpor, unconcern, unmindfulness; CONCEPTS 315,410,633,748 —**Ant.** activity, busyness, energy, life, liveliness, vigor, vitality, vivaciousness, vivacity
- let off** [v] *make not subject to punishment or action* abandon, absolve, discharge, dispense, drop, excuse, exempt, exonerate, forgive, let go, pardon, privilege from, release, relieve, remove, spare; CONCEPTS 50,83,88,317 —**Ant.** blame, incarcerate, punish
- let on** [v] *acknowledge, admit* allow, avow, betray, concede, confess, disclose, divulge, give away, grant, hint, imply, indicate, let out, make known, mouth\*, own, own up\*, reveal, say, spill\*, suggest, tell, uncover, unveil; CONCEPTS 57,60 —**Ant.** deny, disacknowledge
- letter** [n1] *symbol of an alphabet* ABCs\*, alphabet, cap, capital, character, majuscule, minuscule, rune, sign, small letter, type, uncial; CONCEPT 284 —**Ant.** number
- letter** [n2] *written communication* acknowledgment, answer, billet, dispatch, epistle, junk mail\*, kite, line, memo, memorandum, message, missive, note, postcard, reply, report, thank you; CONCEPTS 271,278 —**Ant.** speech
- letup** [n] *pause* abatement, break, cessation, interval, lapse, lessening, let-up, lull, recess, remission, respite, slackening; CONCEPT 807 —**Ant.** continuation
- let up** [v] *pause* abate, cease, decrease, die down, die out, diminish, ease, ease off, ease up, ebb, fall, moderate, release, relent, slacken, slow down, stop, subside, wane; CONCEPTS 240,698 —**Ant.** continue
- levee** [n] *embankment* bank, breakwater, dam, earthwork, mound; CONCEPT 509
- level** [adj] *smooth, balanced* akin, aligned, alike, calm, commensurate, common, comparable, consistent, constant, continuous, equable, equivalent, even, exact, flat, flush, horizontal, identical, in line, leveled, like, lined up, matched, matching, of same height, on a line, on a par, on one plane, parallel, plain, planate, plane, planed, polished, precise, proportionate, regular, rolled, same, stable, steady, straight, trim, trimmed, unbroken, unfluctuating, uniform, uninterrupted; CONCEPTS 401,490,566 —**Ant.** ragged, uneven
- level** [n1] *horizontal position or thing* altitude, elevation, floor, height, layer, plain, plane, story, stratum, surface, zone; CONCEPTS 738,744
- level** [n2] *rank, position* achievement, degree, grade, stage, standard, standing, status; CONCEPTS 286,388
- level** [v1] *make even* equalize, equate, even, even off, even out, flatten, flush, grade, lay, make equal, make flat, mow, plane, press, roll, smooth, smoothen, straighten, surface; CONCEPT 250 —**Ant.** jag, rough up
- level** [v2] *destroy, demolish* bring down, bulldoze\*, devastate, down\*, drop, equalize, fell, flatten, floor, ground, knock down, knock over, lay low, mow\*, pull down, raze, ruin, smooth, tear down, waste\*, wreck; CONCEPTS 208,252 —**Ant.** build, construct
- level** [v3] *be honest* be above-board, be frank, be on the up and up\*, be open, be straight, be straightforward, be up-front\*, come clean\*, come to terms\*, keep nothing back\*, talk straight\*, tell the truth; CONCEPT 49 —**Ant.** deceive, lie
- level** [v4] *aim, direct* address, beam, cast, focus, incline, lay, point, slant, train, turn, zero in on; CONCEPT 187 —**Ant.** point away, turn

**levelheaded** [adj] *reasonable, calm* all there\*, balanced, collected, commonsensical, composed, cool, cool as cucumber\*, coolheaded\*, dependable, discreet, even-tempered, farsighted, in one's right mind\*, judicious, practical, prudent, rational, sane, self-possessed, sensible, steady, together, unflappable, wise, with all marbles\*; CONCEPTS 403,542

—*Ant.* nervous, unreasonable, upset

**leverage** [n] *influence* advantage, ascendancy, authority, bargaining chip\*, break, clout, drag, edge, grease\*, jump on\*, power, pull, rank, ropes\*, suction, weight; CONCEPTS 687,693

**levitate** [v] *rise into the air* be suspended, defy gravity, drift, float, fly, hang, hover, rise, soar; CONCEPT 154

**levity** [n] *funniness, silliness* absurdity, amusement, buoyancy, facetiousness, festivity, fickleness, flightiness, flippancy, folly, foolishness, frivolity, giddiness, happiness, high spirits, hilarity, jocularly, laughs, lightheartedness, mirth, picnic\*, pleasantries, repartee, trifling, triviality, volatility, wit; CONCEPTS 273,410

—*Ant.* gravity, seriousness

**levy** [n] *assessment, tax* burden, collection, custom, duty, exaction, excise, fee, gathering, imposition, impost, muster, tariff, toll; CONCEPT 329

**levy** [v] *assess, impose* call, call up, charge, collect, demand, exact, extort, gather, lay on, place, put on, raise, set, summon, tax, wrest, wring; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* disapprove, veto

**lewd** [adj] *vulgar, indecent* bawdy, blue, coarse, erotic, fast\*, filthy\*, foul-mouthed, gross\*, hardcore\*, immodest, immoral, improper, impure, in bad taste, incontinent, indelicate, lascivious, lecherous, libertine, libidinous, licentious, loose\*, lustful, naughty, obscene, off-color\*, pornographic, profligate, questionable, racy\*, rakish, ribald, risqué, salacious, scandalous, scurrilous, shameless, smutty\*, suggestive, taboo, unchaste, unclean, unconventional, unvirtuous, vile, wanton, wicked, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 372,542,545 —*Ant.* clean, decent, moral

**lexicon** [n] *collection of word meanings, usage* dictionary, glossary, terminology, thesaurus, vocabulary, wordbook, wordlist, word stock; CONCEPTS 276,280

**liability** [n1] *answerability, responsibility* accountability, accountableness, amenability, amenableness, arrearage, blame, burden, compulsion, culpability, debt, duty, indebtedness, obligation, onus, owing, subjection, susceptibility; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* irresponsibility, unaccountability

**liability** [n2] *burden, debt* account, arrear, arrearage, bad news\*, baggage\*, balance, bite\*, chance, chit\*, contingency, contract, damage, debit, disadvantage, drag\*, drawback, due\*, encumbrance, handicap, hindrance, impediment, inconvenience, indebtedness, indebtedment, involvement, IOU\*, lease, loan, millstone\*, minus, misfortune, mortgage, nuisance, obligation, onus, pledge, possibility, remainder, responsibility, tab; CONCEPTS 332,674

—*Ant.* asset

**liability** [n3] *chance, probability* exposure, likelihood, openness, proneness, susceptibility,

tendency, vulnerability, vulnerableness;

CONCEPTS 650,657

**liable** [adj1] *answerable, responsible* accountable, amenable, bound, chargeable, obligated, subject, tied; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* excusable, freed, irresponsible, unaccountable

**liable** [adj2] *open, likely* apt, assailable, attackable, beatable, conquerable, disposed, exposed, given, inclined, in danger, penetrable, prone, sensitive, subject, susceptible, tending, verisimilar, vincible, vulnerable; CONCEPTS 542,552

—*Ant.* immune, unlikely

**liaison** [n1] *person who acts as go-between* communication, connection, contact, fixer, hookup, in, interchange, interface, intermediary, link; CONCEPTS 348,354,423

**liaison** [n2] *love affair* amour, encounter, entanglement, fling, illicit romance, interlude, intrigue, romance; CONCEPTS 32,388

**liar** [n] *person who tells falsehood* cheat, con artist, deceiver, deluder, dissimulator, equivocator, fabler, fabricator, fabulist, false witness, falsifier, fibber, maligner, misleader, perjurer, phony, prevaricator, promoter, storyteller, trickster\*; CONCEPT 412

**libel** [n] *purposeful lie about someone, often malicious* aspersion, calumny, defamation, denigration, lying, malicious, obloquy, smear, vituperation; CONCEPTS 63,318

—*Ant.* compliment, praise

**libel** [v] *purposefully lie about someone* asperse, bad-mouth\*, blister, burlesque, calumniate, caricature, crack, defame, denigrate, derogate, drag name through mud\*, give a black eye\*, knock, malign, mark\*, mark wrong, revile, roast, scandalize, scorch, sizzle, slur, smear, tear down, traduce, travesty, vilify; CONCEPTS 63,192 —*Ant.* tell truth

**libelous** [adj] *derogatory* aspersive, backbiting, calumnious, calumnious, contumelious, debasing, defamatory, depreciative, detracting, detractory, disparaging, false, injurious, invidious, malevolent, malicious, maligning, opprobrious, pejorative, sarcastic, scurrilous, traducing, untrue, vilifying, vituperative; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* complimentary, praising

**liberal** [adj1] *progressive* advanced, avant-garde, broad, broad-minded, catholic, enlightened, flexible, free, general, high-minded, humanistic, humanitarian, indulgent, intelligent, interested, latitudinarian, left, lenient, libertarian, loose, magnanimous, permissive, radical, rational, reasonable, receiving, receptive, reformist, tolerant, unbiased, unbogoted, unconventional, understanding, unorthodox, unprejudiced; CONCEPTS 529,542 —*Ant.* conservative, narrow, narrow-minded

**liberal** [adj2] *giving, generous* altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, bighearted\*, bounteous, bountiful, casual, charitable, eleemosynary, exuberant, free, free-and-easy, handsome, kind, lavish, loose, munificent, openhanded, openhearted, philanthropic, princely, prodigal, profuse, soft-touch, unselfish, unsparring, unstinging; CONCEPTS 334,401,404 —*Ant.* economical, greedy, mean, thrifty, ungenerous

**liberal** [adj3] *abundant, profuse* ample, plenty, bounteous, bountiful, copious, dime a dozen\*, galore, generous, handsome, lavish, munificent,

no end, plentiful, plenty, rich; CONCEPT 771  
**—Ant.** lacking, poor, wanting

**liberate** [v] *give freedom* bail one out\*, deliver, detach, discharge, disembarrass, emancipate, free, free up\*, get out from under\*, let loose\*, let out\*, loose, loosen, manumit, redeem, release, rescue, save, save one's neck\*, set free, unbind, unchain, unhook, unshackle; CONCEPTS 83,110 **—Ant.** hold back, limit, prevent, restrain

**liberation** [n] *freedom* abolition, deliverance, democracy, emancipation, freeing, liberty, release, salvation, setting free, sovereignty, unchaining, unshackling; CONCEPT 691

**liberty** [n] *freedom* autarchy, authorization, autonomy, birthright, carte blanche, choice, convenience, decision, deliverance, delivery, dispensation, emancipation, enfranchisement, enlightenment, exemption, franchise, free speech, immunity, independence, leave, leisure, liberation, license, opportunity, permission, power of choice, prerogative, privilege, relaxation, release, rest, right, sanction, self-determination, self-government, sovereignty, suffrage, unconstrained; CONCEPTS 388,691 **—Ant.** arrest, imprisonment, incarceration, restraint

**libidinous** [adj] *lustful* carnal, coarse, concupiscent, debauched, fast, hot\*, impure, incontinent, lascivious, lecherous, libertine, loose\*, obscene, passionate, prurient, salacious, satyric, sensual, unchaste, wanton, wicked; CONCEPTS 372,545 **—Ant.** clean, decent, moral

**libido** [n] *sex instinct* eroticism, lust, passion, sex drive, sexual desire, sexuality, sexual urge, the hot\*; CONCEPTS 20,709

**library** [n] *book repository* atheneum, atheneum, bibliotheca, book collection, book room, information center, media center, reference center, study; CONCEPT 435

**license** [n1] *authority, permission* authorization, carte blanche\*, certificate, charter, consent, dispensation, entitlement, exemption, freedom, go-ahead\*, grant, green light\*, immunity, independence, latitude, leave, liberty, okay\*, permit, privilege, right, self-determination, ticket, unconstrained, warrant; CONCEPT 685 **—Ant.** ban, prohibition, refusal, withholding

**licentious** [n2] *abandon, indulgence* anarchy, animalism, arrogance, audacity, boldness, complacency, debauchery, disorder, effrontery, excess, forwardness, gluttony, immoderation, impropriety, irresponsibility, lawlessness, laxity, looseness, presumptuousness, prodigality, profligacy, refractoriness, relaxation, relaxedness, sauciness\*, self-indulgence, sensuality, slackness, temerity, unrestraint, unruliness, wantonness, wildness; CONCEPTS 633,645 **—Ant.** reason

**license** [v] *authorize* accredit, allow, certify, commission, empower, enable, let, permit, privilege, sanction, suffer, warrant; CONCEPTS 50,83,88 **—Ant.** ban, prohibit, refuse, withhold

**licentious** [adj] *immoral, uncontrolled* abandoned, amoral, animal, carnal, corrupt, debauched, depraved, desirous, disorderly, dissolute, fast, fast and loose\*, fleshly, impure, incontinent, in the fast lane\*, lascivious, lax, lecherous, lewd, libertine, libidinous, lickerish, loose\*, lubricious, lustful, oversexed, profligate, promiscuous, relaxed, reprobate, salacious,

satyric, scabrous, sensual, swinging, unconstrained, uncontrollable, uncurbed, unmoral, unprincipled, unruly, wanton; CONCEPTS 372, 401,545 **—Ant.** chaste, controlled, good, innocent, moral

**lick** [n] *light touch; little amount* bit, brush, cast, dab, dash, hint, sample, smack, speck, stroke, suggestion, taste, tinge, trace, whiff; CONCEPTS 612,831

**lick** [v1] *touch with tongue* brush, calm, caress, fondle, glance, gloss, graze, lap, lap against, move over, osculate, pass over, play, quiet, ripple, rub, soothe, stroke, sweep, taste, tongue, touch, wash; CONCEPTS 185,612

**lick** [v2] *play over with fire* blaze, burn, dart, flick, flicker, fluctuate, flutter, ignite, kindle, leap, palpitate, quiver, ripple, run over, shoot, touch, tremble, vacillate, vibrate, waver; CONCEPTS 249,612

**lick** [v3] *defeat, sometimes by hitting* beat, best, clobber, conquer, down, excel, flog, hit, hurdle, lambaste, master, outdo, outstrip, overcome, overwhelm, rout, slap, smear, smother, spank, strike, surmount, surpass, thrash, throw, top, trim, trounce, vanquish, wallop, whip; CONCEPTS 95,141,189 **—Ant.** lose

**lid** [n] *top covering* cap, cover, hood, roof, top; CONCEPT 836

**lie** [n] *untruth* aspersion, backbiting, calumniation, calumny, deceit, deception, defamation, detraction, dishonesty, disinformation, distortion, evasion, fable, fabrication, falsehood, falseness, falsification, falsity, fib, fiction, forgery, fraudulence, guile, hyperbole, inaccuracy, invention, libel, mendacity, misrepresentation, misstatement, myth, obloquy, perjury, prevarication, revilement, reviling, slander, subterfuge, tale, tall story\*, vilification, white lie\* w/hooper; CONCEPTS 63,278 **—Ant.** honesty, truth

**lie** [v1] *tell an untruth* bear false witness, beguile, be untruthful, break promise, BS\*, bull\*, con, concoct, deceive, delude, dissemble, dissimulate, distort, dupe\*, equivocate, exaggerate, fabricate, fake, falsify, fib, forswear, frame, fudge, go back on\*, invent, make believe, malign, misguide, misinform, misinstruct, mislead, misrepresent, misspeak, misstate, overdraw, palter, perjure, pervert, phony, plant\*, prevaricate, promote, put on\*, put up a front\*, snow\*, soft-soap\*, string along\*, victimize; CONCEPT 63 **—Ant.** be honest

**lie** [v2] *be prostrate, flat* be prone, be recumbent, be supine, couch, go to bed\*, laze, lie down, loll, lounge, nap, recline, repose, rest, retire, siesta, sleep, sprawl, stretch out, turn in; CONCEPTS 154,201 **—Ant.** be upright, stand, straighten

**lie** [v3] *be situated* be, be beside, be buried, be established, be even, be fixed, be found, be interred, be level, be located, belong, be on, be placed, be seated, beset, be smooth, exist, extend, have its seat in, occupy, prevail, reach, remain, spread, stretch; CONCEPT 746

**life** [n1] *animation, spirit* activity, being, breath, brio, dash, élan\*, élan vital\*, energy, enthusiasm, entity, esprit, essence, excitement, get-up-and-go\*, go\*, growth, heart, high spirits, impulse, lifeblood, liveliness, oomph\*, sentience, soul, sparkle, verve, viability, vigor,

- vitality, vivacity, zest\*, zing\*; CONCEPT 411  
 —*Ant.* inanimacy
- life** [n2] *existence, duration* being, career, continuance, course, cycle, days, endurance, epoch, era, expectancy, extent, generation, history, length, life span, lifetime, longevity, orbit, period, pilgrimage, record, season, span, survival, time; CONCEPTS 816,817
- life** [n3] *being animal, animateness, animation, body, breath, consciousness, continuance, creature, endurance, entity, essence, existence, flesh, flesh and blood\*, growth, human, human being, individual, living, living being, living thing, man, metabolism, mortal, mortal being, organism, person, personage, presence, soul, subsistence, substantiality, survival, symbiosis, viability, vitality, vital spark\*, wildlife, woman*; CONCEPT 389 —*Ant.* death, inanimacy
- life** [n4] *history, biography* autobiography, bio, career, confession, curriculum vitae, journal, life story, memoir, memorial, story; CONCEPT 271
- life** [n5] *person's experiences* attainment, behavior, circumstances, conduct, development, enjoyment, enlightenment, growth, hand one is dealt\*, happiness, human condition, journey, knowledge, lifestyle, participation, personality, realization, suffering, trials and tribulations\*, vicissitudes, way of life\*, world; CONCEPT 678
- life-and-death** [adj] *vitality important* critical, crucial, determining, earth-shaking, essential, imperative, meaningful, paramount, pivotal, serious, significant, urgent, vital; CONCEPT 567
- lifeless** [adj1] *not living, not containing living things* asleep, bare, barren, brute, cold, comatose, dead, deceased, defunct, departed, desert, empty, exanimate, extinct, faint, inanimate, inert, inorganic, insensate, insensible, late, out cold\*, sterile, unconscious, uninhabited, waste; CONCEPTS 485,539 —*Ant.* alive, animate, living
- lifeless** [adj2] *dull, spiritless* blah\*, cold, colorless, drab, draggy\*, flat, hollow, insipid, lackluster, lethargic, listless, lusterless, nothing\*, pabulum\*, passive, prosaic, prosy, slothful, slow\*, sluggish, spent, static, stiff\*, torpid, wooden\*, zero\*; CONCEPTS 401,542,584 —*Ant.* energetic, lively, spirited
- lifelike** [adj] *realistic* authentic, faithful, graphic, natural, original, real, representational, representative, true, true to life; CONCEPT 582
- lifelong** [adj] *lasting* constant, continuing, deep-rooted, enduring, for life, inveterate, lifetime, livelong, long-lasting, long-lived, long-standing, old, perennial, permanent, persistent; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* short-lived, temporary, tenuous
- lifestyle** [n] *way of life* behavior, conduct, habits, style of living, way of acting; CONCEPT 633
- lifetime** [n] *span of animate being's existence* all one's born days\*, career, continuance, course, cradle to grave\*, days, endurance, existence, life, life span, natural life, period, time; CONCEPT 817
- lifework** [n] *person's calling* business, career, interest, mission, occupation, profession, purpose, pursuit, vocation, work; CONCEPTS 349,360 —*Ant.* task
- lift** [n1] *transportation* car ride, drive, journey, passage, ride, run, transport; CONCEPT 155
- lift** [n2] *help, aid* assist, assistance, boost, comfort, encouragement, hand, leg up\*, pick-me-up\*, reassurance, relief, secours, shot in the arm\*, succor, support; CONCEPTS 110,700 —*Ant.* harm, ill will
- lift** [v1] *move upwards; ascend* arise, aspire, bear aloft, boost, bring up, build up, buoy up, climb, come up, disappear, disperse, dissipate, draw up, elevate, erect, goose\*, heft, hike, hike up, hoist, jack up, jump up, mount, move up, pick up, put up, raise, raise high, rear, rise, soar, take up, up, upheave, uphold, uplift, uplift, uprear, vanish; CONCEPTS 196,200,236,245 —*Ant.* descend, drop, lower
- lift** [v2] *repeal, revoke* annul, cancel, countermand, dismantle, end, recall, relax, remove, rescind, reverse, stop, terminate; CONCEPTS 234,317 —*Ant.* impose, set down
- lift** [v3] *steal* abstract, appropriate, cop, copy, crib, filch, hook, nip, pilfer, pinch, pirate, plagiarize, pocket, purloin, snatch, swipe, take, thief; CONCEPTS 139,200 —*Ant.* give, receive
- lift** [v4] *promote, improve* advance, ameliorate, boost, build up, dignify, elevate, enhance, exalt, hike, jack up, raise, support, upgrade; CONCEPTS 110,244 —*Ant.* demote, depress, dispirit, weaken
- liftoff** [n] *rocket launch* blast-off, rocket firing, rocket ignition, shot, take-off; CONCEPTS 179,222
- ligature** [n] *link* band, bandage, binding, bond, connection, knot, ligament, nexus, rope, tie, yoke; CONCEPTS 471,831
- light** [adj1] *illuminated* ablaze, aglow, bright, brilliant, burnished, clear, cloudless, flashing, fluorescent, glossy, glowing, lambent, lucent, luminous, lustrous, phosphorescent, polished, radiant, refugent, resplendent, rich, scintillant, shining, shiny, sunny, unclouded, unobscured, vivid, well-lighted, well-lit; CONCEPTS 617,618 —*Ant.* black, dark, darkened, dim, gloomy, obscure
- light** [adj2] *blond, fair* bleached, faded, fair-skinned, light-hued, light-skinned, light-toned, pale, pastel, tow-headed; CONCEPTS 406,618 —*Ant.* brunette, dark, dusky
- light** [adj3] *not heavy* agile, airy, atmospheric, buoyant, crumbly, dainty, delicate, downy, easy, effervescent, ethereal, featherweight, feathery, filmy, flimsy, floatable, floating, fluffy, friable, frothy, gossamer, graceful, imponderous, inconsequential, insubstantial, light-footed, lightweight, lithe, little, loose, meager, nimble, petty, porous, portable, sandy, sheer, slender, slight, small, spongy, sprightly, sylphlike, thin, tissue-like, trifling, trivial, unheavy, unsubstantial, weightless; CONCEPT 491 —*Ant.* heavy, weighted
- light** [adj4] *small in amount, content* casual, digestible, faint, fractional, fragmentary, frivolous, frugal, gentle, hardly any, hardly enough, inadequate, inconsequential, inconsiderable, indistinct, insignificant, insufficient, mild, minor, minuscule, minute, moderate, modest, not many, not much, not rich, pny, restricted, scanty, shoestring\*, slight, soft, sparse, superficial, thin, tiny, trifling, trivial, unimportant, unsubstantial, weak, wee; CONCEPTS 762,789 —*Ant.* heavy
- light** [adj5] *simple, easy* effortless, facile, manageable, moderate, smooth, undemanding,



unexacting, untaxing, untroublesome; CONCEPT 538 —**Ant.** difficult, heavy, laborious

**light** [*adj*6] *funny, cheery* airy, amusing, animated, blithe, carefree, cheerful, chipper\*, chirpy, diverting, dizzy, entertaining, fickle, lightly, frivolous, gay, giddy, high, humorous, lighthearted, lively, merry, perky, pleasing, sunny, sunny-side up\*, superficial, trifling, trivial, up, upbeat, witty; CONCEPTS 401,542

—**Ant.** grave, serious, solemn

**light** [*n*1] *luminescence from sun or other source* aurora, beacon, blaze, brightness, brilliance, brilliancy, bulb, candle, coruscation, dawn, daybreak, daylight, daytime, effulgence, emanation, flare, flash, fulgor, glare, gleam, glimmer, glint, glitter, glow, illumination, incandescence, irradiation, lambency, lamp, lantern, lighthouse, luminosity, luster, morn, morning, phosphorescence, radiance, radiation, ray, refugence, scintillation, sheen, shine, sparkle, splendor, star, sun, sunbeam, sunrise, sunshine, taper, torch, window; CONCEPTS 620,624,628,810 —**Ant.** dark, darkness, night, obscurity

**light** [*n*2] *context, point of view; understanding* angle, approach, aspect, attitude, awareness, comprehension, condition, education, elucidation, enlightenment, example, exemplar, explanation, illustration, information, insight, interpretation, knowledge, model, paragon, slant, standing, vantage point, viewpoint; CONCEPTS 274,409,682,686 —**Ant.** misconception, misunderstanding

**light** [*v*1] *illuminate* animate, brighten, cast, fire, flood, floodlight, furnish with light, highlight, ignite, illum, illumine, inflame, irradiate, kindle, lighten, light up, limelight, make bright, make visible, put on, shine, spot, spotlight, switch on, turn on; CONCEPTS 250,624 —**Ant.** darken, dull, obscure

**light** [*v*2] *start on fire* burn, enkindle, fire, flame, ignite, inflame, kindle, set fire to, set on fire, spark, strike a match; CONCEPT 249 —**Ant.** drench, extinguish, put out, quench

**light** [*v*3] *step down; land* alight, arrive, come down, deplane, detain, disembark, drop, fly down, get down, perch, rest, roost, set down, settle, settle down, sit, sit down, stop, touch down; CONCEPTS 159,181 —**Ant.** mount

**lighten** [*v*1] *illuminate* become light, brighten, flash, gleam, illum, irradiate, light, light up, make bright, shine; CONCEPT 624 —**Ant.** blacken, darken, dim, dull

**lighten** [*v*2] *reduce weight, load* ally, alleviate, ameliorate, assuage, attenuate, buoy, change, comfort, cut down, decrease, dilute, disburden, disencumber, ease, empty, eradicate, extenuate, facilitate, free, jettison, lessen, levitate, make less, make lighter, mitigate, mollify, pour out, put off, reduce, relieve, remove, shift, take, take a load off\*, thin, throw out, unburden, unload, uplift, upraise; CONCEPTS 110,244,250 —**Ant.** burden, weigh down

**lighten** [*v*3] *cheer up; inspire* brighten, buoy up, cheer, elate, encourage, gladden, hearten, lift, perk up, revive, take a load off; CONCEPTS 7,22 —**Ant.** bring down, burden, depress, upset

**light-headed** [*adj*] *silly; feeling faint* changeable, delirious, dizzy, empty, featherbrained\*, fickle, flighty, flippant, foolish, frivolous,

gaga\*, giddy, harebrained\*, hazy, punchy\*, reeling, rocky, scatterbrained\*, shallow, superficial, swimming, swimmy, tired, trifling, vertiginous, whirling, woozy\*; CONCEPTS 314,401 —**Ant.** healthy, ok, sober

**lighthearted** [*adj*] *carefree, untroubled* blithe, blithesome, bright, buoyant, cheerful, effervescent, expansive, feelgood\*, frolicsome, gay, glad, gleeful, happy, happy-go-lucky\*, high-spirited, insouciant, jocund, jolly, jovial, joyful, joyous, laid-back, lightsome, lively, merry, playful, resilient, spirited, sprightly, sunny, upbeat, vivacious, volatile; CONCEPTS 404,542 —**Ant.** depressed, heavy-hearted, troubled, upset, worried

**lightly** [*adv*] *gently, effortlessly* agilely, airily, breezily, carelessly, casually, daintily, delicately, easily, ethereally, faintly, flippantly, freely, frivolously, gingerly, heedlessly, indifferently, leniently, mildly, moderately, nimbly, peacefully, quietly, readily, simply, slightly, slightly, smoothly, softly, sparingly, sparsely, subtly, tenderly, tenuously, thinly, thoughtlessly, timidly, unsubstantially, well; CONCEPTS 538,544,584 —**Ant.** effortfully, heavily

**light out** [*v*] *run away* abscond, depart, escape, head, leave, make, make off, quit, set out, strike out, take a hike, take off; CONCEPT 195 —**Ant.** stay, wait

**lightweight** [*adj*] *inconsequential* failing, featherweight, foolish, imponderous, incompetent, insignificant, of no account, paltry, petty, slight, trifling, trivial, unimportant, weightless, worthless; CONCEPTS 491,575 —**Ant.** big, consequential, heavyweight, important, major

**likable** [*adj*] *nice, pleasant* agreeable, amiable, appealing, attractive, charismatic, charming, engaging, enjoyable, friendly, genial, good, good-natured, likeable, pleasing, preferable, reliable, sweet, sweet-natured, sympathetic, winning, winsome; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** bad, disagreeable, hateful, mean, unlikely, unlikable, unpleasant

**like** [*adj*] *similar* according to, agnate, akin, alike, allied, allying, analogous, approximating, approximative, close, coextensive, cognate, commensurate, comparable, compatible, conforming, congeneric, congenerous, consistent, consonant, corresponding, double, equal, equaling, equivalent, homologous, identical, in the manner of, jibing, matching, much the same, near, not far from, not unlike, on the order of, parallel, related, relating, resembling, same, selfsame, such, twin, undifferentiated, uniform; CONCEPTS 487,573 —**Ant.** different, dissimilar, unlike

**like** [*v*1] *enjoy, be fond of* admire, adore, appreciate, approve, be gratified by, be keen on, be partial to, be pleased by, be sweet on, care for, care to, cherish, delight in, derive pleasure from, dig\*, dote on, esteem, exclaim, fancy, feast on, find appealing, get a kick out of\*, go for\*, hanker for, hold dear, indulge in, love, luxuriate in, prize, rejoice in, relish, revel in, savor, stuck on\*, take an interest in, take delight in, take satisfaction in, take to; CONCEPT 32 —**Ant.** despise, dislike, hate

**like** [*v*2] *choose, feel inclined* care to, desire, elect, fancy, feel disposed, feel like, have a

preference for, incline toward, please, prefer, select, want, will, wish; CONCEPTS 20,41

—*Ant.* dislike, ignore

**likelihood** [*n*] *chance of something happening* coin flip\*, direction, even break, fair shake, fifty-fifty\*, fighting chance\*, good chance\*, liability, likeliness, long shot\*, outside chance\*, plausibility, possibility, presumption, probability, prospect, reasonableness, shot at\*, strong possibility, tendency, toss-up\*, trend; CONCEPT 650 —*Ant.* unlikelihood

**likely** [*adj*] *probable, apt, hopeful* acceptable, achievable, anticipated, assuring, attainable, believable, conceivable, conjecturable, credible, destined, disposed, expected, fair, favorite, feasible, given to, imaginable, inclined, in favor of, inferable, in the cards\*, in the habit of\*, liable, odds-on\*, on the verge of, ostensible, plausible, possible, practicable, predisposed, presumable, promising, prone, rational, reasonable, seeming, subject to, supposable, tending, thinkable, true, up-and-coming\*, verisimilar, workable; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* implausible, inapt, unforeseeable, unlikely

**likely** [*adv*] *probably* assumably, doubtless, doubtlessly, in all likelihood, in all probability, like as not, most likely, no doubt, presumably, presumptively, *prima facie*, seemingly, to all appearances; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* improbably, unlikely

**like-minded** [*adj*] *similar* agreeing, compatible, harmonious, in accord, in agreement, in harmony, of one mind, unanimous; CONCEPTS 487,573

**liken** [*v*] *compare* allegorize, approach, approximate to, assimilate, balance, bear comparison, be in the same class as\*, be on a par with\*, come up to, correlate, distinguish between, draw parallel, equal, equate, identify with, link, make like, match, note similarities, parallel, put alongside, relate, resemble, show correspondence; CONCEPT 39

**likeness** [*n*] *correspondence in appearance; something that corresponds* affinity, agreement, alikeness, analogoussness, analogy, appearance, carbon, clone, comparableness, comparison, conformity, copy, counterpart, dead ringer\*, delineation, depiction, ditto\*, double, effigy, equality, equivalence, facsimile, form, guise, identicalness, identity, image, knock-off\*, lookalike\*, model, parallelism, photocopy, photograph, picture, portrait, replica, representation, reproduction, resemblance, sameness, semblance, similarity, simile, similitude, study, uniformity, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 664,670,716 —*Ant.* difference, dissimilarity, unlikeness

**likewise** [*adv*] *also, similarly* additionally, along, as well, besides, correspondingly, further, furthermore, in addition, in like manner, in the same way, more, moreover, so, too, withal; CONCEPT 563 —*Ant.* contrariwise, opposing, opposite, reverse

**liking** [*n*] *fondness, taste* affection, affinity, appetite, appreciation, attachment, attraction, bent, bias, desire, devotion, fancy, favoritism, inclination, love, mind, palate, partiality, passion, penchant, pleasure, predilection, preference, proneness, propensity, relish, soft spot\*, stomach, sympathy, tendency, tooth,

velvety, weakness, will; CONCEPTS 20,32,529

—*Ant.* dislike, hate, hatred

**limb** [*n*] *appendage* arm, bough, branch, extension, extremity, fin, gam\*, leg, lobe, member, offshoot, part, pin, pinion, process, projection, spray, sprig, spur, stem, switch, unit, wheel, wing; CONCEPTS 392,428

**limber** [*adj*] *flexible* agile, deft, elastic, graceful, lissome, lithe, lithesome, loose, nimble, plastic, pliable, pliant, resilient, springy, spry, supple; CONCEPTS 406,488 —*Ant.* rigid, stiff, straight, unbending

**limbo** [*n*] *state of uncertainty* demilitarized zone, left field\*, nothingness, nowhere, oblivion, out there\*, Siberia\*; CONCEPTS 679,705

**limelight** [*n*] *public attention* eminence, exposure, fifteen minutes of fame\*, focus of attention, glare, hype\*, media attention, photo opportunity, prominence, public eye, public interest, public notice, public recognition, renown, spotlight; CONCEPT 261 —*Ant.* obscurity

**limit** [*n*1] *greatest extent* absolute, bitter end\*, border, bottom line\*, bound, bourne, breaking point\*, brim, brink, cap, ceiling, check, circumscription, conclusion, confinement, confines, curb, cutoff point\*, deadline, destination, edge, end, end point, extremity, far out, farthest point, farthest reach, fence, finality, goal, limitation, margin, maximum, obstruction, restraint, restriction, rim, termination, the max\*, the most\*, tops\*, ultimate, utmost, verge; CONCEPTS 529,548,832 —*Ant.* infinity, limitlessness

**limit** [*n*2] *physical boundary* border, borderland, compass, confines, edge, end, extent, extreme, extremity, frontier, perimeter, periphery, precinct, purlieu; CONCEPTS 513, 745 —*Ant.* limitlessness

**limit** [*v*] *confine, restrict* appoint, assign, bar, bottle up, bound, cap, check, circumscribe, constrict, contract, cork, cramp, curb, define, delimit, delimitate, demarcate, draw the line, fix, hem in, hinder, inhibit, keep the lid on\*, lessen, narrow, prescribe, ration, reduce, restrain, set, specify; CONCEPTS 5,130 —*Ant.* free, let go, release, unbound

**limitation** [*n*] *restraint, disadvantage* bar, block, check, circumspection, condition, constraint, control, cramp, curb, definition, drawback, impediment, inhibition, injunction, modification, obstruction, qualification, reservation, restriction, snag, stint, stricture, taboo; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* advantage, extent, freedom, infinity, range, release

**limited** [*adj*1] *restricted, definite* bound, bounded, checked, circumscribed, confined, constrained, controlled, curbed, defined, delimited, determinate, finite, fixed, hampered, hemmed in, local, modified, narrow, particular, precise, qualified, reserved, restrained, sectional, topical; CONCEPTS 554,557 —*Ant.* indefinite, limitless, unbounded, unlimited, unrestricted

**limited** [*adj*2] *inadequate, short* cramped, diminished, faulty, ineffectual, insufficient, little, mean, minimal, narrow, paltry, poor, reduced, restricted, set, small, unsatisfactory; CONCEPT 771 —*Ant.* adequate, ok, satisfactory, sufficient

**limitless** [*adj*] *never-ending, infinite* bottomless, boundless, countless, endless, illimitable,

immeasurable, immense, incomprehensible, indefinite, inexhaustible, innumerable, measureless, no end of\*, no end to\*, no holds barred\*, no strings\*, numberless, unbounded, uncalculable, undefined, unending, unfathomable, unlimited, untold, vast, wide-open; CONCEPTS 762,771,798 —**Ant.** calculable, ending, exhaustible, finite, limited, measureable

**limp** [adj] *not stiff; weak bending, debilitated, drooping, droopy, ductile, enervated, exhausted, feeble, flabby, flaccid, flexible, flimsy, floppy, impressionable, infirm, languid, languishing, lax, lethargic, limber, listless, loose, plastic, pliable, pliant, relaxed, slack, soft, spent, spiritless, supple, tired, unsubstantial, weakened, wearied, worn out, yielding*; CONCEPTS 490,604 —**Ant.** hard, inflexible, rigid, stiff, straight, strong, unbending

**limp** [n] *faltering walk bad wheel, falter, flat wheel, floppy, gimp, halt, hitch, hobble, lameness*; CONCEPT 151

**limp** [v] *walk with faltering step clump, dodder, falter, flag, gimp, halt, hitch, hobble, hop, lag, scuff, shamble, shuffle, stagger, stumble, teeter, totter, waddle, walk lamely*; CONCEPT 151

**limpid** [adj] *clear, comprehensible bright, comprehensible, crystal-clear, crystalline, definite, distinct, filmy, intelligible, lucid, lustrous, obvious, pellucid, perspicuous, pure, see-through, thin, translucent, transparent, transpicuous, unambiguous*; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** incomprehensible, muddy, obscure, unintelligible, vague

**line** [n1] *mark, stroke; border band, bar, borderline, boundary, channel, configuration, contour, crease, dash, delineation, demarcation, edge, figuration, figure, frontier, furrow, groove, limit, lineament, lineation, outline, profile, rule, score, scratch, silhouette, streak, stripe, tracing, underline, wrinkle*; CONCEPTS 284,436

**line** [n2] *row, succession; course arrangement, array, axis, band, block, border, catalogue, channel, column, concatenation, crack, direction, division, drain, echelon, file, fissure, formation, furrow, groove, group, lane, length, list, magazine, mark, order, path, progression, queue, rank, ridge, road, route, row, scar, seam, sequence, series, street, string, thread, tier, track, train, trajectory, trench, way*; CONCEPTS 501,727,738,744

**line** [n3] *cord, rope cable, filament, strand, string, thread, wire*; CONCEPT 475

**line** [n4] *belief, policy approach, avenue, course, course of action, ideology, method, polity, position, practice, principle, procedure, program, route, scheme, system*; CONCEPTS 688,689

**line** [n5] *person's calling, interest activity, area, business, department, employment, field, forte, job, occupation, profession, province, pursuit, racket\*, specialization, trade, vocation, work*; CONCEPTS 349,360 —**Ant.** entertainment, fun

**line** [n6] *ancestry breed, descent, family, heredity, lineage, pedigree, race, stock, strain, succession*; CONCEPT 296

**line** [n7] *written communication card, letter, message, note, postcard, report, word*; CONCEPT 271 —**Ant.** speech

**line** [n8] *hint; influential communication clue, indication, information, lead, patter, persuasion,*

*pitch, prepared speech, song and dance\*, spiel\**; CONCEPT 278

**line** [n9] *merchandise carried by store commodity, goods, involvement, materials, produce, trade, vendibles, wares*; CONCEPT 338

**line** [v1] *border, mark abut, adjoin, align, allineate, array, bound, butt against, communicate, create, cut, delineate, draw, edge, fix, follow, fringe, furrow, group, inscribe, join, line up, march, marshal, neighbor, order, ordinate, outline, place, queue, range, rank, rim, rule, score, skirt, touch, trace, underline, verge*; CONCEPTS 79,84,753

**line** [v2] *put covering inside object bush, ceil, cover, encrust, face, fill, incrust, interline, overlay, panel, quilt, reinforce, sheath, stuff, wad, wainscot*; CONCEPTS 172,218 —**Ant.** strip, unline

**lineage** [n] *ancestry birth, blood, breed, clan, descendants, descent, extraction, family, folk, forebears, genealogy, heredity, house, kin, kindred, line, offspring, origin, pedigree, progenitors, progeny, race, stirps, stock, succession, tribe*; CONCEPT 296

**line-up** [n] *list of participants bill, cast, list, listing, program, queue, selection, side, squad, team*; CONCEPT 294

**linger** [v1] *loiter, delay amble, be dilatory, be long, be tardy, crawl, dally, dawdle, dillydally\*, drift, falter, fool around\*, fritter away\*, goof off\*, hang around\*, hang out\*, hesitate, hobble, idle, lag, loll, lumber, mope, mosey, plod, poke, procrastinate, put off, putter, remain, saunter, shuffle, sit around, slouch\*, stagger, stay, stick around, stop, stroll, take one's time\*, tarry, tool, totter, trail, traipse, trifle, trudge, vacillate, wait, wait around*; CONCEPTS 151,681 —**Ant.** go, hurry, leave, rush

**linger** [v2] *continue, endure abide, bide, cling, hang on, last, persist, remain, stand, stay, stick around, survive, wait*; CONCEPTS 23,239

—**Ant.** halt, stop

**lingerie** [n] *women's undergarments nightclothes, nightwear, underclothes, underclothing, underthings\*, underwear, undies\*, unmentionables\**; CONCEPT 451

**lingo** [n] *dialect spoken by a group argot, cant, idiom, jargon, language, patois, patter, slang, speech, talk, tongue, vernacular, vocabulary*; CONCEPT 276 —**Ant.** standard

**liniment** [n] *ointment balm, cream, dressing, embrocation, emollient, lenitive, lotion, medicine, salve, unguent*; CONCEPTS 311,466

**link** [n] *component, connection articulation, association, attachment, bond, channel, connective, constituent, contact, copula, coupler, coupling, division, element, fastening, hitch, hookup, in, interconnection, interface, intersection, joining, joint, junction, knot, ligament, ligation, ligature, loop, member, network, nexus, part, piece, relationship, ring, seam, section, splice, tie, tie-up, vinculum, weld, yoke*; CONCEPTS 471,835 —**Ant.** whole

**link** [v] *connect associate, attach, bind, bracket, combine, conjoin, conjugate, couple, fasten, group, hitch on, hook up, identify, incorporate, interface, join, meld with, network, plug into, relate, slap on, tack on, tag along, tag on, team up with, throw in with\*, tie, tie in with, unite,*

yoke; CONCEPTS 113,114,193 —*Ant.* disconnect, divide, separate, unfasten, unlink

**lionize** [v] *celebrate* acclaim, adulate, aggrandize, eulogize, exalt, glorify, hero-worship, honor, idolize, immortalize, praise, roll out the red carpet\*, show respect, worship; CONCEPT 69

**lip** [n1] *edge, brink* border, brim, chops, flange, flare, labium, labrum, margin, nozzle, overlap, portal, projection, rim, spout; CONCEPTS 392,484,513 —*Ant.* inside, interior, middle

**lip** [n2] *insolence* back talk, cheek\*, effrontery, guff\*, impertinence, jaw\*, mouth\*, rudeness, sass\*, sauce\*, sauciness\*; CONCEPTS 54,278 —*Ant.* kindness

**lip service** [n] *empty talk* duplicity, hollow words, insincerity, token agreement, tongue in cheek, unctuousness; CONCEPTS 267,542,545

**liquefy** [v] *melt* deliquesce, dissolve, thaw; CONCEPTS 250,255

**liqueur** [n] *liquor* alcohol, alcoholic beverage, aperitif, booze\*, brandy, cognac, cordial, flavored drink, intoxicant, port, spirits; CONCEPT 455

**liquid** [adj1] *fluid, flowing, melting* aqueous, damp, deliquescent, dissolvable, dissolved, dulcet, fluent, fluidic, fusible, ichorous, juicy, liquefied, liquescent, liquiform, luscious, mellifluent, mellifluous, mellow, meltable, melted, moist, molten, moving, pulpy, running, runny, sappy, serous, smooth, soft, solvent, splashing, succulent, thawed, thin, uncoagulated, viscous, watery, wet; CONCEPTS 485,584,603 —*Ant.* close, condensed, dense, firm, hard, solid

**liquid** [adj2] *readily available* convertible, fluid, free, marketable, negotiable, quick, ready, realizable, usable; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* frozen, unavailable

**liquid** [n] *fluid* aqua, aqueous material, broth, elixir, extract, flow, flux, goo\*, goop\*, juice, liquor, melted material, nectar, sap, secretion, slop\*, solution, swill\*; CONCEPT 467 —*Ant.* solid

**liquidate** [v1] *pay; change into cash* cash, cash in, cash out, clear, convert, discharge, exchange, honor, pay off, quit, realize, reimburse, repay, satisfy, sell off, sell up, settle, square; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* invest, keep

**liquidate** [v2] *destroy, dissolve* abolish, annihilate, annul, cancel, dispatch, do away with\*, do in\*, eliminate, exterminate, finish off\*, get rid of\*, kill, murder, purge, remove, rub out\*, silence, terminate, vaporize, wipe out\*; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* build, construct, create

**liquor** [n] *drink; alcoholic beverage* alcohol, aqua vitae, booze\*, broth, decoction, drinkable, elixir, extract, firewater\*, fluid, hard stuff\*, inebriant, infusion, intoxicant, liquid, moonshine\*, poison\*, potable, sauce\*, solvent, spirits, stock, the bottle\*, whiskey; CONCEPT 455

**lissom** [adj] *supple* adaptable, agile, bendable, bending, elastic, flexible, graceful, limber, lithe, lithesome, loose, malleable, moldable, pliable, pliant, resilient, rubber, springy, stretchy, wiry; CONCEPTS 488,604

**list** [n] *record, tabulation* account, agenda, archive, arrangement, ballot, bill, brief, bulletin, calendar, canon, catalog, catalogue, census, checklist, contents, dictionary, directory, docket, draft, enumeration, file, gazette, index,

inventory, invoice, lexicon, lineup, listing, loop, manifest, memorandum, menu, outline, panel, poll, program, prospectus, register, roll, roll call, row, schedule, screed, scroll, series, slate, statistics, syllabus, table, tally, thesaurus, ticket, timetable, vocabulary; CONCEPT 281

**list** [v1] *keep a record; tabulate* arrange, bill, book, button down, calendar, catalogue, census, chart, chronicle, classify, detail, docket, enroll, enter, enumerate, file, index, inscribe, insert, inventory, invoice, itemize, keep count, manifest, note, numerate, particularize, peg, place, poll, post, put down as, put down for, record, register, run down, schedule, set down, specialize, specify, spell out, tab, tally, tick off, write down; CONCEPTS 79,125 —*Ant.* forget

**list** [v2] *lean, slant* cant, careen, heel, incline, pitch, recline, slope, tilt, tip; CONCEPTS 154,201,738 —*Ant.* lie, straighten

**listen** [v] *hear and pay attention* accept, admit, adopt, attend, audit, auscult, auscultate, be all ears\*, be attentive, catch, concentrate, eavesdrop, entertain, get, get a load of\*, give an audience to, give attention, give heed to, hang on words\*, hark, harken, hearken, hear out, hear tell, lend an ear\*, mind, monitor, obey, observe, overhear, pick up on\*, prick up ears\*, receive, take advice\*, take into consideration\*, take notice, take under advisement\*, tune in, tune in on\*, welcome; CONCEPT 596 —*Ant.* speak, talk

**listless** [adj] *spiritless, without energy* absent, abstracted, apathetic, blah\*, bored, careless, dormant, dreamy, drowsy, dull, easygoing, energyless, enervated, faint, heavy, heedless, impassive, inanimate, inattentive, indifferent, indolent, inert, insouciant, lackadaisical, lagging, laid-back\*, languid, languishing, languorous, leaden, lethargic, lifeless, limp, lukewarm, lymphatic, mopish, neutral, out of it\*, passive, phlegmatic, slack, sleepy, slow, sluggish, stupid, supine, thoughtless, torpid, uninterested, vacant; CONCEPTS 401,584 —*Ant.* active, alert, attentive, energetic, lively, untired

**litany** [n] *recital of items, often part of religious services* account, catalogue, enumeration, invocation, list, petition, prayer, recitation, refrain, repetition, supplication, tale; CONCEPTS 278,368

**literacy** [n] *ability to read* articulation, articulateness, background, cultivation, education, knowledge, learning, proficiency, refinement, scholarship; CONCEPTS 409,630 —*Ant.* ignorance, illiteracy

**literal** [adj] *word for word; exact, real* accurate, actual, adjacent, authentic, bona fide, close, critical, faithful, genuine, gospel, methodical, natural, not figurative, ordinary, plain, scrupulous, simple, strict, to the letter\*, true, undeviating, unerring, unexaggerated, unvarnished, usual, veracious, verbal, verbatim, veritable, written; CONCEPTS 267,557 —*Ant.* exaggerated, figurative, imaginative, loose

**literally** [adv] *word for word; exactly* actually, completely, correctly, direct, directly, faithfully, indisputably, letter by letter\*, literatim, not figuratively, plainly, precisely, really, rightly, rigorously, sic\*, simply, straight, strictly, to the letter\*, truly, undeviatingly, undisputably, unerringly, unmistakably, verbatim, veritably; CONCEPTS 267,557 —*Ant.* figuratively, loosely

**literary** [adj] *concerning books* belletristic, bookish, classical, erudite, formal, learned, lettered, literate, scholarly, well-read; CONCEPTS 267,536 —**Ant.** illiterate

**literate** [adj] *able to read and write* cultivated, cultured, educated, instructed, knowledgeable, learned, lettered, scholarly, schooled; CONCEPT 402

**literature** [n] *written matter, both fictional and nonfictional* abstract, article, belles-lettres, biography, books, brochure, classics, comment, composition, critique, discourse, discussion, disquisition, dissertation, drama, essay, exposition, findings, history, humanities, information, leaflet, letters, lit\*, literary works, lore, novel, observation, pamphlet, paper, poetry, précis, prose, report, research, story, summary, theme, thesis, tract, treatise, treatment, writings, written work; CONCEPT 280 —**Ant.** speech

**lithe** [adj] *flexible, graceful and slender* agile, lean, lightsome, limber, lissome, loose, nimble, pliable, pliant, slight, slim, spare, supple, thin; CONCEPTS 488,491,584 —**Ant.** awkward, fat, stiff, thick

**litigate** [v] *bring matter before court of law* appeal, contest, dispute, drag into court\*, file suit, go to court, go to law, institute legal proceedings, press charges, prosecute, see one in court\*, sue, take the law on\*; CONCEPT 317

**litigation** [n] *matter coming before court of law* action, case, cause, contention, dispute, lawsuit, process, prosecution, suit, trial; CONCEPT 318

**litigious** [adj] *quarrelsome* argumentative, belligerent, combative, contentious, disputable; CONCEPTS 401,542

**litter** [n1] *mess, debris* clutter, collateral, confusion, detritus, disarray, disorder, garbage, hash, hodgepodge, jumble, jungle, junk, mishmash, muck, muddle, offal, rash, refuse, rubbish, rummage, scattering, scramble, shuffle, trash, untidiness, waste; CONCEPTS 260,432 —**Ant.** cleanliness, sterility

**litter** [n2] *animal offspring* brood, cubs, family, kittens, piglets, progeny, puppies, school, young; CONCEPTS 394,397

**litter** [v] *make a mess* clutter, confuse, derange, dirty, disarrange, disarray, disorder, jumble, mess up, scatter, strew; CONCEPT 254 —**Ant.** clean up, tidy

**little** [adj1] *small in size, amount* babyish, bantam, brief, cramped, diminutive, dinky, elfin, embryonic, fleeting, hardly any, hasty, immature, imperceptible, inappreciable, inconsiderable, infant, infinitesimal, insufficient, junior, light, Lilliputian\*, limited, meager, microscopic, mini, miniature, minute, not big, not large, peanut\*, petite, scant, short, short-lived, shrimp\*, shriveled, skimpy, slight, snub, sparse, stubby, stunted, teeny, tiny, toy, truncated, undersized, undeveloped, wee, wizened, young; CONCEPTS 773,789

—**Ant.** big, enormous, giant, great, huge, immense, large, massive

**little** [adj2] *not important* casual, inconsiderable, insignificant, light, minor, minute, negligible, paltry, petty, shoestring\*, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant; CONCEPT 575

—**Ant.** great, important, magnificent

**little** [adj3] *narrow-minded* base, bigoted,

cheap, contemptible, hidebound, illiberal, ineffectual, limited, mean, narrow, paltry, petty, provincial, self-centered, selfish, set, small, small-minded, vulgar, wicked; CONCEPT 404

—**Ant.** magnanimous, open, open-minded

**little** [adv] *infrequently, not much* a little, barely, hardly, hardly ever, not many, not often, not quite, only just, rarely, scarcely, seldom, somewhat; CONCEPTS 530,544

—**Ant.** frequently, more, much

**little** [n] *small amount of something* bit, dab, dash, fragment, hint, modicum, particle, pinch, snippet, soupçon, speck, spot, taste, touch, trace, trifle, whit; CONCEPT 835 —**Ant.** lot

**liturgy** [n] *worship, ceremony* celebration, ceremonial, form, formality, formula, observance, rite, ritual, sacrament, service, services; CONCEPT 368

**livable** [adj] *adequate, acceptable* bearable, comfortable, cozy, enduring, fit, habitable, homey, inhabitable, livable, lodgeable, passable, satisfactory, snug, sufferable, supportable, sustainable, tenantable, tolerable, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 485,558 —**Ant.** inadequate, unacceptable, unbearable, unlivable, unsuitable

**live** [adj1] *existent* alive, animate, aware, breathing, conscious, living, vital; CONCEPT 539 —**Ant.** dead, non-existent

**live** [adj2] *energetic, vigorous* active, alert, brisk, burning, controversial, current, dynamic, earnest, effective, effectual, efficacious, efficient, functioning, hot\*, lively, operative, pertinent, pressing, prevalent, running, topical, unsettled, vital, vivid, working; CONCEPT 542

—**Ant.** apathetic, dispirited, inactive, lethargic

**live** [v1] *exist* abide, be, be alive, breathe, continue, draw breath, endure, get along, get by, have life, last, lead, maintain, make it, move, pass, persist, prevail, remain, remain alive, subsist, survive; CONCEPT 407 —**Ant.** cease, depart, die

**live** [v2] *inhabit a dwelling* abide, bide, bunk\*, crash\*, dwell, hang one's hat\*, hang out\*, locate, lodge, nest, occupy, perch, reside, roost, settle; CONCEPT 226 —**Ant.** not use

**live** [v3] *enjoy being alive* be happy, delight, experience, flourish, love, luxuriate, make the most of, prosper, relish, savor, take pleasure, thrive; CONCEPT 678

**live** [v4] *make money to support living* acquire a livelihood, earn a living, earn money, fare, feed, get along\*, get by\*, maintain, make ends meet\*, make it, profit, subsist, support; CONCEPT 351

**livelihood** [n] *occupation* alimation, art, bread and butter\*, business, circumstances, craft, employment, game\*, grind\*, income, job, keep\*, living, maintenance, means, nine-to-five\*, profession, racket\*, rat race\*, resources, slot, source of income, subsistence, support, sustenance, thing\*, trade, vocation, what one is into\*, work; CONCEPTS 349,351,360 —**Ant.** entertainment, fun

**lively** [adj] *energetic, active, busy* agile, alert, animate, animated, astir, blithe, blithesome, bouncy, bright, brisk, buoyant, bustling, buzzing, cheerful, chipper\*, chirpy\*, complex, dashing, driving, effervescent, enjoyable, enterprising, entertaining, festive, frisky,

frolicsome, full of pep\*, gay, go-go\*, happy, hyper\*, industrious, involved, jocund, jumping, keen, merry, nimble, peppery\*, perky, pert, provocative, quick, refreshing, rousing, snappy, sparkling, spirited, sprightly, spry, stimulating, stirring, vigorous, vivacious, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 401,542,548 —*Ant.* apathetic, dispirited, inactive, lethargic, lifeless, sleepy

**livid** [adj1] *pale, ashen* ashy, blanched, bloodless, colorless, discolored, dusky, gloomy, greyish, grisly, leaden, lurid, murky, pallid, pasty, wan, waxen; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* blushing, brilliant, flushed, radiant, rosy

**livid** [adj2] *bruised* black-and-blue, contused, purple; CONCEPT 618

**livid** [adj3] *extremely angry* beside oneself, black\*, boiling, enraged, exasperated, flaming, fuming, furious, hot\*, incensed, indignant, infuriated, mad, offended, outraged; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy

**living** [adj] *existing, active* alert, alive, animated, around, awake, breathing, brisk, contemporary, continuing, current, developing, dynamic, existent, extant, in use, live, lively, ongoing, operative, persisting, strong, subsisting, ticking, vigorous, vital, warm; CONCEPTS 539,560 —*Ant.* dead, inactive

**living** [n] *lifestyle; source of income* alimentantion, bread and butter\*, existence, income, job, keep\*, livelihood, maintenance, means, mode, occupation, salt\*, subsistence, support, sustainment, sustenance, sustentation, way, work; CONCEPTS 335,351 —*Ant.* entertainment, fun

**load** [n1] *cargo, freight* amount, bale, bundle, capacity, charge, consignment, contents, encumbrance, goods, haul, heft, hindrance, lading, mass, pack, parcel, part, payload, shipment, shot, weight; CONCEPTS 338,432

**load** [n2] *burden, pressure* affliction, albatross, care, charge, cumber, deadweight\*, drag, drain, duty, encumbrance, excess baggage\*, incubus, liability, millstone\*, obligation, onus, oppression, responsibility, task, tax, trouble, trust, weight, worry; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* benefit, blessing

**load** [v1] *burden, saddle* arrange, ballast, bear, carry, charge, chock, choke, containerize, cram, fill, flood, freight, glut, gorge, heap, heap up, jam\*, lade, lumber, mass, oversupply, pack, pile, pile it on, pile up, place, pour in, put aboard, ram in, stack, store, stow, stuff, surfeit, swamp, top, top off, weigh, weigh down, weight; CONCEPT 209 —*Ant.* aid, assist, benefit, bless, help

**load** [v2] *overburden, pressure* burden, charge, encumber, hamper, lade, oppress, saddle, task, tax, trouble, weigh down, weight, worry; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* relieve, unburden

**loaf** [n] *block of something* bun, cake, cube, dough, lump, mass, pastry, roll, slab, twist; CONCEPTS 436,457,460,461

**loaf** [v] *be idle, lazy* be inactive, be indolent, be slothful, be unoccupied, bum\*, bum around\*, dally, dillydally\*, dream, drift, evade, fool around\*, fritter away\*, goldbrick, hang out\*, idle, kill time\*, knock around\*, laze, let down, lie, loiter, loll, lounge, lounge around, malinger, not lift a finger\*, pass time, piddle, relax, saunter, shirk, sit around, slack, slow down,

stall, stand around, stroll, take it easy, trifle, twiddle thumbs\*, vegetate, waste time, while away hours\*; CONCEPTS 210,681 —*Ant.*

**loafer** [n] *person who is idle, lazy* beachcomber, deadbeat, do-nothing, good-for-nothing\*, goof-off\*, idler, lazybones\*, lounge, malingerer, ne'er-do-well\*, shirker, slacker, slouch, sluggard, sponger, wanderer, waster, wastrel; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* hard worker

**loan** [n] *money given temporarily* accommodation, advance, allowance, credit, extension, floater, investment, mortgage, time payment, trust; CONCEPT 332

**loan** [v] *give money, possession temporarily* accommodate, advance, allow, credit, lay on one, lend, let out, provide, score, scratch, stake, touch; CONCEPT 115 —*Ant.* borrow

**loath** [adj] *against, averse* afraid, counter, disinclined, hesitant, indisposed, opposed, reluctant, remiss, resisting, uneager, unwilling; CONCEPTS 29,542 —*Ant.* approving, for, unopposed, willing

**loathe** [v] *dislike strongly* abhor, abominate, be allergic to\*, be down on, decline, despise, detest, execrate, feel repugnance, find disgusting, hate, have aversion to, have no use for\*, refuse, reject, repudiate, revolt, spurn; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* like, love

**loathing** [n] *abhorrence* contempt, detestation, disgust, dislike, enmity, hatred, repugnance, revulsion; CONCEPT 29

**loathsome** [adj] *hateful* abhorrent, abominable, beastly, bitchy\*, creepy, deplorable, detestable, disgusting, execrable, gross, hideous, horrible, invidious, lousy, nasty, nauseating, obnoxious, odious, offensive, pesky, pestiferous, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, sleazy\*, slimy\*, uncool\*, vile; CONCEPTS 485,529,570 —*Ant.* liking, lovable, respectful

**lob** [v] *to*ss chuck, flip, hurl, launch, loft, pitch, project, propel; CONCEPT 222

**lobby** [n] *entrance hall* antechamber, corridor, doorway, foyer, gateway, hall, hallway, passage, passageway, porch, vestibule, waiting room; CONCEPTS 441,448

**lobby** [v] *press for political action* advance, affect, alter, bill, billboard\*, boost, bring pressure to bear\*, build up, campaign for, change, drum, exert influence, further, hard sell\*, high pressure, hype\*, induce, influence, make a pitch for\*, modify, persuade, pitch, plug, politick, press, pressure, procure, promote, pull strings\*, push, put pressure on, request, sell, sell on\*, soft-sell\*, soft-soap\*, solicit, solicit votes, splash, spot, sway, sweet-talk\*, thump, urge; CONCEPTS 68,300

**lobbyist** [n] *special interest representative* activist, influence peddler, mover and shaker, person of influence, powerbroker, pressure group; CONCEPTS 348,354

**local** [adj] *of a community, restricted to immediate area* bounded, civic, confined, district, divisional, geographical, insular, legendary, limited, narrow, neighborhood, parish, parochial, provincial, regional, sectarian, sectional, small-town, territorial, town, vernacular; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* foreign, nonnative

**local** [n] *person deeply rooted in community*

character, inhabitant, native, resident; CONCEPTS 413,423 —*Ant.* alien, foreigner, nonnative

**locale/locality** [*n*] *physical setting area, bailiwick, belt, district, domain, haunt, hole, home, location, locus, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, place, position, region, scene, sector, site, sphere, spot, stage, stomping ground\*, territory, theater, tract, turf, venue, vicinity, zone; CONCEPT 198*

**localize** [*v*] *confine center, contain, limit, narrow, pinpoint, restrain, restrict, stop from spreading; CONCEPTS 121,130*

**locate** [*v1*] *find come across, come upon, detect, determine, discover, establish, ferret out\*, get at, happen upon, hit upon, hook\*, lay one's hands on\*, light upon\*, meet with, pick up on, pin down, pinpoint, place, position, read, search out, smell out, smoke out\*, spot, station, strike, stumble on, track down, trip over\*, uncover, unearth, zero in on\*; CONCEPT 183* —*Ant.* lose, miss

**locate** [*v2*] *settle dig in, dispose, dwell, establish, fix, hang one's hat\*, inhabit, park, place, put, reside, seat, set, situate, squat, stand; CONCEPT 226* —*Ant.* depart, leave, move

**located** [*adj*] *situated based, occupying, placed, positioned, posted, stationed; CONCEPTS 158,201*

**location** [*n*] *place of residence or activity area, bearings, district, fix\*, hole, locale, locality, locus, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, part, point, position, post, region, scene, section, site, situation, spot, station, tract, turf, venue, whereabouts; CONCEPT 198*

**lock** [*n*] *device that fastens and bars free passage bar, bolt, bond, catch, clamp, clasp, clinch, connection, fastening, fixture, grapple, grip, hasp, hook, junction, latch, link, padlock; CONCEPT 499* —*Ant.* key

**lock** [*v*] *fasten, clasp bar, bolt, button, button up, clench, close, clutch, embrace, encircle, enclose, engage, entwine, grapple, grasp, hug, join, latch, link, mesh, press, seal, secure, shut, turn the key, unite; CONCEPTS 85,160* —*Ant.* unclasp, unfasten, unlock

**locker** [*n*] *compartment cabinet, chest, closet, trunk; CONCEPT 440*

**locomotion** [*n*] *movement action, mobileness, mobility, motion, moving, progression, travel, travelling; CONCEPTS 2,145,697*

**locution** [*n*] *phrasing accent, articulation, dialect, diction, expression, inflection, language, phraseology; CONCEPT 77*

**lodge** [*n*] *cabin; vacation residence abode, auberge, burrow, camp, chalet, cottage, couch, country house, den, dormitory, dwelling, gatehouse, haunt, home, hospice, hostel, hostelry, hotel, house, hut, inn, motel, public house, retreat, roadhouse, shack, shanty, shelter, stopover, tavern, villa; CONCEPT 516*

**lodge** [*v1*] *become fixed or wedged abide, catch, come to rest, embed, trench, fix, imbed, implant, infix, ingrain, install, plant, remain, root, stay, stick; CONCEPT 201* —*Ant.* dislodge, get out

**lodge** [*v2*] *stay at temporary residence abide, accommodate, bestow, board, bunk, canton, crash, domicile, dwell, entertain, harbor, hole up\*, hostel, house, locate, nest, park\*, perch\*, put up, quarter, rent, reside, room, roost\*,*

*shelter, sojourn, squat, station, stay, stay over, stop; CONCEPT 226* —*Ant.* leave

**lodging** [*n*] *accommodation for rent abode, address, apartment, bed and breakfast, boarding house, camp, castle, chambers, cover, domicile, dorm, dwelling, habitation, harbor, home, hostel, hotel, inn, lodge, lodgment, motel, palace, pied-à-terre, place, port, protection, quarters, residence, resort, roof, room, room and board, rooming house, shelter; CONCEPT 516*

**loft** [*n*] *room on upper floor apartment, attic, dormer, garret, storage, studio; CONCEPT 448*

**lofty** [*adj1*] *high, elevated aerial, airy, high-rise, lifted, raised, sky-high, skyscraping, skyward, soaring, spiring, tall, towering; CONCEPT 779* —*Ant.* below, beneath, low

**lofty** [*adj2*] *grand, stately arresting, benevolent, big, chivalrous, commanding, considerate, dignified, distinguished, elevated, exalted, generous, great, illustrious, imposing, magnanimous, majestic, noble, renowned, striking, sublime, superb, superior, utopian, visionary; CONCEPT 574* —*Ant.* below, beneath, humble, low, modest, unobtrusive

**lofty** [*adj3*] *arrogant, high and mighty ambitious, cavalier, condescending, disdainful, grandiose, haughty, high-minded, immodest, insolent, overbearing, patronizing, pretentious, proud, snooty, supercilious; CONCEPT 401* —*Ant.* humble, modest

**log** [*n1*] *stump of tree block, bole, chunk, length, piece, stick, timber, trunk, wood; CONCEPTS 428,479*

**log** [*n2*] *record account, book, chart, daybook, diary, journal, listing, logbook, register, tally; CONCEPT 271*

**logic** [*n*] *science of reasoning antithesis and synthesis, argumentation, coherence, connection, course of thought, deduction, dialectic, good sense, induction, inference, linkage, philosophy, ratiocination, rationale, relationship, sanity, sense, sound judgment, syllogism, syllogistics, thesis, train of thought; CONCEPTS 37,349,689* —*Ant.* unreasonableness

**logical** [*adj*] *probable, reasonable analytic, analytical, clear, cogent, coherent, commonsensical, compelling, congruent, consequent, consistent, convincing, deducible, discerning, discriminating, extensional, fair, germane, holding together, holding water\*, inferential, intelligent, judicious, juridicious, justifiable, kosher\*, legit\*, legitimate, lucid, most likely, necessary, obvious, perceptive, perspicuous, pertinent, plausible, rational, relevant, sensible, sound, subtle, telling, valid, well-organized, wise; CONCEPTS 402,529,552* —*Ant.* illogical, improbable, irrational, unlikely, unreasonable

**logistics** [*n*] *management coordination, engineering, masterminding, organization, planning, plans, strategy, systematization; CONCEPT 660*

**logo** [*n*] *trademark brand, brand name, emblem, identification, imprint, label, logotype, symbol, tag; CONCEPTS 259,284*

**loiter** [*v*] *hang around; stroll amble, dabble, dally\*, dawdle, delay, diddle, drag, flag, fritter away, get no place fast\*, halt, hover, idle, lag, linger, loaf, loll, lounge, pass time, pause, poke, procrastinate, put off, ramble, saunter, shamble, shuffle, slacken, slough, tarry, trail, traipse,*

wait, waste time; CONCEPTS 151,210,681

—*Ant.* hurry, leave, rush, vamoose

**loll** [*v*] *lay sprawled* bum, dangle, dawdle, droop, drop, flap, flop, goof off, hang, hang loose, idle, laze, lean, loaf, loiter, lounge, recline, relax, rest, sag, slouch, slump, sprawl; CONCEPTS 154,210 —*Ant.* sit up straight

**lone** [*adj*] *by oneself; only* abandoned, alone, deserted, forsaken, isolated, lonely, lonesome, one, onliest, particular, secluded, separate, separated, single, singular, sole, solitary, solo, stag, unaccompanied, unique; CONCEPT 577 —*Ant.* accompanied, along, together

**loneliness** [*n*] *isolation* alienation, aloneness, desolation, forlornness, friendlessness, heartache, lonesomeness, remoteness, seclusion, solitariness, solitude, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 135,188,388,631

**lonely** [*adj*] *feeling friendless, forlorn* abandoned, alone, apart, by oneself, comfortless, companionless, deserted, desolate, destitute, disconsolate, down, empty, estranged, forsaken, godforsaken, homeless, isolated, left, lone, lonesome, outcast, reclusive, rejected, renounced, secluded, single, solitary, troglodytic, unattended, unbefriended, uncherished, unsocial, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 403,555 —*Ant.* befriended, loved, unlonely

**lonely** [*adj*] *out-of-the-way* alone, deserted, desolate, godforsaken, isolated, obscure, off the beaten track\*, private, quiet, remote, removed, retired, secluded, secret, sequestered, solitary, unfrequented, uninhabited; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* close, frequented, inhabited

**loner** [*n*] *recluse* anomic, hermit, introvert, lone wolf\*, outsider, solitary; CONCEPTS 361,423

**lonesome** [*adj*] *forlorn, friendless* alone, cheerless, companionless, deserted, desolate, dreary, gloomy, homesick, isolated, lone, lonely, solitary; CONCEPTS 403,555 —*Ant.* befriended, loved, unlonesome

**long** [*adj*] *extended in space or time* continued, deep, distant, drawn out, elongate, elongated, enduring, enlarged, expanded, extensive, far-away, far-off, far-reaching, gangling, great, high, lanky, lasting, lengthened, lengthy, lingering, lofty, longish, outstretched, prolonged, protracted, rangy, remote, running, spread out, spun out, stretch, stretched, stretching, stringy, sustained, tall, towering; CONCEPTS 482,779,798 —*Ant.* abbreviated, abridged, short

**long** [*adj*] *interminable, excessive in length* boundless, delayed, diffuse, diffusive, dilatory, dragging, drawn-out, for ages\*, forever and a day\*, late, lengthy, limitless, lingering, long-drawn-out\*, long-winded\*, overlong, prolix, prolonged, protracted, slow, sustained, tardy, unending, verbose, without end, wordy; CONCEPTS 544,798 —*Ant.* ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, short

**long** [*v*] *desire, crave* ache, aim, aspire, covet, dream of, hanker, have a yen for, hunger, itch, lust, miss, pine, sigh, spoil for, suspire, thirst, want, wish, yearn; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* despise, dislike, hate

**longevity** [*n*] *long life* durability, endurance, lastingness, old age; CONCEPTS 411,633

**longing** [*adj*] *desirous* anxious, ardent, avid, craving, eager, hungry, languishing, pining,

ravenous, wishful, wistful, yearning; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* despising, hating, loathing

**longing** [*n*] *strong desire* ambition, aspiration, coveting, craving, fire in the belly\*, hankering, hunger, hungering, itch, pining, thirst, urge, wish, yearning, yen; CONCEPTS 20,709 —*Ant.* dislike, hate, hatred

**long shot** [*n*] *outside chance* fluke, hundred-to-one shot, little chance, lucky shot, no chance, off-chance, one in a million\*, slim chance, small chance; CONCEPT 679

**long-standing** [*adj*] *existing for some time* abiding, durable, enduring, established, fixed, lasting, long-established, long-lasting, long-lived, traditional; CONCEPTS 551,798

**long-winded** [*adj*] *wordy* bombastic, chatty\*, gabby\*, garrulous, loquacious, palaverous, prolix, rambling, talkative, verbose, voluble; CONCEPT 267

**look** [*n*] *visual examination* attention, beholding, case, cast, contemplation, evil eye\*, eye\*, flash, gander, gaze, glance, glimpse, gun, inspection, introspection, keeping watch, leer, look-see\*, marking, noticing, observation, once-over, peek, reconnaissance, regard, regarding, review, scrutiny, sight, slant, speculation, squint, stare, surveillance, survey, swivel, view, viewing; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* disregard, ignorance

**look** [*n*] *characteristic, stylish appearance* air, aspect, bearing, cast, complexion, countenance, demeanor, effect, expression, face, fashion, guise, manner, mien, mug\*, physiognomy, presence, seeming, semblance, visage; CONCEPTS 655,673,716

**look** [*v*] *examine visually* admire, attend, behold, beware, consider, contemplate, eye, feast one's eyes\*, flash, focus, gape, gawk, gaze, get a load of, glance, glower, goggle, heed, inspect, mark, mind, note, notice, observe, ogle, peep, peer, pore over, read, regard, rubberneck\*, scan, scout, scrutinize, see, spot, spy, stare, study, survey, take a gander\*, take in the sights\*, tend, view, watch; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore, miss, overlook

**look** [*v*] *appear, seem to be* display, evidence, exhibit, express, indicate, look like, make clear, manifest, present, resemble, show, sound, strike as; CONCEPTS 261,716

**look** [*v*] *expect, anticipate* await, count on, divine, forecast, foretell, hope, hunt, reckon on, search, seek; CONCEPT 26

**look** [*v*] *face* front, front on, give onto,

overlook; CONCEPT 746 —*Ant.* avoid, dodge

**look-alike** [*n*] *double* carbon copy, clone, copy, dead ringer\*, duplicate, impersonator, match, replica, ringer\*, spitting image\*, stand-in\*, twin; CONCEPTS 664,716

**look down on** [*v*] *hold in contempt* abhor, contemn, despise, disdain, scorn, scout, sneer, spurn, turn nose up at\*; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* approve, honor, laud, look up to, praise

**look into** [*v*] *check, research* audit, check out, delve into, dig, examine, explore, follow up, go into, inquire, inspect, investigate, look over, make inquiry, probe, prospect, scrutinize, sift, study; CONCEPT 103 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore

**lookout** [*n*] *guard; place from which to guard* anchor, beacon, belvedere, case, catbird seat\*, citadel, crow's nest\*, cupola, eagle eye\*, hawk,



observance, observation, observatory, outlook, overlook, panorama, patrol, post, scene, scout, sentinel, sentry, spotter, station, surveillance, tip, tower, view, vigil, vigilance, ward, watch, watcher, watch person watchtower\*, weather eye\*; CONCEPTS 198,358,623

**look out** [v] *be wary* be alert, be careful, be on guard, beware, check out, have a care, heads up\*, hearken, keep an eye out\*, keep tabs\*, listen, mind, notice, pay attention, peg\*, pick up on\*, scope, shotgun\*, size up, spot, spy, watch out; CONCEPTS 35,623 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore, neglect

**look up** [v1] *research* come upon, confirm, discover, find, hunt for, peruse, scan, search for, seek, seek out, track down; CONCEPTS 72,216 —*Ant.* wing it

**look up** [v2] *improve* advance, ameliorate, come along, convalesce, gain, get better, mend, perk up, pick up, progress, recuperate, shape up, show improvement; CONCEPTS 303,700 —*Ant.* decline, worsen

**loom** [v] *appear, often imposingly* approach, await, be at hand\*, become visible, be coming, be forthcoming, be imminent, be in the cards\*, be in the wind\*, be near, break through, brew, bulk, come forth, come into view, come on, come on the scene\*, dawn, dominate, emanate, emerge, figure, gather, hang over, hover, impend, impress, issue, lower, make up, menace, mount, near, overhang, overshadow, overtop, portend, rear, rise, seem huge, seem large, show, soar, stand out, take shape, threaten, top, tower; CONCEPTS 118,159,261

**loony** [adj] *crazy* ape, barmy, batty, berserk, bonkers\*, cracked, crazed, cuckoo, daffy\*, daft, delirious, demented, deranged, flaky, flipped out\*, insane, kooky, lunatic, mad, maniacal, mental\*, nuts, nutty, out of one's mind\*, out to lunch\*, psycho\*, screwball\*, screwy\*, silly, touched\*, unbalanced, wacky; CONCEPT 403

**loony bin** [n] *mental health facility* bughouse\*, funny farm\*, insane asylum, madhouse\*, mental hospital, mental institution, nut house\*, psychiatric hospital, psychiatric ward, sanatorium; CONCEPTS 312,439,516

**loop** [n] *circle, spiral* bend, circuit, circumference, coil, convolution, curl, curve, eyelet, hoop, kink, knot, loophole, noose, ring, swirl, twist, whorl, wreath; CONCEPT 436 —*Ant.* line

**loop** [v] *circle, spiral* arc, arch, begird, bend, bow, braid, coil, compass, connect, crook, curl, curve, curve around, encircle, encompass, fold, gird, girdle, join, knot, ring, roll, surround, tie together, turn, twist, wind around; CONCEPTS 147,201,754 —*Ant.* line

**loophole** [n] *escape* alternative, escape clause, means of escape, outlet, technicality, way out; CONCEPT 102

**loose** [adj1] *not tight; unconstrained* apart, asunder, at large, baggy, clear, detached, disconnected, easy, escaped, flabby, flaccid, floating, free, hanging, insecure, lax, liberated, limp, loosened, movable, not fitting, relaxed, released, separate, slack, slackened, sloppy, unattached, unbolted, unbound, unbuttoned, uncaged, unclasped, unconfined, unconnected, undone, unfastened, unfettered, unhinged, unhooked, unlatched, unlocked, unpinned,

unrestrained, unrestricted, unsecured, unshackled, untied, wobbly; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* constrained, restricted, taut, tight

**loose** [adj2] *indefinite, vague* detached, diffuse, disconnected, disordered, ill-defined, imprecise, inaccurate, indistinct, negligent, obscure, rambling, random, remiss; CONCEPTS 267,529 —*Ant.* clear, definite, precise, strict

**loose** [adj3] *promiscuous* abandoned, capricious, careless, corrupt, debauched, disreputable, dissipated, dissolute, easy, fast, heedless, high living\*, immoral, imprudent, inconstant, lax, lewd, libertine, licentious, light, negligent, out of control\*, playing, profligate, rash, reckless, speeding, swinging, thoughtless, unchaste, unmindful, unrestrained, wanton; CONCEPTS 372,401 —*Ant.* clean, decent, moral

**loose/loosen** [v] *set free; unbind* alleviate, become unfastened, break up, deliver, detach, discharge, disconnect, disengage, disenthral, disjoin, ease, ease off, emancipate, extricate, free, let go, let out, liberate, manumit, mitigate, relax, release, separate, slacken, unbar, unbolt, unbuckle, unbutton, unchain, unclasp, undo, unfasten, unfix, unhitch, unhook, unlace, unlatch, unlatch, unlash, unlock, unloose, unpin, unscrew, unsnap, unstick, unstrap, untie, untighten, work free, work loose; CONCEPTS 127,250 —*Ant.* bind, limit, restrict, tighten

**loot** [n] *stolen goods* booty, dough\*, graft, haul, hot goods\*, lift\*, make\*, money, pickings\*, pillage, plunder, plunderage, prize, seizure, spoils, squeeze, take\*; CONCEPTS 337,340

**loot** [v] *steal goods* appropriate, boost, burglarize, despoil, grab, gut, liberate, lift, loft, make, moonlight requisition\*, pillage, plunder, raid, ransack, ravage, relieve, requisition, rifle, rip off\*, rob, sack, salvage, smash and grab\*, snatch, snitch\*, stick up, swipe, take, thieve, tip over; CONCEPTS 139,192 —*Ant.* give, receive

**looter** [n] *thief* criminal, marauder, pilferer, pillager, plunderer, raider, ransacker, ravager, spoiler; CONCEPT 412

**lop** [v] *trim* chop, clip, crop, cut, cut back, cut down, mow, pare, pare down, prune, shear, snip, truncate; CONCEPTS 176,236,247

**lope** [v] *stride* bound, canter, gallop, run, trot; CONCEPT 149

**lopsided** [adj] *leaning, falling to one side; larger on one side* askew, asymmetrical, awry, cockeyed, crooked, disproportionate, disproportionate, inclinatory, irregular, nonsymmetrical, off-balance, one-sided, out of shape, overbalanced, squint, tilting, top-heavy, unbalanced, unequal, uneven, unsteady, warped; CONCEPT 480 —*Ant.* even, level, straight, unleaning

**loquacious** [adj] *talkative* babbling, chattering, chatty, fluent, gabby\*, garrulous, gossipy, jabbering, long-winded\*, loose-lipped\*, motor-mouth\*, multiloquent, prolix, verbose, voluble, wordy, yacking\*; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* quiet, restrained, silent, subdued

**lore** [n] *myths, traditional wisdom* adage, belief, custom, doctrine, enlightenment, erudition, experience, fable, folklore, information, knowledge, learning, legend, letters, mythology, mythos, saga, saw, saying, scholarship, science, superstition, tale, teaching, tradition; CONCEPTS 274,282,287

**lose** [v1] *be deprived of; mislay* be careless, become poorer, be impoverished, bereave, be reduced, capitulate, consume, default, deplete, disinherit, displace, dispossess, dissipate, divest, drain, drop, exhaust, expend, fail, fail to keep, fall short, forfeit, forget, give up, lavish, misplace, miss, misspend, oust, pass up, relinquish, rob, sacrifice, squander, suffer, suffer loss, surrender, use up, waste, yield; CONCEPTS 116,156 —**Ant.** hold on to, keep, maintain

**lose** [v2] *be defeated* be humbled, be outdistanced, be sunk, be taken to cleaners\*, be the loser, be worsted\*, come up short, decline, drop, drop a bundle\*, fall, kiss goodbye\*, lose out, miss, succumb, suffer defeat, take a beating\*, take the count\*, take the heat\*, yield; CONCEPTS 384,674 —**Ant.** achieve, succeed, win

**lose** [v3] *escape, avoid* clear, dodge, duck, elude, evade, give the slip\*, leave behind, outrun, rid, shake, shake off\*, slip away, stray, throw off\*, unburden, wander from; CONCEPTS 30,102 —**Ant.** confront, face, meet

**loser** [n] *person, thing that fails* also-ran\*, deadbeat\*, defeated, disadvantaged, down-and-outer\*, dud\*, failure, flop\*, flunkee\*, has-been, underdog, underprivileged; CONCEPTS 412,423,433 —**Ant.** achiever, success, winner

**loss** [n] *misfortune, deficit; something misplaced or lost* accident, bad luck, bereavement, calamity, casualty, cataclysm, catastrophe, cost, damage, death, debit, debt, defeat, deficiency, depletion, deprivation, destitution, destruction, detriment, disadvantage, disappearance, disaster, dispossession, failure, fall, fatality, forfeiture, harm, hurt, impairment, injury, losing, misadventure, mishap, mislaying, misplacing, need, perdition, privation, retardation, ruin, sacrifice, shrinkage, squandering, trial, trouble, undoing, want, waste, wreckage; CONCEPTS 407,674,707 —**Ant.** accomplishment, achievement, success, win

**lost** [adj1] *missing, off-track* absent, adrift, astray, at sea, cast away, disappeared, disoriented, down the drain\*, fallen between cracks\*, forfeit, forfeited, gone, gone astray, hidden, invisible, irrecoverable, ir retrievable, irrevocable, kiss goodbye\*, lacking, minus, mislaid, misplaced, missed, nowhere to be found\*, obscured, off-course, out the window\*, strayed, unredeemed, vanished, wandering, wayward, without; CONCEPT 576 —**Ant.** accomplishing, found, successful, winning

**lost** [adj2] *extinct, destroyed* abolished, annihilated, bygone, consumed, dead, demolished, devastated, dissipated, eradicated, exterminated, forgotten, frittered, gone, lapsed, misspent, misused, obliterated, obsolete, out-of-date, past, perished, ruined, squandered, unremembered, wasted, wiped out\*, wrecked; CONCEPTS 539, 560 —**Ant.** alive, existent, existing, living

**lost** [adj3] *distraught, dreaming* absent, absent-minded, absorbed, abstracted, bemused, bewildered, distraught, dreamy, engrossed, entranced, faraway, feeble, going in circles\*, ignorant, incontinent, musing, perplexed, preoccupied, rapt, spellbound, taken in\*, taken up\*, unconscious, wasted; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** attentive, aware, cognizant

**lot** [n1] *piece of property* acreage, allotment, apportionment, area, block, clearing, division, field, frontage, parcel, part, patch, percentage, piece, plat, plot, plottage, portion, property, real estate, tract; CONCEPTS 509,710

**lot** [n2] *quantity, often large* abundance, aggregate, aggregation, amplitude, assortment, barrel, batch, body, bunch, bundle, circle, clump, cluster, clutch, collection, conglomerate, conglomeration, consignment, crowd, great deal, group, heap, load, mass, mess\*, much, multiplicity, number, ocean, oodles, order, pack, pile, plenitude, plenty, push, reams, requisition, scores, set, stack, stacks; CONCEPTS 432,787 —**Ant.** little

**lot** [n3] *portion, share* allotment, allowance, bite, cut, parcel, part, percentage, piece, quota, ration, slice, take; CONCEPTS 710,835 —**Ant.** totality, whole

**lot** [n4] *fate, destiny* accident, break, breaks, chance, circumstance, decree, doom, foreordination, fortune, hand one is dealt\*, hazard, karma, kismet, Moirai, plight, portion, predestination, run of luck\*, way cookie crumbles\*, wheel of fortune\*; CONCEPT 679

**lothario** [n] *womanizer* Casanova, Don Juan, gigolo, ladies' man, lady-killer, lecher, libertine, lover, philanderer, rake, Romeo, seducer, skirt chaser, stud\*, wolf\*; CONCEPTS 372,401

**lotion** [n] *creamy solution* balm, cosmetic, cream, demulcent, embrocation, lenitive, liniment, medicine, ointment, palliative, preparation, salve, unguent, wash; CONCEPTS 311,446,466

**lottery** [n] *drawing* chance, door prize, gambling, game of chance, Lotto, luck of the draw, numbers game, raffle, sweepstake; CONCEPTS 28,363

**loud** [adj1] *blaring, noisy* big, blatant, blustering, boisterous, booming, cacophonous, clamorous, crashing, deafening, deep, ear-piercing, ear-splitting, emphatic, forte, full, full-mouthed, fulminating, heavy, high-sounding, intense, loud-voiced, lusty, obstreperous, pealing, piercing, powerful, rambunctious, raucous, resonant, resounding, ringing, roaring, rowdy, sonorous, stentorian, strident, strong, thundering, tumultuous, turbulent, turned up, uproarious, vehement, vociferous, wakes the dead\*; CONCEPTS 592,594 —**Ant.** inaudible, low, quiet, soft, subdued

**loud** [adj2] *offensive, gaudy* brash, brassy, brazen, chintzy, coarse, crass, crude, flamboyant, flashy, garish, glaring, gross, lurid, meretricious, obnoxious, obtrusive, ostentatious, raucous, rude, showy, tasteless, tawdry, vulgar; CONCEPTS 401,542,589 —**Ant.** inoffensive, quiet, soft, tasteful

**loudmouthed** [adj] *loud-voiced* bellowing, bigmouthed, big-voiced, blustering, boisterous, full-throated, obnoxious, vociferous; CONCEPT 401

**lounge** [n] *club, socializing place* bar, barroom, club room, cocktail lounge, dive\*, drinkery, hideaway, lobby, mezzanine, parlor, pub, reception, saloon, spot, tap, taproom, watering hole\*; CONCEPTS 293,449

**lounge** [v] *lie about, waste time* bum\*, dawdle, fritter away, goldbrick\*, goof off\*, idle, kill

time\*, laze, loaf, loiter, loll\*, pass time, recline, relax, repose, saunter, sprawl, take it easy\*; CONCEPTS 154,210,681 —**Ant.** do, hustle

**lousy** [adj] *very bad* awful, base, contemptible, despicable, dirty, disliked, execrable, faulty, harmful, hateful, horrible, inferior, low, mean, miserable, no good\*, outrageous, poor, rotten, second-rate\*, shoddy, slovenly, terrible, unpopular, unwelcome, vicious, vile; CONCEPT 571 —**Ant.** good, great, magnificent, wonderful

**lout** [n] *boor* barbarian, bear, boob\*, brute, buffoon, bumpkin, cad, churl, clod, clodhopper, dolt, dork\*, goon\*, lummock, oaf, philistine, rube, slob\*, vulgarian; CONCEPT 423

**loutish** [adj] *boorish* bad-mannered, barbaric, bearish, bungling, cantankerous, churlish, cloddish, clodhopping\*, clownish, clumsy, coarse, dense, doltish, gross\*, gruff, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impolite, loud, oafish, ornery, rough, rude, rustic, swinish, uncivilized, uncouth, uncultured, uneducated, unmannerly, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar; CONCEPT 404

**lovable** [adj] *very likable; endearing* adorable, agreeable, alluring, amiable, angelic, appealing, attractive, bewitching, captivating, charming, cuddly, delightful, desirable, enchanting, engaging, enthralling, entrancing, fascinating, fetching, friendly, genial, lovely, lovable, pleasing, ravishing, seductive, sweet, winning, winsome; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** hateable, hateful, unendearing

**love** [n1] *adoration; very strong liking* adulation, affection, allegiance, amity, amorosness, amour, appreciation, ardency, ardor, attachment, case\*, cherishing, crush, delight, devotedness, devotion, emotion, enchantment, enjoyment, fervor, fidelity, flame, fondness, friendship, hankering, idolatry, inclination, infatuation, involvement, like, lust, mad for, partiality, passion, piety, rapture, regard, relish, respect, sentiment, soft spot\*, taste, tenderness, weakness, worship, yearning, zeal; CONCEPT 32 —**Ant.** dislike, hate, hatred

**love** [n2] *person who is loved by another* admirer, angel, beau, beloved, boyfriend, courter, darling, dear, dearest, dear one, flame, girlfriend, honey, inamorata, inamorato, Juliet\*, loved one, lover, paramour, passion, Romeo\*, spark, suitor, swain, sweet, sweetheart, true love, valentine; CONCEPT 423

**love** [v1] *adore, like very much* admire, adulate, be attached to, be captivated by, be crazy about, be enamored of, be enchanted by, be fascinated with, be fond of, be in love with, canonize, care for, cherish, choose, deity, delight in, dote on, esteem, exalt, fall for, fancy, glorify, go for\*, gone on\*, have affection for, have it bad\*, hold dear, hold high, idolize, long for, lose one's heart to\*, prefer, prize, put on pedestal\*, think the world of\*, thrive with, treasure, venerate, wild for\*, worship; CONCEPT 32 —**Ant.** dislike, hate, scorn

**love** [v2] *have sexual relations* caress, clasp, cling, cosset, court, cuddle, draw close, embrace, feel, fondle, hold, hug, kiss, lick, look tenderly, make love, neck\*, pet\*, press, shine, soothe, stroke, take into one's arms, tryst, woo; CONCEPTS 375,384 —**Ant.** abstain

**love affair** [n] *sexual relationship outside of*

*marriage* adultery, affair, amour, devotion, extracurricular activity\*, flirtation, intrigue, liaison, love, ménage à trois, passion, romance, thing, triangle; CONCEPTS 375,388

**love handles** [n] *bulging waistline* fat, flab, hate handles\*, keg\*, middle age spread\*, spare tire\*; CONCEPTS 723,734

**lovelorn** [n] *unloved* bereft, crossed in love, dejected, forsaken, jilted, loveless, lovesick, rejected, spurned; CONCEPTS 21,30,384

**lovely** [adj] *beautiful, charming; agreeable* admirable, adorable, alluring, amiable, attractive, beauteous, bewitching, captivating, comely, dainty, delectable, delicate, delicious, delightful, enchanting, engaging, enjoyable, exquisite, fair, good-looking, gorgeous, graceful, gratifying, handsome, knockout, lovable, nice, picture, pleasant, pleasing, pretty, pulchritudinous, rare, scrumptious, splendid, stunning, sweet, winning; CONCEPTS 537,579,589 —**Ant.** awful, disagreeable, drab, homely, ugly, unlovely, unsightly

**lovemaking** [n] *sexual activity* carnal knowledge, coition, coitus, copulation, coquetting, courting, courtship, cuddling, dalliance, fondling, fooling around, foreplay, hugging, intercourse, intimacy, kissing, mating, screwing, sexual intercourse, sexual relations, smooching\*, smuggling, sucking face\*; CONCEPT 375

**lover** [n] *person having sexual relationship* admirer, beau, beloved, boyfriend, companion, courter, darling, dear, dearest, escort, fiancé, fiancée, flame, girlfriend, idolizer, inamorata, inamorato, infatuate, Juliet\*, paramour, petitioner, Romeo\*, significant other, solicitor, steady, suitor, suppliant, swain, sweetheart, true love, valentine, wooer; CONCEPT 423 —**Ant.** enemy

**lovesick** [adj] *longing* desiring, infatuated, languishing, lovelorn, pining, yearning; CONCEPTS 21,30,384

**loving** [adj] *expressing adoration* admiring, affectionate, amatory, amiable, amorous, anxious, appreciative, ardent, attached, attentive, benevolent, bound up, caring, concerned, considerate, cordial, dear, demonstrative, devoted, doting, earnest, enamored, erotic, expressive, faithful, fervent, fond, friendly, generous, idolatrous, impassioned, infatuated, kind, liking, loyal, passionate, respecting, reverent, reverential, romantic, sentimental, solicitous, tender, thoughtful, valuing, warm, warm-hearted, worshipful, zealous; CONCEPTS 372,401,542 —**Ant.** disliking, hating, mean

**low** [adj1] *close to the ground; short* below, beneath, bottom, bottommost, crouched, decumbent, deep, depressed, flat, ground-level, inferior, junior, lesser, level, little, lowering, low-hanging, low-lying, low-set, minor, nether, not high, profound, prostrate, rock-bottom, shallow, small, squat, squatty, stunted, subjacent, subsided, sunken, under, unelevated; CONCEPTS 583,779,782,793 —**Ant.** above, high, tall

**low** [adj2] *reduced; mediocre* cheap, cut, cut-rate\*, deficient, depleted, economical, inadequate, inexpensive, inferior, insignificant, little, low-grade, marked down, meager, moderate, modest, nominal, paltry, poor, puny, reason-

able, scant, second-rate\*, shoddy, slashed, small, sparse, substandard, trifling, uncostly, worthless; CONCEPTS 334, 574, 789 —*Ant.*

above, elevated, high, increased, prominent  
**low** [adj3] *crude, vulgar* abject, base, blue, coarse, common, contemptible, crass, crummy, dastardly, degraded, depraved, despicable, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, gross\*, ignoble, ill-bred, inelegant, mean, menial, miserable, nasty, obscene, off-color\*, offensive, raw, rough, rude, scrubby, scruffy\*, scurvy, servile, sordid, unbecoming, uncouth, undignified, unrefined, unworthy, vile, woebegone, woeful, wretched; CONCEPTS 404, 542 —*Ant.* decent, honest, honorable, moral, respectable, upright

**low** [adj4] *living in, coming from poor circumstances* base, baseborn, humble, ignoble, lowborn, lowly, mean, meek, obscure, plain, plebeian, poor, rude, simple, unpretentious, unwashed; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* high, rich

**low** [adj5] *depressed* bad, blue\*, crestfallen, dejected, despondent, disheartened, down, down and out\*, downcast, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, down in the mouth\*, dragged, fed up, forlorn, gloomy, glum, in the pits\*, low-down\*, miserable, moody, morose, sad, singing the blues\*, spiritless, unhappy; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, gay, happy

**low** [adj6] *not feeling well* ailing, debilitated, dizzy, dying, exhausted, faint, feeble, frail, ill, indisposed, poorly, prostrate, reduced, sick, sickly, sinking, stricken, unwell, weak; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* healthy, strong, well

**low** [adj7] *not loud* faint, gentle, hushed, muffled, muted, quiet, soft, subdued, whispered; CONCEPT 594

**lowbrowed** [adj] *uncultivated, vulgar* ignorant, illiterate, uneducated, unlearned, unlettered, unread, unrefined, unschooled, unsophisticated, untaught, untutored; CONCEPT 402

**lower** [adj] *under, inferior* bush-league\*, curtailed, decreased, diminished, junior, lessened, lesser, low, lower rung, minor, nether, pared down, reduced, secondary, second-class, second-fiddle\*, second-string\*, smaller, subaltern, subordinate, under; CONCEPTS 586, 772 —*Ant.* higher, important, superior

**lower** [v1] *let down; fall* bring low, cast down, couch, demit, depress, descend, detrude, droop, drop, ground, let down, make lower, push down, reduce, set down, sink, submerge, take down; CONCEPT 181 —*Ant.* elevate, increase, raise

**lower** [v2] *reduce, minimize* abate, clip, curtail, cut, cut back, cut down, decrease, decry, deescalate, deflate, demote, depreciate, devalue, devalue, diminish, downgrade, downsize, lessen, mark down, moderate, pare, prune, roll back, scale down, shave, slash, soften, tone down, undervalue, write off; CONCEPTS 236, 240 —*Ant.* elevate, heighten, increase, rise

**lower** [v3] *belittle, disgrace* abase, bemean, cast down, condescend, debase, degrade, deign, demean, depress, devalue, downgrade, humble, humiliate, stoop; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —*Ant.* compliment, laud, praise

**low-key** [adj] *subdued* easygoing, laid-back\*, loose, low-pitched, muffled, muted, played down, quiet, relaxed, restrained, sober, softened,

soft-sell\*, subtle, toned down, understated; CONCEPTS 542, 544, 548 —*Ant.* energized, high-key, high-strung, nervous, pumped up

**lowly** [adj] *inferior, plain* average, base, baseborn, cast down, common, commonplace, docile, dutiful, everyday, gentle, humble, ignoble, low, lowborn, mean, meek, menial, mild, modest, mundane, obscure, obsequious, ordinary, plebeian, poor, proletarian, prosaic, retiring, reverential, servile, simple, submissive, subordinate, unassuming, unpretentious, withdrawing; CONCEPTS 404, 547, 549 —*Ant.* higher, lofty, noble, pretentious, superior

**loyal** [adj] *faithful, dependable* allegiant, ardent, attached, behind one, believing, coming through, constant, devoted, dutiful, dyed-in-the-wool\*, firm, on one's side\*, patriotic, resolute, staunch, steadfast, steady, tried-and-true\*, true, true-blue\*, trustworthy, trusty, unflinching, unswerving, unwavering; CONCEPTS 404, 545 —*Ant.* disloyal, undependable, unfaithful

**loyalty** [n] *faithfulness, dependability* adherence, allegiance, ardor, attachment, bond, conscientiousness, constancy, devotedness, devotion, duty, earnestness, faith, fealty, fidelity, homage, honesty, honor, incorruptibility, integrity, inviolability, obedience, patriotism, probity, reliability, resolution, scrupulousness, sincerity, single-mindedness, singleness, staunchness, steadfastness, subjection, submission, support, tie, troth, trueheartedness, trueness, trustiness, trustworthiness, truth, truthfulness, uprightness, zeal; CONCEPTS 411, 645 —*Ant.* disloyalty, undependability, unfaithfulness

**LSD** [n] *lysergic acid diethylamide* acid, blotter acid\*, blue heaven\*, California sunshine\*, cubes\*, dots\*, drug, electric Kool-aid\*, hallucinogen, instant Zen\*, Lucy in the sky with diamonds\*, mellow yellows\*, microdots\*, Owsley, Owsley's acid, purple haze, strawberry fields\*, sunshine, tabs\*, yellow sunshine\*; CONCEPT 307

**lubricant** [n] *lubricator* coating, grease, oil, silicone, wax, WD40™; CONCEPT 606

**lubricate** [v] *make slippery* anoint, cream, grease, lard, lube, make, oil, oil the wheels\*, slick, smear, smooth, tallow, wax; CONCEPT 202 —*Ant.* dry

**lucid** [adj1] *evident, obvious* apprehensible, clear, clear-cut, comprehensible, comprehensible, crystal clear, distinct, explicit, fathomable, graspable, intelligible, knowable, limpid, luminous, pellucid, plain, translucent, transparent, transpicuous, unambiguous, unblurred, understandable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* clouded, obscure, unclear, vague

**lucid** [adj2] *brilliant, shining* beaming, bright, effulgent, gleaming, incandescent, lambent, luminous, lustrous, radiant, refulgent, resplendent; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* cloudy, dark, gloomy, murky, shadowy

**lucid** [adj3] *clear, transparent* crystalline, diaphanous, gauzy, glassy, limpid, obvious, pellucid, pure, sheer, translucent, transpicuous, unblurred; CONCEPTS 606, 619 —*Ant.* foggy, muddied, unclear

**lucid** [adj4] *clearheaded, sensible* all there, compos mentis, cool, got head together\*,

in right mind, normal, rational, reasonable, right, sane, sober, sound, together; CONCEPTS 402,403 —*Ant.* confused, puzzled, unclear, unreasonable

**Lucifer** [*n*] *Satan* archangel, beast, Beelzebub, devil, diablo, evil one, fallen angel, Mephistopheles, Prince of Darkness; CONCEPTS 370,412

**luck** [*n*1] *good fortune* advantage, big break\*, blessing, break\*, fluke\*, fortunateness, godsend\*, good luck, happiness, health, in the cards\*, karma\*, kismet\*, luckiness, lucky break\*, occasion, opportunity, profit, prosperity, run of luck\*, serendipity, smile\*, streak of luck, stroke, success, triumph, victory, weal, wealth, win, windfall; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* bad fortune, misfortune

**luck** [*n*2] *chance* accident, break, destiny, fate, fifty-fifty\*, fortuity, fortune, hap\*, happenstance, hazard, occasion, occurrence, toss-up\*, unforeseen event; CONCEPT 679

**luckily** [*adv*] *happily* by chance, favorably, fortuitously, fortunately, opportunely, propitiously, providentially; CONCEPTS 544,572 —*Ant.* unhappily, unlucky

**lucky** [*adj*] *fortunate, opportune* advantageous, adventitious, all systems go\*, auspicious, beneficial, benign, blessed, charmed, coming up roses\*, everything going\*, favored, felicitous, fortuitous, getting a break\*, golden, happy, hit it big\*, holding aces\*, hopeful, hot\*, in the groove\*, into something, on a roll\*, on a streak, promising, propitious, prosperous, providential, serendipitous, striking it rich\*, successful, timely, well; CONCEPTS 537,572 —*Ant.* bad, inopportune, unfortunate, unlucky, unpropitious, unsuccessful

**lucrative** [*adj*] *productive, well-paid* advantageous, cost effective, fatness, fruitful, gainful, good, high-income\*, in the black\*, money-making, paying, profitable, remunerative, sweet, worthwhile; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* poorly paid, unprofitable

**lure** [*n*] *money, profits* capital, cash, earnings, funds, gain, gate\*, gravy\*, income, proceeds, receipts, resources, revenue, riches, take\*, wealth; CONCEPTS 332,340,344,693

**ludicrous** [*adj*] *absurd, ridiculous* antic, bizarre, burlesque, comic, comical, crazy, droll, fantastic, farcical, foolish, funny, gelastic, grotesque, incongruous, laughable, nonsensical, odd, outlandish, preposterous, risible, silly, zany; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* logical, reasonable, sensible

**lug** [*v*] *drag something around* bear, buck, carry, convey, draw, ferry, haul, heave, lump, jerk, lift, lurch, pack, pull, rake, schlepp\*, snap, tote, tow, transport, trawl, tug, vellicate, yank; CONCEPT 206

**luggage** [*n*] *bag, suitcase* baggage, carry-on, case, fortnighter, gear, impedimenta, paraphernalia, suit bag, things\*, tote bag, trunk, valise; CONCEPTS 446,494

**lukewarm** [*adj*1] *slightly heated* blood-warm, milk-warm, tepid, warm, warmish; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* chilly, cool, cooled

**lukewarm** [*adj*2] *indifferent, unenthusiastic* apathetic, chilly, cold, cool, halfhearted, hesitant, indecisive, irresolute, phlegmatic, tepid, uncertain, uncommitted, unconcerned,

undecided, uninterested, unresolved, unresponsive, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* enthusiastic, excited, happy, interested, warm

**lull** [*n*] *pause, calm* abeyance, break, breather, breathing spell, calmness, coffee break, comma\*, downtime\*, hiatus, hush, layoff, letup, pausation, quiescence, quiet, respite, silence, stillness, stop, time-out\*, tranquility; CONCEPT 807 —*Ant.* busyness, continuation, disturbance, energy

**lull** [*v*] *calm, ease off* abate, allay, balm, becalm, cease, chill out\*, compose, cool\*, cool off\*, decrease, die down, diminish, dwindle, ebb, fall, hush, lay back, let up, lullaby, moderate, pacify, put a lid on\*, qualify, quell, quiet, quiet down, settle, slacken, soft-pedal\*, soothe, still, stroke, subdue, subside, take it easy\*, take the edge\*, take the sting out\*, temper, tranquilize, wane; CONCEPTS 7,22,210,698 —*Ant.* energize, excite

**lumber** [*v*1] *walk heavily, clumsily* barge, clump, galumph, lump, plod, shamble, shuffle, slog, stump, trudge, trundle, waddle; CONCEPT 151 —*Ant.* glide

**lumber** [*v*2] *burden* charge, cumber, encumber, impose upon, lade, land, load, saddle, tax, weigh; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* relieve, unburden

**lumbering** [*adj*] *clumsy, awkward* blundering, bovine, bumbling, clodhopping\*, clunking, elephantine, gauche, gawky, halting, heavy, heavy-footed, hulking, inept, klutzy\*, lead-footed\*, lumpish, maladroït, overgrown, ponderous, splay, two left feet\*, ungainly, unhandy, unwieldy, wooden; CONCEPTS 406,584 —*Ant.* agile, gliding, lithe

**luminary** [*n*] *very important person* big name\*, celeb\*, celebrity, dignitary, eminence, leader, lion\*, name, notability, notable, personage, personality, somebody\*, star, superstar, VIP\*, worthy; CONCEPTS 352,423

**luminescent** [*adj*] *glowing, shining* bright, effulgent, fluorescent, luminous, phosphorescent, radiant; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* dull, obscured, unshiny

**luminous** [*adj*1] *bright, glowing* beaming, brilliant, clear, crystal, effulgent, fulgent, illuminated, incandescent, lambent, lighted, lit, lucent, lucid, luminescent, lustrous, radiant, refulgent, resplendent, shining, translucent, transparent, vivid; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* dark, dim, dull, gloomy

**luminous** [*adj*2] *obvious, understandable* apprehensible, bright, brilliant, clear, comprehensible, comprehensible, evident, fathomable, graspable, intelligible, knowable, lucid, perspicacious, perspicuous; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* obscure, unclear, unintelligible, vague

**lummock** [*n*] *oaf* beast, blunderer, boor, bruiser, brute, bumpkin, chump\*, clod, clodhopper, clown, dolt, dumb ox\*, dunce, fool, goon\*, half-wit\*, hayseed, idiot, imbecile, klutz\*, loser, lout\*, lunthead, moron, nincompoop\*, ox\*, sap\*, simpleton\*, yokel; CONCEPT 412

**lump** [*n*] *clump, mass* agglomeration, ball, bit, block, bulge, bulk, bump, bunch, cake, chip, chunk, cluster, crumb, dab, gob, group, growth, handful, hunk, knot, knurl, lot, morsel, mountain, much, nugget, part, peck, piece, pile, portion, protrusion, protuberance, scrap, section,

- solid, spot, swelling, tumescence, tumor, wad, wedge; CONCEPTS 432,470,471
- lump** [v] *tolerate, withstand* abide, bear, brook, digest, endure, put up with, stand, stomach, suffer, swallow, take; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* change, fight, stand up
- lunacy** [n] *craziness, madness* aberration, absurdity, alienation, asininity, dementia, derangement, distraction, fatuity, folly, foolhardiness, foolishness, idiocy, imbalance, imbecility, inanity, ineptitude, insanity, mania, psychopathy, psychosis, senselessness, silliness, stupidity; CONCEPTS 410,633 —*Ant.* saneness
- lunatic** [adj] *crazy, mad* absurd, baked\*, balmy\*, bananas\*, bonkers\*, cracked, crazed, daft, demented, deranged, dippy\*, flaky\*, flipped out\*, foolish, freaked out\*, fried\*, idiotic, insane, irrational, kooky\*, loco, maniac, maniacal, nonsensical, nutty\*, preposterous, psyched out\*, psychotic, schizoid\*, screwy\*, stupid, unsound, whacko\*, zany; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* healthy, sane, sensible
- lunatic** [n] *person who is crazy, mad* crackpot\*, crank, cuckoo\*, demoniac, flake\*, fruitcake\*, kook\*, lamebrain\*, loon\*, maniac, neurotic, nut\*, paranoid, psycho\*, psychopath, psychotic, scatterbrain, schizophrenic, sociopathic; CONCEPTS 412,809 —*Ant.* sane
- lunge** [n] *pounce* charge, cut, jab, jump, pass, spring, stab, swing, swipe, thrust; CONCEPTS 159,194 —*Ant.* retreat
- lunge** [v] *pounce, dive* for bound, burst, charge, cut, dash, drive, fall upon, hit, jab, jump, leap, lurch, pitch, plunge, poke, push, set upon, stab, strike, surge, thrust; CONCEPTS 159,194 —*Ant.* retreat
- lurch** [v] *move toward with jerk* blunder, bumble, careen, dodge, duck, falter, flounder, heave, jerk, lean, list, move to the side, pitch, reel, rock, roll, seesaw, slide, slip, stagger, stumble, sway, swing, teeter, tilt, toss, totter, wallow, weave, wobble, yaw; CONCEPTS 80, 150,152,194 —*Ant.* retreat
- lure** [n] *bait* allurements, ambush, appeal, attraction, bribe, call, camouflage, carrot\*, come-on\*, con game\*, decoy, delusion, draw, enticement, fake, gimmick, hook, illusion, incentive, inducement, inveiglement, invitation, magnet\*, mousetrap\*, pull, seducement, seduction, siren song\*, sitting duck\*, snare, sweetener\*, temptation, tout, trap, trick; CONCEPTS 32,529 —*Ant.* deterrent, warning
- lure** [v] *attract, seduce* allure, bag, bait, beckon, beguile, bewitch, cajole, captivate, capture, catch, charm, come on\*, decoy, drag, draw, enchant, ensnare, entice, fascinate, grab, haul, hit on\*, hook, inveigle, invite, lead on, pull, rope, steer, suck in\*, sweep off one's feet\*, tempt, train, turn on; CONCEPT 11 —*Ant.* antagonize, disenchant, disgust, dissuade, repulse, turn off
- lurid** [adj] *shocking, gruesome* ashen, bloody, deep, disgusting, distinct, exaggerated, extreme, fiery, ghastly, gory\*, graphic, grim, grisly, hideous, horrible, horrid, horrifying, livid, low-down, macabre, melodramatic, obscene, off-color\*, offensive, purple\*, racy, raunchy, revolting, rough, salty, sanguine\*, savage, sensational, sinister, startling, terrible, terrify-
- ing, violent, vivid, yellow\*; CONCEPTS 267,537 —*Ant.* clean, humble, modest
- lurk** [v] *hide; move stealthily* conceal oneself, creep, crouch, go furtively, gumshoe, lie in wait, prowl, skulk, slide, slink, slip, snake, sneak, snoop, stay hidden, steal, wait; CONCEPTS 151, 188 —*Ant.* come out
- luscious** [adj] *delicious, delectable* adorable, ambrosial, appetizing, choice, darling, delish, deluxe, distinctive, divine, exquisite, flamboyant, flavorsome, heavenly, honeyed, juicy, lush, luxurious, mellow, mouth-watering, nectarious, opulent, ornate, palatable, palatial, piquant, rare, rich, savory, scrumptious, succulent, sumptuous, sweet, toothsome, voluptuous, yummy\*; CONCEPTS 574,613 —*Ant.* nasty, poor, unappetizing, unsavory
- lush** [adj] *profuse and delightful* abundant, ambrosial, delectable, delicious, deluxe, dense, elaborate, extensive, extravagant, exuberant, flourishing, fresh, grand, green, heavenly, juicy, lavish, luscious, luxuriant, luxurious, opulent, ornate, overgrown, palatial, plush, prodigal, prolific, rank, rich, riotous, ripe, ritzy, scrumptious, sensuous, succulent, sumptuous, teeming, tender, verdant, voluptuous; CONCEPTS 574,589,771 —*Ant.* austere, bare, barren, sparse
- lust** [n] *appetite, passion* animalism, aphrodisia, appetence, appetite, avidity, carnality, concupiscence, covetousness, craving, cupidity, desire, eroticism, excitement, fervor, greed, hunger, itch, lasciviousness, lechery, lewdness, libido, licentiousness, longing, prurience, pruriency, salaciousness, salacity, sensualism, sensuality, thirst, urge, wantonness, weakness, yen; CONCEPTS 20,709 —*Ant.* chastity, disenchantment, disgust
- lust** [v] *desire strongly* ache, be consumed with desire, be hot for\*, covet, crave, hanker, hunger for, itch, long, need, pine, thirst, want, wish, yearn, yen; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* be chaste, be pure, dislike
- luster** [n] *gloss, shine* afterglow, brightness, brilliance, brilliancy, burnish, candescence, dazzle, effulgence, glaze, gleam, glint, glitter, glow, incandescence, iridescence, lambency, luminousness, opalescence, polish, radiance, refugence, resplendence, sheen, shimmer, sparkle; CONCEPT 620 —*Ant.* darkness, dullness, matte
- lustrous** [adj] *glossy, shining* bright, burnished, dazzling, effulgent, fulgent, glacé, gleaming, glinting, glistening, glorious, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucent, luminous, polished, radiant, refulgent, shimmering, shiny, sparkling, splendid, waxy; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* dark, dull, matte, unshiny
- lusty** [adj] *energetic, healthy* brawny, dynamic, hale, hearty, potent, powerful, red-blooded, robust, rugged, stalwart, stout, strapping, strenuous, strong, sturdy, tough, vigorous, vital; CONCEPTS 314,485,489 —*Ant.* lethargic, unenergetic, unhealthy, weak
- luxuriant** [adj] *profuse, lush* abundant, ample, copious, deluxe, dense, elaborate, excessive, extravagant, exuberant, fancy, fecund, fertile, flamboyant, flourishing, fruitful, lavish, luscious, lush, opulent, overflowing, palatial, plenteous, plentiful, prodigal, productive,

profusive, prolific, rampant, rank, rich, riotous, sumptuous, superabundant, teeming, thriving; CONCEPTS 574,771 —*Ant.* barren, plain, poor

**luxuriate** [v] *indulge, prosper* abound, bask, be in clover\*, bloom, burgeon, delight, eat up\*, enjoy, feast, flourish, grow, increase, live extravagantly, live high on hog\*, live in luxury\*, live it up\*, love, overdo, relish, revel, riot, roll, rollick, take it easy\*, thrive, wallow, wanton; CONCEPTS 539,544,589 —*Ant.* refrain

**luxurious** [adj] *affluent, indulgent* comfortable, costly, deluxe, easy, elaborate, epicurean, expensive, extravagant, fancy, fit for a king/queen\*, gorgeous, grand, grandiose, gratifying, hedonistic, immoderate, imposing, impressive, in the lap of luxury, lavish, luscious, lush, magnificent, majestic, opulent, ostentatious, palatial, pampered, pleasurable, pleasure-loving, plush, plucky, posh, pretentious, rich, ritzy\*, self-indulgent, sensual, sensuous, splendid, stately, sumptuous, sybaritic, upscale, voluptuous, well-appointed; CONCEPTS 544,574,589 —*Ant.* austere, frugal, poor

**luxury** [n] *great pleasure, indulgence* affluence, bliss, comfort, delight, enjoyment, exorbitance, extravagance, frill, gratification, hedonism, high living, immoderation, intemperance, leisure, luxuriousness, opulence, rarity, richness, satisfaction, splendor, sumptuousness, treat, well-being; CONCEPTS 337,388,712 —*Ant.* austerity, economy, frugality

**lying** [adj] *dishonest* committing perjury, deceitful, deceptive, delusive, delusory, dissembling, dissimulating, double-crossing\*, double-dealing\*, equivocating, false, falsifying, fibbing, guileful, inventing, mendacious, misleading, misrepresenting, misstating, perfidious, prevaricating, shifty, treacherous, tricky, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, unreliable, untruthful, wrong; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* direct, frank, honest

**lynching** [n] *hanging* capital punishment, execution, mob justice\*, stringing up\*, the gallows\*, vigilante justice; CONCEPT 252

**lyric** [adj] *musical* choral, coloratura, mellifluous, melodic, melodious, poetic, songful, songlike, tuneful; CONCEPT 594

**lyrical** [adj] *musical* agreeable, blending, chiming, choral, dulcet, emotional, euphonious, expressive, harmonious, lilting, melodic, melodious, operatic, orchestral, passionate, pleasing, poetic, rhapsodic, rhythmic, songful, songlike, soulful, sweet-sounding, symphonic, symphonic, tuneful; CONCEPT 594

**lyricist** [n] *songwriter* composer, lyricist, musician, music writer, poet, songsmith, songwriter; CONCEPT 352

**lyrics** [n] *words of a song* book, libretto, lines, text, theme, verse, words; CONCEPTS 264,595

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**macabre** [adj] *eerie; deathlike* cadaverous, deathly, dreadful, frightening, frightful, ghastly, ghostly, ghoulish, grim, grisly, gruesome, hideous, horrible, horrid, lurid, morbid, offensive, scary, spookish, spooky, terrible, unearthly, weird; CONCEPTS 537,547 —*Ant.* common, living, normal

**macaroni** [n] *pasta* noodles, penne, shells, spaghetti, tortellini; CONCEPTS 457,460,461

**Machiavellian** [adj] *scheming* artful, astute, calculating, conniving, contriving, crafty, cunning, deceitful, devious, expedient, opportunist, plotting, shrewd, sly, underhanded, unscrupulous, wily; CONCEPTS 401,545

**machinate** [v] *maneuver, plot* cogitate, collude, come up with, connive, conspire, contrive, design, devise, engineer, finagle, hatch, intrigue, invent, plan, play games\*, promote, pull strings\*, scheme, trump up\*, wangle; CONCEPT 36 —*Ant.* leave alone

**machination** [n] *maneuver, plot* artifice, cabal, conspiracy, design, device, dirty work\*, dodge\*, intrigue, monkey business\*, on the make\*, ploy, practice, ruse, scheme, sellout, skullduggery\*, song and dance\*, stratagem, trick; CONCEPT 660

**machine** [n1] *device that performs a task* apparatus, appliance, automaton, automobile, computer, contraption, contrivance, engine, gadget, implement, instrument, mechanism, motor, robot, thingamabob\*, tool, vehicle, widget\*; CONCEPT 463

**machine** [n2] *well-run political organization* agency, lineup, machinery, movement, party, ring, setup, structure, system; CONCEPT 301

**machine** [n3] *person who acts automatically* agent, automaton, clone, drudge, grind, laborer, mechanical, puppet, robot, zombie\*; CONCEPTS 348,423

**machinery** [n] *devices performing work* accoutrement, agency, agent, apparatus, appliance, channel, contraption, contrivance, engine, equipment, gadget, gear, habiliments, implement, instrument, materiel, means, mechanism, medium, method, motor, organ, outfit, paraphernalia, shifts, structure, system, tackle, tool, utensil, vehicle, works; CONCEPTS 463,770

**machismo** [n] *masculinity* macho\*, male, manful, manliness, mannish, masculine, muscular, virile; CONCEPTS 371,408,648

**macho** [adj] *masculine* aggressive, cocky, courageous, manful, manly, potent, ultramasculine, virile; CONCEPTS 371,408,648

**mad** [adj1] *crazy, insane* aberrant, absurd, bananas\*, batty, crazed, cuckoo\*, daft, delirious, demented, deranged, distracted, fantastic, foolhardy, foolish, frantic, frenetic, frenzied, illogical, imprudent, invalid, irrational, kooky\*, loony\*, ludicrous, lunatic, mental, non compos mentis, nonsensical, nutty\*, off one's rocker\*, of unsound mind, out of one's mind\*, preposterous, psychotic, rabid, raving, senseless, unbalanced, unhinged, unreasonable, unsafe, unsound, unstable, wacky\*; CONCEPTS 403,529 —*Ant.* balanced, ok, rational, reasonable, sane, sound

**mad** [adj2] *angry* abandoned, agitated, berserk, distracted, distraught, enraged, exasperated, excited, frantic, frenetic, fuming, furious, incensed, infuriated, irritated, livid, provoked, raging, resentful, seeing red\*, uncontrolled, very upset, wild, wrathful; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* calm, cheered, collected, happy

**mad** [adj3] *enthusiastic; in love* ardent, avid, crazy, daft, devoted, enamoured, enthused, fanatical, fond, hooked\*, impassioned, infatuated, keen, nuts\*, wild, zealous; CONCEPTS 32,403 —*Ant.* disenchanted, unenthusiastic

**madcap** [adj] *crazy, impulsive* brash, foolhardy, foolish, frivolous, harebrained\*, heedless, hotheaded, ill-advised, imprudent, incautious, inconsiderate, lively, rash, reckless, stupid, thoughtless, wild; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* reasonable, sane

**madden** [v] *make angry* anger, annoy, bother, craze, derange, distract, drive crazy, drive insane, drive out of mind\*, drive to distraction\*, enrage, exasperate, frenzy, incense, inflame, infuriate, ire, irritate, make see red\*, pester, possess, provoke, shatter, steam up\*, umbrage, unbalance, unhinge\*, upset, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* gladden, make happy

**maddening** [adj] *irritating* aggravating, annoying, exasperating, frustrating, infuriating, provoking, riling, troubling, trying, vexatious; CONCEPTS 529,565

**made-up** [adj] *invented mentally* fabricated, false, fictional, imaginary, make-believe, mythical, prepared, specious, trumped-up, unreal, untrue; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* original, real, true

**madhouse** [n] *place where mentally ill live; place full of commotion* asylum, bedlam, chaos, insane asylum, loony bin\*, mental hospital, mental institution, pandemonium, psychiatric hospital, sanitarium, turmoil, uproar; CONCEPTS 312,449,516,674 —*Ant.* calm, harmony, peace

**madly** [adj] *wildly, fiercely* absurdly, crazily, deliriously, dementedly, desperately, devotedly, distractedly, energetically, exceedingly, excessively, excitedly, extremely, foolishly, frantically, frenziedly, furiously, hard, hastily, hurriedly, hysterically, insanely, intensely, irrationally, like mad, ludicrously, nonsensically, passionately, psychotically, quickly, rabidly, rapidly, rashly, recklessly, senselessly, something fierce, speedily, stormily, to distraction, tumultously/tumultuously, turbulently, unreasonably, violently; CONCEPTS 537,540,544 —*Ant.* calmly, normally

**madness** [n] *insanity* aberration, absurdity, craziness, delirium, delusion, dementia, derangement, fanaticism, foolishness, hysteria, irrationality, lunacy, madness, mania, mental disorder, mental illness, neurosis, phobia, psychopathy, psychosis, stupidity, unbalance; CONCEPTS 316,410

**mad person** [n] *person who is considered mentally ill* bedlamite, crazy person, demented, deranged, idiot, imbecile, loon, lunatic, maniac, mental case\*, patient, psycho\*, psychopath, psychotic, raver\*, schizophrenic, sociopath; CONCEPTS 412,423

**maelstrom** [n1] *agitation* bedlam, chaos, confusion, disorder, flap\*, fuss, pandemonium, turbulence, turmoil, uproar; CONCEPTS 230,674

**maelstrom** [n2] *whirlpool* eddy, stir, swirl, undercurrent, undertow, vortex, whirl; CONCEPT 514

**magazine** [n1] *periodic publication* annual,

bimonthly, biweekly, booklet, broadside, brochure, circular, daily, digest, gazette, glossy, joint, journal, manual, monthly, newsletter, newspaper, organ, pamphlet, paper, periodical, pulp\*, quarterly, rag\*, review, semiweekly, sheet\*, slick, throw-away\*, weekly; CONCEPT 280

**magazine** [n2] *arsenal of weapons* ammunition dump, armory, cache, depository, depot, munitions dump, repertory, repository, store, storehouse, warehouse; CONCEPTS 321,500

**magic** [n] *supernatural power; appearance of impossible feats by tricks* abracadabra\*, alchemy, allurements, astrology, augury, bewitchment, black art, conjuring, conjury, devilry, diabolism, divination, enchantment, exorcism, fascination, foreboding, fortunetelling, hocuspocus\*, horoscopes, illusion, incantation, legerdemain, magnetism, necromancy, occultism, power, prediction, presage, prestidigitation, prophecy, rune, sleight of hand, soothsaying, sorcery, sortilege, spell, superstition, taboo, thaumaturgy, trickery, voodoo, voodooism, witchcraft, wizardry; CONCEPTS 370,689

**magician** [n] *person who performs supernatural feats or tricks* archmage, charmer, conjurer, diabolist, diviner, enchanter, enchantress, exorciser, exorcist, fortune-teller, genie, genius, illusionist, marvel, medicine person, medium, miracle worker, necromancer, prophet, satanist, seer, shaman, siren, soothsayer, sorcerer, spellbinder, thaumaturge, theurgist, trickster, virtuoso, voodoo, warlock, witch, witch doctor, wizard; CONCEPTS 352,361

**magic/magical** [adj] *bewitching, charming* bewitched, charismatic, clairvoyant, conjuring, demonic, diabolic, eerie, enchanted, enchanting, ensorcelled, entranced, entrancing, extraordinary, fascinating, fiendish, ghostly, haunted, imaginary, magnetic, marvelous, miraculous, mysterious, mystic, mythical, necromantic, occult, otherworldly, parapsychological, runic, sorcerous, spectral, spellbinding, spellbound, spiritualistic, spooky, telekinetic, thaumaturgic, tranced, uncanny, unusual, weird, witching, witchlike, wizardly, wonderful; CONCEPTS 537,548,582 —*Ant.* normal, unmoving

**magistrate** [n] *civil officer* bailiff, JP, judge, justice, justice of the peace; CONCEPT 354

**magnanimous** [adj] *giving and kind* all heart, altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, big, big-hearted, bountiful, charitable, considerate, forgiving, free, generous, great, greathearted, handsome, has heart in right place\*, high-minded, kindly, knightly, liberal, lofty, loose, munificent, noble, openhanded, Santa Claus\*, selfless, soft\*, soft-touch\*, ungrudging, unselfish, unstinting; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* petty, stingy, suspicious

**magnate** [n] *important person, usually in business* aristocrat, bigwig\*, businessman, capitalist, captain of industry, chief, figure, financier, industrialist, leader, lion\*, merchant, mogul, name, noble, notable, peer, personage, plutocrat, tycoon, VIP\*; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* lowly



**magnetic** [*adj*] *drawing, attractive* alluring, appealing, arresting, bewitching, captivating, charismatic, charming, enchanting, entrancing, fascinating, hypnotic, inviting, irresistible, mesmerizing, pulling, seductive; CONCEPTS 404,537 —*Ant.* repellent, repulsive

**magnetism** [*n*] *charm, attractiveness* allure, appeal, attraction, captivatingness, charisma, draw, drawing power, enchantment, fascination, glamour, hypnotism, influence, lure, magic, mesmerism, power, pull, seductiveness, spell, witchcraft, witchery; CONCEPTS 411,676 —*Ant.* repugnance, repulsion

**magnificent** [*adj*] *glorious, wonderful* arresting, august, brilliant, chivalric, commanding, elegant, elevated, exalted, excellent, fine, glittering, gorgeous, grand, grandiose, high-minded, imperial, imposing, impressive, lavish, lofty, luxurious, magnanimous, magnificent, majestic, noble, opulent, outstanding, palatial, plush, pompous, posh, proud, radiant, regal, resplendent, rich, royal, smashing, splendid, standout, stately, striking, sublime, sumptuous, superb, superior, superlative, swanky, towering, transcendent; CONCEPTS 485,572 —*Ant.* bad, offensive, poor, ugly

**magnify** [*v1*] *enlarge, intensify* aggrandize, aggravate, amplify, augment, bless, blow up, boost, build up, deepen, dignify, dilate, distend, enhance, ennoble, eulogize, exalt, expand, extend, glorify, heighten, hike, hike up, increase, inflate, intensate, jack up, jump up, mount, multiply, pad, pyramid, redouble, rise, rouse, run up, step up, sweeten, swell; CONCEPTS 236,244,245 —*Ant.* decrease, diminish, lessen, miniaturize, weaken

**magnify** [*v2*] *exaggerate, blow out of proportion* aggravate, blow up\*, boost, color, dramatize, embellish, embroider, enhance, fudge\*, inflate, make mountain of molehill\*, overcharge, overdo, overdraw, overemphasize, overestimate, overplay, overrate, overstate, overstress, pad\*, puff up\*, pyramid; CONCEPTS 49,69,266 —*Ant.* diminish, play down, weaken

**magnitude** [*n1*] *importance* consequence, degree, eminence, grandeur, greatness, import, mark, moment, momentousness, note, pith, significance, signification, weight, weightiness; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* insignificance, unimportance

**magnitude** [*n2*] *size* admeasurement, amount, amplitude, bigness, breadth, bulk, capacity, compass, dimension, dimensions, enormity, enormousness, expanse, extent, greatness, hugeness, immensity, intensity, largeness, mass, measure, measurement, proportion, proportions, quantity, range, reach, sizableness, space, strength, tremendousness, vastness, volume; CONCEPT 730 —*Ant.* littleness, smallness, tininess

**maharishi** [*n*] *spiritual leader* guru, master, mentor, mystic, spiritual guide, swami, teacher; CONCEPT 350

**maiden** [*adj*] *earliest* beginning, first, fresh, inaugural, initial, initiatory, intact, introductory, new, original, pioneer, primary, prime, un-

broached, untapped, untried, unused; CONCEPTS 548,585 —*Ant.* concluding, final, latest

**mail** [*n*] *written correspondence; system for sending correspondence* air mail, communication, junk mail, letter, package, parcel, post, postal service, postcard, post office; CONCEPTS 271,770 —*Ant.* conversation

**mail** [*v*] *send through the postal system* dispatch, drop, express, forward, post, send by mail, transmit; CONCEPT 217

**maim** [*v*] *cripple, put out of action* batter, blemish, break, castrate, crush, damage, deface, disable, disfigure, dismember, disqualify, gimp\*, hack, hamstring\*, harm, hog-tie\*, hurt, impair, incapacitate, injure, lame, mangle, mar, massacre, maul, mayhem, mutilate, spoil, truncate, warp, wound; CONCEPT 246 —*Ant.* aid, cure, heal, help, repair

**main** [*adj1*] *principal, predominant* capital, cardinal, central, chief, controlling, critical, crucial, essential, foremost, fundamental, head, leading, major, necessary, outstanding, paramount, particular, preeminent, premier, prevailing, primary, prime, special, star, stellar, supreme, vital; CONCEPTS 546,567,829 —*Ant.* auxiliary, extra, insignificant, minor, secondary, subordinate, unimportant

**main** [*adj2*] *absolute, utter* brute, direct, downright, entire, mere, only, pure, sheer, simple, undisguised, utmost; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* inessential, nonessential, unnecessary

**main** [*n*] *pipe for system cable, channel, conduit, duct, line, trough, trunk*; CONCEPT 494

**mainly** [*adv*] *for the most part* above all, chiefly, essentially, first and foremost, generally, in general, in the main, largely, mostly, most of all, on the whole, overall, predominantly, primarily, principally, substantially, to the greatest extent, usually; CONCEPTS 530,544

**mainstay** [*n*] *chief support* anchor, backbone, brace, bulwark, buttress, crutch\*, good right arm\*, linchpin\*, maintainer, pillar, prop, right-hand person\*, sinew, staff, standby, stay, strength, supporter, sustainer, upholder; CONCEPTS 646,712

**mainstream** [*adj*] *prevailing* accepted, average, common, conventional, current, dominant, established, general, normal, popular, predominant, primary, regular, standard, typical, widespread; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* heterodox

**maintain** [*v1*] *care for, keep up* advance, carry on, conserve, continue, control, cultivate, finance, go on with, guard, keep, keep going, look after, manage, nurture, perpetuate, persevere, preserve, prolong, protect, provide, renew, repair, retain, save, supply, support, sustain, take care of, uphold; CONCEPTS 134, 140 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**maintain** [*v2*] *assert, claim; argue for* advocate, affirm, allege, asseverate, attest, aver, avow, back, champion, contend, correct, declare, defend, emphasize, fight for, hold, insist, justify, persist, plead for, profess, protest, rectify, report, right, say, stand by, state, stress, uphold, vindicate; CONCEPTS 46,49,68 —*Ant.* condemn, desert, discard, forget

**maintenance** [n] *perpetuation, support;*

*sustenance* aliment, alimentation, alimony, allowance, bacon\*, bread, bread and butter\*, care, carrying, conservation, continuance, continuation, food, keep, keeping, livelihood, living, nurture, preservation, prolongation, provision, repairs, resources, retainment, salt\*, subsistence, supply, sustaining, sustainment, sustention, upkeep, wherewithal; CONCEPTS 134,340,457,712 —*Ant.* desertion, forsaking, ignorance, neglect

**majestic** [adj] *impressive, splendid* august, awesome, ceremonious, cool, courtly, dignified, elevated, exalted, fab\*, grand, grandiose, imperial, imposing, lofty, magnificent, magnificent, marvelous, mind-blowing\*, monumental, noble, out of this world\*, pompous, regal, royal, smashing, sovereign, stately, stunning, sublime, sumptuous, superb; CONCEPTS 567,572,574 —*Ant.* humble, low, lowly, shabby

**major** [adj1] *bigger* above, better, big, chief, considerable, dominant, elder, exceeding, extensive, extreme, greater, hefty, higher, large, larger, large-scale, leading, main, most, oversized, primary, senior, sizable, superior, supreme, ultra, upper, uppermost; CONCEPTS 574,773 —*Ant.* lesser, little, minor, small

**major** [adj2] *important* big, chief, critical, crucial, dangerous, grave, great, grievous, heavyweight, influential, life and death\*, main, major-league, meaningful, notable, outstanding, overshadowing, preeminent, principal, radical, serious, significant, star, stellar, top, vital, weighty; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* insignificant, minor, unimportant

**majority** [n] *plurality, most* best part\*, bulk, greater number, greater part, larger part, lion's share\*, mass, max\*, more, more than half\*, preponderance, superiority; CONCEPTS 766, 829,835 —*Ant.* minority, secondary

**majority** [n2] *adulthood* age of consent, drinking age, estate, full age, legal maturity, manhood, maturity, prime, prime of life\*, ripe age\*, seniority, voting age, womanhood; CONCEPTS 715,817 —*Ant.* adolescence, childhood, minority, underage

**make** [v1] *create, build* accomplish, adjust, arrange, assemble, beget, brew, bring about, cause, compose, conceive, constitute, construct, cook, cook up\*, dash off\*, draw on, dream up, effect, engender, fabricate, fashion, forge, form, frame, generate, get ready, give rise to, hatch, initiate, invent, knock off\*, lead to, manufacture, mold, occasion, originate, parent, prepare, procreate, produce, put together, secure, shape, spawn, synthesize, tear off, throw together\*, whip, whip out\*; CONCEPTS 168,173,205,221 —*Ant.* crush, destroy, raze, ruin

**make** [v2] *induce, compel* bring about, cause, coerce, concuss, constrain, dragoon, drive, effect, force, horn in\*, impel, impress, initiate, interfere, meddle, oblige, press, pressurize, prevail upon, require, secure, shotgun, start, tamper; CONCEPTS 14,221 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade, halt, prevent, stop

**make** [v3] *designate, appoint* advance, assign,

constitute, create, delegate, elect, finger, install, invest, name, nominate, ordain, proffer, select, tap, tender; CONCEPTS 50,88 —*Ant.* demote, renounce

**make** [v4] *enact, execute* act, carry on, carry out, carry through, conduct, declare, decree, do, draft, draw up, effect, engage in, establish, fix, form, formulate, frame, legislate, pass, perform, practice, prepare, prosecute, wage; CONCEPTS 91,100,242 —*Ant.* deny, disallow, refuse, refute, veto

**make** [v5] *add up to; constitute* amount to, come to, compose, compound, comprise, construct, embody, equal, fabricate, form, make up, mix, organize, put together, represent, structure, synthesize, texture; CONCEPTS 664,667

**make** [v6] *estimate, infer* calculate, collect, conclude, deduce, deduct, derive, dope out, draw, figure, gather, gauge, judge, reckon, suppose, think; CONCEPTS 15,37 —*Ant.* calculate, measure

**make** [v7] *earn, acquire* bring home bacon\*, bring in, clean up\*, clear, gain, get, harvest, hustle, net, obtain, pull, pull down\*, rate, realize, reap, receive, secure, sock\*, take in; CONCEPTS 120,124,351 —*Ant.* lose

**make** [v8] *arrive, aim at* advance, arrive at, arrive in time, attain, bear, break for, catch, get to, go, head, light out, meet, move, proceed, progress, reach, set out, strike out, take off; CONCEPTS 159,224 —*Ant.* fail

**make-believe** [adj] *imagined, unreal* acted, dream, false, fantasized, fantasy, fictional, fraudulent, imaginary, made-up, mock, pretend, pretended, sham, simulated; CONCEPTS 529,582 —*Ant.* real, true, unimagined

**make-believe** [n] *unreality* charade, disguise, dissimulation, dream, fairy tale, fakery, fantasy, imagination, pageant, playacting, pretense, pretension, pretentiousness, sham; CONCEPTS 689,725 —*Ant.* reality, truth

**make believe** [v] *pretend, dream* act as if, act as though, counterfeit, enact, fantasize, feign, fool, imagine, play, playact\*, simulate; CONCEPTS 12,59 —*Ant.* live reality

**make off** [v] *flee, run away* abscond, bolt\*, clear, cut and run, decamp, depart, escape, fly\*, go, leave, make away, quit, retire, run, run for it, run off, scamper, scoot, skedaddle\*, skip\*, withdraw; CONCEPTS 102,150,195 —*Ant.* stay, wait

**make out** [v1] *see, recognize* detect, discern, discover, distinguish, espy, notice, observe, perceive, remark; CONCEPT 626 —*Ant.* fail

**make out** [v2] *understand* accept, catch, collect, compass, comprehend, conclude, decipher, deduce, deduct, derive, dig, fathom, follow, gather, grasp, infer, judge, perceive, realize, recognize, see, take in, work out; CONCEPTS 15,18 —*Ant.* misconceive, misunderstand

**make out** [v3] *get by, succeed* accomplish, achieve, do, do well enough, do with, endure, fare, flourish, get along, get on, manage, muddle through, prosper, score, thrive; CONCEPTS 23,91,140 —*Ant.* fail

**makeshift** [adj] *temporary* alternative, Band-Aid\*, expedient, hit-or-miss\*, make-do\*,

provisional, quick-and-dirty\*, slapdash\*, stop-gap, substitute, temp, throwaway\*; CONCEPTS 551,560 —*Ant.* complete, finished, permanent, ready

**makeshift** [*n*] *temporary help* expediency, expedient, last resort, pis aller, recourse, refuge, replacement, resort, resource, shift, stopgap, substitute; CONCEPTS 658,712 —*Ant.* permanent

**makeup** [*n*1] *cosmetics* blush, face\*, foundation, greasepaint, lipstick, maquillage, paint, pancake, powder\*; CONCEPT 446

**makeup** [*n*2] *structure, composition* architecture, arrangement, assembly, configuration, constitution, construction, content, contents, design, form, format, formation, layout, order, ordering, organization, plan, scheme, setup, shape, spread, style; CONCEPT 757

**makeup** [*n*3] *person's character* build, cast, complexion, constitution, disposition, fiber, figure, frame of mind, grain, humor, individualism, individuality, make, mold, nature, personality, stamp, stripe, temper, temperament, vein; CONCEPT 411

**make up** [*v*1] *create* ad-lib\*, blend, coin, combine, compose, compound, concoct, construct, contrive, cook up\*, devise, dream up, fabricate, fake it, fashion, fix, formulate, frame, fuse, hatch, improv\*, improvise, invent, join, knock off, make, meld, merge, mingle, mix, originate, play by ear\*, prepare, pretend, put together, ready, trump up, whip up\*, wing it\*, write; CONCEPTS 173,202 —*Ant.* be real, tell truth

**make up** [*v*2] *comprise, constitute* complete, compose, consist, fill, form, furnish, include, make, meet, provide, supply; CONCEPT 643

**make up** [*v*3] *compensate, reconcile* accommodate, atone, balance, bury the hatchet\*, come to terms, compose, conciliate, counterbalance, counterpoise, countervail, forgive and forget, make amends, make peace, mend, offset, outweigh, pacify, recompense, redeem, redress, requite, set off, settle, shake hands; CONCEPTS 126,384 —*Ant.* disagree

**maladjusted** [*adj*] *maladapted* abnormal, disturbed\*, messed up\*, muddled, neurotic, unfit, unstable; CONCEPT 547

**maladroit** [*adj*1] *awkward, clumsy* all thumbs\*, blundering, bumbling, bungling, clunky, floundering, gauche, halting, heavy-handed, inept, inexpert, klutzy\*, lumbering, stumbling, two left feet\*, ungraceful, unhandy, unskillful; CONCEPTS 401,584 —*Ant.* able, capable, skillful

**maladroit** [*adj*2] *tactless* brash, gauche, impolitic, inconsiderate, inelegant, insensitive, thoughtless, un diplomatic, untactful, untoward; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* diplomatic, nice, sensitive, tactful

**malady** [*n*] *disease* ache, affection, affliction, ailment, attack, blight, bug\*, cancer, complaint, condition, contagion, debility, disability, disorder, distemper, epidemic, fever, flu, ill health, illness, infection, infirmity, inflammation, plague, sickness, syndrome, virus; CONCEPT 306

**malaise** [*n*] *depression, sickness* angst, anxiety, debility, decrepitude, despair, discomfort, disquiet, distress, doldrums, enervation, feebleness,

illness, infirmity, infirmness, lassitude, melancholy, pain, sickness, unease, uneasiness, unhealthiness, weakness; CONCEPTS 316,410 —*Ant.* good health, healthiness, well being

**malapropos** [*adj*] *inappropriate* inapposite, inapt, infelicitous, inopportune, tactless, uncalled for, unseemly, unsuitable, untimely; CONCEPT 558

**malarky** [*n*] *nonsense* absurdity, babble, balderdash\*, baloney\*, bombast, bull\*, bunk\*, drivel, foolishness, gibberish, giddiness, hogwash\*, hot air\*, jive\*, poppycock\*, prattle, rubbish, silliness, trash\*; CONCEPTS 230,388,633

**malcontent** [*adj*] *dissatisfied* belly-aching, complaining, discontented, disgruntled, unhappy, unsatisfied; CONCEPT 403

**male** [*adj*] *masculine* macho\*, manful, manlike, manly, paternal, potent, virile; CONCEPTS 371, 408 —*Ant.* female

**male** [*n*] *man* boy, brother, father, fellow, gent\*, gentleman, grandfather, guy, he, husband, Mr., sir, son; CONCEPT 419 —*Ant.* female

**malediction** [*n*] *curse* anathema, commination, curse word, cuss, cuss word, damn, damnation, damning, darn, denunciation, dirty name\*, dirty word\*, execration, expletive, four-letter word\*, imprecation, jinx, no-no\*, oath, swear word, whammy\*; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* blessing

**malevolent** [*adj*] *hateful* bad-natured, baleful, catty\*, despiteful, dirty, evil, evil-minded, hellish, hostile, lousy, malicious, malign, malignant, murder, murderous, pernicious, poison, rancorous, rough, sinister, spiteful, tough, vengeful, vicious, vindictive, waspish, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* amiable, harmless, kind, liking, loving

**malformation** [*n*] *deformity* aberration, abnormality, defect, disfigurement, impairment, injury, malconformation, misshape, monstrosity, mutation; CONCEPT 580

**malformed** [*adj*] *distorted* abnormal, contorted, crooked, deformed, grotesque, irregular, misshapen, twisted, warped; CONCEPT 486 —*Ant.* perfect, regular, shapely, undistorted

**malfunction** [*n*] *breakdown, failure* bug\*, defect, fault, flaw, glitch\*, gremlin\*, impairment, slip; CONCEPTS 658,674 —*Ant.* perfection, working

**malice** [*n*] *hate, vengefulness* acerbity, animosity, animus, antipathy, bad blood, bane, bile, bitterness, despite, spitefulness, dirt, dislike, down, enmity, evil, grudge, hatefulness, hatred, hostility, ill will, implacability, malevolence, maliciousness, malignance, malignity, meanness, mordacity, poison, rancor, repugnance, resentment, spite, spitefulness, spleen, umbrage, venom, viciousness, vindictiveness; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* benevolence, friendliness, kindness, like, sympathy, thoughtfulness

**malicious** [*adj*] *hateful* awful, bad-natured, baleful, beastly, bitter, catty\*, cussed, deleterious, despiteful, detrimental, envious, evil, evil-minded, green\*, green-eyed\*, gross\*, ill-disposed, injurious, jealous, low, malevolent, malign, malignant, mean, mischievous, nasty, noxious, ornery, pernicious, petty, poisonous,

rancorous, resentful, spiteful, uncool\*, vengeful, venomous, vicious, virulent, wicked; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* benevolent, friendly, good, kind, likeable, sympathetic, thoughtful

**malign** [*adj*] *hurtful, injurious* antagonistic, antipathetic, bad, baleful, baneful, deleterious, despicable, destructive, detrimental, evil, harmful, hateful, hostile, inimical, malefic, maleficent, malevolent, malignant, noxious, pernicious, rancorous, sinister, spiteful, vicious, wicked; CONCEPTS 267,537,542 —*Ant.* aiding, benign, helpful, nice

**malign** [*v*] *slander, defame* abuse, accuse, asperse, backbite\*, bad-mouth\*, befool, besmirch, bespatter, blacken, calumniate, cast aspersion, curse, decry, defile, denigrate, depreciate, derogate, detract, dirty\*, disparage, harm, injure, insult, misrepresent, mudsling, opprobriate, pollute, rap, revile, roast\*, run down\*, scandalize, slur, smear, soil, spatter\*, speak ill of, stain, sully, taint, take a swipe at\*, tarnish, tear down, traduce, vilify, villainize, vituperate; CONCEPTS 44—*Ant.* praise, uphold

**malignant** [*adj*] *diseased* cancerous, deadly, destructive, fatal, intermeine, lethal, mortal, pestilential, poisonous; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* benign, harmless, uncancerous

**malingeringer** [*n*] *slacker* dodger, goof-off, idler, loafer, shirker; CONCEPT 412

**mall** [*n*1] *commercial complex with many individual retail stores* commercial center, market, mart, mini-mart, plaza, shopping center, shopping mall; CONCEPTS 325,439,449

**mall** [*n*2] *shopping center* marketplace, shopping complex, shopping mall, shopping plaza; CONCEPTS 323,333,449

**mall** [*n*3] *promenade* alameda, boardwalk, boulevard, esplanade, parade, public walk, walk; CONCEPT 501

**malleable** [*adj*] *pliable* adaptable, compliant, ductile, flexible, governable, go-with-the-flow\*, impressionable, manageable, moldable, plastic, pliant, putty in hands\*, rolls with punches\*, soft, submissive, supple, tractable, tractile, transformable, workable, yielding; CONCEPTS 403,485 —*Ant.* firm, rigid, stiff

**malnutrition** [*n*] *poor nutrition* anorexia nervosa, bulimia, dietary deficiency, hunger, malnourishment, starvation, undernourishment; CONCEPTS 20,709

**malodorous** [*adj*] *foul-smelling* bad, decayed, decomposed, fetid, foul, frowzy, funky\*, fusty, gamy\*, high\*, infested, lousy, mephitic, musty, nasty, nauseating, noisome, noxious, off\*, offensive, pestilential, poisonous, polluted, putrid, rancid, rank, reeking, rotten, smelly, stale, stenchful, stinking, strong, tainted, vile; CONCEPT 598 —*Ant.* aromatic, fragrant, perfumed, savory, sweet

**malpractice** [*n*] *abuse, misconduct* carelessness, dereliction, malefaction, misbehavior, misdeed, mismanagement, negligence, offense, transgression, violation; CONCEPTS 101,156,310,324

**mammoth** [*adj*] *huge* behemothic, colossal, elephantine, enormous, gargantuan, giant, gigantic, high, immense, jumbo, large, leviathan,

long, massive, mighty, monstrous, monumental, mountainous, prodigious, stupendous, titanic, vast; CONCEPT 773 —*Ant.* little, miniature, small, tiny

**man** [*n*] *male human* beau, boyfriend, brother, father, fellow, gentleman, grandfather, guy, he, husband, Mr., nephew, papa, sir, son, spouse, swain\*, uncle; CONCEPT 419 —*Ant.* woman

**manacle** [*n*] *handcuff* bond, bracelet, chain, fetter, iron, pinion, shackle; CONCEPT 497

**manage** [*v*1] *be in charge, control* administer, advocate, boss, call the shots\*, call upon, captain, care for, carry on, command, concert, conduct, counsel, designate, direct, disburse, dominate, engage in, engineer, execute, govern, guide, handle, head, hold down\*, influence, instruct, maintain, manipulate, minister, officiate, operate, oversee, pilot, ply, preside, regulate, request, rule, run, run the show, steer, superintend, supervise, take care of, take over, take the helm\*, train, use, watch, watch over, wield; CONCEPTS 94,117 —*Ant.* bumble, mismanage

**manage** [*v*2] *accomplish* achieve, arrange, bring about, bring off, carry out, con\*, contrive, cook\*, cope with, deal with, doctor\*, effect, engineer, execute, finagle, fix, jockey\*, plant\*, play games\*, pull strings\*, push around, put one over\*, rig\*, scam\*, succeed, swing, upstage, wangle\*, work; CONCEPTS 91,706 —*Ant.* fail

**manage** [*v*3] *survive, get by* bear up, carry on, cope, endure, fare, get along\*, get on\*, make do\*, make out\*, muddle, scrape by\*, shift, stagger; CONCEPTS 23,407

**manageable** [*adj*] *controllable* amendable, convenient, docile, easy, feasible, governable, obedient, submissive, tamable, tractable, trained, workable; CONCEPTS 401,404

**management** [*n*1] *persons running an organization* administration, authority, board, bosses, brass, directorate, directors, employers, execs\*, executive, executives, executive suite, front office\*, head, mainframe\*, management, micro management\*, person upstairs\*, top brass\*, upstairs\*; CONCEPT 325 —*Ant.* employees

**management** [*n*2] *running an organization* administration, care, charge, command, conduct, control, direction, governance, government, guidance, handling, intendance, manipulation, operation, oversight, rule, superintendence, superintendency, supervision; CONCEPTS 117,324 —*Ant.* mismanagement

**manager** [*n*] *person who runs organization* administrator, boss, comptroller, conductor, controller, director, exec\*, executive, governor, handler, head, head person, officer, official, organizer, overseer, producer, proprietor, slavedriver\*, straw boss\*, superintendent, supervisor, zookeeper\*; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* employee

**mandate** [*n*] *authority, order* authorization, behest, bidding, blank check\*, carte blanche\*, charge, command, commission, decree, dictate, directive, edict, fiat, go-ahead\*, green light\*, imperative, injunction, instruction, okay\*, precept, sanction, warrant, word\*; CONCEPTS 318,685 —*Ant.* denial, veto

**mandatory** [*adj*] *required, necessary* binding, commanding, compelling, compulsory, compulsory, de rigueur, essential, forced, imperative, imperious, indispensable, involuntary, irremissible, needful, obligatory, requisite; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* optional, unnecessary, voluntary

**maneuver** [*n1*] *move, tactic* action, angle, artifice, contrivance, curveball, demarche, device, dodge, fancy footwork\*, feint, finesse, gambit, game, gimmick, intrigue, jig\*, machination, manipulation, measure, movement, plan, play, plot, ploy, procedure, proceeding, ruse, scheme, shenanigans\*, shuffle\*, step, stratagem, stunt, subterfuge, trick; CONCEPTS 6,660

**maneuver** [*n2*] *military practice, operation* battle, deployment, drill, evolution, exercise, measure, movement, parade, plan, procedure, proceeding, stratagem, tactics, war games; CONCEPT 320

**maneuver** [*v1*] *plan, scheme* angle, beguile, cheat, come up with, con\*, conspire, contrive, cook, design, devise, doctor, engineer, exploit, fence, finagle, finesse, go around, intrigue, jockey, leave holding the bag\*, machinate, manage, manipulate, move, navigate, operate, play, play games\*, plot, proceed, pull strings\*, push around, put one over\*, rig, scam, sham, shift, trick, upstage, wangle, work; CONCEPTS 36,59 —*Ant.* neglect

**maneuver** [*v2*] *direct physically* deploy, dispense, drive, exercise, guide, handle, manipulate, move, navigate, negotiate, pilot, ply, steer, swing, wield; CONCEPTS 187,225 —*Ant.* leave alone

**mangle** [*v*] *mitigate, deform* batter, break, bruise, butcher, carve, contort, crush, cut, damage, deface, destroy, disfigure, distort, fly, hack, hash, impair, injure, lacerate, maim, mar, maul, rend, ruin, separate, slash, slay, slice, slit, spoil, tear, wound, wreck; CONCEPTS 176,246,252 —*Ant.* cure, heal, help, preserve

**mangy** [*adj*] *scruffy* decrepit, dirty, impoverished, indigent, mean, moth-eaten\*, poor, ragtag\*, shabby, shoddy, sick, sleazy\*, squalid, tattered; CONCEPTS 485,621 —*Ant.* kempt, neat

**manhood/womanhood** [*n*] *physical maturity and strength of adult male or female* adulthood, coming of age\*, fecundity, femininity, fertility, manfulness, manliness, masculinity, mettle, potency, virility, womanliness, womanness; CONCEPTS 633,715 —*Ant.* childhood

**mania** [*n*] *fixation, madness* aberration, ax to grind\*, bee\*, bee in bonnet\*, bug\*, bug in ear\*, compulsion, craving, craze, craziness, delirium, dementia, derangement, desire, disorder, enthusiasm, fad, fancy, fascination, fetish, fixed idea, frenzy, furor, grabber\*, hang-up\*, idée fixe, infatuation, insanity, lunacy, monomania, obsession, on the brain\*, partiality, passion, preoccupation, rage, thing, tiger\*, tiger by the tail\*; CONCEPTS 20,32,410

**maniac** [*n*] *person who is crazy, overenthusiastic* bedlamite, bigot, crackpot\*, enthusiast, fan, fanatic, fiend, flake\*, freak, fruitcake\*, kook\*, loon, loony\*, lunatic, madperson, nut\*, nut-

case\*, psycho\*, psychopath, schizoid\*, screwball\*, Section 8\*, zealot; CONCEPT 412

**manic/maniacal** [*adj*] *overexcited, crazy* berserk, crazed, demented, deranged, excited, flipped\*, flipped out\*, freaked out\*, freaky\*, frenzied, high\*, insane, lunatic, mad, nutty\*, psychotic, rabid, raving, turned-out, unbalanced, up\*, wild; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* balanced, calm, sane

**manifest** [*adj*] *clear, obvious* apparent, big as life\*, bold, clear-cut\*, conspicuous, crystal clear\*, disclosed, distinct, divulged, evidenced, evident, evinced, glaring, noticeable, open, palpable, patent, plain, prominent, revealed, shown, straightforward, told, unambiguous, unmistakable, visible; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* ambiguous, concealed, obscure, unclear, vague

**manifest** [*v*] *exhibit, make plain* confirm, declare, demonstrate, display, embody, establish, evidence, evince, expose, express, exteriorize, externalize, flash, illustrate, incarnate, let it all hang out\*, mark, materialize, objectify, ostend, parade, personalize, personify, personize, proclaim, prove, reveal, set forth, show, show and tell\*, showcase, signify, sport, strut, substantiate, suggest, utter, vent, voice, wave around\*; CONCEPTS 118,261 —*Ant.* bury, conceal, cover, obscure, withhold

**manifestation** [*n*] *exhibition, proof* appearance, demonstration, disclosure, display, explanation, exposure, expression, indication, instance, mark, materialization, meaning, phenomenon, revelation, show, sign, symptom, token; CONCEPTS 642,672 —*Ant.* concealment, cover, hiding, obscurity, vagueness

**manifesto** [*n*] *public declaration* announcement, notice, platform, policy, proclamation, promulgation, public notice, statement of belief; CONCEPTS 271,274,278

**manifold** [*adj*] *abundant, many* assorted, complex, copious, different, diverse, diversified, diversiform, multifarious, multifold, multiform, multiple, multiplied, multitudinous, multivari-ous, numerous, sundry, varied, various; CONCEPTS 564,762,781 —*Ant.* one, single, sole

**manipulate** [*v1*] *maneuver, handle physically* employ, feel, finger\*, form, manage, mold, operate, ply, shape, swing, thumb\*, use, wield, work; CONCEPTS 225,612 —*Ant.* leave alone

**manipulate** [*v2*] *change to suit one's desire* beguile, conduct, control, direct, engineer, exploit, finagle, finesse, guide, handle, influence, jockey, machinate, maneuver, massage, mold, negotiate, play, play games\*, pull strings\*, pull wires\*, push around, shape, steer, upstage, use; CONCEPTS 14,234 —*Ant.* leave alone

**manner** [*n1*] *person's behavior, conduct* address, affectation, affectedness, air, appearance, aspect, bearing, comportment, demeanor, deportment, idiosyncrasy, look, mannerism, mien, peculiarity, presence, style, tone, turn, way; CONCEPTS 411,633,644

**manner** [*n2*] *method, approach* consuetude, custom, fashion, form, genre, habit, habitude, line, means, mode, modus, practice, procedure, process, routine, style, system, tack, technique,

tenor, tone, trick, usage, use, vein, way, wise, wont; CONCEPTS 6,660

**manner** [n3] *class, category* brand, breed, form, kind, nature, sort, type, variety; CONCEPT 378

**mannered** [adj] *affected, put-on* airish\*, apish\*, artificial, artsy, campy\*, chichi\*, conscious, gone Hollywood\*, highfaluting\*, posed, pretentious, self-conscious, stilted, stuck up\*, unnatural; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** natural, unpretentious

**mannerism** [n] *peculiarity of how someone behaves, acts* affectation, air, characteristic, eccentricity, foible, habit, idiosyncrasy, oddness, pose, pretension, queerness, quirk, singularity, trait, trick; CONCEPT 644

**mannerly** [adj] *polite, well-behaved* charming, civil, civilized, considerate, courteous, decorous, genteel, gracious, polished, refined, respectful, well-bred, well-mannered; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** crass, crude, gross, impolite, misbehaved, rude

**manners** [n] *polite, refined social behavior* amenities, bearing, behavior, breeding, carriage, ceremony, civilities, comportment, conduct, courtesy, culture, decorum, demeanor, deportment, dignity, elegance, etiquette, formalities, good breeding, good form, mien, mores, polish, politeness, politesse, propriety, protocol, p's and q's\*, refinement, social graces, sophistication, taste, urbanity; CONCEPT 633

**mansion** [n] *very large house* abode, building, castle, chateau, dwelling, estate, habitation, hall, home, manor, palace, residence, seat, villa; CONCEPTS 439,516 —**Ant.** hut

**manslaughter** [n] *killing without malicious forethought* crime, foul play\*, hit\*, homicide, killing, murder; CONCEPT 252

**manual** [adj] *done by hand* hand-operated, human, not automatic, physical, standard; CONCEPT 544 —**Ant.** automated, automatic

**manual** [n] *book giving instruction* bible, compendium, cookbook, enciridion, guide, guidebook, handbook, primer, reference book, schoolbook, text, textbook, workbook; CONCEPT 280

**manufacture** [v1] *build, produce* accomplish, assemble, carve, cast, cobble\*, complete, compose, construct, create, execute, fabricate, fashion, forge, form, frame, fudge together\*, machine, make, make up, mass-produce, mill, mold, prefab, process, put together, shape, synthesize, throw together, tool, turn out; CONCEPT 205 —**Ant.** destroy, ruin

**manufacture** [v2] *concoct, invent* contrive, cook up\*, create, devise, fabricate, hatch, make up, produce, think up, trump up\*; CONCEPTS 35,36

**manufacture/manufacturing** [n] *production of processed goods* accomplishment, assembling, assembly, casting, completion, composing, composition, construction, creation, doing, erection, fabrication, finishing, forging, formation, making, mass-production, preparing, produce, tooling; CONCEPT 324

**manure** [n] *fertilizer* buffalo chips\*, compost, cow chips\*, cowplop\*, droppings, dung, excrement, guano, maul\*, meadow muffins\*, mulch; CONCEPTS 260,399,429

**manuscript** [n] *book, script* article, composition, document, hard copy, palimpsest, text; CONCEPTS 263,271

**many** [adj] *profuse, abundant* abounding, alive with, bounteous, bountiful, copious, countless, crowded, divers, frequent, innumerable, legion, lousy with\*, manifold, multifarious, multifold, multiplied, multitudinous, myriad, no end of\*, numberless, numerous, plentiful, populous, prevalent, rife, several, sundry, teeming, umpteen, uncounted, varied, various; CONCEPTS 762,771 —**Ant.** few, scarce

**many** [n] *abundance; a lot* gobs\*, heaps\*, horde, jillion\*, large numbers, mass, multitude, oodles\*, piles\*, plenty, scads\*, scores, thousands, throng, tons, umpteen\*, whole slew\*; CONCEPTS 432,787 —**Ant.** few

**map** [n] *chart of geographic area* atlas, delineation, design, diagram, draft, drawing, elevation, globe, graph, ground plan, outline, picture, plan, plat, portrayal, print, projection, sketch, topographical depiction, tracing; CONCEPT 625

**mapmaker** [n] *cartographer* mapper, surveyor, topographer; CONCEPTS 37,103,291

**mar** [v] *hurt, damage* bend, blemish, blight, blot, break, bruise, deface, deform, detract, ding\*, disfigure, foul up, harm, impair, injure, louse up, maim, mangle, mess up\*, mutilate, queer\*, rough up, ruin, scar, scratch, shake up, spoil, stain, sully, taint, tarnish, tweak, vitiate, warp, wreck; CONCEPT 246 —**Ant.** aid, heal, help

**marathon** [n] *long-distance race* cross-country race, endurance run, test of endurance; CONCEPT 363

**maraud** [v] *pillage and plunder* despoil, forage, foray, harass, harry, loot, raid, ransack, ravage, sack; CONCEPTS 86,139 —**Ant.** behave

**marauder** [n] *pillager, raider* bandit, buccaneer, corsair, freebooter, looter, outlaw, pirate, plunderer, ravager, robber, thief; CONCEPT 412

**march** [v] *walk with deliberation* advance, boot, debouch, drill, file, forge ahead, go on, hoof it\*, journey, mount, move, move out, pace, parade, patrol, pound, pound the pavement\*, proceed, progress, promenade, range, space, stalk, step, step out, stomp, stride, strut, traipse, tramp, tread; CONCEPT 150

**margin** [n] *border; room around something* allowance, bound, boundary, brim, brink, compass, confine, edge, elbowroom\*, extra, field, frame, hem, latitude, leeway, limit, lip, perimeter, periphery, play, rim, scope, selvage, shore, side, skirt, space, surplus, trimming, verge; CONCEPTS 270,484,513 —**Ant.** center, core, interior

**marginal** [adj] *borderline; slight* bordering, insignificant, low, minimal, minor, negligible, on the edge, peripheral, rimming, small, verging; CONCEPTS 513,789 —**Ant.** central, core, interior, internal

**marijuana** [n] *grass, pot* Acapulco gold\*, bhanga\*, cannabis, Columbian\*, doobie\*, dope\*, ganja\*, hash, hashish, hemp, herb\*, Jamaican\*, joint, loco weed\*, maryjane\*, Maui wowie\*, Mexican\*, Panama red\*, reefer, roach, sinsemilla, tea\*, weed\*; CONCEPT 307

**marina** [*n*] dock berth, boat basin, boatyard, harbor, landing, moorings, pier, port, quay, slip, wharf; CONCEPT 439

**marinate** [*v*] *soak* bathe, brine, immerse, marinade, pickle, season, souse, steep; CONCEPT 256

**marine/maritime** [*adj*] *concerning the sea* abyssal, aquatic, coastal, deep-sea, hydrographic, littoral, maritime, natatorial, nautical, naval, navigational, Neptunian, oceangoing, oceanic, oceanographic, of the sea, pelagic, saltwater, sea, seafaring, seagoing, seashore, seaside, shore; CONCEPT 536

**mariner** [*n*] *person who makes living on the sea* bluejacket\*, captain, crew, mate, navigator, sailor, salt\*, sea dog\*, seafarer, shipmate, swab\*, yachtie\*; CONCEPTS 348,366

**marionette** [*n*] *puppet* doll, dummy, fantoccini, figurine, manikin, moppet; CONCEPTS 423,446

**marital** [*adj*] *concerning marriage* conjugal, connubial, married, matrimonial, nuptial, spousal, wedded; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** divorce

**maritime** [*adj*] *nautical* aquatic, deep-sea, marine, naval, oceangoing, oceanic, pelagic, seafaring, seagoing; CONCEPT 536

**mark** [*n*1] *blemish; character* autograph, blaze, blot, blotch, brand, brand name, bruise, check, cross, dent, dot, impression, imprint, ink, John Hancock\*, John Henry\*, label, line, logo, nick, pock, point, record, register, representation, scar, score, scratch, sign, signature, smudge, splotch, spot, stain, stamp, streak, stroke, symbol, tag, ticket, trace, trademark, underlining, X\*; CONCEPTS 79,284

**mark** [*n*2] *characteristic, symptom* affection, attribute, badge, blaze, brand, character, device, distinction, earmark, emblem, evidence, feature, hallmark, idiosyncrasy, image, impression, incision, index, indication, indicia, label, marking, note, particularity, peculiarity, print, proof, property, quality, seal, sign, significant, stamp, symbol, token, trait, type, virtue; CONCEPTS 411,644,716

**mark** [*n*3] *criterion, standard* gauge, level, measure, norm, yardstick; CONCEPTS 561,783

**mark** [*n*4] *goal, target* aim, ambition, bull's eye\*, duty, end, function, object, objective, prey, purpose, use; CONCEPT 659

**mark** [*n*5] *importance* consequence, dignity, distinction, effect, eminence, fame, influence, manifestation, notability, note, notice, prestige, quality, regard, result, standing, value; CONCEPTS 346,668 —**Ant.** unimportance

**mark** [*v*1] *blemish, stain* autograph, blaze, blot, blotch, brand, bruise, chalk, check, dent, dot, impress, imprint, initial, ink, inscribe, label, letter, nick, pinpoint, point, print, scar, score, scratch, seal, sign, smudge, splotch, stamp, streak, stroke, trace, underline, write, X\*; CONCEPTS 79,250

**mark** [*v*2] *characterize* bespeak, betoken, brand, check off, demonstrate, denote, designate, distinguish, earmark, evidence, evince, exemplify, exhibit, feature, identify, illustrate, indicate, individualize, individuate, label, manifest, mark off, ostend, point out, point up\*, proclaim, qualify, remark, set apart, show, show up, signalize,

signify, singularize, stake out\*, stamp; CONCEPT 261

**mark** [*v*3] *see, notice* attend, behold, chronicle, discern, distinguish, eye, hearken, mind, note, observe, pay attention, pay heed, perceive, regard, register, remark, take notice of, view, watch, write down; CONCEPTS 38,626

**marked** [*adj*] *apparent, obvious* arresting, clear, considerable, conspicuous, decided, distinct, evident, manifest, notable, noted, noticeable, outstanding, patent, pointed, prominent, pronounced, remarkable, salient, signal, striking; CONCEPTS 485,535,589 —**Ant.** ambiguous, obscure, unapparent, unnoticeable, vague

**markedly** [*adv*] *distinctly* clearly, considerably, conspicuously, decidedly, especially, evidently, greatly, manifestly, notably, noticeably, obviously, outstandingly, particularly, patently, remarkably, signally, strikingly, to a great extent; CONCEPTS 535,544 —**Ant.** indistinctly, unmarkedly

**market** [*v*] *package and sell goods* advertise, barter, display, exchange, merchandise, offer for sale, retail, vend, wholesale; CONCEPTS 324,345 —**Ant.** buy

**marketable** [*adj*] *easily sold; in demand* bankable, commercial, fit, for sale, good, hot\*, merchandisable, merchantable, profitable, salable, sellable, selling, sought after, sound, trafficable, vendible, wanted; CONCEPTS 334,546 —**Ant.** unmarketable

**market/mart** [*n*] *place, venue for selling goods* bazaar, bodega, booth, business, chain store, co-op, corner store, deli, delicatessen, department store, dimestore, drugstore, emporium, exchange, fair, general store, grocery store, mall, mart, outlet, shop, shopping mall, showroom, souk, square, stall, stock exchange, store, supermarket, trading post, truck, variety store, warehouse; CONCEPTS 323,333,449

**maroon** [*v*] *abandon* beach, cast ashore, cast away, desert, forsake, isolate, leave, leave high and dry\*, strand; CONCEPTS 195,384 —**Ant.** care, help, maintain, rescue, save, take care

**marriage** [*n*] *legal joining of two people; a union* alliance, amalgamation, association, confederation, conjugality, connubiality, consortium, coupling, espousal, holy matrimony, link, match, mating, matrimony, merger, monogamy, nuptials, pledging, sacrament, spousal, tie, tie that binds\*, wedded bliss\*, wedded state, wedding, wedding bells\*, wedding ceremony, wedlock; CONCEPTS 297,388 —**Ant.** divorce

**marrow** [*n*] *heart, essence* bottom, core, cream, essentiality, gist, kernel, meat, pith, quick, quintessence, quintessential, soul, spirit, stuff, substance, virtuality; CONCEPT 826

**marry** [*v*] *become husband and wife in legal ceremony* ally, associate, become one, bond, catch\*, combine, conjoin, conjugate, contract, couple, drop anchor\*, espouse, get hitched\*, get married, join, knit, land\*, lead to altar, link, match, mate, merge, one, pledge, plight one's troth, promise, relate, settle down\*, take vows, tie, tie the knot\*, unify, unite, walk down aisle\*, wed, yoke; CONCEPT 297 —**Ant.** divorce

**marsh** [*n*] *swamp* bog, estuary, everglade, fen, mire, morass, moss, quag, quagmire, slough, swampland, wetland; CONCEPT 509

**marshal** [*v*] *organize, guide* align, arrange, array, assemble, collect, conduct, deploy, direct, dispose, distribute, draw up, escort, gather, group, lead, line up, methodize, mobilize, muster, order, rally, rank, shepherd, space, systematize, usher; CONCEPTS 84, 117, 187 —*Ant.* disorganize

**marshy** [*adj*] *swampy* boggy, fenny, miry, moory, mucky, paludal, quaggy, soggy; CONCEPT 509

**martial** [*adj*] *having to do with armed hostilities* aggressive, bellicose, belligerent, combative, hostile, military, pugnacious, soldierly, warlike; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* civil, peaceful

**martinet** [*n*] *disciplinarian* authoritarian, bully, despot, drillmaster, drill sergeant, enforcer, hard master, slavedriver, stickler, taskmaster, tyrant; CONCEPTS 350, 354, 423

**martyrdom** [*n*] *suffering endured for sake of a cause* affliction, agonizing, agony, anguish, crucifixion, devotion, distress, mortification, ordeal, pain, persecution, sacrifice, self-immolation, self-sacrifice, torment, torture, unselfishness; CONCEPTS 410, 411 —*Ant.* contentment, happiness, satisfaction

**marvel** [*n*] *wonder* curiosity, genius, miracle, one for the books\*, phenomenon, portent, prodigy, sensation, something else\*, stunner, whiz; CONCEPTS 529, 671 —*Ant.* expectation

**marvel** [*v*] *be amazed* be awed, be surprised, feel surprise, gape, gaze, goggle, stand in awe, stare, wonder; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* expect

**marvelous** [*adj*1] *hard to believe; amazing* astonishing, astounding, awe-inspiring, awesome, awful, bewildering, breathtaking, confounding, difficult to believe, extraordinary, fabulous, fantastic, implausible, improbable, incomprehensible, inconceivable, incredible, miraculous, phenomenal, prodigious, remarkable, singular, spectacular, staggering, strange, striking, stunning, stupendous, supernatural, surprising, unbelievable, unimaginable, unlikely, unusual, wonderful, wondrous; CONCEPTS 529, 552 —*Ant.* believable, expected, ordinary, plain, unamazing

**marvelous** [*adj*2] *superb, great* agreeable, astonishing, bad\*, boss\*, colossal, cool\*, divine, dreamy\*, enjoyable, excellent, fab\*, fabulous, fantastic, glorious, greatest, groovy\*, hot\*, keen, magnificent, neat\*, out of this world\*, outrageous, peachy, pleasant, pleasurable, prime\*, rewarding, satisfying, sensational, smashing, solid\*, solid gold\*, spectacular, splendid, stupendous, super, supreme, swell, terrific, wonderful; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* inconsiderable, insignificant, paltry, worthless

**masculinity/masculine** [*n/adj*] *manly* andric, gender, macho\*, male, manful, mannish, potent, virile; CONCEPTS 371, 372, 408, 648 —*Ant.* feminine

**mash** [*v*] *smash, squash* brew, bruise, chew, crush, decoct, grind, hash, infuse, macerate, masticate, mush up, pound, press, pulp,

pulverize, push, reduce, scrunch, squeeze, squish, steep, triturate; CONCEPTS 170, 186, 208

**mask** [*n*] *false face, cover* affectation, air\*, appearance, aspect, beard\*, blind, camouflage, cloak\*, concealment, cover-up, disguise, disguisement, dissembling, dissimulation, domino\*, facade, fig leaf\*, front, guise, hood, masquerade, pose, posture, pretense, pretext, put-on\*, screen, semblance, show\*, simulation, veil\*, veneer, visage, visor, window dressing\*; CONCEPTS 450, 716

**mask** [*v*] *disguise* beard, camouflage, cloak, conceal, cover, cover up, defend, dissemble, dissimulate, dress up, front, guard, hide, obscure, protect, safeguard, screen, secrete, shield, veil; CONCEPTS 172, 188, 384 —*Ant.* reveal, uncover, unmask

**masquerade** [*n*] *disguise; social occasion for disguises* carnival, circus, cloak, color, costume, costume ball, cover, cover-up, deception, dissimulation, domino\*, facade, festivity, front, guise, impersonation, imposture, Mardi Gras\*, mask, masked ball, masking, mummery, personation, pose, pretense, put-on, revel, screen, show, subterfuge, veil; CONCEPTS 172, 188, 383, 451

**masquerade** [*v*] *disguise* attitudinize, dissemble, dissimulate, frolic, impersonate, mask, pass as, pass for, pass off, pose, posture, pretend, revel; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* reveal, unmask

**mass** [*n*1] *body of matter; considerable portion* accumulation, aggregate, assemblage, band, batch, block, bulk, bunch, chunk, clot, coagulation, collection, combination, concretion, conglomeration, core, corpus, crowd, entirety, gob, great deal, greater part, group, heap, horde, host, hunk, knot, lion's share\*, load, lot, lump, majority, mob, mound, mountain, much, number, object, peck, piece, pile, plurality, preponderance, pyramid, quantity, shock, stack, staple, stockpile, sum, sum total, throng, totality, troop, volume, wad, whole; CONCEPTS 432, 787, 835

**mass** [*n*2] *bulk, measurement* dimension, extent, greatness, magnitude, size, span, volume; CONCEPT 792

**massacre** [*n*] *killing of many* annihilation, assassination, bloodbath, bloodshed, butchery, carnage, decimation, extermination, genocide, internecion, murder, slaughter, slaying; CONCEPT 252

**massacre** [*v*] *kill, often in great numbers* annihilate, butcher, decimate, depopulate, exterminate, mass murder, murder, slaughter, slay; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* create, give birth

**massage** [*n*] *kneading of body parts* back rub, beating, chiroprasia, manipulation, rolfing\*, rubbing, rubbing-down, stroking; CONCEPTS 308, 310

**massage** [*v*] *knead body parts* caress, manipulate, pat, press, push, rolf\*, rub, rub down, stimulate, stroke; CONCEPTS 208, 308, 310

**masses** [*n*] *public, crowd* commonality, common people, great unwashed\*, hoi polloi\*, lower class, mob, multitude, proletariat, rabble, rank and file\*, riffraff\*; CONCEPT 417



**massive** [*adj*] *large* big, bulky, colossal, cracking, cumbersome, cumbrous, elephantine, enormous, extensive, gargantuan, gigantic, grand, great, gross, heavy, hefty, huge, hulking, immense, imposing, impressive, mammoth, mighty, monster, monumental, mountainous, ponderous, prodigious, solid, stately, substantial, titanic, towering, tremendous, unwieldy, vast, walloping, weighty, whopping\*; CONCEPTS 773,781 —*Ant.* little, miniature, small, tiny

**master** [*adj1*] *expert* ace\*, adept, crack\*, crackerjack\*, experienced, masterly, proficient, skilled, skillful; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* amateur

**master** [*adj2*] *main* ascendant, chief, controlling, foremost, grand, great, leading, major, original, overbearing, paramount, predominant, predominate, preponderant, prevalent, prime, principal, regnant, sovereign, supreme; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* auxiliary, copy, duplicate, minor, subordinate

**master** [*n1*] *person in charge, female or male* administrator, boss, captain, chief, chieftain, commandant, commander, commanding officer, conqueror, controller, director, employer, general, governor, guide, guru, head, head person, instructor, judge, lord, manager, matriarch, overlord, overseer, owner, patriarch, pedagogue, preceptor, principal, pro, ruler, school-master/ mistress, skipper, slave driver\*, spiritual leader, superintendent, supervisor, swami\*, taskmaster, teacher, top dog\*, tutor, wheel\*; CONCEPTS 347,350,354 —*Ant.* servant

**master** [*n2*] *expert, skilled person, female or male* ace\*, adept, artist, artiste, authority, buff\*, champion, connoisseur, conqueror, doctor, doyen, doyenne, genius, guru, maestro, maven, old hand\*, old pro\*, past master, prima donna\*, pro, professional, proficient, pundit, rider pro\*, sage, savant, scientist, shark\*, victor, virtuoso, whiz\*, whiz-bang\*, winner, wizard; CONCEPTS 350,366,423 —*Ant.* amateur

**master** [*v*] *learn; become proficient* acquire, beat the game\*, beat the system\*, bone up\*, bury yourself in\*, comprehend, cram, excel in, gain mastery, get down cold\*, get down pat\*, get hold of\*, get the hang of\*, get the knack of\*, grasp, grind, hit the books\*, learn the ropes\*, megastudy\*, pick up, study, swamp\*, understand; CONCEPTS 31,630 —*Ant.* be ignorant

**masterful** [*adj*] *expert, skilled* adept, adroit, clever, consummate, crack, crackerjack\*, deft, dexterous, excellent, exquisite, fine, finished, first-rate, master, masterly, preeminent, proficient, skillful, superior, superlative, supreme, transcendent; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* amateurish, ignorant, stupid, unproficient, unskilled

**masterpiece** [*n*] *respected work of art* chef d'oeuvre, classic, cream\*, cream of the crop\*, flower, gem\*, jewel\*, magnum opus, masterpiece, master work, model, monument, perfection, pièce de résistance\*, prize, showpiece, standard, tour de force\*, treasure; CONCEPT 259

**mastery** [*n*] *command, expertise* ability, acquisition, adeptness, adroitness, attainment, capacity, cleverness, comprehension, cunning, deftness, dexterity, expertism, expertness,

familiarity, finesse, genius, grasp, grip, ken, knack, know-how, knowledge, mastership, power, proficiency, prowess, skill, understanding, virtuosity, wizardry; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* amateurishness, failure, inefficiency, lack

**match** [*n1*] *competition* bout, contest, engagement, event, game, meet, race, rivalry, sport, test, trial; CONCEPT 363

**match** [*n2*] *counterpart, equal* adversary, analogue, antagonist, approximation, companion, competitor, complement, copy, correlate, countertype, dead ringer\*, double, duplicate, equivalent, like, lookalike, mate, opponent, parallel, peer, replica, ringer\*, rival, spitting image\*, twin; CONCEPTS 664,667,716 —*Ant.* clash, difference, imbalance

**match** [*n3*] *couple* affiliation, alliance, combination, duet, espousal, marriage, mating, pair, pairing, partnership, union; CONCEPTS 297,388 —*Ant.* mismatch

**matching** [*adj*] *corresponding, equal* analogous, comparable, coordinating, double, duplicate, equivalent, identical, like, paired, parallel, same, twin; CONCEPT 566 —*Ant.* different, uncorrespondent, unequal

**matchless** [*adj*] *unequaled, unique* alone, consummate, excellent, exquisite, incomparable, inimitable, nonpareil, only, peerless, perfect, superior, superlative, supreme, unapproached, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* common, commonplace, mediocre, regular, usual

**mate** [*n*] *one of a pair; partner* acquaintance, alter ego, analog, assistant, associate, bedmate, bride, buddy\*, chum\*, classmate, cohort, colleague, companion, compeer, complement, comrade, concomitant, consort, coordinate, counterpart, coworker, crony, double, duplicate, familiar, friend, groom, helper, helpmate, intimate, match, pal\*, peer, playmate, reciprocal, roommate, schoolmate, sidekick\*, spouse, twin; CONCEPTS 296,423,664

**mate** [*v*] *marry and breed* cohabit, copulate, couple, crossbreed, generate, join, land\*, match, merge, pair, procreate, serve, tie, tie the knot\*, wed, yoke; CONCEPTS 297,375 —*Ant.* abstain, uncouple

**material** [*adj1*] *bodily, tangible* actual, animal, appreciable, carnal, concrete, corporeal, earthly, fleshly, incarnate, nonspiritual, objective, palpable, perceptible, phenomenal, physical, real, sensible, sensual, substantial, true, worldly; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* ethereal, incorporeal, intangible, mental

**material** [*adj2*] *important, relevant* ad rem, applicable, applicative, apposite, apropos, big, cardinal, consequential, considerable, essential, fundamental, germane, grave, indispensable, intrinsic, key, meaningful, momentous, pertinent, painful, primary, serious, significant, substantial, vital, weighty; CONCEPT 567 —*Ant.* immaterial, irrelevant, unimportant, unsubstantial

**material** [*n1*] *matter, fabric* being, body, bolt, cloth, component, constituent, crop, element, entity, equipment, gear, goods, habiliments, individual, ingredient, machinery, materiel,

object, outfit, paraphernalia, staple, stock, stuff, substance, supply, tackle, textile, thing; CONCEPTS 475,523

**material** [n2] *written matter* data, evidence, facts, information, notes, reading, text, work; CONCEPTS 271,274

**materialistic** [adj] *thinking mainly about physical things* acquisitive, banauistic, carnal, earthly-minded, earthy, greedy, material, mundane, object-oriented, possessive, profane, secular, sensual, temporal, terrestrial, unspiritual; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* spiritual, thrifty, ungreedy

**materialize** [v] *come into being* actualize, appear, become concrete, become real, become visual, be incarnate, be realized, coalesce, come about, come to pass, corporealize, develop, embody, emerge, entify, evolve, exteriorize, externalize, happen, hypostatize, make real, manifest, metamorphose, objectify, occur, personalize, personify, personize, pragmatize, realize, reify, substantialize, substantiate, symbolize, take form, take place, take shape, turn up, typify, unfold, visualize; CONCEPTS 105,173,184,231,251

**maternity** [n] *period of being pregnant with child* gestation, maternology, motherhood, parenthood; CONCEPTS 316,817 —*Ant.* paternity

**mathematical** [adj] *concerning manipulation of numbers* algebraic, algorithmic, analytical, arithmetical, computative, geometrical, math, measurable, numerical, scientific, trigonometric; CONCEPT 762

**mathematics** [n] *arithmetic* addition, algebra, calculation, calculus, division, figures, geometry, math, multiplication, numbers, subtraction, trigonometry; CONCEPTS 349,764

**matriculate** [v] *begin, enroll* enter, join, register, sign up for; CONCEPTS 114,119 —*Ant.* graduate

**matrimonial** [adj] *married* betrothed, conjugal, connubial, engaged, epithalamic, espoused, marital, nuptial, spousal, wedded, wedding; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* divorce

**matrimony** [n] *being joined in marriage* alliance, bells\*, conjugality, connubiality, marital rites, marriage, match, nuptials, shotgun wedding\*, union, wedding, wedding bells\*, wedding ceremony, wedlock; CONCEPT 297 —*Ant.* divorce

**matrix** [n] *something from which another originates* cast, forge, form, grid, model, mold, origin, pattern, source, womb; CONCEPT 648

**matronly** [adj] *womanly* dignified, female, honorable, ladylike, mature, motherly, respected, stately; CONCEPTS 404,555,574

**matted** [adj] *tangled* disordered, kinky, knotted, rumpled, snarled, tousled, twisted, uncombed; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* unknotted, untangled

**matter** [n1] *substance* amount, being, body, constituents, corporeality, corporeity, element, entity, individual, material, materialness, object, phenomenon, physical world, protoplasm, quantity, stuff, substantiality, sum, thing; CONCEPTS 407,433,470 —*Ant.* nothing, nothingness, zero

**matter** [n2] *concern, issue* affair, bag, business, circumstance, episode, event, goings-on\*,

incident, job, lookout, nub, occurrence, proceeding, question, shooting match\*, situation, subject, thing, topic, transaction, undertaking; CONCEPTS 532,696

**matter** [n3] *subject, thesis* argument, context, focus, head, interest, motif, motive, point, purport, resolution, sense, subject matter, substance, text, theme, topic; CONCEPTS 349,529

**matter** [n4] *significance, meaning* amount, body, burden, consequence, content, core, extent, gist\*, import, importance, magnitude, meat, moment, neighborhood, note, order, pith, range, sense, substance, text, tune, upshot, vicinity, weight; CONCEPTS 651,668 —*Ant.* insignificance, meaninglessness

**matter** [n5] *difficulty, problem* circumstance, complication, distress, grievance, perplexity, predicament, to-do\*, trouble, upset, worry; CONCEPTS 666,674

**matter** [n6] *secretion of a sore* discharge, infection, maturation, purulence, pus, suppuration, ulceration; CONCEPTS 311,467

**matter** [v] *be of consequence, importance* affect, be important, be of value, be substantive, carry weight, count, cut ice\*, express, have influence, imply, import, involve, make a difference, mean, mean something, signify, value, weigh; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,130,682

**matter-of-fact** [adj] *realistic, unembellished* apathetic, calm, cold, cold-blooded\*, deadpan, down-to-earth\*, dry, dull, earthy, emotionless, factual, feasible, flat, hard-boiled\*, impassive, impersonal, lifeless, mundane, naked\*, objective, phlegmatic, plain, practical, pragmatic, prosaic, prosy, serious, sober, stoic, stolid, unaffected, unidealistic, unimaginative, unimpassioned, unsentimental, unvarnished; CONCEPTS 267,582 —*Ant.* emotional, imaginative, lively

**mature** [adj] *adult, grown-up* complete, cultivated, cultured, developed, fit, full-blown, full-fledged, full-grown, fully grown, grown, in full bloom, in one's prime, matured, mellow, mellowed, of age, perfected, prepared, prime, ready, ripe, ripened, seasoned, settled, sophisticated; CONCEPTS 485,578,797 —*Ant.* green, immature, inexperienced, young, youthful

**mature** [v] *become adult, fully grown* advance, age, arrive, attain majority, become experienced, become wise, bloom, blossom, come of age, culminate, develop, evolve, fill out, flower\*, grow, grow up, mature, mellow\*, mushroom\*, perfect, prime, progress, reach adulthood, reach majority, ripen, round, season, settle down\*, shoot up\*; CONCEPT 704

**maturity** [n] *adulthood, full growth* ability, advancement, capability, civilization, completion, cultivation, development, experience, fitness, full bloom, fullness, majority, manhood, maturation, matureness, maturescence, mellowness, mentality, perfection, postpubescence, prime, prime of life, readiness, ripeness, sophistication, wisdom, womanhood; CONCEPTS 678,715,720 —*Ant.* childhood, minority, youth

**maudlin** [adj] *teary, overemotional* bathetic, befuddled, confused, cornball\*, drippy\*, gushing, insipid, lachrymose, mawkish, mushy\*,

romantic, schmaltzy\*, sentimental, slush\*, soap\*, soapy\*, soppy\*, syrupy\*, tearful, tear-jerking\*, weak, weepy; CONCEPTS 529,542  
 —*Ant.* calm, matter-of-fact, unimaginative

**maul** [*v*] *mangle, abuse* bang, bash, batter, beat, beat up, bludgeon, break face, buffet, claw, clean, drub, flagellate, flail, handle roughly, hit, hurt, ill-treat, knock about\*, knock around\*, lacerate, lash, lean on\*, let have it\*, maltreat, molest, mug, muscle, paste\*, paw, pelt, pound, pummel, put in the hospital\*, rough up, skin, take care of\*, thrash, trample, wax, whip, work over\*; CONCEPTS 189,246 —*Ant.* guard, maintain, protect, take care

**mausoleum** [*n*] *tomb* burial, burial chamber, burial place, catacomb, cemetery, charnel house, coffin, crypt, grave, monument, sepulcher, vault; CONCEPT 305

**mauve** [*adj*] *purplish color* lavender, lilac, plum, violaceous, violet; CONCEPT 618

**maverick** [*n*] *person who takes chances, departs from accepted course* bohemian, dissenter, extremist, malcontent, nonconformist, radical; CONCEPTS 348,423

**mawkish** [*adj*] *sentimental, emotional* bathetic, cloying, feeble, gooeey\*, gushing, gushy\*, lovey-dovey\*, maudlin, mushy\*, nauseating, romantic, sappy\*, schmaltzy\*, sickening, sloppy, tear-jerking\*, teary; CONCEPTS 401,542  
 —*Ant.* calm, serious, unemotional

**maxim** [*n*] *saying* adage, aphorism, aphorism, axiom, belief, brocard, byword, canon, commonplace, device, dictum, epithet, formula, law, moral, motto, platitude, precept, precept, proverb, rule, saw, tenet, theorem, truism; CONCEPTS 278,689

**maximum** [*adj*] *highest, utmost* best, biggest, greatest, largest, maximal, most, mostest, outside, paramount, superlative, supreme, top, topmost, ultimate; CONCEPTS 574,762,781  
 —*Ant.* least, lowest, minimum, smallest

**maximum** [*n*] *upper limit, greatest amount* apex, apogee, ceiling, climax, crest, culmination, extremity, height, max\*, maxi\*, most, nonpareil, peak, pinnacle, preeminence, record, summit, supremacy, the end\*, top, utmost, uttermost, zenith; CONCEPTS 706,766,836  
 —*Ant.* least, low, minimum, smallest

**maybe** [*adv*] *possibly as it may be, can be, conceivable, conceivably, could be, credible, feasible, imaginably, it could be, might be, obtainable, perchance, perhaps, weather permitting*; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* certainly, definitely, surely

**mayhem** [*n*] *chaos, confusion* anarchy, commotion, destruction, disorder, fracas, havoc, pandemonium, trouble, violence; CONCEPTS 106,675  
 —*Ant.* calm, harmony, peace

**maze** [*n*] *labyrinth*; *confusion* bewilderment, convulsion, entanglement, hodgepodge, imbroglia, intricacy, jungle, knot, meander, meandering, mesh, miscellany, morass, middle, network, perplexity, puzzle, quandary, skein, snarl, tangle, torsion, twist, uncertainty, web, winding; CONCEPTS 436,529,674

**meadow** [*n*] *grassy field* bottoms\*, carpet\*,

grassland, heath, lea, mead, pasturage, pasture, plain, prairie, rug\*, steppe, veldt; CONCEPT 509

**meager** [*adj1*] *small, inadequate*; *poor* bare, barren, deficient, exiguous, flimsy, inappreciable, inconsiderable, infertile, insubstantial, insufficient, little, mere, minimum, miserable, paltry, puny, scant, scanty, scrimp, scrimpy, shabby, short, skimp, skimpy, slender, slight, spare, sparse, subtle, tenuous, too little too late\*, unfinished, unfruitful, unproductive, wanting, weak; CONCEPTS 546,789 —*Ant.* adequate, large, liberal, plenty, substantial, sufficient

**meager** [*adj2*] *very thin* angular, bare, bean-pole\*, beanstalk\*, bony, broomstick\*, emaciated, gangling, gangly, gaunt, hungry, lacking, lank, lanky, lean, lithe, little, narrow, rattle-boned, rawboned, scraggy, scrawny, skin and bones\*, skinny, slender, slim, spare, starved, stunted, stunted, tenuous, underfed, wanting, willowy, withered; CONCEPT 491 —*Ant.* big, fat, full, large, wide

**meal** [*n*] *food, often taken by several individuals together* banquet, blue plate\*, board, breakfast, brunch, carryout, chow\*, chow time\*, collation, cookout, dessert, din-din\*, dinner, eats\*, fare, feast, feed, grub\*, lunch, luncheon, mess, munchies\*, picnic, potluck, refection, refreshment, regalement, repast, snack, special\*, spread, square meal\*, supper, table, tea; CONCEPT 459 —*Ant.* snack

**mean** [*adj1*] *ungenerous* close, greedy, mercenary, mingy, miserly, niggard, parsimonious, penny-pinching\*, penurious, rapacious, scrimpy, selfish, stingy, tight, tight-fisted\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* generous, kind, unselfish

**mean** [*adj2*] *hostile, rude* bad-tempered, callous, cantankerous, churlish, contemptible, dangerous, despicable, difficult, dirty\*, disagreeable, dishonorable, down\*, evil, formidable, hard, hard-nosed\*, ignoble, ill-tempered, infamous, knavish, liverish, lousy\*, low-down and dirty\*, malicious, malign, nasty, perfidious, pesky, rotten, rough, rugged, scurrilous, shameless, sinking, snide, sour, the lowest\*, touch, treacherous, troublesome, ugly, unfriendly, unpleasant, unscrupulous, vexatious, vicious, vile; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —*Ant.* compassionate, kind, nice, noble, polite, sympathetic

**mean** [*adj3*] *poor; of or in inferior circumstances* base, beggarly, common, contemptible, déclassé, down-at-heel\*, hack, humble, ignoble, ineffectual, inferior, insignificant, limited, low, lowborn, lowly, mediocre, menial, miserable, modest, narrow, obscure, ordinary, paltry, petty, pitiful, plebeian, proletarian, run-down\*, scruffy\*, second-class\*, second-rate, seedy\*, servile, shabby\*, sordid, squalid, tawdry, undistinguished, unwashed, vulgar, wretched; CONCEPTS 334,485,589

**mean** [*adj4*] *average* common, conventional, halfway, intermediate, medial, median, mediocre, medium, middle, middling, normal, popular, standard, traditional; CONCEPTS 547,585 —*Ant.* extreme

**mean** [*n*] *average* balance, center, compromise, happy medium, median, middle, middle course,

midpoint, norm, par; CONCEPTS 727,830

—*Ant.* extreme

**mean** [v1] *signify, convey* add up, adumbrate, allude, allude to, argue, attest, augur, betoken, connote, denote, designate, determine, drive at\*, express, foreshadow, foretell, herald, hint at, imply, import, indicate, intimate, involve, name, point to, portend, presage, promise, purport, represent, say, speak of, spell, stand for, suggest, symbolize, tell the meaning of, touch on; CONCEPTS 55,73,682

**mean** [v2] *have in mind; intend* aim, anticipate, aspire, contemplate, design, desire, destine, direct, expect, fate, fit, make, match, plan, predestine, preordain, propose, purpose, resolve, set out, suit, want, wish; CONCEPTS 26,36

**meander** [v] *wander, zigzag* be all over the map\*, change, drift, extravagate, gallivant, get sidetracked, peregrinate, ramble, range, recoil, roam, rove, snake, stray, stroll, traipse, turn, twine, twist, vagabond, wind; CONCEPTS 151,738 —*Ant.* go direct, stay on path

**meaning** [n1] *message, signification* acceptance, allusion, bearing, bottom line\*, connotation, content, context, definition, denotation, drift, effect, essence, explanation, force, gist, heart\*, hint, implication, import, interpretation, intimation, meat, name of the game\*, nature of beast\*, nitty-gritty\*, nuance, nuts and bolts\*, pith, point, purport, sense, significance, spirit, stuff, subject, subject matter, substance, suggestion, symbolization, tenor, thrust, understanding, upshot, use, value, worth; CONCEPTS 278,661

**meaning** [n2] *intention, aim* animus, design, end, goal, idea, intent, interest, object, plan, point, purpose, trend; CONCEPT 659

**meaningful** [adj] *significant* allusive, big, clear, concise, consequential, considerable, deep, eloquent, essential, exact, explicit, expressive, heavy, important, indicative, intelligible, material, momentous, pointed, pregnant, purposeful, relevant, sententious, serious, substantial, succinct, suggestive, useful, valid, weighty, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 267,567 —*Ant.*

insignificant, meaningless, useless, worthless

**meaningless** [adj] *without use, value, worth* absurd, aimless, blank, doesn't cut it\*, doublespeak\*, double-talk\*, empty, feckless, fustian, futile, good-for-nothing, hollow, hot air\*, inane, inconsequential, insignificant, insubstantial, nonsensical, nothing, nugatory, pointless, purposeless, purposeless, senseless, trifling, trivial, unimportant, unmeaning, unpurposed, useless, vacant, vague, vain, valueless, vapid, worthless; CONCEPT 575 —*Ant.* meaningful, significant, useful, valuable, worthwhile

**means** [n1] *way, method* agency, agent, aid, apparatus, auspices, avenue, channel, course, dodge\*, equipment, expedient, factor, fashion, gimmick\*, instrument, instrumentality, instrumentation, intermediary, machinery, manner, measure, mechanism, medium, ministry, mode, modus operandi, organ, organization, paraphernalia, path, power, process, road, route, step, stepping-stone, system, tactic, technique, trick, vehicle, ways and means\*; CONCEPT 6

**means** [n2] *wealth, resources* ace in the hole\*, affluence, assets, backing, bankroll, budget, bundle, capital, dough\*, estate, finances, fortune, funds, holdings, income, intangibles, kitty\*, money, nest egg\*, nut\*, pocket, possessions, property, purse, rainy day\*, reserves, revenue, riches, savings, securities, sock\*, stake, stuff, substance, ways and means\*, wherewithal; CONCEPTS 332,340 —*Ant.* paucity, poorness, shame

**meantime** [n/adv] *in the intervening time* at the same time, concurrently, for now, for the duration, for the moment, for then, interim, interregnum, interruption, interval, in the interim, in the interval, in the meanwhile, meanwhile, recess, simultaneously, while; CONCEPTS 799,807

**meanwhile** [adv] *at the same time* ad interim, concurrently, during the interval, for now, for the duration, for the moment, for then, for the time being, in the interim, in the interval, in the intervening time, in the meantime, meantime, simultaneously, till, until, up to, when; CONCEPT 799

**measly** [adj] *skimpy* beggarly, contemptible, insignificant, meager, mean, miserable, miserly, niggling\*, paltry, pathetic, petty, picayune, piddling\*, pitiful, poor, puny, scanty, stingy, trifling, trivial, ungenerous, unimportant, valueless, worthless; CONCEPT 789 —*Ant.* abundant, plenty, proficient, satisfactory, sufficient

**measurable** [adj] *determinable* assessable, calculable, commensurate, computable, fathomable, gaugeable, material, measurable, perceptible, quantifiable, quantitative, significant, surveyable, weighable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* imperceptible, insignificant, undeterminable, unmeasurable

**measure** [n1] *portion, scope* admeasurement, admeasurement, allotment, allowance, amount, amplification, amplitude, area, bang, breadth, bulk, capacity, degree, depth, dimension, distance, duration, extent, fix, frequency, height, hit, magnitude, mass, meed, mensuration, nip, part, pitch, proportion, quantity, quantum, quota, range, ratio, ration, reach, share, shot, size, slug, span, strength, sum, volume, weight; CONCEPTS 787,792,835

**measure** [n2] *standard, rule* benchmark\*, canon, criterion, example, gauge, meter, method, model, norm, pattern, scale, system, test, touchstone\*, trial, type, yardstick; CONCEPTS 686,688

**measure** [n3] *preventive or institutive action* act, action, agency, bounds, control, course, deed, device, effort, expedient, limit, limitation, makeshift, maneuver, means, moderation, move, procedure, proceeding, project, proposal, proposition, resort, resource, restraint, shift, step, stopgap\*, strategem; CONCEPT 5 —*Ant.* ignorance, inaction

**measure** [n4] *bill, law* act, enactment, project, proposal, proposition, resolution, statute; CONCEPT 318

**measure** [n5] *beat, rhythm* accent, cadence, cadency, division, melody, meter, rhyme, step,

- stress, stroke, swing, tempo, throb, time, tune, verse, vibration; CONCEPTS 65,262
- measure** [*v*] *calculate, judge* adapt, adjust, align, appraise, assess, average, beat, blend, bound, calibrate, caliper, check, check out, choose, compute, delimit, demarcate, determine, dope out\*, estimate, evaluate, even, eye\*, figure, fit, gauge, gradate, grade, graduate, level, limit, line, look over, mark, mark out, mete, pace off, peg\*, plumb, portion, quantify, rank, rate, read, reckon, regulate, rhyme, rule, scale, shade, size, size up, sound, square, stroke, survey, tailor, take account, time, value, weigh; CONCEPTS 103,197,764 —**Ant.** estimate, guess
- measurement** [*n*] *calculation* altitude, amount, amplitude, analysis, appraisal, area, assessment, calibration, capacity, computation, degree, density, depth, determination, dimension, distance, estimation, evaluation, extent, frequency, height, judgment, length, magnitude, mass, measure, mensuration, metage, pitch, quantification, quantity, range, reach, scope, size, survey, thickness, time, valuation, volume, weight, width; CONCEPTS 730,792 —**Ant.** estimate, guess
- meat** [*n1*] *flesh of animal consumed as food* aliment, brawn, chow, comestible, eats\*, edible, fare, food, foodstuff, grub\*, muscle, nourishment, nutriment, provision, ration, subsistence, sustenance, victual; CONCEPTS 399,457,460
- meat** [*n2*] *core, gist* burden, essence, heart, kernel, marrow, matter, nub, nucleus, pith, point, sense, short, substance, thrust, upshot; CONCEPTS 682,826 —**Ant.** exterior, exteriority, outside
- meat-eating** [*adj*] *carnivorous* cannibalistic, flesh-eating, omphagous, predacious; CONCEPT 401
- meaty** [*adj*] *significant* compact, epigrammatic, factual, full of content, interesting, meaningful, pithy, pointed, profound, rich, substantial, weighty; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** insignificant, thin
- mecca** [*n*] *center, goal* aim, capital, destination, focal point, focus, heart, hub, nerve center, objective, purpose; CONCEPTS 435,438,507,659
- mechanical** [*adj*] *done by machine; machine-like* automated, automatic, cold, cursory, emotionless, fixed, habitual, impersonal, instinctive, involuntary, laborsaving, lifeless, machine-driven, matter-of-fact, monotonous, perfunctory, programmed, routine, spiritless, standardized, stereotyped, unchanging, unconscious, unfeeling, unthinking, useful; CONCEPT 544 —**Ant.** by hand, conscious, feeling, manual
- mechanism** [*n1*] *machine, device* apparatus, appliance, black box\*, components, contrivance, doohickey\*, gadget, gears, gimmick, innards, instrument, machinery, motor, structure, system, tool, workings, works; CONCEPT 463
- mechanism** [*n2*] *means, method* agency, execution, functioning, medium, operation, performance, procedure, process, system, technique, workings; CONCEPT 6
- mechanize** [*v*] *automate* equip, industrialize, motorize, rig; CONCEPTS 538,549
- medal** [*n*] *decoration of honor* badge, commemoration, gold, hardware\*, laurel, medallion, reward, ribbon, wreath; CONCEPTS 337,476
- meddle** [*v*] *intervene, interfere* abuse rights, advance, barge in, break in on, busybody\*, butt in\*, chime in, come uninvited, crash the gates\*, dabble in, encroach, encumber, fool with, hinder, horn in\*, impede, impose, infringe, inquire, interlope, intermeddle, interpose, intrude, invade, kibitz\*, mess around\*, mix in, molest, obtrude, pry, push in, put two cents in\*, sidewalk-superintend\*, snoop\*, stick nose in\*, tamper, trespass, worm in\*; CONCEPTS 14,384 —**Ant.** avoid, dodge, ignore, stay out of
- meddlesome** [*adj*] *interfering* busy, busybody\*, chiseling\*, curious, encumbering, hindering, impeding, impertinent, intermeddling, interposing, interrupting, intruding, intrusive, kibitzing\*, meddling, mischievous, nosy, obstructive, officious, prying, pushy, snooping\*, snoop\*, tampering, troublesome; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** avoiding, dodging, ignorant
- media** [*n*] *communication by publication or broadcast* announcement, announcing, cable, communications, correspondence, disclosure, expression, intelligence, news, publishing, radio, television; CONCEPT 279
- median** [*n/adj*] *middle* average, center, centermost, central, equidistant, halfway, intermediary, intermediate, mean, medial, mid, middlemost, midmost, midpoint, midway, par; CONCEPTS 585,727 —**Ant.** extreme, outside
- mediate** [*v*] *try to bring to an agreement* act as middle\*, arbitrate, bring to terms, conciliate, deal, go fifty-fifty\*, intercede, interfere, intermedicate, interpose, intervene, make a deal, make peace, meet halfway\*, moderate, negotiate, propitiate, reconcile, referee, resolve, restore harmony, settle, step in, strike happy medium\*, trade off, umpire; CONCEPTS 126,324,384 —**Ant.** argue, contend, disagree, fight
- mediation** [*n*] *attempt to bring to agreement* arbitration, conciliation, intercession, interposition, intervention, negotiation, reconciliation; CONCEPTS 126,324,384 —**Ant.** argument, contention, disagreement, fight
- mediator** [*n*] *person who negotiates agreement* advocate, arbiter, arbitrator, broker, conciliator, fixer, go-between\*, interagent, interceder, intermediary, intermediator, judge, medium, middle person, moderator, negotiator, peacemaker, ref\*, referee, rent-a-judge\*, troubleshooter\*, umpire; CONCEPTS 348,423 —**Ant.** arguer, fighter
- medicine/medication** [*n*] *substance that helps cure, alleviate, or prevent illness* anesthetic, antibiotic, antidote, antiseptic, antitoxin, balm, biologic, capsule, cure, dose, drug, elixir, injection, inoculation, liniment, lotion, medicament, ointment, pharmaceutical, pharmakon, physic, pill, potion, prescription, remedy, salve, sedative, serum, tablet, tincture, tonic, vaccination, vaccine; CONCEPT 307
- medieval** [*adj*] *having to do with the Middle Ages; old* antediluvian, antiquated, antique, archaic, feudal, Gothic, old, old-fashioned, primitive, unlightened; CONCEPTS 549,578,797 —**Ant.** modern
- mediocre** [*adj*] *average, commonplace* characterless, colorless, common, conventional,

decent, dull, fair, fairish, fair to middling\*, humdrum\*, indifferent, inferior, insignificant, intermediate, mainstream, mean, medium, middling, moderate, no great shakes\*, of poor quality, ordinary, passable, pedestrian, run-of-the-mill\*, second-rate, so-so\*, standard, tolerable, undistinguished, unexceptional, uninspired, vanilla\*; CONCEPTS 533,547 —*Ant.* exceptional, extraordinary, inferior, superior, unusual

**meditate** [*v*] *contemplate* brood over, cogitate, consider, deliberate, design, devise, dream, entertain idea\*, figure, have in mind\*, intend, moon\*, mull over, muse, plan, ponder, purpose, put on thinking cap\*, puzzle over, reflect, revolve, roll, ruminate, say to oneself, scheme, speculate, study, think, think deeply, think over, track, view, weigh; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* dismiss, ignore, neglect

**meditation** [*n*] *contemplation* concentration, deep thought, introspection, pondering, quiet time, reflection, rumination, self-examination; CONCEPTS 17,24

**meditative** [*adj*] *contemplative* awake, aware, cogitative, introspective, lucubratory, musing, pensive, philosophical, prayerful, rapt, reflective, ruminant, ruminative, thinking, thoughtful; CONCEPT 402

**medium** [*adj*] *midway, average* common, commonplace, fair, fairish, intermediate, mean, medial, median, mediocre, middle, middling, moderate, neutral, normal, ordinary, par, passable, popular, run-of-the-mill\*, so-so\*, standard, tolerable; CONCEPTS 533,547 —*Ant.* extreme

**medium** [*n1*] *means, mode* agency, agent, avenue, channel, clairvoyant, factor, form, instrument, instrumentality, intermediate, measure, mechanism, ministry, organ, psychic, seer, tool, vehicle, way; CONCEPTS 658,712

**medium** [*n2*] *atmosphere, setting* ambience, ambient, climate, conditions, element, habitat, influences, milieu, surroundings; CONCEPTS 673,696

**medium** [*n3*] *area of artistic expression* art, drama, interpretation, manifestation, mark, music, painting, revelation, sculpture, speech, writing; CONCEPTS 259,263,293

**medley** [*n*] *miscellany* assortment, brew, collection, combo, composition, confusion, conglomeration, farrago, hodgepodge, jumble, mélange, melee, mingling, mishmash, mixed bag, mixture, pasticcio, pastiche, patchwork, potpourri, salmagundi, variety; CONCEPTS 262,432 —*Ant.* loneliness, singularity

**meek** [*adj*] *shy; compliant* acquiescent, deferential, docile, forbearing, gentle, humble, lenient, longanimous, long-suffering, lowly, manageable, mild, milquetoast\*, modest, nothing, orderly, pabulum\*, passive, patient, peaceful, plain, resigned, serene, soft, spineless, spiritless, subdued, submissive, tame, timid, tolerant, unassuming, unpretentious, unresisting, weak, weak-kneed\*, wishy-washy\*, yielding, zero\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* bold, brave, emboldened, immodest, impertinent, uninhibited

**meet** [*adj*] *fitting* accommodated, applicable, appropriate, apt, conformed, equitable, expedi-

ent, fair, felicitous, fit, good, happy, just, proper, reconciled, right, suitable, timely; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, unfitting, unseemly

**meet** [*n*] *sporting event involving several participants* athletic event, competition, conflict, contest, event, match, meeting, tournament, tourney; CONCEPT 363

**meet** [*v1*] *happen* on accost, affront, brush against, bump into, chance on, clash, collide, come across, come up against, confront, contact, cross, dig up\*, encounter, engage, experience, face, fall in with\*, find, front, get together, grapple, greet, hit, light, luck\*, make a meet, meet face to face, rendezvous with, rub eyeballs\*, run across, run into, run up against, salute, see, strike, stumble, touch shoulders\*, tumble, tussle, wrestle; CONCEPTS 183,384,626 —*Ant.* miss

**meet** [*v2*] *connect, join* abut, adhere, adjoin, border, coincide, connect, converge, cross, intersect, link, link up, reach, touch, unite; CONCEPTS 612,759 —*Ant.* disconnect, disjoin, divide, separate

**meet** [*v3*] *perform, carry out* answer, approach, come up to, comply, cope with, discharge, equal, execute, fit, fulfill, gratify, handle, match, measure up, rival, satisfy, suffice, tie, touch; CONCEPT 91 —*Ant.* avoid, dodge

**meet** [*v4*] *come together, convene* appear, assemble, be introduced, be present, be presented, collect, congregate, converge, enter in, flock, foregather, gather, get together, get to know, join, make acquaintance, muster, open, rally, rendezvous, show, sit; CONCEPTS 114,324 —*Ant.* cancel

**meeting** [*n1*] *gathering, conference* affair, assemblage, assembly, assignment, audience, bunch, call, cattle call\*, company, competition, conclave, concourse, concursion, confab\*, conflict, confrontation, congregation, congress, contest, convention, convocation, date, encounter, engagement, gang, get-together, huddle, introduction, meet, one on one\*, parley, powwow\*, rally, rendezvous, reunion, session, showdown, talk, tryst, turnout\*; CONCEPTS 324,363,384

**meeting** [*n2*] *convergence, intersection* abutment, agreement, apposition, concourse, confluence, conjunction, connection, contact, crossing, joining, junction, juxtaposition, unification, union; CONCEPTS 113,684 —*Ant.* division, separation

**melancholy** [*adj*] *depressed, sad* blue\*, dejected, despondent, destroyed, disconsolate, dismal, dispirited, doleful, dolorous, down\*, down and out\*, downbeat, downcast, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, down in the mouth\*, dragged, droopy, funereal, gloomy, glum, grim, heavyhearted, in blue funk\*, joyless, lachrymose, low, low-spirited, lugubrious, mirthless, miserable, moody, moony\*, mournful, pensive, saddened, saddening, somber, sorrowful, sorry\*, torn up, trite, unhappy, wet blanket\*, wistful, woebegone, woeful; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, joyful

**melancholy** [*n*] *depression, sadness* blahs\*, blue devils\*, blue funk\*, blues\*, boredom, bummer\*, dejection, despair, desperation, despondency, dismal, dolefuls, dolor, downer\*, down trip\*, dumps, ennui, funk, gloom, gloominess, grief, letdown, low spirits, miserableness, misery, mopes\*, mournfulness, pensiveness, sorrow, tedium, unhappiness, wistfulness, woe, wretchedness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* cheer, happiness, joy

**mélange** [*n*] *mixture* assortment, combo, confusion, farrago, gallimaufry, hodgepodge, jumble, medley, miscellany, mishmash, mix, mixed bag, pasticcio, pastiche, patchwork, potpourri, salmagundi, soup, stew; CONCEPT 432 —*Ant.* singularity

**meld** [*v*] *blend, bring together* amalgamate, associate, compound, dissolve, feather in, fuse, interblend, interface, interfuse, intermingle, marry, merge, mingle, mix, unite; CONCEPTS 113,193 —*Ant.* divide, separate

**melee** [*n*] *battle, fight* affray, battle royal\*, brawl, broil, brouhaha\*, brush, clash, donnybrook\*, fracas, fray, free-for-all\*, knock-down-drag-out\*, row, ruckus, ruction, rumpus, scrimmage, scuffle, set-to\*, skirmish, to-do\*, tussle, words; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* agreement, peace

**mellifluous** [*adj*] *smooth and sweet sounding* agreeable, dulcet, euphonic, fluid, harmonic, honeyed, mellow, pleasing, resonant, songful, soothing, symphonious, tuned, tuneful; CONCEPT 594

**mellow** [*adj*] *ripe, mature; softened* aged, cultured, cured, delicate, developed, dulcet, flavorful, full, full-flavored, fully developed, juicy, matured, mellifluent, mellifluous, melodious, perfect, perfected, rich, ripened, rounded, sapid, savory, seasoned, smooth, soft, soothing, sweet, tuneful; CONCEPTS 462,578,594,797 —*Ant.* hard, immature, sour, tart, unripe

**mellow** [*v*] *ripen, mature* age, arrive, develop, grow, grow up, improve, matureate, milden, mollify, perfect, ripe, season, settle down, soften, sweeten; CONCEPTS 678,704

**melodious/melodic** [*adj*] *harmonious, musical* accordant, agreeable, assonant, canorous, clear, concordant, dulcet, euphonic, euphonious, harmonic, in tune, mellifluous, mellow, pleasing, resonant, silvery, soft, songful, sweet, sweet-sounding, symphonic, symphonious, tuned, tuneful, well-tuned; CONCEPT 594

—*Ant.* cacophonous, discordant, grating, harsh, inharmonious, unmelodic, unmusical  
**melodramatic** [*adj*] *extravagant in speech, behavior* artificial, blood-and-thunder\*, cliff-hanging\*, cloak-and-dagger\*, exaggerated, ham\*, hammy\*, histrionic, hokey\*, overdramatic, overemotional, sensational, spectacular, stagy, theatrical; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* calm, normal, untheatrical

**melody** [*n*] *harmony, tune* air, aria, ansong, carillon, chant, chime, concord, consonance, descant, diapason, euphony, inflection, lay, lyric, measure, melodiousness, music, musicality, refrain, resonance, run, song, strain, theme,

tunefulness, unison; CONCEPTS 262,595

—*Ant.* cacophony, disharmony

**melt** [*v1*] *liquefy; dissolve* cook, deliquesce, diffuse, disappear, disintegrate, disperse, evanesce, evaporate, fade, flow, flux, fuse, go, heat, merge, pass away, render, run, smelt, soften, thaw, vanish, warm, waste away; CONCEPTS 250,255 —*Ant.* coagulate, condense, solidify

**melt** [*v2*] *give in, yield* become lenient, disarm, forgive, mollify, relax, relent, show mercy, soften, touch; CONCEPT 35 —*Ant.* fight

**member** [*n1*] *part of a group* affiliate, associate, branch, chapter, component, comrade, constituent, cut, division, joiner, offshoot, parcel, piece, portion, post, representative, section, segment, unit; CONCEPTS 417,834,835

**member** [*n2*] *appendage* arm, component, constituent, element, extremity, feature, fragment, leg, limb, organ, part, portion, segment; CONCEPT 392

**membership** [*n*] *belonging to organization; those belonging to a group* associates, association, body, club, company, enrollment, fellows, group, members, participation, society; CONCEPTS 381,417

**membrane** [*n*] *covering layer* film, lamina, leaf, mucosa, sheath, sheet; CONCEPT 484

**memento** [*n*] *souvenir* keepsake, memorial, relic, remembrance, remembrancer, reminder, token, trace, trophy, vestige; CONCEPTS 337,446

**memoir** [*n*] *record of experiences* account, anecdote, annal, autobiography, bio\*, biography, chronicle, confessions, diary, discourse, dissertation, essay, journal, life, life story, memory, monograph, narrative, note, recollection, register, reminiscence, thesis, tractate, transactions, treatise, vita; CONCEPTS 271,280,282

**memorabilia** [*n*] *mementos* annals, archives, collectibles, keepsakes, relics, remembrances, reminders, souvenirs, tokens, trophies; CONCEPTS 337,446

**memorable** [*adj*] *noteworthy, significant* A-1\*, big-league\*, bodacious, catchy, celebrated, critical, crucial, decisive, distinguished, doozie\*, enduring, eventful, extraordinary, famous, great, heavy\*, heavyweight\*, historic, hot\*, illustrious, important, impressive, indelible, interesting, lasting, major-league, meaningful, mind-blowing\*, momentous, monumental, notable, observable, red-letter\*, remarkable, memorable, rubric, serious, signal, something, standout, striking, super, surpassing, terrible, terrific, top-drawer, unforgettable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* forgettable, insignificant, unimpressive, unnoteworthy

**memorandum/memo** [*n*] *written note* announcement, chit, diary, directive, dispatch, epistle, jotting, letter, message, minute, missive, notation, notice, record, reminder, tickler; CONCEPTS 271, 277,278

**memorial** [*adj*] *commemorative* canonizing, celebrative, commemorative, consecrating, consecrative, dedicatory, deifying, enshrining, in tribute, memorializing, monumental, remembering; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* abusive, dishonorable

**memorial** [*n*] *monument, testimonial in honor, praise cairn, ceremony, column, headstone, inscription, keepsake, mausoleum, memento, monolith, obelisk, pillar, plaque, record, relic, remembrance, reminder, shaft, slab, souvenir, statue, stele, tablet, token, tombstone, trophy; CONCEPTS 337,386*

**memorize** [*v*] *remember commit to memory, cram, fix in the mind, keep forever, know, know by heart, learn, learn by heart, master, nail down, recall, recollect, remind, retain, store; CONCEPT 40*

**memory** [*n1*] *ability to hold in the mind* amnesia, awareness, camera-eye\*, cognizance, consciousness, dead-eye\*, flashback, memorization, mind, mindfulness, mind's eye\*, recall, recapture, recognition, recollection, reflection, remembrance, reminiscence, retention, retentiveness, retrospection, subconsciousness, thought; **CONCEPT 409** —**Ant.** amnesia, forgetfulness, ignorance

**memory** [*n2*] *specific thing remembered* concept, cue, fantasy, hint, image, jog, memo, memoir, mnemonic, picture, prod, prompt, reminder, representation, suggestion, thought, vision; **CONCEPTS 529,678**

**menace** [*n*] *danger; pest annoyance, caution, commination, hazard, intimidation, jeopardy, nuisance, peril, plague, risk, scare, threat, thunder, trouble, troublemaker, warning; CONCEPTS 412,675* —**Ant.** aid, assistance, help

**menace** [*v*] *bother, frighten alarm, bad-eye\*, browbeat, bully, chill, compromise, endanger, hazard, impend, imperil, intimidate, jeopardize, lean on, loom, lower, overhang, peril, portend, push around, put heat on\*, risk, scare, scare hell out of\*, spook, terrorize, threaten, torment, whip around\**; **CONCEPTS 7,19** —**Ant.** aid, assist, help

**menacing** [*adj*] *intimidating, ominous alarming, approaching, dangerous, frightening, imminent, impending, intimidatory, looming, louring, lowering, minacious, minatory, overhanging, threatening; CONCEPTS 401,537,548* —**Ant.** aiding, assisting, helping, unthreatening

**menagerie** [*adj*] *zoo aquarium, collection, exhibition, safari park, wildlife park, zoological garden; CONCEPTS 509,513*

**mend** [*v*] *correct, improve, fix aid, ameliorate, amend, better, condition, convalesce, cure, darn, doctor, emend, fiddle with, gain, get better, get well, heal, knit, look up, overhaul, patch, perk up, ready, rebuild, recondition, reconstruct, recover, rectify, recuperate, redress, refit, reform, refurbish, rejuvenate, remedy, renew, renovate, repair, restore, retouch, revamp, revise, right, service, sew; CONCEPTS 126,244,303,700* —**Ant.** break, destroy, hurt, ruin, weaken

**mendacious** [*adj*] *dishonest* deceitful, deceptive, duplicitous, equivocating, erroneous, fallacious, false, fibbing, fraudulent, insincere, lying, paltering, perfidious, perjured, prevaricating, shifty, spurious, untrue, untruthful, wrong; **CONCEPT 267** —**Ant.** frank, honest, sincere, truthful

**menial** [*adj*] *lowly, low-status* abject, base, baseborn, boring, common, degrading,

demeaning, dull, fawning, grovelling, humble, humdrum, ignoble, ignominious, low, mean, obeisant, obsequious, routine, servile, slavish, sorry, subservient, sycophantic, unskilled, vile; **CONCEPTS 574,575** —**Ant.** elevated, skilled, superior, talented

**men's movement** [*n*] *men's attempt to redefine gender roles* gender revisionism, male reform, men's liberation, men's studies; **CONCEPT 388**

**mental** [*adj1*] *concerning the mind* brainy\*, cerebral, clairvoyant, deep, heavy, ideological, imaginative, immaterial, inner, intellectual, intellectual, mysterious, phrenic, psychic, psychological, rational, reasoning, spiritual, subconscious, subjective, subliminal, telepathic, thinking, thoughtful, unreal; **CONCEPTS 402,403** —**Ant.** body, physical

**mental** [*adj2*] *insane* deranged, disturbed, fruity, loco\*, lunatic, mad, manic, mentally ill, mindless, non compos mentis, nuts\*, nutsy\*, psychiatric, psychotic, unbalanced, unstable; **CONCEPTS 314,403** —**Ant.** balanced, sane

**mental hospital** [*n*] *psychiatric hospital* bughouse\*, funny farm\*, insane asylum, loony bin\*, madhouse\*, mental health facility, mental institution, nuthouse\*, psychiatric ward, sanatorium; **CONCEPTS 312,439,516**

**mental illness** [*n*] *mental disorder* depression, emotional disorder, emotional instability, insanity, maladjustment, mania, mental sickness, nervous breakdown, neurosis, neurotic disorder, personality disorder, phobia, psychosis, schizophrenia; **CONCEPTS 316,410**

**mentality** [*n*] *state of mind; intelligence* attitude, brainpower, brains, cast, character, comprehension, disposition, frame of mind\*, headset\*, intellect, intelligence quotient, IQ, makeup, mental age, mind, mindset\*, outlook, personality, psychology, rationality, reasoning, routine, sense, turn of mind\*, understanding, way of thinking\*, wit; **CONCEPTS 409,411** —**Ant.** physicality

**mention** [*n*] *referral, observation* acknowledgment, allusion, citation, comment, footnote, indication, naming, note, notice, notification, recognition, reference, remark, specifying, tribute, utterance; **CONCEPTS 73,278** —**Ant.** quiet, silence

**mention** [*v*] *refer to* acknowledge, acquaint, adduce, advert, allude to, bring up, broach, call attention to, cite, communicate, declare, designate, detail, disclose, discuss, divulge, enumerate, hint at, impart, infer, instance, intimate, introduce, make known, name, notice, notify, observe, point out, point to, quote, recount, remark, report, reveal, speak about, speak of, specify, state, suggest, tell, throw out, touch on; **CONCEPT 73**

**mentor** [*n*] *person who advises* adviser, coach, counsellor, guide, instructor, teacher, trainer, tutor; **CONCEPT 350**

**menu** [*n*] *list from which to choose, often to choose food* bill of fare, card, carte, carte du jour, cuisine, food, spread, table; **CONCEPT 283**

**mercenary** [*adj*] *greedy for money* acquisitive, avaricious, bribable, corrupt, covetous, grabby,



grasping, miserly, money-grubbing, selfish, sordid, stingy, unethical, unprincipled, unscrupulous, vena; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* generous, unselfish

**mercenary** [*n*] *person who fights, kills for money* hireling, legionnaire, merc, professional soldier, slave, soldier of fortune, warrior; CONCEPTS 358,412

**merchandise** [*n*] *goods for sale* commodity, effects, job lot, line, material, number, produce, product, seconds, staple, stock, stuff, truck, vendible, wares; CONCEPT 338

**merchandise** [*v*] *sell goods* advertise, buy and sell, deal in, distribute, do business in, market, promote, publicize, retail, trade, traffic in, vend, wholesale; CONCEPT 345 —*Ant.* buy

**merchant** [*n*] *person who sells goods* broker, businessperson, consigner, dealer, exporter, handler, jobber, marketer, operator, retailer, salesperson, seller, sender, shipper, shopkeeper, storekeeper, trader, tradesperson, trafficker, tycoon, vendor, wholesaler; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* buyer, customer

**merciful** [*adj*] *kind, sparing* all heart\*, beneficent, benign, benignant, bleeding heart\*, charitable, clement, compassionate, condoning, easygoing, feeling, forbearing, forgiving, generous, gentle, gracious, heart in right place\*, humane, humanitarian, indulgent, kindly, lenient, liberal, mild, pardoning, pitiful, pitying, soft\*, softhearted\*, sympathetic, tender, tenderhearted, tolerant; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* cruel, merciless, unforgiving, unkind, unmerciful

**merciless** [*adj*] *mean, heartless* barbarous, callous, compassionless, cruel, cutthroat, dog-eat-dog\*, fierce, gratuitous, grim, hard, hard-hearted, harsh, hatchet job\*, having a killer instinct\*, implacable, inexorable, inhumane, iron-fisted, mean machine\*, mortal, pitiless, relentless, ruthless, severe, unappeasable, uncalled-for, unfeeling, unflinching, unforgiving, unmerciful, unpitiful, unrelenting, unsparing, unsympathetic, unyielding, wanton; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* giving, kind, merciful, nice, sparing, sympathetic

**mercurial** [*adj*] *flighty, temperamental* blowing hot and cold\*, bubbleheaded\*, buoyant, capricious, changeable, effervescent, elastic, erratic, expansive, fickle, flaky, flip\*, fluctuating, gaga\*, gay, impulsive, inconstant, irregular, irrepressible, lighthearted, lively, lubricious, mad, mobile, movable, quicksilver, resilient, short-fuse\*, spirited, sprightly, ticklish, unpredictable, unstable, up-and-down\*, variable, volatile, yo-yo\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* calm, tranquil, unchangeable, unperturbable, unvarying

**mercy** [*n*] *kindness, compassion* benevolence, benignancy, blessing, boon, charity, clemency, commiseration, favor, forbearance, forgiveness, generosity, gentleness, godsend, goodwill, grace, humanity, kindness, lenience, leniency, lenity, lifesaver, luck, mildness, pity, quarter, relief, ruth, softheartedness, sympathy, tenderness, tolerance; CONCEPTS 32,633 —*Ant.* cruelty, intolerance, meanness, uncompassion

**mere** [*adj*] *nothing more; absolute* bald, bare, blunt, common, complete, entire, insignificant, little, minor, plain, poor, pure, pure and simple, sheer, simple, small, stark, unadorned, unadulterated, unmitigated, unmixed, utter, very; CONCEPTS 535,589

**meretricious** [*adj*] *gaudy, flashy* blatant, bogus, brazen, chintzy, counterfeit, garish, glaring, insincere, loud, misleading, ornate, phony, plastic\*, put-on\*, sham, showy, spurious, superficial, tawdry, tinsel, trashy; CONCEPTS 542,589 —*Ant.* genuine, real, undecorated, unembellished

**merge** [*v*] *bring or come together* absorb, amalgamate, assimilate, become lost in, become partners, be swallowed up\*, blend, cement, centralize, coalesce, combine, come aboard\*, compound, conglomerate, consolidate, converge, deal one in, fuse, hitch on\*, hook up\*, immerge, incorporate, interface, intermingle, intermix, join, join up, line up, marry, meet, meld, melt into, mingle, mix, network, plug into, pool, slap on, submerge, synthesize, tack on\*, tag, team up\*, throw in together\*, tie in, unite; CONCEPTS 113,193,324 —*Ant.* divide, part, separate

**merger** [*n*] *consolidation* alliance, amalgamation, cahoots\*, coadunation, coalition, combination, fusion, hookup, incorporation, lineup, melding, mergence, merging, organization, pool, takeover, tie-in, tie-up, unification, union; CONCEPTS 323,324,703 —*Ant.* division, parting, separation

**meridian** [*n*] *summit, climax* acme, apex, apogee, crest, culmination, extremity, high noon, high-water mark, peak, pinnacle, zenith; CONCEPTS 832,836

**merit** [*n*] *advantage* arete, asset, benefit, caliber, credit, desert, dignity, excellence, excellency, good, goodness, honor, integrity, perfection, quality, stature, strong point, talent, value, virtue, worth, worthiness; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* demerit, disadvantage, fault, weakness

**merit** [*v*] *be entitled to be in line for, be worthy, deserve, earn, get one's comeuppance\**, get one's due\*, get one's just desserts\*, get what is coming\*, have a claim, have a right, have coming, incur, justify, rate, warrant; CONCEPT 129

**meritorious** [*adj*] *honorable, commendable* admirable, boss\*, choice, creditable, deserving, estimable, excellent, exemplary, golden, good, laudable, meritable, noble, praisable, praiseworthy, right, righteous, thankworthy, top drawer\*, virtuous, winner, world-beating\*, worthy; CONCEPTS 404,548,572 —*Ant.* corrupt, dishonorable, immoral, improper, unworthy, wrong

**merriment/merrymaking** [*n*] *enjoyment, amusement* brawl, buffoonery, cheerfulness, conviviality, festivity, frolic, fun, fun and games\*, gaiety, glee, happiness, hilarity, hoopla\*, indulgence, jocularly, jocundity, jollity, joviality, joy, laughs, laughter, levity, liveliness, mirth, picnic, recreation, revel, revelry, self-indulgence, shindig, sport, whoopee\*, wingding\*; CONCEPTS 386,410 —*Ant.* sadness, sorrow, unhappiness

**merry** [*adj*] *very happy; festive* amusing, blithe, blithesome, boisterous, boon, carefree, cheerful, comic, comical, convivial, enjoyable, entertaining, facetious, frolicsome, fun-loving, funny, gay, glad, gleeful, grooving\*, hilarious, humorous, jocund, jolly, joyful, joyous, jumping, larking, lighthearted, lively, mad, mirthful, perky, pleasant, riotous, rip-roaring\*, rocking, rollicking, saturnalian, sportive, sunny, unconstrained, uproarious, vivacious, wild, winsome, zappy\*, zingy\*, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 403,548,572 —*Ant.* grave, sad, serious, sorrowful, unhappy, upset

**mesa** [*n*] *plateau* butte, elevation, highland, plain, tableland, upland; CONCEPTS 509,744

**mesh** [*n*] *netting, entanglement* cobweb, jungle, knot, labyrinth, maze, morass, net, network, plexus, reticulation, screen, skein, snare, snarl, tangle, toils, tracery, trap, web; CONCEPT 473

**mesh** [*v*] *entangle, connect* agree, catch, coincide, combine, come together, coordinate, dovetail, engage, enmesh, ensnare, fit, fit together, harmonize, interlock, knit, net, snare, tangle, trap; CONCEPTS 113,193 —*Ant.* disconnect, unmesh, untangle

**mesmerize** [*v*] *captivate* catch up, control, deaden, drug, ensorcell, enthral, entrance, fascinate, grip, hold spellbound, hypnotize, magnetize, numb, render unconscious, spellbind, stupefy; CONCEPTS 11,14 —*Ant.* disenchant, turn off

**mess** [*n*] *disorder, litter* botch, chaos, clutter, combination, compound, confusion, debris, dirtiness, disarray, discombobulation\*, disorganization, every which way\*, eyesore, fright, hash, hodgepodge, jumble, mayhem, mishmash, monstrosity, salmagundi, shambles, sight, turmoil, untidiness, wreck, wreckage; CONCEPTS 230,260 —*Ant.* order, organization, tidiness

**mess** [*n*2] *difficulty, predicament* dilemma, fix, imbroglio, jam, mix-up, muddle, perplexity, pickle\*, plight, stew; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* benefit, solution

**message** [*n*1] *communication, often written* bulletin, cannonball, communiqué, directive, dispatch, dope, earful, epistle, information, intelligence, intimation, letter, memo, memorandum, missive, news, note, notice, paper, report, tidings, wire, word; CONCEPTS 271,274

**message** [*n*2] *meaning, idea* acceptance, import, intendment, moral, point, purport, sense, significance, signficancy, signification, theme, understanding; CONCEPTS 661,682

**mess around** [*v*] *fiddle; goof off* amuse oneself, dabble, dawdle, doodle, fool around, loiter, muck around\*, play, play around, play the fool\*, potter, puddle, putter, tinker, trifle; CONCEPTS 87,363 —*Ant.* labor, toil, work

**messenger** [*n*] *person carrying information to another* agent, ambassador, bearer, carrier, commissioner, courier, crier, delegate, delivery person, detachment, detail, dispatcher, emissary, envoy, errand person\*, flag-bearer, forerunner, go-between\*, gofer\*, harbinger, herald, intermediary, mediator, minister, post, precursor, prophet, runner, schlepper\*; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* receiver

**mess up** [*v*] *disorder, dirty* befoul, besmirch, bobble, bollix\*, botch, bungle, clutter, confuse, damage, derange, destroy, disarrange, discompose, dishevel, disorganize, disturb, foul, goof up\*, gum up\*, jumble, litter, louse up, muddle, pollute, ruin, rummage, scramble, screw up\*, smear, soil, spoil, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 158,252,254 —*Ant.* arrange, order, organize, tidy

**messy** [*adj*] *cluttered, dirty* blotchy\*, careless, chaotic, confused, disheveled, disordered, disorganized, grimy, grubby\*, littered, muddled, raunchy\*, rumpled, slapdash\*, slipshod\*, sloppy, slovenly, unfastidious, unkempt, untidy; CONCEPTS 485,621 —*Ant.* clean, ordered, organized, uncluttered

**metal** [*n*] *lustrous chemical element* alloy, casting, deposit, foil, hardware, ingot, leaf, load, mail, mineral, native rock, ore, plate, solder, vein; CONCEPT 476

**metamorphose** [*v*] *convert, transform* age, alter, be reborn, change, commute, develop, diverge, mature, mutate, remake, remodel, reshape, ripen, transfigure, translate, transmogrify, transmute, transubstantiate, vary; CONCEPTS 469,697,701 —*Ant.* stagnate

**metamorphosis** [*n*] *conversion, transformation* alteration, change, changeover, evolution, mutation, rebirth, refiguration, refigurement, translation, transmogrification, transmutation, transubstantiation; CONCEPTS 469,697,701 —*Ant.* stagnation

**metaphor** [*n*] *figure of speech, implied comparison* allegory, analogy, emblem, hope, image, metonymy, personification, similitude, symbol, trope; CONCEPT 275 —*Ant.* plain speech

**metaphorical** [*adj*] *figurative* allegorical, denotative, descriptive, emblematic, illustrative, metaphorical, representative, symbolic, tropological; CONCEPTS 267,582

**metaphysical** [*adj*] *not physical; without physical presence* abstract, abstruse, bodiless, deep, difficult, discarnate, esoteric, eternal, fundamental, high-flown, ideal, immaterial, impalpable, incorporeal, insubstantial, intangible, intellectual, jesuitic, mystical, nonmaterial, nonphysical, numinous, oversubtle, philosophical, preternatural, profound, recondite, spiritual, superhuman, superior, supermundane, supernatural, suprahuman, supramundane, supernatural, theoretical, transcendental, unearthly, unfleshly, universal, unphysical, unreal, unsubstantial; CONCEPTS 529,582 —*Ant.* concrete, material, objective, physical, real, solid, substantial

**mete** [*v*] *administer, distribute* admeasure, allocate, allot, allow, apportion, assign, deal, dispense, divide, dole, give, lot, measure, parcel, portion, ration, share; CONCEPTS 98,108

**meteoric** [*adj*] *brief, sudden* dazzling, ephemeral, flashing, fleeting, momentary, overnight, rapid, spectacular, speedy, swift, transient; CONCEPTS 548,798,799 —*Ant.* slow

**meteorology** [*n*] *weather science* aerology, climatology, weather forecasting; CONCEPTS 522,524

**meter** [*n*] *rhythm, beat* cadence, cadency, feet, lilt, measure, mora, music, pattern, poetry, rhyme, structure, swing; CONCEPTS 65,262

**method** [*n1*] *means, procedure* adjustment, approach, arrangement, channels, course, custom, design, disposal, disposition, fashion, form, formula, habit, line, manner, mechanism, method, mode, modus, modus operandi, nuts and bolts\*, plan, practice, proceeding, process, program, receipt, recipe, red tape\*, ritual, rote, routine, rubric, rule, rut, schema, scheme, short-cut, style, system, tack, tactics, technic, technique, tenor, the book\*, usage, way, ways and means\*, wise, wrinkle\*; CONCEPTS 6,660

**method** [*n2*] *order, pattern* arrangement, classification, design, form, orderliness, organization, plan, planning, purpose, regularity, structure, system; CONCEPTS 727,770

**methodical/methodic** [*adj*] *organized, precise* all together, analytical, businesslike, by the book\*, by the numbers, careful, cut-and-dried\*, deliberate, disciplined, efficient, exact, fixed, framed, in a groove\*, logical, methodized, meticulous, neat, ordered, orderly, painstaking, planned, regular, scrupulous, set-up\*, structured, systematic, tidy, together, well-regulated; CONCEPTS 326,542,544,585 —*Ant.* confused, disorderly, disorganized, imprecise, unmethodical/unmethodic

**methodology** [*n*] *methods* approach, channels, design, manner, mode, plan, practice, procedure, process, program, style, technique, way; CONCEPTS 6,644

**meticulous** [*adj*] *detailed, perfectionist* accurate, cautious, conscientious, conscionable, crossing the t's\*, dotting the i's\*, exact, fastidious, fussy, heedful, microscopic, nitpicking\*, painstaking, particular, persnickety\*, picky, precise, punctilious, punctual, scrupulous, sticking, strict, thorough; CONCEPTS 542,544,557 —*Ant.* careless, messy, sloppy, undetailed

**métier** [*n*] *occupation* calling, chosen work, craft, day gig\*, employment, field, forte, job, line of work, one's specialty, profession, pursuit, racket\*, thing\*, trade, vocation, walk of life\*, work; CONCEPTS 349,351,360

**metropolis** [*n*] *major city* capital, downtown, megalopolis, metropolitan area, municipality; CONCEPT 507

**metropolitan** [*adj*] *concerning a city* city, cosmopolitan, modern, municipal, urban, urbane; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* country

**mettle** [*n*] *boldness, strength of character* animation, ardor, backbone, bravery, caliber, courage, daring, dauntlessness, disposition, energy, fire, force, fortitude, gallantry, gameness, grit\*, guts\*, hardihood, heart\*, indomitability, kidney\*, life\*, makeup, moxie, nature, nerve, pluck, quality, resolution, resolve, spirit, spunk, stamina, stamp\*, starch, temper, temperament, valor, vigor, vitality; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* weakness

**miasma** [*n*] *effluvia* fetor, foul air, fumes, gas, mephitic, odor, pollution, reek, smell, smog, stench, stink, vapor; CONCEPT 465

**microbe** [*n*] *bacteria* bacillus, bacterium, bug\*,

crud, germ, microorganism, pathogen, plague, virus; CONCEPT 306

**microorganism** [*n*] *germ* bacterium, bug\*, disease, disease-causing agent, microbe, parasite, pathogen, plague, virus; CONCEPTS 306,392

**microscopic** [*adj*] *tiny, almost undetectable* atomic, diminutive, imperceptible, infinitesimal, invisible, little, minuscule, minute, negligible, teeny\*, wee\*; CONCEPTS 773,789 —*Ant.* big, huge, large, macroscopic

**microwave** [*v*] *cook* bake, heat, melt, nuke\*, warm up, zap\*; CONCEPT 170

**midday** [*n*] *middle of the day* 12 PM, high noon, lunchtime, noon, noontide, noontime, twelve hundred, twelve noon, twelve o'clock; CONCEPT 802 —*Ant.* 12 AM, midnight

**middle** [*adj*] *central* average, between, betwixt and between\*, center, centermost, equidistant, halfway, inner, inside, intermediate, intervening, mainstream, mean, medial, median, medium, mezzo\*, middlemost, middle of the road\*, midmost, smack in the middle, straddling the fence\*; CONCEPTS 547,583,830 —*Ant.* border, extreme, outer, outside

**middle** [*n*] *center* core, deep, focus, halfway, halfway point, heart, inside, marrow, mean, media, midpoint, midriff, midsection, midst, thick, waist; CONCEPTS 746,761,830,833 —*Ant.* border, margin, outside

**middle-of-the-road** [*adj*] *moderate* balanced, cautious, compromising, conservative, controlled, disciplined, even, impartial, indifferent, inexpensive, midway, mild, modest, neutral, noncommittal, nonpartisan, not excessive, on the fence\*, reasonable, straight; CONCEPTS 533,575

**middle person** [*n*] *person who acts as intermediary* agent, broker, connection, distributor, entrepreneur, fixer, go-between\*, influence, interagent, interceder, intercessor, intermediate, intermediary, jobber\*, mediator, representative, salesperson, wholesaler; CONCEPT 348

**middling** [*adj*] *adequate, okay* all right, average, common, conventional, decent, fair, fairish, good, indifferent, intermediate, mean, mediocre, medium, moderate, modest, okay, ordinary, passable, run-of-the-mill\*, so-so\*, tolerable, traditional, unexceptional, unremarkable; CONCEPT 547 —*Ant.* exceptional, extraordinary

**midget** [*adj*] *short, small* baby, diminutive, knee-high\*, Lilliputian, miniature, minikin, pocket, teeny\*, teeny\*, tiny; CONCEPTS 773,779 —*Ant.* big, giant, huge, large, tall

**midget** [*n*] *small person* bantam, gnome, homuncule, homunculus, Lilliputian\*, little person, manikin, midge, runt\*; CONCEPT 424 —*Ant.* giant

**midnight** [*n*] *middle of the night* 12 o'clock at night, bewitching hour\*, dead of night\*, small hours\*, twelve o'clock at night, witching hour\*; CONCEPTS 801,802,806

**midst** [*n*] *middle, core* betwixt and between\*, bosom, center, deep, depths, halfway, heart, hub, interior, mean, medium, midpoint, nucleus, thick; CONCEPT 830 —*Ant.* exterior, exteriority, outside

**mien** [*n*] *person's presence, manner* act, address, air, appearance, aspect, aura, bearing, carriage, countenance, demeanor, deportment, expression, front, image, look, mannerism, port, set, style; CONCEPTS 411,644

**miff** [*v*] *amoy* aggrieve, bother, displease, hurt, irk, irritate, nettle, offend, pester, pique, provoke, put out, resent, upset, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* appease, mollify, please

**miffed** [*adj*] *displeased* annoyed, chagrined, disgruntled, irked, irritated, nettled, offended, pained, peeved\*, piqued, put out, resentful, riled, upset, vexed; CONCEPT 570 —*Ant.* pleased

**might** [*n*] *ability, power* adequacy, arm, authority, capability, capacity, clout, command, competence, control, domination, efficacy, efficiency, energy, force, forcefulness, forcibleness, get-up-and-go\*, jurisdiction, lustiness, mastery, moxie\*, muscle\*, potency, powerfulness, prowess, puissance, punch, qualification, qualifiedness, sinew\*, steam, strength, strenuousness, strong arm\*, sway, valor, vigor, vigorousness; CONCEPTS 411,641,732 —*Ant.* inability, powerlessness, weakness

**mightily** [*adv*1] *very much, extremely* decidedly, exceedingly, greatly, highly, hugely, intensely, mightily, notably, surpassingly, very; CONCEPT 569 —*Ant.* little

**mightily** [*adv*2] *forcefully* arduously, energetically, forcibly, hard, hardly, laboriously, lustily, might and main\*, powerfully, strenuously, strongly, vigorously, with all one's strength; CONCEPTS 540,544 —*Ant.* weakly

**mighty** [*adj*1] *forceful, powerful* boss\*, doughty, hardy, indomitable, lusty, muscular, omnipotent, potent, powerhouse, puissant, robust, stalwart, steamroller\*, stout, strapping, strengthly, strong, strong as ox\*, sturdy, vigorous, wieldy; CONCEPTS 489,540 —*Ant.* delicate, powerless, weak

**mighty** [*adj*2] *gigantic, monumental* august, bulky, colossal, considerable, dynamic, eminent, enormous, extensive, extraordinary, grand, great, heroic, high, huge, illustrious, immense, imposing, impressive, intense, irresistible, large, magnificent, majestic, massive, moving, notable, prodigious, renowned, stupendous, titanic, towering, tremendous, vast; CONCEPTS 537,773, —*Ant.* insignificant, small, tiny, unimportant

**migrant** [*n*] *person who moves to a foreign place* departer, drifter, emigrant, evacuee, expatriate, gypsy, immigrant, itinerant, migrator, mover, nomad, rover, tinker, transient, traveler, vagrant, wanderer; CONCEPT 413

**migrant/migratory** [*adj*] *moving, traveling* casual, changing, drifting, emigrating, errant, gypsy, immigrant, immigrating, impermanent, itinerant, migrative, migratorial, mobile, nomad, nomadic, on the move, passing over, passing through, peripatetic, ranging, roving, seasonal, shifting, temporary, tramp, transient, transmigratory, unsettled, vagabond, vagrant, wandering; CONCEPT 584 —*Ant.* staying

**migrate** [*v*] *move, travel to another place* drift, emigrate, immigrate, journey, leave, nomadize,

range, roam, rove, shift, transmigrate, trek, voyage, wander; CONCEPTS 198,224 —*Ant.* stay

**mild** [*adj*1] *gentle, temperate, nonirritating* balmy, benign, benignant, blah\*, bland, breezy, calm, choice, clear, clement, cool, dainty, delicate, demulcent, easy, emollient, exquisite, faint, fine, flat, genial, ho-hum\*, lenient, lenitive, light, lukewarm, medium, mellow, moderate, mollifying, nothing, nothing much\*, pabulum, pacific, peaceful, placid, smooth, soft, soothing, sunny, tempered, tepid, untroubled, vanilla\*, warm, weak, wimpy\*; CONCEPTS 485,525,537 —*Ant.* fierce, harsh, rough, violent

**mild** [*adj*2] *easygoing, pleasant in personality* amiable, balmy, bland, calm, clement, compassionate, complaisant, deferential, docile, dull, easy, equable, feeble, flat, forbearing, forbearing, forgiving, gentle, good-humored, good-natured, good-tempered, humane, indulgent, insipid, jejune, kind, lenient, meek, mellow, merciful, mild-mannered, moderate, obeisant, obliging, pacific, patient, peaceable, placid, serene, smooth, soft, spiritless, subdued, submissive, subservient, tame, temperate, tender, tranquil, unassuming, vapid, warm; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* agitated, flappable, nervous

**mile** [*n*] 5, 280 feet/1.609 kilometers measured nautical, square, statute; CONCEPTS 790,791

**milestone** [*n*] *achievement* anniversary, breakthrough, discovery, event, landmark, milepost, occasion, turning point, waypost; CONCEPTS 2, 706

**milieu** [*n*] *environment, atmosphere* ambience, ambient, background, bag, climate, element, locale, location, medium, mise-en-scène, nabe, neighborhood, place, scene, setting, space, sphere, surroundings, turf; CONCEPT 673

**militant** [*adj*] *aggressive, combative* active, assertive, assertory, bellicose, belligerent, combating, contending, contentious, embattled, fighting, gladiatorial, in arms, martial, militaristic, military, offensive, pugnaeous, pushy, quarrelsome, scrappy, self-assertive, truculent, up in arms, vigorous, warlike, warring; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* compliant, peaceful, peaceloving, submissive, tolerant

**militant** [*n*] *person who fights, is aggressive* activist, belligerent, combatant, demonstrator, fighter, objector, partisan, protester, rioter, warrior; CONCEPTS 358,359

**military** [*adj*] *soldierlike; concerning the armed forces* aggressive, armed, army, combatant, combative, fighting, martial, militant, militaristic, noncivil, soldierly, warlike, warmongering; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* civilian

**military** [*n*] *armed force* air force, army, force, marines, navy, service, servicepeople, soldiery, troop; CONCEPT 322

**milk** [*n*] *liquid produced by mammals* butter-milk, chalk\*, condensed, cream, evaporated, formula, goat, half-and-half, homogenized, laiche, low fat, moo juice\*, pasteurized, powdered, raw, skim, two-percent, whole; CONCEPT 467

**milk** [*v*] *tap; exploit* bleed, drain, draw off, elicit, empty, evince, evoke, exhaust, express,

extort, extract, fleece, impose on, let out, press, pump, siphon, suck, take advantage, take out, use, wring; CONCEPTS 139,142,156,225 —*Ant.* hoard, save

**milk** *[n]* coward baby\*, caitiff, chicken\*, chicken heart\*, chicken liver\*, cry-baby, deserter, fraidy-cat\*, jellyfish\*, lily liver, momma's boy\*, namby-pamby, pansy, party-waist, quitter, scaredy cat\*, sissy\*, weakling, wimp, wussy\*, wussy\*, yellow, yellow belly\*; CONCEPT 423

**milky** *[adj]* white, cloudy alabaster, clouded, frosted, lacteal, lacteous, lactescent, milk-white, opalescent, opaline, opaque, pearly, whitish; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* black, blackish, dark

**mill** *[n]* factory foundry, manufactory, plant, shop, sweatshop, works; CONCEPTS 439,449

**mill** *[v]* grind comminute, crush, granulate, grate, pound, powder, press, pulverize; CONCEPT 186

**millenium** *[n]* one thousand years one-thousandth anniversary, turn of the century; CONCEPTS 807,816

**millstone** *[n]* burden accountability, affliction, albatross\*, anxiety, ball and chain\*, blame, charge, concern, cross, deadweight, difficulty, encumbrance, grievance, hardship, hindrance, load, mental weight, misfortune, onus, punishment, responsibility, strain, stress, task, thorn in one's side\*, trial, trouble, worry; CONCEPTS 532,690

**mimic** *[n]* person who imitates actor, caricaturist, comedian, copycat, imitator, impersonator, impressionist, mime, mummer, parodist, parrot, performer, playactor, player, thespian, trouper; CONCEPT 352

**mimic** *[v]* imitate, mock act, ape, burlesque, caricature, copy, copycat, ditto\*, do, do like\*, echo, enact, fake, go like\*, impersonate, look like\*, make believe, make fun of, make like\*, mime, mirror, pantomime, parody, parrot, perform, personate, play, resemble, ridicule, sham, simulate, take off\*, travesty; CONCEPTS 54,59,111,171

**mince** *[v1]* chop up chip, crumble, cut, dice, divide, grind, hack, hash, whack; CONCEPT 176

**mince** *[v2]* pose, put on airs attitudinize, flounce, posture, prance, sashay, strut; CONCEPT 59

**mince** *[v3]* euphemize, hold back in communication alleviate, decrease, diminish, extenuate, lessen, minimize, moderate, palliate, soften, spare, tone down, weaken; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* reveal, tell all

**mincing** *[adj]* affected, pretentious artificial, dainty, delicate, effeminate, fastidious, finical, finicky, fussy, genteel, insincere, la-di-da\*, nice, particular, persnickety, precious, sissy, squeamish, stilted, too-too\*, unnatural; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* extroverted, unaffected, unpretentious

**mind** *[n1]* intelligence apperception, attention, brain\*, brainpower, brains\*, capacity, cognizance, conception, consciousness, creativity, faculty, function, genius, head, imagination, ingenuity, instinct, intellect, intellectual, intellectuality, intuition, judgment, lucidity,

marbles\*, mentality, observation, perception, percipience, power, psyche, ratiocination, reason, reasoning, regard, sanity, sense, soul, soundness, spirit, talent, thinker, thought, understanding, wisdom, wits; CONCEPTS 393, 409 —*Ant.* body, corporeality, physicality

**mind** *[n2]* memory attention, cognizance, concentration, head, mark, note, notice, observance, observation, recollection, regard, remark, remembrance, subconscious, thinking, thoughts; CONCEPTS 409,630 —*Ant.* amnesia

**mind** *[n3]* inclination, tendency; belief attitude, bent, conviction, desire, determination, disposition, eye, fancy, feeling, humor, impulse, intention, judgment, leaning, liking, mood, notion, opinion, outlook, persuasion, pleasure, point of view, purpose, sentiment, strain, temper, temperament, thoughts, tone, urge, vein, view, way of thinking, will, wish; CONCEPTS 20,657,689 —*Ant.* disbelief, disinclination

**mind** *[v1]* be bothered; care be affronted, be opposed, complain, deplore, disapprove, dislike, look askance at, object, resent, take offense; CONCEPTS 21,29

**mind** *[v2]* comply, obey adhere to, attend, behave, do as told, follow, follow orders, heed, keep, listen, mark, note, notice, observe, pay attention, pay heed, regard, respect, take heed, watch; CONCEPTS 23,91 —*Ant.* disobey, disregard, ignore

**mind** *[v3]* attend, tend baby-sit, be attentive, behold, care for, discern, discipline, ensure, give heed to, govern, guard, have charge of, keep an eye on\*, listen up, look, make certain, mark, mind the store\*, note, notice, observe, oversee, perceive, regard, ride herd on\*, see, sit, superintend, supervise, watch; CONCEPTS 110,295,596,623 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**mind** *[v4]* be careful be cautious, be concerned, be on guard, be solicitous, be wary, have a care, mind one's p's and q's\*, take care, tend, toe the line\*, trouble, watch, watch one's step\*, watch out\*; CONCEPT 34

**mind** *[v5]* remember bethink, bring to mind, cite, recall, recollect, remind, reminisce, retain; CONCEPT 40 —*Ant.* forget

**mind-blowing** *[adj]* amazing, intense astonishing, eye-opening, hallucinatory, mind-altering, mind-boggling, overwhelming, psychedelic, staggering, stunning, wonderful; CONCEPTS 547,572

**mind-boggling** *[adj]* overwhelming amazing, astonishing, breathtaking, eye-opening, mind-blowing, spectacular, staggering, startling, stunning, stupendous, surprising, wonderful; CONCEPTS 547,572

**mindful** *[adj]* attentive, aware alert, alive to, apprehensive, au courant, be up on\*, cagey, careful, cautious, chary, cognizant, conscientious, conscious, conversant, heedful, in the know, know all the answers\*, knowing, know ins and outs\*, knowledgeable, observant, observative, observing, on one's toes\*, on the ball\*, on the job\*, on to\*, plugged in\*, regardful, respectful, sensible, solicitous, thoughtful, tuned in\*, vigilant, wary, watchful,

with eyes peeled\*; CONCEPTS 402,403,542

—*Ant.* absent-minded, careless, heedless, inattentive, unaware

**mindless** [*adj*] *oblivious, stupid; automatic* asinine, brutish, careless, daydreaming, foolish, forgetful, gratuitous, heedless, idiotic, imbecilic, inattentive, mooning, moony, moronic, neglectful, negligent, nitwitted, obtuse, out, out of it\*, rash, senseless, silly, simple, spaced-out\*, thoughtless, unaware, unintelligent, unmindful, unthinking, witless; CONCEPTS 403,538 —*Ant.* intelligent, mindful, thinking, thoughtful

**mind reader** [*n*] *psychic* augur, channeller, clairvoyant, diviner, fortune-teller, haruspex, horoscopist, medium, mentalist, oracle, palm reader, prophet, seer, soothsayer, telepathist; CONCEPT 423

**mind-set** [*n*] *mental attitude* air, approach, belief, character, demeanor, disposition, frame of mind, headset, inclination, mental outlook, mental state, mood, opinion, perspective, philosophy, point of view, position, sentiment, stance, stand, standing, standpoint, temperament, view, way of thinking; CONCEPTS 410,689

**mine** [*n*] *deposit, supply* abundance, bed, bonanza, ditch, excavation, field, fount, fountain, fund, gold mine, hoard, lode, pit, quarry, reserve, shaft, source, spring, stock, store, treasure trove, treasury, trench, vein, wealth, well, wellspring; CONCEPTS 449,509,712

**mine** [*v*] *dig up* burrow, delve, dig for, drill, excavate, extract, hew, pan, quarry, sap, scoop, shovel, unearth, work; CONCEPT 178 —*Ant.* bury

**mingle** [*v1*] *physically join* admix, alloy, blend, coalesce, commingle, compound, intermingle, intermix, interweave, make up, marry, meld, merge, mix, unite, wed; CONCEPT 193 —*Ant.* disjoin

**mingle** [*v2*] *socialize* associate, circulate, consort, fraternize, gang up\*, hang out\*, hobnob, mix, network, pool, rub shoulders\*, tie in, work the room\*; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* be unsociable

**miniature** [*adj*] *tiny* baby, diminutive, itsy-bitsy\*, itty-bitty\*, Lilliputian\*, little, midget, mini, minikin, minuscule, minute, mite, model, petite, pint-sized, pocket, reduced, scaled-down, small, small-scale, teeny\*, teeny\*, toy, wee; CONCEPTS 773,789 —*Ant.* big, giant, huge, large

**miniature** [*n*] *tiny thing* baby, insignificance, midget, model, pocket edition, toy; CONCEPT 730 —*Ant.* giant

**minimal** [*adj*] *littlest, slightest* basal, basic, essential, fundamental, least, least possible, lowest, minimum, nominal, smallest, token; CONCEPTS 762,773,789 —*Ant.* maximum, most

**minimize** [*v*] *make smaller; underrate* abbreviate, attenuate, belittle, cheapen, curtail, cut down to size, cut rate, decrease, decry, depreciate, depreciate, derogate, detract, diminish, discount, disparage, downplay\*, dwarf\*, knock\*, knock down\*, lessen, make light of\*, make little of, miniaturize, pan, play down, pooch-pooch\*, poor-mouth\*, prune, put down,

reduce, run down, shrink, underestimate, underplay; CONCEPTS 54,240,247 —*Ant.*

enlarge, maximize, overestimate, overrate  
**minimum** [*adj*] *least, lowest* least possible, littlest, merest, minimal, slightest, smallest, tiniest; CONCEPTS 762,789 —*Ant.* largest, maximum, most

**minimum** [*n*] *lowest amount* atom, bottom, dab, depth, dot, gleam, grain, hair, iota, jot, least, lowest, margin, modicum, molecule, nadir, narrowest, particle, pittance, point, scintilla, scruple, shadow, slightest, smallest, smidgen, soupçon, spark, speck, trifle, whit; CONCEPTS 787,831 —*Ant.* largest, maximum, most

**minion** [*n*] *sympathant* backscratcher\*, backslapper\*, bootlicker\*, brownnoser\*, dependent, doormat, fan, fawner, flatterer, flunky\*, follower, groupie, hanger-on\*, lackey, parasite, puppet, slave, stooge\*, subordinate, toady, yes-man/woman, yes-person; CONCEPTS 352, 366,423

**miniscule/minuscule** [*adj*] *tiny, very small* diminutive, dwarf, infinitesimal, itsy-bitsy, Lilliputian, little, meager, microscopic, mini\*, miniature, minute, pint-sized\*, puny\*, short, slight, small-scale, stunted, teeny\*, teeny, trivial, undersized, wee\*; CONCEPTS 773,789

**minister** [*n1*] *person in charge of church* abbot, archbishop, archdeacon, bishop, chaplain, clergy, clergyperson, cleric, clerical, clerk, confessor, curate, deacon, dean, diocesan, divine, ecclesiastic, lecturer, missionary, monk, parson, pastor, preacher, prelate, priest, pulpiteer, rector, reverend, shepherd, vicar; CONCEPT 361

**minister** [*n2*] *person high in government* administrator, agent, aide, ambassador, assistant, cabinet member, consul, delegate, diplomat, envoy, executive, legate, liaison, lieutenant, officeholder, official, plenipotentiary, premier, prime minister, secretary; CONCEPT 354

**minister** [*v*] *help, serve* accommodate, administer, aid, answer, attend, be solicitous of, cater to, cure, doctor, do for, foster, heal, nurse, pander, pander to, remedy, succor, take care of, tend, treat, wait on, watch over; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* hurt, injure

**minor** [*adj*] *insignificant, small* accessory, below the mark, bush-league\*, casual, dependent, dinky\*, inconsequential, inconsiderable, inferior, junior, lesser, light, low, minus, negligible, paltry, petty, piddling, secondary, second-string\*, slight, smaller, small-fry\*, small-time, subordinate, subsidiary, tacky, trifling, trivial, two-bit\*, unimportant, younger; CONCEPTS 575,773,789 —*Ant.* adult, greater, large, major, significant

**minor** [*n*] *person under legal age of maturity* adolescent, baby, boy, child, girl, infant, junior, juvenile, lad, little one, schoolboy, schoolgirl, teenager, underage, youngster, youth; CONCEPT 424 —*Ant.* adult

**mint** [*adj*] *brand-new* excellent, first-class, fresh, intact, original, perfect, spanking-new\*, spick-and-span\*, unblemished, undamaged, unmarred, untarnished, virgin; CONCEPTS 574,578,797 —*Ant.* ancient, damaged, imperfect, old, used

**mint** [*n*] a lot of money boodle, bundle, fortune, heap, million, packet, pile, pot, roll, wad; CONCEPTS 340,787

**mint** [*v*] create, coin cast, construct, devise, fabricate, fashion, forge, invent, issue, make, make up, mold, monetize, produce, provide, punch, stamp, strike, think up; CONCEPTS 43,173,205,251

**minute** [*adj*1] very small atomic, diminutive, exact, exiguous, fine, inconsiderable, infinitesimal, insignificant, invisible, little, microbial, microscopic, miniature, minim, minimal, minuscule, molecular, peewee\*, piddling, precise, puny, slender, teeny-weeny\*, tiny, wee; CONCEPTS 773,789 —*Ant.* big, giant, gigantic, huge, large, mighty

**minute** [*adj*2] unimportant immaterial, inconsiderable, insignificant, light, little, minor, negligible, nonessential, paltry, petty, picayune, piddling, puny, slight, small, trifling, trivial; CONCEPT 575 —*Ant.* consequential, considerable, important, substantial

**minute** [*adj*3] exact, precise blow-by-blow\*, careful, circumstantial, clocklike, close, critical, detailed, elaborate, exhaustive, full, itemized, meticulous, painstaking, particular, particularized, punctilious, scrupulous, specialized, thorough; CONCEPT 557 —*Ant.* imprecise, inexact, rough

**minute** [*n*] brief time period bat of an eye\*, breath, breathing, crack, flash, instant, jiffy\*, min\*, mo\*, moment, nothing flat\*, sec\*, second, shake, short time\*, sixtieth of hour, sixty seconds, split second, twinkling\*; CONCEPTS 803,807,821

**minutiae** [*n*] trivial detail incidental, minor detail, small detail, trifle, trivia, triviality, trivial matter, unimportant detail, useless information; CONCEPTS 274,543

**miracle** [*n*] wonderful, surprising event or thing marvel, phenomenon, portent, prodigy, rarity, revelation, sensation, stunner, supernatural occurrence, surprise, thaumaturgy, unusualness, wonder; CONCEPTS 671,689,693 —*Ant.* normalcy, usualness

**miraculous** [*adj*] surprisingly wonderful amazing, anomalous, astonishing, astounding, awesome, extraordinary, fabulous, freakish, heavy, incredible, inexplicable, magical, marvelous, monstrous, numinous, phenomenal, preternatural, prodigious, spectacular, staggering, strange, stupefying, stupendous, superhuman, superior, supermundane, supernatural, supranatural, thaumaturgic, the utmost, unaccountable, unbelievable, unearthly, unimaginable, unreal, wonderworking, wondrous; CONCEPTS 529,548,572 —*Ant.* normal, usual

**mirage** [*n*] imaginary vision delusion, fantasy, hallucination, ignis fatuus, illusion, optical illusion, phantasm; CONCEPTS 529,628

**mire** [*n*] muck, morass bog, dirt, fen, glop\*, goo\*, gunk\*, marsh, moss, mud, ooze\*, quagmire, quicksand, slime\*, swamp; CONCEPTS 509,674

**mire** [*v*] delay, catch up in bog down, cling, decelerate, detain, dirty, embrown, enmesh,

ensnare, entangle, entrap, flounder, hang up, implicate, involve, retard, set back, sink, slow down, slow up, snare, soil, stick, tangle, trap; CONCEPTS 112,121

**mirror** [*n*] glass that reflects image cheval glass, gaper, hand glass, imager, looking glass, pier glass, polished metal, reflector, seeing glass, speculum; CONCEPTS 443,470

**mirror** [*v*] copy, reflect act like, depict, double, echo, embody, emulate, epitomize, exemplify, follow, glass, illustrate, image, imitate, make like\*, mimic, personify, represent, show, simulate, symbolize, take off\*, typify; CONCEPTS 111,118,171

**mirth** [*n*] great joy amusement, cheer, cheerfulness, convulsions, entertainment, festivity, frivolity, frolic, fun, gaiety, gladness, glee, happiness, hilarity, hysteria, hysterics, jocularity, jocundity, jollity, joviality, joyousness, kicks\*, laughs, laughter, levity, lightheartedness, merriment, merrymaking, pleasure, rejoicing, revelry, sport, whoopee\*; CONCEPTS 388,410 —*Ant.* blues, depression, distress, sadness, unhappiness

**mirthful** [*adj*] merry amusing, blithe, blithe-some, carefree, cheerful, cheery, convivial, enjoyable, entertaining, festive, frolicsome, fun-loving, funny, gay, glad, gleeful, happy, jocund, jolly, joyful, joyous, larking, lighthearted, lively, perky, playful, sunny, vivacious; CONCEPTS 403,548,572

**misadventure** [*n*] bad luck, mishap accident, adversity, bad break\*, blunder, calamity, casualty, cataclysm, catastrophe, debacle, disaster, error, failure, faux pas, ill fortune, lapse, mischance, misfortune, reverse, setback, slip, tragedy, woe; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* blessing, good fortune, good luck, success, triumph

**misanthrope** [*n*] person who hates others cynic, doubter, egoist, egotist, hater, isolate, loner, misanthropist, recluse, skeptic; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* humanitarian, philanthropist

**misanthropic** [*adj*] unsociable, cynical antisocial, egoistic, egotistical, eremitic, hating, inhumane, malevolent, misanthropical, reclusive, reserved, sarcastic, selfish, solitary, standoffish, unfriendly; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* humanitarian, philanthropic, sociable

**misapprehend** [*v*] get the wrong idea, impression blunder, confuse, err, misconceive, misconstrue, misinterpret, misread, miss, mistake, misunderstand; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* apprehend, comprehend, understand

**misappropriate** [*v*] use wrongly; steal abuse, appropriate, defalcate, embezzle, misappily, misspend, misuse, peculate, plunder, pocket, rob, swindle; CONCEPTS 139,156,341 —*Ant.* appropriate, use wisely

**misbegotten** [*adj*] illegitimate, illicit baseborn, bastard, dishonest, disreputable, illegal, natural, poor, shady, spurious, stolen, suppositious, unlawful, unrespectable; CONCEPTS 319,549 —*Ant.* lawful, legal, legitimate, licit

**misbehave** [*v*] act in inappropriate manner act up, be at fault, be bad, be dissolute, be guilty,

be immoral, be indecorous, be insubordinate, be mischievous, bend the law\*, be out of line\*, be out of order\*, be reprehensible, carry on, cut up, deviate, do evil, do wrong, fail, fool around\*, get into mischief, go astray, go wrong, make trouble, misconduct, offend, roughhouse\*, sin, sow wild oats\*, take a wrong turn\*, transgress, trespass; CONCEPTS 633,645 —*Ant.* behave, obey

**misbehavior** [*n*] *naughty act, conduct* acting up\*, fault, immorality, impropriety, incivility, indiscipline, insubordination, mischief, misconduct, misdeed, misdemeanor, misdoing, monkey business\*, naughtiness, rudeness, shenanigans\*, transgression, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 633,645 —*Ant.* behavior, good conduct, manners, obedience

**miscalculate** [*v*] *make a mistake* blow\*, blunder, discount, disregard, drop the ball\*, err, get signals crossed\*, get wrong, go wrong, mess up\*, misconstrue, miscount, misinterpret, misjudge, misread, misreckon, miss by a mile\*, misunderstand, mix up, overestimate, overlook, overrate, overvalue, slip up, stumble, underestimate, underrate, undervalue; CONCEPT 101 —*Ant.* do correctly, figure correctly, succeed

**miscarriage** [*n*] *failure* abortion, botch, breakdown, defeat, error, interruption, malfunction, misadventure, mischance, misfire, mishap, miss, mistake, nonsuccess, perversion, undoing; CONCEPTS 230,699 —*Ant.* carriage, success

**miscellaneous** [*adj*] *diversified, various* assorted, confused, conglomerate, different, disordered, disparate, divergent, divers, diverse, heterogeneous, indiscriminate, jumbled, many, mingled, mixed, motley, muddled, multifarious, multiform, odd, promiscuous, scattered, scrambled, sundry, unmatched, unsorted, varied, variegated; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* alone, lone, simple, single, singular

**miscellany** [*n*] *varied collection* accumulation, aggregation, anthology, assortment, brew, collectanea, combination, combo, compilation, conglomeration, cumulation, diversity, farrago, gallimaufry, garbage\*, hash, hodgepodge, jumble, medley, mélange, melee, mess, mishmash, mix, mixed bag, mixture, muddle, odds and ends\*, olio, pasticcio, pastiche, patchwork, potpourri, salad, salmagundi, smorgasbord, stew, variety; CONCEPTS 432,665 —*Ant.* single

**mischievous** [*n*] *trouble, damage* atrocity, catastrophe, devilment, devilry, dirty trick\*, evil, fault, friskiness, frolicsomeness, funny business\*, gag, harm, high jinks\*, hurt, ill, impishness, injury, misbehavior, mischievousness, misconduct, misdoing, misfortune, monkey business\*, naughtiness, outrage, playfulness, prank, rascality, roguery, roguishness, sabotage, shenanigans, sportiveness, transgression, vandalism, waggy, waggishness, waywardness, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 192,633,645 —*Ant.* behavior, obedience

**mischievous** [*adj*] *devilish, wicked* arch, artful, bad, bothersome, damaging, dangerous, deleterious, destructive, detrimental, Dickens\*, evil, exasperating, foxy\*, frolicsome, harmful,

hazardous, holy terror\*, hurtful, ill, ill-behaved, impish, injurious, insidious, irksome, malicious, malignant, misbehaving, naughty, noxious, perilous, pernicious, playful, precarious, puckish, rascal, rascally, risky, rude, sinful, sly, spiteful, sportive, teasing, tricky, troublesome, vexatious, vexing, vicious, wayward; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* behaved, good, nice, obedient

**misconception** [*n*] *wrong idea, impression* delusion, error, fallacy, fault, misapprehension, misconstruction, misinterpretation, mistake, mistaken belief, misunderstanding; CONCEPTS 409,689 —*Ant.* comprehension, perception, understanding

**misconduct** [*n*] *bad or unethical behavior* delinquency, dereliction, evil, immorality, impropriety, malfeasance, malpractice, malversation, misbehavior, mischief, misdemeanor, misdoing, mismanagement, naughtiness, offense, rudeness, transgression, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 192,633, 645 —*Ant.* behavior, manners, obedience

**misconstrue** [*v*] *get a wrong or false impression* distort, exaggerate, misapprehend, misconceive, misinterpret, misjudge, misread, mistake, mistranslate, misunderstand, pervert, take the wrong way; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* discern, get, perceive, understand

**miscreant** [*adj*] *evil, immoral* corrupt, criminal, degenerate, depraved, flagitious, infamous, iniquitous, nefarious, perverse, rascally, reprehensible, reprobate, unhealthy, unprincipled, vicious, villainous, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* good, moral, nice

**miscreant** [*n*] *person who is very bad, immoral* blackguard, black sheep\*, bootlegger, bully, cad, caittiff, convict, criminal, culprit, delinquent, drunkard, evildoer, felon, fink\*, heel\*, hoodlum, jailbird, loafer, louse\*, lowlife\*, malefactor, outcast, outlaw, pickpocket, racketeer, rapscallion, rascal, rat\*, reprobate, rowdy, ruffian, scalawag, scamp, scoundrel, scum\*, sinner, sneak, vagabond, villain, wretch, wrongdoer; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* goody-goody

**misdeed/misdemeanor** [*n*] *sin, crime* breach of law, criminality, dirt\*, dirty deed\*, dirty pool\*, fault, infringement, malefaction, misbehavior, misconduct, miscue, offense, peccadillo, slipup, transgression, trespass, villainy, violation, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 192,633,645 —*Ant.* goodness

**miser** [*n*] *person who hoards money, possessions* cheapskate\*, churl, harpy\*, hoarder, money-grubber\*, penny-pincher\*, pinchfist\*, pinch-penny\*, Scrooge\*, stiff\*, tightwad\*; CONCEPTS 348,412,423 —*Ant.* spender, spendthrift, waster, wastrel

**miserable** [*adj*] *unhappy, depressed* afflicted, agonized, ailing, anguished, brokenhearted, crestfallen, dejected, desolate, despairing, despondent, destroyed, disconsolate, discontented, distressed, doleful, dolorous, down, downcast, down in the mouth\*, forlorn, gloomy, heartbroken, hopeless, hurt, hurting, ill, injured, in pain, melancholy, mournful, on a downer\*, pained,



pathetic, pitiable, racked, rueful, ruthless, sad, sick, sickly, sorrowful, strained, suffering, tormented, tortured, tragic, troubled, woebegone, wounded, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, elated, happy, joyful, merry

**miserable** [adj2] *desitute, shabby* abject, bad, contemptible, deplorable, despicable, detestable, disgraceful, godforsaken, impoverished, indigent, inferior, lamentable, low, meager, mean, needy, paltry, pathetic, penniless, piteous, pitiable, poor, poverty-stricken, sad, scanty, scurvy, shameful, sordid, sorry, squalid, tragic, vile, worthless, wretched; CONCEPTS 485,570 —*Ant.* generous, rich, wealthy

**miserly** [adj] *greedy, stingy* abject, avaricious, beggarly, cheapskate\*, churlish, close, close-fisted, covetous, grasping, ignoble, illiberal, mean, parsimonious, penny-pinching\*, penurious, skinflint\*, sordid, tightfisted\*, ungenerous; CONCEPTS 326,334,401,404 —*Ant.* generous, giving, liberal

**misery** [n1] *pain, mental or physical* ache, agony, anguish, anvil chorus, bad news\*, blues\*, depression, desolation, despair, despondency, discomfort, distress, dolor, gloom, grief, hardship, headache, heartache, hurting, melancholy, pang, passion, sadness, sorrow, squalor, stitch, suffering, throce, torment, torture, twinge, unhappiness, woe, worriment, worry, wretchedness; CONCEPT 728 —*Ant.* cheer, delight, fun, gladness, happiness, joy, pleasure

**misery** [n2] *trouble, disaster* adversity, affliction, anxiety, bitter pill\*, burden, calamity, catastrophe, curse, destitution, difficulty, grief, indigence, load, misfortune, need, ordeal, penury, poverty, privation, problem, sordidness, sorrow, squalor, trial, tribulation, want, woe; CONCEPTS 335,666,674 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, blessing, boon, good fortune, good luck

**misfire** [v] *fail* abort, backfire, blunder, break down, come to nothing, explode, fall flat\*, fall short\*, fizzle, fizzle out, fizz out, flop, flounder, go up in smoke\*, go wrong, miscarry, miss, peter out, poop out, slip; CONCEPT 699

**misfit** [n] *nonconformist* beatnik\*, bohemian\*, different breed\*, dissenter, dissident, dropout, eccentric, fish out of water\*, freak\*, individualist, lone wolf, loser, oddball, odd man out, offbeat, outsider, weirdo\*; CONCEPTS 359,423

**misfortune/mishap** [n] *bad luck; disaster* accident, adversity, affliction, annoyance, anxiety, bad break\*, bad news\*, blow\*, burden, calamity, casualty, cataclysm, catastrophe, contretemps, cross, crunch, debacle, disadvantage, disappointment, discomfort, dole, failure, hard luck\*, hardship, harm, inconvenience, infelicity, loss, misadventure, mischance, misery, nuisance, reverse, rotten luck, setback, stroke of bad luck\*, tough luck\*, tragedy, trial, tribulation, trouble, unpleasantness, visitation, worry; CONCEPTS 674,679 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, blessing, fortune, good luck

**misgiving** [n] *uncertainty* anxiety, apprehension, apprehensiveness, distrust, doubt, fear, foreboding, hesitation, mistrust, premonition, prenotation, presage, presentiment, qualm, reservation,

scruple, suspicion, unbelief, unease, worry; CONCEPTS 21,689,690 —*Ant.* certainty, confidence, doubtlessness, sureness, trust

**misguided** [adj] *ill-advised, deluded* bearded, bum-steer\*, confused, deceived, disinformed, erroneous, faked-out\*, foolish, imprudent, indiscreet, inexpedient, injudicious, led up the garden path\*, misled, misplaced, mistaken, stonewalled\*, uncalled for, unreasonable, unwarranted, unwise, wrong; CONCEPTS 544, 548,570 —*Ant.* well-guided

**mishandle/mismanage** [v] *mess up* abuse, be incompetent, be inefficient, blow, blunder, botch\*, bungle, confound, err, flub\*, foul up, fumble, goof\*, goof up\*, gum up\*, harm, make a hash of\*, make a mess of\*, maladminister, misapply, misconduct, misdirect, misemploy, misgovern, mistreat, misuse, muff\*, overlook, pervert, prostitute, put foot in\*, screw up\*, shoot oneself in foot\*; CONCEPTS 101,156,384 —*Ant.* handle, manage

**mishap** [n] *accident* blow, blunder, calamity, collision, crack-up\*, disaster, fender-bender\*, fluke\*, hazard, ill-fortune, misadventure, misfortune, mistake, pileup\*, rear-ender\*, setback, smash\*, smashup\*, stack-up\*, total\*, wrack-up\*; CONCEPT 674

**mishmash** [n] *hodgepodge* collection, combination, goulash\*, hash, jumble, medley, mélange, mess, miscellany, mixed bag, mixture, olio, patchwork, potpourri, salmagundi\*; CONCEPTS 260,432

**misinform** [v] *give wrong information intentionally* bait and switch\*, cover up, deceive, disinform, doublespeak\*, double-talk\*, lead astray, lie, misdirect, misguide, mislead, misstate, mousetrap\*, pervert, prevaricate, put on\*, put on an act\*, put on false front\*, put up smoke screen\*, signify, string along\*, wrong steer\*; CONCEPT 63 —*Ant.* inform, tell all

**misjudge** [v] *get the wrong idea* bark up wrong tree\*, be misled, be overcritical, be partial, be unfair, be wrong, come to hasty conclusion, dogmatize, drop the ball\*, err, misapprehend, miscalculate, miscomprehend, misconceive, misconjecture, misconstrue, misdeem, misreckon, miss by a mile\*, mistake, miscalculate, misunderstand, overestimate, overrate, prejudice, presume, presuppose, put foot in\*, stumble, suppose, underestimate, underrate; CONCEPTS 12,18,101 —*Ant.* figure, judge well, understand

**mislead** [v] *give someone the wrong idea, information* bait, beguile, betray, bilk, bluff, bunk, cheat, cozen, deceive, defraud, delude, double-cross\*, dupe, enmesh, ensnare, entangle, entice, fool, fudge\*, gull, hoax, hoodwink\*, hose\*, illude, inveigle, juggle, lead astray, lead on\*, lie, lure, misdirect, misguide, misinform, misrepresent, outwit, overreach, pervert, pull wool over eyes\*, put on\*, rip off\*, rook, rope in\*, scam, seduce, shaft, snow\*, take in, tempt, trick, victimize; CONCEPTS 59,63 —*Ant.* advise, counsel, guard, lead, protect

**misleading** [adj] *deceptive, confusing* ambiguous, beguiling, bewildering, casuistical, catchy, confounding, deceitful, deceiving, deluding,

delusive, delusory, demagogic, disingenuous, distracting, evasive, fallacious, false, inaccurate, perplexing, puzzling, sophistical, specious, spurious, tricky, wrong; CONCEPTS 267,548

—*Ant.* honest, truthful

**mismatch** [*n*] *disparity* discrepancy, disproportion, dissemblance, dissimilarity, divergence, divergency, diverseness, imbalance, imparity, incongruity, inequality, unevenness; CONCEPT 665

**misogynist** [*n*] *woman-hater* anti-feminist, male chauvinist, misanthrope, sexist; CONCEPT 689

**misplace** [*v*] *lose; be unable to find* be unable to lay hands on\*, confuse, disarrange, dishevel, disorder, disorganize, displace, disturb, forget whereabouts of, lose track of, misfile, mislay, miss, mix, muss, place unwisely, place wrongly, put in wrong place, remove, scatter, unsettle; CONCEPTS 116,201 —*Ant.* find

**misrepresentation** [*n*] *falsehood* adulteration, coloring, distortion, exaggeration, fabrication, false light, falsification, lie, misstatement, mutilation, not a true picture\*, slant, story\*, stretch, tall story\*, twist, untruth; CONCEPTS 63,580

**misrepresent/misquote** [*v*] *lie, distort* adulterate, angle, beard\*, belie, build up, cloak, color, con, confuse, cover up, disguise, distort, dress, embellish, embroider, equivocate, exaggerate, falsify, garble, give snow job\*, mangle, mask, miscolor, misinterpret, misreport, misstate, overdraw, overstate, palter, pervert, phony up\*, pirate\*, prevaricate, promote, puff\*, skew, slant, snow\*, spread it on\*, stretch, take out of context\*, throw a curve\*, trump up\*, twist, warp; CONCEPT 63

—*Ant.* be forthright, be honest, explain  
**miss** [*n*] *failure* absence, blunder, default, defect, error, fault, loss, mishap, mistake, omission, oversight, slip, want; CONCEPTS 101, 699

—*Ant.* success, triumph, win  
**miss** [*v*1] *fail, make a mistake* be late for, blow, blunder, botch, disregard, drop, drop the ball\*, err, fall flat on face\*, fall short, flub\*, forget, fumble, ignore, juggle, let go, let slip, lose, miscarry, misfire, mislay, misplace, muff\*, neglect, omit, overlook, overshoot, pass over, pass up, skip, slight, slip, trip, trip up, under-shoot; CONCEPTS 101,699 —*Ant.* do well, get, succeed

**miss** [*v*2] *want; feel a loss* crave, desire, long, need, pine, wish, yearn; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* don't want

**misshapen** [*adj*] *deformed* askew, awry, bent, blemished, bowed, buckled, contorted, crooked, curved, damaged, disfigured, disjointed, distorted, grotesque, ill-made, irregular, malformed, mangled, marred, out of shape, twisted, ugly, unshapely, warped; CONCEPTS 485,486

**missile** [*n*] *projectile* weapon ammunition, arrow, bat, bird\*, bolt, bomb, bullet, cartridge, dart, MX\*, pellet, projectile, rocket, shot, stealth, trajectory; CONCEPT 500

**missing** [*adj*] *gone, absent* astray, away, AWOL\*, disappeared, lacking, left behind, left out, lost, mislaid, misplaced, not present,

nowhere to be found\*, omitted, removed, short, unaccounted for, wanting; CONCEPTS 539,576

—*Ant.* found, here, present

**mission** [*n*] *person's task, responsibility* aim, assignment, business, calling, charge, commission, duty, end, errand, goal, job, lifework, object, objective, office, operation, profession, purpose, pursuit, quest, sortie, trade, trust, undertaking, vocation, work; CONCEPTS 360, 362,659

**missionary** [*n*] *person who aids, does religious work* apostle, clergy, clergyperson, converter, evangelist, herald, messenger, minister, missionary, pastor, preacher, promoter, propagandist, proselytizer, revivalist, teacher; CONCEPTS 361,416

**missive** [*n*] *written communication* dispatch, epistle, letter, line, memo, memorandum, message, note, report, word; CONCEPTS 271,278

**misspent** [*adj*] *wasted* blown\*, dissipated, down the drain\*, idle, imprudent, misapplied, prodigal, profitless, squandered, thrown away; CONCEPTS 544,560,570 —*Ant.* profitable, unwasted, used well

**misstatement** [*n*] *misrepresentation* adulteration, coloring, distortion, exaggeration, fabrication, falsehood, false light, falsification, inaccuracy, lie, misstatement, mutilation, not a true picture\*, slant, story\*, stretch, tall story\*, twist, untruth; CONCEPTS 63,580

**misstep** [*n*] *mistake, wrong move* bad move\*, blunder, bungle, error, failure, false step, faux pas, fluff\*, gaffe, indiscretion, lapse, miscue, miss, slip, slipup\*, stumble, trip; CONCEPTS 101,674,699 —*Ant.* success

**mist** [*n*] *film, vapor* brume, cloud, condensation, dew, drizzle, fog, ground clouds, haze, moisture, rain, smog, soup\*, spray, steam, visibility zero\*; CONCEPT 524

**mist** [*v*] *cloud, steam* up becloud, befog, blur, dim, drizzle, film, fog, haze, mizzle, murk, obscure, overcast, overcloud, rain, shower, sprinkle, steam; CONCEPT 526 —*Ant.* burn off, uncloud

**mistake** [*n*] *error, misunderstanding* aberration, blooper\*, blunder, boo-boo\*, bungle, confusion, delusion, erratum, false move, false step, fault, faux pas, flub\*, fluff\*, gaffe, illusion, inaccuracy, inadventure, lapse, misapplication, misapprehension, miscalculation, misconception, misinterpretation, misjudgment, misprint, misstatement, misstep, muddle, neglect, omission, overestimation, oversight, slight, slip, slip of tongue\*, slipup\*, snafu\*, solecism, trip\*, typographical error, underestimation; CONCEPTS 101,230,410 —*Ant.* accuracy, calculation, certainty, correction, correctness, proof, success, truth, understanding

**mistake** [*v*] *mix up, misunderstand* addle, be off the mark\*, be wrong, blunder, botch\*, bungle, confound, confuse, deceive oneself, err, fail, get wrong, goof\*, have wrong impression, jumble, lapse, make a mess\*, misapprehend, miscalculate, misconceive, misconstrue, miscount, misdeem, misinterpret, misjudge, misknow, misread, miss, miss the boat\*, not know, omit,

overestimate, overlook, put foot in\*, slip\*, slip up\*, snarl, take for\*, tangle, underestimate; CONCEPTS 15,101 —**Ant.** be certain, be sure, comprehend, interpret, perceive, understand

**mistaken** [*adj*] *wrong, incorrect* all wet\*, at fault, barking up wrong tree\*, confounded, confused, confused with, deceived, deluded, duped, erroneous, fallacious, false, faulty, fooled, ill-advised, illogical, inaccurate, inappropriate, misconstrued, misguided, misinformed, misinterpreting, misjudging, misled, misunderstanding, off base\*, off track\*, tricked, unadvised, under wrong impression, unfounded, unreal, unsound, untrue, warranted, way off\*, wide of mark\*, wrongly identified, wrong number\*; CONCEPTS 402,529 —**Ant.** correct, exact, fair, just, precise, right, sound, true

**mistreat** [*v*] *treat badly or wrongly* abuse, backbite, bash, brutalize, bung up\*, chop, do wrong, dump on\*, give black eye\*, handle roughly, harm, injure, kick around, knock around, maltreat, maul, mess up, misuse, molest, outrage, push around, rip, roughhouse\*, rough up, shake up, total\*, trash\*, wax\*, wound, wrong; CONCEPTS 14,156,246 —**Ant.** coddle, favor, pamper, pet, please, satisfy, treat well

**mistrust** [*n*] *doubtfulness* apprehension, chariness, concern, distrust, doubt, dubiety, dubiousity, fear, foreboding, incertitude, misgiving, presentiment, scruple, skepticism, suspicion, uncertainty, wariness, wonder; CONCEPTS 21,27,690 —**Ant.** belief, certainty, confidence, faith, trust

**mistrust** [*v*] *doubt* apprehend, beware, be wary, challenge, disbelieve, dispute, distrust, fear, have doubts, question, scruple, suspect, suspicion; CONCEPT 21 —**Ant.** be certain, believe, have faith, trust

**misty** [*adj*] *filmy, obscure* bleary, blurred, closed in, clouded, cloudy, dark, dewy, dim, enveloped, foggy, fuzzy, hazy, indistinct, murky, mushy, nebulous, opaque, overcast, shrouded, socked in, soupy\*, unclear, vague, vaporous; CONCEPTS 525,603,617

**misunderstand** [*v*] *get the wrong idea* be at cross purposes\*, be bewildered, be confused, be perplexed, confound, confuse, fail, get signals crossed\*, get signals mixed\*, get wrong, get wrong impression\*, misapply, misapprehend, miscalculate, misconprehend, misconceive, misconstrue, misinterpret, misjudge, miskonw, misread, misreckon, miss\*, miss the point\*, mistake, not register\*, take amiss, take wrongly; CONCEPT 15 —**Ant.** comprehend, construe, get, grasp, interpret, perceive, understand

**misunderstanding** [*n1*] *instance of having the wrong idea* confounding, confusion, delusion, error, false impression, misapprehension, misconception, misconception, misinterpretation, misjudgment, misreckoning, mistake, mix-up; CONCEPT 409 —**Ant.** comprehension, understanding

**misunderstanding** [*n2*] *argument, fight* bad vibes\*, blowup\*, breach, break, clash, conflict, crossed wires\*, debate, difference, difficulty, disagreement, discord, dissension, falling-out\*,

feud, fuss, quarrel, rift, row, run-in\*, rupture, set-to, sour note\*, spat, squabble, tiff\*, variance, words\*; CONCEPTS 46,106 —**Ant.** agreement, concord, concurrence, harmony, peace

**misuse** [*n*] *abuse; wrong application* abuse, barbarism, catachresis, corruption, cruel treatment, desecration, dissipation, exploitation, harm, ill-treatment, injury, malapropism, maltreatment, misapplication, misemployment, mistreatment, misuse, perversion, profanation, prostitution, rough handling, solecism, squandering, waste; CONCEPT 156

**misuse** [*v*] *abuse; apply wrongly* blow\*, brutalize, corrupt, cut up, desecrate, dissipate, exploit, go through, handle roughly, ill-treat, maltreat, maul, mess up\*, misapply, misemploy, mistreat, molest, outrage, pervert, profane, prostitute, run through\*, shake up, squander, waste, wrong; CONCEPT 156 —**Ant.** use correctly

**mitigate** [*v*] *check, diminish, lighten* abate, allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, blunt, calm, come together, cool\*, dull, ease, extenuate, lessen, meet halfway\*, moderate, modify, mollify, pacify, palliate, placate, quiet, reduce, relieve, remit, soften, soothe, subdue, take the edge off\*, temper, tone down, tranquilize, weaken; CONCEPTS 233,240 —**Ant.** aggravate, incite, increase, intensify, irritate, worsen

**mix** [*v1*] *combine, join* admix, adulterate, alloy, amalgamate, associate, blend, braid, coalesce, commingle, commix, compound, conjoin, cross, embody, fuse, hybridize, incorporate, infiltrate, infuse, instill, interbreed, intermingle, interweave, jumble, knead, link, lump, make up, merge, mingle, mix up, put together, saturate, stir, suffice, synthesize, tangle, transfuse, unite, weave, work in; CONCEPTS 113,193 —**Ant.** detach, disconnect, divide, remove, separate, sever, unmix

**mix** [*v2*] *socialize* associate, come together, consort, get along, hang out, hobnob, join, mingle; CONCEPT 114 —**Ant.** disengage, dissociate, segregate, separate

**mixed** [*adj*] *assorted, combined* alloyed, amalgamated, assimilated, assorted, blended, brewed, composite, compound, conglomerate, crossbred, crossed, different, disordered, diverse, diversified, embodied, fused, heterogeneous, hybrid, hybridized, incorporated, infused, interbred, interdenominational, joint, kneaded, married, merged, mingled, miscellaneous, mongrel, motley, multifarious, tied, transfused, united, varied, woven; CONCEPTS 485,564, 772 —**Ant.** lone, single, singular, unmixed, uncombined

**mixed bag** [*n*] *assortment* all shapes and sizes, array, choice, collection, combination, combo\*, diversity, hodgepodge, jumble, medley, melange, miscellany, mishmash, mixture, potpourri; CONCEPTS 432,665

**mixed-up** [*adj*] *confused* baffled, befuddled, bewildered, come apart\*, confounded, dazed, discombobulated\*, disconcerted, disorganized, disoriented, flummoxed, flustered, lost, muddled, out to lunch\*, perplexed, puzzled, stumped, thrown off balance\*; CONCEPT 403

**mix/mixture** [*n*] *assortment, combination*  
 admixture, adulteration, alloy, amalgam,  
 amalgamation, assimilation, association,  
 batter, blend, brew, combine, combo, commix-  
 ture, composite, compound, concoction, confec-  
 tion, conglomeration, cross, crossing, dough,  
 fusion, goulash, grab bag\*, hodgepodge, hybrid,  
 hybridization, incorporation, infiltration,  
 interfusion, jumble, mash, medley, mélange,  
 merger, mingling, miscellany, mishmash,  
 mixed bag, mosaic, package, patchwork, pot-  
 pourri, salmagundi, saturation, soup\*, stew\*,  
 transfusion, union, variety; CONCEPTS 260,432  
 —*Ant.* disconnection, division, separation

**mix-up** [*n*] *confusion, misunderstanding* botch\*,  
 chaos, commotion, disorder, jumble, mess,  
 mistake, muddle, shambles\*, tangle, turmoil;  
 CONCEPTS 230,674 —*Ant.* understanding

**mix up** [*v*] *confuse* addle, befuddle, bewilder,  
 confound, derange, disorder, disorganize,  
 disrupt, distract, disturb, dizzy, fluster, foul up\*,  
 jumble, mess up\*, mistake, muddle, perplex,  
 puzzle, snafu\*, upset; CONCEPTS 16,158  
 —*Ant.* clear up, explain, explicate

**moan** [*n*] *groan, complaint* beef, cry, gripe,  
 grouse, grumble, lament, lamentation, plaint,  
 sigh, sob, wail, whine; CONCEPTS 52,77

**moan** [*v*] *groan, complain* bemoan, bewail,  
 carp, deplore, grieve, gripe, grouse, grumble,  
 keen, lament, mourn, sigh, sob, wail, whine;  
 CONCEPTS 52,77

**moat** [*n*] *ditch* canal, channel, fosse, gully,  
 trench; CONCEPTS 509,513

**mob** [*n*] *large group of people* assemblage,  
 body, cabal, camp, canaille, cattle, circle, clan,  
 class, clique, collection, commonality, com-  
 pany, coterie, crew, crowd, crush, drove, flock,  
 gang, gathering, herd, horde, host, jam, lot,  
 mass, masses, multitude, pack, populace, posse,  
 press, proletariat, rabble, riffraff\*, ring, riot,  
 scum, set, swarm, throng, troop; CONCEPT 378

**mob** [*v*] *come upon by pushing; surround*  
 attack, cram, crowd, fill, hustle, jam, jostle,  
 overrun, pack, riot, set upon, swarm, throng;  
 CONCEPTS 208,758 —*Ant.* avoid, ignore, leave  
 alone, shun

**mobile** [*adj*] *movable, travelling* adaptable,  
 ambulatory, changeable, fluid, free, itinerant,  
 liquid, locomotive, loose, migrant, migratory,  
 motile, motorized, moving, mutable, nomadic,  
 peripatetic, portable, roaming, roving, unsettled,  
 unstable, unstationary, unsteadfast, unsteady,  
 versatile, wandering; CONCEPTS 576,584 —*Ant.*  
 fixed, immobile, stable, stationary, unmovable

**mobility** [*n*] *ability to move* adjustability, flexi-  
 bility, maneuverability, motility, movability,  
 moveableness, portability, transportability;  
 CONCEPT 584

**mobilize** [*v*] *ready for action, movement*  
 activate, actuate, animate, assemble, call to  
 arms, call up, catalyze, circulate, drive, gather,  
 get ready, impel, make ready, marshal, muster,  
 organize, prepare, propel, put in motion, rally,  
 ready, set in motion, set off; CONCEPTS 148,187,  
 221,320 —*Ant.* check, demobilize, end, halt,  
 hold back, stop

**mobster** [*n*] *gangster* criminal, crook, godfa-  
 ther, goon, gunman/ woman, hit man/woman,  
 hood, hoodlum, hoodligan\*, mafioso\*, member  
 of the family\*, outlaw, racketeer, soldier\*,  
 thug, wise guy\*; CONCEPT 412

**mock** [*adj*] *artificial, fake* apish\*, bogus\*,  
 counterfeit, dummy, ersatz\*, faked, false,  
 feigned, forged, fraudulent, hokey\*, imitation,  
 imitative, make-believe, mimic, phony,  
 pretended, pseudo\*, put-on\*, quasi\*, sham\*,  
 simulated, so-called\*, spurious, substitute,  
 unreal; CONCEPTS 566,582 —*Ant.* authentic,  
 genuine, real

**mock** [*v1*] *ridicule* buffoon, burlesque, carica-  
 ture, chaff, deride, flout, hoot, insult, jape, jeer,  
 kid, laugh at, make fun of, needle, parody, poke  
 fun at\*, rally, rib\*, scoff, scorn, show contempt,  
 sneer, taunt, tease, thumb nose at\*, travesty;  
 CONCEPTS 7,19,49 —*Ant.* flatter, praise

**mock** [*v2*] *mimic* affect, ape, assume, burlesque,  
 caricature, counterfeit, ditto\*, do, fake, feign,  
 hoke, imitate, lampoon, mime, mirror, parody,  
 satirize, send up\*, simulate, take off\*, travesty;  
 CONCEPT 111 —*Ant.* exalt

**mock** [*v3*] *deceive* beguile, belie, betray, chal-  
 lenge, cheat, defeat, defy, delude, disappoint,  
 double-cross\*, dupe, elude, foil, fool, frustrate,  
 juggle, let down\*, mislead, sell out\*, thwart;  
 CONCEPTS 59,63 —*Ant.* tell truth

**mockery** [*n1*] *joke, parody* burlesque, butt\*,  
 caricature, deception, farce, imitation, jest,  
 lampoon, laughingstock, mimicry, mock,  
 pretense, send-up\*, sham\*, spoof, sport\*,  
 take-off\*, travesty; CONCEPTS 111,278  
 —*Ant.* seriousness, solemnity

**mockery** [*n2*] *insult, disrespect* contempt,  
 contumely, derision, disdain, disparagement,  
 gibe, jeer, ridicule, scoffing, scorn, sport;  
 CONCEPTS 49,278 —*Ant.* flattery, praise, respect

**mode** [*n1*] *manner, way* approach, book, chan-  
 nels, condition, course, custom, fashion, form,  
 mechanism, method, modus, nuts and bolts\*,  
 plan, posture, practice, procedure, process,  
 quality, rule, situation, state, status, style, system,  
 technique, tone, vein, wise; CONCEPTS 6,644

**mode** [*n2*] *trend, fad* chic, convention, craze,  
 cry, dernier cri\*, fashion, furor, last word\*,  
 latest thing\*, latest wrinkle\*, look, mainstream,  
 now\*, rage\*, style, thing\*, vogue; CONCEPTS  
 529,655

**model** [*adj*] *typical, ideal* archetypal, classic,  
 classical, commendable, copy, dummy, exem-  
 plary, facsimile, flawless, illustrative, imitation,  
 miniature, paradigmatic, perfect, prototypical,  
 quintessential, representative, standard, typical,  
 very; CONCEPTS 566,574 —*Ant.* atypical, im-  
 perfect, unusual

**model** [*n1*] *imitation, replica* cartoon, clone,  
 copy, photocast, dead ringer\*, ditto\*, dummy,  
 duplicate, effigy, engraving, facsimile, figure,  
 figurine, game plan, illustration, image, knock-  
 off, layout, look-alike, miniature, mock-up,  
 painting, paste-up, photograph, picture, pocket,  
 portrait, print, relief, representation, ringer\*,  
 setup, sketch, spitting image\*, statue, statuette,  
 tracing, visual; CONCEPTS 259,625,628,667

**model** [n2] *example, standard* apotheosis, archetype, beau ideal, criterion, design, emblem, embodiment, epitome, exemplar, gauge, hero, ideal, lodestar, mirror, mold, nonesuch, nonpareil, original, paradigm, paragon, pattern, prototype, quintessence, role model, saint, symbol, touchstone, type; CONCEPTS 686,688

**model** [n3] *person, thing that poses dummy*, manikin, mannequin, nude, sitter, subject; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* photographer

**model** [n4] *type, version* configuration, design, form, kind, mark, mode, style, variety; CONCEPTS 378,463,505,654

**model** [v1] *form, shape* base, carve, cast, create, design, fashion, mold, pattern, plan, sculpt; CONCEPT 184

**model** [v2] *display, pose* parade, represent, set example, show off, sit, sport, wear; CONCEPT 138 —*Ant.* photograph

**moderate** [adj1] *calm, temperate* abstinent, balanced, bearable, careful, cautious, compromising, conservative, considerate, considered, controlled, cool, deliberate, disciplined, dispassionate, equable, even, gentle, impartial, inconsiderable, inexpensive, judicious, limited, low-key, measured, middle-of-the-road\*, midway, mild, modest, monotonous, neutral, nonpartisan, not excessive, pacific, peaceable, pleasant, reasonable, reserved, restrained, sober, soft, steady, straight, tame, tolerable, tolerant, tranquil, untroubled; CONCEPTS 533,563 —*Ant.* excessive, extreme, immoderate, outrageous, uncontrolled, unlimited, unreasonable, unrestrained, violent, wild

**moderate** [adj2] *fair, average, so-so* bland, fairish\*, fair to middling\*, inconsequential, inconsiderable, indifferent, intermediate, mean, mediocre, medium, middling\*, ordinary, paltry, passable, piddling\*, trifling, trivial, unexceptional; CONCEPTS 547,575 —*Ant.* considerable, extravagant, extreme, immoderate, liberal, significant

**moderate** [v1] *restrain, control* abate, allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, calm, chasten, check, constrain, cool\*, cool out\*, curb, decline, decrease, die down, diminish, ease off, fall, lessen, let up, meet halfway, mitigate, modify, modulate, mollify, pacify, play down, qualify, quiet, reduce, regulate, relent, relieve, repress, slacken, slow, soften, soft-pedal, subside, subside, tame, temper, tone down, wane; CONCEPTS 94,130,240 —*Ant.* egg on, free, incite, let go, liberate, unleash

**moderate** [v2] *mediate, arbitrate* chair, judge, make peace\*, negotiate, preside, referee, take the chair\*, umpire; CONCEPTS 18,317 —*Ant.* turn over

**moderately** [adv] *to a degree, to some extent* a little, averagely, enough, fairly, gently, in moderation, in reason, kind of, more or less\*, more than not\*, not exactly, passably, pretty, quite, quite a bit, rather, reasonably, slightly, some, something, somewhat, sort of, so-so\*, temperately, tolerable, tolerably, tolerantly, within limits\*, within reason\*; CONCEPTS 544,772 —*Ant.* immoderately, unlimitedly

**moderation** [n] *temperance* balance, calmness, composure, constraint, coolness, dispassionateness, equanimity, fairness, forbearance, golden mean, judiciousness, justice, justness, lenity, measure, mildness, moderateness, patience, poise, quiet, reasonableness, restraint, sedateness, sedation, sobriety, steadiness, toleration; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* extreme, indulgence, intemperance, intensity, outrageousness, severity, unlimitedness, violence, wildness

**moderator** [n] *mitigator* alleviator, mediator, pacifier, peacemaker, referee, soother, stabilizer; CONCEPTS 348,366

**modern** [adj] *new, up-to-date* avant-garde, coincident, concomitant, concurrent, contempo, contemporary, current, cutting-edge\*, fresh, last word\*, late, latest, latter-day\*, leading-edge\*, modernistic, modernized, modish, neoteric, newfangled\*, new-fashioned, novel, now, present, present-day, prevailing, prevalent, recent, state-of-the-art\*, stylish, today, twenty-first century\*, up-to-the-minute, with-it\*; CONCEPTS 578,589,797 —*Ant.* ancient, antiquated, obsolete, old, old-fashioned, outdated, passe

**modernize** [v] *bring up to date; remodel* improve, refresh, regenerate, rejuvenate, remake, renew, renovate, restore, revamp, revive, update; CONCEPTS 168,177,202 —*Ant.* antique, date, outmode, regress, wear

**modest** [adj1] *shy* bashful, blushing, chaste, coy, demure, diffident, discreet, humble, lowly, meek, moderate, nice, proper, prudent, quiet, reserved, resigned, reticent, retiring, seemingly, self-conscious, self-effacing, sheepish, silent, simple, temperate, timid, unassertive, unassuming, unassured, unboastful, unobtrusive, unpresuming, unpretending, unpretentious, withdrawing; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* arrogant, assured, bold, brave, conceited, courageous, egotistical, proud, self-confident, unabashed, unashamed

**modest** [adj2] *limited, ordinary* average, cheap, discreet, dry, economical, fair, humble, inelaborate, inexpensive, middling, moderate, natural, plain, reasonable, simple, small, unadorned, unaffected, unembellished, unembroidered, unexceptional, unexcessive, unextravagant, unextreme, unobtrusive, unornamented, unostentatious, unpretentious, unradical, unstudied; CONCEPTS 334,547,562 —*Ant.* extraordinary, immodest, ostentatious, presumptuous, unlimited

**modesty** [n] *shyness* bashfulness, celibacy, chastity, constraint, coyness, decency, delicacy, demureness, diffidence, discretion, humbleness, humility, inhibition, innocence, lack of pretension, meekness, propriety, prudery, purity, quietness, reserve, reticence, self-effacement, simplicity, timidity, unobtrusiveness, unostentatiousness, unpretentiousness, virtue; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* arrogance, boldness, braveness, conceit, courage, ego, pride, self-confidence

**modicum** [n] *bit, small amount* atom, crumb, dash, drop, fraction, fragment, grain, inch,

- iota, jot, little, minim, mite, molecule, ounce, particle, pinch, scrap, shred, smidge, speck, tinge, touch, trifle, whit; CONCEPT 831 —**Ant.** lot
- modify** [*v*] *alter, change* adapt, adjust, become, convert, correct, customize, doctor, mutate, recast, redo, refashion, reform, remodel, reorganize, repair, reshape, revise, rework, shift gears\*, switch over, transfigure, transform, transmogrify, transmute, turn, turn one around\*, turn over new leaf\*, turn the corner\*, turn the tables\*, tweak\*, vary; CONCEPT 232 —**Ant.** leave alone, stagnate
- modify** [*v*2] *lessen, reduce* abate, curb, decrease, limit, lower, mitigate, moderate, modulate, qualify, relax, remit, restrain, restrict, slacken, soften, temper, tone down; CONCEPTS 236,240,247 —**Ant.** grow, increase
- modish** [*adj*] *fashionable* a la mode\*, all the rage\*, chic, contemporary, current, dashing, exclusive, faddy, fresh, happening, hip\*, in\*, in-thing\*, last-word, latest, mod\*, now\*, smart, stylish, swank, swish\*, trendy, up-to-date, up-to-the-minute, vogue, voguish, with-it\*; CONCEPTS 578,589,797 —**Ant.** old-fashioned, unfashionable, unstylish
- modify** [*v*] *adjust, harmonize* attune, balance, fine-tune, inflect, regulate, restrain, revamp, switch, temper, tone, transmogrify, tune, tweak, vary; CONCEPT 202 —**Ant.** leave alone
- modus operandi** [*n*] *mode of operation* manner, method, method of operation, M.O., procedure, process, rule of thumb, technique, way, way of doing things, workings; CONCEPTS 6,630
- mogul** [*n*] *person who has great power, many possessions* executive, key player\*, king, magnate, notable, personage, potentate, prince, princess, queen, royalty, top brass\*, tycoon, VIP\*; CONCEPTS 347,354
- moist** [*adj*] *wet, wettish* clammy, damp, dampish, dank, dewy, dripping, drippy, drizzly, humid, irriguous, muggy, not dry, oozy\*, rainy, soggy, teary, watery; CONCEPT 603 —**Ant.** dry
- moisten** [*v*] *make wet, damp* bathe, bedew, dampen, dip, drench, humidify, lick, mist, moisturize, rain on, rinse, saturate, shower, soak, sog, sop, splash, splatter, spray, sprinkle, squirt, steam, steep, wash, water, water down, waterlog, wet; CONCEPT 256 —**Ant.** dry
- moisture** [*n*] *dampness; liquid* damp, dankness, dew, drizzle, fog, humidity, mist, perspiration, precipitation, rain, sweat, water, wateriness, wet, wetness; CONCEPTS 467,524 —**Ant.** dryness
- moisturizer** [*n*] *lotion* balm, cream, demulcent, emollient, liniment, oil, ointment, salve, unctio, unguent; CONCEPTS 311,446,466,467,468
- mold** [*n*] *form, pattern* cast, cavity, character, class, depression, description, design, die, frame, image, impression, kind, lot, matrix, model, nature, shape, sort, stamp, type, womb; CONCEPTS 378,411,436
- mold** [*v*] *form, give shape* build, construct, devise, erect, fashion, forge, form, frame, make, pat, plan, plant, plot, put together, round, scheme, sculpt, whittle; CONCEPTS 173,175,184,251 —**Ant.** dismantle
- moldy** [*adj*] *musty* airless, dirty, funky, mildewed, mildewy, putrid, rotten, rotting, smelly, stale, stuffy; CONCEPTS 578,598,603,797
- mole** [*n*1] *blemish* beauty mark, beauty spot, birthmark, blot, freckle, nevus, strawberry mark; CONCEPT 580
- mole** [*n*2] *spy* agent, double agent, infiltrator, informer, inside man/woman, secret agent; CONCEPTS 348,412
- molecule** [*n*] *smallest part* bit, fragment, iota, jot, minim, mite, modicum, mote, ounce, particle, ray, speck, unit; CONCEPTS 393,831
- molest** [*v*1] *physically abuse* accost, assail, attack, disorganize, displace, disturb, encroach, fondle, harm, hinder, hurt, ill-treat, injure, interfere, intrude, maltreat, meddle, misuse, rape; CONCEPTS 246,375 —**Ant.** be careful, guard, protect
- molest** [*v*2] *bother, annoy* abuse, afflict, badger, bait, bedevil, beset, break in, bug\*, confuse, discommode, discompose, disquiet, disturb, encroach, frighten, harass, harry, heckle, hector, interrupt, intrude, irk, irritate, obtrude, persecute, perturb, pester, plague, pother, pursue, scare, tease, terrify, torment, trouble, upset, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —**Ant.** assist, cheer, make happy, please
- mollify** [*v*] *pacify, soothe* abate, allay, alleviate, ameliorate, appease, assuage, blunt, calm, compose, conciliate, cool, cushion, decrease, diminish, dulcify, ease, fix up, lessen, lighten, lull, mellow, mitigate, moderate, modify, pacify, patch things up\*, placate, propitiate, quell, quiet, reduce, relieve, soften, sweeten, take sting out\*, temper, tranquilize; CONCEPTS 7,22,244,698 —**Ant.** agitate, depress, exasperate, harass, incite, provoke, trouble, upset, worry
- mollycoddle** [*v*] *pamper* baby, caress, cater to, coddle, cosset, dandle\*, fondle, indulge, overindulge, overprotect, pet, spoil, wait on; CONCEPTS 136,295
- molt** [*v*] *shed* cast off, decorticate, doff, exuviate, peel, pull off, slough, take off; CONCEPTS 142,176,179,180,180,992
- molten** [*adj*] *melted* fused, glowing, igneous, liquefied, melted; CONCEPTS 250,255
- mom** [*n*] *mother* child-bearer, grandmother, ma\*, mama\*, matriarch, matron, mommy\*, mum\*, mumsy\*, parent; CONCEPTS 394,400,414
- moment** [*n*1] *brief time period* bit, breathing, crack, date, flash, hour, instant, jiff\*, jiffy\*, juncture, minute, nothing flat\*, no time\*, occasion, point, point in time, sec\*, second, shake, split second\*, stage, three winks\*, tick\*, time, trice\*, twinkle\*, twinkling\*, while, wink\*; CONCEPTS 807,808
- moment** [*n*2] *importance* advantage, avail, concern, consequence, gravity, import, magnitude, momentousness, note, pith, profit, seriousness, significance, notification, substance, use, value, weight, weightiness, worth; CONCEPT 668 —**Ant.** triviality, unimportance
- momentarily** [*adv*] *for a short time* briefly, for a little while, for a minute, for a moment, for an instant, for a second, for a short time, for a short while, immediately, instantly, now, right

now, temporarily; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* lengthily, permanently

**momentary** [*adj*] *brief, fleeting* cursory, dreamlike, ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, flitting\*, flying, fugacious, fugitive, gone in flash\*, hasty, impermanent, impulsive, instantaneous, in wink of an eye\*, like lightning, passing, quick, shifting, short, short-lived, spasmodic, summary, temporary, transient, transitory, vanishing, volatile; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* lasting, long-lasting, permanent, staying

**momentous** [*adj*] *important; serious* big, chips are down\*, consequential, considerable, critical, crucial, decisive, earth-shaking, earth-shattering, epochal, eventful, far-reaching, fateful, grave, heavy, heavy number, historic, material, meaningful, memorable, notable, of moment, outstanding, pivotal, significant, substantial, vital, weighty; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* immaterial, insignificant, trifling, trivial, unimportant

**momentum** [*n*] *impetus, push* drive, energy, force, impulse, power, propulsion, strength, thrust; CONCEPTS 641,712

**monarch** [*n*] *ruler* autocrat, crowned head, despot, emperor, empress, king, majesty, potentate, prince, princess, queen, sovereign; CONCEPTS 354,422

**monastery** [*n*] *place where monks live* abbey, cloister, friary, house, lamasery, priory, religious community; CONCEPTS 368,439,516

**monetary** [*adj*] *concerning money, finances* budgetary, capital, cash, commercial, financial, fiscal, pecuniary, pocket; CONCEPT 334

**money** [*n*] *currency accepted as exchange for goods, services* almighty dollar\*, banknote, bankroll, bill, bread\*, bucks\*, capital, cash, check, chips, coin, coinage, dough\*, finances, fund, funds, gold, gravy\*, greenback\*, hard cash\*, legal tender, loot\*, medium of exchange, pay, payment, pesos\*, property, resources, riches, roll, salary, silver, specie, treasure, wad\*, wage, wealth, wherewithal\*; CONCEPT 340

**moneyed** [*adj*] *rich* affluent, fat-cat\*, flush\*, leisure-class\*, loaded\*, opulent, prosperous, upper-class, upscale, uptown, wealthy, well-heeled\*, well-off\*, well-to-do\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* destitute, poor

**moneymaking** [*adj*] *producing profit* advantageous, gainful, going, good, lucrative, paying, profitable, remunerative, successful, thriving, well-paying; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* unprofitable

**mongrel** [*n*] *animal of mixed background* bastard, cross, crossbreed, cur, half-blood, half-breed, hybrid, mixed breed, mixture, mule, mutt; CONCEPT 394

**moniker** [*n*] *nickname* appellation, byname, denomination, handle\*, label, pet name\*, sobriquet, tag\*; CONCEPTS 268,683

**monitor** [*n*] *person who watches, oversees* adviser, auditor, counselor, director, eavesdropper, guide, informant, invigilator, listener, overseer, supervisor, watchdog; CONCEPTS 348,350

**monitor** [*v*] *listen, watch carefully* advise, audit, check, control, counsel, follow, keep an eye on\*, keep track of\*, observe, oversee, record,

scan, supervise, survey, track; CONCEPTS 117, 596,623 —*Ant.* forget, ignore, neglect

**monk** [*n*] *man who devotes life to contemplation of god* abbot, anchorite, ascetic, brother, cenobite, eremite, friar, hermit, monastic, priest, recluse, religious, solitary; CONCEPT 361

**monkey** [*n*] *primate* anthropoid, ape, baboon, chimpanzee, gorilla, imp, lemur, monk, orangutan, rascal, scamp, simian; CONCEPT 394

**monkey** [*v*] *fiddle, tamper* with busybody, butt in\*, fool, fool around\*, fool with\*, horn in\*, interfere, interlope, intermeddle, make\*, meddle, mess, play, pry, tinker, trifle; CONCEPTS 87,612 —*Ant.* leave alone

**monkey business** [*n*] *foolishness* absurdity, absurdness, antics, carrying-on\*, craziness, disobedience, foolery, high jinks, horse feathers\*, horseplay, inanity, insanity, irresponsibility, ludicrousness, lunacy, misbehavior, mischief-making, nonsense, poppycock\*, silliness, stupidity, tommyrot\*; CONCEPT 633

**monolithic** [*adj*] *massive* big, bulky, colossal, consistent, elephantine, enormous, gargantuan, giant, gigantic, grand, great, huge, hulking, immense, immovable, imposing, mammoth, permanent, solid, titanic, towering, uniform, vast, whopping\*; CONCEPTS 773,781

**monologue** [*n*] *speech by one person* address, descant, discourse, disquisition, harangue, lecture, sermon, soliloquy, speech, stand-up bit\*, talk; CONCEPTS 266,278 —*Ant.* dialogue

**monopolize** [*v*] *dominate, control* absorb, acquire, bogart, consume, copyright, corner, corner the market\*, devour, employ, engross, exclude, exercise control, have, hog\*, hold, keep to oneself, lock up\*, manage, own, own exclusively, patent, possess, restrain, sew up\*, sit on\*, syndicate, take over, take up, use, utilize; CONCEPTS 94,324,710 —*Ant.* distribute, scatter, share

**monopoly** [*n*] *something held, owned exclusively* cartel, consortium, copyright, corner, holding, oligopoly, ownership, patent, pool, possession, proprietorship, syndicate, trust; CONCEPT 710 —*Ant.* distribution, joint-ownership, scattering, sharing

**monotonous** [*adj*] *all the same, remaining the same* banaisic, blah\*, boring, colorless, dreary, droning, dull, dull as dishwater\*, flat, flat as pancake\*, ho-hum\*, humdrum\*, monotone, nothing, pedestrian, plodding, prosaic, puts one to sleep\*, recurrent, reiterated, repetitious, repetitive, samely, sing-song\*, soporific, tedious, tiresome, toneless, treadmill, unopinioned, unchanging, uniform, uninflected, uninteresting, unrelieved, unvaried, unvarying, wearisome, wearying; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* changing, ever-changing, exciting, lively, variable, versatile

**monotony** [*n*] *boredom; sameness* colorlessness, continuance, continuity, dreariness, dryness, dullness, ennui, equability, evenness, flatness, humdrum\*, identicalness, invariability, levelness, likeness, monotone, monotonousness, oneness, repetitiousness, repetitiveness, routine, same old thing\*, similarity, tediousness, tedium, tiresomeness, unchangeableness, uniformity,

wearisomeness; CONCEPTS 410,637,673 —*Ant.* change, color, excitement, liveliness, variability, versatility

**monster** [*n*] *giant animal; supernatural being* abnormality, barbarian, beast, behemoth, brute, centaur, colossus, demon, devil, dragon, fiend, Frankenstein, freak, giant, hellion, horror, leviathan, lusus naturae, mammoth, miscreation, monstrosity, mutant, ogre, phoenix, savage, titan, villain, werewolf, whale; CONCEPT 370

**monstrosity** [*n*] *freak* abnormality, atrocity, deformity, dreadfulness, enormity, eyesore, freakishness, frightfulness, grotesqueness, heinousness, hideousness, horror, monster, mutant, mutation; CONCEPTS 411,657

**monstrous** [*adj*1] *unnatural, shocking* aberrant, abnormal, atrocious, cruel, desperate, devilish, diabolical, disgraceful, dreadful, egregious, evil, fiendish, flagitious, foul, freakish, frightful, grotesque, gruesome, heinous, hellish, hideous, horrendous, horrible, horrifying, infamous, inhuman, intolerable, loathsome, macabre, miscreated, morbid, obscene, odious, ominous, outrageous, preposterous, rank, satanic, scandalous, teratoid, terrible, uncanny, unusual, vicious, villainous; CONCEPTS 537, 564,582 —*Ant.* average, common, expected, natural, ordinary, standard

**monstrous** [*adj*2] *very large* colossal, cracking, elephantine, enormous, fantastic, gargantuan, giant, gigantic, grandiose, great, huge, immense, impressive, magnificent, mammoth, massive, monumental, prodigious, stupendous, titanic, towering, tremendous, vast, whopping; CONCEPTS 773,781 —*Ant.* little, miniature, small, tiny

**monument** [*n*] *memorial, remembrance* cairn, cenotaph, column, commemoration, erection, footstone, gravestone, headstone, ledger, magnum opus, marker, masterpiece, mausoleum, memento, monolith, obelisk, pile, pillar, record, reminder, shrine, slab, statue, stele, stone, tablet, testament, token, tomb, tombstone, tower, tribute, witness; CONCEPTS 259,271, 305,470

**monumental** [*adj*] *impressive, overwhelming* awe-inspiring, awesome, classic, enduring, enormous, fantastic, gigantic, grand, great, historic, huge, immense, immortal, important, lasting, lofty, majestic, mammoth, massive, memorable, mighty, mortal, mountainous, outstanding, prodigious, significant, stupendous, towering, tremendous, unforgettable, vast; CONCEPTS 568,773 —*Ant.* insignificant, trivial, unimportant, unimposing, unimpressive

**mooch** [*v*] *cadge* beg, borrow, bum\*, bum off\*, freeload, leach off\*, scrounge, sponge; CONCEPT 89

**mood** [*n*] *state of mind* affection, air, atmosphere, attitude, aura, bent\*, blues\*, caprice, character, color\*, condition, crotch, cue, depression, desire, disposition, doldrums, dumps\*, emotion, fancy, feel\*, feeling, frame of mind\*, high spirits, humor, inclination, individuality, low spirits, melancholy, mind, personality, pleasure, propensity, response, scene, semblance, soul, spirit, strain, temper, temperament,

tendency, tenor, timbre, vagary, vein, whim, wish; CONCEPTS 410,411,673 —*Ant.* health

**moody** [*adj*] *crabby, temperamental* angry, cantankerous, capricious, changeable, crabbed\*, crestfallen, cross, dismal, doleful, dour, downcast, down in the dumps\*, down in the mouth\*, erratic, fickle, fitful, flighty, frowning, gloomy, glum, huffy, ill-humored, ill-tempered, impulsive, in a huff\*, in the doldrums, introspective, irascible, irritable, lugubrious, melancholy, mercurial, miserable, moping, morose, offended, out of sorts\*, pensive, petulant, piqued, sad, saturnine, short-tempered, splenetic, sulky, sullen, testy, touchy; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* balanced, cheerful, happy, overjoyed

**moon** [*n*] *Earth's satellite* celestial body, crescent, full moon, half-moon, heavenly body, new moon, old moon, orb of night\*, planetoid, pumpkin\*, quarter-moon, satellite; CONCEPTS 511,809

**moon** [*v*] *dream about; desire* daydream, idle, languish, mope, pine, waste time, yearn; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* abhor, despise, dislike, hate

**moonshine** [*n*] *illegally distilled alcohol* bathtub gin\*, bootleg, firewater\*, home brew, hooch\*, mountain dew\*, rotgut\*, white lightning; CONCEPTS 454,467

**moor** [*v*] *anchor, fasten* securely berth, catch, chain, dock, fix, lash, make fast, picket, secure, tether, tie, tie up; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* loose, push off, unhitch

**mooring** [*n*] *landing* anchorage, berth, dock, harbor, marina, pier, port, station, wharf; CONCEPT 439

**moot** [*adj*] *doubtful, arguable* at issue, contestable, controversial, debatable, disputable, dubious, open, open to debate, problematic, questionable, suspect, uncertain, undecided, unresolved, unsettled; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* decided, definite, proven, resolved

**mop** [*n*1] *tangle of material, often used to absorb liquid* duster, sponge, squeegee, swab, sweeper, towel; CONCEPTS 392,499

**mop** [*n*2] *thick mass of hair* mane, shock, tangle, thatch, tresses; CONCEPT 399

**mop** [*v*] *clean by using water and cloth* dab, dust, pat, polish, rub, soak up, sponge, squeeze, swab, towel off, wash, wipe; CONCEPT 165

**mope** [*v*] *pout, be dejected* ache, be apathetic, be down in the mouth\*, be gloomy, be in a funk\*, bleed\*, brood, chafe, despair, despond, droop, eat one's heart out, fret, grieve, grumble, grump, idle, lament, languish, lose heart, moon, pine, pine away\*, regret, repine, sink, stew over\*, sulk, sweat over\*, waste time\*, wear a long face\*, yearn; CONCEPTS 20,410 —*Ant.* be elated, be happy

**moral** [*adj*] *ethical, honest* aboveboard, blameless, chaste, conscientious, correct, courteous, decent, decorous, dutiful, elevated, exemplary, good, high-minded, honorable, immaculate, incorruptible, innocent, just, kindly, kosher\*, laudable, meet, meritorious, modest, moralistic, noble, praiseworthy, principled, proper, pure, respectable, right, righteous, saintly, salt of the earth\*, scrupulous, seemingly, square, straight, true-blue\*, trustworthy, truthful, upright,



upstanding, virtuous, worthy; CONCEPT 545  
 —*Ant.* amoral, bad, corrupt, dishonest, evil, immoral, sinful, unethical, unprincipled, vile  
**moral** [*n*] *lesson, proverb* adage, aphorism, apophthegm, axiom, dictum, epigram, gnome, maxim, meaning, message, moralism, motto, point, precept, rule, saw, saying, sermon, significance, truism; CONCEPTS 278,283  
**morale** [*n*] *confidence, self-esteem* assurance, attitude, disposition, drive, esprit, esprit de corps, heart, humor, mettle, mood, outlook, resolve, self-confidence, self-possession, spirit, temper, temperament, turn, vigor; CONCEPTS 410  
**moral** [*n*] *ethics, honesty* chastity, conduct, decency, ethicality, ethicalness, gentleness, godliness, good habits, goodness, honor, ideals, incorruptibility, incorruption, integrity, justice, manners, moral code, morals, mores, philosophy, principle, principles, probity, purity, rectitude, righteousness, rightness, saintliness, standards, uprightness, virtue, worthiness; CONCEPT 645  
 —*Ant.* amorality, badness, corruption, dishonesty, evil, immorality, sinfulness, unethicalness  
**moralize** [*v*] *preach* admonish, edify, lecture, pass judgment, pontificate, pontify, preachify, sermonize, teach; CONCEPTS 51,75  
**morals** [*n*] *personal principles, standards* behavior, beliefs, conduct, customs, dogmas, ethic, ethics, habits, ideals, integrity, manners, morality, mores, policies, scruples; CONCEPTS 411,645,688 —*Ant.* amorality, disrespectability, immorality, indecency, unethicalness  
**morass** [*n*] *bog; mess* chaos, confusion, fen, jam, jungle, knot, labyrinth, marsh, maze, mesh, mix-up, muddle, quagmire, skein, snarl, swamp, tangle, web; CONCEPTS 230,509  
 —*Ant.* order, organization  
**moratorium** [*n*] *suspension* abeyance, abeyancy, adjournment, ban, break, breather\*, breathing spell\*, deferment, delay, downtime\*, five\*, freeze, grace period, halt, pause, postponement, reprieve, respite, stay, truce; CONCEPTS 119, 807,832  
**morbid** [*adj*] *gloomy, nasty, sickly* aberrant, abnormal, ailing, brooding, dark, deadly, depressed, despondent, diseased, dreadful, frightful, ghastly, ghoulish, grim, grisly, gruesome, hideous, horrid, infected, irascible, macabre, malignant, melancholy, monstrous, moody, pessimistic, saturnine, sick, somber, sullen, unhealthy, unnatural, unsound, unusual, unwholesome; CONCEPTS 314,403,537 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, healthy, pleased, sound  
 **mordant** [*adj*] *sarcastic* acerb, acerbic, acid, biting, bitter, caustic, cutting, cynical, disparaging, disrespectful, mean, poignant, pointed, sardonic, scathing, sharp; CONCEPT 267  
**more** [*adj*] *additional, greater* added, aggrandized, also, amassed, and, another, augmented, besides, bounteous, deeper, else, enhanced, exceeding, expanded, extended, extra, farther, fresh, further, heavier, higher, in addition, increased, innumerable, larger, likewise, major, massed, more than that, new, numerous, other, over and above, spare, supplementary, too many, wider; CONCEPTS 762,771 —*Ant.* fewer, less

**more** [*adv*] *to a greater extent* additionally, along with, also, as well, besides, better, beyond, further, furthermore, in addition, likewise, longer, moreover, over, too, withal; CONCEPTS 544,772 —*Ant.* fewer, less  
**more or less** [*adv*] *approximately* about, almost, around, ballpark figure\*, bordering on, circa, close to, in the ballpark\*, in the neighborhood of, in the vicinity of, just about, not far from, not quite, on average, relatively, roughly, thereabouts, very close; CONCEPT 566  
**moreover** [*adv*] *additionally* also, as well, besides, by the same token\*, further, furthermore, in addition, likewise, more, to boot\*, too, what is more\*, withal, yet; CONCEPTS 544,772  
**mores** [*n*] *traditional customs* attitude, codes, established ways, etiquette, formalities, manners, morals, policies, practices, principles, protocol, rites, rituals, routines, rules, social conduct, standards, way of life; CONCEPTS 644,687  
**morgue** [*n*] *mortuary* charnel house, crematory, funeral home, funeral parlor; CONCEPTS 172,386  
**moribund** [*adj*] *dying* at death's door\*, at the end of the rope\*, declining, done for\*, doomed, expiring, fading, fated, going, mortal, mortally ill, one foot in the grave\*, on one's deathbed, on one's last leg\*, passing, perishing; CONCEPT 539  
**morning** [*n*] *first part of the day* after midnight, AM, ante meridiem, aurora, before lunch, before noon, breakfast time\*, break of day, cockcrow\*, crack of dawn\*, dawn, daybreak, daylight, dayspring, early bright\*, first blush\*, foreday, forenoon, morning\*, morningtide, morrow, prime\*, sunrise, sunup, wee hours\*; CONCEPTS 801,802,806,810  
**moron** [*n*] *stupid person* adleppate, blockhead\*, boob\*, dimwit, dingbat\*, dolt, dope\*, dork\*, dumbbell\*, dummy\*, dunce, fool, halfwit, idiot, ignoramus, imbecile, lamebrain\*, loony\*, loser\*, mental defective\*, nerd\*, simpleton; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* brain  
**moronic** [*adj*] *stupid* asinine, brainless, dense, dimwitted, doltish, dopey\*, dumb, foolish, half-baked\*, idiotic, ill-advised, imbecilic, inane, irresponsible, ludicrous, mindless, nonsensical, pointless, senseless, unintelligent, unthinking; CONCEPTS 402,548  
**morose** [*adj*] *depressed, pessimistic* acrimonious, blue\*, brusque, cantankerous, choleric, churlish, crabbed\*, crabby\*, cranky\*, cross, dolorous, dour, down, down in the dumps\*, down in the mouth\*, frowning, gloomy, glum, grouchy, gruff, harsh, having blue devils\*, having the blahs\*, ill-humored, ill-tempered, in a bad mood\*, in a blue funk\*, irritable, low, melancholy, moody, moping, mournful, perverse, perversive, sad, saturnine, singing the blues\*, snappish, sour, splenetic, sulky, sullen, surly, taciturn, testy, troubled, ugly; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, friendly, happy, light-hearted, optimistic, uplifted  
**morsel** [*n*] *tiny piece* bait, bit, bite, chunk, crumb, cut, delicacy, drop, fraction, fragment, grain, hunk, lump, mouthful, nibble, nosh,

part, sample, scrap, segment, slice, snack, soupçon, taste, tidbit, treat; CONCEPTS 457,458, 831,835 —*Ant.* lot

**mortal** [*adj*1] *deadly* bitter, death-dealing, deathly, destructive, dire, ending, extreme, fatal, grave, great, grievous, grim, intense, killing, last, lethal, malignant, merciless, monstrous, mortiferous, murderous, noxious, pestilent, pestilential, poisonous, relentless, remorseless, ruthless, severe, terminal, terrible, unrelenting; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* invigorating, life-giving, permanent, refreshing

**mortal** [*adj*2] *human* animate, bipedal, corporeal, creatural, earthly, *ecce homo*, ephemeral, evanescent, fading, finite, frail, fugacious, impermanent, momentary, passing, perishable, precarious, sublunary, temporal, transient, weak, worldly; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* animal, immortal, inhuman, plant

**mortal** [*n*] *human being* animal, being, body, character, creature, earthing, human, individual, living soul, man, naked ape, party, person, personage, soul, woman; CONCEPT 417 —*Ant.* animal, plant

**mortality** [*n*1] *death* bloodshed, carnage, deadliness, destruction, dying, extinction, fatality, killing, lethality, loss of life; CONCEPT 407 —*Ant.* birth, life

**mortality** [*n*2] *humanness* being, ephemerality, flesh, *Homo sapiens*, humanity, humankind, human race, impermanence, temporality, transience; CONCEPTS 417,648 —*Ant.* animal life, immortality, inhumanness, plant life

**mortally** [*adv*] *fatally* badly, critically, gravely, painfully, seriously; CONCEPTS 544,565,568

**mortgage** [*n*] *loan agreement* contract, debt, deed, homeowner's loan, pledge, title; CONCEPT 332

**mortician** [*n*] *undertaker* embalmer, funeral director; CONCEPT 304

**mortification** [*n*] *humiliation* abasement, affront, bring down, chagrin, condescension, degradation, disgrace, dishonor, embarrassment, humbling, ignominy, loss of face\*, put-down, resignation, shame; CONCEPTS 388,410

**mortify** [*v*] *embarrass* abase, abash, affront, annoy, belittle, chagrin, chasten, confound, control, crush, deflate, deny, disappoint, discipline, discomfit, disgrace, displeasure, get one's comeuppance\*, harass, humble, humiliate, put to shame, ridicule, shame, subdue, take down a peg\*, take the wind out\*, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19,52,54 —*Ant.* compliment, flatter, praise, satisfy

**mortuary** [*n*] *funeral home* charnel house, crematory, funeral parlor, morgue; CONCEPT 304

**mosaic** [*n*] *collage* checker, montage, motley, patchwork, plaid, tessellation, variegation; CONCEPTS 259,625

**mosey** [*v*] *saunter* amble, dally, dilly-dally, drift, linger, loiter, meander, mope\*, move slowly, ramble, stroll along, take a stroll, take it easy, traipse, walk slowly; CONCEPT 151

**mosque** [*n*] *temple* cathedral, chapel, church, holy place, house of God, house of worship,

masjid, place of worship, sanctuary, shrine, synagogue, tabernacle; CONCEPTS 368,439

**mossback** [*n*] *old-fashioned person* conservative, fuddy-duddy\*, geezer\*, old fogey\*, old geezer\*, square\*; CONCEPT 424

**most** [*adj*] *best, greatest* better, biggest, greater, highest, largest, lion's share\*, max\*, maximum, ultimate, utmost, uttermost; CONCEPTS 771,772 —*Ant.* least

**most** [*adv*] *nearly all; extremely* about, all but, almost, approximately, close, eminently, exceedingly, in the majority, mightily, much, nearly, nigh, practically, remarkably, super, surpassingly, too, very, well-nigh; CONCEPTS 544,569,771 —*Ant.* least

**mostly** [*adv*] *generally, mainly* above all, almost entirely, as a rule\*, chiefly, customarily, essentially, for the most part\*, frequently, in many instances\*, largely, many times, most often, often, on the whole\*, overall, particularly, predominantly, primarily, principally, regularly, usually; CONCEPTS 544,548,772

**mote** [*n*] *speck* atom, bit, crumb, dot, fleck, fragment, grain, iota, particle, small thing,

smidgen, speckle, tiny bit, trace; CONCEPT 831

**motel** [*n*] *temporary, short-term residence, often for travelers* cabin, court, hotel, inn, lodge, motor court, resort, roadhouse; CONCEPTS 439, 449,516

**moth-eaten** [*adj*] *shabby; stale* ancient, antiquated, archaic, dated, decayed, decrepit, dilapidated, moribund, old-fashioned, outdated, ragged, tattered, threadbare, worn-out; CONCEPT 485

**mother** [*n*] *female person who has borne children* ancestor, child-bearer, creator, forebearer, mom\*, mommy\*, origin, parent, predecessor, procreator, progenitor, source; CONCEPTS 394,400,414,415,423 —*Ant.* father

**motif** [*n*] *central theme* concept, design, idea, logo, notion, pattern, structure, subject; CONCEPTS 278,682,689

**motion** [*n*1] *movement, action* act, advance, agitation, ambulation, body English\*, change, changing, direction, drift, dynamics, flow, fluctuation, flux, full swing\*, gesticulation, gesture, high sign\*, inclination, kinetics, locomotion, mobility, motility, move, oscillation, passage, passing, progress, sign, signal, stir, stirring, stream, sway, sweep, swing, tendency, travel, wave, wavering; CONCEPT 145 —*Ant.* immobility, repose, rest, stagnation, stiffness, stillness

**motion** [*n*2] *formal suggestion in a meeting* plan, proposal, proposition, recommendation, submission; CONCEPTS 75,278

**motion** [*v*] *gesture, direct* beckon, flag, gesticulate, guide, invite, move, nod, sign, signal, signalize, wave; CONCEPT 149 —*Ant.* be still

**motionless** [*adj*] *calm, not moving* apoplectic, at a standstill, at rest, becalmed, dead, deadlocked, deathly, firm, fixed, frozen, halted, immobile, immotile, inanimate, inert, lifeless, numb, palsied, paralyzed, petrified, quiescent, quiet, spellbound, stable, stagnant, stalled,

standing, static, stationary, steadfast, still, stock-still, torpid, transfixed, unmovable, unmoved, unmoving; CONCEPTS 488, 584 —*Ant.* active, busy, lively, mobile, moving

**motion picture** [*n*] *movie* cine, cinema, cinematics, cinematograph, feature film, film, flick\*, moving picture, picture show, silver screen\*, talkie\*, talking picture, videotape; CONCEPTS 263, 293

**motivate** [*v*] *stimulate, instigate* actuate, arouse, bring, cause, dispose, draw, drive, egg on\*, excite, fire, galvanize, give incentive, goad, goose\*, impel, incite, incline, induce, innervate, innerve, inspire, inspirit, lead, move, persuade, pique, predetermine, predispose, prevail upon, prompt, propel, provoke, quicken, rouse, set afoot, set astir, sound, spark, spur, suggest, sway, touch off, trigger, whet; CONCEPTS 14, 68, 242 —*Ant.* depress, disconcert, discourage, dissuade

**motivation** [*n*] *ambition, inspiration* action, actuation, angle, catalyst, desire, disposition, drive, encouragement, fire, get up and go\*, gimmick, goose\*, hunger, impetus, impulse, impulsion, incentive, incitation, incitement, inclination, inducement, instigation, interest, kick\*, motive, persuasion, predetermination, predisposition, provocation, push, reason, right stuff\*, spur, stimulus, suggestion, wish; CONCEPTS 20, 41, 689 —*Ant.* depression, discouragement

**motive** [*n*] *reason, purpose* aim, antecedent, basis, cause, consideration, design, determinant, drive, emotion, end, feeling, grounds, idea, impulse, incentive, incitement, inducement, influence, inspiration, intent, intention, mainspring, motivation, object, occasion, passion, rationale, root, spring, spur, stimulus, thinking; CONCEPTS 20, 661, 689 —*Ant.* deterrent, discouragement, hindrance

**motley** [*adj*] *mixed, varied* assorted, conglomerate, dappled, discrepant, disparate, dissimilar, diversified, heterogeneous, indiscriminate, kaleidoscopic, mingled, miscellaneous, mixed, mottled, multicolor, multicolored, multiform, multihued, polychromatic, prismatic, rainbow, unlike, varicolored, variegated, various, versicolor; CONCEPTS 564, 618 —*Ant.* homogenous, like, same, similar, uniform, unmixed, unvaried

**motor** [*n*] *engine* cylinder, diesel, generator, mechanism, piston, power train, transformer, turbine, what's under the hood\*; CONCEPT 463

**motorcade** [*n*] *procession of motor vehicles* caravan, convoy, parade; CONCEPTS 432, 503

**motorcycle** [*n*] *motorbike* chopper\*, dirt bike, enduro, hog\*, minibike, moped, scooter; CONCEPTS 364, 505

**motor home** [*n*] *recreational vehicle* camper, mobile home, RV; CONCEPT 505

**motorized** [*adj*] *power-driven* mechanical, mechanized, powered; CONCEPT 544

**mottled** [*adj*] *speckled* blotchy, checkered, dappled, flecked, freckled, maculate, marbled, motley, piebald, pied, skewbald, spotted, streaked, tabby, variegated; CONCEPTS 606, 618 —*Ant.* plain, unflecked

**motto** [*n*] *saying, slogan* adage, aphorism, apothegm, battle cry, byword, catchphrase, cry, epigram, formula, maxim, precept, proverb, rallying cry, rule, saw, sentiment, shibboleth, war cry, watchword, word; CONCEPT 278

**mound** [*n*] *heap, hill* anthill, bank, drift, dune, embankment, hillock, knoll, mump, molehill, mountain, pile, rise, shock, stack, tumulus; CONCEPTS 432, 509 —*Ant.* depression, ditch, valley

**mount** [*v1*] *climb* arise, ascend, back, bestride, clamber up, climb onto, climb up on, escalate, escalate, get astride, get up on, go up, jump on, lift, rise, scale, soar, tower up, vault; CONCEPTS 149, 154, 166 —*Ant.* alight, dismount, fall

**mount** [*v2*] *increase, grow* accumulate, aggravate, augment, build, deepen, enhance, enlarge, escalate, expand, heighten, intensate, intensify, multiply, pile up, redouble, rise, rouse, swell, upsurge, wax; CONCEPTS 704, 780 —*Ant.* decline, decrease, drop, fall, slump, subside

**mount** [*v3*] *affix, frame* emplace, exhibit, fit, install, place, position, prepare, produce, put in place, put on, set up, show, stage; CONCEPTS 174, 261 —*Ant.* dismount, unfix

**mountain** [*n*] *very large hill* abundance, alp, bank, bluff, butte, cliff, crag, dome, drift, elevation, eminence, glob, heap, height, hump, mass, mesa, mound, mount, palisade, peak, pike, pile, precipice, pyramid, range, ridge, shock, sierra, stack, ton, tor, volcano; CONCEPTS 432, 509 —*Ant.* crevasse, valley

**mountaineer** [*n*] *mountain climber* alpinist, backpacker, climber, cragsman, cragswoman, hiker, rock climber; CONCEPTS 149, 224, 363

**mountaineering** [*n*] *mountain climbing* alpinism, backpacking, hiking, hill-climbing, rock-climbing; CONCEPTS 149, 224, 363

**mountainous** [*adj*] *hilly; large* alpine, big, colossal, gigantic, highland, huge, mammoth, tall, towering; CONCEPT 509

**mountebank** [*n*] *charlatan* cheat, con man/woman\*, grifter, imposter, rip-off artist\*, swindler; CONCEPT 412

**mourn** [*v*] *be sad over loss* ache, agonize, anguish, be brokenhearted\*, bemoan, be sad, bewail, bleed, blubber, carry on, complain, cry, deplore, fret, grieve, hurt, keen, lament, languish, long for, miss, moan, pine, regret, repine, rue, sigh, sob, sorrow, suffer, take it hard\*, wail, wear black\*, weep, wring hands\*, yearn; CONCEPTS 23, 410 —*Ant.* be happy, be joyful

**mournful** [*adj*] *sorrowful* anguished, bereft, cheerless, depressed, disconsolate, distressing, doleful, dolent, forlorn, full of sorrow, grief-stricken, grieving, grievous, heartbroken, in mourning, in pain, in sorrow, lamentable, pitiful, sad, sombre, woeful; CONCEPT 403

**mourning** [*n*] *sadness, time of sadness* aching, bereavement, blackness, crying, darkness, grief, grieving, keening, lamentation, lamenting, languishing, moaning, pining, repining, sorrowing, wailing, weeping, woe; CONCEPTS 388, 410 —*Ant.* cheer, happiness, joy

**mousy** [*adj*] *drab; quiet* bashful, colorless, diffident, dull, indeterminate, ineffectual, pale,

plain, self-effacing, shy, timid, timorous, unassertive, unassuming; CONCEPTS 401,618

—*Ant.* beautiful, extroverted, fancy, fixed-up  
**mouth** [n] *opening* aperture, beak, box, cavity, chops\*, clam, crevice, delta, door, embouchement, entrance, estuary, firth, fly trap, funnel, gate, gills, gob, harbor, inlet, jaws, kisser\*, lips, mush\*, orifice, portal, rim, trap\*, yap\*; CONCEPTS 392,513

**mouth** [n2] *backtalk* boasting, braggadocio, bragging, cheek, empty talk\*, freshness, gas\*, guff\*, hot air\*, idle talk, impudence, insolence, lip\*, rudeness, sass\*, sauce\*; CONCEPTS 54,278

**mouth off** [v] *talk back* answer back, come back at, sass, sass back, wise off; CONCEPTS 44,52

**mouthpiece** [n] *spokesperson* agent, delegate, PR person, representative, speaker, spokesman, spokeswoman; CONCEPTS 348,354,359

**mouth-watering** [adj] *appetizing* aperitive, appealing, delectable, delicious, divine\*, flavorsome, full of flavor, heavenly\*, luscious, palatable, piquant, saporous, savory, scrumptious, succulent, tasty, tempting, yummy\*; CONCEPT 613

**mouthy** [adj] *talkative* big-mouthed\*, chattering, chatty\*, full of hot air\*, gabby, garrulous, gossipy, long-winded\*, loose-lipped\*, loud-mouthed\*, ranting, talky, vociferous, windy\*; CONCEPT 267

**movable** [adj] *transportable* adaptable, adjustable, ambulatory, conveyable, deployable, detachable, in parts, liftable, loose, mobile, motile, moving, not fastened, not fixed, on wheels, portable, portable, removable, separable, shiftable, transferable, turnable, unattached, unfastened, unstationary, unsteady; CONCEPTS 488,584 —*Ant.* fixed, immovable, permanent, unmovable, untransportable

**move** [n] *progress, deed* act, action, alteration, change, maneuver, measure, modification, motion, movement, ploy, procedure, proceeding, shift, step, stir, stirring, stratagem, stroke, turn, variation; CONCEPTS 2,660 —*Ant.* idleness, inaction, inactivity, regression, stagnation

**move** [v1] *be in motion, put in motion* actuate, advance, blow, budge, bustle, carry, change, climb, crawl, cross, depart, dislocate, disturb, drift, drive, exit, flow, fly, get away, get going, get off, glide, go, go away, head for, hurry, impel, jump, leap, leave, locomote, march, migrate, off-load, position, proceed, progress, propel, pull out, push, quit, relocate, remove, roll, run, scam, shift, ship, shove, skip out, split, stir, switch, take off, transfer, transport, transpose, travel, traverse, walk, withdraw; CONCEPTS 147,149,198 —*Ant.* fix, pause, remain, stay, stop

**move** [v2] *motivate, influence* activate, actuate, advocate, affect, agitate, bring, bring up, budge, carry, cause, convert, draw up, drive, excite, get going, give rise to, impel, impress, incite, induce, inspire, inspirit, instigate, introduce, lead, operate, persuade, play on, prevail upon, prompt, propel, propose, push, put forward, quicken, recommend, rouse, shift, shove, start,

stimulate, stir, strike, submit, suggest, sway, touch, tug at, turn, urge, work on; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,75,242 —*Ant.* discourage, dishearten, dissuade

**movement** [n1] *motion, activity* act, action, advance, agitation, alteration, change, changing, deed, development, displacement, dynamism, evolution, evolving, exercise, flight, flow, flux, gesture, journey, journeying, locomotion, maneuver, migration, mobility, motility, movableness, move, moving, operation, operativeness, passage, progress, progression, regression, roaming, shift, shifting, steps, stir, stirring, transferal, transit, translating, transplanting, undertaking, velocity, voyaging, wandering; CONCEPTS 2,145,697 —*Ant.* cessation, halt, inaction, inactivity, pause, stoppage  
**movement** [n2] *drive, campaign* change, crusade, current, demonstration, displacement, drift, evolution, faction, flight, flow, front, group, grouping, march, mobilization, organization, party, patrol, shift, sweep, swing, tendency, transfer, transition, trend, unrest, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 381,697 —*Ant.* indifference

**mover and shaker** [n] *doer* achiever, catalyst, enterprising person, entrepreneur, generator, getter\*, mover, player\*, producer, spark plug\*, upstart, wheeler and dealer\*; CONCEPT 347

**movie** [n] *presentation of action on continuous film* cine, cinema, cinematics, cinematograph, feature, film, flick\*, motion picture, moving picture, photoplay, picture, screenplay, show, silent\*, silver screen\*, talkie\*, talking picture, videotape; CONCEPTS 263,293

**moving** [adj1] *affecting, exciting* affecting, arousing, awakening, breathless, dynamic, eloquent, emotional, emotive, expressive, facund, far-out\*, felt in gut\*, grabbed by\*, gripping, hairy\*, heartbreaking, heartrending, impelling, impressive, inspirational, inspiring, meaningful, mind-bending\*, mind-blowing\*, motivating, persuasive, poignant, propelling, provoking, quickening, rallying, rousing, sententious, significant, something\*, stimulating, stimulative, stirring, stunning, touching, turned on by\*; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* unaffected, unemotional, unexciting, unmoving

**moving** [adj2] *mobile* advancing, changing, climbing, evolving, flying, going, jumping, motile, movable, nomadic, portable, progressing, roaming, roving, running, shifting, traversing, unfixd, unstable, unsteadfast, unsteady, walking; CONCEPTS 488,584 —*Ant.* fixed, immobile, permanent, stationary, unmoving

**mow** [v] *cut* clip, crop, scythe, shear, sickle, trim; CONCEPTS 137,176,236,247

**moxie** [n] *courage* adventuresomeness, adventurousness, audacity, backbone, boldness, braveness, bravery, daring, dash, dauntlessness, determination, fearlessness, fortitude, gameness, grit, guts, hardihood, mettle, nerve, pluck, prowess, spirit, spunk, stamina, tenacity, toughness, valor; CONCEPT 411,633

**much** [adj] *plenty* abundant, adequate, a lot of\*, ample, complete, considerable, copious, countless, endless, enough, everywhere, extravagant,

full, galore, generous, great, heaps\*, immeasurable, jam-packed\*, lavish, loads\*, lotsa\*, many, mega\*, mucho\*, no end\*, plentiful, profuse, satisfying, scads\*, sizable, substantial, sufficient, very many, voluminous; CONCEPTS 772,781 —*Ant.* little

**much** [adv] *greatly, a lot* again and again, a great deal\*, considerably, decidedly, eminently, exceedingly, exceptionally, extremely, frequently, highly, hugely, indeed, notably, oft, often, over and over\*, regularly, repeatedly, surpassingly, time and time again\*, very; CONCEPTS 530,544,548 —*Ant.* little

**much** [n] *a great deal* abundance, all kinds of\*, a lot\*, amplitude, appreciable amount, barrel, breadth, completeness, copiousness, excess, exuberance, fullness, gobs\*, great quantity, heaps\*, loads\*, lots\*, lump, mass, mess\*, mountain, multiplicity, oodles\*, overage, oversupply, pack, peck, pile, plentifulness, plenty, plethora, profuseness, riches, scads\*, sufficiency, superabundance, superfluity, thousands, tons\*, very much, volume, wealth; CONCEPT 771 —*Ant.* little

**mud** [n] *wet dirt* clay, mire, muck, ooze, silt, slab, sludge, slush; CONCEPT 509

**muddle** [n] *confused state* ataxia, awkwardness, botch, chaos, clutter, complexity, complication, confusion, daze, difficulty, dilemma, disarrangement, disarray, disorder, disorganization, emergency, encumbrance, fog, foul-up\*, hash, haze, intricacy, involvement, jumble, mess, mess and a half\*, mix-up\*, muss\*, perplexity, plight, predicament, quandary, rat's nest\*, screw-up\*, shambles\*, snarl, struggle, tangle, trouble; CONCEPTS 230,410,666 —*Ant.* enlightenment, order, organization

**muddle** [v] *confuse, disorganize* addle, befuddle, bewilder, blunder, botch, bungle, clutter, complicate, confound, daze, derange, disarrange, discombobulate\*, disorder, disorient, disturb, entangle, fluster, foul, foul up\*, jumble, louse up, make a mess of\*, mess, misarrange, mix, mix up\*, muck, mumble, murmur, nonpluss, perplex, perturb, psych out\*, rattle, ravel, ruffle, scramble, shuffle, snafu\*, snarl, spoil, stir up, stumble, stupefy, tangle, throw, throw off, tumble; CONCEPTS 16,84,242 —*Ant.* clear up, educate, enlighten, explain, explicate, order, organize

**muddled** [adj] *confused* addled, befuddled, bewildered, blurred, chaotic, convoluted, dazed, disarranged, disarrayed, disordered, disorderly, disorganized, in disarray, jumbled, messy, mixed up, scrambled, topsy-turvy, untidy; CONCEPT 585

**muddy** [adj] *dark and cloudy* addled, bemired, bespattered, black, blurred, boggy\*, caked, confused, dingy, dirty, dull, filthy, flat, foul, fuzzy, gloomy, greasy, grimy, grubby\*, gummy\*, gunky\*, hazy, impure, indistinct, marshy, miry, mucky\*, obscure, opaque, roily, sloppy, slushy, smoky, sodden, soggy, soiled, subfuse, swampy, turbid, unclear, unclear; CONCEPTS 485,606,618 —*Ant.* bright, clean, clear

**mudslinging** [n] *smear campaign* character

assassination, defamation, dirty politics, dragging one's name through the mud, negative campaign, slander; CONCEPT 54

**muff** [v] *bungle* blunder, boggle, botch, choke\*, drop the ball\*, err, flub, foul up, fumble, goof up\*, make a mess of, mess up, miscalculate, mishandle, mismanage, screw up\*, slip; CONCEPT 101

**muffle** [v] *suppress, make quiet* conceal, cover, cushion, dampen, deaden, decrease, drown, dull, envelop, gag, hide, hush, mellow, mute, muzzle, put the lid on\*, quieten, shut down, silence, sit down on\*, smother, soften, soft-pedal\*, squelch, stifle, subdue, tone down\*, wrap\*; CONCEPTS 65,121,240 —*Ant.* blab, let loose, tell

**muffled** [adj] *quietened* deadened, dim, dull, faint, flat, indistinct, mute, muted, obscure, silenced, stifled, strangled, subdued, suppressed; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* clear, unblocked

**mug** [n1] *drinking cup* coffee cup, demitasse, flagon, jug, stoup, tankard, toby; CONCEPT 494

**mug** [n2] *face* countenance, frown, grimace, kisser\*, mask, profile, puss\*; CONCEPT 484

**mug** [v] *hold up* assault, hold up\*, purse-snatch, rob, steal, stick up\*; CONCEPTS 52,86

**muggy** [adj] *humid* clammy\*, close, damp, dampish, dank, moist, mucky\*, oppressive, soggy, sticky, stuffy, sultry; CONCEPTS 525,603 —*Ant.* dry

**mulish** [adj] *obstinate* adamant, bullheaded, dead set on\*, dogged, firm, hardened, headstrong, immovable, inflexible, intractable, obdurate, opinionated, persistent, pigheaded\*, recalcitrant, relentless, single-minded, steadfast, strong-minded, stubborn, tenacious; CONCEPTS 401,404,542

**mull** [v] *think about seriously* brood over, chaw, consider, contemplate, delay, deliberate, examine, figure, hammer away at\*, linger, meditate, moon\*, muse on, ponder, pore over, procrastinate, rack one's brains\*, reflect, review, revolve, ruminate, stew over\*, study, sweat over\*, think over, turn over, weigh, wool-gather\*; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**multicolored** [adj] *having various hues* checkered, dappled, flecked, kaleidoscopic, marbled, motley, mottled, multicolor, particolored, piebald, pied, polychrome, prismatic, speckled, spotted, streaked, varicolored, veined, versicolor; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* monochrome

**multiculturalism** [n] *doctrine acknowledging contributions and interests of many cultures* cross-culturalism, cultural diversity, diversity, ethnic inclusiveness, ethnic mosaic, multiracialism, pluralism; CONCEPTS 665,689

**multifarious** [adj] *diverse* assorted, divers, diversified, manifold, many, miscellaneous, multiple, multitudinous, myriad, numerous, varied, various; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* homogenous

**multimedia** [n] *combined use of several media* interactive media, intermedia, mixed media; CONCEPT 274

**multinational** [adj] *international* continental, global, intercontinental, multicultural, universal, worldwide; CONCEPTS 536,772

**multiple/multifarious** [*adj*] *diversified, miscellaneous* assorted, collective, conglomerate, different, diverse, diversiform, heterogeneous, indiscriminate, legion, manifold, many, mixed, motley, multiform, multiplex, multitudinal, multitudinous, numerous, populous, several, sundry, varied, variegated, various, voluminous; CONCEPTS 564,762,772 —*Ant.* single, singular, unvaried

**multiply** [*v*] *increase; reproduce* accumulate, add, aggrandize, aggregate, augment, boost, breed, build up, compound, cube, double, enlarge, expand, extend, generate, heighten, magnify, manifold, mount, populate, procreate, produce, proliferate, propagate, raise, repeat, rise, spread, square; CONCEPTS 171,374 —*Ant.* decrease, divide, lessen, reduce

**multitude** [*n*] *large group* aggregation, army, assemblage, assembly, collection, commonalty, concourse, congregation, crowd, crush, drove, great number, heap, herd, horde, host, infinity, infinity, jam\*, legion, loads, lot, lots\*, majority, mass, mob, much, myriad, number, numbers, ocean\*, oodles\*, people, plenitude, plurality, populace, proletariat, public, push\*, quantity, scores\*, sea, slew\*, swarm, throng, turnout; CONCEPTS 417,432 —*Ant.* handful, portion, single, zero

**multitudinous** [*adj*] *many, considerable* abounding, abundant, copious, countless, great, heaps\*, infinite, innumerable, innumeros, legion, manifold, multifarious, myriad, numberless, numerous, populous, profuse, several, sundry, teeming, uncountable, uncounted, unnumbered, untold, various, voluminous; CONCEPTS 762,781 —*Ant.* few, limited

**mum** [*adj*] *silent* bashful, buttoned up\*, clammed up\*, closemouthed, hushed, mute, muted, nonvocal, not forthcoming, not talkative, quiet, reserved, secretive, shy, soundless, speechless, still, tight-lipped, tongue-tied, uncommunicative, unsociable, unspeaking, voiceless, wordless, zipped\*; CONCEPT 594

**mumble** [*v*] *say low and inarticulately* grumble, maunder, murmur, mutter, ramble, rumble, say to oneself, speak, stammer, stutter, swallow, talk, utter, verbalize, vocalize, voice, whimper, whine, whisper; CONCEPTS 47,77 —*Ant.* speak clearly

**munch** [*v*] *chew, eat* bite, break up, champ, chomp, crunch, crush, grind, mash, masticate, press, reduce, ruminate, scrunch, smash, soften; CONCEPTS 169,185

**mundane** [*adj*] *ordinary* banal, commonplace, day-to-day, earthly, everyday, humdrum\*, lowly, normal, prosaic, routine, workaday\*, workday, worldly; CONCEPT 547 —*Ant.* exciting, extraordinary, heavenly, supernatural, wonderful

**municipal** [*adj*] *concerning cities* borough, burghal, city, civic, civil, community, corporate, domestic, home, incorporated, internal, local, metropolitan, native, public, town, urban; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* country, suburban

**municipality** [*n*] *city* borough, community, district, metropolis, precinct, town, township, village; CONCEPT 507

**munificent** [*adj*] *giving, generous* beneficent, benevolent, big, big-hearted, bounteous, bountiful, charitable, free, handsome, kind, lavish, liberal, loose, magnanimous, open-handed, philanthropic, rich, unsparing, unstinting; CONCEPTS 334,401 —*Ant.* careful, greedy, mean, selfish, stingy

**munitions** [*n*] *ammunition* ammo\*, armament, arsenal, bombs, bullets, explosives, grenades, gunpowder, missiles, shells, torpedos, weapons; CONCEPTS 498,500

**murder** [*n*] *killing* annihilation, assassination, blood, bloodshed, butchery, carnage, crime, death, destruction, dispatching, felony, foul play\*, hit\*, homicide, knifing, liquidation, lynching, manslaughter, massacre, off\*, offing\*, one-way ticket\*, rub out\*, shooting, slaying, taking out\*, terrorism, the business\*, the works\*; CONCEPTS 192,252

**murder** [*v*] *kill* abolish, asphyxiate, assassinate, behead, blot out\*, bump off\*, butcher, chill\*, cool\*, decapitate, defeat, destroy, dispatch, do in\*, drub\*, dust off\*, electrocute, eliminate, eradicate, execute, exterminate, extinguish, finish, garotte, guillotine, hang, hit\*, knife, knock off\*, liquidate, lynch, mangle, mar, massacre, misuse, off\*, put away\*, rub out\*, ruin, shoot, slaughter, slay, smother, snuff, spoil, strangle, take a life, take for a ride\*, take out\*, thrash\*, waste\*; CONCEPTS 192, 252 —*Ant.* guard, preserve, protect, save

**murderer** [*n*] *person who kills* assassin, butcher, criminal, cutthroat, enforcer, executioner, hit-and-run\*, hit person\*, homicide, killer, manslaughterer, perpetrator, slaughterer, slayer, soldier, trigger person\*; CONCEPT 412

**murderous** [*adj*] *difficult* arduous, brutal, criminal, cruel, dangerous, deadly, destroying, destructive, devastating, exhausting, fell, ferocious, harrowing, hellish, killing, lethal, ruinous, sapping, savage, strenuous, unpleasant; CONCEPTS 538,548 —*Ant.* easy, facile, pleasant

**murk** [*n*] *darkness* dimness, dusk, gloom, murkiness; CONCEPT 620

**murky** [*adj*] *gloomy, obscure* black, caliginous, cheerless, cloudy, dark, darkened, dim, dingy, dirty, dismal, drab, dreary, dull, dun\*, dusk, dusky, filthy, foggy, foul, fuzzy, glowering, gray, grubby\*, impenetrable, lowering, misty, mucky, muddy, nasty, nebulous, nubilous, overcast, roily, sad, smoky, somber, squalid, stormy, tenebrous, turbid, unclear; CONCEPTS 617,618 —*Ant.* bright, clear, light, luminous, sparkling, unobscured

**murmur** [*n*] *low, continuous sound* babble, buzz, buzzing, drone, grumble, hum, humming, mumble, murmuration, mutter, muttering, purr, rumble, rumor, undertone, whisper, whispering; CONCEPTS 65,595

**murmur** [*v*] *make low, continuous sound* babble, burble, buzz, drip, drone, flow, growl, gurgle, hum, meander, moan, mumble, mutter, purr, ripple, rumble, stage-whisper, stammer, stutter, susurrate, tinkle, trickle, utter, verbalize, vocalize, voice, whisper; CONCEPTS 65,77 —*Ant.* speak clearly

**muscle** [n1] *large fibers of animal body* beef, brawn, flesh, meat, might, sinew, tendon, thigh, tissue; CONCEPTS 393,420

**muscle** [n2] *power, influence* brawn, clout, energy, force, forcefulness, might, potency, sinew, stamina, strength, strong arm\*, sturdiness, weight; CONCEPTS 641,687 —*Ant.* impotence, powerlessness, weakness

**muscular** [adj] *powerfully built* able-bodied, athletic, brawny, bruising, burly, fibrous, hefty, Herculean\*, hulky, husky, lusty, mighty, muscled, powerful, powerhouse\*, pumped up\*, ripped\*, robust, ropy, sinewy, stalwart, stout, strapping, stringy, strong, sturdy, tiger\*, tough, vigorous, well-built, wiry; CONCEPTS 485,489 —*Ant.* delicate, flabby, infirm, skinny, weak

**muse** [v] *think about, dream* be lost in thought\*, brood, build castles in air\*, chew over\*, cogitate, consider, contemplate, deliberate, feel, meditate, moon\*, mull over, percolate, ponder, puzzle over, reflect, revolve, roll, ruminate, speculate, think, think over, turn over, weigh; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**museum** [n] *place for viewing artifacts or exhibits* archive, building, depository, exhibition, foundation, gallery, hall, institution, library, menagerie, repository, salon, storehouse, treasury, vault; CONCEPTS 439,449

**mushroom** [v] *sprout; grow quickly* augment, blow up, boom, burgeon, burst, detonate, expand, explode, flourish, go off, grow, grow rapidly, increase, luxuriate, proliferate, shoot up, spread, spring up; CONCEPTS 179,704 —*Ant.* shrink, shrivel

**mushy** [adj1] *doughy, soft* gelatinous, jelled, mashy\*, muddy, pap\*, pastelike, pulpy, pulpy, quaggy, semiliquid, semisolid, slushy, spongy, squashy\*, squishy\*; CONCEPTS 604, 606 —*Ant.* hard, stiff

**mushy** [adj2] *romantic, corny* bathetic, effusive, emotional, lovey-dovey\*, maudlin, mawkish, saccharine, schmaltzy\*, sentimental, sloppy\*, slushy\*, soppy\*, sugary, syrupy, tear-jerking, weepy, wet; CONCEPTS 267,542 —*Ant.* unfeeling, unromantic

**music** [n] *sounds that are pleasant, harmonized* a cappella, acoustic, air, bebop, bop, chamber, classical, folk, fusion, hard rock, harmony, heavy metal, hymn, instrumental, jazz, measure, melody, modern, opera, piece, plainsong, popular, ragtime, rap, refrain, rock, rock and roll, singing, song, soul, strain, swing, tune; CONCEPTS 263,595 —*Ant.* silence

**musical** [adj] *harmonic, lyrical* agreeable, blending, chiming, choral, consonant, dulcet, euphonious, harmonious, lilting, mellow, melodic, melodious, operatic, orchestral, pleasing, rhythmic, silvery, songful, sweet, sweet-sounding, symphonic, symphonious, tuned, tuneful, vocal; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* cacophonous, discordant, dissonant, inharmonious, unmusical

**music hall** [n] *concert hall* amphitheater, auditorium, opera house, theater; CONCEPTS 263,293,439,448

**musician** [n] *person who performs music* artist, artiste, composer, conductor, diva, entertainer, instrumentalist, performer, player, session player, soloist, virtuoso, vocalist; CONCEPT 352

**muss** [n] *disorder* chaos, confusion, disarrangement, hash, mess, mess-up, mix-up\*, muddle, shambles, turmoil; CONCEPTS 230,674 —*Ant.* order, organization

**muss** [v] *dishevel, disorder* clutter, crumple, disarrange, disarray, disorganize, disrupt, disturb, jumble, mess up, mix up\*, muddle, ruffle, rummage, rumple, tangle, tousle, upset, wrinkle; CONCEPT 158 —*Ant.* fix up, order, organize

**must** [n] *necessity, essential* charge, commitment, committal, condition, devoir, duty, fundamental, imperative, necessary, need, obligation, ought, precondition, prerequisite, requirement, requisite, right, sine qua non; CONCEPTS 646,709

**must** [v] *ought, should* be compelled, be destined, be directed, be doomed\*, be driven\*, be made, be necessitated, be obliged, be one's fate, be ordered, be required, got to, have, have got to\*, have no choice, have to, must needs\*, need, pushed to the wall\*; CONCEPT 650

**muster** [n] *gathering* aggregation, assemblage, assembly, call-up\*, collection, company, congeries, convocation, crowd, draft, group, head count\*, meeting, mobilization, nose count\*, rally, roll, roll call\*, roster, roundup\*; CONCEPTS 417,432 —*Ant.* division, separation

**muster** [v] *gather, come together* assemble, call together, call up, collect, congregate, congress, convene, convoke, enroll, enter, group, join up, marshal, meet, mobilize, organize, raise, rally, rendezvous, round up, sign on, sign up, summon; CONCEPT 109 —*Ant.* divide, remove, separate, throw away

**musty** [adj1] *stuffy, aged* airless, ancient, antediluvian, antique, crumbling, dank, decayed, decrepit, dirty, dried-out\*, dry, fetid, filthy, frowzy\*, malodorous, mildewed, mildewy, moldy, moth-eaten\*, noisome, old, putrid, rotten, smelly, spoiled, squalid, stale, stuffy; CONCEPTS 578,598,603,797 —*Ant.* clean, clear, new, sweet-smelling

**musty** [adj2] *worn-out, clichéd* ancient, antiquated, banal, common, commonplace, dull, hackneyed, hoary, obsolete, old-fashioned, old hat\*, shopworn\*, stale, stereotypical, threadbare, timeworn\*, tired, trite, warmed-over\*, worn; CONCEPTS 267,530,578,797 —*Ant.* new, unused

**mutant** [n] *mutation* abnormality, deformity, deviation, freak, freak of nature, monster; CONCEPTS 424,580

**mutation** [n] *metamorphosis* alteration, anomaly, change, deviant, deviation, evolution, innovation, modification, mutant, novelty, permutation, transfiguration, transformation, variation, vicissitude; CONCEPTS 665,697 —*Ant.* inaction, stagnation

**mute** [adj] *unable to speak* aphasic, aphasic, aphonic, muffled, mum, quiet, silenced, silent, speechless, tongueless, tongue-tied,

unexpressed, unpronounced, unsounded, unspeaking, unspoken, voiceless, wordless; CONCEPT 593 —**Ant.** articulate, speaking, vocal

**mute** [v] *muffle, tone down sound* numb, bottle up\*, cork up\*, dampen, deaden, decrease the volume, drown, gag, hush, keep it down\*, lower, moderate, muzzle, pipe down\*, put damper on\*, put the lid on\*, reduce, silence, soften, soft-pedal\*, subdue, turn down; CONCEPTS 65,240 —**Ant.** articulate, speak, voice

**mutilate** [v] *maim, damage* adulterate, amputate, batter, bowdlerize, butcher, cripple, crush, cut to pieces, cut up, deface, disable, disfigure, dismember, distort, expurgate, hack\*, hash up\*, hurt, injure, lacerate, lame, mangle, mar, mess up\*, ravage, scratch, spoil, weaken; CONCEPTS 176,246 —**Ant.** fix, mend, repair

**mutilated** [adj] *dismembered* amputated, disfigured, maimed, mangled, marred; CONCEPTS 137,246,250

**mutinous** [adj] *rebellious* anarchistic, contumacious, defiant, disloyal, disobedient, disorderly, dissident, factious, iconoclastic, insubordinate, insurgent, insurrectionary, radical, rebel, revolutionary, rioting, riotous, subversive, traitorous, treasonable, ungovernable, unmanageable; CONCEPTS 401,529,542

**mutiny** [n] *defiance, resistance* disobedience, insubordination, insurrection, refusal to obey, revolt, revolution, riot, rising, strike, uprising; CONCEPTS 300,388,633 —**Ant.** obedience, subservience

**mutiny** [v] *defy, revolt* be insubordinate, disobey, insurrect, kick over, rebel, refuse to obey, resist, rise against, rise up, strike; CONCEPTS 300,384 —**Ant.** obey, observe, serve, subject

**mutter** [v] *grumble, mumble* complain, croak, groan, grouch\*, grouse, growl, grunt, moan, muddle, murmur, rumble, snarl, sputter, swallow, whisper; CONCEPTS 52,77 —**Ant.** speak clearly

**mutual** [adj] *shared, common* associated, bilateral, collective, communal, conjoint, conjunct, connected, convertible, correlative, dependent, give-and-take\*, given and taken\*, interactive, interchangeable, interchanged, interdependent, intermutual, joint, partaken, participated, public, reciprocal, reciprocated, related, requited, respective, returned, two-sided\*, united; CONCEPTS 563,708 —**Ant.** detached, dissociated, distinct, separate, unshared

**mutual fund** [n] *stock fund* 401(k) fund, bond fund, hedge fund, individual retirement account, investment fund, IRA, money market funds, retirement plan; CONCEPTS 330,332,340

**mutually** [adv] *together* all at once, as a group, by agreement, by contract, commonly, conjointly, cooperatively, en masse, in collaboration, in combination, in conjunction, jointly, reciprocally, respectively; CONCEPTS 544,577 —**Ant.** dissimilarly, distinctly

**muzzle** [n] *covering for control* cage, cover, envelope, gag, guard, sheath, wrap; CONCEPT 172

**muzzle** [v] *gag, quiet* bottle up\*, censor, check, choke, clamp down on\*, cork, crack down on\*, curb, dry up\*, dummy up\*, hush, ice\*, muffle,

prevent, quieten, repress, restrain, restrict, shush, shut down, silence, squash, squelch, stifle, still, stop, suppress, tongue-tie\*, trammel; CONCEPTS 121,250 —**Ant.** free, let go, liberate

**myopic** [adj] *able only to see things near at hand* astigmatic, biased, blind, halfsighted, nearsighted, presbyopic, shortsighted; CONCEPT 619 —**Ant.** far-sighted

**myriad** [adj] *innumerable* countless, endless, gobs\*, heaping, immeasurable, incalculable, infinite, multiple, multitudinous, no end of\*, numberless, thousand-and-one\*, uncounted, untold, variable; CONCEPTS 762,781 —**Ant.** calculable, limited, measurable

**myriad** [n] *a lot* army, flood, heap, horde, host, loads\*, mint, mountain\*, multitude, oodles\*, scores, slew, stacks\*, swarm, thousands\*; CONCEPT 787 —**Ant.** little

**mysterious** [adj] *secret, concealed* abstruse, alchemistic, arcane, astrological, baffling, cabalistic, covert, cryptic, curious, dark, difficult, enigmatic, enigmatical, equivocal, esoteric, furtive, hidden, impenetrable, incomprehensible, inexplicable, inscrutable, insoluble, magical, mystical, mystifying, necromantic, obscure, occult, oracular, perplexing, puzzling, recondite, secretive, sphinxlike, spiritual, strange, subjective, symbolic, transcendental, uncanny, unfathomable, unknowable, unknown, unnatural, veiled, weird; CONCEPTS 529,576 —**Ant.** apparent, known, obvious, plain, public, straightforward, tangible, unmysterious

**mystery** [n] *puzzle, secret* abstruseness, brainteaser\*, brantwister\*, charade, chiller, cliffhanger\*, closed book\*, conundrum, crux, cryptogram, difficulty, enigma, grabber, inscrutability, inscrutableness, mindboggler\*, mystification, occult, oracle, perplexity, poser, problem, puzzlement, question, rebus, riddle, rune, secrecy, sixty-four-thousand-dollar question\*, sphinx, stickler, stumper, subtlety, teaser, thriller, tough nut to crack\*, twister, whodunit\*, why\*; CONCEPTS 282,532,696 —**Ant.** known, understanding

**mystic/mystical** [adj] *secret, esoteric* abstruse, anagogic, arcane, cabalistic, cryptic, enigmatical, hidden, imaginary, impenetrable, inscrutable, magic, magical, metaphysical, mysterious, necromantic, nonrational, numinous, occult, otherworldly, paranormal, preternatural, quixotic, sorcerous, spiritual, supernatural, telestic, thaumaturgic, transcendental, unaccountable, unknowable, visionary, wizardly; CONCEPTS 529,549,582 —**Ant.** knowable, natural, palpable, undisguised

**mystify** [v] *bewilder, confuse* baffle, bamboozle\*, beat\*, befog\*, buffalo\*, confound, deceive, elude, escape, floor\*, fog in\*, hoodwink\*, lick\*, lie, perplex, puzzle, stump\*, throw\*, trick; CONCEPT 16 —**Ant.** clear up, enlighten, explain, explicate

**mystique** [n] *person's strong impression* attitude, awe, character, charisma, charm, complex, fascination, glamour, magic, nature, spell, temperament; CONCEPT 411



**myth** [*n*] *fictitious story, often ancient* allegory, apologue, creation, delusion, fable, fabrication, fairy story, fancy, fantasy, fiction, figment, folk ballad, folk tale, illusion, imagination, invention, legend, lore, myths, parable, saga, superstition, tale, tall story\*, tradition; CONCEPT 282 —*Ant.* fact, non-fiction, truth

**mythical/mythological** [*adj*] *make-believe, fairy-tale* allegorical, chimerical, created, fabled, fabricated, fabulous, false, fanciful, fantasy, fictitious, fictive, folkloric, imaginary, invented, legendary, made-up, mythic, nonexistent, pretended, storied, supposititious, traditional, unreal, untrue, visionary, whimsical; CONCEPTS 267,582 —*Ant.* factual, historical, real, true

**mythology** [*n*] *folklore* belief, conviction, folk tales, legend, lore, mythicism, myths, myths, stories, tradition; CONCEPT 282 —*Ant.* actuality, history, reality, truth

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**nab** [*v*] *seize* apprehend, arrest, capture, catch, clutch, cop\*, detain, grab, nail\*, pick up\*, run in\*, snatch\*, take\*, take into custody; CONCEPTS 90,317 —*Ant.* let go, release

**nadir** [*n*] *lowest point* all-time low, base, bottom, floor, low point, record low, rock bottom, zero level; CONCEPT 442

**nag** [*v*] *harass, bother* annoy, badger, bait, berate, bug\*, carp at, dog\*, eat\*, egg\*, find fault, fuss, give a hard time\*, goad, harry, heckle, hector, hound, importune, irk, irritate, needle, nudge\*, pester, pick at, plague, prod, provoke, ride, scold, take it out on\*, tease, torment, upbraid, urge, vex, work on\*, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19,52 —*Ant.* assuage, please

**nail** [*v*1] *fasten, fix with pointed object* attach, beat, bind, drive, hammer, hit, hold, join, pin, pound, secure, sock\*, spike, strike, tack, whack\*; CONCEPTS 85,160,189 —*Ant.* unfasten, unmail

**nail** [*v*2] *capture, arrest* apprehend, bag, catch, collar\*, detain, get\*, hook\*, nab, pinch\*,prehend, secure, seize, take\*; CONCEPTS 90,317 —*Ant.* let go, liberate, release

**naive** [*adj*] *childlike, trusting* aboveboard, artless, callow, candid, confiding, countrified, credulous, forthright, frank, fresh, green\*, guileless, gullible, harmless, ignorant, impulsive, ingenuous, innocent, innocuous, instinctive, jejune, lamb\*, like a babe in the woods\*, natural, open, original, patsy\*, plain, simple, simple-minded, sincere, spontaneous, square, sucker\*, unaffected, unjaded, unpretentious, unschooled, unsophisticated, unsuspecting, unsuspecting, untaught, unworldly, virgin, wide-eyed\*; CONCEPTS 401,542,678

—*Ant.* experienced, leery, skeptical, wise  
**naiveté** [*n*] *innocence, gullibility* artlessness, callowness, candor, childishness, credulity, frankness, guilelessness, inexperience, ingenuousness, naturalness, openness, simplicity; CONCEPTS 633,657,678 —*Ant.* experience, leeriness, skepticism, sophistication

**naked** [*adj*1] *without covering* au naturel, bald, bare, bared, bare-skinned, barren, defenseless,

denuded, disrobed, divested, exposed, helpless, in birthday suit\*, in dishabille\*, in the altogether\*, in the buff\*, in the raw\*, leafless, natural, nude, open, peeled\*, raw, stark-naked\*, stripped, threadbare, unclad, unclothed, uncoiled, uncovered, undraped, undressed, unprotected, unveiled, vulnerable, without a stitch\*; CONCEPTS 485,589 —*Ant.* clothed  
**naked** [*adj*2] *manifest, evident* artless, blatant, disclosed, discovered, dry, matter-of-fact, obvious, open, overt, palpable, patent, plain, pure, revealed, sheer, simple, stark, unadorned, undisguised, unexaggerated, unmistakable, unqualified, unvarnished; CONCEPTS 267,529 —*Ant.* hidden, private, secret

**namby-pamby** [*n*] *pansy* baby\*, caitiff, chicken\*, chicken heart\*, chicken liver\*, coward, cry-baby, fraidy-cat\*, jellyfish\*, lily liver, milksop, momma's boy\*, pantywaist, quitter, scaredy cat\*, sissy\*, weakling, wimp, wuss\*, wussy\*, yellow, yellow belly\*; CONCEPT 423

**name** [*n*1] *title given to something, someone* agname, agnomen, alias, appellation, autograph, autonym, brand, cognomen, compellation, denomination, designation, epithet, eponym, flag\*, handle\*, head, heading, label, matronymic, moniker, monogram, nickname, nom de guerre, nom de plume, nomen, patronymic, pen name, pet name, place name, prenom, proper name, pseudonym, rubric, sign, signature, sobriquet, stage name, style, surname, tag, term, trade name; CONCEPTS 268,683

**name** [*n*2] *fame, distinction* character, credit, eminence, esteem, honor, note, praise, renown, rep\*, report, reputation, repute; CONCEPT 388

**name** [*n*3] *celebrity* big name\*, celeb\*, entertainer, headline, hero, lion\*, luminary, notability, notable, personality, somebody\*, star, superstar; CONCEPTS 352,366 —*Ant.* unknown

**name** [*v*1] *give a title* baptize, call, characterize, christen, classify, cognominate, define, denominate, designate, dub, entitle, give a handle\*, identify, label, nickname, nomenclature, put tag on, style, tag, term, ticket, title; CONCEPT 62

**name** [*v*2] *choose, designate* announce, appoint, cite, classify, commission, connote, declare, delegate, denote, elect, identify, index, instance, list, make, mark, mention, nominate, peg\*, pin down\*, point to, put down for, put finger on\*, recognize, refer to, remark, select, signify, single out, slot, specify, suggest, tab, tag, tap; CONCEPTS 41,50,88 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect  
**name-dropper** [*n*] *snob* social climber, status seeker; CONCEPT 423

**nameless** [*adj*] *unknown, anonymous* incognito, inconspicuous, innominate, obscure, pseudonymous, unacknowledged, uncelebrated, undesignated, undistinguished, unfamed, unheard-of, unnamed, unnoted, unsung, untitled, whatchamacallit\*, X\*; CONCEPTS 267,576 —*Ant.* designated, distinguished, eminent, famous, known, named, prominent, renowned  
**namely** [*adv*] *that is to say* by way of explanation, especially, expressly, id est\*, i.e., in other words, in plain English\*, particularly, scilicet, specially, specifically, strictly speaking, that is, to wit, videlicet, viz.; CONCEPT 557

**nanny** [*n*] *children's nurse* au pair, baby-sitter, governess, nursemaid, wet nurse; CONCEPT 295

**nap** [*n*1] *short, light sleep* break, catnap, doze, few z's\*, forty winks\*, interlude, intermission, microsleep\*, nod, pause, respite, rest, shut-eye\*, siesta, snooze\*, spot; CONCEPT 315

**nap** [*n*2] *grain of material* down, feel, fiber, grit, outside, pile, roughness, shag, smoothness, surface, tooth, wale, warp, weave, weft, woof; CONCEPTS 473,611

**nap** [*v*] *take a short, light sleep* catch forty winks\*, catnap, doze, drop off\*, drowse, get some shut-eye\*, grab some z's\*, nod, nod off, rack\*, relax, rest, sleep, snooze, take a siesta\*, take a snooze\*; CONCEPTS 210,315

**napkin** [*n*] *linen cloth, doily, moist towelette, serviette, towel, wipe*; CONCEPT 473

**nappy** [*adj*] *fuzzy* downy, frizzy, furry, hairy, kinky, napped, velutinous, woolly; CONCEPT 606

**narcissistic** [*adj*] *concerned only with oneself* conceited, egotistic, egotistical, self-centered, self-involved, self-loving, stuck-up\*, vain, vainglorious; CONCEPTS 401,404 —**Ant.** outgoing, sacrificing, unselfish

**narcotic** [*adj*] *dulling, painkilling* analgesic, anesthetic, calming, deadening, hypnotic, numbing, opiate, sedative, somnifacient, somnific, somnolent, somniferous, soporific, stupefactive, stupefying; CONCEPT 537

**narcotic** [*n*] *powerful drug inducing anesthesia or sleep* analgesic, anesthetic, anodyne, dope\*, downer\*, fix\*, hard drug, hard stuff\*, heroin, hypnotic, junk\*, laudanum, lenitive, merchant-dise\*, nepenthe, opiate, opium, painkiller, sedative, somnifacient, soporific, stuff\*, stupefactive, tranquilizer; CONCEPT 307

**narrate** [*v*] *describe, detail* characterize, chronicle, delineate, depict, descant, disclose, discourse, enumerate, expatiate, give an account of, hold forth, make known, paint, picture, portray, proclaim, recite, recount, rehearse, relate, repeat, report, reveal, set forth, spin, state, tell, tell a story, unfold; CONCEPTS 55,72 —**Ant.** conceal, hide, suppress

**narration** [*n*] *description, reading* account, anecdote, explanation, narrative, recital, recountal, recounting, rehearsal, relation, report, story, storytelling, tale, telling, voice-over\*, yarn\*; CONCEPTS 55,72,282 —**Ant.** concealment, suppression

**narrative** [*adj*] *storylike, chronological* anecdotal, fictional, fictive, historical, narrated, recounted, reported, retold, sequential; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** rambling

**narrative** [*n*] *story, tale* account, anecdote, book, chronicle, chronology, description, detail, fiction, history, line, long and short of it\*, narration, plot, potboiler\*, recount, report, statement, version, yarn\*; CONCEPTS 271,282

**narrator** [*n*] *storyteller* author, chronicler, describer, novelist, raconteur, reporter, teller of tales, writer, yarn spinner; CONCEPTS 348,356

**narrow** [*adj*1] *confined, restricted* attenuated, circumscribed, close, compressed, confining, constricted, contracted, cramped, definite, determinate, exclusive, exiguous, fine, fixed, incapacious, limited, linear, meager, near, paltry, pent, pinched, precarious, precise, scant, scanty, select, set, shrunken, slender, slim, small, spare, strait, taper, tapered, tapering, thin, threadlike,

tight; CONCEPTS 554,773 —**Ant.** broad, generous, liberal, unconfined, unrestricted, wide

**narrow** [*adj*2] *intolerant, small-minded* biased, bigoted, conservative, conventional, dogmatic, hidebound, illiberal, inexorable, inflexible, narrow-minded, obdurate, parochial, partial, prejudiced, reactionary; CONCEPTS 403,542 —**Ant.** accepting, broad-minded, liberal, tolerant

**narrow** [*adj*3] *cheap, stingy* avaricious, close, mean, mercenary, scrimpy\*, tight\*, ungenerous; CONCEPT 334 —**Ant.** generous, spendthrift, wasting

**narrow** [*v*] *reduce, simplify* circumscribe, constrict, contract, diminish, limit, taper, tighten; CONCEPTS 130,236,247 —**Ant.** broaden, complicate, expand, increase, intensify

**narrowly** [*adv*] *just, closely* almost, barely, by a hair\*, by a whisker\*, by narrow margin, carefully, close, nearly, only just, painstakingly, scarcely, scrutinizingly; CONCEPTS 544,799 —**Ant.** carelessly, imprecisely

**narrow-minded** [*adj*] *biased, intolerant* bigoted, conservative, conventional, hidebound, illiberal, insular, narrow, opinionated, parochial, petty, prejudiced, provincial, reactionary, short-sighted, small-minded, strait-laced, unenlarged; CONCEPTS 403,542 —**Ant.** broad-minded, liberal, tolerant, unbiased

**nasty** [*adj*1] *disgusting, offensive* awful, beastly, bum\*, dirty, disagreeable, fierce, filthy, foul, gross, grubby, hellish, horrible, horrid, icky\*, impure, loathsome, lousy, malodorous, mephitic, murderous\*, nauseating, noisome, noxious, objectionable, obnoxious, obscene, odious, ornery, outrageous, poison, polluted, raunchy\*, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, rough, sickening, soiled, squalid, stinking, tough, unappetizing, unclean, uncleanly, ungodly, unholly, unpleasant, vile, vulgar, yucky\*; CONCEPTS 485,548,571 —**Ant.** great, magnificent, pleasing, wonderful

**nasty** [*adj*2] *indecent, smutty* blue\*, coarse, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, immature, immoral, improper, impure, indecorous, indelicate, lascivious, lewd, licentious, obscene, pornographic, raunchy\*, ribald, scatological, shameful, unseemly, vulgar, wicked, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 372,545 —**Ant.** clean, decent, moral

**nasty** [*adj*3] *bad-tempered, mean* abusive, annoying, beastly, critical, cruel, despicable, disagreeable, distasteful, evil, fierce, hateful, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, ornery, ruthless, sarcastic, sordid, spiteful, squalid, unkind, unpleasant, vicious, vile, wicked; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** agreeable, friendly, happy, kind, pleasant

**nasty** [*adj*4] *injurious, dangerous* bad, critical, damaging, harmful, noxious, painful, poisonous, serious, severe, ugly; CONCEPT 537 —**Ant.** aiding, assisting, helpful, helping, safe

**nation** [*n*] *country with its own government* body politic, commonwealth, community, democracy, domain, dominion, empire, land, monarchy, people, populace, population, principality, public, race, realm, republic, society, sovereignty, state, tribe, union; CONCEPT 510

**national** [*adj*] *concerning a country with a government* civic, civil, communal, country-wide, domestic, ethnic, federal, general,

governmental, home, imperial, inland, internal, interstate, nationwide, native, politic, political, public, royal, social, societal, sovereign, state, sweeping, vernacular, widespread; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* local

**nationality** [*n*] *place of birth* allegiance, body politic, citizenship, community, country, ethnic group, nation, native land, origin, political home, race, society; CONCEPTS 380,510

**native** [*adj*1] *innate, inherent* built-in, congenital, connate, connatural, constitutional, endemic, essential, fundamental, genuine, hereditary, implanted, inborn, inbred, indigenous, ingrained, inherited, instinctive, intrinsic, inveterate, inwrought, natal, natural, original, real, unacquired, wild; CONCEPTS 404,549 —*Ant.* alien, foreign, outside

**native** [*adj*2] *domestic, home* aboriginal, autochthonous, belonging, endemic, from, home-grown, homemade, indigenous, inland, internal, local, municipal, national, original, primary, primeval, primitive, regional, related, vernacular; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* foreign, outside

**native** [*n*] *person born in the country in which he/she dwells* aboriginal, aborigine, ancient, autochthon, citizen, dweller, home townier, indigene, inhabitant, local, national; CONCEPT 413 —*Ant.* alien, foreigner, immigrant, stranger

**native land** [*n*] *homeland* fatherland, God's country, home, mother country, motherland, native soil, the old country\*; CONCEPTS 510,515

**natty** [*adj*] *dapper* chic, chichi, classy, clean, dainty, dashing, dressed to kill\*, dressed to the nines\*, elegant, fashionable, neat, prim, sharp, slick, smart, snazzy\*, spiffy\*, spruce, spruced up, stylish, swanky, trim, well-groomed; CONCEPT 579

**natural** [*adj*1] *normal, everyday* accustomed, anticipated, characteristic, common, common-place, congenital, connatural, consistent, constant, counted on, customary, essential, familiar, general, habitual, inborn, indigenous, ingenerate, inherent, innate, instinctive, intuitive, involuntary, legitimate, logical, looked for, matter-of-course, natal, native, ordinary, prevailing, prevalent, probable, reasonable, regular, relied on, spontaneous, typical, typical, unacquired, uncontrolled, uniform, universal, usual; CONCEPTS 530,547 —*Ant.* abnormal, different, uncommon, unnatural

**natural** [*adj*2] *open, unaffected* artless, being oneself, candid, childlike, credulous, direct, easy, folksy, forthright, frank, genuine, homey\*, ignorant, impulsive, inartificial, ingenuous, innocent, instinctive, laid-back\*, naive, plain, primitive, provincial, real, rustic, simple, simple-hearted, sincere, spontaneous, straightforward, trusting, unassumed, uncontrived, undesigning, unembarrassed, unfeigned, unforced, unlabored, unpolished, unpretentious, unschooled, unsophisticated, unstudied, unworldly, up-front\*; CONCEPTS 267,401,404

—*Ant.* affected, artificial, pretended, unnatural

**natural** [*adj*3] *organic, unrefined* agrarian, agrestal, crude, native, plain, pure, raw, unbleached, uncultivated, undomesticated, unmixed, unpolished, unprocessed, whole, wild; CONCEPTS 462,485 —*Ant.* artificial, fixed, modified, refined, unnatural

**naturalist** [*n*] *wildlife expert* biologist, botanist, conservationist, ecologist, environmentalist, life scientist, natural historian, preservationist, zoologist; CONCEPT 349

**naturally** [*adv*] *as anticipated* artlessly, but of course\*, by birth, by nature, candidly, casually, characteristically, commonly, consistently, customarily, easily, freely, generally, genuinely, habitually, impulsively, informally, innocently, instinctively, normally, openly, ordinarily, readily, simply, spontaneously, typically, unaffectedly, uniformly, unpretentiously, usually; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* affectedly, unnaturally

**natural selection** [*n*] *Darwinism* Darwinian theory, evolution, evolutionism, social Darwinism, survival of the fittest; CONCEPT 704

**nature** [*n*1] *character, disposition* attributes, being, bottom line\*, complexion, constitution, description, drift, essence, essentiality, features, heart\*, humor, individualism, individuality, like, makeup, meat\*, mood, name of game\*, name of tune\*, nature of beast\*, outlook, personality, point, quality, score, stuff, temper, temperament, texture, traits, type; CONCEPTS 411,682

**nature** [*n*2] *type, kind* anatomy, brand, cast, category, character, color, conformation, description, figure, framework, ilk, shape, sort, species, stripe\*, structure, style, variety, way; CONCEPT 378

**nature** [*n*3] *earth, creation* cosmos, country, countryside, environment, forest, generation, landscape, macrocosm, megacosm, natural history, outdoors, scenery, seascape, setting, universe, view, world; CONCEPTS 407,429,509,511

**naughty** [*adj*1] *bad, misbehaved* annoying, badly behaved\*, contrary, disobedient, disorderly, evil, exasperating, fiendish, fractious, froward, headstrong, impish, indecorous, insubordinate, intractable, mischievous, obstreperous, perverse, playful, rascally, raunchy, recalcitrant, refractory, rough, rowdy, sinful, teasing, tough, ungovernable, unmanageable, unruly, wanton, wayward, wicked, willful, worthless, wrong; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* behaved, controlled, good, obedient

**naughty** [*adj*2] *obscene, vulgar* adult, bawdy, blue\*, dirty\*, hot\*, improper, lascivious, lewd, loose\*, off-color\*, pornographic, purple\*, ribald, risqué, steamy\*; CONCEPTS 372,545 —*Ant.* clean, good, moral, pure

**nausea** [*n*] *sickness in stomach; revulsion* abhorrence, aversion, biliousness, disgust, hatred, loathing, offense, qualm, qualms, queasiness, regurgitation, rejection, repugnance, retching, squeamishness, vomiting; CONCEPTS 316,410

**nauseate** [*v*] *make sick; disgust* bother, disturb, horrify, offend, reluct, repel, repulse, revolt, sicken; CONCEPTS 14,308 —*Ant.* please, soothe

**nauseating** [*adj*] *nauseous* abhorrent, detestable, disgusting, distasteful, fulsome, loathsome, offensive, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, sickening; CONCEPTS 314,529

**nauseous** [*adj*] *disgusting* abhorrent, brackish, detestable, distasteful, ill, loathsome, nauseated, nauseating, offensive, queasy, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, rocky\*, seasick, sick, sick as dog\*, sickening, squeamish; CONCEPTS 314,529 —*Ant.* nice, pleasing, soothing

**nautical/naval** [*adj*] *concerning ships, sea abyssal, aquatic, boating, cruising, deep-sea, marine, maritime, navigating, navigational, ocean-going, oceanic, oceanographic, pelagic, rowing, sailing, sailorly, salty, seafaring, seagoing, sea-loving, thalassic, yachting*; CONCEPT 536

**navigate** [*v*] *guide along route, often over water captain\*, cross, cruise, direct, drive, handle, head out for\*, helm, journey, lay the course\*, maneuver, operate, pilot, plan, plot, ride out, sail, skipper\*, steer, voyage*; CONCEPTS 148, 187, 224 —*Ant.* get lost

**navigation** [*n*] *traveling, guiding along route, often over water aeronautics, boating, cruising, exploration, flying, helmsmanship, nautics, navigating, ocean travel, pilotage, piloting, plotting a course, sailing, seafaring, seamanship, shipping, steerage, steering, voyage, voyaging, yachting*; CONCEPTS 155, 187, 224

**navigator** [*n*] *course plotter helmsman, pilot, steersman, wheelman*; CONCEPT 348

**navy** [*n*] *fleet argosy, armada, flotilla, marine defense, merchant marine, naval force, sea force, sea power, vessels, warships*; CONCEPTS 322, 432, 506

**naysayer** [*n*] *pessimist complainer, cynic, defeatist, downer, gloomy, killjoy\*, misanthrope, party pooper\*, prophet of doom\*, sourpuss\*, wet blanket\**; CONCEPTS 412, 423

**near** [*adj1*] *close by physically abreast, abutting, adjacent, adjoining, alongside, along toward, approximal, around, at close quarters, available, beside, bordering, burning, close, close-at-hand, close-by, close shave\*, conterminous, contiguous, convenient, hair's breadth\*, handy, immediate, in close proximity\*, near-at-hand\*, nearby, neighboring, next door\*, nigh\*, not remote, practically, proximal, proximate, ready, side-by-side, touching, vincinal, warm\*, within stone's throw\**; CONCEPTS 586, 778 —*Ant.* away, distant, far, remote

**near** [*adj2*] *close in time; forthcoming approaching, approximate, at hand, coming, comparative, expected, imminent, impending, in the offing\*, looming, near-at-hand\*, next, relative*; CONCEPTS 812, 820 —*Ant.* deferred, distant, expired, far, postponed, remote

**near** [*adj3*] *familiar affecting, akin\*, allied, attached, close, connected, dear, friendly, intimate, related, touching*; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* far, gone, past, unfamiliar

**nearby** [*adj*] *adjoining adjacent, close, close-at-hand, close-by, contiguous, convenient, handy, immediate, neighboring, proximate, ready*; CONCEPTS 586, 778 —*Ant.* far, faraway

**nearby** [*adv*] *within reach about, at close quarters, close, close at hand, hard, near, near-at-hand\*, nigh\*, not far away*; CONCEPTS 586, 778 —*Ant.* far, faraway

**nearing** [*adj*] *approaching advancing, approximating, coming, forthcoming, imminent, impending, oncoming, threatening, upcoming*; CONCEPTS 548, 820 —*Ant.* departing, gone, leaving, past

**nearly** [*adv*] *almost about, all but\*, approaching, approximately, as good as\*, circa\*, close but no cigar\*, closely, give or take a little\*, in effect, in essence, in substance, in the*

*ballpark\*, in the neighborhood\*, just about, more or less, most, much, nearabout, not quite, practically, pretty near, roughly, round, roundly, some, somewhere, upwards of\*, virtually, well-nigh\*, within a little\**; CONCEPT 566

**near miss** [*n*] *close call close shave, narrow escape, near hit*; CONCEPT 747

**nearsighted** [*adj*] *myopic blind as a bat\*, prurlind, shortsighted*; CONCEPT 619

**neat** [*adj1*] *arranged well, uncluttered accurate, apple-pie order\*, chic\*, correct, dainty, dapper, elegant, exact, fastidious, finical, finicky, immaculate, in good order, in good shape, methodical, natty, neat as a pin\*, nice, orderly, precise, prim, proper, regular, shipshape\*, sleek, slick, smart, spick-and-span\*, spotless, spruce, systematic, tidy, trim, well-groomed, well-kept*; CONCEPTS 485, 589, 621 —*Ant.* disorderly, messed up, sloppy, slovenly, unkempt

**neat** [*adj2*] *clever, practiced able, adept, adroit, agile, apt, artful, deft, dexterous, efficient, effortless, elegant, expert, finished, graceful, handy, nimble, precise, proficient, quick, ready, skillful, speedy, stylish, well-judged*; CONCEPTS 527, 542 —*Ant.* disorganized, unpracticed

**neaten** [*v*] *tidy arrange, clean, clear the decks\*, fix up, groom, order, put in good shape, put in order, shape up, spruce up\*, straighten up, whip into shape\**; CONCEPT 250

**neatly** [*adv*] *tidily accurately, adeptly, adroitly, aptly, cleanly, efficiently, expertly, fastidiously, handily, methodically, nicely, orderly, precisely, skillfully, sprucey*; CONCEPTS 326, 485, 585, 589

**nebulous** [*adj*] *confused, obscure ambiguous, amorphous, cloudy, dark, dim, hazy, imprecise, indefinite, indeterminate, indistinct, misty, murky, shadowy, shapeless, uncertain, unclear, unformed, vague*; CONCEPTS 535, 617 —*Ant.* apparent, definite, obvious, plain

**necessarily** [*adv*] *inevitably, certainly accordingly, as a matter of course\*, automatically, axiomatically, beyond one's control\*, by definition, by its own nature\*, cardinaly, come what may\*, compulsorily, consequently, exigently, from within\*, fundamentally, incontrovertibly, indubitably, ineluctably, inescapably, inexorably, irresistibly, naturally, no doubt, of course, of necessity, perforce, positively, pressingly, significantly, undoubtedly, unpreventably, unquestionably, vitally, willy-nilly\*, without fail\**; CONCEPTS 535, 544 —*Ant.* unnecessarily

**necessary** [*adj1*] *essential all-important, basic, binding, bottom-line\*, cardinal, chief, compelling, compulsory, crucial, decisive, de rigueur\*, elementary, exigent, expedient, fundamental, imperative, incumbent on, indispensable, mandatory, momentous, name of game\*, needed, needful, obligatory, paramount, prerequisite, pressing, prime, principal, quintessential, required, requisite, significant, specified, unavoidable, urgent, vital, wanted*; CONCEPTS 546, 568 —*Ant.* inessential, unimportant, unnecessary, useless

**necessary** [*adj2*] *inevitable assured, certain, fated, imminent, ineluctable, ineludible, inerrant, inescapable, infeasible, inexorable, infallible, returnless, unavoidable, undeniable, unescapable*; CONCEPTS 535, 548 —*Ant.* contingent, needless, optional, voluntary

**necessitate** [*v*] *call for, make necessary* ask, behoove, cause, coerce, command, compel, constrain, crave, demand, drive, entail, force, impel, make, oblige, postulate, require, take; CONCEPTS 53,242,646

**necessity** [*n*] *need, essentiality* call, cause, claim, compulsion, demand, desideratum, duress, essence, essential, exaction, exigency, fundamental, godsend\*, imperative, indispensability, inevitability, inexorableness, life or death\*, must, necessary, needfulness, no alternative, no choice, obligation, pinch, precondition, prerequisite, privation, requirement, requisite, sine qua non, stress, undeniability, urgency, vital part, vitals, want; CONCEPTS 646,709 —*Ant.* desire, want

**necking** [*n*] *kissing* canoodling, caressing, cuddling, embracing, fondling, lovemaking, making love\*, making out\*, parking\*, petting, smooching, sucking face\*; CONCEPTS 185,375

**necklace** [*n*] *chain* beads, carcanet, choker, jewelry, lavalliere, locket, pearls, pendant, riviere, strand, string; CONCEPT 446

**nercomancy** [*n*] *sorcery* abracadabra\*, alchemy, bewitchment, black art, black magic, charm, conjuring, devilry, divination, enchantment, evil eye, hocus-pocus\*, incantation, jinx, magic, mumbo jumbo\*, mysticism, occultism, spell, thaumaturgy, voodoo, witchcraft, witchery, witching, wizardry; CONCEPTS 370,689

**necropolis** [*n*] *cemetery* boot hill\*, catacomb, charnel, charnel house, churchyard, city of the dead\*, crypt, funerary grounds, God's acre\*, graveyard, potter's field, sepulcher, tomb, vault; CONCEPTS 305,368

**need** [*n1*] *want, requirement* charge, commitment, committal, compulsion, demand, desideratum, devoir, duty, essential, exigency, extremity, longing, must, obligation, occasion, ought, requisite, right, the urge, urgency, use, weakness, wish; CONCEPTS 20,709 —*Ant.* have

**need** [*n2*] *poverty* deprivation, destitution, distress, extremity, impecuniousness, impoverishment, inadequacy, indigence, insufficiency, lack, neediness, paucity, pennilessness, penury, poorness, privation, shortage, want; CONCEPTS 335,709 —*Ant.* luxury, riches, wealth

**need** [*n3*] *emergency; pressing lack* deficiency, exigency, inadequacy, insufficiency, necessity, obligation, shortage, urgency, want; CONCEPTS 646,709 —*Ant.* comfort, fortune, have, plenty

**need** [*v*] *want something* be deficient, be deprived, be down and out\*, be hard up\*, be inadequate, be in need of, be in want, be needy, be poor, be short, be without, call for, claim, covet, crave, demand, desire, die for\*, do without, drive for\*, exact, feel a dearth of\*, feel the necessity for, feel the pinch\*, go hungry\*, hanker, have occasion for, have occasion to, have use for\*, hunger, hurt for, lack, long, lust, miss, necessitate, pine, require, suffer privation, thirst, wish, yearn, yen for; CONCEPTS 20,646 —*Ant.* do not want, have

**needle** [*v*] *tease, annoy* aggravate, badger, bait, bedevil, bother, examine, gnaw, goad, harass, hector, irk, irritate, nag, nettle, pester, plague, prick, prod, provoke, question, quiz, ride\*, rile, ruffle, spur, sting, taunt, tweak\*, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19,54 —*Ant.* praise

**needless** [*adj*] *unnecessary, groundless* causeless, dispensable, excessive, expendable, gratuitous, inessential, nonessential, pointless, redundant, superfluous, uncalled-for, undesired, unrequired, unwanted, useless; CONCEPTS 546,575 —*Ant.* grounded, necessary, needed

**needlework** [*n*] *needlepoint* crocheting, darning, embroidery, knitting, lace, quilting, sewing, stitchery, stitching, tatting; CONCEPT 128

**needy** [*adj*] *deprived, impoverished* beggared, dead broke\*, destitute, dirt poor\*, disadvantaged, down-and-out\*, down at heel\*, down to last cent\*, flat\*, impecunious, indigent, necessitous, penniless, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken, underprivileged, unprosperous; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* affluent, rich, wealthy

**ne'er-do-well** [*n*] *irresponsible person* bum\*, good-for-nothing, idler, lazybones\*, loafer, sloucher, wastrel; CONCEPT 412

**nefarious** [*adj*] *bad, sinful* abominable, atrocious, base, corrupt, criminal, degenerate, depraved, detestable, dreadful, evil, execrable, flagitious, flagrant, foul, glaring, gross, heinous, horrible, infamous, infernal, iniquitous, miscreant, monstrous, odious, opprobrious, outrageous, perverse, putrid, rank, rotten, shameful, treacherous, vicious, vile, villainous, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,545,548 —*Ant.* good, honorable, respectable, virtuous, worthy

**negate** [*v*] *contradict, countermand* abate, abolish, abrogate, annihilate, annul, belie, blackball\*, break with\*, cancel, cancel out, convert, countercheck, cross\*, deny, ding\*, disaffirm, disallow, disprove, dump\*, fly in the face of\*, frustrate, gainsay, impugn, invalidate, kill, negative, neutralize, nullify, oppose, put down, quash\*, rebut, redress, refute, repeal, rescind, retract, reverse, revoke, stonewall\*, traverse, turn down, turn thumbs down\*, undo, vitiate, void; CONCEPTS 46,50,88,121 —*Ant.* allow, approve, permit

**negation** [*n*] *contradiction, denial* antithesis, antonym, blank, cancellation, contrary, converse, counterpart, disavowal, disclaimer, forget it\*, gainsaying, inverse, negatory, neutralization, no, nonexistence, nothingness, nullification, nullity, objection, opposition, proscription, refusal, rejection, renunciation, repudiation, reverse, vacuity, veto, void; CONCEPTS 121,278,685 —*Ant.* allowance, approval, permission

**negative** [*adj*] *bad, contradictory* abrogating, adverse, against, annulling, antagonistic, anti, balky, colorless, con, contrary, contravening, counteractive, cynical, denying, detrimental, disallowing, disavowing, dissentient, dissenting, gainsaying, gloomy, impugning, invalidating, jaundiced, naysaying, neutralizing, nugatory, nullifying, opposing, pessimistic, privative, recusant, refusing, rejecting, removed, repugnant, resisting, resistive, unaffirmative, unenthusiastic, unfavorable, uninterested, unwilling, weak; CONCEPTS 267,403,570 —*Ant.* good, positive

**negative** [*n*] *contradiction* denial, disavowal, nay, refusal, refutation; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* positive

**negative attitude** [*n*] *pessimism* chip on one's shoulder\*, cynicism, dim view\*, expectation of the worst, gloomy outlook, hopelessness,

lack of confidence, low spirits, negativism;  
CONCEPTS 410,689

**neglect** [n1] *disregard* carelessness, coolness, delinquency, disdain, disregardance, disrespect, heedlessness, inadvertence, inattention, inconsideration, indifference, laxity, laxness, oversight, scorn, slight, thoughtlessness, unconcern; CONCEPTS 410,657 —*Ant.* care, obedience, observance, regard, respect, watchfulness

**neglect** [n2] *failure, default* carelessness, chaos, delay, delinquency, dereliction, dilapidation, forgetfulness, lapse, laxity, laxness, limbo, neglectfulness, negligence, omission, oversight, pretermission, remissness, slackness, slovenliness; CONCEPTS 674,699 —*Ant.* accomplishment, achievement, completion, finish, success

**neglect** [v1] *be indifferent, leave alone* affront, brush aside, brush off, condemn, depreciate, despise, detest, discount, disdain, dismiss, disregard, have nothing to do with\*, ignore, keep at arm's length\*, keep one's distance\*, laugh off\*, let go\*, live with\*, make light of\*, not care for\*, overlook, pass by, pass over, pass up, pay no attention to, pay no mind\*, pretermit, rebuff, reject, scant, scorn, shrug off\*, slight, slur, spurn, tune out\*, underestimate; CONCEPTS 30,681 —*Ant.* cherish, concern, guard, nurture, protect, take care of, watch

**neglect** [v2] *fail to do; forget* be careless, be derelict, be irresponsible, be negligent, be remiss, bypass, defer, discard, dismiss, disregard, elide, evade, gloss over\*, let pass\*, let slide\*, look the other way\*, lose sight of\*, miss, not trouble oneself\*, omit, overlap, overlook, overpass, pass over, postpone, procrastinate, shirk, skimp, skip, suspend, think little of\*, trifle; CONCEPTS 101,699 —*Ant.* accomplish, achieve, complete, do, finish, succeed

**neglectful** [adj] *careless, failing* behindhand, delinquent, derelict, disregardful, heedless, inattentive, indifferent, lax, lazy, negligent, regardless, remiss, slack, thoughtless, uncaring, unmindful; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* attentive, careful, caring, mindful, successful

**negligee** [n] *nightgown* camisole, dishabille, nightdress, nightie, peignoir, robe, teddy, wrap, wrapper; CONCEPT 451

**negligence** [n] *carelessness* disregard, failure, forgetfulness, heedlessness, inattention, inattentiveness, laxity, laxness, neglect, neglectfulness, oversight, thoughtlessness, unpreparedness; CONCEPTS 30,633

**negligent** [adj] *careless, indifferent* asleep at switch\*, behindhand, cursory, delinquent, derelict, disincant, disregardful, forgetful, heedless, inadvertent, inattentive, inconsiderate, incurious, lax, neglectful, nonchalant, offhand, regardless, remiss, slack, slapdash\*, slipshod\*, sloppy\*, slovenly, thoughtless, unconcerned, unheedful, unmindful, unthinking; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* attentive, careful, caring, mindful, successful

**negligible** [adj] *insignificant* imperceptible, inconsequential, minor, minute, off\*, outside, petty, remote, slender, slight, slim, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant; CONCEPTS 552,575, 789 —*Ant.* important, major, significant

**negotiate** [v1] *bargain, discuss* accommodate, adjudicate, adjust, agree, arbitrate, arrange,

bring to terms\*, bury the hatchet\*, come across with\*, compose, concert, conciliate, confer, connect, consult, contract, covenant, cut a deal\*, deal, debate, dicker\*, haggle, hammer out a deal\*, handle, horse trade\*, intercede, make a deal, make peace\*, make terms\*, manage, mediate, moderate, network, parley\*, referee, settle, step in\*, stipulate, swap, transact, treat, umpire\*, work out\*, work out a deal; CONCEPTS 8,56,68

**negotiate** [v2] *traverse, cross* clear, get around, get over, get past, hurdle, leap over, overleap, pass, pass through, surmount, vault; CONCEPTS 149,224 —*Ant.* remain, stay

**negotiation** [n] *bargaining* agreement, arbitration, colloquy, compromise, conference, consultation, debate, diplomacy, discussion, intervention, mediation, meeting, transaction; CONCEPTS 56,68,684

**negotiator** [n] *person who bargains, controls discussion* adjudicator, ambassador, arbitrator, broker, delegate, diplomat, fixer\*, go-between\*, interagent, intermediary, intermedium, judge, mediator, middleperson, moderator; CONCEPTS 348,354,423

**neighbor** [n] *person who lives close by* acquaintance, bystander, friend, homebody\*, nearby resident, next-door neighbor; CONCEPT 423

**neighbor** [v] *be next to* abut, adjoin, be adjacent, be contiguous, be near, be nearby, border, butt against, communicate, connect, join, line, march, surround, touch, verge; CONCEPT 759

**neighborhood** [n] *community, surroundings* adjacency, area, block, closeness, confines, contiguity, district, environs, ghetto, hood, jungle\*, locale, locality, nearness, neck of the woods\*, parish, part, precinct, propinquity, proximity, purlieus, quarter, region, section, slum, stomping ground\*, street, suburb, territory, tract, turf, vicinage, vicinity, ward, zone, zoo\*; CONCEPTS 198,379,516

**neighborly** [adj] *friendly* amiable, civil, companionable, considerate, cooperative, cordial, genial, gracious, gregarious, harmonious, helpful, hospitable, kind, obliging, sociable, social, well-disposed; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* cold, distant, unfriendly, unneighborly, unsocial

**neither here nor there** [adj] *irrelevant* beside the point, extraneous, immaterial, impertinent, inconsequential, not connected with, not germane, not pertaining to, off the point, off the topic, pointless, trivial, unconnected, unimportant; CONCEPTS 560,575

**nemesis** [n] *bane* adversary, affliction, bête noire, curse, infliction, opponent, plague, rival, ruination, scourge, torment; CONCEPTS 529,674

**neologism** [n] *new word* buzz word\*, coinage, neology, new phrase, slang, synthetic word\*, vogue word\*; CONCEPT 275 —*Ant.* time-worn

**neophyte** [n] *beginner* abecedarian, amateur, apprentice, colt\*, fledgling, freshman, greenhorn, new boy/girl, newcomer, new kid on the block\*, novice, recruit, rookie\*, tenderfoot\*, trainee, tyro\*; CONCEPTS 423,424

**nepotism** [n] *favoritism* bias, discrimination, inequity, one-sidedness, partiality, partisanship, preference, preferential treatment; CONCEPTS 41,388,645

**nerd** [*n*] *geek* dolt, dork\*, dweeb\*, fool, goober\*, goofball\*, jerk\*, oaf, techie\*, trekkie\*, weirdo; CONCEPTS 564,570

**nerve** [*n*] *daring, boldness* assumption, assurance, audacity, backbone, brass\*, bravery, brazenness, cheek\*, chutzpah\*, confidence, coolness, courage, crust\*, determination, efrontery, endurance, energy, face\*, fearlessness, firmness, force, fortitude, gall\*, gameness, grit\*, guts\*, hardihood, hardness, heart\*, impertinence, impudence, insolence, intestinal fortitude, intrepidity, mettle, might, moxie\*, pluck\*, presumption, resolution, sauce\*, spirit, spunk\*, starch\*, steadfastness, stomach\*, temerity, vigor, will; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* fear, modesty, shyness, timidity

**nerve** [*v*] *strengthen, hearten* animate, brace, cheer, embolden, encourage, enhearten, fortify, inspire, invigorate, steel; CONCEPTS 7,14,22 —*Ant.* discourage, dishearten, fear, weaken

**nerve center** [*n*] *control center* command post, core, focal point, focus, headquarters, heart, HQ, hub; CONCEPTS 532,826,829

**nerveless** [*adj*1] *calm, cool* collected, composed, controlled, imperturbable, intrepid, patient, self-possessed, tranquil, unemotional; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* disconcerted, nervous

**nerveless** [*adj*2] *scared to death* afraid, cowardly, debilitated, enervated, fearful, feeble, nervous, petrified, spineless\*, timid, weak, yellow-bellied\*; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* brave, courageous, nerve, unafraid

**nerve-racking** [*adj*] *distressing* aggravating, annoying, disquieting, disturbing, exasperating, irksome, irritating, maddening, stressful, taxing, tense, trying, upsetting; CONCEPTS 548,565

**nerves** [*n*] *extreme anxiety* fretfulness, hysteria, imbalance, irritation, nervousness, neurasthenia, sleeplessness, strain, stress, tenseness, tension; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* calm, coolness

**nervous** [*adj*] *anxious, fearful* afraid, agitated, annoyed, apprehensive, basket case\*, bothered, concerned, distressed, disturbed, edgy, excitable, fidgety, fitful, flustered, fussy\*, hesitant, high-strung\*, hysterical, irritable, jittery\*, jumpy\*, nervy\*, neurotic, on edge\*, overwrought, querulous, restive, ruffled, sensitive, shaky\*, shrinking, shy, skittish, snappish, solicitous, spooked\*, taut, tense, timid, timorous, troubled, twitchy\*, uneasy, unrestful, unstrung\*, upset, uptight, volatile, weak, wired\*, worried; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* brave, calm, unafraid, unnervous, unworried

**nervous breakdown** [*n*] *mental collapse* burnout\*, crackup\*, depression, emotional collapse, nervous exhaustion, nervous prostration, shattered nerves; CONCEPT 410

**nervousness** [*n*] *anxious state* agitation, all-overs\*, anger, animation, butterflies\*, cold sweat\*, creeps\*, delirium, discomfiture, disquiet, disquietude, dithers\*, excitability, feverishness, fidgets\*, flap\*, fluster\*, fuss\*, impatience, jitters\*, jumps\*, moodiness, neurasthenia, neuroticism, perturbation, quivers, sensitivity, shakes, stage fright, stimulation, stress, tension, timidity, tizzy\*, to-do\*, touchiness, trembles\*, tremulousness, turbulence, uneasiness, willies\*, worry; CONCEPTS 410,657 —*Ant.* calm, calmness, collectedness

**nervy** [*adj*] *bold, pushy* cheeky\*, crass, crude, forward, fresh\*, impudent, inconsiderate, pert, plucky\*, rude, sassy\*, smart, smart-alecky\*, wise; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* afraid, modest, shy, timid, unwilling

**nest** [*n*] *home* aerie, breeding ground, burrow, den, haunt, hideaway, lair, refuge, roost; CONCEPTS 198,515

**nest egg** [*n*] *savings* backup, cache, funds, investment, life savings, mad money\*, means, money in the bank, piggy bank, provisions, rainy day fund\*, reserves, resources, savings account, stash\*, stockpile; CONCEPTS 335,340,446,710

**nestle** [*v*] *curl up* bundle, burrow, cuddle, huddle, lie against, lie close, make snug\*, move close, nuzzle, settle down, snugg\*, snuggle, take shelter; CONCEPTS 154,612

**net** [*adj*] *profiting* after deductions, after taxes, clear, excluding, exclusive, final, irreducible, pure, remaining, take-home, undeductible; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* unprofitable

**net** [*n*] *mesh, web* cloth, fabric, lace, lacework, lattice, netting, network, openwork, reticulum, screen, tracery; CONCEPTS 473,770

**net** [*v*1] *capture* bag\*, catch, enmesh, ensnare, entangle, hook\*, lasso\*, nab\*, trap; CONCEPT 90 —*Ant.* free, let go, release

**net** [*v*2] *gain after expenses* accumulate, bring in, clean up, clear, earn, make, profit, realize, reap; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* gross

**nettle** [*v*] *provoke, upset* annoy, chafe, disgust, disturb, exasperate, fret, get\*, goad, harass, huff, incense, insult, irritate, miff, peeve\*, pester, pet, pique, put out\*, rile, roil, ruffle, snit\*, stew\*, sting\*, tease, tiff\*, vex; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* appease, mollify, please

**nettlesome** [*adj*] *irritating* aggravating, annoying, bothersome, burdensome, distressing, disturbing, exasperating, irksome, nagging, troublesome, trying, vexatious, vexing; CONCEPTS 529,537

**network** [*n*] *system of connections* arrangement, artery, chain, checkerboard\*, circuitry, complex, convolution, crisscross\*, fabric, fiber, grid, grill\*, grillwork, hookup, interconnections, jungle, labyrinth, maze, mesh, net, netting, nexus, organization, patchwork\*, plexus, reticulation, reticule, screening, structure, system, tessellation, tracks, wattle, weave, web, wiring; CONCEPTS 381,388,770

**network** [*v*] *to socialize for professional or personal gain* associate, circulate, hobnob, make contacts, meet, meet and greet\*, mingle, rub elbows\*, schmooze\*; CONCEPT 384

**neurosis** [*n*] *mental disturbance, disorder* aberration, abnormality, affliction, breakdown, compulsion, crack-up\*, derangement, deviation, hysteria, inhibition, insanity, instability, madness, maladjustment, mental illness, neurasthenia, obsession, personality disorder, phobia, psychological disorder, psychopathy; CONCEPTS 316,410 —*Ant.* adjustment, balance, sanity

**neurotic** [*adj*] *mentally maladjusted* aberrant, abnormal, anxious, basket case\*, bundle of nerves\*, choked\*, clutched\*, compulsive, deviant, disordered, disoriented, distraught, disturbed, erratic, hung up\*, hysteric, inhibited, manic, nervous, nervous wreck\*, obsessive,

overwrought, psychoneurotic, unhealthy, unstable, upset, uptight, wired\*; CONCEPTS 314,403 —*Ant.* adjusted, balanced, sane, stable

**neuter** [v] *remove sex organs* alter, castrate, change, desexualize, doctor, dress, fix, geld, make barren, make impotent, make infertile, make sexless, mutilate, spay, sterilize, unsex; CONCEPTS 157,250

**neutral** [adj1] *impartial, noncommittal* aloof, bystanding, calm, clinical, collected, cool, detached, disengaged, disinterested, dispassionate, easy, evenhanded, fair-minded, impersonal, inactive, indifferent, inert, middle-of-road\*, nonaligned, nonbelligerent, nonchalant, non-combatant, nonparticipating, nonpartisan, on sidelines\*, on the fence\*, pacifistic, poker-faced\*, relaxed, unaligned, unbiased, uncommitted, unconcerned, undecided, uninvolved, unprejudiced; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* biased, committal, partial, predisposed, prejudiced

**neutral** [adj2] *flat, dull to senses* abstract, achromatic, colorless, drab, expressionless, indeterminate, indistinct, indistinguishable, intermediate, toneless, undefined, vague, vanilla; CONCEPTS 485,537,618 —*Ant.* bright, loud, strong

**neutralize** [v] *counteract* abrogate, annul, balance, cancel, compensate for, conquer, counterbalance, countercheck, counterpoise, countervail, defeat, frustrate, invalidate, negate, negative, nullify, offset, overcome, override, overrule, redress, subdue, undo; CONCEPTS 121,232

**never** [adv] *not at any time* at no time, don't hold your breath\*, forget it, nevermore, not at all, not ever, not in any way, not in the least, not on your life\*, not under any condition, no way\*; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* always, forever

**never-ending** [adj] *continual, unceasing* amarantine, boundless, ceaseless, constant, continuous, endless, eternal, everlasting, immortal, incessant, interminable, nonstop, perpetual, persistent, relentless, timeless, unbroken, unchanging, uninterrupted, unremitting; CONCEPTS 482,798 —*Ant.* ceasing, ending, halting, intermittent, interrupted

**nevertheless** [adv] *however* after all, although, but, even so, even though, howbeit, nonetheless, not the less, notwithstanding, regardless, still, still and all, though, withal, yet; CONCEPT 544

**new** [adj1] *recent, fresh* advanced, au courant, brand-new, contemporary, current, cutting-edge\*, dewy, different, dissimilar, distinct, fashionable, inexperienced, just out\*, late, latest, modern, modernistic, modish\*, neoteric, newfangled\*, novel, now\*, original, recent, spick-and-span\*, state-of-the-art, strange, topical, ultramodern, unaccustomed, uncontaminated, unfamiliar, unique, unknown, unlike, unseasoned, unskilled, unspoiled, untouched, untrained, untried, untrod, unused, unusual, up-to-date, virgin, youthful; CONCEPTS 564,578,797 —*Ant.* deteriorated, old, old-fashioned, outdated, worn

**new** [adj2] *additional* added, another, else, extra, farther, fresh, further, increased, more, other, supplementary; CONCEPTS 771,824 —*Ant.* common, existent, existing, usual

**new** [adj3] *modernized, restored* altered, changed, improved, redesigned, refreshed,

regenerated, renewed, revived; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* old, old-fashioned, outdated, out-of-date, unstylish

**new** [adv] *recently* afresh, anew, freshly, lately, newly, of late; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* old, past

**new age** [adj] *of a broad-ranging consciousness-raising movement* Age of Aquarius\*, alternative, astrological, balanced, crystal healing, holistic, mystic, occult, planetary, spiritual, supernaturalist; CONCEPTS 403,529

**newborn** [n] *infant* babe, baby, bairn, bambino, bantling, bundle, child, kid, little one, neonate, nursling, small child, suckling, tot; CONCEPTS 414,424

**newcomer** [n] *person who has just arrived in area* alien, arrival, beginner, blow-in\*, colt\*, foreigner, greenhorn\*, immigrant, incomer, Johnny-come-lately\*, late arrival, latecomer, maverick, neophyte, new kid on the block\*, novice, novitate, outsider, rookie, settler, stranger, tenderfoot\*; CONCEPTS 413,423 —*Ant.* native, old hack

**newfangled** [adj] *quite recent* contemporary, fashionable, fresh, gimmicky\*, in vogue, modern, modernistic, neoteric, new, new-fashioned, novel, popular, unique; CONCEPTS 578,589,797 —*Ant.* old, old-fashioned, old hack, outmoded

**newly** [adv] *recently* anew, freshly, just, lately, latterly, of late; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* past

**news** [n] *information, revelation* account, advice, announcement, broadcast, bulletin, cable, cognizance, communication, communiqué, copy, data, description, disclosure, discovery, dispatch, enlightenment, exposé, eye-opener\*, front-page news\*, headlines, hearsay, intelligence, itemization, knowledge, leak, lowdown, message, narration, news flash, particularization, recital, recognition, release, report, rumor, scandal, scoop\*, specification, statement, story, telecast, telegram, telling, the goods\*, tidings\*, word\*; CONCEPTS 268,274,293 —*Ant.* history

**newscaster** [n] *broadcaster* anchor, anchor man/woman, anchor person, announcer, commentator, news anchor, news commentator, reporter; CONCEPTS 60,292

**newsletter** [n] *special interest publication* bulletin, journal, magazine, pamphlet, report; CONCEPTS 279,280

**newsmen/newswoman** [n] *reporter* anchor, anchor man/woman, anchor person, announcer, columnist, copy editor, correspondent, cub\*, editor, foreign correspondent, ink slinger\*, interviewer, investigative reporter, journalist, legman/woman\*, newscaster, newshound, newspaperman/woman, newswriter, pressman/woman, stringer, war correspondent, writer; CONCEPTS 348,356

**newspaper** [n] *regular, continuous publication containing information* biweekly, bulldog\*, community, daily, extra, gazette, journal, magazine, metropolitan, organ, paper, periodical, press, rag\*, record, review, scandal sheet\*, sheet, tabloid, trade, weekly; CONCEPTS 279,280

**newsworthy** [adj] *important* consequential, critical, crucial, essential, far-reaching, front-page\*, great, influential, material, meaningful, momentous, of note, of substance, paramount, relevant, serious, significant, urgent, vital; CONCEPT 567



**next** [adj] *coming immediately after in space, time, order* abutting, adjacent, adjoining, after, alongside, attached, back-to-back, beside, close, closest, coming, consequent, coterminous, ensuing, following, hard by\*, later, meeting, nearest, neighboring, on the side, proximate, side-by-side, subsequent, succeeding, touching; CONCEPTS 585,586,799 —**Ant.** earlier, preceding, previous

**next** [adv] *immediately after in time, space, order* after, afterward, afterwhile, behind, by and by, closely, coming up, following, later, latterly, next off, subsequently, thereafter; CONCEPTS 585,586,799 —**Ant.** earlier, preceding, previous

**nibble** [n] *morsel, bite* crumb, peck, snack, soupçon, taste, tidbit; CONCEPTS 458,831 —**Ant.** mouthful

**nibble** [v] *bite, pick at* crop, eat, eat like a bird\*, gnaw, munch, nip\*, nosh on\*, peck\*, snack; CONCEPT 169 —**Ant.** gorge

**nice** [adj1] *likable, agreeable* admirable, amiable, approved, attractive, becoming, charming, commendable, considerate, copacetic, cordial, courteous, decorous, delightful, ducky, fair, favorable, fine and dandy\*, friendly, genial, genteel, good, gracious, helpful, ingratiating, inviting, kind, kindly, lovely, nifty\*, obliging, okay\*, peachy\*, pleasant, pleasurable, polite, prepossessing, seemly, simpatico, superior, swell, unpretentious, welcome, well-mannered, winning, winsome; CONCEPTS 404,548,572 —**Ant.** bad, disagreeable, horrible, nasty, repulsive, unlikable, unpleasant

**nice** [adj2] *precise, neat, refined* accurate, becoming, befitting, careful, choosy, conforming, correct, critical, cultured, dainty, decent, delicate, discerning, discriminating, distinguishing, exact, exacting, fastidious, fine, finespun, finical, finicking, finicky\*, fussy\*, genteel, hairsplitting\*, meticulous, minute, particular, persnickety\*, picky\*, proper, respectable, right, rigorous, scrupulous, seemly, squeamish, strict, subtle, tidy, trim, trivial\*, virtuous, well-bred; CONCEPTS 542,557,558 —**Ant.** disordered, imprecise, unmannerly, unrefined

**nicety** [n] *fine point* detail, exactness, fine distinction, meticulousness, nuance, precision, refinement, rigor, rigorousness, shade, subtlety; CONCEPT 638

**niche** [n] *place all one's own* alcove, byplace, calling, compartment, corner, cranny\*, cubby-hole\*, hole, hollow, indentation, nook, opening, pigeonhole\*, position, recess, slot, vocation; CONCEPTS 440,513,630

**nick** [n/v] *chip, scratch* cut, damage, dent, dint, indent, jag, knock, mark, mill, notch, scar, score, slit; CONCEPTS 137,176,208

**nickname** [n] *informal title* appellation, by-name, byword, denomination, diminutive, epithet, familiar name, handle\*, label, moniker, pet name\*, sobriquet, style, tag\*; CONCEPTS 268,683

**nifty** [adj] *marvelous* chic, clever, cool\*, dandy, enjoyable, excellent, groovy\*, keen, neat, peachy\*, pleasing, quick, sharp, smart, spruce, stylish, super, swell, terrific; CONCEPT 572 —**Ant.** bad, displeasing, unhandy, unpleasant

**niggle** [v] *nitpick* argue, carp, cavil, complain,

find fault, fuss, grouse, grumble, moan, nag, object; CONCEPT 46

**night** [n] *part of day after sundown and before sunrise* after dark, after hours\*, bedtime, before dawn, black\*, blackness, dark, dark hours, darkness, dead of night\*, dim, duskiness, dusk to dawn, evening, eventide, gloom, midnight, nightfall, nighttide, nighttime, obscurity\*, pitch dark, twilight, witching hour\*; CONCEPTS 620,801,806,810 —**Ant.** day

**nightclub** [n] *place for evening entertainment* bar, bistro, cabaret, café, casino, disco\*, discotheque, dive\*, hideaway\*, honky-tonk\*, joint\*, nightery, night spot, nitery, restaurant, roadhouse, saloon, speakeasy\*, spot, supper club, tavern, theatre, watering hole\*; CONCEPTS 293,439,449

**nightfall** [n] *beginning of darkness* black\*, crepuscule, dim, dusk, eve, eventide, sundown, sunset, twilight, vespers; CONCEPT 810 —**Ant.** daybreak

**nightgown** [n] *dress in which to sleep* bedgown, lingerie, negligee, nightdress, nightie\*, nightrobe, nightshirt, pajamas, PJs\*, sleeper\*; CONCEPT 451

**nightly** [adj/adv] *each evening; after dark at night, by night, every night, in the night, night after night, nights, nighttime, nocturnal, nocturnally*; CONCEPTS 541,799,801 —**Ant.** daily

**nightmare** [n] *bad dream or experience* dream, fancy, fantasy, hallucination, horror, illusion, incubus, ordeal, phantasm, succubus, torment, trial, tribulation, vision; CONCEPTS 315,674 —**Ant.** daymare

**nightmarish** [adj] *frightening* alarming, awful, chilling, creepy, dire, direful, disquieting, dreadful, eerie, fearful, fearsome, ghastly, ghoulish, grim, grisly, hair-raising, hellish, horrible, horrid, horrifying, macabre, morbid, ominous, petrifying, scary, spooky, terrible, terrifying, traumatic, unnerving; CONCEPTS 529,537

**night stick** [n] *billy club* billy\*, blackjack, cudgel, police officer's club, shillelagh; CONCEPTS 470,499

**nihilism** [n] *refusal to believe* abnegation, agnosticism, anarchy, atheism, denial, disbelief, disorder, lawlessness, mod rule\*, nonbelief, rejection, renunciation, repudiation, skepticism, terrorism; CONCEPT 689 —**Ant.** belief, faith, obedience, optimism

**nil** [adj] *nonexistent* naught, nihil, nix\*, none, nothing, nought, zero; CONCEPTS 539,762,771 —**Ant.** existent, existing

**nimble** [adj] *dexterous, smart* active, adept, adroit, agile, alert, bright, brisk, clever, deft, handy, light, lissome, lithe, lively, proficient, prompt, quick, quick-witted, ready, skillful, sprightly, spry, swift, vigilant, wide-awake; CONCEPTS 402,527,584 —**Ant.** awkward, clumsy, lumbering, slow, unadroit, unhandy

**nip** [n] *swallow, taste* bite, catch, dram, drop, finger, jolt, morsel, mouthful, nibble, pinch, portion, shot\*, sip, slug\*, snifter, soupçon, toothful; CONCEPTS 458,831 —**Ant.** mouthful

**nip** [v1] *bite; take small part* catch, clip, compress, grip, munch, nab at\*, nibble, pinch, sink teeth into\*, snag, snap\*, snip\*, squeeze\*, take a chunk out of\*, tweak, twinge, twitch; CONCEPTS 142,169,190 —**Ant.** gorge

**nip** [v2] *stop, thwart* arrest, balk, blight, check, dash, end, frustrate; CONCEPTS 121,234 —*Ant.* allow, encourage, permit

**nirvana** [n] *enlightenment* awakening, bliss, cloud nine\*, ecstasy, happiness, heaven, joy, paradise, peace, serenity, tranquillity; CONCEPT 409

**nitty-gritty** [n] *heart of the matter* basics, bottom line\*, chief part, chief thing, core, essential part, focus, fundamentals, gist, important matter, nuts and bolts\*, root, the facts\*; CONCEPTS 442,668,826

**nitwit** [n] *idiot* blockhead, bonehead\*, cretin, dimwit, dork, dumbbell, dummy, dunce, fool, halfwit, ignoramus, imbecile, jerk, moron, nincompoop, ninny\*, numskull, pinhead\*, simpleton, stupid person; CONCEPT 412

**nobility** [n] *aristocracy; eminence* dignity, elevation, elite, ennoblement, exaltation, excellence, generosity, gentry, glorification, grandeur, greatness, high society, honor, illustriousness, incorruptibility, integrity, loftiness, magnanimity, magnificence, majesty, nobleness, patricians, peerage, royalty, ruling class, society, stateliness, sublimity, superiority, upper class, uprightness, virtue, worthiness; CONCEPTS 378,388,668

**noble** [adj1] *aristocratic* gentle, highborn, imperial, kingly, patrician, queenly, titled, wellborn; CONCEPTS 549,555 —*Ant.* ignoble, lowly, servile, unaristocratic, unsophisticated

**noble** [adj2] *dignified, excellent* august, beneficent, benevolent, benign, big, bounteous, brilliant, charitable, courtly, cultivated, dignified, distinguished, elevated, eminent, extraordinary, first-rate, generous, gracious, grand, great, great-hearted, high-minded, honorable, humane, imposing, impressive, liberal, lofty, magnanimous, magnificent, meritorious, preeminent, refined, remarkable, reputable, splendid, stately, sublime, supreme, sympathetic, tolerant, upright, virtuous, worthy; CONCEPTS 401,404,572 —*Ant.* ignoble, undignified, unrefined, unsophisticated

**noble** [n] *member of royal or important family* archduchess, archduke, aristocrat, blue blood\*, count, countess, duchess, duke, emperor, empress, gentleman, gentlewoman, lady, lord, patrician, peer, prince, princess, royalty, silk stocking\*; CONCEPTS 422,423

**nobody/nonentity** [n] *person of little importance* cipher, insignificance, lightweight\*, menial, nix\*, nothing, parvenu\*, small potato\*, squirt\*, upstart, wimp\*, zero\*, zip; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* somebody

**nocturnal** [adj] *happening at night* after dark, late, night, night-loving, nightly, nighttime; CONCEPTS 799,801

**nod** [n] *gesture of the head* acceptance, acknowledgment, affirmative, beckon, bow, dip, greeting, inclination, indication, permission, salute, sign, signal, yes; CONCEPTS 74,185,685

**nod** [v1] *gesture with head* acknowledge, acquiesce, agree, approve, assent, beckon, bend, bow, concur, consent, curtsy, dip, duck, greet, indicate, recognize, respond, salute, say yes, sign, signal; CONCEPTS 10,50,74,88,185

**nod** [v2] *fall asleep* become inattentive, be sleepy, doze, drift, drift off, droop, drowse, nap, sleep, slump; CONCEPTS 210,315,681

**node/nodule** [n] *knot, growth* bud, bulge, bump, burl, clot, knob, lump, protuberance, swelling, tumor; CONCEPTS 471,831

**noise** [n] *sound that is loud or not harmonious* babble, babel, bang, bedlam, below, bewailing, blare, blast, boisterousness, boom, buzz, cacophony, caterwauling, clamor, clang, clatter, commotion, crash, cry, detonation, din, discord, disquiet, disquietude, drumming, eruption, explosion, fanfare, fireworks, fracas\*, fuss\*, hoo-ha\*, hubbub\*, hullabaloo\*, jangle, lamentation, outcry, pandemonium, peal, racket, ring, roar, row, shot, shouting, sonance, squawk, stridency, talk, thud, tumult, turbulence, uproar, uproariousness, yelling, yelp; CONCEPTS 521,595 —*Ant.* silence

**noiseless** [adj] *quiet* hushed, hushful, inaudible, mute, muted, silent, soundless, speechless, still, voiceless, wordless; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* clamorous, noisy

**noiseproof** [adj] *soundproof* insulated, nonresonant, silent; CONCEPT 594

**noisome** [adj] *immoral, bad, offensive* baneful, dangerous, deadly, deleterious, disgusting, fetid, foul, harmful, horrid, hurtful, injurious, insalubrious, insalutary, loathsome, malodorous, mephitic, mischievous, nauseating, noxious, pernicious, pestiferous, pestilential, poisonous, putrid, rank, reeking, repulsive, sickening, sickly, smelly, stinking, unhealthful, unhealthy, unwholesome, vile, yucky\*; CONCEPTS 537,571,598 —*Ant.* good, just, moral, upright

**noisy** [adj] *very loud and unharmonious in sound* blatant, blusterous, boisterous, booming, cacophonous, chattering, clamorous, clangorous, clattery, deafening, disorderly, ear-popping\*, ear-splitting\*, jumping, loudmouth, obstreperous, piercing, rackety, raising Cain\*, raising the roof\*, rambunctious, raspy, riotous, rowdy, screaming, strepitous, strident, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent, turned up, uproarious, vociferous; CONCEPTS 592,594 —*Ant.* noiseless, quiet, silent

**nomad** [n] *person who wanders from place to place* hobo, itinerant, migrant, pilgrim, rambler, roamer, rover, vagabond, wanderer, wayfarer; CONCEPT 413

**nomadic** [adj] *itinerant* drifting, gypsy, itinerate, migrant, migratory, pastoral, perambulant, perambulatory, peripatetic, roaming, roving, traveling, vagabond, vagrant, wandering, wayfaring; CONCEPTS 401,536,584 —*Ant.* native, settled

**nom de plume** [n] *pen name* AKA\*, alias, anonym, assumed name, nickname, nom de guerre, professional name, pseudonym; CONCEPTS 268,683

**nomenclature** [n] *vocabulary* classification, codification, glossary, location, phraseology, taxonomy, terminology; CONCEPTS 275,276,683

**nominal** [adj1] *supposed, theoretical* alleged, apparent, as advertised, formal, given, honorary, in effect only, in name only, mentioned, named, ostensible, pretended, professed, puppet, purported, seeming, self-styled, simple, so-called, stated, suggested, titular; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* actual, real, true

**nominal** [adj2] *insignificant* cheap, inconsiderable, inexpensive, low, low-priced, meaning-

less, minimal, small, symbolic, token, trifling, trivial, unnecessary; CONCEPTS 334,575,789

—*Ant.* important, significant

**nominate** [v] *designate, select* appoint, assign, call, choose, cognominate, commission, decide, denominate, draft, elect, elevate, empower, intend, make, mean, name, offer, present, proffer, propose, purpose, put down for, put up, recommend, slate, slot, specify, submit, suggest, tab, tap, tender, term; CONCEPTS 41,50,75,88,300

—*Ant.* ignore, pass over

**nomination** [n] *appointment for responsibility* choice, designation, election, naming, proposal, recommendation, selection, suggestion; CONCEPTS 41,50,75,88,300

**nominee** [n] *candidate* applicant, appointee, aspirant, contender, contestant, entrant, hopeful\*, office-seeker, runner, seeker; CONCEPT 359

**nonaggression** [n] *pacifism* nonviolence, passivity, peaceableness; CONCEPTS 7,22,250

**nonchalant** [adj] *easygoing, laid back* airy, aloof, apathetic, blasé, calm, careless, casual, cold, collected, composed, cool, detached, dispassionate, disinterested, dispassionate, easy, effortless, happy, impassive, imperturbable, incurious, indifferent, insouciant, lackadaisical, light, listless, loose, lukewarm, mellow, neglectful, negligent, neutral, offhand, placid, serene, smooth, trifling, uncaring, unconcerned, unemotional, unexcited, unfeeling, unflappable, unimpressible, unperturbed, unruffled, untroubled; CONCEPTS 401,404,542 —*Ant.* intense, jumpy, nervous, unnerved

**noncommittal** [adj] *unwilling to decide* ambiguous, buttoned up\*, careful, cautious, circumspect, clammed up\*, constrained, discreet, equivocal, evasive, even-steven\*, guarded, hush-hush\*, incommunicable, indefinite, judicious, middle-ground\*, middle-of-the-road\*, neutral, on-the-fence\*, politic, reserved, restrained, tactful, temporizing, tentative, unrevealing, vague, wary, zipped\*; CONCEPTS 267,403,542 —*Ant.* committal, decisive, definite, judgemental, willing

**noncompliant** [adj] *unwilling to go along with something* belligerent, contumacious, declinatory, declining, divergent, impatient, irregular, negative, objecting, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, refusing, restive, truculent; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* compliant, obedient, subservient, willing

**nonconforming** [adj] *nonobservant* independent, individualistic, marching to the beat of a different drummer\*, nonadhering, noncompliant, one's own sweet way\*, radical, unorthodox; CONCEPT 554

**nonconformist** [adj] *unwilling to behave, believe as most do* beatnik\*, bohemian\*, dissident, freak\*, heretical, heterodox, hippie\*, iconoclastic, maverick, oddball, offbeat, original, rebel, schismatic\*, sectarian, swinger, unorthodox, weird\*; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* conforming, conformist, obeying, orthodox

**nonconformist** [n] *person who goes against normal behavior, believes beatnik\** bohemian\*, demonstrator, different breed\*, dissenter, dissident, dissident, dropout, eccentric, fish out of water\*, freak\*, heretic, iconoclast, individualist, liberal, malcontent, maverick,

misbeliever, night person, oddball, offbeat, original, protester, radical, rebel, sectary, separatist, swinger, weirdo\*; CONCEPTS 359, 423 —*Ant.* conformist, orthodox

**nonconformity** [n] *belief, behavior different from most* bohemianism, breach, contumaciousness, denial, disaffection, disagreement, disapprobation, disapproval, discordance, disobedience, dissent, eccentricity, exception, heresy, heterodoxy, iconoclasm, insubordination, lawlessness, mutinousness, negation, nonacceptance, nonagreement, noncompliance, nonconsent, objection, opposition, originality, recalcitrance, recusance, recusancy, rejection, strangeness, transgressiveness, unconventionality, uniqueness, unorthodoxy, unruliness, veto, violation; CONCEPTS 633,657,689 —*Ant.* compliance, conformity, obedience, orthodox

**nondescriptor** [adj] *undistinguished, commonplace* characterless, colorless, common, dull, empty, featureless, garden\*, indescribable, indeterminate, mousy\*, ordinary, unclassifiable, unclassified, unexceptional, uninspiring, uninteresting, unmemorable, unremarkable, vague; CONCEPTS 529,537,547 —*Ant.* describable, different, distinguished, illustrative, remarkable, superior, uncommon

**none** [pron] *not one thing* nil, nobody, no one, no one at all, no part, not a bit, not any, not anyone, not anything, not a soul, not a thing, nothing, not one, zero, zilch\*; CONCEPT 407

—*Ant.* some

**nonessential** [adj] *not needed or important* deadwood\*, dispensable, excess baggage\*, excessive, expendable, extraneous, inessential, insignificant, peripheral, petty, superfluous, trivial, unimportant, unnecessary; CONCEPTS 546,575 —*Ant.* essential, important, necessary, needed

**nonexistent** [adj] *fictional, not real* absent, airy, baseless, blank, chimerical, dead, defunct, departed, dreamlike, dreamy, empty, ethereal, extinct, extinguished, fancied, flimsy, gone, gossamery, groundless, hallucinatory, hypothetical, illusory, imaginary, imagined, immaterial, imponderable, insubstantial, legendary, lost, missing, mythical, negative, null, null and void\*, passed away, passed on, perished, shadowy, tenuous, ungrounded, unreal, unsubstantial, vacant, vague, vaporous, void, without foundation; CONCEPTS 539,582 —*Ant.* actual, existent, existing, real, true

**nonpartisan** [adj] *impartial; not political* detached, equitable, fair, free-wheeling\*, independent, indifferent, just, middle-of-the-road\*, neutral, nonaligned, nondiscriminatory, objective, on one's own\*, on-the-fence\*, playing it cool\*, unaffected, unaffiliated, unbiased, unbigoted, uncolored, uncomplicated, uninfluenced, uninvolved, unprejudiced; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* biased, decided, partial, partisan, political, prejudiced

**nonplus** [v] *confuse, perplex* astonish, astound, baffle, balk, beat, bewilder, boggle, buffalo\*, confound, daze, discomfit, disconcert, discountenance, dismay, dumbfound, embarrass, faze, floor\*, flurry, fluster, frustrate, get\*, mess with one's head\*, muddle, mystify, overcome, paralyze, puzzle, rattle, rattle one's cage\*, stagger,

stick, stump, stun, stymie\*, take aback, throw\*, throw into tizzy\*, thwart; CONCEPTS 14,16

—*Ant.* clear up, educate, enlighten, explain

**nonsense** [*n*] *craziness, ridiculousness* absurdity, babble, balderdash\*, baloney\*, bananas\*, bombast, bull\*, bunk\*, claptrap\*, drivel, fatuity, flightiness, folly, foolishness, fun, gibberish, giddiness, hogwash\*, hokey\*, hot air\*, imprudence, inanity, irrationality, jazz, jest, jive\*, joke, ludicrousness, madness, mumbo jumbo\*, palaver, poppycock\*, prattle, pretense, ranting, rashness, rot, rubbish, scrawl, scribble, senselessness, silliness, soft soap\*, stupidity, thoughtlessness, trash\*, tripe\*; CONCEPTS 230,388,633 —*Ant.* clarity, common sense, fact, intelligibility, sense, truth, understanding

**nonstop** [*adj*] *continuous, direct* ceaseless, constant, endless, incessant, interminable, relentless, round-the-clock\*, steady, unbroken, unending, unflinching, uninterrupted, unremitting; CONCEPTS 482,584,798 —*Ant.* incontinuous, indirect, intermittent, stopping, terminating

**nonviolence** [*n*] *abstention from violence* nonaggression, pacification, pacifism, passiveness, passivity, peaceableness; CONCEPTS 388,691

**nonviolent** [*adj*] *peaceful* irenic, nonbelligerent, pacifist, passive, peaceable, quiet, resistant, without violence; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* hateful, mean, violent, wicked, wild

**nook** [*n*] *corner, cubbyhole* alcove, byplace, cavity, compartment, cranny, crevice, den, hideout, hole, inglenook, niche, opening, quoin, recess, retreat; CONCEPTS 440,513

**noon** [*n*] *the middle of a day* apex, high noon, meridian, midday, noonday, noontide, noon-time, twelve noon, twelve o'clock; CONCEPTS 801,802,806 —*Ant.* midnight

**norm** [*n*] *average, standard* barometer, benchmark\*, criterion, gauge, mean, measure, median, medium, model, par, pattern, rule, scale, touchstone\*, type, yardstick; CONCEPTS 647,686,688 —*Ant.* end, exception, extreme

**normal** [*adj*1] *common, usual* accustomed, acknowledged, average, commonplace, conventional, customary, general, habitual, mean, median, methodical, natural, orderly, ordinary, popular, prevalent, regular, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, standard, traditional, typical, typical, unexceptional; CONCEPT 547 —*Ant.* abnormal, irregular, odd, strange, uncommon, unconventional, unusual

**normal** [*adj*2] *sane, rational* all there\*, compos mentis\*, cool\*, healthy, in good health, in one's right mind\*, lucid, reasonable, right, right-minded, sound, together, well-adjusted, whole, wholesome; CONCEPTS 314,403 —*Ant.* abnormal, eccentric, insane, irrational, irregular, odd, unbalanced

**normally** [*adv*] *usually* as a rule, commonly, habitually, ordinarily, regularly, typically; CONCEPT 547 —*Ant.* abnormally, never

**north** [*adj/adv*] *toward the top pole of the earth* arctic, boreal, cold, frozen, hyperborean, northbound, northerly, northern, northmost, northward, polar, septentrional, toward North Pole, tundra; CONCEPTS 581,583 —*Ant.* south

**nose** [*n*] *smelling organ of animate being* adenoids, beak\*, bill\*, horn\*, muzzle\*, nares, nostrils, olfactory nerves, proboscis, schnoz\*,

smeller\*, sneezer\*, sniffer\*, snoot\*, snout\*, snuffer\*, whiffer\*; CONCEPTS 392,601

**nose** [*v*] *detect, search* busybody\*, examine, inspect, meddle, mouse\*, pry, scent, smell, sniff, snoop\*; CONCEPTS 103,216

**nosh** [*n*] *snack* bite, bite to eat\*, break, goodies\*, grub, light meal, midnight snack, pickings, refreshment, tidbit, tiny meal; CONCEPTS 457,459

**nosh** [*v*] *snack* eat between meals, munch, nibble, pick at, taste; CONCEPT 169

**nostalgia** [*n*] *pleasant remembrances* fond memories\*, hearts and flowers\*, homesickness, longing, pining, reminiscence, remorse, schmaltz\*, sentimentality, tear-jerker\*, wistfulness, yearning; CONCEPTS 20,410

**nostalgic** [*adj*] *longingly remembering* cornball\*, down memory lane\*, drippy\*, homesick, like yesterday\*, lonesome, longing, mushy\*, regretful, sappy\*, sentimental, sloppy, syrupy\*, wistful, yearning; CONCEPTS 403,529

**nostrum** [*n*] *cure-all, often ineffective* catholicon, cure, drug, elixir, fix, formula, home remedy, medicine, panacea, patent medicine, potion, quack medicine\*, quick fix\*, remedy, treatment; CONCEPTS 307,311

**nosy** [*adj*] *curious; prying* eavesdropping, inquisitive, inquisitorial, inquisitory, interested, interfering, intermeddling, intrusive, meddling, personal, searching, snooping, snoopy; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* indifferent, unaring, unconcerned, uninterested

**notable** [*adj*] *important; famous* big-league\*, bodacious\*, celebrated, celebrious, conspicuous, distinguished, eminent, eventful, evident, extraordinary, famed, great, heavy\*, high-profile\*, illustrious, major-league\*, manifest, marked, memorable, momentous, nameable, noteworthy, noticeable, notorious, observable, outstanding, preeminent, prominent, pronounced, rare, red-letter\*, remarkable, renowned, rubric, serious, something else\*, striking, top-drawer\*, uncommon, unusual, well-known; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* commonplace, inconsequential, insignificant, ordinary, unimportant, unnoticeable, unremarkable

**notable** [*n*] *person who is famous, important* big name\*, big shot\*, big-time operator\*, big wheel\*, celebrity, chief, dignitary, eminence, executive, figure\*, heavyweight\*, high-up, hotdog\*, leader, lion\*, luminary, magnate, mogul, name, notability, personage, personality, pooh-bah\*, power, somebody\*, star, superstar, VIP\*, worthy; CONCEPTS 347,352,423 —*Ant.* lowlife, unknown

**notably** [*adv*] *especially* conspicuously, distinctly, exceedingly, exceptionally, extremely, greatly, highly, hugely, markedly, noticeably, outstandingly, particularly, prominently, remarkably, reputedly, signally, strikingly, uncommonly, very; CONCEPT 569 —*Ant.* insignificantly, unnotably, unremarkably

**notarize** [*v*] *certify* attest, authenticate, document, endorse, register, sign and seal, swear, validate, verify, witness; CONCEPTS 50,88

**notary** [*n*] *notary public* certifier, commissioner for oaths, court clerk, endorser, public official, recorder, registrar, scrivener, signatory, witness; CONCEPTS 355,423

**notation** [*n*] *written remarks* characters, chit, code, documentation, figures, jotting, memo, memorandum, note, noting, record, representation, script, signs, symbols, system; CONCEPTS 268,284

**not born yesterday** [*adj*] *experienced* battle-scarred, been around, canny, cunning, on the ball\*, savvy, seasoned, trained, unbelieving, wise, worldly; CONCEPTS 402,527

**notch** [*n1*] *indentation* cleft, cut, gap, gash, groove, incision, indent, indenture, mark, mill, nick, notch, rabbet, rut, score, scratch; CONCEPT 513

**notch** [*n2*] *level within classification* cut, degree, grade, rung, stage, step; CONCEPTS 388,744

**notch** [*v*] *indent* chisel, cleave, crenelate, crimp, cut, dent, gash, incise, jag, mark, mill, nick, scallop, score, scratch; CONCEPTS 137,176,208 —*Ant.* flush

**note** [*n1*] *symbol, often used in reference to music* character, degree, figure, flat, indication, interval, key, lick\*, mark, natural, pitch, representation, scale, sharp, sign, step, token, tone; CONCEPTS 262,284

**note** [*n2*] *attention, heed* cognizance, mark, mind, notice, observance, observation, regard, remark; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* heedlessness, ignorance, neglect, unobservance

**note** [*v*] *observe, perceive* catch, clock, denote, descry, designate, dig, discern, discover, distinguish, document, enter, get a load of\*, get an eyeful\*, heed, indicate, jot down, mark, mention, notice, pick up on\*, put down, record, register, remark, see, set down, spot, take in\*, transcribe, view, write, write down; CONCEPTS 34,626 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**notebook** [*n*] *writing tablet* binder, blotter, daybook, diary, exercise book, journal, log, loose-leaf notebook, memo book, pad, scratch pad, spiral notebook, workbook; CONCEPT 271

**noted** [*adj*] *famous, eminent* acclaimed, celeb, celebrated, conspicuous, distinguished, esteemed, illustrious, leading, name, notable, notorious, of note, popular, prominent, recognized, redoubted, renowned, somebody, star, well-known; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* insignificant, unimportant, unknown

**note/notes** [*n3*] *written communication* agenda, annotation, calendar, comment, commentary, datum, definition, diary, dispatch, entry, epistle, gloss, inscription, jotting, journal, letter, line, marginalia, mark, memo, memorandum, message, minute, missive, obiter dictum, observation, record, remark, reminder, scratch, scrawl, scribble, summary, thank-you, word; CONCEPT 271

**notes** [*n*] *outline* annotation, draft, impressions, jottings, marginalia, record, report, rough draft, summary, synopsis; CONCEPT 268

**noteworthy** [*adj*] *important* boss\*, conspicuous, cool\*, evident, exceptional, extraordinary, heavy\*, high-profile\*, hot\*, major-league\*, manifest, meaningful, memorable, mind-blowing\*, murder, nameable, notable, noticeable, observable, outstanding, patent, prominent, red-letter\*, remarkable, serious, significant, something else\*, splash\*, stand-out\*, super, terrific, the end\*, underlined\*, unique, unusual, utmost; CONCEPTS 567,568 —*Ant.* common,

inconsequential, insignificant, ordinary, unimportant

**nothingness** [*n1*] *insignificance* pettiness, smallness, unimportance, worthlessness; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* eminence, importance, significance

**nothing/nothingness** [*n2*] *emptiness, nonexistence* annihilation, aught, blank, cipher, extinction, fly speck\*, insignificance, naught, nihility, nobody, nonbeing, nonentity, not anything, nought, nullity, obliteration, oblivion, shutout\*, trifle, void, wind\*, zero\*, zilch\*, zip; CONCEPTS 407,707 —*Ant.* capacity, fullness

**nothing to it** [*adj*] *effortless* a breeze\*, child's play\*, duck soup\*, easy, easy as ABC\*, easy as pie\*, no problem\*, no sweat\*, painless, piece of cake\*, simple, snap\*, uncomplicated; CONCEPT 565

**notice** [*n1*] *observation* apprehension, attention, care, cognizance, concern, consideration, ear, grasp, heed, mark, mind, note, observance, regard, remark, respect, thought, understanding; CONCEPTS 34,532 —*Ant.* heedlessness, ignorance, neglect

**notice** [*n2*] *announcement, information* admonition, advertisement, advice, caution, caveat, circular, clue, comment, comments, communication, criticism, critique, cue, declaration, directive, enlightenment, goods\*, handbill, info\*, instruction, intelligence, intimation, know\*, lowdown\*, manifesto, memo, memorandum, news, note, notification, order, picture, poster, proclamation, remark, review, score, sign, squib\*, story, tip, warning, whole story\*, write-up; CONCEPTS 271,274,278

**notice** [*v*] *observe, perceive* acknowledge, advert, allude, catch, clock, descry, detect, dig\*, discern, distinguish, espy, flash on\*, get a load of\*, heed, look at, make out\*, mark, mind, note, pick up on, recognize, refer, regard, remark, see, spot, take in; CONCEPTS 34,626 —*Ant.* ignore, miss, neglect, overlook

**noticeable** [*adj*] *conspicuous, evident* apparent, appreciable, arresting, arrestive, big as life\*, can't miss it\*, clear, distinct, eye-catching, manifest, marked, notable, noteworthy, observable, obvious, open and shut\*, outstanding, palpable, patent, perceptible, plain, pointed, prominent, remarkable, salient, sensational, signal, spectacular, striking, under one's nose\*, unmistakable; CONCEPTS 529,537, 567 —*Ant.* forgotten, inconspicuous, obscure, overlooked, unnoticeable

**notification** [*n*] *announcement* advertisement, advisory, alert, bulletin, communication, communique, declaration, information, message, news, notice, proclamation, release, report, statement, warning; CONCEPTS 49,274

**notify** [*v*] *inform* acquaint, advise, air, alert, announce, apprise, assert, blazon, brief, broadcast, cable, caution, circulate, clue in, convey, cue, debrief, declare, disclose, disseminate, divulge, enlighten, express, fill in, give, herald, hint, let in on, let know, make known, mention, pass out, post, proclaim, promulgate, publish, radio, report, reveal, send word, speak, spread, state, suggest, talk, teach, telephone, tell, tip off, vent, warn, wire, wise up\*, write; CONCEPTS 60,79 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, suppress

**notion** [n1] *belief, idea* angle, apprehension, approach, assumption, awareness, clue, comprehension, conceit, concept, conception, consciousness, consideration, cue, discernment, flash, hint, image, imagination, impression, inclination, indication, inking, insight, intellection, intimation, intuition, judgment, knowledge, opinion, penetration, perception, sentiment, slant, spark, suggestion, telltale, thought, twist, understanding, view, wind, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 529,532,689

**notion** [n2] *whim, desire* caprice, conceit, fancy, humor, imagination, impulse, inclination, wish; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* need

**notoriety** [n] *reputation* ballyhoo\*, celebrity, center stage\*, dishonor, disrepute, éclat\*, fame, flak\*, infamy, ink\*, name\*, obloquy, opprobrium, renown, rep\*, scandal, splash\*, spotlight\*, wise\*; CONCEPTS 388,411

**notorious** [adj] *known for a trait, often an unadmirable one* belled, blatant, dishonorable, disreputable, flagrant, glaring, ill-famed, infamous, leading, noted, obvious, opprobrious, overt, patent, popular, prominent, questionable, scandalous, shady, shameful, undisputed, wanted, well-known, wicked; CONCEPT 404

**notwithstanding** [adv/prep] *although, however* after all, against, at any rate, but, despite, for all that, howbeit, in any case, in any event, in spite of, nevertheless, nonetheless, on the other hand, regardless of, though, to the contrary, withal, yet; CONCEPT 544

**nourish** [v] *feed, care for* attend, cherish, comfort, cultivate, encourage, foster, furnish, maintain, nurse, nurture, promote, provide, supply, support, sustain, tend; CONCEPTS 140,295 —*Ant.* abandon, deprive, neglect, starve

**nourishing** [adj] *healthful* alimentative, beneficial, health-giving, healthy, nutrient, nutrimental, nutritious, nutritive, wholesome; CONCEPTS 462,537 —*Ant.* bad, unhealthy, unwholesome

**nourishment** [n] *food* aliment, diet, feed, food-stuff, home cooking\*, maintenance, nutriment, nutrition, pabulum, pap\*, provender, support, sustenance, viands, victuals, vittles\*; CONCEPT 457 —*Ant.* deprivation, starvation

**nouveau riche** [n] *new rich* DINK\*, parvenu, social climber, upstart, vulgarian, yuppie\*; CONCEPT 423

**novel** [adj] *new, original* at cutting edge\*, atypical, avant-garde, breaking new ground\*, contemporary, different, far cry\*, fresh, funky\*, innovative, just out\*, modernistic, neoteric, newfangled, new-fashioned, now\*, odd, offbeat, peculiar, rare, recent, singular, strange, uncommon, unfamiliar, unique, unusual; CONCEPTS 564,578,797 —*Ant.* common, customary, familiar, old, ordinary, overused, used, usual, worn

**novel** [n] *fictional book* best-seller, cliff-hanger, fiction, narrative, novelette, novella, paperback, potboiler\*, prose, romance, story, tale, yarn\*; CONCEPT 280

**novelty** [n1] *newness, originality* change, crazy\*, creation, dernier cri\*, freshness, innovation, last word\*, modernity, mutation, newfangled contraption, oddball, oddity, original, origination, permutation, recentness, sport\*, strangeness, surprise, unfamiliarity, uniqueness, vicissitude, weird\*; CONCEPTS 665,697,715

**novelty** [n2] *trinket, gadget* bagatelle\*, bauble, bibelot\*, conversation piece, curio, curiosity, gewgaw\*, gimcrack\*, gimmick, item, knick-knack, memento, objet d'art\*, oddity, souvenir, trifle, whatnot\*; CONCEPTS 260,446

**novice** [n] *person just learning something* amateur, apprentice, beginner, colt\*, convert\*, cub\*, first of May\*, fledgling, greenhorn, gremlin, know from nothing\*, learner, mark\*, neophyte, newcomer, new kid on the block\*, novitiate, plebe, postulant, prentice, probationer, proselyte, punk\*, pupil, recruit, rookie, starter, student, tenderfoot\*, trainee; CONCEPTS 348,350,423 —*Ant.* expert, professional

**now** [adv] *presently* any more, at once, at the moment, at this moment, at this time, away, directly, first off, forthwith, here and now, immediately, in a minute, in a moment, in nothing flash, instanter, instantly, just now, like now\*, momentarily, nowadays, on the double\*, PDQ\*, promptly, pronto\*, right away, right now, soon, straightaway, these days, this day, today; CONCEPTS 812,820 —*Ant.* future, later, past

**now and then** [adv] *once in a while* at intervals, at times, every now and then, every once in a while, every so often, from time to time, hardly, infrequently, intermittently, irregularly, now and again, occasionally, off and on, once in a blue moon\*, on occasion, periodically, sometimes, sporadically; CONCEPTS 530,541

**noxious** [adj] *deadly, injurious* baneful, corrupting, dangerous, deleterious, destructive, detrimental, fetid, foul, harmful, hurtful, insalubrious, insalutary, noisome, pernicious, pestiferous, pestilent, pestilential, poisonous, putrid, sickly, spoiled, stinking, toxic, unhealthful, unhealthy, unwholesome, venomous, virulent; CONCEPTS 485,537 —*Ant.* curing, good, healthy, helpful, hygienic, pure, sterile, wholesome

**nozzle** [n] *spout* cock, faucet, spigot, tap; CONCEPTS 445,464,499

**nuance** [n] *slight difference; shading* dash, degree, distinction, gradation, hint, implication, nicety, refinement, shade, shadow, soupçon, subtlety, suggestion, suspicion, tinge, touch, trace; CONCEPT 665

**nub** [n1] *core, gist* basic, bottom line\*, crux, essence, heart\*, kernel, meat\*, meat and potatoes\*, nitty-gritty\*, nubbin, nucleus, pith, point, short, substance, upshot; CONCEPTS 661,682,826 —*Ant.* exterior, outside

**nub** [n2] *bump, knot* bulge, knob, lump, node, protuberance, swelling; CONCEPT 471

**nuclear energy** [n] *nuclear power* atomic energy, atomic power, nuclear fission power, nuclear fusion power, thermonuclear power; CONCEPT 520

**nuclear reactor** [n] *atomic reactor* atomic pile, atomic power plant, breeder reactor, core reactor, nuclear power plant, thermonuclear reactor; CONCEPT 520

**nuclear weapon** [n] *explosive driven by nuclear energy* A-bomb, atomic bomb, atomic weapon, doomsday machine\*, H-bomb, hydrogen bomb, mininuke\*, mirv\*, MX\*, neutron bomb, nuke\*; CONCEPT 500

**nucleus** [n] *core; basis for something's beginning* bud, center, crux, embryo, focus,

foundation, germ, heart, hub, kernel, matter, nub, pivot, premise, principle, seed, spark; CONCEPTS 393,826,828 —*Ant.* exterior, exteriority, outside  
**nude** [adj] *without clothes, covering au nature*\*: bald, bare, bare-skinned, buck naked\*, dishabille\*, disrobed, exposed, garmentless, in birthday suit, in one's skin\*, in the altogether\*, naked, peeled\*, raw, skin, stark, stark-naked\*, stripped, unattired, unclad, unclothed, uncovered, undraped, undressed, wearing only a smile\*, without a stitch\*; CONCEPT 485  
 —*Ant.* clothed, covered

**nudge** [n/v] *bump, elbow dig, jab, jog, poke, prod, punch, push, shove, tap, touch*; CONCEPTS 208,612

**nudity** [n] *nakedness* bareness, birthday suit\*, natural state, naturism, nudism, the buff\*, the nude, the raw\*; undress; CONCEPT 453

**nutget** [n] *lump, solid piece; often of metal ore* asset, bullion, chunk, clod, clump, gold, hunk, ingot, mass, plum, rock, treasure, wad\*; CONCEPT 471

**nuisance** [n] *annoyance; annoying person* besetment, blister, bore, bother, botheration, botherment, bum\*, creep, drag\*, drip\*, exasperation, frump, gaddy, headache\*, inconvenience, infliction, insect\*, irritant, irritation, louse, nag\*, nudge\*, offense, pain, pain in the neck\*, pest, pester, pesterer, pill\*, plague, poor excuse\*, problem, terror, trouble, vexation; CONCEPTS 412,674 —*Ant.* delight, happiness, pleasantry, pleasure

**nuke** [n] *nuclear weapon* A-bomb, atomic bomb, atomic weapon, doomsday machine\*, H-bomb, hydrogen bomb, neutron bomb; CONCEPT 500

**nuke** [v1] *attack with nuclear weapons* annihilate, bomb, destroy, eliminate, incinerate, kill, obliterate, wipe out; CONCEPTS 86,252

**nuke** [v2] *cook* bake, brown, heat, microwave, warm up, zap; CONCEPT 170

**null** [adj] *ineffectual, valueless* absent, bad, barren, characterless, imaginary, ineffective, inefficacious, inoperative, invalid, negative, nonexistent, nothing, null and void\*, powerless, unavailing, unreal, unsanctioned, useless, vain, void, worthless; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* effective, effectual, valid, valuable, worthwhile, worthy  
**nullify** [v] *cancel, revoke* abate, abolish, abrogate, annihilate, annul, ax, blue pencil\*, bring to naught\*, call all bets off\*, compensate, confine, counteract, counterbalance, countervail, disannul, forget it\*, invalidate, kill\*, limit, negate, neutralize, nig\*, offset, squash\*, render null and void\*, renege, renig\*, repeal, rescind, restrict, scratch\*, scrub\*, squash\*, stamp out\*, take out\*, torpedo\*, trash\*, undo, veto, vitiate, void, wash out\*, wipe out\*, zap\*; CONCEPTS 50,88,121,234 —*Ant.* affirm, pass, sanctify, validate

**numb** [adj] *deadened, insensitive* aloof, anesthetized, apathetic, asleep, benumbed, callous, casual, comatose, dazed, dead, detached, disinterested, frozen, immobilized, incurious, indifferent, insensate, insensible, insentient, lethargic, listless, numbed, paralyzed, phlegmatic, remote, senseless, stupefied, stuporous, torpid, unconcerned, unconscious, uncurious, unfeeling, uninterested; CONCEPTS 403,609  
 —*Ant.* lively, responsive, sensitive

**numb** [v] *deadened* anesthetize, benumb, blunt, chill, desensitize, dull, freeze, frost, immobilize, obtund, paralyze, stun, stupefy; CONCEPTS 250,255 —*Ant.* enliven

**number** [n1] *unit of the mathematical system* cardinal, character, chiffer, cipher, count, decimal, denominator, digit, emblem, figure, folio, fraction, googol, integer, numeral, numerator, ordinal, prime, representation, sign, statistic, sum, symbol, total, whole number; CONCEPTS 765,784 —*Ant.* letter

**number** [n2] *aggregate, bunch* abundance, amount, caboodle\*, collection, company, conglomeration, crowd, estimate, flock, horde, jillion\*, lot, manifoldness, many, multitude, plenitude, plenty, product, quantity, slew\*, sum, through, total, totality, umpteen\*, volume, whole, zillion\*; CONCEPTS 432,787 —*Ant.* one

**number** [v] *count, calculate* account, add, add up, aggregate, amount, come, computer, count heads\*, count noses\*, count off, enumerate, estimate, figure in, figure out, include, keep tabs, numerate, reckon, run, run down, run into, run to, sum, take account of, tale, tally, tell, tick off\*, total, tote\*, tote up\*; CONCEPT 764  
 —*Ant.* estimate, guess

**numbered** [adj] *limited in number* categorized, checked, contained, counted, designated, doomed, enumerated, fated, fixed, included, indicated, marked, specified, told, totalled; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* infinite, unlimited, unnumbered

**numberless** [adj] *infinite* countless, endless, heaps\*, incalculable, innumerable, jillion, many, multitudinous, myriad, no end of\*, no end to\*, numerous, umpteen\*, uncountable, uncounted, unnumbered, untold, zillion\*; CONCEPTS 482,762,781 —*Ant.* counted, finite, limited, numbered

**numskull** [n] *idiot* blockhead, bonehead\*, buffoon, cretin, dimwit, dolt, dork, dumbbell, dummy, dunce, fathead\*, fool, halfwit, ignoramus, imbecile, jerk, moron, nincompoop, ninny\*, nitwit, pinhead\*, simpleton, stupid person; CONCEPT 412

**numeral** [n] *symbol of mathematical system* character, chiffer, cipher, digit, figure, integer, number; CONCEPTS 284,784 —*Ant.* letter

**numeric/numerical** [adj] *concerning mathematics* algebraic, algorithmic, arithmetic, arithmetical, binary, differential, digital, exponent, exponential, fraction, fractional, integral, logarithm, logarithmic, mathematical, numeral, numery, statistical; CONCEPT 762  
 —*Ant.* alphabetic, alphabetical

**numerous** [adj] *many, abundant* big, copious, diverse, great, infinite, large, legion, lousy with\*, multifarious, multitudinal, multitudinous, plentiful, populous, profuse, rife, scads\*, several, sundry, thick, umpteen\*, various, voluminous, zillion\*; CONCEPTS 762,781  
 —*Ant.* deficient, few, lacking, little, small

**nun** [n] *woman in religious order* abbess, anchoress, canoness, mother superior, postulant, prioress, religious woman, sister, vestal; CONCEPT 361 —*Ant.* monk

**nunnery** [n] *convent* abbey, cloister, monastery, priory, religious community, retreat; CONCEPTS 368,516

**nuptial** [*adj*] *concerning marriage* bridal, conjugal, connubial, espousal, marital, married, matrimonial, spousal, wedded, wedding; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** divorce

**nuptials** [*n*] *wedding ceremony* bridal, espousal, marriage, matrimony, spousal, wedding; CONCEPT 297 —**Ant.** divorce

**nurse** [*n*] *person who tends to sick, cares for someone* assistant, attendant, baby sitter, caretaker, foster parent, medic, minder, nurse practitioner, practical nurse, registered nurse, RN, sitter, therapist, wet nurse; CONCEPTS 357,414

**nurse** [*v1*] *care for, tend* advance, aid, attend, baby-sit, cherish, cradle, cultivate, encourage, father, feed, forward, foster, further, harbor, humor, immunize, indulge, inoculate, irradiate, keep alive, keep an eye on\*, keep tabs on\*, look after, medicate, minister to, mother, nourish, nurture, pamper, preserve, promote, see to, serve, sit, succor, support, take care of, take charge of, treat, vaccinate, wait on, watch out for, watch over; CONCEPTS 110,140 —**Ant.** ignore, neglect

**nurse** [*v2*] *give milk, usually from breast* bottle-feed, breast-feed, cradle, dry-nurse, feed, give suck, lactate, nourish, nurture, suck, suckle, wet-nurse; CONCEPTS 140,295

**nursemaid** [*n*] *nanny* au pair, baby-sitter, governess, nurserymaid, wet nurse; CONCEPT 295

**nursing home** [*n*] *convalescent home* old folks home\*, old people's home, rest home, retirement home; CONCEPT 312

**nurture** [*n*] *development, nourishment* breeding, care, diet, discipline, edibles, education, feed, food, instruction, nutriment, provender, provisions, rearing, subsistence, sustenance, training, upbringing, viands, victuals; CONCEPTS 457,712 —**Ant.** deprivation, ignorance, neglect, starvation

**nurture** [*v*] *feed, care for* back, bolster, bring up, cherish, cultivate, develop, discipline, educate, foster, instruct, nourish, nurse, nurse, provide, raise, rear, school, support, sustain, tend, train, uphold; CONCEPTS 110,140,295 —**Ant.** deprive, ignore, neglect, starve

**nut** [*n1*] *seed of fruit, vegetable* achene, caryopsis, kernel, stone, utricle; CONCEPT 428

**nut** [*n2*] *crazy, overenthusiastic person* bedlamite, bigot, crackpot, crank, dement, eccentric, fanatic, fiend, freak, harebrain\*, loony\*, lunatic, maniac, non compos mentis, screwball\*, zealot; CONCEPTS 412,423 —**Ant.** sane person

**nut house** [*n*] *mental health facility* bughouse\*, funny farm\*, insane asylum, loony bin, mad-house\*, mental hospital, mental institution, psychiatric hospital, psychiatric ward, sanatorium; CONCEPTS 312,439,516

**nutrient** [*n*] *source of nourishment* fiber, food, health food, mineral, nutriment, supplements, vitamin; CONCEPT 457

**nutrition** [*n*] *food* diet, menu, nourishment, nutriment, subsistence, sustenance, victuals; CONCEPT 457 —**Ant.** deprivation, starvation

**nutritious** [*adj*] *healthy* alimantal, alimentative, balanced, beneficial, good, healthful, health-giving, invigorating, nourishing, nutrient, nutritional, nutritive, salubrious, salutary, strengthening, wholesome; CONCEPT 462 —**Ant.** bad, insubstantial, unhealthful, unhealthy, unwholesome

**nuts/nutty** [*adj*] *mentally deranged* absurd, batty\*, bedlamite, cracked\*, crazy, daffy, daft, demented, eccentric, enthusiastic, foolish, gung ho\*, harebrained\*, insane, irrational, keen, kooky, loony, lunatic, mad, out of one's mind\*, ridiculous, touched, unusual, wacky\*, warm, zealous; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** balanced, calm, sane, well

**nuts and bolts** [*n*] *practical details* basic details, basics, brass tacks\*, essentials, fundamentals, mechanics, nitty-gritty\*, practicalities; CONCEPT 546

**nuzzle** [*v*] *cuddle* bundle, burrow, caress, fondle, nestle, nudge, pet, snug, snuggle; CONCEPTS 190,612

**nylons** [*n*] *stockings* hose, hosiery, panty hose, tights; CONCEPT 451

**nymph** [*n*] *female nature spirit* dryad, fairy, goddess, mermaid, naiad, nymph, spirit, sprite, sylph; CONCEPTS 415,424

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**oaf** [*n*] *person who is clumsy, stupid* beast, blunderer, bruiser, brute, chump\*, clod, clown, dolt, dumb ox\*, dunce, fool, goon\*, idiot, imbecile, klutz\*, loser, lout\*, moron, nincompoop\*, ox\*, sap\*, simpleton; CONCEPT 412 —**Ant.** handyman

**oafish** [*adj*] *clumsy, stupid* all thumbs\*, blundering, blunderous, bumbling, bungling, butterfingered\*, dumb, gawkish, gawky, graceless, half-witted\*, heavy-handed, idiotic, ignorant, inelegant, inept, klutzy\*, lubberly, lumbering, lumpish, moronic, simple, simpleminded, slow, stumbling, uncoordinated, underexterous, ungainly, unintelligent; CONCEPTS 401,402, 548,584

**oasis** [*n1*] *spring fountain, watering hole, well, wellspring*; CONCEPT 514

**oasis** [*n2*] *refuge* asylum, cover, escape, harbor, haven, hideaway, resting place, retreat, safe place, sanctuary, sanctum, shelter; CONCEPTS 198,515

**oath** [*n1*] *promise* adjuration, affidavit, affirmation, avowal, bond, contract, deposition, pledge, profession, sworn declaration, sworn statement, testimony, vow, word, word of honor; CONCEPTS 71,278 —**Ant.** break

**oath** [*n2*] *curse* blasphemy, cuss\*, cuss word\*, dirty name\*, dirty word\*, expletive, four-letter word\*, imprecation, malediction, no-no\*, profanity, strong language, swearword; CONCEPTS 54,278 —**Ant.** kindness, pleasantry

**obdurate** [*adj*] *pigheaded, stubborn* adamant, bullhead\*, callous, cold fish\*, dogged, firm, fixed, hanging tough\*, hard, hard-boiled\*, hard-hearted\*, hard-nosed\*, harsh, heartless, immovable, implacable, indurate, inexorable, inflexible, iron\*, mean, mulish\*, obstinate, perverse, relentless, rigid, set in stone\*, stiff-necked\*, thick-skinned\*, tough, tough nut to crack\*, unbending, uncompassionate, uncompromising, uncooperative, unemotional, unfeeling, unimpressible, unrelenting, unshakable, unsympathetic, unyielding; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** amenable, gentle, submissive, susceptible, yielding



**obedience** [*n*] *good behavior; submissiveness* accordance, acquiescence, agreement, compliance, conformability, conformity, deference, docility, duteness, dutifulness, duty, manageability, meekness, observance, orderliness, quietness, respect, reverence, serenity, submission, subservience, tameness, tractability, willingness; CONCEPTS 411,633 —**Ant.** bad behavior, disobedience, misbehavior, mischief, mutiny, rebellion

**obedient** [*adj*] *well-behaved; submissive* acquiescent, amenable, at one's beck and call\*, attentive, biddable, complaisant, compliant, controllable, deferential, devoted, docile, docious, duteous, dutiful, faithful, governable, honoring, in one's clutches\*, in one's pocket\*, in one's power\*, law-abiding, loyal, obeisant, obliging, observant, on a string\*, pliant, regardful, resigned, respectful, reverential, sheeplike\*, subservient, tame, tractable, under control, venerating, well-trained, willing, wrapped around finger\*; yielding; CONCEPTS 401,404 —**Ant.** contrary, disobedient, insolent, misbehaving, mutinous, obstinate, rebellious

**obeisance** [*n*] *salutation* allegiance, bending of the knee\*, bow, curtsy, deference, fealty, genuflection, homage, honor, kowtow\*, loyalty, praise, respect, reverence, salaam\*; CONCEPTS 154,384 —**Ant.** bad manners, disobedience, disregard, disrespect

**obeisant** [*adj*] *showing respect* courtly, deferential, dutiful, regarding, respectful, respecting, reverent, reverential, servile, standing; CONCEPT 401

**obese** [*adj*] *very overweight* adipose, avoirdupois, corpulent, fat, fleshy\*, gross\*, heavy, outsize, paunchy, plump, porcine, portly, pudgy, rotund, stout; CONCEPT 491 —**Ant.** emaciated, skinny, underweight

**obesity** [*n*] *corpulence* bulk, chubbiness, chunkiness, fatness, overweight, paunchiness, plumpness, portliness, rotundness, stoutness; CONCEPT 734

**obey** [*v*] *conform, give in* abide by, accede, accept, accord, acquiesce, act upon, adhere to, agree, answer, assent, be loyal to, be ruled by, bow to\*, carry out, comply, concur, discharge, do as one says, do one's bidding, do one's duty, do what is expected, do what one is told, embrace, execute, follow, fulfill, get in line\*, give way\*, heed, hold fast\*, keep, knuckle under\*, live by, mind, observe, perform, play second fiddle\*, respond, serve, submit, surrender, take orders, toe the line\*; CONCEPTS 91,136 —**Ant.** disobey, mutiny, rebel

**obfuscate** [*v*] *confuse* baffle, becloud, befuddle, bewilder, cloud, complicate, conceal, confound, darken, fog, fuddle, muddle, obscure, perplex, puzzle, rattle; CONCEPT 16

**obituary** [*n*] *notice of person's death* announcement, death notice, eulogy, mortuary tribute, necrology, obit, register; CONCEPTS 268,270 —**Ant.** birth announcement

**object** [*n1*] *thing able to be sensed/felt/perceived* article, body, bulk, commodity, doodad\*, doohickey\*, entity, fact, gadget, gizmo\*, item, mass, matter, phenomenon, reality, something, substance, thingamajig\*, volume, whatchamacallit\*, widget\*; CONCEPT 433

**object** [*n2*] *purpose, use* aim, design, duty, end, end in view, end purpose, function, goal, idea, intent, intention, mark, mission, motive, objective, point, reason, target, view, wish; CONCEPT 659

**object** [*n3*] *aim, recipient* butt\*, focus, ground zero\*, receiver, target, victim, zero\*; CONCEPTS 124,532 —**Ant.** subject

**object** [*v*] *disagree, argue against* balk, be displeased, challenge, complain, crab\*, criticize, cross, demur, deprecate, disapprove, disavow, discommend, discountenance, disesteem, dispute, dissent, except, expostulate, frown, go-one-on-one\*, gripe, grouse, inveigh, kick\*, make a stink\*, mix it up with\*, oppose, protest, rail, raise objection, rant, rave, remonstrate, sound off\*, spurn, squawk\*, storm, take exception, take on, tangle\*; CONCEPTS 12,21,46 —**Ant.** accept, agree, concur, consent, go along

**objection** [*n*] *argument, disagreement* calong, censure, challenge, counter-argument, criticism, declination, demur, demurral, demurring, difficulty, disapprobation, disapproval, discontent, disesteem, disinclination, dislike, displeasure, dissatisfaction, doubt, exception, grievance, gripe, hesitation, kick, niggle\*, odium, opposition, protest, protestation, question, rejection, reluctance, remonstrance, remonstrator, repugnancy, revilement, scruple, shrinking, squawk\*, stink\*, unwillingness; CONCEPTS 21,46,410,689 —**Ant.** acceptance, agreement, concurrence, consent

**objectionable** [*adj*] *not nice; unpleasant* abhorrent, censurable, deplorable, disagreeable, dislikeable, displeasing, distasteful, exceptionable, ill-favored, inadmissible, indecorous, inexpedient, insufferable, intolerable, invidious, loathsome, lousy, murder, noxious, obnoxious, offensive, opprobrious, poison, regrettable, repellent, reprehensible, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, unacceptable, undesirable, unfit, unpalatable, unsatisfactory, unseemly, unsuitable, unwanted, unwelcome; CONCEPTS 548, 558,570 —**Ant.** good, nice, pleasant, welcome

**objective** [*adj*] *fair, impartial* cold, cool, detached, disinterested, dispassionate, equitable, evenhanded, impersonal, judicial, just, like it is\*, nondiscriminatory, nonpartisan, open-minded\*, straight, strictly business\*, unbiased, uncolored, unemotional, uninvolved, unprejudiced, unprepossessed; CONCEPTS 403,542 —**Ant.** partial, prejudiced, subjective, unfair

**objective** [*n*] *aim, goal* ambition, aspiration, design, end, end in view\*, ground zero\*, intention, mark, mission, object, purpose, target, zero\*; CONCEPT 659

**objectively** [*adv*] *impartially* considerably, detachedly, disinterestedly, dispassionately, equitably, evenhandedly, indifferently, justly, neutrally, on the up and up\*, open-mindedly\*, soberly, squarely, with an open mind\*, with impartiality, with objectivity, without favor, without prejudice; CONCEPTS 542,544 —**Ant.** emotionally, subjectively

**objectivity** [*n*] *impartiality* detachment, disinterest, disinterestedness, dispassion, equality, equitableness, indifference, neutrality, open-mindedness; CONCEPTS 403,542

**objet d'art** [*n*] *work of art* bibelot, bric-a-brac,

collector's item, collector's piece, curio, knick-knack; CONCEPT 446

**objurgate** [*v*] *berate* bowl out, castigate, censure, chastise, chew out\*, chide, give one hell\*, jump all over\*, rake over the coals\*, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, scold, upbraid; CONCEPT 52

**obligate** [*v*] *require* astrict, bind, constrain, force, indebt, make indebted, oblige, restrain, restrict; CONCEPTS 53, 130, 646 —*Ant.* let off  
**obligated** [*adj*] *bound* bounden, called by duty, committed, compelled, contracted, duty-bound, enslaved, forced, indebted, indentured, obliged, pledged, required, tied, under obligation, urged; CONCEPT 554

**obligation** [*n*] *responsibility* accountability, accountableness, agreement, bond, burden, business, call, cause, charge, chit\*, commitment, committal, compulsion, conscience, constraint, contract, debt, debit, devoir, due bill, dues, duty, engagement, IOU\*, liability, must, necessity, need, occasion, onus, ought, part, place, promise, requirement, restraint, right, trust, understanding; CONCEPTS 329, 335, 388, 645

**obligatory** [*adj*] *essential, required* binding, coercive, compulsory, compulsory, de rigueur, enforced, imperative, imperious, mandatory, necessary, requisite, unavoidable; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* nonessential, optional, unrequired, voluntary

**oblige** [*v1*] *require* bind, coerce, command, compel, constrain, force, impel, make, necessitate, obligate, shotgun\*; CONCEPTS 14, 242, 646 —*Ant.* let off

**oblige** [*v2*] *a favor or kindness* accommodate, aid, assist, avail, bend over backward\*, benefit, come around, contribute, convenience, don't make waves\*, favor, fill the bill\*, fit in, go fifty-fifty\*, gratify, grin and bear it\*, help, indulge, make a deal\*, make room\*, meet halfway\*, please, profit, put oneself out\*, roll with it\*, serve, swim with the tide\*, take it\*, toe the mark\*; CONCEPTS 110, 136, 384 —*Ant.* be mean

**obliged** [*adj*] *bound* bounden, called by duty, committed, compelled, contracted, duty-bound, enslaved, forced, indebted, indentured, obligated, pledged, required, tied, under obligation, urged; CONCEPT 554

**obliging** [*adj*] *friendly, helpful* accommodating, agreeable, amiable, cheerful, civil, complaisant, considerate, cooperative, courteous, eager to please, easy, easygoing, good-humored, good-natured, hospitable, kind, lenient, mild, polite, willing; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —*Ant.* disobliging, inconsiderate, mean, uncooperative, unfriendly, unhelpful

**oblique** [*adj1*] *slanting; at an angle* angled, askance, askew, aslant, asymmetrical, awry, bent, cater-cornered, crooked, diagonal, distorted, diverging, inclined, inclining, leaning, on the bias, pitched, pitching, sideways, skew, slanted, sloped, sloping, strained, tilted, tilting, tipped, tipping, turned, twisted; CONCEPT 490

**oblique** [*adj2*] *indirect, evasive* backhanded, circuitous, circular, circumlocutory, collateral, devious, implied, obliquitous, obscure, round-about, sidelong, vague; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* direct, forthright, straightforward

**obliterate** [*v*] *destroy* annihilate, ax\*, black out\*, blot out\*, blue pencil\*, bog, cancel, cover, cut, defeat, delete, do in\*, efface, eliminate, eradicate, erase, expunge, exterminate, extirpate, finish, finish off\*, kill, knock off\*, knock out\*, KO\*, level\*, liquidate, mark out, nix\*, obscure, off, ravage, root out\*, rub off\*, rub out\*, scratch, scrub, shoot down, sink, smash, squash, take apart, take out\*, torpedo\*, total\*, trash\*, wash out\*, waste, wipe off face of earth\*, wipe out\*, X-out\*, zap\*; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* build, construct, create

**oblivion** [*n1*] *mental blankness* abeyance, amnesia, carelessness, disregard, forgetfulness, inadvertence, indifference, insensibility, insensibility, Lethe\*, neglect, nirvana\*, obliviousness, unawareness, unconcern, unconsciousness, unmindfulness; CONCEPTS 410, 633 —*Ant.* awareness, consciousness, understanding  
**oblivion** [*n2*] *nothingness, obscurity* blackness, darkness, eclipse, emptiness, extinction, limbo, nihility, nirvana\*, nonexistence, nothing, nowhere\*, nullity, out there\*, void; CONCEPTS 407, 672, 679

**oblivious** [*adj*] *unaware, ignorant* absent, absentminded, absorbed, abstracted, amnesic, blind\*, blundering, careless, deaf\*, disregarding, distracted, dreamy, forgetful, forgetting, gone, heedless, inattentive, incognizant, inconsiderate, insensible, neglectful, negligent, not all there\*, out to lunch\*, overlooking, preoccupied, regardless, spacey\*, strung out\*, unacquainted, unconcerned, unconscious, undiscerning, unfamiliar, uninformed, uninstructed, unknowing, unmindful, unnoticed, unobservant, unrecognizing, unwitting, zonked\*; CONCEPTS 402, 403, 542 —*Ant.* aware, concerned, conscious, mindful, sensitive, understanding  
**oblong** [*adj*] *elongated and rounded* egg-shaped, ellipsoidal, elliptical, elongate, long, oval, ovaliform, ovaloid, ovate, ovated, ovoid, rectangular; CONCEPT 486

**obloquy** [*n*] *calumny* abuse, animadversion, aspersion, bad press, censure, criticism, defamation, disgrace, humiliation, ignominy, insult, invective, reproach, slander, vituperation; CONCEPTS 271, 277, 278

**obnoxious** [*adj*] *offensive, repulsive* abhorrent, abominable, annoying, awful, beastly\*, big mouth\*, detestable, disagreeable, disgusting, disliked, displeasing, foul, gross\*, hateable, hateful, heel, horrid, insufferable, invidious, loathsome, mean, nasty, nauseating, objectionable, odious, off-color\*, ornery, pain in the neck\*, pesky\*, pestiferous, pill\*, repellent, reprehensible, repugnant, revolting, rotten, sickening, stinking, unpleasant; CONCEPTS 267, 401, 542 —*Ant.* agreeable, delightful, kind, likeable, nice, pleasant, soft

**obscene** [*adj*] *indecent, offensive, immoral* atrocious, barnyard\*, bawdy, blue\*, coarse, crude, dirty\*, disgusting, evil, filthy, foul, gross, heinous, hideous, horrible, immodest, improper, impure, lascivious, lewd, licentious, loathsome, loose\*, lustful, nasty, noisome, outrageous, porno\*, pornographic, profane, prurient, rank\*, raunchy\*, raw, repellent, repugnant, ribald, salacious, scabrous, scatological, scurrilous, shameless, shocking, sickening, smutty\*,

suggestive, unchaste, unclean, unwholesome, vile, wanton, wicked, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 267,372,545 —*Ant.* clean, decent, innocent, moral, pure, upright

**obscenity** [*n*] *indecent, immorality; vulgarity* abomination, affront, atrocity, bawdiness, blight, blueness\*, coarseness, curse, dirtiness, dirty name\*, dirty word\*, evil, filthiness, foulness, four-letter word\*, immodesty, impropriety, impurity, indecency, indelicacy, lewdness, licentiousness, lubricity, offense, outrage, porn\*, pornography, profanity, prurience, salacity, scatology, scurrility, sleaze\*, smut\*, smuttiness, suggestiveness, swearword, vileness, vulgarity, wrong, X-rating\*; CONCEPTS 278,645 —*Ant.* cleanness, decency, innocence, morality, propriety, purity, uprightness

**obscure** [*adj*1] *not easily understood* abstruse, ambiguous, arcane, clear as mud\*, complicated, concealed, confusing, cryptic, dark, deep, dim, doubtful, enigmatic, enigmatical, esoteric, far-out, hazy, hidden, illegible, illogical, impenetrable, incomprehensible, inconceivable, incredible, indecisive, indefinite, indeterminate, indistinct, inexplicable, inscrutable, insoluble, intricate, involved, mysterious, occult, opaque, recondite, unaccountable, unbelievable, unclear, undefined, unfathomable, unintelligible, vague; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* apparent, clear, explicit, obvious, perceptible, understood

**obscure** [*adj*2] *cloudy, shadowy* blurred, caliginous, clouded, dark, dense, dim, dusk, dusky, faint, fuliginous, gloomy, indistinct, lightless, murky, obfuscated, shady, somber, tenebrous, umbrageous, unilluminated, unlit, veiled; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* bright, clear, visible

**obscure** [*adj*3] *out-of-the-way, little-known* abstruse, arcane, blind, cabalistic, close, covered, cryptic, dark, deep, devious, distant, enigmatic, esoteric, far, far-off, hidden, humble, inaccessible, inconspicuous, inglorious, invisible, irrelevant, lonesome, lowly, minor, mysterious, nameless, odd, oracular, orphic, rare, recondite, remote, removed, reticent, retired, secluded, secret, secretive, seldom seen, sequestered, solitary, undisclosed, undistinguished, unheard-of, unhonored, unimportant, unknown, unnoted, unseen, unsung; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* distinguished, famous, known

**obscure** [*v*] *conceal, hide* adumbrate, becloud, bedim, befog, belie, blear, blind, block, block out, blur, camouflage, cloak, cloud, cloud the issue\*, con, confuse, cover, cover up, darken, dim, disguise, double-talk\*, eclipse, equivocate, falsify, fog, fuzz, gloom, gray, haze, mask, misrepresent, mist, muddy, muddy the waters\*, murk, obfuscate, overcast, overcloud, overshadow, pettifog\*, screen, shade, shadow, shroud, stonewall\*, throw up smoke screen\*, veil, wrap; CONCEPTS 16,63,172,188 —*Ant.* illuminate, loose, reveal

**obsequious** [*adj*] *groveling, submissive* abject, beggarly, brownnosing\*, complacent, compliant, compliant, cringing, crouching, deferential, enslaved, fawning, flattering, ingratiating, kowtowing\*, menial, obeisant, oily\*, parasitic, parasitical, prostrate, respectful, servile, slavish, sneaking, sniveling, spineless\*, stipendiary, subject, submissive, subordinate, subservient,

sycophantic, toadying\*, unctuous; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* arrogant, assertive, brazen, confident, presumptuous

**obsequy** [*n*] *funeral ceremony* eulogy, funeral rite, funeral service; CONCEPTS 69,278

**observable** [*adj*] *apparent* appreciable, clear, detectable, discernible, discoverable, evident, noticeable, obvious, open, palpable, patent, perceivable, perceptible, recognizable, sensible, tangible, visible; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* hidden, imperceptible, unrecognizable

**observance** [*n*] *attention to, knowledge of something* acknowledgment, acquittal, acquittance, adherence, awareness, carrying out, celebration, cognizance, compliance, discharge, fidelity, fulfillment, heed, heeding, honoring, keeping, mark, mind, note, notice, obedience, observation, performance, regard, remark, satisfaction; CONCEPTS 409,410,633 —*Ant.* carelessness, heedlessness, neglect, thoughtlessness

**observance** [*n*2] *ceremony, rite* celebration, ceremonial, custom, fashion, form, formality, liturgy, performance, practice, ritual, rule, service, tradition; CONCEPTS 377,384,688 —*Ant.* unorthodox

**observant** [*adj*] *alert, watchful* advertent, alive, attentive, bright, clear-sighted\*, comprehending, considering, contemplating, correct, deducing, detecting, discerning, discovering, discriminating, eager, eagle-eyed\*, heedful, intelligent, intentive, interested, keen, mindful, not missing a trick\*, obedient, observative, on one's toes\*, on the ball\*, penetrating, perceptive, questioning, quick, regardful, searching, sensitive, sharp, sharp-eyed\*, surveying, understanding, vigilant, wide-awake\*; CONCEPTS 402,403 —*Ant.* careless, inattentive, indifferent, thoughtless, unaware, unmindful, unobservant, unwatchful

**observation** [*n*1] *attention, scrutiny* ascertainment, check, cognition, cognizance, conclusion, consideration, detection, estimation, examination, experience, heedfulness, information, inspection, investigation, knowledge, mark, measurement, mind, monitoring, note, notice, noticing, once-over\*, overlook, perception, probe, recognizing, regard, remark, research, review, search, study, supervision, surveillance, view, watching; CONCEPTS 409,410 —*Ant.* heedlessness, inattention, indifference, neglect, thoughtlessness

**observation** [*n*2] *comment on something* scrutinized annotation, catch phrase, comeback, commentary, crack\*, finding, mention, mouthful\*, note, obiter dictum, opinion, pronouncement, reflection, remark, saying, say so\*, thought, utterance, wisecrack; CONCEPTS 51, 278 —*Ant.* no comment

**observe** [*v*1] *see, notice* beam, behold, catch, contemplate, detect, dig, discern, discover, distinguish, eagle-eye\*, espy, examine, eyeball\*, flash\*, get a load of\*, get an eyeful of\*, inspect, keep one's eye on\*, lamp\*, look at, make out\*, mark, mind, monitor, note, pay attention to, perceive, pick up on\*, read, recognize, regard, scrutinize, spot, spy, study, survey, take in\*, view, watch, witness; CONCEPTS 24,34,103,265,626 —*Ant.* ignore, miss, overlook

**observe** [v2] *comment, remark* animadvert, commentate, declare, mention, mouth off\*, note, opine, say, state, wisecrack; CONCEPT 51 —*Ant.* be quiet, forget

**observe** [v3] *celebrate, commemorate* dedicate, hold, honor, keep, remember, respect, revere, reverence, solemnize, venerate; CONCEPT 377 —*Ant.* forget, miss

**observe** [v4] *abide by, obey* adhere, adopt, comply, comply with, conform, follow, fulfill, heed, honor, keep, mind, perform, respect; CONCEPTS 91,384 —*Ant.* break, violate

**observer** [n] *spectator* beholder, bystander, eyewitness, gaper, gazer, looker, looker-on, onlooker, viewer, watcher, witness; CONCEPTS 366,423

**obssess** [v] *preoccupy* beset, consume, dominate, engross, grip, harass, haunt, hold, infatuate, possess, torment; CONCEPT 403

**obsessed** [adj] *consumed, driven about belief, desire* bedeviled, beset, bewitched, captivated, controlled, dogged\*, dominated, eat sleep and breathe\*, engrossed, fiendish, fixated, gripped, harassed, haunted, have on the brain\*, held, hooked, hung up on\*, immersed in, infatuated, into\*, overpowered, plagued\*, possessed, preoccupied, prepossessed, really into\*, seized, taken over, tied up\*, tormented, troubled, turned on, up to here in\*, wound up with\*, wrapped up in\*; CONCEPTS 403,404 —*Ant.* indifferent, unconcerned

**obsession** [n] *fixation; consumption with belief, desire* attraction, ax to grind\*, bug in ear\*, case\*, complex, compulsion, concrete idea, craze\*, crush, delusion, enthusiasm, fancy, fascination, fetish, hang-up\*, idée fixe, infatuation, mania, monkey\*, must, neurosis, one-track mind\*, passion, phantom, phobia, preoccupation, something on the brain\*, thing\*, tiger by the tail\*; CONCEPTS 20,410,529, 689,690 —*Ant.* indifference

**obsolete** [adj] *no longer in use, in vogue* anachronistic, ancient, antediluvian, antiquated, antique, archaic, bygone, dated, dead, dead and gone\*, dinosaur\*, discarded, disused, done for\*, dusty, extinct, fossil, gone, had it\*, has-been\*, horse and buggy\*, kaput\*, moldy\*, moth-eaten\*, old, old-fashioned, old-hat, old-school, out\*, outmoded, out-of-date, out-of-fashion, outworn, passé, stale, superannuated, superseded, timeworn, unfashionable; CONCEPTS 539,560,589 —*Ant.* contemporary, current, in vogue, modern, new, present, up-to-date

**obstacle** [n] *impediment, barrier* bar, block, booby trap\*, bump\*, catch, Catch-22\*, check, clog\*, crimp\*, difficulty, disincensive, encumbrance, hamper, handicap, hang-up\*, hardship, hindrance, hitch\*, hurdle, interference, interruption, joker\*, monkey wrench\*, mountain, obstruction, restriction, rub\*, snag, stumbling block\*, traverse, vicissitude; CONCEPTS 470,532,666,674 —*Ant.* advantage, assistance, blessing, clearance, help

**obstinate** [adj] *stubborn, determined* adamant, cantankerous, contradictory, contrary, contumacious, convinced, dead set on\*, dogged, dogmatic, firm, hard, hardened, headstrong, heady, immovable, indomitable, inflexible, intractable, intransigent, locked in\*, mulish\*, obdurate,

opinionated, opinionative, persistent, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded\*, recalcitrant, refractory, relentless, resolved, restive, self-willed, steadfast, strong-minded, tenacious, unalterable, unflinching, unmanageable, unyielding, willful; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* agreeable, amenable, cooperative, flexible, helpful, submissive, willing, yielding

**obstreperous** [adj] *noisy blusterous, boisterous, booming, clamorous, disorderly, loud, out of hand, piercing, raising Cain\**, raising the roof\*, rambunctious, riotous, rowdy, screaming, strepitous, tumultous, unmanageable, unruly, uproarious, vociferous, wild; CONCEPTS 592,594

**obstruct** [v] *prevent, restrict* arrest, bar, barricade, block, check, choke, clog, close, congest, crab, curb, cut off, drag one's feet\*, fill, full up, frustrate, get in the way\*, hamper, hamstring\*, hang up\*, hide, hinder, hold up, impede, inhibit, interfere, interrupt, mask, monkey with\*, obscure, occlude, plug, restrain, retard, sandbag\*, shield, shut off, slow down, stall, stonewall\*, stop, stopper, stymie\*, terminate, throttle, thwart, trammel, weigh down; CONCEPTS 5,121,130 —*Ant.* abet, aid, assist, boost, clear, help, promote, support

**obstruction** [n] *obstacle, impediment* bar, barricade, barrier, block, blockage, blocking, booby trap\*, check, checkmate\*, circumvention, difficulty, gridlock\*, hamper, hindrance, hurdle, interference, jam\*, lock, monkey wrench\*, mountain\*, restraint, roadblock\*, snag, stop, stoppage, stumbling block\*, trammel, trouble, wall; CONCEPTS 532,674 —*Ant.* aid, assistance, boost, help, promotion, support

**obtain** [v] *get, acquire* access, accomplish, achieve, annex, attain, beg borrow or steal\*, capture, chalk up\*, collect, come by, compass, cop\*, corral, drum up\*, earn, effect, fetch, gain, gather, get at, get hold of\*, get one's hands on\*, glean, gobble up\*, grab, have, hoard, inherit, invade, lay up, make use of, nab\*, occupy, pick up, pocket\*, procure, purchase, reach, realize, reap, receive, recover, retrieve, salvage, save, score, scrape together, scrape up, secure, seize, snag, take, wangle, win; CONCEPT 120 —*Ant.* forfeit, forsake, lose, sacrifice

**obtainable** [adj] *achievable, available* at hand\*, attainable, derivable, duck soup\*, gettable, in stock, no problem\*, no sweat\*, on deck\*, on offer\*, on tap\*, piece of cake\*, procurable, purchasable, pushover, ready, realizable, securable, there for the taking\*, to be had\*; CONCEPTS 528,576 —*Ant.* unachievable, unavailable, unobtainable

**obtrusive** [adj] *pushy, obvious* bulging, busy, forward, impertinent, importunate, interfering, intrusive, jutting, meddlesome, meddling, nosy, noticeable, officious, presumptuous, projecting, prominent, protruding, protuberant, prying, sticking out; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* modest, shy, unobtrusive

**obtuse** [adj1] *slow to understand* dense, dopey\*, dull\*, dumb, imperceptive, insensitive, opaque, slow on uptake\*, stolid, thick, uncomprehending, unintelligent; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* bright, intelligent, quick, smart

**obtuse** [adj2] *blunt, not sharp* round, rounded; CONCEPTS 485,486 —*Ant.* pointed, sharp

**obviate** [*v*] *make unnecessary* anticipate, avert, block, counter, counteract, deter, do away with, forestall, forfend, hinder, interfere, interpose, intervene, preclude, prevent, remove, restrain, rule out, stave off, ward; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* allow, help, permit

**obvious** [*adj*] *apparent, understandable* accessible, barefaced, bright, clear, clear as a bell\*, conclusive, conspicuous, discernible, distinct, distinguishable, evident, explicit, exposed, glaring, indisputable, in evidence, lucid, manifest, noticeable, observable, open, overt, palpable, patent, perceivable, perceptible, plain, precise, prominent, pronounced, public, recognizable, self-evident, self-explanatory, standing out, straightforward, transparent, unconcealed, undeniable, undisguised, unmistakable, unobvious, visible; CONCEPTS 485,529 —*Ant.* ambiguous, indefinite, obscure, unclear, vague

**obviously** [*adv*] *unmistakably* apparently, certainly, clearly, definitely, distinctly, evidently, incontestably, noticeably, of course, openly, plainly, seemingly, surely, undeniably, undoubtedly, unquestionably, visibly, without doubt; CONCEPTS 535,552

**occasion** [*n1*] *chance break\**, convenience, demand, excuse, incident, instant, moment, need, occurrence, opening, opportunity, possibility, season, shot\*, show, time, use; CONCEPT 693

**occasion** [*n2*] *reason, cause antecedent, basis, call, circumstance, determinant, excuse, foundation, ground, grounds, incident, inducement, influence, justification, motivation, motive, necessity, obligation, prompting, provocation, purpose, right, warrant*; CONCEPT 661

**occasion** [*n3*] *event, happening* affair, celebration, circumstance, episode, experience, go\*, goings-on\*, happening, incident, instant, milestone\*, milestone, moment, occurrence, scene, thing\*, time, while; CONCEPTS 2,386

**occasion** [*v*] *make happen, bring about* breed, cause, create, do, effect, elicit, engender, evoke, generate, give rise to, hatch, induce, influence, inspire, lead to, move, muster, originate, persuade, produce, prompt, provoke, work up; CONCEPTS 68,242

**occasional** [*adj*] *irregular, sporadic* casual, desultory, especial, exceptional, exclusive, few, incidental, infrequent, intermittent, not habitual, odd, off and on\*, particular, random, rare, scarce, seldom, special, specific, uncommon, uninfrequent, unusual; CONCEPTS 530,541 —*Ant.* constant, frequent, regular, steady, usual

**occasionally** [*adv*] *every now and then* at intervals, at random, at times, every so often, from time to time, hardly, infrequently, irregularly, now and again, once in a blue moon\*, once in a while, once or twice\*, on occasion, periodically, seldom, sometimes, sporadically, uncommonly; CONCEPTS 530,541 —*Ant.* always, constantly, frequently, regularly, steadily, usually

**occlude** [*v*] *block, prevent* choke, clog, close, close out, congest, curb, fill, hinder, impede, leave out, lock out, obstruct, plug, seal, shut, stopper, stop up, throttle; CONCEPTS 121,201 —*Ant.* allow, help, permit

**occlusion** [*n*] *obstruction* barricade, barrier, block, blockage, blocking, closure, stoppage; CONCEPTS 470,532,666,674

**occult** [*adj*] *mysterious, secret; supernatural* abstruse, acroamatic, arcane, cabalistic, concealed, deep, eerie, esoteric, hermetic, hidden, invisible, magic, magical, mystic, mystical, obscure, orphic, preternatural, profound, psychic, recondite, transmundane, unearthly, unknown, unrevealed, veiled, weird; CONCEPTS 576,582 —*Ant.* known, natural

**occupancy** [*n*] *residence of place* control, deed, habitation, holding, inhabitation, inhabitory, occupation, ownership, possession, retention, settlement, tenancy, tenure, term, title, use; CONCEPTS 518,710

**occupant** [*n*] *person who resides in a place* addressee, denizen, dweller, holder, householder, incumbent, indweller, inhabitant, lessee, occupier, possessor, renter, resident, resider, tenant, user; CONCEPT 414 —*Ant.* displaced person

**occupation** [*n1*] *profession, business* activity, affair, calling, chosen work, craft, daily grind\*, day gig\*, do, dodge\*, employment, game\*, grindstone\*, hang\*, job, lick\*, line, line of work, métier, moonlight\*, nine-to-five\*, play\*, post, pursuit, racket\*, rat race\*, slot\*, thing\*, trade, vocation, walk of life\*, what one is into\*, work; CONCEPTS 349,351,360 —*Ant.* entertainment, fun, hobby, pastime

**occupation** [*n2*] *control, possession* habitation, holding, inhabitory, inhabitation, occupancy, ownership, residence, settlement, tenancy, tenure, title, use; CONCEPTS 518,710

**occupation** [*n3*] *seizure, takeover* attack, capture, conquest, entering, foreign rule, invasion, subjugation; CONCEPTS 86,90,320 —*Ant.* giving up, surrender, yielding

**occupational** [*adj*] *pertaining to work* business, career, employment, job-related, professional, vocational, work; CONCEPT 360

**occupied** [*adj1*] *busy* active, clocked up\*, employed, engaged, engrossed, held over heels\*, tied up\*, too much on plate\*, working; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* idle, inactive, not busy, unoccupied

**occupied** [*adj2*] *inhabited; in use* busy, engaged, full, leased, lived-in\*, peopled\*, populated, populous, rented, settled, taken, unavailable, utilized; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* empty, free, uninhabited, unoccupied, vacant

**occupy** [*v1*] *be busy with* absorb, amuse, attend, be active with, be concerned with, busy, divert, employ, engage, engross, entertain, fill, hold attention, immerse, interest, involve, keep busy, monopolize, preoccupy, soak, take up, tie up, utilize; CONCEPTS 7,17,19,22 —*Ant.* be inactive, be lazy, idle

**occupy** [*v2*] *reside; use* be established, be in command, be in residence, cover, dwell, ensconce, establish, fill, hold, inhabit, involve, keep, live in, maintain, own, people, permeate, pervade, populate, possess, remain, sit, stay, take up, tenant, utilize; CONCEPTS 225,226 —*Ant.* not use

**occupy** [*v3*] *seize, take over* capture, conquer, garrison, hold, invade, keep, obtain, overrun, take possession; CONCEPTS 86,90,320 —*Ant.* surrender, yield

**occur** [*v1*] *take place, happen* action, appear, arise, befall, be found, be present, betide, chance, come about, come off\*, come to pass, cook\*, crop up, develop, ensue, eventualize,

eventuate, exist, follow, go, jell\*, manifest, materialize, obtain, present itself, result, shake\*, show, smoke\*, take place, transpire, turn out, turn up; CONCEPTS 4,242

**occur** [v2] *come to mind* come to one\*, cross one's mind\*, dawn on\*, expose, flash\*, go through one's head\*, hit, offer itself, present itself, reveal, spring to mind\*, strike, suggest itself; CONCEPTS 34,43

**occurrence** [n] *happening, development* accident, adventure, affair, appearance, circumstance, condition, contingency, emergency, episode, event, exigency, existence, incidence, incident, instance, juncture, manifestation, materialization, occasion, pass, piece, proceeding, routine, scene, situation, state, thing\*, transaction, transpiration; CONCEPTS 3,4,230,696

**ocean** [n] *very large body of water* blue\*, bounding main\*, brine, briny\*, briny deep\*, Davy Jones's locker\*, deep, drink\*, high seas\*, main, pond, puddle, salt water, sea, seaway, Seven Seas, sink, tide; CONCEPT 514

**oceanic** [adj] *marine* aquatic, coastal, maritime, nautical, naval, oceangoing, oceanographic, of the sea, pelagic, seafaring, seagoing; CONCEPT 536

**odd/oddball** [adj1] *unusual, abnormal* atypical, avant-garde, bizarre, character, crazy, curious, deviant, different, eccentric, erratic, exceptional, extraordinary, fantastic, flaky\*, freak\*, freakish\*, freaky\*, funny, idiosyncratic, irregular, kinky\*, kooky\*, offbeat, off-the-wall\*, outlandish, out of the ordinary, peculiar, quaint, queer, rare, remarkable, singular, spacey\*, strange, uncanny, uncommon, unconventional, unique, way out\*, weird, weirdo\*, whimsical; CONCEPTS 404,542,564 —**Ant.** common, conventional, habitual, normal, ordinary, regular, standard, usual

**odd** [adj2] *miscellaneous, various* accidental, casual, chance, contingent, different, fluky\*, fortuitous, fragmentary, incidental, irregular, occasional, odd-lot\*, periodic, random, seasonal, sundry, varied; CONCEPT 552 —**Ant.** like, similar, unvaried

**odd** [adj3] *single, unmatched; uneven* additional, alone, exceeding, individual, irregular, left, leftover, lone, lonely, over, over and above, remaining, singular, sole, solitary, spare, surplus, unconsumed, unitary, unpaired; CONCEPTS 480,577 —**Ant.** matched

**oddy** [n1] *abnormality* anomaly, bizarreness, characteristic, conversation piece, curiosity, eccentricity, extraordinariness, freak, freakishness, idiosyncrasy, incongruity, irregularity, kink, oddness, outlandishness, peculiarity, phenomenon, queerness, quirk, rarity, singularity, strangeness, unconventionality, unnaturalness; CONCEPTS 260,411,665 —**Ant.** convention, habit, norm, normality, regularity, standard, usualness

**oddy/oddball** [n2] *person who is very different* case\*, character, duck\*, eccentric, fish out of water\*, maverick, misfit, odd bird\*, original\*, rara avis, screwball\*, weirdo\*; CONCEPT 423 —**Ant.** conservative, normal

**odds** [n1] *advantage* allowance, benefit, fudge, difference, disparity, dissimilarity, distinction, draw, edge, handicap, head start, lead, overlay,

start, superiority, vantage; CONCEPT 693

—**Ant.** disadvantage

**odds** [n2] *probability* balance, chances, favor, likelihood, superiority, toss-up; CONCEPT 650 —**Ant.** improbability, unlikelyhood

**odds and ends** [n] *miscellaneous paraphernalia* assortment, bits, bits and pieces\*, debris, etcetera\*, hodgepodge, jumble, leavings, litter, medley, mélange, melee, miscellany, motley, oddments, olio, particles, potpourri, remnants, rest, rubbish, rummage, scraps, sundry items, this and that\*; CONCEPTS 260,432,446

**odds-on-favorite** [n] *front-runner* best bet, contender, favorite, first choice, top seed; CONCEPTS 423,446

**ode** [n] *poem* ballad, composition, epode, limerick, lyric, poesy, rhyme, song, sonnet, verse; CONCEPTS 268,282

**odious** [adj] *hateful, horrible* abhorrent, abominable, creepy\*, detestable, disgusting, execrable, foul, hateful, horrid, loathsome, mean, obnoxious, offensive, ornery, pain in the neck\*, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, unpleasant, vile; CONCEPTS 401,404 —**Ant.** agreeable, delightful, great, likeable, loveable, pleasing

**odium** [n] *shame, dishonor* abhorrence, antipathy, aversion, bar sinister\*, black eye\*, blame, blot, blur, brand, censure, condemnation, detestation, disapproval, discredit, disesteem, disfavor, disgrace, dislike, disprobation, disrepute, enmity, execration, hate, hatred, ignominy, infamy, malice, obloquy, onus, opprobrium, rebuke, reprobation, resentment, slur, spot, stain, stigma; CONCEPTS 29,388 —**Ant.** approval, honor, regard, respect

**odor** [n] *scent* air, aroma, bouquet, effluvium, efflux, emanation, essence, exhalation, flavor, fragrance, musk, perfume, pungence, pungency, redolence, smell, snuff, stench, stink, tang, tincture, trail, whiff; CONCEPT 599

**odorless** [adj] *without fragrance* deodorant, deodorizing, flat, inodorous, odor-free, unaromatic, unfragrant, unperfumed, unscented, unsmelling; CONCEPT 598 —**Ant.** aromatic, odorous, perfumed, scented, smelly

**odorous** [adj] *having fragrance* aromatic, balmy, dank, effluvious, fetid, flavorsome, flowery, foul, fragrant, heady, honeyed, loud, malodorous, mephitic, miasmatic, moldy, musty, nauseous, odoriferant, odoriferous, offensive, olfactive, olfactory, perfumatory, perfumed, perfumy, pungent, putrid, redolent, reeking, rotten, savory, savory, scented, scentful, scent-laden, skunky\*, smelly, spicy, stagnant, stale, stinking, strong, sweet, sweet-scented, sweet-smelling, tumaceous, unsavory, whiffy\*; CONCEPT 598 —**Ant.** odorless

**odyssey** [n] *journey* adventure, excursion, expedition, exploration, pilgrimage, quest, sojourn, tour, travels, trek, trip, voyage, wanderings; CONCEPT 224

**of course** [adv] *as expected* by all means, certainly, definitely, indeed, indubitably, naturally, obviously, surely, undoubtedly, without a doubt; CONCEPT 544

**off** [adj1] *gone; remote* absent, canceled, finished, inoperative, negligible, not employed, not on duty, on vacation, outside, postponed,

slender, slight, slim, small, unavailable;  
 CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* here, present

**off** [adj2] *inferior; spoiled* bad, decomposed, disappointing, disheartening, displeasing, low-quality, mortifying, not up to par\*, not up to snuff\*, poor, putrid, quiet, rancid, rotten, slack, sour, substandard, turned, unrewarding, unsatisfactory; CONCEPT 570 —*Ant.* on

**off** [adv] *apart, away above, absent, afar, ahead, aside, away from, behind, below, beneath, beside, disappearing, divergent, elsewhere, far, farther away, gone away, in the distance, not here, out, over, removed, to one side, turning aside, up front, vanishing*; CONCEPTS 583, 778 —*Ant.* close, here, present

**off and on** [adv] *intermittently* alternately, at intervals, at times, every once in a while, every so often, fluctuating, from time to time, irregularly, now and then, occasionally, once in a while, on occasion, sometimes, sporadically, vacillating, variably; CONCEPTS 530, 541

**offbeat** [adj] *strange, very different* bizarre, bohemian\*, eccentric, far-out, freaky, fresh, idiosyncratic, novel, oddball, outré, uncommon, unconventional, unique, unorthodox, unusual, way-out\*, weird; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* expected, normal, usual

**off-center** [adj] *wide adrift, askew, astray, far-off, inaccurate, off-course, off-target, off the mark, stray*; CONCEPTS 581, 583

**off-color** [adj] *risqué* blue\*, indelicate, purple\*, racy\*, salty\*, shady, suggestive, vulgar, wicked; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* clean, nice

**off-course** [adj] *strayed* astray, confused, disoriented, lost, lost one's bearing, off-track, roaming, roving; CONCEPTS 576, 583

**offend** [v] *displease, insult* affront, aggravate, anger, annoy, antagonize, be disagreeable, disgruntle, disgust, disoblige, distress, disturb, exasperate, fret, gall, horrify, hurt, irritate, jar, miff, nauseate, nettle, outrage, pain, pique, provoke, repel, repulse, rile, shock, sicken, sin, slight, slur, snub, sting, transgress, trespass, turn one off\*, upset, vex, wound, zing\*; CONCEPTS 7, 14, 19 —*Ant.* compliment, please

**offender** [n] *perpetrator* con\*, convict, criminal, crook, culprit, delinquent, felon, guilty party, guilty person, jailbird\*, lawbreaker, malefactor, sinner, suspect, transgressor, wrongdoer; CONCEPT 91

**offense** [n1] *violation, trespass* breach, crime, delinquency, fault, infraction, lapse, malfeasance, misdeed, misdemeanor, peccadillo, sin, transgression, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 192, 691 —*Ant.* obedience

**offense** [n2] *insult, displeasure* affront, aggression, assaultment, assault, attack, battery, black eye\*, blitz\*, blitzkrieg\*, dig\*, dirty dig\*, harm, hit\*, hurt, indignation, indignity, injury, injustice, left-handed compliment\*, mugging, onset, onslaught, outrage, push\*, put-down\*, slam\*, slap in the face\*, slight, snub, zinger\*; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* kindness, pleasure

**offense** [n3] *anger, hard feelings* annoyance, connoption\*, displeasure, explosion, fit, flare-up\*, huff, indignation, ire, miff, needle\*, outburst, pique, resentment, scene, tantrum, tizzy\*, umbrage, wounded feelings, wrath; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* happiness, pleasure

**offensive** [adj1] *disrespectful, insulting; displeasing* abhorrent, abusive, annoying, biting, cutting, detestable, disagreeable, discourteous, distasteful, dreadful, embarrassing, evil, foul, ghastly, grisly, gross, hideous, horrible, horrid, impertinent, insolent, invidious, irritating, nauseating, objectionable, obnoxious, odious, off-color\*, offending, opprobrious, outrageous, repellent, reprehensible, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, rotten, rude, shocking, stinking\*, terrible, uncivil, unmanly; CONCEPTS 267, 529, 537 —*Ant.* agreeable, kind, nice, pleasing, respectful

**offensive** [adj2] *attacking* aggressive, assailing, assaulting, belligerent, invading; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* defending, defensive, guarding

**offensive** [n] *attack* aggression, assaultment, assault, drive, invasion, onset, onslaught, push; CONCEPTS 86, 320 —*Ant.* defending, defensive

**offer** [n] *proposal, suggestion* action, attempt, bid, endeavor, essay, feeler\*, hit\*, overture, pass\*, pitch\*, presentation, proposition, propoundment, rendition, submission, tender; CONCEPTS 66, 67, 278 —*Ant.* refusal, taking, withdrawal

**offer** [v1] *present, propose* for acceptance accord, advance, afford, allow, award, be at service, bid, come forward, display, donate, exhibit, extend, furnish, give, grant, hold out, lay at one's feet\*, make available, move, place at disposal\*, ply, pose, press, proffer, propound, provide, put forth, put forward, put on the market, put up, put up for sale, sacrifice, show, submit, suggest, tender, volunteer; CONCEPT 67 —*Ant.* take, take back, withdraw, withhold

**offer** [v2] *propose* adduce, advance, advise, allege, cite, make a motion, make a pitch\*, present, proposition, submit, suggest; CONCEPT 66 —*Ant.* deny, refuse, withhold

**offer** [v3] *try* assay, attempt, endeavor, essay, seek, strive, struggle, undertake; CONCEPT 87

**offering** [n] *donation* alms, atonement, beneficence, beneficence, charity, contribution, expiation, gift, oblation, present, sacrifice, subscription; CONCEPTS 337, 340 —*Ant.* withdrawal

**off-guard** [adj] *unprepared* asleep, asleep on the job\*, daydreaming, flat-footed\*, inattentive, napping, spaced out\*, unalert, unready, unsuspecting, unvigilant, unwatchful, zoned out\*; CONCEPTS 403, 542

**offhand** [adj1] *abrupt, careless* aloof, breezy, brusque, casual, cavalier, cool\*, curt, easygoing, folksy, glib, informal, laid-back, mellow, perfunctory, unceremonious, unconcerned, uninterested; CONCEPTS 267, 401, 542 —*Ant.* calculated, careful, considered, deliberate, planned

**offhand** [adj2/adv] *ad-lib, extemporaneous* extemporary, extempore, impromptu, improvised, informal, off the cuff\*, off the hip\*, off the top of head\*, spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment\*, throwaway\*, unpremeditated, unprepared, unrehearsed, unstudied, without preparation; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* planned, practiced

**office** [n1] *business, responsibility* appointment, berth, billet, capacity, charge, commission, connection, duty, employment, function, job, obligation, occupation, performance, place, post, province, responsibility, role, service,

- situation, spot, station, trust, work; CONCEPTS 351,362,376
- office** [n2] *place of business* agency, building, bureau, cave\*, center, department, facility, factory, foundry, room, salt mines\*, setup, shop, store, suite, warehouse, workstation; CONCEPTS 312,439,441,448,449 —*Ant.* home
- officer** [n1] *person who has high position in organization* administrator, agent, appointee, bureaucrat, chief, civil servant, deputy, dignitary, director, executive, functionary, head, leader, magistrate, manager, officeholder, official, president, public servant, representative; CONCEPT 347
- officer** [n2] *person in law enforcement* arm\*, badge\*, black and white\*, captain, cop\*, deputy, detective, flatfoot\*, mounty, police, police officer, sergeant, sheriff; CONCEPTS 354,355,358
- official** [adj] *authorized, legitimate* accredited, approved, authentic, authenticated, authoritative, bona fide, canonical, cathedral, ceremonious, certified, cleared, conclusive, correct, customary, decided, decisive, definite, endorsed, established, ex cathedra, ex officio, fitting, formal, legitimate, licensed, okay\*, ordered, orthodox, positive, precise, proper, real, recognized, rightful, sanctioned, suitable, true, valid; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* unauthorized, unofficial, unsanctioned
- official** [n] *person representing organization* administrator, agent, big shot\*, boss, brains\*, brass\*, bureaucrat, CEO\*, chancellor, civil servant, commissioner, comptroller, dignitary, director, exec\*, executive, front office\*, functionary, governor, head person, higher-up\*, incumbent, leader, magistrate, manager, marshal, mayor, minister, officeholder, officer, panjandrum, premier, president, representative, secretary, top\*, top brass\*, top dog\*, top drawer\*, treasurer; CONCEPTS 347,354
- officiate** [v] *oversee, manage* act, boss, chair, command, conduct, direct, do the honors\*, emcee, function, govern, handle, preside, run, serve, superintend, umpire; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* follow
- official** [adj] *self-important, dictatorial* busy, forward, impertinent, inquisitive, interfering, intrusive, meddlesome, meddling, obtrusive, opinionated, overzealous, pragmatic, pushy, rude; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* modest, shy, timid
- off-key** [adj] *not harmonious* abnormal, anomalous, clinker\*, deviant, discordant, dissonant, divergent, inharmonious, irregular, jarring, out of keeping\*, out of tune\*, sour\*, sour note\*, unnatural; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* concordant, harmonious, on-key
- off-limits** [adj] *prohibited* against the law, banned, barred, forbidden, illegal, illicit, no-no\*, not allowed, outlawed, out of bounds\*, restricted, taboo, unlawful, verboten; CONCEPTS 554,576
- offset** [v] *counterbalance, compensate* account, allow for, atone for, balance, be equivalent, cancel out, charge, counteract, counterpoise, counterpoise, countervail, equal, equalize, equipoise, make amends, make up for, negate, neutralize, outweigh, recompense, redeem, requite, set off; CONCEPTS 126,232
- offshoot** [n] *development, product* adjunct, appendage, branch, by-product, derivative, descendant, limb, outgrowth, spin-off, sprout; CONCEPTS 260,824 —*Ant.* origin, source
- offspring** [n] *child, children* baby, bambino\*, brood, chip off old block\*, cub, descendant, family, generation, heir, heredity, issue, kid\*, lineage, offshoot, posterity, produce, progeniture, progeny, pup\*, scion, seed, spawn, succession, successor, young; CONCEPTS 296, 414 —*Ant.* parent
- off the cuff** [adj] *impromptu* ad-lib, extemporaneous, improv\*, improvised, improvviso, off-hand, played by ear\*, shot from the hip\*, spontaneous, spur-of-the-moment, unpremeditated, unprepared, unrehearsed, unscripted, whipped up\*, winged\*; CONCEPT 267
- off the record** [adj] *confidential* arcane, backdoor, classified, hushed, hush-hush\*, in private, inside, not for publication, not public, on the QT, private, privy, secret, unofficial; CONCEPTS 267,576
- often** [adv] *frequently* again and again, a number of times, generally, many a time, much, oftentimes, oftentimes, over and over, recurrently, regularly, repeatedly, time after time, time and again, usually; CONCEPT 541 —*Ant.* infrequently, rarely, seldom
- ogle** [v] *stare* eagle eye\*, eye, eyeball\*, fix, focus, gape at, gawk, gaze, glare, goggle\*, lay eyes on\*, leer, look, look fixedly, make eyes at, peer, rivet, rubberneck\*, watch; CONCEPT 623
- ogre** [n] *nasty person* demon, devil, fiend, giant, monster, monstrosity, specter, troll; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* humanitarian, philanthropist
- oil** [v] *lubricate* anoint, coat, grease, lard, lube, pomade, slick, smear; CONCEPTS 172,256 —*Ant.* dry
- oily** [adj1] *fatty, greasy* adipose, buttery, creamy, lardy, lubricant, lubricative, lubricious, lustrous, oiled, oil-soaked, oleaginous, polished, rich, saponaceous, sleek, slippery, smeary, smooth, soapy, soothing, swimming, unctuous, waxy; CONCEPTS 603,606 —*Ant.* dry
- oily** [adj2] *flattering* bland\*, cajoling, coaxing, compliant, fulsome, glib, gushing\*, hypocritical, ingratiating, insinuating, obsequious, plausible, servile, slick, smarmy\*, smooth, smooth-tongued\*, suave, supple, unctuous; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* hateful
- ointment** [n] *cream for treatment* balm, cerate, demulcent, dressing, embrocation, emollient, lenitive, liniment, lotion, medicine, salve, unguent; CONCEPTS 311,466
- okay** [adj] *acceptable, satisfactory* accurate, adequate, all right, approved, convenient, correct, fair, fine, good, in order, middling, not bad, ok, passable, permitted, so-so\*, surely, tolerable; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* bad, incorrect, intolerable, unacceptable, unsatisfactory, unsuitable, wrong
- okay** [n] *agreement* acceptance, affirmation, approbation, approval, assent, authorization, benediction, blessing, consent, endorsement, favor, go-ahead\*, green light\*, ok, permission, sanction, say-so\*, seal of approval\*, yes; CONCEPT 684 —*Ant.* denial, disagreement, refusal, veto
- okay** [v] *agree to accept, accredit, approve, authorize, certify, condone, confirm, consent to, endorse, give one's consent, give the go-ahead\*, give the green light\*, notarize, ok, pass, rubber-*



stamp\*, sanction, say yes to; CONCEPTS 10,50,88  
**—Ant.** deny, disagree, refuse, reject, veto  
**old** [*adj*1] *advanced in age* aged, along in years\*, ancient, broken down\*, debilitated, decrepit, elderly, enfeebled, exhausted, experienced, fossil\*, geriatric, getting on\*, gray, gray-haired\*, grizzled\*, hoary\*, impaired, inactive, infirm, mature, matured, not young, olden, oldish, over the hill\*, past one's prime\*, seasoned, senile, senior, skilled, superannuated, tired, venerable, versed, veteran, wasted\*; CONCEPTS 578,797 **—Ant.** fresh, new, young, youthful  
**old** [*adj*2] *obsolete, outdated* aboriginal, age-old, antediluvian, antiquated, antique, archaic, bygone, cast-off, crumbling, dated, decayed, demode, done, early, erstwhile, former, hackneyed\*, immemorial, late, moth-eaten\*, of old, of yore, olden, oldfangled, old-fashioned, old-time, once, onetime, original, outmoded, out-of-date, passé, past, primeval, primitive, primordial, pristine, quondam, relic, remote, rusty, sometime, stale, superannuated, time-worn, traditional, unfashionable, unoriginal, venerable, worn-out; CONCEPTS 558,560,799 **—Ant.** contemporary, current, fresh, late, modern, new, recent, up-to-date  
**old** [*adj*3] *traditional, long-established* age-old, constant, continuing, enduring, established, experienced, familiar, firm, hardened, inveterate, lifelong, long-lasting, long-lived, of long standing, perennial, perpetual, practiced, skilled, solid, staying, steady, time-honored, versed, veteran, vintage; CONCEPTS 482,530,798 **—Ant.** contemporary, current, modern, new  
**old age** [*n*] *latter part of animate life* advancing years\*, age, agedness, autumn of life\*, caducity, debility, declining years\*, decrepitude, dotage, elderliness, evening of life\*, feebleness, golden age\*, golden years\*, infirmity, second childhood\*, senectitude, senescence, senility, years; CONCEPTS 715,817 **—Ant.** adolescence, childhood, infancy, youth  
**old country** [*n*] *native land* fatherland, homeland, mother country, motherland, the old country\*; CONCEPT 516  
**older** [*adj*] *most senior* earlier, elder, eldest, first, first-born, former, lower, of a former period, of an earlier time, preceding, prior, senior; CONCEPTS 578,585,797 **—Ant.** younger  
**old-fashioned** [*adj*] *outmoded, obsolete* ancient, antiquated, antique, archaic, behind the times\*, bygone, corny\*, dated, dead\*, démodé, demoded, disapproved, dowdy\*, extinct, grown old, moldy\*, musty, neglected, not current, not modern, not with it\*, obsolescent, odd\*, of old, of olden days\*, of the old school\*, olden, oldfangled\*, old-hat\*, old-time, out\*, outdated, out-of-date, out of it\*, out-of-style, outworn, passé\*, past, primitive, rococo\*, superannuated, unfashionable, unstylish, vintage; CONCEPTS 578,589,797,799 **—Ant.** contemporary, current, in vogue, modern, new  
**old hand** [*n*] *person experienced in something* expert, longtimer, old guard\*, old school\*, old-timer\*, pro\*, vet\*, veteran; CONCEPT 423 **—Ant.** amateur, greenhorn, rookie  
**old school** [*adj*] *traditional* acceptable, accustomed, classic, classical, conservative, conven-

tional, customary, habitual, long-established, old, old line, popular, regular, rooted, time-honored; CONCEPTS 530,533  
**old-timer** [*n*] *elderly person* fossil\*, geezer\*, golden-ager, gramps\*, mossback, old dog\*, old hand, old soldier, senior, veteran, war-horse; CONCEPT 424  
**old wives' tale** [*n*] *superstition* fairy story, fallacy, false belief, folklore, folk tale, legend, lore, myth, notion, tall story, tall tale; CONCEPTS 282,689  
**oligarchic** [*adj*] *governed by small group* cabalistic, cliquey\*, elite, exclusive, select; CONCEPTS 554,568  
**omen** [*n*] *sign of something to come* augury, auspice, bode, bode, boding, foreboding, foretold, harbinger, indication, portent, premonition, presage, prognostic, prognostication, prophecy, straw, warning, writing on the wall\*; CONCEPTS 74,278,689  
**ominous** [*adj*] *menacing, foreboding* apocalyptic, augural, baleful, baneful, clouded, dangerous, dark, dire, direful, dismal, doomed, doomful, fateful, fearful, forbidding, gloomy, grim, haunting, hostile, ill-boding, ill-fated, impending, inauspicious, inhospitable, lowering, malefic, malignant, malign, minatory, perilous, portentous, precursive, premonitory, presaging, prescient, prophetic, sinister, suggestive, threatening, unfriendly, unlucky, unpromising, unpropitious; CONCEPT 548 **—Ant.** auspicious, happy, lucky, promising, propitious  
**omission** [*n*] *something forgotten or excluded* blank, breach, break, cancellation, carelessness, chasm, cutting out, default, disregard, disregardance, elimination, elision, excluding, exclusion, failing, failure, forgetfulness, gap, hiatus, ignoring, inadvertence, inadvertency, lack, lacuna, lapse, leaving out, missing, neglect, noninclusion, overlook, overlooking, oversight, passing over, preclusion, preterition, pretermission, prohibition, repudiation, skip, slighting, slip, withholding; CONCEPTS 25,116,699 **—Ant.** addition, inclusion, insertion, remembrance  
**omit** [*v*] *exclude, forget* bar, blink at\*, bypass, cancel, cast aside, count out, cut, cut out, delete, discard, dismiss, disregard, drop, edit, eliminate, evade, except, fail, ignore, knock off, leave out, leave undone, let go, let slide\*, miss, miss out, neglect, overlook, overpass, pass by, pass over, preclude, prohibit, reject, repudiate, skip, slight, snip, trim, void, withhold, X-out\*; CONCEPTS 25,121,211 **—Ant.** add, enter, include, inject, insert, remember  
**omitted** [*adj*] *excluded* absent, deleted, erased, expunged, forgotten, left out, missing, neglected, overlooked, precluded; CONCEPTS 121,211  
**omnipotent** [*adj*] *all-powerful* almighty, divine, godlike, mighty, supreme, unlimited, unrestricted; CONCEPT 574 **—Ant.** impotent, weak  
**omnipresent** [*adj*] *all-present* everywhere, infinite, pervading, pervasive, ubiquitous, ubiquitous, universal; CONCEPT 583  
**omniscient** [*adj*] *all-knowing* all-seeing, almighty, infinite, knowledgeable, pansophical, preeminent, wise; CONCEPT 402 **—Ant.** stupid, unknowing

**on** [*adv*] *in contact; ahead of* about, above, adjacent, against, approaching, at, beside, close to, covering, forth, forward, held, leaning on, near, next, on top of, onward, over, resting on, situated on, supported, touching, toward, upon, with; CONCEPTS 585,586,750 —*Ant.* off

**on and off** [*adv*] *intermittently* at intervals, at times, discontinuously, every now and then, every once in a while, every so often, from time to time, hardly, infrequently, intermittently, irregularly, now and again, now and then, occasionally, off and on, once in a blue moon\*, once in a while, on occasion, periodically, sometimes, sporadically; CONCEPTS 530,541

**on and on** [*adv*] *continuously* ad nauseam, constantly, forever, never-ending, perpetually, relentlessly, repeatedly, steadily, unceasingly, unremittingly; CONCEPTS 534,798

**on call** [*adj*] *standing by* accessible, at hand, at one's fingertip, night call, on alert, on the spot, prepared, within reach; CONCEPT 576

**once** [*adj/adv*] *in the past; occurred one time only* already, a single time, at one time, away back, back, back when, before, but once, by-gone, earlier, erstwhile, formerly, heretofore, in the old days, in the olden days, in times gone by, in times past, late, long ago, old, once only, once upon a time, one, one time before, one time previously, only one time, on one occasion, previously, quondam, sometime, this time, time was, whilom; CONCEPTS 799,820 —*Ant.* never

**once and for all** [*adv*] *finally* after all, at last, at long last\*, at the end, conclusively, in conclusion, in the end, it's about time\*, sooner or later\*; CONCEPT 799

**once in a while** [*adv*] *occasionally* at intervals, at times, every now and then, every so often, from time to time, hardly, infrequently, irregularly, now and again, once in a blue moon\*, on occasion, periodically, rarely, seldom, sometimes, sporadically; CONCEPTS 530,541

**oncoming** [*adj*] *impending* advancing, approaching, coming, expected, forthcoming, imminent, looming, nearing, onrushing, upcoming; CONCEPTS 548,799 —*Ant.* past, preceding

**on duty** [*adj*] *working* busy, clocked in\*, engaged, in a job, in gear, laboring, obliged, on the job, punched in\*; CONCEPTS 538,560

**one** [*adj*] *individual* alone, definite, different, lone, odd, one and only, only, particular, peculiar, precise, separate, single, singular, sole, solitary, special, specific, uncommon, unique; CONCEPTS 577,762,789 —*Ant.* none

**one by one** [*adv*] *in succession* gradually, individually, little by little, one at a time, singly, step by step; CONCEPTS 544,588,799

**on edge** [*adj*] *tense* agitated, anxious, apprehensive, beside oneself\*, bundle of nerves\*, edgy, excited, fidgety, high-strung\*, hyper\*, impatient, in a tizzy\*, jittery, jumpy, keyed up\*, nerve-racking, nervous, nervous wreck\*, overanxious, restless, stressful, unnerved, uptight, wired\*, worried, wound up\*; CONCEPTS 401,403,548

**onerous** [*adj*] *difficult; requiring hard labor* arduous, austere, backbreaking, burdensome, crushing, cumbersome, demanding, difficult, distressing, embittering, exacting, excessive,

exhausting, exigent, fatiguing, formidable, galling, grave, grinding, grueling, hard\*, harsh, headache, heavy\*, intolerable, irksome, laborious, merciless, oppressive, overpowering, overtaxing, painful, plodding, ponderous, pressing, responsible, rigorous, serious, severe, strenuous, taxing, tiresome, tiring, toilsome, troublesome, vexatious, weighty; CONCEPTS 538,565 —*Ant.* common, easy, light, trivial

**one-sided** [*adj*] *biased* colored, discriminatory, favorably, inclined, influenced, partisan, predisposed, prejudiced, unequal, unfair, unjust; CONCEPTS 403,542

**one-track mind** [*n*] *obsession* attraction, compulsion, fascination, fixation, hang-up\*, infatuation, passion, preoccupation, tunnel vision; CONCEPTS 20,410,529,689,690

**ongoing** [*adj*] *continuous* advancing, continuing, current, developing, evolving, extant, growing, heading, in process, in progress, marching, open-ended, progressing, successful, unfinished, unfolding; CONCEPTS 482,798 —*Ant.* incontinuous, infrequent, intermittent, stopping

**on guard** [*adj*] *defensive* alert, averting, cautious, checking, defending, expectant, guarding, preservative, preventive, protecting, safeguarding, vigilant, warding off, watchful, withstanding; CONCEPTS 401,550

**on-line** [*adj*] *electronically connected* accessible by computer, installed, linked, networked, on stream\*, operative, plugged in, ready for use, wired; CONCEPT 274

**onlooker** [*n*] *person observing* an event beholder, bystander, eyewitness, looker-on, observer, sightseer, spectator, viewer, watcher, witness; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* participant

**only** [*adj*] *singular* alone, apart, by oneself, exclusive, individual, isolated, lone, matchless, once in a lifetime, one, one and only, one shot, onliest, particular, peerless, single, sole, solitary, solo, unaccompanied, unequaled, unique, unparalleled, unrivaled; CONCEPT 577

**only** [*adv*] *barely; exclusively* alone, at most, but, entirely, hardly, just, merely, nothing but, particularly, plainly, purely, simply, solely, totally, uniquely, utterly, wholly; CONCEPTS 535,772

**on paper** [*adv*] *in theory* abstractly, conceivably, hypothetically, theoretically; CONCEPT 529

**on purpose** [*adv*] *deliberately* after consideration, by design, calculatingly, consciously, designed, freely, in cold blood, intentionally, knowingly, premeditatively, purposely, purposively, voluntarily, willfully, with eyes wide open\*, wittingly; CONCEPTS 401,542

**onrush** [*n*] *rush* attack, avalanche, blitz, charge, dash, deluge, flood, flow, flux, haste, hastiness, hurriedness, hurry, onslaught, push, race, scramble, stampede, storm, stream, surge, swiftness; CONCEPTS 145,748,818

**onset** [*n*] *beginning; attack* access, aggression, assailment, assault, birth, charge, commencement, dawn, dawning, encounter, inception, incipience, kickoff\*, offense, offensive, onfall, onrush, onslaught, opening, origin, outbreak, outset, outstart, rush, seizure, start; CONCEPTS 86,221 —*Ant.* conclusion, end, ending, finish

**onslaught** [*n*] *attack* aggression, assaultment, assault, blitz, charge, incursion, invasion, offense, offensive, onfall, onrush, onset; CONCEPT 86 —*Ant.* defense

**on the ball** [*adj*] *alert* active, all ears\*, attentive, bright, cagey\*, careful, clever, good hands\*, heads up\*, intelligent, lively, observant, on guard\*, on one's toes\*, on the job\*, on the lookout\*, on the stick\*, perceptive, quick, ready, sharp, spirited, vigilant, watchful, wise, with it\*; CONCEPTS 402,403

**on the blink** [*adj*] *broken* busted, defective, disabled, down, fallen apart, faulty, gone to pieces\*, haywire, in disrepair, in need of repair, inoperable, in the shop\*, kaput\*, not functioning, not working, on the fritz\*, on the shelf\*, out, out of commission\*, out of kilter\*, out of order, out of whack\*, run-down, shot, spent, wrecked; CONCEPTS 485,560

**on the double** [*adv*] *quickly* chop-chop\*, expeditiously, fast, flat-out\*, fleetly, full tilt\*, hastily, hurriedly, in a flash\*, in haste, lickety-split\*, like a shot\*, like greased lightning\*, like wildfire\*, promptly, pronto, quick, rapidly, swift, swiftly; CONCEPTS 588,799

**on the fence** [*adj*] *undecided* ambivalent, betwixt and between\*, blowing hot and cold\*, borderline, debatable, divided, hemming and hawing\*, hesitant, iffy\*, impartial, indecisive, in the middle\*, irresolute, neutral, not definite, not sure, of two minds\*, open, running hot and cold\*, tentative, torn, uncertain, unclear, uncommitted, undetermined, unsure, up in the air\*, waffling, wavering, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPTS 403,529

**on the house** [*adj*] *free* chargeless, complimentary, compliments of the house, costless, for nothing, for the asking, freebie\*, free of cost, free ride\*, gratis, gratuitous, no charge, on the cuff\*; CONCEPT 334

**on the level** [*adj*] *legitimate* aboveboard, accepted, accredited, authentic, authorized, for real\*, honest, lawful, official, on the up and up, proper, sanctioned, straight, true, valid, verifiable; CONCEPTS 319,558,582

**on the wagon** [*adj*] *sober* abstaining, abstemious, abstinent, cold sober\*, dry, drying out, nonindulgent, not drinking, not drunk, not partaking of alcohol, restrained, took the pledge\*; CONCEPT 401

**onus** [*n*] *burden* bar sinister\*, black eye\*, blame, blot, blur, brand, charge, culpability, deadweight\*, duty, encumbrance, fault, guilt, incubus, liability, load, millstone\*, obligation, odium, oppression, responsibility, slur, spot, stain, stigma, task, tax, weight; CONCEPTS 388,674 —*Ant.* aid, benefit, blessing, help

**onward/onwards** [*adv*] *ahead, beyond* alee, along, forth, forward, in front, in front of, moving, on, on ahead; CONCEPTS 585,778 —*Ant.* backward, backwards

**oodles** [*n*] *a lot* abundance, billions, gobs\*, heaps\*, large number, loads, lots, many, masses, millions, piles\*, plenty, scads\*, thousands, tons, zillions; CONCEPTS 432,786

**oomph** [*n*] *energy* animation, ardor, brrr, dash, drive, effectiveness, endurance, exertion, fire, force, forcefulness, fortitude, get-up-and-go\*, go, hardihood, initiative, intensity, juice, life,

liveliness, might, moxie\*, muscle, pep, pizzazz, pluck, potency, power, punch, spirit, stamina, steam, strength, vigor, vim, virility, vitality, zeal, zest, zing, zip; CONCEPT 411

**ooze** [*n*] *liquid emitted* alluvium, fluid, glop\*, goo\*, gook\*, gunk\*, mire, muck\*, mud, silt, slime\*, sludge; CONCEPTS 466,467

**ooze** [*v*] *emit liquid* bleed, discharge, drain, dribble, drip, drop, escape, exude, filter, flow, issue, leach, leak, overflow, percolate, perspire, seep, spurt, strain, sweat, swelter, trickle, weep, well; CONCEPT 179

**opaque** [*adj*1] *clouded, muddy* blurred, cloudy, dark, darkened, dim, dirty, dull, dusky, filmy, foggy, frosty, fuliginous, gloomy, hazy, impenetrable, lusterless, misty, muddled, murky, nontranslucent, nontransparent, nubilous, obfuscated, shady, smoky, sooty, thick, turbid; CONCEPTS 606,617,618 —*Ant.* clear, lucid, translucent, transparent, unclouded

**opaque** [*adj*2] *hard to understand* abstruse, amphibological, arcane, baffling, concealed, cryptic, difficult, enigmatic, equivocal, imperceptible, incomprehensible, nubilous, obscure, obtuse, perplexing, purblind, tenebrous, uncertain, unclear, unfathomable, unintelligible, vague; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* clear, crystal-clear, easy, unambiguous, understandable

**open** [*adj*1] *unfastened, unclosed* accessible, agreeable, ajar, bare, clear, cleared, dehiscent, disclosed, emptied, expanded, expansive, exposed, extended, extensive, free, gaping, made passable, naked, navigable, passable, patent, patulous, peeled, removed, rent, revealed, ringed, rolling, spacious, spread out, stripped, susceptible, unbarred, unblocked, unbolted, unburdened, uncluttered, uncovered, unfolded, unfurled, unimpeded, unlocked, unobstructed, unplugged, unsealed, unshut, unstoppered, vacated, wide, yawning; CONCEPTS 485,576 —*Ant.* closed, fastened, locked, shut

**open** [*adj*2] *accessible; not forbidden* admissible, agreeable, allowable, approachable, appropriate, attainable, available, employable, fit, free, general, gettable\*, nondiscriminatory, not posted, obtainable, on deck\*, on tap\*, open-door\*, operative, permitted, practicable, proper, public, reachable, securable, suitable, to be had\*, unconditional, unoccupied, unqualified, unrestricted, usable, vacant, welcoming, within reach; CONCEPTS 560,576 —*Ant.* blocked, closed, inaccessible, obstructed, shut, unavailable

**open** [*adj*3] *clear, obvious* apparent, avowed, barefaced, blatant, conspicuous, downright, evident, flagrant, frank, manifest, noticeable, overt, plain, unconcealed, undisguised, visible, well-known; CONCEPTS 267,535 —*Ant.* ambiguous, closed, deceitful, unclear, vague

**open** [*adj*4] *undecided* ambiguous, arguable, controversial, debatable, doubtful, dubious, dubitable, equivocal, indecisive, in question, moot, problematic, questionable, uncertain, unresolved, unsettled, up for discussion\*, up in the air\*, yet to be decided\*; CONCEPTS 267,529 —*Ant.* certain, decided, definite, sure

**open** [*adj*5] *honest, objective* artless, candid, disinterested, fair, frank, free, guileless, impartial, ingenuous, innocent, lay it on the line\*,

mellow, natural, objective, on the level\*, open-and-shut\*, openhearted\*, plain, receptive, sincere, straightforward, talking turkey\*, transparent, unbiased, uncommitted, undisclosed, undisguised, undissembled, unprejudiced, unreserved, up-front\*; CONCEPTS 267,542

—*Ant.* deceitful, deceptive, dishonest, lying, shifty, subjective

**open** [v1] *begin* begin business, bow, commence, convene, embark, get things rolling\*, inaugurate, initiate, jump, kick off, launch, meet, raise the curtain\*, ring in\*, set in motion, set up shop\*, sit, start, start the ball rolling\*; CONCEPT 221 —*Ant.* close, conclude, end, finish, shut

**open** [v2] *clear, expose; spread* bare, break in, break out, broach, burst, bust in, come apart, crack, disclose, display, disrupt, expand, fissure, free, gap, gape, hole, jimmy, kick in, lacerate, lance, penetrate, perforate, pierce, pop, puncture, release, reveal, rupture, separate, sever, slit, slot, split, tap, throw wide, unbar, unblock, unbolt, unclose, unclothe, uncork, uncover, undo, unfasten, unfold, unfurl, unlatch, unlock, unroll, unseal, unshut, unstop, untie, unwrap, vent, ventilate, yawn, yawp; CONCEPTS 135,250,469 —*Ant.* block, bury, cover, exclude, hide, hinder, shut

**open-and-shut** [adj] *obvious* apparent, cinched, clear, clear as a bell\*, conclusive, cut and dried, distinguishable, easy, evident, explicit, glaring, indisputable, ordinary, plain, routine, self-evident, self-explanatory, simple, straightforward, undeniable, undisguised, unmistakable; CONCEPTS 485,529

**openhearted** [adj] *generous* altruistic, benevolent, big, big-hearted, bountiful, charitable, considerate, giving, helpful, hospitable, kind, kindhearted, kindly, liberal, magnanimous, philanthropic, thoughtful, unselfish; CONCEPT 404

**openhearted** [adj] *frank* aboveboard, bare-faced\*, blunt, candid, direct, downright, forthright, from the hip\*, honest, lay it on the line\*, like it is\*, matter-of-fact, open, plain, plainspoken, saying what one thinks\*, sincere, straight, straightforward, truthful, up front\*; CONCEPTS 267,582

**openhearted** [adj] *kindly* benevolent, compassionate, friendly, generous, good, good-hearted, gracious, humane, kind, kindhearted, neighborly, sympathetic, thoughtful; CONCEPTS 404,542

**opening** [n] *gap, hole* aperture, breach, break, cavity, chink, cleft, crack, cranny, crevice, cut, discontinuity, door, fissure, hatch, interstice, mouth, orifice, outlet, perforation, recess, rent, rift, rupture, scuttle, slit, slot, space, split, spout, tear, vent, window; CONCEPT 513 —*Ant.* closing, closure, solid

**opening** [n2] *chance* availability, big break\*, connection, cut\*, fling\*, go\*, go-at\*, in the running\*, iron in the fire\*, look-in\*, occasion, opportunity, place, possibility, run, scope, shot\*, show, squeak\*, time, vacancy, whack\*; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* misfortune

**opening** [n3] *beginning* birth, coming out, commencement, curtain-raiser\*, dawn, inauguration, inception, initiation, kickoff, launch, launching, onset, opener, outset, start; CONCEPT 832 —*Ant.* closing, conclusion, ending, finish

**openly** [adv] *honestly* aboveboard, artlessly, blatantly, brazenly, candidly, face to face, flagrantly, forthrightly, frankly, fully, honestly, in broad daylight, in full view, ingeniously, in public, in the open, naively, naturally, plainly, publicly, readily, shamelessly, simply, straight, unabashedly, unashamedly, under one's nose\*, unhesitatingly, unreservedly, wantonly, warts and all\*, willingly, without pretense, without reserve; CONCEPTS 267,544 —*Ant.* secretly, shamefully

**open-minded** [adj] *receptive* acceptant, acceptive, approachable, broad-minded, impartial, interested, observant, open to suggestions, perceptive, persuadable, swayable, tolerant, unbiased, understanding; CONCEPT 404

**operable** [adj] *possible* achievable, conceivable, doable, feasible, obtainable, practicable, realizable, serviceable, viable, workable; CONCEPTS 528,552,576

**operate** [v1] *perform, function* accomplish, achieve, act, act on, advance, behave, be in action, bend, benefit, bring about, burn, carry on, click\*, compel, complete, concern, conduct, contact, contrive, convey, cook\*, determine, direct, do, enforce, engage, exert, finish, fulfill, get results, go, hit\*, hum, influence, keep, lift, move, ordain, percolate, proceed, produce, produce a result, progress, promote, react, revolve, roll, run, serve, spin, take, tick, transport, turn, work; CONCEPTS 91,680,706

**operate** [v2] *manage, use* administer, be in charge, be in driver's seat\*, be in saddle\*, call the play\*, call the shots\*, call the signals\*, carry on, command, conduct, drive, handle, hold the reins\*, keep, make go\*, maneuver, manipulate, ordain, pilot, play, pull the strings\*, pull the wires\*, run, run the show\*, run things\*, sit on top of\*, steer, wield, work; CONCEPTS 94,117,148

**operate** [v3] *perform surgery* amputate, carve up, cut, excise, explore, open up, remove, set, transplant, treat; CONCEPT 310

**operation** [n1] *movement, working* act, action, activity, affair, agency, application, ballgame\*, bit, carrying on, conveyance, course, deal, deed, doing, effect, effort, employment, engagement, enterprise, exercise, exercising, exertion, exploitation, force, handiwork, happening, influence, instrumentality, labor, manipulation, motion, movement, performance, play, procedure, proceeding, process, progress, progression, scene, service, transaction, transference, trip, undertaking, use, work, workmanship; CONCEPTS 658,680 —*Ant.* idleness, inaction, inutility, uselessness

**operation** [n2] *business concern* affair, deal, enterprise, proceeding, transaction, undertaking; CONCEPTS 324,325

**operation** [n3] *surgical procedure* biopsy, excision, surgery; CONCEPT 310

**operational** [adj] *functional* fit, in service, in working order, operative, practicable, practical, prepared, ready, serviceable, usable, useful, viable, workable, working; CONCEPT 560

**operative** [adj] *active, functioning; influential* accessible, alive, crucial, current, dynamic, effective, efficient, employable, functional, important, indicative, in force, in operation, key, live,

open, operational, practicable, relevant, running, serviceable, significant, standing, usable, workable, working; CONCEPTS 560,567 —*Ant.*

inactive, ineffective, ineffectual, inoperative, unfunctional, unworking, useless, worthless

**opine** [v] *think* believe, conceive, conclude, declare, express an opinion, feel, guess, imagine, judge, presume, say, suggest, suppose, surmise, venture; CONCEPTS 12,26

**opinion** [n] *belief* assessment, assumption, attitude, conception, conclusion, conjecture, estimate, estimation, eye\*, fancy, feeling, guess, hypothesis, idea, imagining, impression, inclination, inference, judgment, mind, notion, persuasion, point of view, postulate, presumption, presupposition, reaction, say-so\*, sentiment, slant, speculation, supposition, surmise, suspicion, take\*, theorem, theory, thesis, think\*, thought, view, viewpoint; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* reality, truth

**opinionated** [adj] *believing very strongly and conveying it adamant, arbitrary, assertive, biased, bigoted, bossy, bullheaded\*, cocksure\*, cocky\*, conceited, dictatorial, doctrinaire, dogmatic, hard-line\*, high-handed, inflexible, intransigent, locked in\*, obdurate, obstinate, one-sided, oracular, overbearing, pigheaded\*, positive, pragmatic, pragmatism, prejudiced, self-assertive, set in stone\*, set-on, single-minded, stubborn, tilted, uncompromising, unyielding, weighted*; CONCEPTS 267,404 —*Ant.* compromising, indifferent, open-minded

**opium** [n] *narcotic* brown tint\*, codeine, dope, drug, heroin, hypnotic, morphine, opiate, papaverine, poppy, sleep-inducer, soporific, tar; CONCEPT 307

**opponent** [n] *person with whom one competes* adversary, antagonist, anti\*, aspirant, assailant, bandit\*, bidder, candidate, challenger, competitor, con, contestant, counteragent, dark horse\*, disputant, dissident, enemy, entrant, foe, litigant, match, opposer, opposition, oppugnant, player, rival; CONCEPT 366 —*Ant.* ally, associate, colleague, helper

**opportune** [adj] *advantageous, lucky* appropriate, apt, auspicious, convenient, favorable, felicitous, fit, fitting, fortuitous, fortunate, happy, helpful, pat, proper, propitious, seasonable, suitable, timely, timeous, well-timed; CONCEPTS 548,572 —*Ant.* disadvantageous, inauspicious, inopportune, unlucky, unsuitable

**opportunity** [n] *lucky chance; favorable circumstances* befalling, break\*, connection, contingency, convenience, cut\*, event, excuse, fair shake\*, fighting chance\*, fitness, fling\*, fortuity, freedom, go\*, good fortune, good luck, happening, hope, hour, iron in the fire\*, juncture, leisure, liberty, moment, occasion, one's move\*, one's say\*, one's turn\*, opening, pass, prayer\*, probability, relief, room, run, scope, shot\*, show, space, spell, squeak, stab, the hunt\*, the running\*, time, turn, whack\*; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* bad luck, misfortune

**oppose** [v1] *fight, obstruct* argue, assail, assault, attack, bar, battle, bombard, call in question, check, combat, confront, contradict, controvert, counter, counterattack, cross, debate, defy, deny, disagree, disapprove, dispute, encounter, expose, face, face down\*, fight, fly in the face of\*,

frown at, gainsay, hinder, neutralize, not countenance, prevent, protest, resist, reverse, run counter to, search out, speak against, stand up to, take a stand, take issue, take on, taunt, thwart, turn the tables\*; withstand; CONCEPTS 21,54,106 —*Ant.* aid, assist, favor, help, support

**oppose** [v2] *compare, play off* array, confront, contrast, counter, counterbalance, face, match, pit, set against, vie; CONCEPTS 73,363 —*Ant.* join, participate

**opposed/opposing** [adj] *antagonistic, against* against the grain\*, allergic\*, anti\*, antipathetic, antithetical, antonymous, at cross-purposes, at odds, averse, battling, clashing, combating, conflicting, confronting, contrary, controverting, counter, crossing, defending, defensive, denying, disagreeing, disputed, disputing, dissident, enemy, exposing, facing, gainsaying, hostile, incompatible, inimical, in opposition, irreconcilable, objecting, obstructive, opposite, protesting, repelling, restrictive, rival, up against, warring; CONCEPTS 403,542,564 —*Ant.* aiding, assisting, compatible, helping, similar

**opposite** [adj] *unlike, conflicting; completely different* adverse, antagonistic, antipodal, antipodean, antithetical, contradictory, contrapositive, contrary, contrasted, corresponding, counter, crosswise, diametric, diametrically opposed, different, differing, dissimilar, diverse, facing, flip-side\*, fronting, hostile, inconsistent, independent, inimical, inverse, irreconcilable, obverse, opposed, ornery\*, paradoxical, polar, repugnant, retrograde, reverse, reversed, separate, unlike, unconnected, unrelated, unsimilar, violative, vis-à-vis; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* compatible, like, similar

**opposite** [n] *something completely unlike another* adverse, antilogy, antipode, antipole, antithesis, antonym, contra\*, contradiction, contrary, contrast, converse, counterpart, foil, inverse, obverse, opposition, other extreme\*, other side\*, other side of coin\*, paradox, reverse, vice versa; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* likeness, same, similarity

**opposition** [n1] *obstruction, antagonism* action, antinomy, antithesis, aversion, brush, civil disobedience, clash, combat, competition, con, conflict, confronting, contention, contest, contradistinction, contraposition, contrariety, counteraction, counterattack, defense, defiance, disapproval, duel, encounter, engagement, fray, grapple, hostility, negativism, obstructiveness, oppo-  
sition, oppugnancy, prevention, repugnance, repulsion, resistance, rivalry, skirmish, strife, struggle, unfriendliness, violation, war, warfare; CONCEPTS 29,92,106,665 —*Ant.* compatibility, harmony, peace

**opposition** [n2] *person, people competing* adversary, antagonist, disputant, enemy, foe, iconoclast, opponent, other side, rebel, rival; CONCEPTS 348,366 —*Ant.* team, teammates

**oppress** [v] *depress, subdue* abuse, afflict, aggrieve, annoy, beat down\*, burden, crush, despotize, dishearten, dispirit, distress, encumber, force, handicap, harass, hary, hound\*, keep down, maltreat, outrage, overwhelm, overload, overpower, overthrow, overcome, persecute, pick on, plague, press, prey on, put down, put screws to\*, put the squeeze on\*, put upon,

ride, rule, sadden, saddle\*, smother, strain, subjugate, suppress, tax, torment, torture, trample, trouble, tyrannize, vex, weigh heavy upon, worry, wrong; CONCEPTS 7,14,19,133 —*Ant.* aid, boost, delight, gladden, help, make happy

**oppressed** [*adj*] *downtrodden* abject, abused, a slave to\*, at one's feet\*, at one's mercy\*, burdened, destitute, distressed, enslaved, exploited, have-not, helpless, maltreated, mistreated, persecuted, subservient, suppressed, tormented, tyrannized, underfoot\*, under one's thumb\*; CONCEPT 542

**oppression** [*n*] *misery, hardship* abuse, abusiveness, autocracy, brutality, calamity, coercion, compulsion, conquering, control, cruelty, despotism, dictatorship, domination, fascism, force, forcibleness, hardness, harshness, injury, injustice, iron hand\*, maltreatment, martial law, overthrowing, persecution, severity, subduing, subjection, suffering, torment, tyranny; CONCEPTS 14,320,674 —*Ant.* cheer, delight, happiness, joy

**oppressive** [*adj*] *overwhelming, repressive* backbreaking\*, bleak, brutal, burdensome, confining, cruel, demanding, depressing, depressive, despotic, dictatorial, discouraging, disheartening, dismal, dispiriting, exacting, exigent, gloomy, grievous, grinding, harsh, headache\*, heavy, heavy-handed\*, hefty, inhuman, ironhanded\*, mean, onerous, overbearing, rough going\*, severe, somber, superincumbent, taxing, tough, troublesome, tyrannical, unjust, weighty; CONCEPTS 537,548 —*Ant.* calm, gentle, relieving

**oppressive** [*adj*] *hot and humid* airless, close, heavy, muggy, overpowering, steam bath\*, steamy, sticky, stifling, stuffy, suffocating, sultry, sweat box\*, torrid; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* cool, mild, temperate

**oppressor** [*n*] *tyrant* absolute ruler, authoritarian, autocrat, bully, despot, dictator, martinet, persecutor, slave driver, taskmaster; CONCEPTS 354,412

**opprobrious** [*adj*] *abusive, hateful* abasing, calumnious, contemptuous, contumelious, damaging, debasing, defamatory, defaming, denigrating, depreciative, derogative, despicable, despicable, detraactive, disgracing, dishonoring, disparaging, humiliating, hurting, injuring, injurious, insolent, insulting, invective, libeling, malevolent, malign, malignant, maligning, notorious, offending, offensive, pejorative, reproaching, reviling, scandalous, scurrilous, shaming, spiteful, truculent, vile, vitriolic, vituperative, vulgar; CONCEPTS 267,404,542 —*Ant.* complimentary, flattering, kind, nice, praising

**opprobrium** [*n*] *disgrace* black eye\*, blemish, debasement, debasing, degradation, discredit, dishonor, disrepute, disrespect, humiliation, ignominy, ill repute, infamy, loss of honor, obloquy, shame, stain, stigma, tarnish; CONCEPT 388

**oppugn** [*v*] *oppose* argue, attack, call into question, contradict, controvert, criticize, debate, shoot down, take issue; CONCEPTS 21,54,106

**opt** [*v*] *choose* cull, decide, elect, exercise choice, go for\*, make a selection, mark, pick, prefer, select, single out\*, take; CONCEPT 41

**optimal** [*adj*] *optimum* 24-carat\*, A1\*, ace, best, capital, choice, choicest, excellent, flaw-

less, gilt-edge\*, greatest, highest, ideal, matchless, maximum, most advantageous, most favorable, peak, peerless, perfect, select, solid gold\*, superlative, top, world class\*; CONCEPT 574

**optimism** [*n*] *state of having positive beliefs* anticipation, assurance, brightness, buoyancy, calmness, certainty, cheer, cheerfulness, confidence, easiness, elation, encouragement, enthusiasm, exhilaration, expectation, good cheer, happiness, hopefulness, idealism, looking on bright side\*, positivism, rose-colored glasses\*, sanguineness, sureness, trust; CONCEPTS 410,689 —*Ant.* doubt, gloom, hopelessness, pessimism

**optimist** [*n*] *positive thinker* dreamer, hoper, idealist, Pollyanna; CONCEPT 529

**optimistic** [*adj*] *believing positively* assured, bright, buoyant, cheerful, cheering, confident, encouraged, expectant, happy, high, hopeful, hoping, idealistic, keeping the faith, merry, on cloud nine\*, on top of world\*, positive, promising, ray of sunshine\*, rose-colored\*, rosy, sanguine, sunny\*, trusting, upbeat, Utopian; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* dejected, depressed, doubtful, gloomy, hopeless, pessimistic, sorrowful

**optimum** [*adj*] *best* A1\*, ace, capital, -carat\*, choice, choicest, excellent, flawless, gilt-edge\*, greatest, highest, ideal, matchless, maximum, most advantageous, most favorable, optimal, peak, peerless, perfect, select, solid gold\*, superlative, world class\*; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* least, poorest, worst

**option** [*n*] *alternative* advantage, benefit, choice, claim, dibs\*, dilemma, discretion, druthers, election, flipside\*, franchise, free will\*, grant, license, opportunity, other side of coin\*, pickup, preference, prerogative, privilege, right, selection, take it or leave it\*; CONCEPTS 376,712

**optional** [*adj*] *possible; available as choice* alternative, arbitrary, discretionary, discretionary, elective, extra, facultative, free, noncompulsory, nonobligatory, no strings attached\*, not required, open, unforced, unrestricted, up to the individual, volitional, voluntary; CONCEPTS 552,576 —*Ant.* compulsory, forced, required

**opulence** [*n*] *wealth* abundance, affluence, belongings, excess, fortune, goods, lap of luxury, lavishness, luxury, means, money, plenitude, possessions, property, prosperity, prosperousness, riches, stocks and bonds, substance, substantiality; CONCEPTS 340,710

**opulent** [*adj*] *rich, luxurious, profuse* abundant, affluent, copious, deluxe, extravagant, exuberant, frilly\*, lavish, luscious, luxuriant, moneyed, ostentatious, palatial, plentiful, plush, pretentious, prodigal, profusive, prolific, prosperous, rich, riotous, showy, sumptuous, swank, upholstered\*, velvet\*, wealthy, well-heeled\*, well-off\*, well-to-do\*; CONCEPTS 334,589,781 —*Ant.* depressed, destitute, poor

**opus** [*n*] *great work of writing or music* composition, creation, magnum opus, music, oeuvre, piece, product, production; CONCEPTS 263,271

**oracle** [*n*] *prophecy* answer, apocalypse, augury, canon, commandment, divination, edict, fortune, law, prediction, prognostication, revelation, vision; CONCEPTS 70,278,689

**oracular** [*adj*] *prophetic* ambiguous, anticipating, apocalyptic, arcane, auguring, auspicious, authoritative, cabalistic, clairvoyant, cryptic, Delphian, discovering, divining, divulging, dogmatic, faticid, foreboding, forecasting, foretelling, imperious, interpretive, mantic, mysterious, mystical, obscure, occult, ominous, peremptory, portending, portentous, positive, predicting, presaging, prescient, proclaiming, prognosticating, prophesying, sage, secret, sibylline, significant, soothsaying, vague, vatic, venerable, wise; CONCEPT 267

**oral** [*adj*] *spoken* articulate, ejaculatory, lingual, narrated, phonated, phonetic, phonic, recounted, related, said, sonant, sounded, told, unwritten, uttered, verbal, viva voce, vocal, voiced, word-of-mouth; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* printed, written

**orange** [*n/adj*] *combination of red and yellow* apricot, bittersweet, cantaloupe, carrot, coral, peach, red-yellow, salmon, tangerine, titian; CONCEPTS 618,622

**orate** [*v*] *speak* address, expound, grandstand, lecture, moralize, pontificate, preach, sermonize, talk, vociferate; CONCEPTS 60,285

**oration** [*n*] *speech* address, chalk talk\*, declamation, discourse, harangue, homily, lecture, pep talk\*, pitch\*, sermon, soapbox\*, spiel\*; CONCEPTS 266,278 —*Ant.* print, writing

**orator** [*n*] *speaker* declaimer, lector, lecturer, pontificator, preacher, public speaker, reciter, rhetorician, sermonizer; CONCEPTS 60,285

**oratory** [*n*] *public speaking* articulation, declamation, diction, elocution, eloquence, grandiloquence, rhetoric, speaking, speech, speechifying, speechmaking; CONCEPTS 60,285

**orb** [*n*] *globe* ball, circle, eye\*, lamp, ring, rondure, round, sphere; CONCEPT 436

**orbit** [*n*] *circuit, revolution* apogee, circle, circumgyration, course, curve, cycle, ellipse, lap, locus, path, pattern, perigee, rotation, round, track, trajectory; CONCEPTS 436,738

**orbit** [*n*] *influence, domain* ambit, area, arena, boundary, bounds, career, circle, circumference, compass, course, department, dominion, extension, extent, field, jurisdiction, limit, pilgrimage, precinct, province, purview, radius, range, reach, realm, scope, sphere, sweep; CONCEPTS 349,673,687

**orchard** [*n*] *fruit farm* fruit garden, garden, grove, plantation, vineyard; CONCEPTS 449, 509,517

**orchestra** [*n*] *symphony* band, ensemble, group, sinfonia; CONCEPT 294

**orchestrate** [*v*] *organize; cause to happen* arrange, blend, compose, concert, coordinate, harmonize, integrate, manage, present, put together, score, set up, symphonize, synthesize, unify; CONCEPTS 117,242 —*Ant.* disorganize, ignore

**ordain** [*v*] *establish, install* anoint, appoint, bless, call, commission, consecrate, constitute, deal, deal with, decree, delegate, destine, dictate, elect, enact, enjoin, fix, frock, impose, institute, invest, lay down the law\*, legislate, nominate, order, prescribe, pronounce, put foot down\*, rule, set, walk heavy\*, will; CONCEPTS 18,50,88,317 —*Ant.* cancel, disallow, retract, void

**ordeal** [*n*] *trouble, suffering* affliction, agony, anguish, calamity, calvary, cross, crucible, difficulty, distress, nightmare, test, torment, torture, trial, tribulation, visitation; CONCEPTS 674,728 —*Ant.* happiness, pleasure

**order** [*n*] *arrangement, organization* adjustment, aligning, array, assortment, cast, categorization, classification, codification, composition, computation, disposal, disposition, distribution, establishment, form, grouping, harmony, layout, line, lineup, management, method, neatness, ordering, orderliness, pattern, placement, plan, procedure, procession, progression, propriety, regularity, regulation, rule, scale, scheme, sequence, series, setup, standardization, structure, succession, symmetry, system, tidiness, uniformity; CONCEPT 727 —*Ant.* confusion, disorder, disorganization, mess, muddle

**order** [*n*] *lawfulness* calm, control, decorousness, decorum, discipline, goodness, integrity, law, law and order, niceness, orderliness, peace, peacefulness, probity, properness, propriety, quiet, rectitude, rightness, seemliness, suitability, tranquility, uprightness; CONCEPTS 633,691 —*Ant.* lawlessness, liberty, license

**order** [*n*] *class, status* bracket, branch, breed, cast, caste, degree, description, estate, family, feather, genre, genus, grade, hierarchy, ilk, kidney, kind, line, nature, pecking order\*, pigeonhole\*, place, position, rank, set, slot, sort, species, station, stripe, subclass, taxonomic group, type; CONCEPT 378

**order** [*n*] *command* authorization, behest, bidding, charge, commandment, decree, dictate, direction, directive, injunction, instruction, law, mandate, ordinance, permission, precept, regulation, rule, say-so\*, stipulation, ukase, word\*; CONCEPTS 53,278,685 —*Ant.* answer

**order** [*n*] *request; purchase agreement* amount, application, booking, bulk, commission, engagement, goods, materials, purchase, quantity, requisition, reservation, reserve, shipment, stipulation; CONCEPTS 332,338,684

**order** [*n*] *organization* association, brotherhood, club, community, company, fraternity, guild, league, lodge, sect, sisterhood, society, sodality, sorority, union; CONCEPT 387

**order** [*v*] *command, authorize* adjure, apply for, bid, book, buy, call for, call the shots\*, call the signals\*, charge, contract for, decree, dictate, direct, enact, engage, enjoin, hire, instruct, obtain, ordain, prescribe, pull strings\*, request, require, reserve, rule the roost\*, secure, send away for, tell, warn; CONCEPTS 50,53,88,327 —*Ant.* disallow, prevent, rescind

**order** [*v*] *arrange, organize* adapt, adjust, align, alphabetize, array, assign, catalogue, class, classify, codify, conduct, control, dispose, distribute, establish, file, fix, formalize, furnish, group, index, lay out, line, line up, locate, manage, marshal, methodize, neaten, normalize, pattern, place, plan, put away, put to rights\*, range, regiment, regularize, regulate, right, routine, set guidelines, set in order, settle, sort out, space, standardize, streamline, systematize, tabulate, tidy; CONCEPTS 84,158 —*Ant.* disorder, disorganize, mess up, mix up, muddle

**order about** [*v*] *dominate* boss, bully, call the shots\*, command, control, dictate, direct,

influence, keep under one's thumb\*, manage, master, run the show\*; CONCEPTS 94,117,298

**ordered** [adj] *orderly* all together, arranged, businesslike, controlled, disciplined, in good shape, in order, law-abiding, methodical, neat, organized, peaceable, precise, shipshape\*, systematic, systematized, tidy, well-behaved, well-organized; CONCEPTS 326,485,585,589

**orderly** [adj1] *methodical, organized* alike, all together, arranged, businesslike, careful, clean, conventional, correct, exact, fixed, formal, framed, in apple-pie order\*, in good shape, in order, in shape, methodic, neat, neat as button\*, neat as pin\*, precise, regular, regulated, scientific, set-up, shipshape\*, slick, spick-and-span\*, systematic, systematized, thorough, tidy, together, to rights\*, trim, uncluttered, uniform; CONCEPTS 326,485,585,589 —*Ant.* complicated, disorderly, disorganized, unmethodical, unsystematic, untidy

**orderly** [adj2] *well-behaved* at peace, calm, controlled, decorous, disciplined, docile, law-abiding, manageable, nonviolent, obedient, peaceable, quiet, restrained, submissive, tranquil, well-mannered; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* bad, misbehaving, unruly

**ordinance** [n] *law, rule* authorization, canon, code, command, decree, dictum, direction, edict, enactment, fiat, mandate, order, precept, prescript, reg. regulation, ruling, statute, ukase; CONCEPT 318

**ordinarily** [adv] *usually* as a rule, commonly, customarily, frequently, generally, habitually, in general, normally, regularly; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* infrequently, rarely, sometimes

**ordinary** [adj1] *common, regular* accustomed, customary, established, everyday, familiar, frequent, general, habitual, humdrum\*, natural, normal, popular, prevailing, public, quotidian, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, settled, standard, stock, traditional, typical, usual, wanted; CONCEPTS 533,547 —*Ant.* abnormal, extraordinary, irregular, uncommon

**ordinary** [adj2] *average; not distinctive* characterless, common, commonplace, conventional, dull, fair, familiar, garden\*, garden variety\*, generic, habitual, homespun, household, humble, indifferent, inferior, mean, mediocre, modest, no great shakes\*, normal, pedestrian, plain, plastic, prosaic, quotidian, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, second-rate, simple, so-so\*, stereotyped, undistinguished, uneventful, unexceptional, uninspired, unmemorable, unnoteworthy, unpretentious, unremarkable, usual, vanilla\*, white-bread\*, workaday; CONCEPTS 530,575 —*Ant.* different, distinctive, remarkable, special

**ordnance** [n] *artillery* arms, big guns\*, bombs, heavy stuff\*, missiles, munitions, weapons; CONCEPTS 322,500

**organ** [n] *means, tool* agency, agent, channel, device, element, forum, implement, instrument, journal, magazine, medium, member, ministry, mouthpiece, newspaper, paper, part, periodical, process, publication, review, structure, unit, vehicle, voice, way; CONCEPTS 280,499,712

**organic** [adj] *basic, natural* amoebic, anatomical, animate, basal, biological, biotic, cellular, constitutional, elemental, essential, fundamental,

inherent, innate, integral, live, living, necessary, nuclear, original, plasmic, primary, prime, primitive, principal, structural, vital; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* inorganic, man-made, unnatural

**organism** [n] *living thing* animal, being, body, creature, entity, morphon, person, plant, structure; CONCEPTS 389,429 —*Ant.* concept, inanimate

**organization** [n1] *arrangement, arranging* alignment, assembling, assembly, chemistry, composition, configuration, conformation, constitution, construction, coordination, design, disposal, format, formation, forming, formulation, framework, grouping, harmony, institution, make-up, making, management, method, methodology, organism, organizing, pattern, plan, planning, regulation, running, situation, standard, standardization, structure, structuring, symmetry, system, unity, whole; CONCEPTS 84,117,727 —*Ant.* disorganization

**organization** [n2] *group bound by interest/work/goal* affiliation, aggregation, alliance, association, band, body, business, cartel, circle, clique, club, coalition, combination, combine, company, concern, concord, confederation, consortium, cooperative, corporation, coterie, crew, establishment, federation, fraternity, guild, house, industry, institute, institution, league, lodge, machine, monopoly, order, outfit, party, profession, set, society, sodality, sorority, squad, syndicate, team, trade, troupe, trust, union; CONCEPT 381

**organize** [v] *arrange, systematize* adapt, adjust, be responsible for, catalogue, classify, codify, combine, compose, constitute, construct, coordinate, correlate, create, dispose, establish, fashion, fit, form, formulate, frame, get going\*, get together, group, harmonize, lick into shape\*, line up, look after, marshal, methodize, mold, pigeonhole\*, put in order, put together, range, regulate, run, see to, settle, set up, shape, standardize, straighten, straighten out, tabulate, tailor, take care of, whip into shape\*; CONCEPTS 36,84,158 —*Ant.* destroy, disarrange, disorder, disorganize

**organized** [adj] *arranged, systematized* catalogued, classified, coordinated, correlated, formed, formulated, grouped, methodized, standardized, straightened out, tabulated; CONCEPTS 84,94

**organized crime** [n] *the underworld* Cosa Nostra, gangland, Mafia, mob, organized crime family, the syndicate; CONCEPTS 412,645

**organizer** [n] *planner* arranger, coordinator, designer, developer, facilitator, promoter; CONCEPT 347

**orgasm** [n] *climax* ejaculation, frenzy, peak, spasm; CONCEPTS 706,836

**orgy** [n] *celebration devoted to sensual enjoyment* bacchanal, bacchanalia, bender\*, binge\*, blowout\*, bout\*, carousal, circus\*, debauch, dissipation, excess, feast, fling\*, indulgence, jag\*, merrymaking, overindulgence, party, rampage\*, revel, revelry, saturnalia, splurge, spree, surfeit, tear\*; CONCEPTS 377,383

**orient** [v] *familiarize* acclimatize, adapt, adjust, align, conform, determine, direct, get one's bearings\*, locate, orientate, turn; CONCEPTS 35,202 —*Ant.* disorient



**orientation** [*n*] *introduction, adjustment* acclimatization, adaptation, assimilation, bearings, breaking in\*, coordination, direction, familiarization, fix\*, lay of the land\*, location, position, sense of direction, settling in\*; CONCEPTS 31,832 —*Ant.* disorientation, mix-up

**orifice** [*n*] *opening* aperture, cavity, crack, hole, mouth, outlet, slit, spout, vent, window; CONCEPT 513

**origin** [*n*] *cause, basis* agent, ancestor, ancestry, antecedent, author, base, causality, causation, connection, creator, derivation, determinant, egg\*, element, embryo, fountain, generator, germ, horse's mouth\*, impulse, inception, inducement, influence, inspiration, mainspring, motive, nucleus, occasion, parent, parentage, principle, producer, progenitor, provenance, provenience, root, roots, seed, source, spring, stock, well, wellspring; CONCEPTS 229,648,661 —*Ant.* consequence, destiny, effect, goal, outcome, outgrowth, result

**origin** [*n*] *beginning, inception* alpha, birth, blast off, commencement, creation, dawn, dawning, day one\*, early stage, embarkation, emergence, entrance, entry, forging, foundation, genesis, git go\*, inauguration, ingress, initiation, introduction, launch, nativity, opener, origination, outbreak, outset, rise, square one\*, start, starting point\*; CONCEPT 832 —*Ant.* close, completion, conclusion, death, end, finale, termination

**origin** [*n*] *family, heritage* ancestry, beginnings, birth, blood, descent, extraction, lineage, maternity, parentage, paternity, pedigree, stock; CONCEPT 296

**original** [*adj*] *earliest* aboriginal, archetypal, authentic, autochthonous, beginning, commencing, early, elementary, embryonic, first, first-hand, genuine, inceptive, infant, initial, introductory, opening, pioneer, primary, prime, primeval, primitive, primordial, pristine, prototypical, rudimental, rudimentary, starting, underivative, underived; CONCEPTS 549,585 —*Ant.* derivative, latest, newest

**original** [*adj*] *fresh, new* avant garde, breaking new ground\*, causal, causative, conceiving, creative, demiurgic, devising, envisioning, fertile, formative, generative, imaginative, ingenious, innovational, innovative, innovatory, inspiring, inventive, novel, originative, productive, quick, ready, resourceful, seminal, sensitive, unconventional, unprecedented, untried, unusual; CONCEPTS 578,589,797 —*Ant.* borrowed, hackneyed, old, used, worn

**original** [*n*] *standard, prototype* archetype, coinage, creation, exemplar, forerunner, invention, model, novelty, paradigm, pattern, precedent, precursor, type; CONCEPTS 260,686 —*Ant.* creation, derivative, offshoot

**original** [*n*] *person who is eccentric* anomaly, card\*, case\*, character, eccentric, nonconformist, oddball, oddity, queer, weirdo\*; CONCEPT 423

**originality** [*n*] *creativity* boldness, brilliance, cleverness, creative spirit, creativity, daring, freshness, imagination, imaginativeness, individuality, ingeniousness, ingenuity, innovation, innovativeness, invention, inventiveness, modernity, new idea, newness, nonconformity,

novelty, resourcefulness, spirit, unconventionality, unorthodoxy; CONCEPTS 409,410 —*Ant.* orthodox

**originally** [*adv*] *initially* at first, at the outset, at the start, basically, by birth, by origin, first, formerly, incipiently, in the beginning, in the first place, primarily, primitively, to begin with; CONCEPTS 578,585,797,799 —*Ant.* secondarily

**originate** [*v*] *begin; spring* arise, be born, birth, come, come from, come into existence, commence, dawn, derive, emanate, emerge, flow, hail from, issue, proceed, result, rise, start, stem; CONCEPTS 105,221 —*Ant.* end, finish, terminate

**originate** [*v*] *create, introduce* break the ice\*, bring about, cause, coin, come up with, compose, conceive, develop, discover, evolve, form, formulate, found, generate, give birth to, hatch, inaugurate, initiate, innovate, institute, invent, launch, make, open up, parent, pioneer, procreate, produce, set in motion, set up, spark, spawn, start, think up, usher in; CONCEPTS 43, 173,251 —*Ant.* effect, result

**origination** [*n*] *origin* beginning, birth, commencement, conception, creation, dawn, dawning, discovery, genesis, innovation, introduction, launch, source, start, starting point\*; CONCEPT 832

**originator** [*n*] *creator* architect, author, begetter, designer, discoverer, father, founder, initiator, innovator, inventor, maker, mastermind, mother, pioneer, producer; CONCEPTS 348,352,361

**ornament** [*n*] *decoration* accessory, adornment, art, bauble, beautification, design, doodad\*, embellishment, embroidery, flower, frill, frou frou\*, garnish, gewgaw\*, gimcrack\*, gingerbread\*, honor, jewel, knickknack\*, pride, treasure, trimming, trinket; CONCEPTS 259,476

**ornament** [*v*] *decorate* adorn, array, beautify, bedeck, bedizen, brighten, deck, dress, dress up\*, embellish, embroider, enrich, festoon, fix up\*, garnish, gild, grace, ornamentalize, polish, prank, prettify, primp, prink, smarten\*, spruce up\*, trim; CONCEPTS 162,167,177 —*Ant.* leave alone

**ornamental** [*adj*] *decorative* accessory, adorning, attractive, beautiful, beautifying, decking, decorating, delicate, dressy, elaborate, embellishing, enhancing, exquisite, fancy, festooned, florid, for show\*, furnishing, garnishing, heightening, luxurious, ornate, setting off\*, showy; CONCEPTS 579,589 —*Ant.* plain, unembellished

**ornate** [*adj*] *fancily decorated* adorned, aureate, baroque, beautiful, bedecked, bright, brilliant, busy, colored, convoluted, dazzling, elaborate, elegant, embroidered, fancy, fine, flamboyant, flashy, flaunting, florid, flowery, fussy, gaudy, gilded, glamorous, glitzy, glossy, high-wrought, jeweled, lavish, luscious, magnificent, meretricious, opulent, ornamented, ostentatious, overdone, overelaborate, pretentious, resplendent, rich, rococo, showy, sparkling, splashy, sumptuous, superficial, tawdry, variegated; CONCEPTS 579,589 —*Ant.* plain, simple

**ornery** [*adj*] *mean* cantankerous, contemptible, crabby, cranky, crusty\*, difficult, disagreeable, grouchy\*, grumpy\*, hard-nosed\*, ignoble, ill-tempered, irritable, nasty, obstinate,

quarrelsome, rotten, sour, surly, testy, unfriendly, vicious; CONCEPTS 267,401,542

**orphan** [*n*] *child without parents* foundling, ragamuffin\*, stray, waif; CONCEPT 414

**orthodox** [*adj*] *accepted, traditional* according to the book\*, acknowledged, admitted, approved, authoritative, buttoned-down\*, by the numbers\*, canonical, conformist, conservative, conventional, correct, customary, devout, die-hard, doctrinal, established, in line\*, legitimate, official, old-line\*, pious, proper, punctilious, reactionary, received, recognized, religious, right, rightful, sanctioned, sound, square, standard, straight, straight arrow, traditionalistic, true, well-established; CONCEPT 533 —*Ant.* heterodox, unconventional, unorthodox, untraditional

**oscillate** [*v*] *change back and forth* be unsteady, dangle, fishtail, flicker, fluctuate, librate, lurch, palpitate, pendulate, pitch, pivot, reel, ripple, rock, roll, seesaw, stagger, sway, swing, switch, swivel, teeter, teeter-totter\*, thrash, toss, totter, undulate, vacillate, vary, vibrate, waddle, wag, waggle, waltz, wave, waver, whirl, wiggle, wobble; CONCEPTS 13,147,697 —*Ant.* remain, stay

**ossified** [*adj*] *bony fossilized, hard, hardened, petrified, rigid*; CONCEPTS 404,542

**ossify** [*v*] *become hard from aging* congeal, fossilize, freeze, harden, indurate, petrify, solidify, stiffen, thicken, turn to bone; CONCEPT 469 —*Ant.* melt, soften

**osuary** [*n*] *urn container, receptacle, vault, vessel*; CONCEPT 494

**ostensible** [*adj*] *alleged, supposed* apparent, avowed, colorable, demonstrative, exhibited, illusive, illusory, likely, manifest, notable, outward, plausible, pretended, professed, purporting, quasi, seeming, semblant, so-called\*, specious, superficial; CONCEPTS 552, 582 —*Ant.* improbable, obscure, unlikely, vague

**ostensibly** [*adv*] *apparently at first blush\**, evidently, externally, for all intents and purposes\*, for show\*, officially, on the face\*, on the surface\*, outwardly, professedly, seemingly, sensibly, superficially, supposedly, to the eye\*; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* improbably, obscurely, unlikely

**ostentation** [*n*] *exhibitionism, flashiness* affectation, array, boast, boasting, brag, braggadocio\*, bragging, bravado, demonstration, display, exhibition, false front\*, flamboyance, flash\*, flaunting, flourish, fuss, garishness, grandstand play\*, magnificence, pageant, pageantry, parade, parading, pomp, pomposity, pompousness, pretending, pretension, pretentiousness, put-on, shine\*, show, showiness, showing off\*, showoff\*, spectacle, splendor, splurge, swagger\*, swaggering, swank\*, vainglory, vaunt\*, vaunting\*, window-dressing; CONCEPTS 633,655 —*Ant.* modesty, plainness, quiet, reservation

**ostentatious** [*adj*] *flashy, showy* boastful, chichi\*, classy, conspicuous, crass\*, dashing, egotistic, exhibitionistic, extravagant, flamboyant, flatulent, flaunted, fussy, garish, gaudy, gay, glittery, grandiose, highfaluting\*, jaunty, loud, obtrusive, peacocky, pompous, pretentious, spectacular, splashy, splurgy, sporty, swank, swanky\*, theatrical, tinsel\*, tony\*, uptown\*, vain, vulgar; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* modest, plain, quiet, reserved

**ostracism** [*n*] *banishment* avoidance, blackballing, boycott, cold-shouldering, exclusion, excommunication, exile, expulsion, isolation, rejection, shunning; CONCEPTS 25,130

**ostracize** [*v*] *exile, banish* avoid, blackball\*, blacklist\*, boycott, cast out, cold-shoulder\*, cut, deport, displace, drop, exclude, excommunicate, expatriate, expel, expulse, leave in the cold, oust, reject, shun, shut out, snub, throw out; CONCEPTS 25,384 —*Ant.* embrace, welcome

**other** [*adj*1] *additional, added* alternative, another, auxiliary, else, extra, farther, fresh, further, more, new, spare, supplementary; CONCEPT 771 —*Ant.* included, related

**other** [*adj*2] *different* contrasting, disparate, dissimilar, distant, distinct, divergent, diverse, opposite, otherwise, remaining, separate, unlike, unequal, unlike, unrelated, variant; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* coinciding, same, similar

**otherwise** [*adv*] *in another way; alternatively* any other way, contrarily, differently, diversely, elseways, if not, in different circumstances, on the other hand, or else, or then, under other conditions, variously; CONCEPT 544

**otherworldly** [*adj*] *extraterrestrial; psychic* alien, ethereal, heavenly, magical, mystical, out of this world, spiritual, supernatural, transcendental, uncanny, unearthly, unworldly, visionary; CONCEPTS 529,549,582

**ounce** [*n*] *one-sixteenth of a pound*28.35 grams of weight avoidupois, troy, uncia; CONCEPT 795

**oust** [*v*] *expel, get rid of* banish, bereave, boot out\*, bounce\*, bundle off\*, cast out, chase, depose, deprive, dethrone, discharge, disinherit, dislodge, displace, dispossess, divest, drive out, eject, evict, expulse, fire, force out, give the 1-2-3\*, kick out, lay off, let go, lose, ostracize, pack off, pink slip\*, relegate, remove, rob, sack, send packing\*, show the door\*, throw out, topple, transport, turn out, unseat; CONCEPTS 25,211,351 —*Ant.* hold, keep, retain

**ouster** [*n*] *ejection* banishment, disbarment, discharge, dismissal, eviction, expulsion, loss of right, overthrow, removal, sack, the heave-ho\*; CONCEPTS 179,222

**out** [*adj*] *not possible; gone* absent, antiquated, at an end, away, behind the times\*, cold, dated, dead, demode, doused, ended, exhausted, expired, extinguished, finished, impossible, not allowed, not on, old-fashioned, old-hat\*, outmoded, outside, passé, ruled out, unacceptable, unfashionable, used up; CONCEPTS 539,552,576 —*Ant.* here, in, possible

**out** [*adv*] *outside, outdoors* out of doors, outward, without; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* in, indoors, inside

**out-and-out** [*adj*] *complete* absolute, arrant, consummate, downright, full, outright, perfect, thorough, thoroughgoing, through-and-through, total, uncompromising, undiminished, unmitigated, unqualified, utter, whole; CONCEPT 531

**outbreak** [*n*] *sudden happening* beginning, blowup, brawl, break, breaking, burst, bursting, commencement, commotion, convulsion, crash, crash, dawn, detonation, discharge, disorder, disruption, ebullition, effervescence, epidemic, eruption, explosion, fit, flare-up, flash, fury, gush, gushing, insurrection, irruption, mutiny, onset, outburst, outpouring, paroxysm, plague,

rebellion, rending, revolution, roar, sally, sortie, spasm, spurt, storm, sundering, surge, thunder, tumult, uprising, volley; CONCEPTS 2,86,179,832 —**Ant.** conclusion, end, finale

**outburst** [*n*] *fit of temper* access, attack, blow, burst, conniption\*, discharge, eruption, explosion, flare, flare-up, frenzy, gush, gust, outbreak, outpouring, paroxysm, rapture, scene, spasm, storm, surge, tantrum, transport, upheaval; CONCEPT 633 —**Ant.** harmony, order, peace

**outcast** [*n*] *person who is unwanted, not accepted* bum\*, castaway, deportee, derelict, displaced person, exile, expatriate, fugitive, gypsy, hobo\*, persona non grata\*, rascal, refugee, reprobate, tramp, untouchable, vagabond, vagrant, wretch; CONCEPT 423 —**Ant.** favorite, friend, idol

**outclass** [*v*] *surpass* beat, best, better, cap, dominate, eclipse, exceed, excel, go beyond, go one better\*, improve upon, outdistance, outdo, outhussle, outmatch, outpace, outperform, outplay, outrank, outrival, outrun, outshine, outstrip, pass, put to shame\*, rise above, surmount, top, tower, win the race; CONCEPT 141

**out cold** [*adj*] *unconscious* benumbed, blacked out\*, comatose, dead to the world\*, down for the count\*, drowsy, feeling no pain\*, flattened\*, in a trance, numb, on the canvas\*, out, out like a light\*, passed out\*, put away\*, senseless, zonked\*; CONCEPTS 314,539

**outcome** [*n*] *consequence, effect* aftereffect, aftermath, blowoff, causatum, chain reaction\*, conclusion, end, end result\*, event, fallout, issue, payback\*, payoff\*, reaction, result, score, sequel, upshot\*; CONCEPT 230 —**Ant.** beginning, cause, origin, source

**outcry** [*n*] *scream, exclamation* clamor, commotion, complaint, convulsion, cry, ferment, flak\*, hoo-ha\*, howl, hubba-hubba\*, hulla-balloo\*, noise, objection, outburst, protest, screech, tumult, uproar, upturn, yell; CONCEPTS 77,278 —**Ant.** quiet, silence

**outdated/out-of-date** [*adj*] *old-fashioned* anachronous, antiquated, antique, archaic, back number\*, behind the times\*, dated, démodé, dusty, has-been\*, moth-eaten\*, musty, not with it\*, obsolete, old, old-hat\*, out, outmoded, out-of-style\*, passé, square, tired, unfashionable, vintage; CONCEPTS 578,589,797 —**Ant.** current, fashionable, modern, new, popular, up-to-date

**outdistance** [*v*] *outrun* beat, best, better, exceed, go beyond, go one better\*, leave behind, outclass, outdo, outhussle, outpace, outperform, outplay, overtake, pass, surpass, top, win the race; CONCEPT 141

**outdo** [*v*] *better, overcome* beat, best, blow out of water\*, bulldoze\*, bury\*, cook\*, cream\*, defeat, do in\*, down\*, eclipse, exceed, excel, fake out\*, go one better\*, leave behind\*, lick\*, outclass, outdistance, outfox, outgun, outjockey, outmaneuver, outrival, outshine, outsmart, outstrip, pull a fast one\*, shake off\*, shoot ahead\*, snow\*, surpass, top, transcend, trash\*; CONCEPTS 95,141 —**Ant.** fail, lose

**outdoor** [*adj/adv*] *in the open air* al fresco, casual, free, garden, healthful, hilltop, informal, in the open, invigorating, mountain, natural, nature-loving, out-of-doors, out of the house,

outside, patio, picnic, rustic, unrestricted, woods, yard; CONCEPT 583 —**Ant.** indoor

**outdoors** [*n*] *open air; nature* bucolic surroundings, country, countryside, environment, fresh air, garden, green earth\*, hill, mountain, open, out-of-doors, patio, without, woods, yard; CONCEPT 198 —**Ant.** indoors

**outer** [*adj*] *external, exposed* alien, beyond, exoteric, exterior, extraneous, extrinsic, outermost, outlying, outmost, outside, outward, over, peripheral, remote, superficial, surface, without; CONCEPTS 484,583 —**Ant.** central, inner, interior

**outermost** [*adj*] *outer* beyond, distant, fringe, furthestmost, outlying, outmost, outward, peripheral, remote; CONCEPTS 484,583

**outfit** [*n1*] *set of clothes or equipment* accoutrements, apparatus, appliances, clothing, costume, ensemble, garb, gear, get-up\*, guise, kit, machinery, materiel, outlay, paraphernalia, provisions, rig, rigging, suit, supplies, tackle, togs, trappings\*, wardrobe; CONCEPTS 451,496

**outfit** [*n2*] *large group; business* band, clique, company, concern, corps, coterie, crew, enterprise, establishment, firm, house, organization, party, set, squad, team, troop, troupe, unit; CONCEPTS 325,417

**outfit** [*v*] *clothe, equip* accoutre, appoint, arm, deck out\*, drape, fit out\*, furnish, gear, prepare, provide, provision, rig up\*, stock, suit, supply, tog\*, turn out\*; CONCEPTS 167,182 —**Ant.** bare, unclothe

**outflank** [*v*] *outmaneuver* beat, best, better, defeat, excel, outclass, outdo, outfox, outperform, outplay, outshine, outsmart, outwit, surpass, top; CONCEPT 141

**outflow** [*n*] *efflux* discharge, drainage, effluence, effluent, effluvium, effusion, emergence, gush, gushing outpouring, rush, spout, steam, streaming; CONCEPTS 179,748

**outfox** [*v*] *outsmart* best, defeat, excel, outclass, outdo, outperform, outplay, outwit, surpass, top; CONCEPT 141

**outgoing** [*adj1*] *demonstrative, extroverted* approachable, civil, communicative, cordial, easy, expansive, extrovert, friendly, genial, gregarious, informal, kind, open, sociable, sympathetic, unconstrained, unreserved, unrestrained, warm; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** introverted, reclusive, shy

**outgoing** [*adj2*] *leaving* departing, ex-\*, former, last, migratory, outbound, outward-bound, past, retiring, withdrawing; CONCEPTS 581,584 —**Ant.** arriving, entering, incoming

**outgrowth** [*n1*] *projection* bulge, enlargement, excrescence, jut, node, offshoot, outcrop, process, prolongation, prominence, protuberance, shoot, sprout, swelling; CONCEPTS 471,824 —**Ant.** ingrowth

**outgrowth** [*n2*] *product, consequence* aftereffect, branch, by-product\*, derivative, descendant, development, effect, emergence, end, end result\*, issue, member, offshoot, offspring, outcome, result, spin-off\*, yield; CONCEPTS 230,260

**outhouse** [*n*] *toilet* bathroom, latrine, lavatory, outbuilding, privy, washroom, water closet, WC; CONCEPT 448

**outing** [*n*] *short trip* airing, drive, excursion, expedition, jaunt, junket, long weekend, picnic,

pleasure trip, roundabout, spin\*, vacation, weekend; CONCEPTS 224,386

**outing** [n2] *politically motivated exposure of another's secrets* announcement, declaration, demystification, disclosure, proclamation, revealing, tossing, uncloseting, unmasking; CONCEPT 60

**outlandish** [adj] *bizarre, strange* alien, awkward, barbaric, barbarous, boorish, clumsy, curious, droll, eccentric, erratic, exotic, extravagant, fantastic, far-out\*, foreign, freakish, gauche, graceless, grotesque, kinky\*, odd, outrageous, outré, peculiar, preposterous, quaint, queer, ridiculous, rude, singular, tasteless, ultra, unconventional, uncouth, unheard-of\*, unorthodox, unusual, weird, whimsical, wild; CONCEPTS 401,548 —**Ant.** common, familiar, normal, ordinary, usual

**outlast** [v] *endure beyond another* hang on, outlive, outstay, outwear, remain, survive; CONCEPT 407 —**Ant.** fail, fall apart, lose, peter out, shoot, succumb

**outlaw** [n] *person who is running from the law* bandit, brigand, con, criminal, crook, desperado, drifter, ex-con, fugitive, gangster, gunslinger\*, hood\*, hoodlum, hooligan\*, jailbird, marauder, mobster, mug\*, outcast, pariah, racketeer, robber, wrong number\*; CONCEPT 412

**outlaw** [v] *prohibit; make illegal* ban, banish, bar, condemn, damn, disallow, embargo, enjoin, exclude, forbid, illegalize, inhibit, interdict, prevent, proscribe, stop, taboo; CONCEPTS 121,317 —**Ant.** allow, legalize, permit

**outlay** [n] *expenses bite\**, bottom line\*, charge, cost, damage, disbursement, expenditure, expense, highway robbery\*, investment, price tag, score\*, setback\*, spending, tab\*, throw\*, tune\*; CONCEPT 344 —**Ant.** income, pay

**outlet** [n1] *place or means of escape, release* aperture, avenue, break, channel, crack, duct, egress, escape, exit, hole, nozzle, opening, orifice, porthole, release, safety valve, spout, tear, vent, way out; CONCEPTS 513,693 —**Ant.** egress, entrance

**outlet** [n2] *store that sells discounted items* factory store, market, mill store, seconds store, shop, showroom; CONCEPTS 439,448,449

**outline** [n1] *plan, sketch* bare facts\*, blueprint, diagram, draft, drawing, floor plan, frame, framework, ground plan, layout, main features, recapitulation, résumé, rough draft, rough idea, rundown, skeleton, summary, synopsis, thumbnail sketch\*, tracing; CONCEPT 268

**outline** [n2] *form, tracing of an object* configuration, conformation, contour, delineation, figuration, figure, profile, shape, silhouette; CONCEPTS 436,625 —**Ant.** inside

**outline** [v] *sketch out; plan* adumbrate, block out, characterize, chart, delineate, describe, draft, lay out, paint, plot, recapitulate, rough out, skeleton, skeletonize, summarize, tell about, trace; CONCEPTS 36,55,174

**outlive** [v] *outlast* continue, endure, hang on, outstay, prevail, remain, survive; CONCEPT 407

**outlook** [n1] *point of view* angle\*, attitude, direction, frame of mind\*, headset\*, mind-set\*, perspective, routine, scope, side, size of it\*, slant\*, standpoint, viewpoint, views, vision; CONCEPTS 410,689 —**Ant.** indifference

**outlook** [n2] *probable future* appearances, chance, expectation, forecast, law of averages\*, likelihood, normal course, opening, opportunity, possibility, probability, prospect, prospects, risk; CONCEPT 679 —**Ant.** past

**outlook** [n3] *scene, view* aspect, lookout, panorama, perspective, prospect, scape, sight, vista; CONCEPTS 509,628

**outlying** [adj] [in rural area; remote afar, backwoods, distant, external, faraway, far-flung\*, far-off, off-lying, outer, out-of-the-way\*, peripheral, provincial, removed]; CONCEPT 583 —**Ant.** central, inner, middle

**outmoded** [adj] *obsolete, old-fashioned* anachronistic, antediluvian, antiquated, antique, archaic, behind the times\*, bent, bygone, dated, dead, démodé, dinosaur\*, disused, extinct, fossilized, has-been\*, horse and buggy\*, moldy\*, moth-eaten\*, musty\*, obsolescent, obsolete, olden, old-hat\*, old-time, out, out-of-date, out-of-style, outworn, passé\*, superannuated, superseded, tired, unfashionable, unstylish, unusable, vintage; CONCEPTS 560, 578,589,797 —**Ant.** current, modern, new, new-fangled, popular, up-to-date

**out of the closet** [adj] *open* brought to light, candid, disclosed, divulged, exposed, open and aboveboard, open to view, out in the open, revealed, unveiled; CONCEPT 60

**out of the way** [adj] *secluded* backwoods, distant, faraway, far-flung, godforsaken, inaccessible, isolated, lonely, obscure, off the beaten track, outer, outermost, outlying, peripheral, remote, sequestered; CONCEPT 586 —**Ant.** accessible, handy, near

**out of work** [adj] *not employed* between jobs, collecting unemployment, idle, jobless, laid off, on the dole, out of a job, unemployed; CONCEPT 351 —**Ant.** employed

**outpouring** [n] *outflow* cascade, deluge, discharge, effluence, effusion, flood, flow, gush, issue, jet, leakage, outburst, rush, spurt\*, stream, torrent; CONCEPT 179

**output** [n] *something produced* achievement, amount, crop, gain, harvest, making, manufacture, manufacturing, producing, product, production, productivity, profit, take, turnout, yield; CONCEPTS 205,260 —**Ant.** input

**outrage** [n1] *atrocious, evil* abuse, affront, barbarism, damage, desecration, enormity, evildoing, harm, hurt, indignity, inhumanity, injury, insult, mischief, misdoing, offense, profanation, rape, rapine, ravishing, ruin, shock, violation, violence, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 192,645,674 —**Ant.** delight, happiness

**outrage** [n2] *anger* blowup, flare-up\*, fury, huff\*, hurt, indignation, resentment, ruckus\*, shock\*, stew\*, storm\*, wrath; CONCEPT 29 —**Ant.** cheer, glee, happiness, joy

**outrage** [v] *wrong, offend, abuse* affront, aggrieve, boil over\*, burn up\*, defile, deflower, desecrate, do violence to, fire up\*, force, ill-treat, incense, infuriate, injure, insult, jar\*, kick up a row\*, madden, make hit the ceiling\*, maltreat, mistreat, misuse, oppress, persecute, raise Cain\*, rape, ravage, ravish, reach boiling point\*, scandalize, shock, spoil, violate, whip up\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,29,246 —**Ant.** delight, make happy, please

**outrageous** [*adj1*] *very bad* abominable, atrocious, barbaric, beastly, brazen, contemptible, contumelious, corrupt, criminal, debasing, debauching, degenerate, depraving, disgraceful, disgracing, egregious, flagitious, flagrant, gross, heinous, horrendous, horrible, ignoble, infamous, inhuman, iniquitous, malevolent, monstrous, nefarious, notorious, odious, opprobrious, scandalous, scurrilous, shameless, shaming, shocking, sinful, unbearable, ungodly, unspeakable, villainous, violent, wanton, wicked; CONCEPT 571 —*Ant.* delightful, good, magnificent, pleasing, wonderful

**outrageous** [*adj2*] *beyond reasonable limits* barbarous, crazy\*, excessive, exorbitant, extortionate, extravagant, immoderate, inordinate, last straw\*, offensive, out of bounds\*, preposterous, scandalous, shocking, steep\*, too much\*, uncivilized, unreasonable, unreasonable; CONCEPTS 569,771 —*Ant.* acceptable, mild, reasonable, sensible

**outright** [*adj*] *complete, unconditional* absolute, all, arrant, consummate, definite, direct, downright, entire, flat, gross, out-and-out\*, perfect, positive, pure, straightforward, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, undeniable, unequivocal, unmitigated, unqualified, utter, whole, wholesale; CONCEPTS 531,535 —*Ant.* ambiguous, conditional, hesitating, incomplete, indefinite, provisional

**outside** [*adj1*] *external* alfresco, alien, apart from, away from, exterior, extramural, extraneous, extreme, farther, farthest, foreign, furthest, open-air, out, outdoor, outer, outermost, outward, over, surface; CONCEPTS 484,583

—*Ant.* central, inside, internal, middle  
**outside** [*adj2*] *slight, slim* distant, faint, far, marginal, negligible, off, remote, slanting, small, unlikely; CONCEPTS 552,789 —*Ant.* certain, definite, good, likely, sure

**outside** [*n*] *exterior; out-of-doors* appearance, covering, facade, face, front, integument, open, open air, outdoors, seeming, sheath, skin, surface, topside, without; CONCEPTS 198,484

—*Ant.* center, indoors, inside, interior, middle  
**outsider** [*n*] *person who is foreign to something* alien, floater\*, foreigner, incomer\*, interloper, intruder, newcomer, odd one out\*, outlander, refugee, stranger; CONCEPTS 413,423 —*Ant.* insider

**outskirts** [*n*] *edge of a geographic area* bedroom community\*, border, boundary, edge, environs, limit, outpost, periphery, purlieu, purlieus, sticks\*, suburb, suburbia, vicinity; CONCEPTS 508,513 —*Ant.* center, downtown

**outsoken** [*adj*] *explicit, unreserved* abrupt, artless, blunt, calling spade a spade\*, candid, direct, forthright, frank, free, laying it on the line\*, open, plain, plain-spoken, point-blank\*, round, square, straightforward, strident, talking turkey\*, unceremonious, unequivocal, unreticent, up front\*, vocal; CONCEPTS 267,404 —*Ant.* cautious, diplomatic, introverted, reserved, retiring, shy, tactful

**outstanding** [*adj1*] *superior, excellent* A-1\*, ace\*, A-number-1\*, bad\*, boss\*, capital\*, celebrated, chief, coof\*, crack\*, distinguished, dominant, eminent, eventful, exceptional, famous, far-out\*, great, greatest, hundred-proof\*,

important, impressive, magnificent, main, major, meritorious, momentous, mostest, number one\*, out-of-sight\*, out-of-this-world\*, phenomenal, predominant, preeminent, primo\*, principal, special, standout, star, steller, super, superior, superlative, tops\*, well-known, world-class; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* average, bad, inferior, ordinary, poor, regular, unexceptional, unremarkable

**outstanding** [*adj2*] *noticeable, striking* arresting, arrestive, conspicuous, distinguished, eye-catching, important, leading, marked, memorable, notable, noteworthy, prominent, pronounced, remarkable, salient, signal; CONCEPTS 485,537 —*Ant.* inconspicuous, ordinary, unnoticeable, unstriking

**outstanding** [*adj3*] *referring to an unpaid debt* due, mature, ongoing, open, overdue, owing, payable, pending, remaining, uncollected, unresolved, unsettled; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* paid, resolved, settled

**outward** [*adj*] *visible; for appearances* apparent, evident, exterior, external, from within, noticeable, observable, obvious, on the surface, open, ostensible, out, outer, outside, over, perceptible, superficial, surface, to the eye, toward the edge; CONCEPTS 576,581,583 —*Ant.* invisible, inward

**outwardly** [*adv*] *to all appearances* apparently, as far as one can see, evidently, externally, for all intents and purposes\*, in appearance, officially, on the face of it, on the surface, ostensibly, professedly, seemingly, superficially, to the eye; CONCEPTS 544,576 —*Ant.* inside, internally, inwardly, privately

**outweigh** [*v*] *override, dominate* atone for, balance, cancel out, compensate, counterbalance, counterpoise, countervail, eclipse, exceed, excel, make up for, offset, outbalance, outrival, outrun, overcome, overshadow, predominate, preponderate, prevail, set off, surpass, take precedence, tip the scales; CONCEPT 141

**outwit/outsmart** [*v*] *get the better of; figure out before another* baffle, bamboozle\*, beat\*, bewilder, cap, cheat, circumvent, con\*, confuse, deceive, defeat, defraud, dupe, end-run\*, fake out\*, finagle\*, fox\*, goose\*, gull\*, have\*, hoax, hoodwink, lead astray\*, make a fool of\*, make a monkey of\*, mislead, outdo, outfox, outgeneral, outguess, outjockey, outmaneuver, outthink, overreach, pull a fast one on\*, put one over on\*, run circles around\*, swindle, take in\*, top\*, trick, worst\*; CONCEPTS 15,59

**oval** [*adj*] *long and rounded in shape* egg-shaped, ellipsoidal, elliptical, elliptical, oblong, ooid, ovaloid, ovate, oviform, ovoid; CONCEPT 486

**ovation** [*n*] *clapping and cheers* acclaim, acclamation, applause, big hand\*, bravos, cheering, hand, laudation, plaudits, praise, salvo, testimonial, tribute; CONCEPTS 69,264 —*Ant.* silence  
**oven** [*n*] *kitchen stove* kiln, kitchen range, microwave, microwave oven, range, roaster, stove, tandoor; CONCEPT 463

**over** [*adj1*] *accomplished* ancient history, at an end, by, bygone, closed, completed, concluded, done, done with, ended, finished, gone, past, settled, up; CONCEPTS 531,548 —*Ant.* failed, incomplete, unfinished

**over** [*adj2/adv1*] *in addition* additionally, beyond, ever, excessively, extra, extremely, immensely, in excess, inordinately, left over, more, over and above, overly, overmuch, remaining, superfluous, surplus, too, unduly, unused; CONCEPTS 544,771 —*Ant.* fewer, less

**over** [*adv2*] *above aloft*, beyond, covering, farther up, higher than, in heaven, in the sky, off, on high, on top of, overhead, overtop, straight up, traversely, upstairs; CONCEPTS 583, 793 —*Ant.* under

**overabundance** [*n*] *excess* embarrassment of riches\*, glut, nimety, overflow, overkill, overmuch, oversupply, plethora, profusion, superabundance, superfluity, surfeit, surplus, surplusage, too much\*; CONCEPTS 767,787 —*Ant.* lack, need, scarcity, want

**overall** [*adj*] *complete, general* all-embracing, blanket, comprehensive, global, inclusive, long-range, long-term, sweeping, thorough, total, umbrella; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* incomplete, narrow, specific

**overall** [*adv*] *in general* all over, chiefly, everywhere, everywhere, generally speaking, in the long run, largely, mainly, mostly, on the whole, predominantly, primarily, principally, throughout; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* incomplete, narrow

**overbearing** [*adj*] *arrogant, domineering* ascendant, autocratic, bossy, cavalier, cocky\*, despotic, dictatorial, disdainful, dogmatic, egotistic, haughty, high-and-mighty\*, high-handed\*, imperative, imperial, imperious, insolent, magisterial, officious, oppressive, overweening, paramount, peremptory, predominant, preponderant, prevalent, proud, regnant, sniffy\*, snotty\*, sovereign, stuffy, supercilious, superior, tyrannical, uppity\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* kind, modest, nice, unassertive

**overblown** [*adj*] *excessive, too much* aureate, bombastic, disproportionate, euphuistic, flowery, fulsome, grandiloquent, hyped up\*, immoderate, inflated, magniloquent, oratorical, overdone, pompous, pretentious, profuse, rhetorical, sonorous, superfluous, turgid, undue, verbose, windy; CONCEPTS 267,548 —*Ant.* underrated, undervalued

**overcast** [*adj*] *cloudy, darkened* clouded, clouded over, dark, dismal, dreary, dull, gray, hazy, leaden, lowering, murky, nebulous, not clear, not fair, oppressive, somber, sunless, threatening; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* bright, clear, sunny

**overcome** [*adj*] *overwhelmed; visibly moved* affected, at a loss for words, beaten, blown-away\*, bowled-over\*, buried\*, conquered, defeated, overthrown, run-over\*, speechless, swamped, swept off one's feet\*, taken\*, unable to continue; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* indifferent, unbothered, unconcerned, unflappable, unmoved

**overcome** [*v*] *beat, defeat* best\*, be victorious, come out on top\*, conquer, crush, down\*, drown, get around\*, get the better of\*, hurdle, knock over\*, knock socks off\*, lick\*, master, outlive, overpower, overthrow, overwhelm, prevail, prostrate, reduce, render, rise above\*, shock, stun, subdue, subjugate, surmount, survive, throw\*, triumph over, vanquish, weather\*, whelm\*, win, worst\*; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* give in, surrender, yield

**overconfident** [*adj*] *overly sure of oneself* brash, careless, cocksure\*, cocky\*, foolhardy, heading for a fall\*, heedless, hubristic, impudent, overweening, presuming, presumptuous, pushy\*, rash, reckless, self-assertive; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* cautious, pessimistic

**overdo** [*v*] *go to extremes; carry too far* amplify, be intemperate, belabor, bite off too much\*, do to death, drive oneself, exaggerate, fatigue, go overboard\*, go too far\*, hype, lay it on\*, magnify, make federal case\*, not know when to stop\*, overburden, overestimate, overindulge, overload, overplay, overrate, overreach, overstate, overtax, overture, overuse, overvalue, overwork, pile on\*, pressure, puff\*, run into the ground\*, run riot\*, strain oneself, stretch, talk big\*, wear down\*, wear oneself out\*; CONCEPT 156 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**overdue** [*adj*] *late, behind schedule* behind-hand, behind time, belated, delinquent, due, held up\*, hung up\*, jammed\*, long delayed, mature, not punctual, outstanding, owing, payable, tardy, unpaid, unpunctual, unsettled; CONCEPTS 334,548,799 —*Ant.* early, paid

**overeat** [*v*] *eat too much* binge\*, eat like a horse\*, feast, gluttonize, gorge, gourmandize, overindulge, pack it away, pig\*, pig out\*, put it away, scarf\*, stuff oneself\*, stuff one's face\*, surfeit; CONCEPT 316 —*Ant.* diet, fast

**overflow** [*n*] *flood, inundation* advance, cataclysm, cataract, congestion, deluge, discharge, encroachment, enforcement, engorgement, excess, exuberance, flash flood, flooding, infringement, niagara, overabundance, overcrowding, overkill, overmuch, overproduction, plethora, pour, propulsion, push, redundancy, spate, spill, spillover, submergence, submersion, superfluity, surfeit, surplus, torrent; CONCEPT 740

**overflow** [*v*] *pour out, flood* brim, bubble over, cascade, cover, deluge, discharge, drain, drown, engulf, fall over, gush, inundate, irrupt, issue, jet, leak, overbrim, overrun, overtop, pour, run over, rush, shed, shower, slop, slosh, soak, spill, spill over, spout, spray, spurt, squirt, submerge, surge, swamp, water, wave, well, well over, wet, whelm; CONCEPTS 179,256,740

**overhang** [*v*] *bulge, hang over* beetle, be imminent, be suspended, cast a shadow, command, dangle over, droop over, endanger, extend, flap over, impend, jut, loom, menace, overtop, poke, portend, pouch, project, protrude, rise above, stand out, stick out, swing over, threaten, tower above; CONCEPT 752

**overhaul** [*v*] *redo, restore* check, debug, doctor\*, do up\*, examine, fiddle with\*, fix, give facelift\*, improve, inspect, mend, modernize, patch, rebuild, recondition, reconstruct, reexamine, renew, repair, retreat, revamp, service, survey; CONCEPTS 126,202, 212

**overhead** [*adj/adv*] *up above* above, aerial, aloft, atop, hanging, in the sky, on high, over, overhanging, roof, skyward, upper, upward; CONCEPT 586 —*Ant.* below, underfoot

**overhead** [*n*] *general, continuing costs of operation* budget, burden, cost, depreciation, expense, expenses, insurance, outlay, rent, upkeep, utilities; CONCEPTS 329,332

**overjoyed** [*adj*] *extremely happy* charmed, delighted, deliriously happy, elated, euphoric, happy as a clam\*, happy as a lark\*, joyful, jubilant, on cloud nine\*, only too happy\*, over the moon\*, rapturous, ravished, thrilled, tickled pink\*, transported; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* disappointed, sad, sorrowful, upset

**overlap** [*v*] *lie over something else* extend along, flap, fold over, go beyond, imbricate, lap over, overhang, overlay, overlie, overrun, project, protrude, ride, run over, shingle; CONCEPT 759 —*Ant.* divide, separate

**overlook** [*v1*] *disregard, neglect* discount, disdain, fail to notice, forget, ignore, leave out, leave undone, let fall between the cracks\*, let go, let slide\*, make light of\*, miss, omit, overpass, pass, pass by, pay no attention, slight, slip up\*; CONCEPTS 30,101,699 —*Ant.* attend, heed, honor, look at, notice, regard, respect

**overlook** [*v2*] *make allowances for* bear with\*, blink at\*, condone, disregard, excuse, forgive, go along with, grin and bear it\*, handle, ignore, let bygones be bygones\*, let go, let pass\*, live with\*, look the other way, pay no mind\*, play past\*, put up with\*, roll with punches\*, stand for, stomach, swim with the tide\*, take, tune out\*, turn blind eye to\*, whitewash\*, wink at\*, wipe slate clean\*; CONCEPTS 10,83 —*Ant.* deny, prevent, refuse, veto

**overlook** [*v3*] *have a view of something* afford a view, command, command a view, dominate, front on, give on, give upon, have a prospect of, inspect, look down, look out, look out on, look over, mount, oversee, overtop, soar above, surmount, survey, top, tower over, view, watch over; CONCEPT 752

**overlook** [*v4*] *supervise* boss, chaperon, control, oversee, quarterback\*, superintend, survey; CONCEPTS 94,117 —*Ant.* follow, serve

**overly** [*adv*] *excessively* ever, exceedingly, extremely, immensely, immoderately, inordinately, over, overfull, overmuch, too, too much, too-too\*, unduly, very much; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* inadequately, insufficiently

**overplay** [*v*] *be dramatic* accent, accentuate, blow out of proportion\*, dramatize, exaggerate, get carried away\*, ham it up\*, hyperbolize, labor at, lay it on thick\*, magnify, maximize, mug\*, overact, overdo, overdraw, overemphasize, overstate, overstress, overuse, overwork, point up\*, show off\*, stretch; CONCEPTS 59,87,292 —*Ant.* play down

**overpower** [*v*] *beat; get the upper hand* beat down, beat down, blank, blow away\*, bulldoze\*, bury, clobber, conquer, cream\*, crush, defeat, drown, drub\*, immobilize, knock out\*, lay one out\*, murder\*, overcome, overthrow, overwhelm, prostrate, put away\*, quell, reduce, roll over\*, rout, shellack\*, shut off\*, smash\*, subdue, subjugate, swamp\*, take care of\*, take out\*, torpedo\*, total\*, trash\*, trounce, vanquish, waste\*, wax\*, whelm\*; CONCEPTS 95,191 —*Ant.* surrender, yield

**overrate** [*v*] *assign too much value, importance* assess too highly, build up, exaggerate, exceed, expect too much of, magnify, make too much of\*, overassess, overesteem, overestimate, overpraise, overprize, overreckon, oversell, overvalue, rate too highly, think too highly of\*,

think too much of\*; CONCEPTS 12,49 —*Ant.* underrate, undervalue

**overrated** [*adj*] *overvalued* exaggerated, hyped-up, overestimated, overpaid, overpriced, overpromoted, puffed up, pumped up\*; CONCEPTS 267,542,562

**override/overrule** [*v*] *cancel, reverse a decision* alter, annul, bend to one's will\*, control, countermand, direct, disallow, disregard, dominate, govern, ignore, influence, invalidate, make null and void\*, make void, not heed, nullify, outvote, outweigh, overturn, prevail over, quash, recall, repeal, rescind, revoke, ride roughshod\*, rule against, set aside, supersede, sway, take no account of, thwart, trample, upset, vanquish, veto; CONCEPTS 50,88,121, 298,317 —*Ant.* allow, approve, permit, support

**overriding** [*adj*] *central, most important* cardinal, compelling, determining, dominant, final, main, major, number one\*, overruling, paramount, pivotal, predominant, prevailing, primary, prime, principal, ruling, supreme, ultimate; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* insignificant, least, unimportant

**overrule** [*v*] *repeal* abrogate, annul, cancel, disallow, invalidate, negate, nullify, override, overturn, quash, rescind, reverse, revoke, strike down, veto, void; CONCEPTS 50,88,121,234

**overrun** [*v1*] *defeat, invade* beat, clobber, drub\*, foray, inroad, lambaste, lick\*, massacre, occupy, overwhelm, put to flight, raid, rout, swamp\*, thrash, trim, whip; CONCEPTS 86,95 —*Ant.* lose, surrender

**overrun** [*v2*] *infest, spread over; exceed* beset, choke, deluge, go beyond, inundate, invade, overflow, overgrow, overshoot, overspread, overstep, overwhelm, permeate, ravage, run on, run over, spill, spread like wildfire\*, surge, surpass, swarm, well over; CONCEPTS 172,179, 651 —*Ant.* evacuate, retreat

**overseas** [*adj*] *across an ocean* abroad, across, away, foreign, in foreign land, transatlantic, transoceanic, transpacific; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* at home

**oversee** [*v*] *manage, supervise* baby-sit\*, be in driver's seat\*, boss, call the shots\*, captain, chaperon, command, eye\*, herd, inspect, keep one's eye on\*, look after, overlook, quarterback\*, ride herd on\*, run the show\*, shepherd, sit on top of\*, skipper, superintend, survey, watch; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* follow, obey

**overseer** [*n*] *person who supervises others'* work executive, head, head honcho\*, manager, pit boss\*, straw boss\*, superintendent, supervisor; CONCEPT 347

**overshadow** [*v*] *make obscure, dim, vague* adumbrate, becloud, bedim, cloud, command, darken, dim, dominate, dwarf, eclipse, excel, govern, haze, leave in the shade\*, obfuscate, outshine, outweigh, overcast, overlook, outweigh, preponderate, rise above\*, rule, shadow, steal spotlight\*, surpass, take precedence, tower above\*, veil; CONCEPTS 620,668

**oversight** [*n1*] *failure, omission* blank\*, blunder, carelessness, chasm, default, delinquency, dereliction, disregard, error, fault, inattention, lapse, laxity, miscue, mistake, neglect, overlook, overlooking, preterition, pretermission,

- skip, slip, slipup\*; CONCEPT 101 —*Ant.* attention, care, recollection, remembrance, success
- oversight** [n2] *care, supervision* administration, aegis, charge, check, control, custody, direction, guard, guardianship, handling, inspection, intention, keep, keeping, maintenance, management, superintendence, surveillance, tutelage; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* ignorance, neglect
- overstate** [v] *exaggerate* amplify, blow out of proportion\*, boast, boost, brag, build up, embellish, embroider, emphasize, enlarge, exalt, expand, fabricate, fudge\*, heighten, hike, inflate, lay it on thick\*, lie, magnify, misquote, misreport, misrepresent, overdo, overemphasize, overestimate, pad\*, play up, puff; CONCEPT 63
- overt** [adj] *obvious, unconcealed* apparent, clear, definite, manifest, observable, open, patent, plain, public, undisguised, visible; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* concealed, hidden, private, secret
- overtake** [v] *catch; pass* beat, befall, better, catch up with, come upon, engulf, gain on, get past, get to, happen, hit, leave behind, outdistance, outdo, outstrip, overhaul, overwhelm, reach, strike, take by surprise; CONCEPTS 95, 141 —*Ant.* fall behind
- overthrow** [v] *defeat, destroy* abolish, beat, bring down, bring to ruin, conquer, crush, demolish, depose, dethrone, do away with, eradicate, exterminate, knock down, knock over, level, liquidate, oust, overcome, overpower, overrun, overturn, overwhelm, purge, put an end to, raze, ruin, subdue, subjugate, subvert, terminate, tip, topple, tumble, unseat, upend, upset, vanquish; CONCEPTS 95, 252, 320 —*Ant.* give in, surrender, yield
- overtone** [n] *implication, hint* association, connotation, flavor, inference, innuendo, intimation, meaning, nuance, sense, suggestion, tone, undercurrent, undertone; CONCEPT 278
- overture** [n] *introduction, approach* advance, bid, conciliatory move, exordium, foreword, invitation, offer, opening, preamble, preface, prelude, preclusion, presentation, proem, prologue, proposal, proposition, signal, suggestion, tender; CONCEPTS 278, 384, 828, 832 —*Ant.* conclusion, finish
- overturn** [v] *flip over* annul, bring down, capsize, countermand, down, invalidate, invert, keel over, knock down, knock over, nullify, overbalance, prostrate, repeal, rescind, reverse, roll, set aside, spill, tip over, topple, tumble, turn over, turn upside down, upend, upset, upturn, void; CONCEPTS 147, 232
- overview** [n] *survey* analysis, aperçu, audit, capsulization, critique, examination, inquiry, inspection, outline, pandect, précis, review, scrutiny, sketch, study, syllabus, synopsis, thumbnail, view; CONCEPTS 37, 103, 197, 271, 291
- overweight** [adj] *heavier than average* ample, bulky, corpulent, fat, fleshy, gross, heavy, hefty, huge, massive, obese, outsize, overfed, overstuffed, plump, portly, pudgy, rotund, stout, upholstered\*, weighty; CONCEPT 491 —*Ant.* skinny, thin, underweight
- overwhelm** [v1] *flood, beat physically* bury, conquer, crush, defeat, deluge, destroy, drown, drub\*, engulf, inundate, massacre, overcome, overflow, overpower, overrun, overthrow, rout, smother, submerge, swamp, thrash, total\*, whip\*, win\*; CONCEPTS 86, 95 —*Ant.* underwhelm
- overwhelm** [v2] *astonish, devastate* bewilder, blow out of the water\*, bowl over\*, confound, confuse, demoralize, destroy, disturb, do in\*, downgrade\*, drown, dumbfound, floor\*, kill\*, overcome, overpower, prostrate, puzzle, render speechless\*, run circles around, shatter, shock, stagger, steamroller\*, stun, subordinate, surprise, swamp, upset, wreck; CONCEPTS 16, 42 —*Ant.* not impress, underwhelm
- overwhelming** [adj] *overpowering* amazing, astounding, breathtaking, crushing, devastating, exciting, eye-opening, mind-boggling, over-coming, paralyzing, shattering, staggering, stunning, vast; CONCEPT 42
- overworked** [adj] *worn out* burned out\*, exhausted, fatigued, overburdened, overloaded, overtaxed, strained, stressed, stressed out\*, tense, under stress; CONCEPT 485
- overwrought** [adj] *exhausted and excited* affected, agitated, all shook up\*, beside oneself\*, crazy, distracted, emotional, excitable, fired-up\*, flipped out\*, frantic, freaked-out\*, high\*, hot-and-bothered\*, hot under collar\*, hyper\*, in a state\*, keyed-up\*, nervous, neurotic, on edge\*, overexcited, overstrung, overworked, spent, steamed up\*, stirred\*, strung-out\*, tense, tired, uneasy, unstrung\*, uptight\*, weary, wired, worked-up, worn, wound-up; CONCEPTS 401, 403, 542 —*Ant.* calm, collected, cool, rested, unruffled
- owe** [v] *have an obligation* be beholden, be bound, be contracted, behind, be in arrears, be in debt, be indebted, be into one for, be obligated, be under obligation, feel bound, get on credit, have borrowed, incur, in hock\*, lost, on the tab\*, ought to, run up a bill\*; CONCEPT 335 —*Ant.* pay, resolve, settle
- owing** [adj] *unpaid* attributable, comeuppance, due, in debt, mature, matured, outstanding, overdue, owed, payable, unsettled; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* paid, resolved, settled
- own** [adj] *belonging to individual* endemic, hers, his, individual, inherent, intrinsic, its, mine, owned, particular, peculiar, personal, private, resident, theirs, very own, yours; CONCEPT 710
- own** [v1] *possess; be responsible* for be in possession of, be possessed of, boast, control, dominate, enjoy, fall heir to, have, have in hand, have rights, have title, hold, inherit, keep, occupy, reserve, retain; CONCEPT 710 —*Ant.* dispossess, lack, lose, need, not have, sell
- own** [v2] *acknowledge, admit* allow, assent to, avow, come clean\*, concede, confess, declare, disclose, grant, let on\*, make clean breast of\*, own up, recognize, tell the truth; CONCEPT 57 —*Ant.* deny, disavow, reject
- owner** [n] *person who has possession of something* buyer, governor, heir, heir-apparent, heiress, heritor, holder, keeper, landowner, legatee, partner, possessor, proprietor, purchaser, sharer, squire, titleholder; CONCEPTS 343, 347, 414 —*Ant.* leaser, renter
- ownership** [n] *possession of property* buying, claim, control, cut, deed, dominion, end, hand, having, holding, occupancy, partnership, piece,



possession, property, proprietary rights, proprietorship, purchase, purchasing, residence, slice, takeover, tenancy, tenure, title, use; CONCEPT 710 —*Ant.* lease, renting

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- pace** [*n1*] *steps in walking* clip, footstep, gait, getalong, lick\*, measure, step, stride, tread, walk; CONCEPT 149
- pace** [*n2*] *speed, tempo of motion* beat, bounce, celerity, clip, downbeat, lick\*, momentum, motion, movement, progress, quickness, rapidity, rapidness, rate, swiftness, time, velocity; CONCEPTS 755,818
- pace** [*v1*] *walk back and forth* ambulate, canter, foot it\*, gallop, hoo\*, march, patrol, pound\*, step, stride, traipse, tread, troop, trot, walk up and down; CONCEPT 149 —*Ant.* sit, stay
- pace** [*v2*] *measure by footsteps* count, determine, mark out, step, step off\*; CONCEPTS 291,764
- pacesetter** [*n*] *pacemaker* bellwether, forerunner, leader, pacer, pioneer; CONCEPTS 347,354
- pacific** [*adj*] *appeasing, peaceful* amicable, at peace, calm, conciliatory, diplomatic, friendly, gentle, neutral, peaceable, peace-loving, peacemaking, placatory, placid, quiet, serene, tranquil, untroubled; CONCEPTS 485,542
- pacifist** [*n*] *peace-lover* antiwar demonstrator, conscientious objector, dove, passive resister, peacemaker, peacemonger, peacenik; CONCEPTS 454,416
- pacify** [*v*] *make peaceful; appease* allay, ameliorate, assuage, bury the hatchet\*, butter up\*, calm, chasten, compose, con, conciliate, cool, dulcify, fix up, grease\*, kiss and make up\*, lay back, lull, make peace, mitigate, moderate, mollify, pacificate, placate, propitiate, put the lid on\*, qualify, quell, quiet, relieve, repress, silence, smooth over, soften, soft-pedal\*, soothe, square, still, stroke, subdue, sweeten\*, take the edge off\*, tame, temper, tranquilize; CONCEPTS 7,22,250 —*Ant.* agitate, incite, irritate, upset
- pack** [*n1*] *kit, package* backpack, baggage, bale, bundle, burden, equipment, haversack, knapsack, load, luggage, outfit, parcel, rucksack, truss; CONCEPTS 260,446,496
- pack** [*n2*] *group, bunch* assemblage, band, barrel, bundle, circle, collection, company, crew, crowd, deck, drove, flock, gang, great deal, heap, herd, horde, lot, lump, mess, mob, much, multiplicity, number, peck, pile, press, set, swarm, throng, troop; CONCEPTS 397,417
- pack** [*v1*] *make ready for transport* batch, bind, brace, bunch, bundle, burden, collect, dispose, fasten, gather, get ready, load, package, put in order, store, stow, tie, warehouse; CONCEPT 202 —*Ant.* dismantle, unpack, untie
- pack** [*v2*] *fill, compact* arrange, bind, charge, chock, choke, compress, condense, contract, cram, crowd, drive in, heap, insert, jam, jam-pack\*, lade, load, mob, pile, press, push, put away, ram, ram in\*, sardine\*, squeeze, stuff, tump, throng, thrust in, top off, wedge; CONCEPT 209 —*Ant.* allocate, disperse, dispose, distribute, unpack

- pack** [*v3*] *transport, carry* bear, buck, convey, ferry, freight, gun, haul, heel, hump, jag, journey, lug, piggyback\*, ride, shlep\*, shoulder, tote, trek, truck; CONCEPTS 148,217 —*Ant.* keep, maintain
- package** [*n*] *bundle; whole amalgamation*, assortment, bag, baggage, bale, batch, biddle, bottle, box, bunch, burden, can, carton, combination, container, crate, entity, kit, load, lot, luggage, pack, packet, parcel, pile, sack, sheaf, stack, suitcase, tin, trunk, unit; CONCEPTS 432,494
- packed** [*adj*] *full arranged, awash, brimful, brimming, bundled, chock, chock-full\*, compact, compressed, congested, consigned, crammed, crowded, filled, full to the gills\*, jammed, jam-packed\*, loaded, mobbed, overflowing, overloaded, packed like sardines\*, seething, serried, stuffed, swarming, to the roof\*, tumid, up to the hilt\*, up to the rafters\*, wall-to-wall\*, wrapped; CONCEPTS 481,483,740,774 —*Ant.* deserted, empty*
- packet** [*n*] *small, often flat, bundle* bag, carton, container, envelope, file, folder, package, parcel, wrapper, wrapping; CONCEPT 494
- pact** [*n*] *agreement* alliance, arrangement, bargain, bond, compact, concord, concordat, contract, convention, covenant, deal, league, paper, piece of paper, protocol, settlement, transaction, treaty, understanding; CONCEPTS 271,684 —*Ant.* disagreement
- pad/padding** [*n1*] *protection* buffer, cushion, filling, packing, stuffing, wad, wadding, waste; CONCEPTS 473,475
- pad** [*n2*] *tablet of paper* block, jotter, memorandum, notebook, notepad, paper, parchment, quire, ream, scratch, scratch pad, slips; CONCEPTS 260,475
- pad** [*n3*] *dwelling, room* abode, coop\*, crib\*, digs\*, hangout\*, hideout\*, hive\*, house, layout\*, lodging, quarters, residence, residency, setup\*; CONCEPT 516
- pad** [*v1*] *protect with cushioning* cushion, fill, fill out, line, pack, protect, shape, stuff; CONCEPTS 134,202
- pad** [*v2*] *elaborate, amplify* augment, bulk, embellish, embroider, enlarge, exaggerate, expand, fill out, flesh out\*, fudge\*, increase, inflate, lengthen, magnify, overdraw, overstate, protract, spin, stretch; CONCEPTS 63,244 —*Ant.* simplify, uncomplicate
- pad** [*v3*] *walk quietly; walk ploddingly* creep, go barefoot, hike, march, patter\*, pitter-patter\*, plod, pussyfoot\*, sneak, steal, traipse, tramp, trek, trudge; CONCEPT 149
- paddle** [*n*] *item used for propelling* object oar, paddlewheel, pole, propeller, pull, scull, sweep; CONCEPTS 479,499
- paddle** [*v*] *propel with arms or tool* boat, cruise, cut water\*, drift, drive, navigate, oar, pull, row, run rapids\*, scull, sky an oar\*, slop, splash, stir, sweep, thrash, wade; CONCEPT 147
- pagan** [*adj*] *irreligious* agnostic, atheistic, heathen, idolatrous, impious, infidel, polytheistic, profane; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* believing, religious
- pagan** [*n*] *person who does not believe in an orthodox religion* agnostic, atheist, doubter, freethinker, heathen, heretic, iconoclast,

idolater, idolist, infidel, paganist, pantheist, polytheist, scoffer, skeptic, unbeliever; CONCEPT 361 —*Ant.* believer, Christian, Jew

**page** [n1] *sheet of paper* folio, leaf, recto, side, signature, surface, verso; CONCEPT 475

**page** [n2] *person who serves others* attendant, bellhop, equerry, errand runner, servant, youth; CONCEPTS 348,354

**page** [v1] *call for over communications system* announce, beep, call, call out, call the name of, hunt for, preconcise, seek, send for, summon; CONCEPTS 74,78 —*Ant.* answer

**page** [v2] *mark sheets of document* check, count, foliate, number, paginate; CONCEPTS 79,764

**pageant** [n] *spectacle or contest* celebration, charade, display, exhibition, exposition, extravaganza, fair, make-believe, motorcade, parade, pomp, procession, ritual, show, tableau; CONCEPTS 292,377

**pageantry** [n] *flashy display* affectation, array, ceremonial, ceremony, extravagance, fanfare, flourish, formality, glitter, grandeur, grandiosity, magnificence, ostentation, pageant, panoply, parade, pomp, pomposity, show, spectacle, splash, splendor; CONCEPTS 335,377,655

**pain** [n1] *physical suffering* ache, affliction, agony, burn, catch, convulsion, cramp, crick, discomfort, distress, fever, gripe, hurt, illness, injury, irritation, laceration, malady, misery, pang, paroxysm, prick, sickness, smarting, soreness, spasm, sting, stitch, strain, tenderness, throb, throe, tingle, torment, torture, trouble, twinge, wound; CONCEPTS 316,728 —*Ant.* comfort, good health, health, well-being

**pain** [n2] *mental suffering* affliction, agony, anguish, anxiety, bitterness, despondency, distress, grief, heartache, hurt, malaise, martyrdom, misery, rack, sadness, shock, suffering, torment, torture, travail, tribulation, woe, worry, wretchedness; CONCEPTS 410,728 —*Ant.* cheer, happiness, joy, pleasure, well-being

**pain** [n3] *problem* aggravation, annoyance, bore, bother, drag, effort, exertion, irritation, nuisance, pest, trouble, vexation; CONCEPT 532 —*Ant.* irritation

**pain** [v] *bother, trouble* ache, afflict, aggravate, agonize, ail, anguish, annoy, bite, chafe, chasten, constrain, convulse, cut to the quick\*, discomfort, disquiet, distress, exasperate, excruciate, gall, gripe, gripe, harass, harm, harrow, hit where one lives\*, hurt, inflame, injure, irk, irritate, nick, prick, punish, rack, rile, sadden, smart, sting, strain, stress, suffer, throb, tingle, torment, torture, upset, vex, worry, wound; CONCEPTS 7,19,246 —*Ant.* aid, assist, assuage, help, please

**painful** [adj] *physically or mentally agonizing* aching, afflictive, agonizing, arduous, awful, biting, burning, caustic, difficult, dire, disagreeable, distasteful, distressing, dreadful, excruciating, extreme, extremely bad, grievous, hard, harrowing, hurtful, hurting, inflamed, irritated, laborious, piercing, raw, saddening, sensitive, severe, sharp, smarting, sore, stinging, tedious, tender, terrible, throbbing, tormenting, troublesome, trying, uncomfortable, unpleasant, vexatious; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* delightful, easy, painless, pleasant

**painkiller** [n] *anesthetic* alleviative, analgesic, anodyne, aspirin, dope\*, drug, medicine, morphine, ointment, opiate, pain reliever, sedative, tranquilizer; CONCEPT 307

**painstaking** [adj] *meticulous, thorough* assiduous, by the book\*, by the numbers\*, careful, conscientious, conscionable, diligent, earnest, exact, exacting, finicky, fussybudget\*, fussy, hard-working, heedful, industrious, particular, persevering, persnickety\*, picky, punctilious, punctual, scrupulous, sedulous, stickler\*, strenuous, thoroughgoing; CONCEPTS 326,538 —*Ant.* careless, easy, half-baked, half-done, thoughtless, unmindful, unthorough

**paint** [n] *tinted covering* acrylic, chroma, color, coloring, cosmetic, dye, emulsion, enamel, flat, gloss, greasopaint, latex, makeup, oil, overlay, pigment, rouge, stain, tempera, varnish, veneer, wax; CONCEPTS 467,475

**paint** [v] *apply colored tint, often to make design* brush, catch a likeness, coat, color, compose, cover, cover up, daub, decorate, delineate, depict, design, draft, draw, dye, figure, fresco, gloss over, limn, ornament, outline, picture, portray, put on coats\*, represent, shade, sketch, slap on\*, slather, stipple, swab, tint, touch up, wash; CONCEPTS 172,174 —*Ant.* strip

**pair** [n] *two of something* brace, combination, combine, combo, couple, deuce, doublet, duality, duo, dyad, match, mates, span, team, twins, two, two of a kind, twosome, yoke; CONCEPTS 432,784 —*Ant.* one, single

**pair** [v] *make, become a twosome* balance, bracket, combine, couple, join, marry, match, match up, mate, pair off, put together, team, twin, unite, wed, yoke; CONCEPT 113 —*Ant.* divide, separate, sever

**pajamas** [n] *sleeping clothes* jamas\*, jammies\*, jans\*, loungewear, lounging robe, nightdress, nightie\*, nightshirt, nightwear, PJ's\*, sleeper, sleeping suit; CONCEPT 451

**pal** [n] *person's friend* amiga, amigo, associate, boon companion\*, bosom buddy\*, bro\*, brother, buddy, chum, companion, comrade, connate, crony, cuz, good buddy\*, homeboy, homegirl, mate, sidekick, sis\*, sister; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* enemy, foe

**palace** [n] *royal or enormous home* alcazar, castle, chateau, dwelling, hall, manor, mansion, official residence, royal residence; CONCEPT 516

**palatable** [adj] *delicious, agreeable* acceptable, A-OK\*, aperitive, appetizing, attractive, cool, copacetic, delectable, delightful, divine, enjoyable, fair, flavoursome, good-tasting, heavenly, home-cooking\*, luscious, mellow, mouthwatering, peachy, pleasant, relishing, rapid, saporific, saporous, satisfactory, savory, scrumptious, sugar-coated\*, sweetened, tasteful, tasty, tempting, toothsome, toothy\*, yummy\*; CONCEPTS 529,613 —*Ant.* bitter, disagreeable, distasteful, sour, unsavory, untasty

**palatial** [adj] *grand, opulent* deluxe, grandiose, illustrious, imposing, impressive, lush, luxurious, luxurious, magnificent, majestic, monumental, noble, plush, regal, rich, silken, spacious, splendid, stately, sumptuous, upholstered; CONCEPTS 334,485,589 —*Ant.* cramped, minor, small, tiny

**pale** [adj] *light in color or effect* anemic, ashen,

ashy, blanched, bleached, bloodless, cadaverous, colorless, deathlike, dim, doughy, dull, faded, faint, feeble, ghostly, gray, haggard, inadequate, ineffective, ineffectual, insubstantial, livid, lurid, pallid, pasty, poor, sallow, sick, sickly, spectral, thin, unsubstantial, wan, washed-out, waxy, waxlike, weak, white, whitish; CONCEPTS 537,618 —*Ant.* bright, colorful, glowing, radiant

**pale** [*v*] *become, make lighter or weakened* blanch, decrease, dim, diminish, dull, fade, faint, go white, grow dull, lessen, lose color, lose luster, muddy, tarnish, whiten; CONCEPTS 240,250 —*Ant.* brighten, darken, glow, radiate

**pall** [*n*] *cloud, gloom* cloak, cloth, covering, damp, damper, dismay, mantle, melancholy, shadow, shroud, veil; CONCEPTS 620,674 —*Ant.* brightness, excitement, happiness

**pall** [*v*] *bore, tire* become dull, become tedious, cloy, disgust, fill, glut, gorge, jade, sate, satiate, sicken, surfeit, weary; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* brighten, excite, make happy

**palliate** [*v*] *gloss over; cover up* abate, allay, alleviate, apologize for, assuage, camouflage, cloak, conceal, condone, cover, diminish, disguise, dissemble, ease, exculpate, excuse, extenuate, gloze, hide, hush up\*, justify, lessen, lighten, make light of\*, mask, minimize, mitigate, moderate, mollify, prettify, put on a Band-Aid\*, qualify, quick fix\*, relieve, screen, soften, soothe, sugarcoat\*, temper, varnish, veil, veneer, vindicate, white, whiten, white-wash\*; CONCEPTS 57,59,172,188 —*Ant.* accuse, blame, condemn

**pallid** [*adj*] *pale* anemic, ashen, ashy, blanched, bloodless, colorless, dull, faded, feeble, ghostly, gray, lackluster, lifeless, pasty, sallow, sickly, spiritless, uninspired, wan, weak, whitish; CONCEPTS 537,618

**pallor** [*n*] *paleness* achromatic, bloodlessness, cadaverousness, colorlessness, etiolation, pallidity, pastiness, sallowness, wanness, whiteness; CONCEPTS 537,618

**palpable** [*adj*1] *clear, obvious* apparent, appreciable, arresting, believable, blatant, certain, colorable, conspicuous, credible, detectable, discernible, distinct, evident, manifest, noticeable, observable, open, ostensible, patent, perceivable, perceptible, plain, plausible, positive, remarkable, seeming, sensible, straightforward, striking, sure, tangible, unequivocal, unmistakable, visible; CONCEPTS 529,535 —*Ant.* hidden, obscure, unclear, vague

**palpable** [*adj*2] *concrete, real* material, sensible, solid, substantial, tactile, tangible, touchable; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* abstract, doubtful, dubious, inferential, questionable, unreal

**palpitate** [*v*] *beat at a rapid pace, like a heart* flutter, pitpat\*, pitter-patter\*, pound, pulsate, pulse, quiver, shiver, throb, tremble, vibrate; CONCEPTS 152,308 —*Ant.* be still

**palsied** [*adj*] *crippled* arthritic, atonic, debilitated, disabled, diseased, helpless, neurasthenic, paralytic, paralyzed, rheumatic, sclerotic, shaking, shaky, sick, spastic, trembling, tremorous, weak; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* healthy, steady, walking

**palsy-walsy** [*adj*] *very friendly* affectionate, buddy-buddy\*, chummy\*, close, clubby,

confiding, fond, intimate, kissy-huggy\*, lovey-dovey\*, neighborly, pally, thick; CONCEPT 555

**paltry** [*adj*] *poor; worthless* base, beggarly, cheap, common, contemptible, derisory, despicable, inconsiderable, ineffectual, insignificant, limited, low, low-down\*, meager, mean, measly, minor, miserable, narrow, petty, picayune, piddling, pitiful, puny, set, shabby, shoddy, sleazy\*, slight, small, sorry\*, trashy, trifling, trivial, un consequential, unimportant, vile, wretched; CONCEPTS 334,485 —*Ant.* important, rich, significant, substantial, wealthy, worthy

**pamper** [*v*] *serve one's every need, whim* baby, caress, cater to, coddle, cosset, dandle\*, fondle, gratify, humor, indulge, mollycoddle\*, overindulge, pet, please, regale, satisfy, spare the rod\*, spoil, spoil rotten\*, tickle, yield; CONCEPTS 136,295 —*Ant.* be mean, hurt, ignore, neglect, withhold

**pamphlet** [*n*] *booklet* announcement, broadside, brochure, bulletin, circular, compilation, flyer\*, folder, handout, leaflet, throwaway\*, tract, tractate; CONCEPTS 271,280

**pan** [*n*] *container for cooking* food bucket, casserole, double boiler, frying pan, kettle, pail, pannikin, pot, roaster, saucepan, sheet, skillet, vessel; CONCEPTS 493,494

**pan** [*v*1] *look, search for over a wide area* follow, move, scan, separate, sift, sweep, swing, track, traverse, wash; CONCEPT 216

**pan** [*v*2] *criticize strongly* blame, censure, condemn, cut up, denounce, denunciate, disparage, flay, hammer, jeer at, knock, rap, reprehend, review unfavorably, roast, slam; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* praise

**panacea** [*n*] *cure-all* catholicism, cure, elixir, nostrum, patent medicine, relief, remedy; CONCEPTS 307,311

**panache** [*n*] *person's flamboyant spirit* brio, charisma, dash, élan, flair, flamboyance, flourish, style, swagger, verve, vigor; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* spiritlessness

**pancake** [*n*] *flat, round breakfast cake* batter cake, blanket\*, cake, crepe, flapjack, griddle cake, hotcake, johnnycake, jonnycake, sourdough, waffle, wheat\*, wheat cake; CONCEPTS 457,461

**pandemonium** [*n*] *craziness, commotion* anarchy, babel, bedlam, bluster, brouhaha\*, chaos, clamor, clatter, confusion, din, hassle, hubbub\*, hue and cry\*, hullabaloo\*, jangle, noise, racket, riot, ruckus\*, rumpus, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, uproar; CONCEPTS 388,674 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**pander** [*v*] *cater to, indulge* brownnose\*, cajole, fall all over\*, gratify, lay it on\*, massage, play the game\*, play up to\*, please, politic, satisfy, snow\*, soap\*, soften up, stroke, suck up to\*; CONCEPTS 59,136,384 —*Ant.* deny, dissatisfy, refuse

**panel** [*n*] *committee* board, bureau, cabinet, commission, consultants, council, forum, group, jury, representatives, task force, tribunal; CONCEPT 381

**pang** [*n*] *ache, twinge* agony, anguish, bite, discomfort, distress, gripe, misery, pain, prick, spasm, stab, sting, stitch, throb, throre, wrench; CONCEPT 728 —*Ant.* tingle

**panhandle** [v] *beg ask alms, bum\**, cadge\*, freeload\*, hit up\*, hold out one's hand\*, hustle, live hand to mouth\*, mooch\*, pass the hat\*, scrounge, solicit charity, sponge\*; CONCEPT 53

**panic** [n1] *extreme fright* agitation, alarm, cold feet\*, confusion, consternation, crush, dismay, dread, fear, frenzy, horror, hysteria, jam, rush, scare, stamped, terror, trepidation; CONCEPTS 27,410,690 —*Ant.* calm, collectedness, confidence, contentment, security

**panic** [n2] *sudden drop in value in financial markets* Black Monday\*, bust, crash, depression, rainy day\*, slump; CONCEPT 335

**panic** [v] *become, make afraid or distressed* alarm, become hysterical, be terror-stricken, chicken out\*, clutch, come apart, freeze up\*, go to pieces\*, have a fit\*, lose it\*, lose nerve\*, overreact, push panic button\*, run scared\*, scare, shake in boots\*, stamped, startle, terrify, unnerve; CONCEPTS 14,27 —*Ant.* be calm, be content

**panorama** [n] *scene, horizon* bird's-eye view\*, compass, dimension, diorama, extent, orbit, overview, perspective, picture, prospect, purview, radius, range, reach, scenery, scenic view, scope, spectacle, survey, sweep, view, vista; CONCEPTS 529,628,651

**panoramic** [adj] *sweeping* all-around, all-embracing, all-encompassing, all-inclusive, bird's-eye\*, blanket, broad, complete, comprehensive, far-reaching, full, panned, scenic, wide-ranging; CONCEPTS 531,772

**pan out** [v] *come to pass; succeed* click\*, come out\*, culminate, eventuate, go, go over\*, happen, net\*, prove out, result, turn out, work out, yield; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* fail, not happen

**pant** [v1] *gasp for air* be out of breath, blow, breathe, chuff, gulp, heave, huff, palpitate, puff, snort, throb, wheeze, whiff, wind; CONCEPT 163

**pant** [v2] *long for* ache, aim, aspire, covet, crave, desire, hunger, lust, pine, sigh, thirst, want, wish, yearn; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* despise

**panties** [n] *women's underwear* bikini, briefs, intimate things, lingerie, underclothes, undergarment, underpants, undies; CONCEPT 451

**pantry** [n] *kitchen storage room* buttery, cellar, chamber, closet, cupboard, larder, store room; CONCEPT 448

**pants** [n] *clothing for legs, lower half of body* Bermudas\*, bloomers, blue jeans, boxer shorts, breeches, briefs, britches\*, chaps\*, chinos, clam diggers\*, cords\*, corduroys, denims, drawers, dungarees, jeans, jodhpurs, knickers, overalls, pantaloons\*, panties\*, pedal pushers\*, shorts, slacks, trousers, underpants; CONCEPT 451

**pantywaist** [n] *sissy baby\**, chicken\*, coward, cry-baby, fraidy-cat\*, milksop, momma's boy\*, namby-pamby, pansy, scaredy cat\*, weakling, wimp\*, wuss\*, wussy\*; CONCEPT 423

**paparazzi** [n] *photographers* cameraperson, celebrity photographer, freelance photographer, paparazzo, shutterbug; CONCEPT 352

**paper** [adj] *thin, flimsy* cardboard, disposable, insubstantial, paper-thin, papery, wafer-thin; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* thick

**paper** [n2] *newspaper* daily, gazette, journal, news, organ, rag\*, weekly; CONCEPT 280

**paper** [n3] *thesis, article* analysis, assignment, composition, critique, dissertation, essay,

examination, monograph, report, script, study, theme, treatise; CONCEPTS 271,280

**paper** [n4] *material upon which one writes* card, filing card, letterhead, newsprint, note, note card, note pad, onion skin, pad, papyrus, parchment, poster, rag, sheet, stationery, tissue, vellum; CONCEPTS 260,475

**paper** [v] *line with material cover, hang, paste up, plaster, wallpaper*; CONCEPTS 172,177 —*Ant.* peel, strip, unline

**paper/papers** [n1] *legal document* affidavit, archive, bill, certificate, certification, citation, contract, credentials, data, deed, diaries, diploma, documentation, dossier, file, grant, ID\*, identification papers, indictment, instrument, letter, letters, order, passport, plea, record, subpoena, summons, testimony, token, visa, voucher, warrant, will, writ, writings; CONCEPTS 271,318

**par** [n] *average, equilibrium* adequation, balance, coequality, criterion, equal footing, equality, equatibility, equivalence, equivalency, level, mean, median, model, norm, parity, sameness, standard, usual; CONCEPTS 636,667 —*Ant.* extreme

**parable** [n] *moral story* allegory, fable, legend, lesson, tale, teaching; CONCEPT 282

**parade** [n] *pageant, display* array, autocade, cavalcade, ceremony, column, demonstration, exhibition, fanfare, flaunting, line, march, ostentation, panoply, pomp, procession, review, ritual, shine, show, spectacle, train, vaunting; CONCEPTS 377,386

**parade** [v] *show off; march* advertise, air, boast, brag, brandish, declare, demonstrate, disclose, display, disport, divulge, exhibit, expose, flash, flaunt, march in review, prance, proclaim, publish, reveal, sport, strut, swagger, trot out\*, vaunt; CONCEPT 261 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**paradigm** [n] *example* archetype, beau ideal\*, chart, criterion, ensample, exemplar, ideal, mirror, model, original, pattern, prototype, sample, standard; CONCEPT 686

**paradise** [n] *land, feeling of great pleasure; absence of evil* Arcadia\*, ballpark, bliss, cloud nine\*, delight, divine abode\*, Eden\*, felicity, happy hunting ground\*, heaven, heavenly kingdom, kingdom come\*, next world\*, pearly gates\*, promised land, Shangri-la\*, Utopia\*, wonderland, Zion\*; CONCEPT 515 —*Ant.* hell

**paradox** [n] *contradiction, puzzle* absurdity, ambiguity, anomaly, catch, Catch-22\*, enigma, error, inconsistency, mistake, mystery, nonsense, oddity, opposite, reverse; CONCEPT 532

**paragon** [n] *outstanding example* apotheosis, archetype, beau ideal\*, beauty, best, champion, champion, crackerjack\*, cream\*, criterion, cynosure, epitome, essence, exemplar, gem, ideal, jewel\*, love, lovely, model, nonesuch, nonpareil, original, paradigm, pattern, peach\*, perfection, pick, prototype, quintessence, standard, sublimation, tops\*, trump\*, ultimate; CONCEPTS 671,686

**parallel** [adj1] *aligned, side-by-side* alongside, coextending, coextensive, coordinate, equidistant, extending equally, in the same direction, lateral, laterally, never meeting, running alongside; CONCEPTS 581,586 —*Ant.* crooked, separate, skewed, zigzag

**parallel** [*adj*2] *akin, similar* agnate, alike, analogous, comparable, complementary, conforming, consonant, correspondent, corresponding, equal, identical, like, matching, resembling, uniform; CONCEPTS 487,573

—*Ant.* different, dissimilar, divergent

**parallel** [*n*] *complement, correlation* analogy, analogy, comparison, corollary, correlate, correspondence, correspondent, counterpart, countertype, double, duplicate, duplication, equal, equivalent, homologue, kin\*, likeness, match, parallelism, resemblance, similarity, twin; CONCEPTS 667,670 —*Ant.* difference, divergence, opposite, reverse

**parallel** [*v*] *be alike* agree, assimilate, collimate, collocate, compare, complement, conform, copy, correlate, correspond, equal, equate, imitate, keep pace, liken, match, paragon, parallelize; CONCEPTS 111,171,667 —*Ant.* differ, distort, diverge, separate, skew

**paralytic** [*adj*] *impaired in movement* diplegic, disabled, immobile, immobilized, inactive, incapacitated, insensible, lame, numb, palsied, palsified, paralyzed, paraplegic, powerless, quadriplegic; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* healthy, uncrippled

**paralyze** [*v*] *immobilize* anesthetize, appall, arrest, astound, bemuse, benumb, bring to grinding halt\*, close, daunt, daze, deaden, debilitate, demolish, destroy, disable, disarm, enfeeble, freeze, halt, incapacitate, knock out, lame, make inert, make nerveless, nonplus, numb, palsy, petrify, prostrate, shut down\*, stop dead\*, stun, stupefy, transfix, weaken; CONCEPTS 14,121,246,252 —*Ant.* incite, mobilize, stimulate

**paramedic** [*n*] *emergency medical technician* ambulance attendant, EMT, medical assistant, nurse; CONCEPTS 357,414

**parameter** [*n*] *limit* constant, criterion, framework, guideline, limitation, restriction, specification; CONCEPT 688

**paramount** [*adj*] *principal, superior* ascendant, capital, cardinal, chief, commanding, controlling, crowning, dominant, eminent, first, foremost, headmost, leading, main, outstanding, overbearing, predominant, predominate, preeminent, premier, preponderant, prevalent, primary, prime, regnant, sovereign, supreme; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* inferior, last, least, less, lesser, lowest, minor, secondary, smallest, trivial

**paramour** [*n*] *lover* admirer, beau, boyfriend, concubine, courter, courtesan, doxy, escort, fiancé, fiancée, girlfriend, inamorata, inamorato, kept woman, mistress, steady, sweetheart; CONCEPTS 415,423

**paranormal** [*adj*] *supernatural* abnormal, celestial, ghostly, metaphysical, mysterious, mystic, occult, phenomenal, preternatural, psychic, spectral, transcendental, uncomprehensible, unearthly; CONCEPT 582

**parapet** [*n*] *bulwark* barricade, barrier, bastion, buffet, buttress, defense, embankment, fortification, partition, protection, protective wall, rampart, safeguard; CONCEPTS 96,729

**paraphernalia** [*n*] *equipment, belongings* accoutrements, apparatus, appurtenances, baggage, effects, equipage, gear, habiliments, impedimenta, impediments, machinery,

material, materiel, outfit, regalia, stuff, tackle, things, trappings; CONCEPTS 446,496

**paraphrase** [*n*] *translation, interpretation* digest, explanation, rehash, rendering, rendition, rephrasing, restatement, rewording, summary, version; CONCEPTS 55,57,268 —*Ant.* quotation

**paraphrase** [*v*] *interpret, translate* express in other words, express in own words, recapitulate, rehash, render, rephrase, restate, reword, summarize, transcribe; CONCEPTS 55,57 —*Ant.* quote

**parasite** [*n*] *something that exists by taking from or depending on another* barnacle, bloodsucker\*, bootlicker\*, deadbeat\*, dependent, flunky, freeloader\*, groupie\*, hanger-on\*, idler, leech, scrounger, sponge\*, stooge\*, sucker\*, sycophant, taker\*; CONCEPTS 394,412 —*Ant.* blessing

**parcel** [*n*1] *container prepared to be sent* bundle, bundle, carton, load, pack, package, packet; CONCEPT 494

**parcel** [*n*2] *group, bunch* array, band, batch, body, clot, clump, cluster, clutch, collection, company, crew, crowd, gang, lot, pack; CONCEPT 432 —*Ant.* none, one

**parcel** [*n*3] *piece of land* acreage, plat, plot, property, tract; CONCEPTS 509,513

**parcel** [*n*4] *part, piece* bite, chunk, cut, division, lion's share\*, member, moiety, piece of the action\*, portion, rake-off\*, section, segment, slice; CONCEPTS 829,835 —*Ant.* whole

**parch** [*v*] *dry, burn* blister, brown, dehydrate, desiccate, dry up, evaporate, exciliate, make thirsty, scorch, sear, shrivel, stale, wither; CONCEPTS 249,255 —*Ant.* dampen, moisten, wet

**parched** [*adj*] *dry* arid, burned, cotton-mouth\*, dehydrated, dried up\*, dry as dust\*, scorched, shriveled, thirsty, waterless, withered; CONCEPT 603 —*Ant.* damp, moist, wet

**pardon** [*n*] *forgiveness* absolution, acquittal, allowance, amnesty, anchor, clemency, commute, conciliation, condonation, discharge, exculpation, excuse, exoneration, forbearance, freeing, grace, indemnification, indemnity, indulgence, justification, kindness, lifeboat\*, lifesaver\*, mercy, release, remission, relieve, vindication; CONCEPTS 10,318,685 —*Ant.* chastisement, condemnation, damning, ostracization, penalty, punishment

**pardon** [*v*] *forgive* absolve, accept, acquit, amnesty, blink at\*, bury the hatchet\*, clear, condone, discharge, exculpate, excuse, exonerate, free, give absolution, grant amnesty, justify, let off\*, let off easy\*, liberate, lifeboat\*, overlook, release, remit, relieve, rescue, spring\*, suspend charges, tolerate, wink at\*, wipe slate clean\*, write off\*; CONCEPTS 10,50,88,317 —*Ant.* chastise, condemn, damn, ostracize, penalize, punish

**pare** [*v*] *peel, trim* carve, clip, crop, cut, cut back, cut down, decorticate, decrease, dock, flay, knock off, lop, lower, mark down, prune, reduce, scalp, scrape, shave, shear, skin, skive, slash, strip, thin, uncover; CONCEPTS 176,202,236,247 —*Ant.* cover

**parent** [*n*] *person, source of product* ancestor, architect, author, begetter, cause, center, creator, father, folks, forerunner, fountainhead,

guardian, mother, origin, originator, procreator, progenitor, prototype, root, source, wellspring; CONCEPTS 414,648 —*Ant.* child

**parental** [*adj*] *having the quality or nature of a parent affectionate, benevolent, benign, caring, comforting, devoted, fatherly, fond, forbearing, gentle, indulgent, kind, loving, maternal, matriarchal, motherly, paternal, patriarchal, protective, sheltering, supportive, tender, warm, watchful*; CONCEPTS 401,542

**parenthetical** [*adj*] *incidental bracketed, by the way, episodic, explanatory, extraneous, extrinsic, incidental, in parenthesis, inserted, intermediate, interposed, qualifying, related, subordinate*; CONCEPTS 544,577 —*Ant.* basic, consequential, important

**pariah** [*n*] *social outcast bum\*, castaway, deportee, derelict, displaced person, exile, expatriate, fugitive, hobo\*, leper, outsider, persona non grata\*, rascal, refugee, tramp, undesirable, vagabond, vagrant, waif*; CONCEPT 423

**parish** [*n*] *congregation of a church archdiocese, bethel, church, churchgoers, community, flock\*, fold\*, parishioners, territory*; CONCEPT 369

**parity** [*n*] *equality, balance adequation, affinity, agreement, analogy, approximation, closeness, coequality, conformity, congruity, consistency, correspondence, equal terms, equivalence, equivalency, likeness, nearness, par, parallelism, paraphernalia, resemblance, sameness, similarity, similitude, uniformity, unity*; CONCEPT 670 —*Ant.* dissimilitude, imbalance, inequality

**park** [*n*] *land that is reserved for pleasure, recreation esplanade, estate, forest, garden, grass, green, grounds, lawn, lot, meadow, parkland, place, playground, plaza, pleasure garden, recreation area, square, tract, village green, woodland*; CONCEPTS 509,513

**park** [*v*] *place vehicle in a position deposit, leave, line up, maneuver, order, position, put, seat, stand, station, store*; CONCEPTS 148,201 —*Ant.* back out, depart

**parlance** [*n*] *idiom argot, colloquialism, dialect, diction, expression, idiosyncrasy, jargon, language, lingo\*, localism, locution, patois, phrase, provincialism, set phrase, speech, street talk\*, talk, tongue, vernacular*; CONCEPT 275

**parlay** [*v*] *bet; maneuver engineer, gamble, jockey, lay down, manage, move, plan, play, risk, speculate, venture, wager*; CONCEPTS 36,59,292,330

**parlor** [*n*] *sitting room drawing room, front room, guest room, living room, lounge, reception, salon, waiting room*; CONCEPT 448

**parochial** [*adj*] *narrow-minded, restricted biased, bigoted, conservative, conventional, insular, inward-looking, limited, local, narrow, petty, prejudiced, provincial, regional, sectarian, sectional, shallow, small-minded, small-town*; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* broad, liberal, unrestricted

**parody** [*n*] *imitation, spoof apology, burlesque, caricature, cartoon, copy, derision, farce, irony, jest, joke, lampoon, mime, mimicry, misrepresentation, mockery, mock-heroic\*, pastiche, play-on\*, raillery, rib\*, ridicule, roast\*, satire, send-up\*, skit, takeoff\*, travesty*; CONCEPTS 59,273,292 —*Ant.* reality, truth

**parody** [*v*] *imitate, spoof ape, burlesque, caricature, copy, deride, disparage, distort,*

*do a takeoff of\*, exaggerate, impersonate, jeer, jest, joke, lampoon, laugh at, mime, mimic, mock, poke fun at, put on\*, ridicule, roast, satirize, send up, sheik\*, take off\*, travesty*; CONCEPTS 59,111,273 —*Ant.* be truthful

**paroxysm** [*n*] *seizure, spasm agitation, anger, attack, convulsion, eruption, excitement, explosion, fit, flare-up\*, frenzy, frothing, fuming, furor, fury, hysterics, outbreak, outburst, passion, rage, violence*; CONCEPTS 308,316,410

**parrot** [*v*] *repeat ape, chant, copy, copycat, echo, imitate, mime, mimic, quote, recite, reiterate*; CONCEPTS 47,77,171

**parry** [*v*] *ward off, circumvent anticipate, avoid, block, bypass, deflect, dodge, duck\*, elude, evade, fence\*, fend off, forestall, hold at bay\*, preclude, prevent, rebuff, rebuke, repel, repulse, resist, shirk, shun, sidestep, stave off*; CONCEPTS 25,30,121 —*Ant.* deal with, face, meet

**parsimonious** [*adj*] *penny-pinching avaricious, chintzy\*, close, frugal, greedy, illiberal, mean, miserly, penurious, prudent, saving, scrimpy, selfish, skinflint\*, sparing, stingy\*, tight\*, tightfisted\*, tightwad\**; CONCEPTS 334,401 —*Ant.* generous, lavish, liberal

**parson** [*n*] *cleric chaplain, churchman/woman, clergyman/woman, ecclesiastic, minister, padre, pastor, preacher, priest, rector, reverend, vicar*; CONCEPT 361

**part** [*n1*] *piece, portion of something allotment, any, apportionment, articulation, atom, bit, bite, branch, chip, chunk, component, constituent, cut, department, detail, division, element, extra, factor, fraction, fragment, helping, hunk, ingredient, installment, item, limb, lot, lump, measure, meed, member, module, moiety, molecule, organ, parcel, particle, partition, piece, quantum, quota, ration, scrap, section, sector, segment, share, side, slab, slice, sliver, splinter, subdivision, unit*; CONCEPT 834 —*Ant.* whole

**part** [*n2*] *person or group's interest, concern behalf, bit, business, capacity, cause, charge, duty, faction, function, involvement, office, party, place, responsibility, role, say, share, side, task, work*; CONCEPTS 362,532

**part** [*n3*] *theatrical role antagonist, bit, bit part, cameo, character, dialogue, hero, lead, leading role, lines, minor role, piece, principal character, protagonist, romantic lead, silent bit, stock character, straight part, supporting role, title role, villain, walk-on*; CONCEPT 263

**part** [*v1*] *break, disconnect articulate, break up, cleave, come apart, detach, dichotomize, disjoin, dismantle, dis sever, disunite, divide, factor, itemize, particularize, partition, portion, rend, section, segment, separate, sever, slice, split, strip, subdivide, sunder, tear*; CONCEPTS 98,135 —*Ant.* connect, join

**part** [*v2*] *leave, go away from someone break, break off, break up, clear out\*, cut and run\*, dedomicle, depart, ease out, go, go separate ways\*, hit the road\*, leave flat\*, part company, pull out\*, push off, quit, quit the scene\*, say goodbye, separate, ship out\*, shove off\*, split, split up\*, take a hike\*, take leave, take off, walk out on, withdraw*; CONCEPTS 195,297,384 —*Ant.* arrive, come

**partake** [*v*] *eat, share* be a party to, be in on, be into, consume, devour, divide, engage, enter into, feed, get in the act, have a finger in, ingest, participate, receive, sample, savor, sip, sit in, sit in on, take, take part, tune in; CONCEPTS 169,225 —*Ant.* abstain, refrain

**partial** [*adj*1] *incomplete* fractional, fragmentary, half done, halfway, imperfect, limited, part, sectional, uncompleted, unfinished, unperformed; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* complete, entire, total, whole

**partial** [*adj*2] *biased, prejudiced* colored, discriminatory, disposed, favorably inclined, influenced, interested, jaundiced, minded, one-sided, partisan, predisposed, prepossessed, tendentious, unfair, unindifferent, unjust, warped; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* fair, just, unbiased, unprejudiced

**partiality** [*n*] *favoritism, fondness* affinity, bias, cup of tea\*, dish, druthers\*, flash, inclination, inclining, leaning, liking, love, partisanship, penchant, predilection, predisposition, preference, prejudice, proclivity, propensity, taste, tendency, thing\*, type, weakness; CONCEPTS 32,709 —*Ant.* disinterest, fairness, impartiality, justice

**partially** [*adv*] *incompletely* by degrees, by installments, fractionally, halfway, in part, in some measure, little by little, moderately, not wholly, partly, piece by piece, piecemeal, somewhat, to a certain degree, to a certain extent; CONCEPTS 531,544 —*Ant.* completely, totally, wholly

**participant** [*n*] *person who takes part in activity* actor, aide, a party to, assistant, associate, attendant, colleague, contributor, helper, in, member, partaker, participator, partner, party, player, shareholder, sharer; CONCEPTS 352,366,423 —*Ant.* fan, spectator

**participate** [*v*] *take part in activity* aid, associate with, be a participant, be a party to, be into\*, chip in\*, come in, compete, concur, cooperate, engage, engage in, enter into, get in on\*, get in on the act\*, go into, have a hand in\*, have to do with, join in, latch on\*, lend a hand, partake, perform, play, share, sit in\*, sit in on\*, strive, take an interest in, tune in\*; CONCEPT 100 —*Ant.* observe, watch

**particle** [*n*] *atom, piece* bit, crumb, dot, dribble, drop, fleck, fragment, grain, hoot\*, iota, jot, minim, mite, modicum, molecule, morsel, mote, ounce, ray, scrap, scruple, seed, shred, smidgen, smitheren, speck, spot, stitch, whit; CONCEPT 831

**particular** [*adj*1] *exact, specific* accurate, appropriate, blow-by-blow\*, circumstantial, clocklike, detailed, distinct, especial, express, full, individual, intrinsic, itemized, limited, local, meticulous, minute, painstaking, particularized, peculiar, precise, scrupulous, selective, singular, special, thorough, topical; CONCEPT 557 —*Ant.* general, imprecise, indefinite, inexact

**particular** [*adj*2] *notable, uncommon* especial, exceptional, exclusive, lone, marked, noteworthy, odd, one, only, peculiar, personal, remarkable, respective, separate, single, singular, sole, solitary, unique, unusual; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* common, general, ordinary, unimportant, usual

**particular** [*adj*3] *finicky, demanding* careful, choicy, choosy, critical, dainty, discriminating, exacting, fastidious, finical, fussybudget\*, fussy, hard to please, meticulous, nice, nit-picking\*, persnickety\*, picky\*, rough, stickler\*, tough; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* indifferent, nonchalant, undemanding, undiscriminating

**particular** [*n*] *detail* ABC\*s\*, article, bottom line\*, brass tacks\*, case, chapter and verse\*, circumstance, clue, cue, element, fact, facts of life, feature, gospel, item, know\*, lowdown\*, nitty-gritty\*, nuts and bolts\*, picture, point, rundown\*, scoop\*, score\*, speciality, specific, specification, story, thing\*, what's what\*, whole story\*; CONCEPTS 274,532,832 —*Ant.* generality

**particularly** [*adv*] *specifically* decidedly, distinctly, especially, exceptionally, explicitly, expressly, individually, in particular, markedly, notably, outstandingly, peculiarly, principally, singularly, specially, surprisingly, uncommonly, unusually; CONCEPT 557 —*Ant.* commonly, generally, usually

**parting** [*adj*] *farewell* departing, final, goodbye, last, valedictory; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* greeting, introductory

**parting** [*n*] *goodbye, separation* adieu, bisection, break, breaking, breakup, crossroads\*, departure, detachment, divergence, division, farewell, going, leave-taking, on the rocks\*, partition, rift, rupture, severance, split, split-up, valediction; CONCEPTS 195,297,384 —*Ant.* greeting, hello, introduction

**partisan** [*adj*] *interested, factional* accessory, adhering, biased, bigoted, blind, cliquish, colored, conspiratorial, denominational, devoted, diehard\*, exclusive, fanatic, jaundiced, one-sided, overzealous, partial, prejudiced, prepossessed, sectarian, sympathetic, tendentious, unjust, unreasoning, warped, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542,548 —*Ant.* disinterested

**partisan** [*n*] *person devoted to another or cause* accessory, adherent, backer, champion, cohort, defender, devotee, disciple, follower, satellite, stalwart, supporter, sycophant, sympathizer, upholder, votary, zealot; CONCEPTS 359,423

**partition** [*n*] *divider, division* allotment, apportionment, barrier, detachment, disconnection, dissolution, distribution, disunion, dividing, hindrance, obstruction, parting, portion, rationing, rupture, screen, segregation, separation, severance, share, splitting, wall; CONCEPTS 98,440,443,470 —*Ant.* attachment, juncture, union, unity

**partition** [*v*] *divide, separate* apportion, cut, cut in, cut into, cut up, deal, disburse, dispense, disperse, distribute, divvy up\*, dole out\*, fence off\*, measure out, parcel out, portion, screen, section, segment, separate, share, size into, slice, split, split up, subdivide, wall off\*; CONCEPTS 98,135 —*Ant.* attach, combine, join, unite

**partly** [*adv*] *not completely* at best, at least, at most, at worst, bit by bit, by degrees, carelessly, halfway, inadequately, in a general way, in bits and pieces\*, incompletely, in part, in some measure, in some ways, insufficiently, little by little, measurably, notably, not entirely, not fully, noticeably, not strictly speaking, not wholly, partially, piece by piece, piecemeal,

relatively, slightly, so far as possible, somewhat, to a certain degree, to a certain extent, up to a certain point, within limits\*;  
CONCEPT 531  
—*Ant.* completely, totally, wholly

**partner** [*n*] *person who takes part with another* accomplice, ally, assistant, associate, buddy, chum\*, cohort, collaborator, colleague, companion, comrade, confederate, consort, coworker, crony\*, date, friend, helper, helpmate, husband, mate, pal\*, participant, playmate, sidekick\*, spouse, teammate, wife;  
CONCEPTS 348,414,423  
—*Ant.* enemy, foe

**partnership** [*n*] *alliance; participation* affiliation, assistance, association, band, body, brotherhood, business, cahoots\*, cartel, chumminess, clique, club, combination, combine, community, companionship, company, conglomerate, conjunction, connection, consociation, cooperation, cooperative, corporation, coterie, crew, faction, firm, fraternity, friendship, gang, help, hookup, house, interest, joining, lodge, mob, organization, ownership, party, ring, sharing, sisterhood, society, sorority, tie-up, togetherness, union;  
CONCEPTS 325,381,388

**party** [*n*1] *social gathering* affair, amusement, at-home\*, ball, banquet, barbecue, bash\*, blowout\*, carousal, carousing\*, celebration, cocktails, coffee klatch, coming-out, dinner, diversion\*, do\*, entertainment, feast, festive occasion, festivity, fete, fun, function, gala, get-together, luncheon, movable feast\*, orgy\*, prom, reception, riot, shindig\*, social, soiree, splurge\*, spree\*, tea;  
CONCEPT 383

**party** [*n*2] *gang, group assembly* band, bevvy, body, bunch, cluster, company, corps, covey, crew, crowd, detachment, force, gathering, mob, multitude, outfit, squad, team, troop, troupe, unit;  
CONCEPTS 417,432

**party** [*n*3] *group supporting certain beliefs* alliance, association, bloc, body, cabal, clique, coalition, combination, combine, confederacy, coterie, electorate, faction, grouping, junta, league, ring, sect, set, side, union;  
CONCEPTS 301,381

**party** [*n*4] *individual being, body, character, creature, human, man, mortal, part, person, personage, somebody, someone, woman*;  
CONCEPT 417

**party** [*n*5] *person(s) involved in legal action* actor, agent, cojurer, compurgator, confederate, contractor, defendant, litigant, partaker, participant, participator, plaintiff, plotter, sharer;  
CONCEPT 355

**pass** [*n*1] *opening through solid* canyon, cut, gap, gorge, passage, passageway, path, ravine;  
CONCEPTS 509,513 —*Ant.* closing, closure

**pass** [*n*2] *authorization, permission* admission, chit\*, comp, free ride\*, furlough, identification, license, order, paper, passport, permit, safe-conduct\*, ticket, visa, warrant;  
CONCEPTS 271, 685 —*Ant.* denial, grounding, refusal, veto

**pass** [*n*3] *sexual proposition* advance, approach, overture, play, suggestion;  
CONCEPTS 375,384

**pass** [*n*4] *predicament* condition, contingency, crisis, crossroads\*, emergency, exigency, juncture, pinch, plight, situation, stage, state, strait, turning point\*, zero hour\*;  
CONCEPT 674

**pass** [*v*1] *go by, elapse; move onward* befall, blow past, catch, come off, come to pass, come

up, crawl, cross, cruise, depart, develop, drag, fall out, fare, flow, fly, fly by, get ahead, give, glide, glide by, go, go past, happen, hic, journey, lapse, leave, linger, move, occur, pass away, pass by, proceed, progress, push on, reach, repair, rise, roll, run, run by, run out, slip away, take place, transpire, travel, wend;  
CONCEPTS 2,149,242 —*Ant.* get, take, use  
**pass** [*v*2] *surpass, beat* exceed, excel, go beyond, go by, leave behind, outdistance, outdo, outgo, outrace, outshine, outstrip, shoot ahead of, surmount, top, transcend;  
CONCEPT 141  
—*Ant.* fall behind, lose

**pass** [*v*3] *succeed, graduate* answer, do, get through, matriculate, pass muster, qualify, suffice, suit;  
CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* fail, fall behind

**pass** [*v*4] *give, transfer* buck, convey, deliver, exchange, hand, hand over, kick, let have, reach, relinquish, send, shoot, throw, transmit;  
CONCEPTS 108,217 —*Ant.* receive, take

**pass** [*v*5] *cease* blow over\*, cash in\*, close, decess, demise, depart, die, disappear, discontinue, dissolve, drop, dwindle, ebb, end, evaporate, expire, fade, go, melt away, pass away, perish, peter out\*, stop, succumb, terminate, vanish, wane;  
CONCEPTS 105,119 —*Ant.* live

**pass** [*v*6] *enact, legislate* accept, adopt, approve, authorize, become law, become ratified, become valid, be established, be ordained, be sanctioned, carry, decree, engage, establish, ordain, pledge, promise, ratify, sanction, undertake, validate, vote in;  
CONCEPTS 298,317  
—*Ant.* deny, refuse, veto

**pass** [*v*7] *express formally* claim, declare, deliver, pronounce, state, utter;  
CONCEPT 49,60

**pass** [*v*8] *decide not to do* decline, discount, disregard, fail, forget, ignore, miss, neglect, not heed, omit, overlook, pass on, pass up, refuse, skip, slight;  
CONCEPTS 25,30 —*Ant.* accept, be willing

**pass** [*v*9] *rid of waste* defecate, discharge, eliminate, emit, empty, evacuate, excrete, expel, exude, give off, send forth, void;  
CONCEPT 179

**passable** [*adj*1] *acceptable, admissible* adequate, allowable, all right, average, common, fair, fair enough, mediocre, middling, moderate, not too bad\*, ordinary, presentable, respectable, so-so\*, tolerable, unexceptional;  
CONCEPT 558  
—*Ant.* excellent, exceptional, superior

**passable** [*adj*2] *clear and able to be traveled* accessible, attainable, beaten, broad, crossable, easy, fair, graded, motorable, navigable, open, penetrable, reachable, travelable, traveled, traversable, unblocked, unobstructed;  
CONCEPTS 559,576 —*Ant.* blocked, obstructed

**passage/passageway** [*n*1] *path for travel* access, alley, alleyway, avenue, channel, corridor, course, doorway, entrance, entrance hall, exit, gap, hall, hallway, lane, line, lobby, opening, pathway, road, route, shaft, subway, thoroughfare, tunnel, vestibule, way;  
CONCEPTS 440,501  
—*Ant.* blockage, stop

**passage** [*n*2] *excerpt from document* clause, extract, paragraph, piece, portion, quotation, reading, section, sentence, text, transition, verse;  
CONCEPT 270 —*Ant.* whole

**passage** [*n*3] *travel* advance, change, conversion, crossing, flow, journey, motion, movement, passing, progress, progression, tour,



traject, transfer, transference, transit, transition, transmission, transmittal, transmittance, traverse, traversing, trek, trip, voyage; CONCEPTS 145,217,224,704 —**Ant.** idleness, inaction, wait

**passage** [n4] authorization; enactment acceptance, allowance, establishment, freedom, legalization, legislation, passing, passport, permission, ratification, right, safe-conduct, visa, warrant; CONCEPTS 318,685 —**Ant.** denial, refusal, veto

**passageway** [n] corridor aisle, alley, couloir, entrance hall, entranceway, hall, hallway, ingress, lobby, passage, path, walkway; CONCEPT 440

**pass away** [v] die decease, demise, depart, drop, expire, pass on, perish, succumb; CONCEPT 304 —**Ant.** be born, live

**pass by** [v] neglect, forget abandon, disregard, fail, ignore, leave, miss, not choose, omit, overlook, overpass, pass over; CONCEPTS 25,30 —**Ant.** attend, heed, take care of

**passé** [adj] old-fashioned antiquated, belated, dated, dead, démodé, disused, extinct, has-been\*, obsolete, outdated, outmoded, out-of-date, outworn, superseded, unfashionable, yesterday; CONCEPTS 578,589,797 —**Ant.** current, fashionable, in, in vogue, modern, new

**passenger** [n] person who rides in vehicle conducted by another commuter, customer, excursionist, fare\*, hitchhiker, patron, pilgrim, rider, tourist, traveler, voyager, wanderer, wayfarer; CONCEPT 423 —**Ant.** driver

**passing** [adj] brief, casual cursory, ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, fugacious, fugitive, glancing, hasty, impermanent, momentary, quick, shallow, short, short-lived, slight, superficial, temporary, transient, transitory; CONCEPTS 551,798 —**Ant.** lasting, long-lasting, permanent

**passing** [n] death decease, defunction, demise, dissolution, end, finish, loss, silence, sleep, termination; CONCEPT 304 —**Ant.** birth, living

**passion** [n1] strong emotion affection, affectivity, agony, anger, animation, ardor, dedication, devotion, distress, dolor, eagerness, ecstasy, excitement, feeling, fervor, fire, fit, flare-up, frenzy, fury, heat, hurrah, indignation, intensity, ire, joy, misery, outbreak, outburst, paroxysm, rage, rapture, resentment, sentiment, spirit, storm, suffering, temper, transport, vehemence, warmth, wrath, zeal, zest; CONCEPT 410 —**Ant.** calm, calmness

**passion** [n2] adoration, love affection, amorousness, amour, appetite, ardor, attachment, concupiscent, craving, crush\*, desire, emoting, eroticism, excitement, fondness, infatuation, keenness, lust, prurience, urge, weakness, yen; CONCEPTS 32,372 —**Ant.** dislike, hate, hatred

**passion** [n3] strong interest craving, craze, drive, enthusiasm, fad\*, fancy, fascination, idol, infatuation, jazz\*, mania, obsession; CONCEPTS 349,532,690 —**Ant.** indifference

**passionate** [adj1] sensual, desirous amorous, ardent, aroused, concupiscent, desirous, erotic, heavy\*, hot\*, lascivious, libidinous, loving, lustful, prurient, romantic, sexy, steamy\*, stimulated, sultry, turned-on\*, wanton, wistful; CONCEPT 372 —**Ant.** cold, cool, frigid, indifferent, uncaring, unpassionate

**passionate** [adj2] excited; enthusiastic affecting, animated, ardent, blazing, burning, deep, dramatic, eager, eloquent, emotional, expressive, fervent, fervid, fierce, fiery, flaming, forceful, frenzied, glowing, headlong, heartfelt, heated, high-powered, high-pressure, hot\*, hotblooded\*, impassioned, impetuous, impulsive, inspiring, intense, melodramatic, moving, poignant, precipitate, quickened, spirited, steamed up\*, stimulated, stirring, strong, thrilling, vehement, violent, warm, wild, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** apathetic, dull, unenthusiastic, unexcited, unpassionate

**passionate** [adj3] angry all shook up\*, choleric, enraged, fiery, frantic, furious, hotheaded\*, hottempered\*, inflamed, irascible, irritable, mean, peppery, quick-tempered, shaken, steamed-up\*, stormy, tempestuous, testy, touchy\*, vehement, violent; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** happy

**passive** [adj] lifeless, inactive acquiescent, apathetic, ascept, bearing, compliant, cool, docile, enduring, flat, forbearing, going through motions\*, hands off\*, idle, indifferent, inert, laid-back\*, latent, long-suffering, moony, motionless, nonresistant, nonviolent, patient, phlegmatic, poker-faced\*, quiescent, quiet, receptive, resigned, sleepy, static, stolid, submissive, tractable, unassertive, unflappable, uninvolved, unresisting, walking through it\*, yielding; CONCEPTS 542,584 —**Ant.** active, dynamic, lively

**pass off** [v] give because one does not want it eject, foist, make a pretense of\*, palm, palm off\*, send forth, work off; CONCEPT 108 —**Ant.** keep, maintain

**pass out** [v] become unconscious, usually from abusing a substance black out\*, drop, faint, keel over\*, lose consciousness, swoon; CONCEPT 308

**pass over** [v] ignore, disregard dismiss, fail, forget, miss, neglect, not dwell on, omit, overlook, overpass, pass, pass by, skip, take no notice of\*; CONCEPTS 25,30 —**Ant.** attend, heed, take care, tap

**passport** [n] identification of origin, country authorization, credentials, key, license, pass, permit, safe-conduct\*, ticket, travel permit, visa, warrant; CONCEPTS 271,685

**password** [n] secret word given for entry countersign, identification, key, key word, open sesame\*, parole, phrase, signal, ticket, watchword, word; CONCEPT 278

**past** [adj1] preceding, done accomplished, ago, antecedent, anterior, completed, elapsed, ended, extinct, finished, foregoing, forgotten, former, gone, gone by, over, over and done, precedent, previous, prior, spent; CONCEPTS 531,585 —**Ant.** current, future, present

**past** [adj2] olden, former ages ago\*, ancient, ancient history\*, back when\*, behind one\*, bygone, bypass, down memory lane\*, earlier, early, erstwhile, ex-\*, foregoing, gone-by\*, good old days\*, late, latter, latter-day, long-ago, old, olden days\*, once, one-time, over, preceding, previous, prior, quondam, recent, retired, sometime, time was\*, way back\*, way back when\*; CONCEPT 820 —**Ant.** current, future, present

**past** [*n*] *time gone* by antiquity, days gone by\*, former times, good old days\*, history, long ago, olden days\*, old lang syne, old times\*, time immemorial\*, times past\*, years ago\*, yesterday, yesteryear, yore; CONCEPTS 807,811,816,818 —*Ant.* future, present

**paste** [*n/v*] *glue, adhesive* cement, fasten, fix, gum, mucilage, patch, plaster, spit, stick, stickum\*; CONCEPTS 85,160,466

**pastel** [*adj*] *muted in color* delicate, light, pale, soft-hued, toned; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* bright, loud, vivid

**pastiche** [*n*] *work of art formed from disparate sources* assortment, collage, collection, compilation, copy, hodgepodge, imitation, mishmosh\*, paste-up, patchwork, potpourri, reappropriation, reproduction, synthesis; CONCEPT 260

**pastime** [*n*] *leisure activity* amusement, distraction, diversion, entertainment, fun, fun and games\*, game, hobby, play, recreation, relaxation, sport; CONCEPT 363 —*Ant.* profession, task, work

**pastor** [*n*] *person who conducts church services* cleric, divine, ecclesiastic, minister, parson, preacher, priest, rector, reverend, shepherd, vicar; CONCEPT 361

**pastoral** [*adj*] *peaceful, especially referring to the countryside* agrarian, agrestic, Arcadian, bucolic, countrified, country, idyllic, outland, provincial, rural, rustic, simple, sylvan; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* agitated, bustling, busy, urban

**pastry** [*n*] *baked product made with flour* bread, cake, croissant, dainty, Danish, delicacy, doughnut, éclair, panettone, pâtisserie, phyllo, pie, strudel, sweet roll, tart, turnover; CONCEPTS 457,461

**pasty** [*adj*1] *sticky* adhesive, doughy, gelatinous, glue-like, gluey, glutinous, gooey, mucilaginous, starchy; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* smooth, unsticky

**pasty** [*adj*2] *pale* anemic, ashen, bloodless, dull, pallid, sallow, sickly, unhealthy, wan, waxen; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* blushing, flushed, healthy, vivid

**pat** [*adj*] *relevant, suitable* apposite, apropos, apt, auspicious, felicitous, fitting, happy, neat, opportune, pertinent, propitious, rehearsed, timely, to the point; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* imprecise, inexact, irrelevant, unacceptable, unsuitable, wrong

**pat** [*adv*] *exactly, fittingly* aptly, faultlessly, flawlessly, just right, opportunely, perfectly, plumb, precisely, relevantly, seasonably; CONCEPTS 535,557 —*Ant.* wrongly

**pat** [*n/v*] *tap, touch* beat, caress, dab, fondle, form, hit, massage, mold, pet, punch, rub, slap, stroke, tip, whittle; CONCEPT 184 —*Ant.* hit

**pat** [*n*2] *small slice or slab* cake, dab, lump, piece, portion; CONCEPTS 458,835 —*Ant.* lot

**patch** [*n*1] *piece, spot, area* bit, blob, chunk, fix, ground, hunk, land, lot, plat, plot, scrap, shred, stretch, strip, tract; CONCEPTS 452,471,513

**patch** [*n*2] *piece applied to cover a gap or lack* application, appliqué, Band-Aid\*, mend, reinforcement; CONCEPTS 452,831

**patch** [*v*] *fix, mend* cobble, cover, darn, do up, fiddle with, overhaul, rebuild, recondition, reconstruct, reinforce, repair, retreat, revamp, sew; CONCEPTS 212,218 —*Ant.* break, damage, rend, tear

**patch up** [*v*] *settle differences* adjust, appease, bury the hatchet\*, compensate, conciliate, make friends\*, mediate, negotiate, placate, restore, settle\*, smooth; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* argue, bicker, disagree, fight

**patchwork** [*n*] *mixture, hodgepodge* check, confusion, disorder, sketchy, jumble, medley, miscellany, mishmash, muddle, olio, pastiche, plaid, salad\*, salmagundi, stew\*, tartan; CONCEPTS 260,432,475

**patchy** [*adj*] *spotty, not consistent* erratic, fitful, irregular, random, sketchy, uneven, variable, varying; CONCEPT 482 —*Ant.* consistent, continuous, regular, unspotted

**patent** [*adj*] *unconcealed, conspicuous* apparent, barefaced\*, blatant, clear, clear-cut, controlled, crystal clear\*, distinct, downright, evident, exclusive, flagrant, glaring, gross\*, indisputable, limited, manifest, obvious, open, open and shut\*, palpable, plain, prominent, rank, straightforward, transparent, unequivocal, unmistakable; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* concealed, hidden, inconspicuous

**patent** [*n*] *copyright on an invention* charter, concession, control, franchise, license, limitation, privilege, protection; CONCEPTS 271,318,685

**path** [*n*] *course, way* aisle, artery, avenue, beat, beaten path, boulevard, byway, crosscut, direction, drag, footpath, groove, highway, lane, line, pass, passage, pathway, procedure, rail, road, roadway, route, rut, shortcut, street, stroll, terrace, thoroughfare, track, trail, walk, walkway; CONCEPTS 6,501 —*Ant.* blockage

**pathetic** [*adj*] *sad, affecting* commiserable, deplorable, distressing, feeble, heartbreaking, heartrending\*, inadequate, lamentable, meager, melting, miserable, moving, paltry, petty, piteous, pitiable, pitiful, plaintive, poignant, poor, puny, rueful, sorry\*, tender, touching, useless, woeful, worthless, wretched; CONCEPTS 485,529 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, useful, worthwhile

**pathos** [*n*] *deep sadness* desolation, emotion, feeling, passion, pitiableness, pitifulness, plaintiveness, poignance, poignancy, sentiment; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* cheer, glee, happiness, joy

**patience** [*n*] *capacity, willingness to endure* backbone\*, bearing, calmness, composure, constancy, cool\*, diligence, endurance, equanimity, even temper, forbearance, fortitude, grit\*, guts\*, gutsiness, heart, humility, imperturbability, intestinal fortitude\*, legs\*, leniency, longanimity, long-suffering, moderation, moxie\*, nonresistance, passiveness, passivity, perseverance, persistence, poise, resignation, restraint, self-control, serenity, starch\*, staying power\*, stoicism, submission, suffrance, tolerance, toleration, yielding; CONCEPTS 411,657 —*Ant.* agitation, frustration, impatience, intolerance

**patient** [*adj*] *capable, willing to endure* accommodating, calm, composed, easy-going, enduring, even-tempered, forbearing, forgiving, gentle, imperturbable, indulgent, lenient, long-suffering, meek, mild, mild-tempered, persevering, persistent, philosophic, philosophical, quiet, resigned, self-possessed, serene, stoical, submissive, tolerant, tranquil, uncomplaining, understanding, unruffled, untiring; CONCEPTS

404,542 —**Ant.** agitated, frustrated, impatient, intolerant, unwilling

**patient** [n] *person being treated for medical problem* case, convalescent, emergency, inmate, invalid, outpatient, shut-in, sick person, subject, sufferer, victim; CONCEPT 357 —**Ant.** doctor

**patio** [n] *porch balcony, courtyard, deck, veranda*; CONCEPTS 509,513

**patrician** [adj] *upper-class aristocratic, blue-blooded\**, gentle, grand, highborn, high-class, noble, royal, wellborn; CONCEPTS 334,549 —**Ant.** common, lower-class

**patrician** [n] *person born to upper class aristocrat, blue blood\**, gentleperson, noble, nobleperson, peer, silk stocking\*, upper cruster\*; CONCEPT 423 —**Ant.** commoner

**patriot** [n] *person who loves his or her country* flag-waver\*, good citizen, jingoist\*, loyalist, nationalist, partisan, patrioteer, statesperson, ultranationalist, volunteer; CONCEPT 413 —**Ant.** expatriot, traitor

**patriotism** [n] *love of one's country* allegiance, chauvinism, flag-waving, loyalty, nationalism, public spirit; CONCEPT 689

**patrol** [n] *guarding; guard* conveying, defending, escorting, garrison, lookout, patroler, policing, protecting, protection, rounds, safeguarding, scouting, sentinel, spy, vigilance, watch, watching, watchperson; CONCEPTS 134, 354,358

**patrol** [v] *guard, protect* cruise, inspect, keep guard, keep watch, make the rounds\*, mount, police, pound, range, ride shotgun, safeguard, shotgun, walk the beat\*, watch; CONCEPTS 134,623 —**Ant.** ignore, neglect

**patron** [n1] *person who supports a cause* advocate, angel\*, backer, benefactor, booster, champion, defender, encourager, fairy godparent\*, fan, financier, friend, front\*, guarantor, guardian, guide, head, helper, leader, partisan, patron saint\*, philanthropist, protector, sponsor, supporter, surety, sympathizer, well-wisher; CONCEPTS 348,359,423 —**Ant.** detractor, enemy, opponent, opposition

**patron** [n2] *person who does business at establishment* buyer, client, customer, frequenter, habitué, purchaser, shopper; CONCEPT 348 —**Ant.** employee, manager, owner

**patronage** [n1] *support of a cause* advocacy, aegis, aid, assistance, auspices, backing, benefaction, championships, encouragement, financing, grant, guardianship, help, promotion, protection, recommendation, sponsorship, subsidy, support; CONCEPTS 110,332,341 —**Ant.** antagonism, detraction, opposition

**patronage** [n2] *business done at an establishment* buying, clientele, clientele, commerce, custom, shopping, trade, trading, traffic; CONCEPTS 323,324 —**Ant.** competition

**patronage** [n3] *condescension* civility, conyism, deference, deigning, disdain, insolence, patronization, patronizing, stooping, sufferance, toleration; CONCEPTS 83,300 —**Ant.** humility, modesty

**patronize** [v1] *condescend* be gracious to, be lofty, be overbearing, deign, favor, indulge, look down on\*, pat on the back\*, snub, stoop, talk down to\*, toss a few crumbs\*, treat as inferior, treat badly, treat like a child\*; CONCEPT 384 —**Ant.** be humble, be modest

**patronize** [v2] *support a cause* assist, back, befriend, foster, fund, help, maintain, promote, sponsor, subscribe to; CONCEPTS 110,341 —**Ant.** antagonize, contend, oppose

**patronize** [v3] *do business at an establishment* be a client, be a customer, buy, buy from, deal with, frequent, give business to, habituate, purchase from, shop at, shop with, trade with; CONCEPT 324 —**Ant.** ignore, use competition

**patsy** [n] *fall guy* boob\*, chump, doormat\*, dupe, easy mark\*, fool, goat\*, gull\*, pigeon\*, pushover\*, sap\*, scapegoat, schmuck\*, sitting duck\*, stooge, sucker, victim, weakling; CONCEPT 412

**patter** [n1/v1] *light walk; soft beat* chatter, pad, pat, pelt, pitapat\*, pitter-patter\*, rat-a-tat\*, rattle, scurry, scuttle, skip, tap, tiptoe, trip; CONCEPTS 65,149

**patter** [n2] *casual talk* argot, cant, chatter, dialect, jabber\*, jargon, jive\*, line\*, lingo, monologue, patois, pitch\*, prattle\*, slant\*, spiel\*, vernacular; CONCEPTS 276,278 —**Ant.** quiet, silence

**patter** [v2] *gab, chatter* babble, blab\*, clack\*, hold forth\*, jabber, jaw\*, prate, prattle, rattle, spiel\*, spout, tattle, yak\*, yakety-yak\*; CONCEPT 266 —**Ant.** be silent

**pattern** [n1] *design, motif* arrangement, decoration, device, diagram, figure, guide, impression, instruction, markings, mold, motive, original, ornament, patterning, plan, stencil, template, trim; CONCEPTS 259,625 —**Ant.** plainness

**pattern** [n2] *arrangement, order* constellation, kind, method, orderliness, plan, sequence, shape, sort, style, system, type, variety; CONCEPTS 6,727,770 —**Ant.** disorder, disorganization, plainness

**pattern** [n3] *model, example* archetype, beau ideal\*, copy, criterion, cynosure, ensample, exemplar, guide, mirror, norm, original, paradigm, paragon, prototype, sample, specimen, standard; CONCEPT 686

**pattern** [v] *copy, imitate; decorate* design, emulate, follow, form, model, mold, order, shape, style, trim; CONCEPTS 111,171 —**Ant.** be original

**paucity** [n] *lack, scarcity* absence, dearth, deficiency, famine, fewness, insufficiency, insufficiency, meagerness, paltriness, poverty, rarity, scantiness, scarceness, shortage, slenderness, slightness, smallness, sparseness, sparsity; CONCEPTS 335,646,767 —**Ant.** abundance, affluence, plenty

**paunch** [n] *large stomach* abdomen, belly, bulge, epigastrium, fat, gut, potbelly\*, spare tire\*, tummy\*; CONCEPT 399 —**Ant.** sleekness

**pauper** [n] *person who is poor* almsperson, bankrupt, beggar, bum, dependent, destitute, down-and-out\*, have-not\*, homeless person, indigent, insolvent, in the gutter\*, lazarus\*, mendicant, poor person, supplicant; CONCEPT 423 —**Ant.** rich, wealthy

**pause** [n] *wait, delay* abeyance, break, break-off\*, breathing space\*, breathing spell\*, caesura, cessation, coffee break\*, comma\*, cutoff, deadlock, discontinuance, downtime\*, freeze\*, gap, gridlock\*, halt, happy hour\*, hesitancy, hesitation, hiatus, hitch\*, hush\*, interim, interlude, intermission, interregnum,

interruption, interval, lacuna, lapse, layoff, letup\*, lull, pausation, recess, respite, rest, rest period, stand, standstill, stay, stillness, stopover, stoppage, suspension, time out\*; CONCEPT 807 —**Ant.** continuation, persistence

**pause** [v] *wait, delay break it up\**, call time\*, catch one's breath\*, cease, come to standstill\*, deliberate, desist, discontinue, drop, halt, hesitate, hold back, interrupt, put on hold, reflect, rest, shake, sideline, stop briefly, suspend, take a break\*, take a breather\*, take five\*, take ten\*, think twice\*, waver; CONCEPTS 119, 121, 234 —**Ant.** continue, persist, restart

**pave** [v] *cover with asphalt, concrete brick, cobblestone, flagstone, gravel, lay asphalt, lay concrete, macadamize, surface, tar, tile*; CONCEPTS 168, 172 —**Ant.** dig up, strip

**pavement** [n] *blacktop asphalt, concrete, flagstone, road, sidewalk, tar*; CONCEPT 604

**pavilion** [n] *domed building or tent awning, canopy, cover, covering, dome, structure*; CONCEPT 439

**paw** [v] *touch roughly* clap, claw, clutch, dig, feel, finger, fondle, grab, grate, grope, handle, hit, maul, molest, palpate, pat, rake, rasp, rub, scratch, search, slap, smite, stroke; CONCEPTS 375, 612 —**Ant.** manhandle

**pawn** [n1] *security for a loan* assurance, bond, collateral, earnest, forfeit, gage, gambit, guarantee, guaranty, pledge, security, token, warrant; CONCEPT 332

**pawn** [n2] *person who is a fool creature, dupe\**, instrument, mark\*, patsy\*, pigeon\*, puppet, stooge\*, sucker\*, tool, toy, victim; CONCEPT 412

**pawn** [v] *give as security for a loan* deposit, give in earnest, hazard, hock\*, hook\*, mortgage, pledge; CONCEPTS 115, 330

**pay** [n] *earnings from employment* allowance, bacon\*, bread\*, commission, compensation, consideration, defrayment, emoluments, fee, hire\*, honorarium, income, indemnity, meed, payment, perquisite, pittance, proceeds, profit, reckoning, recompensation, recompense, redress, reimbursement, remuneration, reparation, requital, return, reward, salary, satisfaction, scale, settlement, stipend, stipendium, take-home\*, takings\*, wage, wages; CONCEPTS 329, 332, 340, 344

**pay** [v1] *give money for goods, services* adjust, bear the cost, bear the expense, bequeath, bestow, chip in\*, clear, come through, compensate, confer, cough up\*, defray, dig up\*, disburse, discharge, extend, foot\*, foot the bill\*, grant, handle, hand over\*, honor, kick in\*, liquidate, make payment, meet, offer, plunk down\*, prepay, present, proffer, put up\*, recompense, recoup, refund, reimburse, remit, remunerate, render, repay, requite, reward, satisfy, settle, stake, take care of\*; CONCEPTS 327, 341, 351 —**Ant.** earn

**pay** [v2] *be advantageous* benefit, be worthwhile, repay, serve; CONCEPT 700

**pay** [v3] *make amends* answer, atone, be punished, compensate, get just desserts\*, suffer, suffer consequences; CONCEPT 23

**pay** [v4] *profit, yield* be profitable, be remunerative, bring in, kick back\*, make a return, make money, pay dividends, pay off\*, pay out\*, pro-

duce, provide a living, return, show gain, show profit, sweeten\*, yield profit; CONCEPT 330

—**Ant.** lose

**pay** [v5] *get revenge* avenge oneself, get even, make up for, pay back\*, pay one's dues\*, punish, reciprocate, recompense, repay, requite, retaliate, settle a score\*, square, square things\*; CONCEPT 122

**payable** [adj] *to be paid* due, mature, maturing, obligatory, outstanding, overdue, owed, owing, receivable, unpaid, unsettled; CONCEPT 334 —**Ant.** paid, settled

**payback** [n] *return* accrual, accrurement, compensation, gain, gate, income, interest, proceeds, profit, reciprocation, recompense, reimbursement, reparation, repayment, reward, take, yield; CONCEPTS 340, 710

**pay dirt** [n] *profit* accumulation, benefit, bottom line\*, cleanup, earnings, gate\*, goods\*, gravy\*, harvest, killing\*, net, payoff, proceeds, receipts, return, revenue, score\*, split\*, surplus, take\*, winnings; CONCEPTS 332, 344, 693

**payment** [n] *fee; installment of fee* acquittal, advance, alimony, amends, amortization, amount, annuity, award, bounty, cash, defrayal, defrayment, deposit, disbursement, discharge, down, fee, hire, indemnification, outlay, part, paying, pay-off, pension, portion, premium, quittance, reckoning, recompense, redress, refund, reimbursement, remittance, remuneration, reparation, repayment, requital, restitution, retaliation, return, reward, salary, settlement, subsidy, sum, support, wage; CONCEPT 344

**payoff** [n] *conclusion, climax* adjustment, clincher\*, consequence, culmination, day of reckoning\*, finale, final reckoning\*, judgment, moment of truth\*, outcome, pay, payment, punch line\*, result, retribution, reward, settlement, upshot\*; CONCEPTS 230, 679 —**Ant.** introduction, start

**peace** [n1] *harmony, agreement* accord, amity, armistice, cessation, conciliation, concord, friendship, love, neutrality, order, pacification, pacifism, reconciliation, treaty, truce, unanimity, union, unity; CONCEPTS 388, 691 —**Ant.** disagreement, disharmony, fighting, war

**peace** [n2] *calm, serenity* amity, calmness, composure, concord, congeniality, contentment, equanimity, harmony, hush, lull, peacefulness, placidity, quiet, quietude, relaxation, repose, reserve, rest, silence, stillness, sympathy, tranquility; CONCEPTS 410, 705, 720 —**Ant.** agitation, distress, frustration, upset, worry

**peaceable** [adj] *friendly, serene* amiable, amicable, calm, complacent, conciliatory, gentle, irenic, mild, neighborly, nonviolent, pacific, pacificatory, pacifist, peaceful, peace-loving, placid, quiet, restful, still, tranquil; CONCEPT 548 —**Ant.** belligerent, cold, cool, mean, unfriendly

**peaceful** [adj] *friendly, serene* all quiet, amicable, at peace, bloodless, calm, collected, composed, constant, easeful, equitable, free from strife\*, gentle, halcyon, harmonious, irenic, level, mellow, neutral, neutralist, nonbelligerent, nonviolent, on friendly terms\*, on good terms\*, pacifistic, peaceable, peace-loving, placatory, placid, quiet, restful, smooth, sociable, steady, still, tranquil, undisturbed,

unruffled, untroubled, without hostility; CONCEPTS 485,542 —*Ant.* clamorous, disturbed, excited, noisy, turbulent, unfriendly, violent

**peacemaker** [*n*] *person who settles problem* appeaser, arbitrator, conciliator, diplomat, make-peace, mediator, negotiator, pacificator, pacifier, pacifist, peacekeeper, peacemonger\*, placater, statesperson; CONCEPTS 354,416 —*Ant.* agitator, instigator

**peak** [*n*] *top of something* aiguille, alp, apex, brow, bump, cope, crest, crown, hill, mount, mountain, pinnacle, point, roof, spike, summit, tip, vertex; CONCEPTS 509,836 —*Ant.* base, bottom, nadir

**peak** [*n*2] *maximum, zenith* acme, apex, apogee, capstone, climax, crown, culmination, greatest, height, high point, meridian, ne plus ultra, pinnacle, summit, tip, top; CONCEPTS 668,766,767,832 —*Ant.* base, nadir

**peak** [*v*] *reach highest point* be at height, climax, come to a head\*, crest, culminate, reach the top, reach the zenith, top out\*; CONCEPTS 763,780

—*Ant.* fall, hit bottom, plunge

**peaked** [*adj*] *pale, sick* ailing, bilious, emaciated, ill, in bad shape\*, peaky, poorly, sickly, under the weather\*, wan; CONCEPTS 314,618

—*Ant.* blushing, colorful, flushed, healthy

**peal** [*n*] *chime, clang* blast, carillon, clamor, clap, crash, resounding, reverberation, ring, ringing, roar, rumble, sound, thunder, tintinnabulation\*; CONCEPT 595

**peal** [*v*] *chime, clang* bell, bong, crack, crash, knell, resonate, resound, reverberate, ring, ring out, roar, roll, rumble, sound, strike, thunder, tintinnabulate\*, toll; CONCEPT 65

**pearly** [*adj*] *opalescent* fair, frosted, iridescent, ivory, milky, nacreous, off-white, opaline, pearl, silver; CONCEPT 618

**peasant** [*n*] *farmer* boor, bumpkin, countryman/woman, cropper, farmhand, hayseed\*, hick\*, hired hand, laborer, peon, planter, provincial, rube, rustic, serf, sharecropper, villein; CONCEPTS 347,348,423

**peccadillo** [*n*] *small fault* bad habit, faux pas, impropriety, indiscretion, minor fault, minor infraction, minor sin, misdemeanor, petty offense, slight transgression, small infraction, small sin, venial sin, vice; CONCEPTS 372,645

**peck** [*n/v*] *bite* beak, dig, hit, jab, kiss, mark, nibble, pick, pinch, poke, prick, rap, strike, tap; CONCEPTS 169,189

**pecking order** [*n*] *hierarchy* chain of command\*, corporate ladder, due order, echelons, grouping, order, placing, position, ranking, scale; CONCEPT 727

**peculiar** [*adj*1] *characteristic, distinguishing* appropriate, diacritic, diagnostic, distinct, distinctive, endemic, exclusive, idiosyncratic, individual, intrinsic, local, particular, personal, private, proper, restricted, special, specific, typical, unique; CONCEPTS 404,557 —*Ant.* abnormal, uncharacteristic

**peculiar** [*adj*2] *bizarre, odd* abnormal, bent\*, creepy\*, curious, eccentric, exceptional, extraordinary, flaky\*, freakish, freaky, funny, idiosyncratic, kinky\*, kooky\*, oddball, offbeat, off-the-wall\*, outlandish, quaint, queer, singular, strange, uncommon, unconventional,

uncustomary, unusual, wacky\*, way-out\*, weird, wonderful; CONCEPTS 404,564 —*Ant.* normal, ordinary, regular, standard, usual

**peculiarity** [*n*] *characteristic; oddity* abnormality, affectation, attribute, bizarreness, character, distinctiveness, eccentricity, feature, foible, freakishness, gimmick, idiosyncrasy, kink\*, mannerism, mark, odd trait, particularity, property, quality, queeress, quirk, savor, schtick\*, singularity, slant\*, specialty, trait, twist\*, unusualness; CONCEPTS 411,665 —*Ant.* normality, usualness

**pecuniary** [*adj*] *financial* banking, budgeting, business, economic, fiscal, monetary; CONCEPT 334

**pedagogic** [*adj*] *educational* academic, dogmatic, instructive, learned, professional, profound, scholastic, teaching; CONCEPTS 529,536

**pedantic** [*adj*] *bookish, precise* abstruse, academic, arid, didactic, doctrinaire, donnish, dry, dull, egotistic, erudite, formal, fussy, hairsplitting\*, learned, nit-picking, ostentatious, overnice, particular, pedagogic, pompous, priggish\*, punctilious, scholastic, schoolish, sententious, stilted; CONCEPTS 401,529 —*Ant.* imprecise, informal

**peddle** [*v*] *sell door to door* canvas\*, hawk\*, huckster\*, market, monger\*, push, shove, solicit, trade, vend; CONCEPT 345 —*Ant.* buy

**peddler** [*n*] *hawker* huckster, salesperson, street vendor, vendor; CONCEPT 348

**pedestal** [*n*] *support for something* base, bed, bottom, foot, foundation, mounting, platform, plinth, podium, stand, substructure, support; CONCEPT 442

**pedestrian** [*adj*] *everyday, dull* banal, banalistic, blah\*, boring, commonplace, dim, dreary, flat, humdrum\*, inane, jejune, mediocre, monotone, monotonous, mundane, ordinary, platitudinous, plodding, prosaic, run-of-the-mill\*, stodgy, truisitic, unimaginative, uninspired, uninteresting, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPTS 530,547 —*Ant.* different, exceptional, extraordinary, interesting

**pedestrian** [*n*] *person traveling on foot* ambler, hiker, jaywalker\*, passerby, stroller, walker; CONCEPT 366

**pedigree** [*adj*] *purebred* full-blooded, pedigree, pure-blood, thoroughbred; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* base-born, lowly

**pedigree** [*n*] *ancestry, heritage* blood, breed, clan, derivation, descent, extraction, family, family tree, genealogy, heredity, line, lineage, origin, race, stirps, stock; CONCEPT 296

**peek/peep** [*n*] *sneaked look* blink, gander\*, glance, glimpse, look-see, sight; CONCEPT 623

**peek/peep** [*v*] *sneak a look* blink, glance, glimpse, have a gander\*, look, peer, snatch, snoop, spy, squint, stare, take a look; CONCEPT 623

**peel** [*n*] *skin, covering* bark, cover, epicarp, exocarp, husk, peeling, pellicle, rind, shell, shuck; CONCEPTS 428,484 —*Ant.* innards, insides

**peel** [*v*] *take off outer covering* decorticate, delaminate, desquamate, exhorticate, exfoliate, flake, flay, pare, pull off, scale, shave, skin, strip, tear off, uncover; CONCEPTS 142,176,211 —*Ant.* cover

**peep** [*n/v*] chirp chatter, cheep, chirrup, chuck, churr, coo, cry, hoot, pipe, squeak, tweet, twitter; CONCEPT 64

**peep/peer** [*v*] appear briefly become visible, crop up, emerge, open to view, peep out, peer out, show partially; CONCEPT 261

**peer** [*n*] person who is another's equal associate, coequal, companion, compeer, like, match, rival; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* inferior, superior

**peer** [*v*] scan, scrutinize bore, eagle eye\*, eye\*, eyeball\*, focus, gape, gawk, gaze, get a load of, glare, glim, gloat, inspect, look, peep, pry, rubberneck\*, snoop, spy, squint, stare; CONCEPTS 103,623

**peerless** [*adj*] having no equal; superior ace\*s, all-time, alone, best, beyond compare, champion, excellent, faultless, gilt-edge\*, greatest, incomparable, matchless, most, nonpareil\*, only, outstanding, perfect, second to none\*, solid-gold\*, super, superlative, supreme, tops\*, unequalled, unexampled, unique, unmatched, unparagoned, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed, world class\*; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* imperfect, inferior, lowly, mediocre, secondary, subordinate

**peeve** [*n*] something strongly disliked annoyance, bother, gripe, nuisance, pest, sore point\*, vexation; CONCEPTS 532,690 —*Ant.* attraction, desire, like, love, want

**peeve** [*v*] bother, annoy aggravate, anger, bug\*, bum\*, burn\*, disturb, drive up the wall\*, exasperate, gall, get, get one's goat\*, hack\*, irk, irritate, miff\*, nettle, pique, provoke, put out, rile, roil, rub the wrong way\*, steam\*, T-off\*, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* attract, charm, enchant, please

**peevish** [*adj*] irritable, testy acrimonious, angry, bad-tempered, cantankerous, capitious, carping, caviling, childish, churlish, complaining, crabbed\*, cranky, critical, cross, crotchety\*, crusty\*, cussed, fault-finding, fractious, fretful, fretting, grouchy, grousing, growling, grumpy, huffy, ill-natured, mean, morose, obstinate, ogre, ornery, out-of-sorts\*, pertinacious, petulant, querulous, short-tempered, snappy, splenetic, sulky, sullen, surly, tetchy, touchy, ugly, waspish, waspy, whining; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* accepting, friendly, happy, pleasant

**peg** [*v*] attach clinch, fasten, fix, join, make fast, pin, secure, tighten; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* detach, unfasten

**pejorative** [*adj*] negative, belittling debasing, deprecating, depreciatory, derisive, derogatory, detracting, detractive, detractory, disadvantageous, disparaging, irreverent, rude, slighting, uncomplimentary, unpleasant; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* complimentary, positive, praising

**pell-mell** [*adj*] disordered chaotic, confused, disarrayed, disorganized, haphazard, muddled, tumultuous/tumultuous; CONCEPTS 562,585 —*Ant.* ordered, organized

**pell-mell** [*adv*] hurriedly and carelessly foolishly, full tilt\*, hastily, headlong, heedlessly, helter-skelter, impetuously, incontinently, indiscreetly, posthaste, precipitously, rashly, recklessly, thoughtlessly; CONCEPTS 544,799 —*Ant.* carefully, cautiously

**pell-mell** [*n*] disorder anarchy, ataxia, chaos, clutter, confusion, disarray, ferment, helter-

skelter, huddle, muddle, pandemonium, snarl, tumult, turmoil, upheaval; CONCEPT 674

—*Ant.* order, organization

**pelt** [*n*] animal fur coat, epidermis, fell, hair, hide, jacket, skin, slough, wool; CONCEPT 399

**pelt** [*v*] beat; throw hard assail, batter, belabor, belt, bombard, career, cast, charge, dash, hammer, hurl, knock, lapidate, pepper, pound, pour, pummel, rain, rush, shoot, shower, sling, speed, stone, strike, swat, tear, thrash, wallop; CONCEPTS 189,222

**pen** [*n*] enclosure cage, coop, corral, fence, fold, hedge, hutch, jail, penitentiary, prison, spy, wall\*; CONCEPTS 439,443 —*Ant.* open space

**pen** [*n*] writing instrument ball point, felt-tip, fountain pen, marker, nib, quill, reed, stick, stylograph; CONCEPTS 277,499 —*Ant.* pencil

**pen** [*v*] enclose box, cage, case, close in, confine, coop, corral, fence in, hedge, hem in, mew\*, shut in; CONCEPTS 191,758 —*Ant.* free, let go, release

**pen** [*v*] write autograph, commit to paper, compose, draft, draw up, engross, indict, jot down; CONCEPT 79 —*Ant.* speak

**penal** [*adj*] disciplinary chastening, corrective, penalizing, punishing, punitive, punitive, reformatory, retributive; CONCEPTS 548,583

**penalize** [*v*] punish amerce, castigate, chasten, chastise, condemn, correct, discipline, dock\*, fine, handicap, hit with\*, impose penalty, inflict handicap, judge, mulct, put at disadvantage, scold, slap with\*, throw the book at\*; CONCEPT 122 —*Ant.* excuse, forgive, pardon, reward

**penalty** [*n*] punishment amends, amercement, cost, damages, disadvantage, discipline, dues, fall, fine, forfeit, forfeiture, handicap, mortification, mulct, price, rap\*, retribution; CONCEPTS 344,679 —*Ant.* award, forgiveness, pardon, reward

**penance** [*n*] reparation for wrong absolution, atonement, attrition, compensation, compunction, confession, contrition, expiation, forgiveness, hair shirt\*, mortification, penalty, penitence, punishment, purgation, remorse, remorsefulness, repentance, retribution, rue, ruth, sackcloth and ashes\*, self-flagellation\*, shift, sorrow, suffering; CONCEPTS 126,367,384,410

**pendant** [*n*] fondness, inclination affection, affinity, attachment, bias, disposition, druthers\*, inclining, itch\*, leaning, liking, partiality, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, proneness, propensity, taste, tendency, tilt\*, turn\*, weakness, yen; CONCEPTS 20,32,411,709 —*Ant.* dislike, hate, hatred, indifference

**pending** [*adj*] about to happen awaiting, continuing, dependent, forthcoming, hanging, imminent, impending, indeterminate, in line\*, in the balance\*, in the offing\*, in the works\*, ominous, on board\*, on line\*, pensile, undecided, undetermined, unsettled, up in the air\*; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* improbable, unlikely

**pendulous/pendent** [*adj*] hanging dangling, dependent, drooping, pending, pendulant, pensile, suspended, swinging; CONCEPTS 485,584

**penetrate** [*v*] pierce; get through physically access, barge in, bayonet, blow in, bore, break in, breeze in, bust in, charge, come, crack, diffuse, drill, drive, eat through, encroach, enter,

filter in, force, get in, gore, go through, impale, infiltrate, ingress, insert, insinuate, introduce, invade, jab, knife, make a hole, make an entrance, pass through, percolate, perforate, permeate, pervade, pop in, prick, probe, puncture, ream, run into, saturate, seep, sink into, spear, stab, stick into, suffuse, thrust, trespass; CONCEPTS 159,179,220 —**Ant.** exit, take out, withdraw

**penetrate** [v2] *understand or be understood* affect, become clear, come across\*, comprehend, decipher, discern, fathom, figure out, get across\*, get over\*, get through\*, get to the bottom\*, grasp, impress, perceive, put over\*, see through\*, sink in\*, soak in\*, touch, unravel, work out; CONCEPT 15 —**Ant.** misconstrue, misinterpret, misunderstand

**penetrating** [adj1] *stinging, harsh* biting, carrying, clear-cut, crisp, cutting, edged, entering, forcing, going through, infiltrating, ingoing, intrusive, passing through, penetrant, permeating, pervasive, piercing, pointed, puncturing, pungent, sharp, shrill, strong, trenchant; CONCEPTS 267,537 —**Ant.** blunt, dull

**penetrating** [adj2] *intelligent* acute, astute, critical, discerning, discriminating, incisive, keen, penetrative, perceptive, perspicacious, profound, quick, quick-witted, sagacious, searching, sharp, sharp-witted, shrewd; CONCEPT 402 —**Ant.** idiotic, senseless, stupid, unintelligent

**penitence** [n] *shame, sorrow* anguish, attrition, compunction, contriteness, contrition, debasement, degradation, distress, grief, humbling, humiliation, penance, qualm, regret, remorse, remorsefulness, repentance, rue, ruefulness, ruth, sadness, scruple, self-castigation, self-condemnation, self-flagellation, self-punishment, self-reproach; CONCEPT 410 —**Ant.** shamelessness

**penitent** [adj] *shamed, sorrowful* abject, apologetic, atoning, attritional, compunctious, conscience-stricken, contrite, penitential, regretful, remorseful, repentant, rueful, sorry; CONCEPTS 403,542 —**Ant.** happy, unshamed, unrepentant

**penitentiary** [n] *jail* big house\*, campus, can\*, college, cooler\*, correctional institution, inside\*, joint\*, lockup\*, pen\*, penal institution, prison, reformatory, slammer\*, stockade; CONCEPTS 439,449,516

**pen name** [n] *pseudonym* AKA\*, alias, anony, assumed name, nickname, nom de guerre, nom de plume, professional name, pseudonym; CONCEPTS 268,683

**pennant** [n] *flag, banner* banderole, bunting, burgee, color, decoration, emblem, ensign, jack, pennon, screamer, standard, streamer; CONCEPTS 260,473

**penniless** [adj] *without any money* bankrupt, broke\*, clean\*, cleaned out\*, dead broke\*, destitute, dirt poor\*, down to last penny\*, flat\*, flat broke\*, impecunious, impoverished, indigent, in the gutter\*, lacking, moneyless, necessitous, needy, on last leg\*, over a barrel\*, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken, ruined, strapped\*, tapped out\*, without a dime\*; CONCEPT 334 —**Ant.** affluent, rich, wealthy

**pension** [n] *benefits paid after retirement* allowance, annuity, gift, grant, IRA\*, payment, premium, retirement account, reward, social

security, subsidy, subvention, superannuation, support; CONCEPTS 332,344

**pensive** [adj] *meditative, solemn* absorbed, abstracted, attentive, cogitative, contemplative, dreamy, grave, musing, pondering, preoccupied, reflecting, reflective, ruminating, ruminative, serious, sober, speculative, thinking, thoughtful, wistful, withdrawn; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** ignorant, shallow

**pent-up** [adj] *held within* bottled-up, bridled, checked, constrained, curbed, held-back, held in check, inhibited, repressed, restrained, restricted, smothered, stifled, suppressed; CONCEPTS 401,403 —**Ant.** public, released

**penurious** [adj] *stingy* avaricious, cheap, chintzy\*, close-fisted, costive, curmudgeonly, economical, frugal, greedy, hoarding, miserly, parsimonious, penny-pinching, pennywise\*, pinchpenny\*, saving, scrimping, sparing, thrifty, tightfisted, uncharitable, ungenerous, un giving; CONCEPTS 326,334,401

**peon** [n] *menial worker* drudge, farmhand, farm worker, gopher, laborer, peasant, serf, servant, slave, unskilled laborer; CONCEPT 348

**people** [n] *human beings* bodies, body politic\*, bourgeois, cats\*, citizens, clan, commonality, common people, community, crowd, family, folk, folks, general public, heads\*, herd, hoi polloi\*, horde, humanity, humankind, human race, humans, inhabitants, John/Jane Q. Public\*, kin, masses, mob, mortals, multitude, nation, nationality, person in the street\*, persons, plebeians, populace, population, proletariat, public, rabble, race, rank and file\*, riffraff\*, society, tribe; CONCEPTS 296,379, 380,417 —**Ant.** animals, plants

**pep** [n] *vim, vigor* animation, bang, birr, energy, get-up-and-go\*, go, gusto, hardihood, high spirits, life, liveliness, moxie\*, potency, punch\*, push, snap\*, spirit, starch\*, tuck\*, verve, vitality, vivacity, zip\*; CONCEPTS 411,633 —**Ant.** apathy, inactivity, lethargy, lifelessness

**peppery** [adj1] *highly seasoned* fiery, hot, piquant, poignant, pungent, racy, snappy, spicy, zestful, zesty; CONCEPT 613

**peppery** [adj2] *irritable; sarcastic* acute, angry, astringent, biting, caustic, choleric, cranky, cross, fiery, hot-tempered, incisive, irascible, keen, lively, passionate, quick-tempered, sharp, sharp-tempered, snappish, spirited, spunky, stinging, testy, touchy, trenchant, waspish; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —**Ant.** cheerful, happy

**peppy** [adj] *lively, vigorous* active, alert, animate, animated, bright, gay, keen, perky, sparkling, spirited, sprightly, vivacious; CONCEPTS 401,404 —**Ant.** apathetic, inactive, lethargic, tired

**pep up** [v] *invigorate, inspire* animate, enliven, exhilarate, jazz up\*, quicken, stimulate, vitalize, vivify; CONCEPTS 7,22 —**Ant.** discourage, tire, wear

**perceive** [v1] *notice, see* apperceive, apprehend, be aware of, behold, descry, discern, discover, distinguish, divine, espy, feel, grasp, identify, look, make out, mark, mind, note, observe, realize, recognize, regard, remark, seize, sense, spot, spy, take; CONCEPTS 38,626 —**Ant.** miss, neglect, overlook

**perceive** [v2] *understand* appreciate, apprehend, comprehend, conclude, copy, deduce, distinguish, feature, feel, flash\*, gather, get, get the message\*, get the picture\*, grasp, know, learn, pin\*, read, realize, recognize, see, sense, track; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misinterpret, misunderstand

**percentage** [n] *portion, allotment* allowance, bite, bonus, chunk, commission, corner\*, cut, discount, division, duty, fee, holdout, interest, juice\*, payoff, percent, piece, piece of the action\*, points\*, proportion, quota, rate, ratio, section, slice\*, split\*, taste\*, winnings; CONCEPTS 766,784,835 —*Ant.* whole

**perceptible** [adj] *noticeable, obvious* apparent, appreciable, audible, clear, cognizable, conspicuous, detectable, discernible, distinct, distinguishable, evident, lucid, observable, palpable, perceivable, perspicuous, recognizable, sensible, signal, tangible, understandable, visible; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* ambiguous, imperceptible, invisible, obscure, silent, unnoticeable, vague

**perception** [n] *understanding, idea* acumen, apprehending, apprehension, approach, attention, attitude, awareness, big idea\*, brainchild\*, brain wave\*, conceit, concept, conception, consciousness, discernment, feeling, flash, grasp, image, impression, insight, intellection, judgment, knowledge, light, notion, observation, opinion, perspicacity, picture, plan, realizing, recognition, sagacity, sensation, sense, study, taste, thought, viewpoint; CONCEPTS 409, 410, 689

**perceptive** [adj] *alert, sensitive* acute, astute, awake, aware, brainy\*, conscious, discerning, discreet, ear to the ground\*, gnostic, incisive, insightful, intuitive, judicious, keen, knowing, knowledgeable, knows what's what\*, observant, penetrating, penetrative, perceptive, perspicacious, quick, rational, responsive, sagacious, sage, savvy\*, sharp, sophic, tuned in\*, wise, wise to\*; CONCEPTS 402,542 —*Ant.* dense, insensitive, unaware, unobservant

**perch** [n] *object placed high for sitting on* branch, landing place, lounge, pole, post, resting place, roost, seat; CONCEPTS 443,479

**perch** [v] *sit atop* of alight, balance, land, light, rest, roost, set down, settle, sit on, squat, touch down; CONCEPT 154 —*Ant.* lower

**percolate** [v] *seep, drip (liquid)* bleed, bubble, charge, drain, exude, filter, filtrate, impregnate, leach, ooze, pass through, penetrate, perk, permeate, pervade, saturate, strain, sweat, transfuse, transude, weep; CONCEPTS 179,181

**perdition** [n] *hell* Abaddon\*, abyss, affliction, bottomless pit\*, condemnation, damnation, everlasting fire\*, fire and brimstone\*, Gehenna\*, Hades, infernal regions, inferno, loss of the soul, lower world, nether world, pit, place of torment, punishment, purgatory, ruin, suffering, underworld; CONCEPTS 370,435,674

**peremptory** [adj] *overbearing, authoritative* absolute, arbitrary, assertive, autocratic, binding, bossy, categorical, certain, commanding, compelling, decided, decisive, dictatorial, dogmatic, domineering, final, finished, firm, fixed, high-handed, imperative, imperial, imperious, incontrovertible, intolerant, irrefutable, magisterial,

obligatory, obstinate, positive, rigorous, severe, stringent, tyrannical, uncompromising, undeniable; CONCEPTS 535,537,542 —*Ant.* easy-going, indulgent, laid-back, lax, lenient, mild, moderate

**perennial** [adj] *enduring, perpetual* abiding, annual, ceaseless, chronic, constant, continual, continuing, deathless, durable, eternal, everlasting, immortal, imperishable, incessant, inveterate, lasting, lifelong, long-lasting, long-lived, longstanding, never-ending, old, perdurable, permanent, persistent, recurrent, seasonal, sustained, unceasing, unchanging, undying, unailing, uninterrupted, yearlong, yearly; CONCEPTS 539,798 —*Ant.* changing, intermittent, interrupted

**perfect** [adj1] *flawless, superlative* absolute, accomplished, ace\*, adept, A-OK\*, beyond compare, blameless, classical, consummate, crowning, culminating, defectless, excellent, excelling, experienced, expert, faultless, finished, foolproof, ideal, immaculate, impeccable, indefectible, matchless, out-of-this-world\*, paradisiac, paradisiacal, peerless, pure, skilled, skillful, sound, splendid, spotless, stainless, sublime, superb, supreme, ten\*, unblemished, unequaled, unmarred, untainted, un tarnished, utopian; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* flawed, imperfect, inferior, second-rate, unbroken

**perfect** [adj2] *whole, intact* absolute, choate, complete, completed, consummate, downright, entire, finished, flawless, full, gross, integral, out-and-out\*, outright, positive, rank, sheer, simple, sound, unadulterated, unalloyed, unblemished, unbroken, undamaged, unimpaired, unmitigated, unmixed, unqualified, utter; CONCEPTS 482,485 —*Ant.* broken, imperfect, incomplete, part, unfinished

**perfect** [adj3] *accurate, correct* appropriate, bull's-eye\*, certain, close, dead-on\*, definite, distinct, exact, express, faithful, fit, ideal, model, needed, on target\*, on the button\*, on the money\*, precise, proper, required, requisite, right, sharp, strict, suitable, textbook, to a T\*, to a turn\*, true, unerring, very; CONCEPTS 535,557,558 —*Ant.* imperfect, imprecise, inaccurate, wrong

**perfect** [v] *polish; achieve* accomplish, ameliorate, carry out, complete, consummate, crown, cultivate, develop, effect, elaborate, finish, fulfill, hone, idealize, improve, perform, put finishing touch on, realize, refine, round, slick, smooth; CONCEPTS 91,244,706 —*Ant.* destroy, ruin

**perfection** [n] *achievement, completeness* accomplishment, achieving, acme, arete, completion, consummation, crown, ending, entireness, evolution, exactness, excellence, excellency, exquisiteness, faultlessness, finish, finishing, fulfillment, ideal, idealism, impeccability, integrity, maturity, merit, paragon, perfectness, phoenix, precision, purity, quality, realization, ripeness, sublimity, superiority, supremacy, transcendence, virtue, wholeness; CONCEPTS 671,706 —*Ant.* damage, deficiency, flaw, imperfection, incompleteness, uselessness, worthless

**perfectionist** [n] *stickler* formalist, fussybudget, fusspot, idealist, nit-picker, purist, quibbler; CONCEPTS 359,416,423



**perfectly** [*adv*1] *absolutely* altogether, completely, consummately, entirely, fully, quite, thoroughly, totally, utterly, well, wholly;

CONCEPTS 531,544 —*Ant.* imperfectly, partially

**perfectly** [*adv*2] *without flaw* admirably, correctly, excellently, exquisitely, faultlessly, fitly, flawlessly, ideally, impeccably, superbly, superlatively, supremely, to perfection, wonderfully; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* flawed, imperfectly

**perfidious** [*adj*] *treacherous* betraying, deceitful, deceptive, double-crossing\*, double-dealing\*, faithless, false, insidious, misleading, recreant, shiftily\*, slick\*, snake in the grass\*, traitorous, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, undependable, unfaithful, unloyal, unreliable, untrustworthy; CONCEPTS 401,404

**perforate** [*v*] *make a hole in* bore, drill, drive, hole, honeycomb\*, penetrate, permeate, pierce, pit, poke full of holes\*, probe, punch, puncture, shoot full of holes\*, slit, stab; CONCEPT 220 —*Ant.* close up

**perform** [*v*1] *carry out, accomplish* achieve, act, be engaged in, behave, bring about, bring off, carry through, carry to completion, complete, comply, deliver the goods\*, discharge, dispose of, do, do justice to\*, do to a turn\*, effect, end, enforce, execute, finish, fulfill, function, go that route\*, implement, meet, move, observe, operate, percolate, perk, pull off\*, put through, react, realize, run with the ball\*, satisfy, take, take care of business\*, tick, transact, wind up, work; CONCEPTS 91,199 —*Ant.* fail, halt, prevent, stop

**perform** [*v*2] *act, depict as entertainment* act out, appear as, be on, bring down the house\*, discourse, display, do a number\*, do a turn\*, dramatize, emote, enact, execute, exhibit, give, go on, ham\*, ham it up\*, impersonate, offer, personate, play, playact, present, produce, put on, render, represent, show, stage, tread the boards\*; CONCEPT 292 —*Ant.* direct

**performance** [*n*1] *accomplishment* achievement, act, administration, attainment, carrying out, completion, conduct, consummation, discharge, doing, enforcement, execution, exploit, feat, fruition, fulfillment, pursuance, realization, work; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* failure

**performance** [*n*2] *acting, depiction* act, appearance, ballet, behavior, burlesque, business, ceremony, concert, custom, dance, display, drama, exhibition, gig\*, interpretation, matinee, offering, opera, pageant, play, portrayal, presentation, production, recital, rehearsal, representation, review, revue, rigmarole, rite, set, show, special, spectacle, stage show, stunt, to-do\*; CONCEPT 263 —*Ant.* direction

**performance** [*n*3] *efficiency* action, conduct, effectiveness, efficacy, exercise, functioning, operation, practice, pursuit, running, working; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* ineffectualness, inefficiency

**perfume** [*n*] *scent, often manufactured and packaged for personal use* aroma, attar, balm, balminess, bouquet, cologne, eau de cologne, essence, fragrance, incense, odor, oil, redolence, sachet, smell, spice, sweetness; CONCEPTS 599, 600 —*Ant.* odor, stench, stink

**perfunctory** [*adj*] *automatic, unthinking* apathetic, careless, cool, cursory, disinterested, going through the motions\*, heedless, imper-

sonal, inattentive, indifferent, involuntary, lackadaisical, laid-back\*, mechanical, negligent, off-hand, phoning it in\*, routine, sketchy, slipshod\*, slovenly, standard, stereotyped, stock, superficial, unaware, unconcerned, uninterested, usual, walking through it\*, wooden\*; CONCEPTS 542,544 —*Ant.* careful, precise, thoughtful

**perhaps** [*adv*] *possibly* as it may be, as the case may be, conceivably, feasiably, for all one knows, imaginably, it may be, maybe, perchance, reasonably; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* improbably, never, unlikely

**peril** [*n*] *danger, risk* cause for alarm\*, double trouble\*, endangerment, exposure, hazard, insecurity, jeopardy, liability, menace, openness, pitfall, risky business\*, uncertainty, vulnerability; CONCEPT 675 —*Ant.* safeness, safety, security

**perilous** [*adj*] *dangerous* chancy, delicate, dicey\*, dynamite, exposed, hairy\*, hazardous, insecure, loaded\*, on thin ice\*, playing with fire\*, precarious, risky, rugged, Russian roulette\*, shaky, threatening, ticklish, touch and go\*, touchy, treacherous, uncertain, unhealthy, unsafe, unsound, unstable, unsteady, unsure, vulnerable, wicked\*; CONCEPTS 548,587 —*Ant.* ok, safe, secure

**perimeter** [*n*] *circumference, border* ambit, borderline, boundary, bounds, brim, brink, circuit, compass, confines, edge, fringe, hem, limit, margin, outline, periphery, skirt, verge; CONCEPTS 484,745,792 —*Ant.* center, inside, interior, middle

**period** [*n*1] *extent of time* aeon, age, course, cycle, date, days, duration, epoch, era, generation, interval, measure, season, space, span, spell, stage, stretch, term, time, while, years; CONCEPTS 807,822

**period** [*n*2] *ending* cessation, close, closing, closure, conclusion, discontinuance, end, limit, stop, termination; CONCEPT 832

**periodic** [*adj*] *at fixed intervals* alternate, annual, at various times, centennial, cyclic, cyclical, daily, epochal, every once in a while, every so often, fluctuating, hourly, infrequent, intermittent, isochronal, isochronous, monthly, occasional, on-again-off-again\*, on certain occasions, orbital, perennial, periodical, recurrent, recurring, regular, repeated, rhythmic, routine, seasonal, serial, spasmodic, sporadic, weekly, yearly; CONCEPTS 541,799 —*Ant.* constant, continual, irregular, lasting, permanent, sporadic, variable

**periodical** [*n*] *regular publication* journal, mag\*, magazine, monthly, newspaper, number, paper, quarterly, rag\*, review, serial, sheet\*, slick\*, throwaway\*, weekly; CONCEPT 280

**peripatetic** [*adj*] *constantly traveling* ambulant, itinerant, itinerate, migrant, mobile, nomadic, perambulant, roaming, roving, vagabond, vagrant, wandering, wayfaring; CONCEPTS 401, 584 —*Ant.* fixed, settled

**peripheral** [*adj*] *minor, outside* beside the point, borderline, exterior, external, incidental, inessential, irrelevant, minor, outer, outermost, perimetric, secondary, superficial, surface, tangential, unimportant; CONCEPTS 575,583,831 —*Ant.* central, crucial, internal, major

**periphery** [*n*] *outskirts, outer edge* ambit,

border, boundary, brim, brink, circuit, circumference, compass, covering, edge, fringe, hem, margin, outside, perimeter, rim, skirt, verge; CONCEPTS 484,745 —*Ant.* center

**perish** [v] *die, decline, decay* be destroyed, be killed, be lost, bite the dust\*, break down, buy the farm\*, cease, check out\*, collapse, corrupt, croak, crumble, de cease, decompose, demise, depart, disappear, disintegrate, end, expire, fall, give up the ghost\*, go, go under, kick the bucket\*, lose life, OD\*, pass, pass away, pass on, rot, succumb, vanish, waste\*, wither; CONCEPTS 13,105,304 —*Ant.* give birth, revive

**perishable** [adj] *liable to spoil, rot* decaying, decomposable, destructible, easily spoiled, short-lived, unstable; CONCEPTS 462,485 —*Ant.* continuation, endurance

**perjure** [v] *give false testimony* bear false witness\*, commit perjury, deceive, delude, equivocate, falsify, forswear, lie, lie under oath, mislead, prevaricate, swear falsely, trick; CONCEPTS 63,317 —*Ant.* attest, certify, prove

**perjury** [n] *lying while under oath* deceitfulness, deception, dishonesty, falsehood, false oath, false swearing, false testimony, falsification, untruth, untruthfulness; CONCEPTS 63,278

**perk** [n] *benefit advantage, bonus, dividend, extra, fringe benefit, gratuity, gravy\*, lagniappe, largess, perquisite, plus, tip*; CONCEPT 344 —*Ant.* disadvantage

**perk up** [v] *cheer ameliorate, be refreshed, brighten, buck up\*, cheer up, convalesce, gain, improve, invigorate, liven up, look up, mend, pep up, rally, recover, recuperate, refresh, renew, revive, shake, take heart\**; CONCEPTS 7,22,244,308 —*Ant.* depress

**perky** [adj] *animated, happy* active, alert, aware, bouncy, bright, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed\*, brisk, bubbly, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, gay, in fine fettle\*, jaunty, lively, spirited, sprightly, sunny, vivacious; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* depressed, gloomy

**permanent** [adj] *constant, lasting* abiding, changeless, continual, diurnal, durable, enduring, everlasting, fixed, forever, forever and a day\*, for keeps\*, immutable, imperishable, indestructible, in for the long haul\*, invariable, long-lasting, perdurable, perduring, perennial, perpetual, persistent, set, set in concrete\*, set in stone\*, stable, steadfast, unchanging, unfading; CONCEPTS 551,649,798 —*Ant.* ephemeral, temporary

**permeable** [adj] *absorbent, penetrable* absorptive, accessible, enterable, passable, pervious, porous, porous, spongelike, spongy; CONCEPTS 576,604,606 —*Ant.* impenetrable, impermeable

**permeate** [v] *filter, spread throughout* charge, diffuse, drench, fill, go through, imbue, impregnate, infiltrate, infuse, ingrain, interfuse, invade, pass through, penetrate, percolate, pervade, pierce, saturate, seep, soak, stab, stalk, steep, suffuse, transfuse; CONCEPTS 159,179,256

**permissible** [adj] *allowable, legal* acceptable, admissible, all right, approved, authorized, bearable, endorsed, kosher\*, lawful, legalized, legit\*, legitimate, licit, okay\*, on the up and up\*, permitted, proper, sanctioned, tolerable, tolerated, unforbidden, unprohibited; CONCEPT 319 —*Ant.* illegal, prohibited, unpermissible

**permission** [n] *authorization, consent* acceptance, acknowledgment, acquiescence, admission, agreement, allowance, approbation, approval, assent, avowal, canonization, carte blanche\*, concession, concurrence, condonance, condonation, dispensation, empowerment, endorsement, freedom, imprimatur, indulgence, leave, letting, liberty, license, okay, permit, privilege, promise, recognition, rubber stamp\*, sanctification, sanction, stamp of approval\*, sufferance, tolerance, toleration, verification, warrant; CONCEPTS 50,83,88,376,685 —*Ant.* denial, prohibition, veto

**permissive** [adj] *lenient* acquiescent, agreeable, allowing, approving, easy-going, forbearing, free, indulgent, latitudinarian, lax, liberal, open-minded, permitting, susceptible, tolerant; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* intolerant, mean, strict

**permit** [n] *authorization* admittance, allowance, charter, concession, consent, empowering, favor, franchise, go-ahead\*, grant, green light\*, indulgence, leave, legalization, liberty, license, pass, passport, patent, permission, privilege, safe-conduct, sanction, sufferance, toleration, visa, warrant; CONCEPTS 271,376,685 —*Ant.* grounding, prohibition

**permit** [v] *allow participation* abet, accede, accept, acquiesce, admit, agree, authorize, bless, blink at\*, boost, buy, charter, concede, concur, condone, consent, empower, enable, endorse, endure, franchise, give leave, give permission, go for, grant, have, humor, indulge, leave, let, let pass, license, okay, pass, privilege, sanctify, sanction, say yes, shake on\*, sign, sign off on\*, suffer, take kindly to\*, thumbs up\*, tolerate, warrant, wink at\*; CONCEPTS 50,83,88 —*Ant.* deny, disallow, refuse, reject

**pernicious** [adj] *bad, hurtful* baleful, damaging, dangerous, deadly, deleterious, destructive, detrimental, devastating, evil, fatal, harmful, iniquitous, injurious, killing, lethal, maleficent, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, miasmatic, miasmic, mortal, nefarious, noisome, noxious, offensive, pestiferous, pestilent, pestilential, poisonous, prejudicial, ruinous, sinister, toxic, venomous, virulent, wicked; CONCEPTS 537,548,571 —*Ant.* helpful, innocuous, kind, lovable, loving

**perpendicular** [adj] *at right angles* to erect, horizontal, on end, plumb, sheer, standing, stand-up, steep, straight, straight-up, upright, vertical; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* horizontal, level

**perpetrate** [v] *be responsible for* act, bring about, carry out, commit, do, effect, enact, execute, inflict, perform, pull, up and do\*, weak; CONCEPT 91 —*Ant.* abstain

**perpetual** [adj] *continual, lasting* abiding, ceaseless, constant, continued, continuous, endless, enduring, eternal, everlasting, going on, immortal, imperishable, incessant, infinite, interminable, intermittent, never-ceasing, never-ending, perdurable, perennial, permanent, persistent, recurrent, recurring, reoccurring, repeated, repeating, repetitious, returning, sempiternal, unceasing, unchanging, undying, unending, unfailing, uninterrupted, unremitting, without end; CONCEPTS 551,649,798,799 —*Ant.* brief, ephemeral, fleeting, momentary, temporary, transient

**perpetuate** [*v*] *keep going* bolster, conserve, continue, eternalize, eternize, immortalize, keep, keep alive, keep in existence, keep up, maintain, preserve, secure, support, sustain; CONCEPT 239 —*Ant.* cease, halt, prevent, stop

**perplex** [*v*] *confuse, mix up* astonish, astound, baffle, balk, befuddle, beset, bewilder, buffalo\*, complicate, confound, discombobulate\*, discompose, dumbfound, encumber, entangle, fog, get to\*, involve, jumble, muck, muddle, muddy the waters\*, mystify, nonplus, perturb, pose, puzzle, rattle, ravel, snarl up, stumble, stump, surprise, tangle, thicken, thwart; CONCEPTS 16,84 —*Ant.* clarify, clear up, enlighten, explain

**perplexing** [*adj*] *difficult to understand* baffling, beyond one, complicated, confusing, convoluted, disconcerting, impenetrable, intricate, involved, knotty, mind-bending, mysterious, mystifying, paradoxical, puzzling, taxing, thorny, worrying; CONCEPT 529

**perquisite** [*n*] *fringe benefit* advantage, bonus, dividend, extra, gratuity, gravy\*, lagniappe, largess, perk\*, plus, reward, tip; CONCEPT 344

**per se** [*adv*] *essentially* alone, as such, by and of itself, by definition, by itself, by its very nature, fundamentally, independently, in essence, in itself, intrinsically, of itself, singularly, solely, virtually; CONCEPTS 544,577

**persecute** [*v*] *wrong, torment* afflict, aggravate, annoy, badger, bait, beat, be on one's case\*, bother, crucify, distress, dog\*, dragoon, drive up the wall\*, exile, expel, harass, hector, hound\*, hunt, ill-treat, injure, maltreat, martyr, molest, oppress, outrage, pester, pick on, plague, pursue, tease, torture, tyrannize, vex, victimize, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19,44,246 —*Ant.* comfort, commend, console, reward, soothe

**perseverance** [*n*] *diligence, hard work* backbone\*, constancy, continuance, cool, dedication, determination, doggedness, drive, endurance, grit\*, guts\*, immovability, indefatigability, moxie\*, persistence, pertinacity, pluck\*, prolonged, purposefulness, perseverance, resolution, sedulity, spunk, stamina, steadfastness, stick-to-itiveness\*, tenacity; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* apathy, idleness, indolence, laziness, lethargy

**persevere** [*v*] *keep at; work hard* be determined, be resolved, be stubborn, carry on, continue, endure, go for broke\*, go for it\*, go on, hang in\*, hang tough\*, hold fast\*, hold on, keep driving\*, keep going, keep on, leave no stone unturned\*, maintain, persist, plug away\*, press on, proceed, pursue, remain, see it through\*, stand firm\*, stay the course\*, stick with it\*; CONCEPTS 87,239 —*Ant.* be lazy, give up, idle, leave, quit, stop

**persist** [*v*] *carry on, carry through* abide, be resolute, be stubborn, continue, endure, follow through\*, follow up\*, go all the way\*, go on, go the limit\*, grind, hold on, insist, keep up\*, last, leave no stone unturned\*, linger, obtain, perdure, persevere, persevere, prevail, pursue, recur, remain, repeat, see through, stick it out\*, stick to guns\*, strive, tough it out\*; CONCEPTS 23,87,91,239 —*Ant.* cease, give up, leave, quit, stop

**persistent** [*adj*] *determined; continuous* assiduous, bound, bound and determined\*, bulldogged\*, constant, continual, dogged, endless,

enduring, firm, fixed, immovable, incessant, indefatigable, in for long haul\*, insistent, interminable, like bad penny\*, never-ending, obdurate, obstinate, perpetual, perseverant, persevering, persisting, pertinacious, relentless, repeated, resolute, steadfast, steady, sticky\*, stubborn, tenacious, tireless, unflagging, unremitting, unremitting, unshakable; CONCEPTS 326,401,404,538 —*Ant.* lazy, relenting, surrendering, yielding

**persnickety** [*adj*] *fussy, particular* careful, choosy, fastidious, finicky, nice, picky; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* open, unconcerned, unfussy

**person** [*n*] *human being* being, body, character, creature, customer, gal, guy, human, identity, individual, individuality, joker\*, life, living soul, man, mortal, party, personage, personality, self, somebody, soul, specimen, spirit, unit\*, woman; CONCEPT 417 —*Ant.* animal, plant

**personable** [*adj*] *friendly, sociable* ace's\*, affable, agreeable, all heart\*, all right\*, amiable, attractive, charming, easygoing, good egg\*, gregarious, likable, nice, okay, pleasant, pleasing, presentable, sweetheart\*, white-hat\*, winning; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* disagreeable, unfriendly, unsociable

**personage/personality** [*n/n2*] *celebrity, notable* big shot\*, bigwig\*, brass\*, celeb\*, chief, cynosure, dignitary, distinguished person, eminence, face\*, hot shot\*, individual, luminary, monster\*, name\*, public figure, somebody, star, superstar, top dog\*, VIP\*, worthy; CONCEPTS 352,354,423 —*Ant.* lowlife

**personal** [*adj*] *private, individual* claimed, exclusive, intimate, own, particular, peculiar, privy, retired, secluded, secret, special; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* general, public

**personal computer** [*n*] *computer* clone, desktop computer, home computer, IBM PC, laptop\*, MAC, Macintosh, microcomputer, minicomputer, PC; CONCEPTS 269,463

**personality** [*n1*] *person's character, traits* charisma, charm, complexion, disposition, dynamism, emotions, identity, individuality, likableness, magnetism, makeup, nature, psyche, self, selfdom, selfhood, singularity, temper, temperament; CONCEPT 411

**personally** [*adv*] *independently* alone, by oneself, directly, for oneself, for one's part, individually, individually, in one's own view, in person, in the flesh, narrowly, on one's own, privately, solely, specially, subjectively; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* generally, objectively

**personify** [*v*] *represent some other being, character* act out, body forth, contain, copy, emblematize, embody, epitomize, exemplify, express, exteriorize, externalize, hominify, humanize, illustrate, image, imitate, impersonate, incarnate, live as, make human, manifest, materialize, mirror, objectify, personize, substantiate, symbolize, typify; CONCEPTS 261,716

**personnel** [*n*] *employees of business or other enterprise* cadre, corps, crew, faculty, group, helpers, human resources, members, men and women, office, organization, people, shop, staff, troop, troops, workers, work force; CONCEPTS 325,417

**perspective** [*n*] *view, outlook* angle, aspect, attitude, broad view, context, frame of refer-

ence\*, headset\*, landscape, mindset\*, objectivity, overview, panorama, proportion, prospect, relation, relative importance, relativity, scene, size of it\*, viewpoint, vista, way of looking; CONCEPTS 410, 629, 689

**perspicacious** [*adj*] *observant, perceptive* acute, alert, astute, aware, clear-sighted, clever, discerning, heady\*, judicious, keen, penetrating, perceptive, sagacious, savvy\*, sharp, sharp-witted, shrewd; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, unobservant, unperceptive

**perspicuous** [*adj*] *clear, obvious* apparent, clear-cut, comprehensible, crystal\*, crystal-clear\*, distinct, easily understood, explicit, intelligible, limpid, lucent, lucid, luminous, pellucid, plain, self-evident, straightforward, transparent, unambiguous, unblurred, understandable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* obscure, unclear, vague

**perspire** [*v*] *become wet with sweat* be damp, be wet, break a sweat\*, drip, exude, get in a lather\*, glow, lather, pour, secrete, swelter; CONCEPTS 185, 469 —*Ant.* dry

**persuade** [*v*] *cause to believe; convince to do* actuate, advise, affect, allure, argue into, assure, blandish, brainwash\*, bring around, bring to senses, cajole, coax, convert, counsel, draw, enlist, entice, exhort, gain confidence of, get, impel, impress, incite, incline, induce, influence, inveigle, lead, lead to believe, lead to do, move, prevail upon, prompt, propagandize, proselyte, proselytize, reason, satisfy, seduce, sell, stroke, sway, talk into, touch, turn on to, urge, wear down\*, wheedle, win argument, win over, woo, work over; CONCEPT 68 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade, hinder, prevent, repress, stop, suppress

**persuasion** [*n1*] *influencing to do, believe* alignment, alluring, arm-twist\*, blandishment, brainwashing\*, cajolery, cogency, con\*, conversion, enticement, exhortation, force, goose\*, hard sell\*, hook\*, inducement, inveiglement, persuasiveness, potency, power, promote, pull\*, seduction, sell\*, snow job\*, soft soap\*, squeeze\*, sweet talk\*, wheedling, winning over, working over; CONCEPTS 68, 687 —*Ant.* discouragement, dissuasion, hindrance, prevention

**persuasion** [*n2*] *belief, religion* bias, camp, certitude, church, communion, connection, conviction, credo, creed, cult, denomination, eye, faction, faith, feeling, mind\*, opinion, partiality, party, predilection, prejudice, school, school of thought\*, sect, sentiment, side, tenet, view; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* atheism, disbelief

**persuasive** [*adj*] *effective, influential* actuating, alluring, cogent, compelling, conclusive, convictive, convincing, credible, effective, efficacious, efficient, eloquent, energetic, enticing, forceful, forcible, impelling, impressive, inducing, inspiring, inveigling, logical, luring, moving, plausible, pointed, potent, powerful, seductive, slick, smooth, sound, stimulating, stringent, strong, swaying, telling, touching, unctuous, valid, weighty, wheedling, winning; CONCEPTS 267, 537, 542 —*Ant.* dampening, discouraging, disheartening, dissuasive, ineffective, ineffectual

**pert** [*adj*] *lively, bold* animated, audacious, brash, brazen, breezy, bright, brisk, cheeky\*, dapper, daring, dashing, disrespectful, flip\*,

flippant, forward, fresh, gay, impertinent, impudent, insolent, jaunty, keen, nervy, perky, presumptuous, sassy\*, saucy\*, smart, smart-alecky\*, spirited, sprightly, vivacious, wise; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —*Ant.* dull, humble, lifeless

**pertain** [*v*] *be relevant to* affect, appertain, apply, associate, be appropriate, bear on, befit, belong, be part of, be pertinent, combine, concern, connect, inhere with, join, refer, regard, relate, touch, vest; CONCEPT 532

**pertinent** [*adj*] *relevant, suitable* admissible, ad rem, applicable, apposite, appropriate, apropos, apt, connected, fit, fitting, germane, kosher\*, legit\*, material, on target\*, on the button\*, on the nose\*, opportune, pat\*, pertaining, proper, related, right on, to the point, to the purpose; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inappropriate, irrelevant, unsuitable

**perturb** [*v*] *upset, unsettle* agitate, alarm, annoy, bewilder, bother, bug\*, confound, confuse, disarrange, discompose, disconcert, discourteance, dismay, disorder, disquiet, disturb, flurry, fluster, irritate, make a scene\*, make waves\*, muddle, needle, perplex, pester, ruffle, stir up\*, trouble, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7, 16, 19 —*Ant.* calm, please, soothe

**peruse** [*v*] *check out; examine* analyze, browse, glance over, inspect, look through, pore over, read, scan, scrutinize, skim, study; CONCEPTS 72, 103 —*Ant.* neglect, overlook

**pervade** [*v*] *affect strongly; spread through* charge, diffuse, extend, fill, imbue, impregnate, infuse, overspread, penetrate, percolate, permeate, suffuse, transfuse; CONCEPTS 172, 179

**pervasive** [*adj*] *extensive* all over the place\*, can't get away from\*, common, general, inescapable, omnipresent, permeating, pervading, prevalent, rife, ubiquitous, universal, wall-to-wall\*, widespread; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* light, limited, narrow

**perverse** [*adj*] *mean, ornery; troublesome* abnormal, bad-tempered, cantankerous, capricious, contradictory, contrary, contumacious, corrupt, crabby\*, cross, degenerate, delinquent, depraved, deviant, disobedient, dogged\*, erring, fractious, hard-nosed\*, headstrong, intractable, intransigent, irritable, miscreant, mulish\*, nefarious, obdurate, obstinate, petulant, pigheaded\*, rebellious, refractory, rotten\*, self-willed, spiteful, stubborn, unhealthy, unmanageable, unreasonable, unyielding, villainous, wayward, wicked, willful; CONCEPTS 401, 542, 571 —*Ant.* agreeable, compliant, happy, nice, reasonable, willing

**perversion** [*n*] *sexual abnormality* aberration, anomaly, corruption, debauchery, deviance, fetish, immorality, kink\*, kinkiness, sexual deviation; CONCEPT 545

**pervert** [*n*] *person who lacks morals* debauchee, degenerate, deviant, deviate, freak, weirdo\*; CONCEPT 412

**pervert** [*v*] *twist, turn away from what is acceptable or correct* abuse, adulterate, alloy, animalize, brainwash, color, corrupt, cut\*, debase, debauch, demoralize, deprave, desecrate, distort, divert, doctor, doctor up\*, fake, falsify, fudge\*, garble, misconstrue, misinterpret, misrepresent, misstate, mistreat, misuse, outrage, phony up\*, prostitute, ruin, salt\*, seduce, spike,

vitiate, warp, water\*; CONCEPTS 14,63,156,252  
—*Ant.* leave alone, straighten

**perverted** [*adj*] *immoral, evil* abandoned, aberrant, abnormal, abused, contorted, corrupt, corrupted, debased, debauched, defiled, deprived, deviant, deviating, distorted, foreign, grotesque, impaired, kinky\*, misguided, misused, monstrous, outraged, polluted, queer, sick, tainted, twisted, unhealthy, unnatural, vicious, vitiate, vitiated, warped, wicked; CONCEPTS 485,545  
—*Ant.* clean, good, healthy, moral

**pesky** [*adj*] *bothersome* annoying, disturbing, irksome, mean, nettlesome, peevish, provoking, troublesome, ugly, vexatious, vexing, wicked; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* pleasing, untroubling

**pessimism** [*n*] *belief in bad outcome* cynicism, dark side\*, dejection, depression, despair, despondency, dim view\*, distrust, dyspepsia, expectation of worst, gloom, gloominess, gloomy outlook, glumness, grief, hopelessness, low spirits, melancholy, sadness, unhappiness; CONCEPTS 410,689 —*Ant.* confidence, optimism, trust

**pessimist** [*n*] *person who expects bad outcome* complainer, crepehanger\*, cynic, defeatist, deprecator, downer, gloomy, killjoy\*, misanthrope, party pooper\*, prophet of doom\*, sourpuss\*, wet blanket\*, worrier, worrywart\*; CONCEPTS 412,423 —*Ant.* optimist

**pessimistic** [*adj*] *expecting bad outcome* bleak, cynical, dark, dejected, depressed, despairing, despondent, discouraged, distrustful, downhearted, fatalistic, foreboding, gloomy, glum, hopeless, melancholy, misanthropic, morbid, morose, resigned, sad, sullen, troubled, worried; CONCEPTS 403,548 —*Ant.* confident, optimistic, trusting

**pest** [*n*] *person or thing that presents problem* annoyance, badgerer, bane, besetment, blight, blister, bore, bother, botheration, bug\*, contagion, crashing bore\*, creep, curse, drag, drip, epidemic, exasperation, headache\*, infection, irritant, irritation, nag, nudge, nuisance, pain\*, pain in the neck\*, pesterer, pestilence, pill\*, plague\*, scourge\*, tease\*, thorn in side\*, tormentor, trial\*, trouble, vexation, virus\*; CONCEPTS 306,398,412,674

**pester** [*v*] *bother, harass* annoy, badger, be at, bedevil, beleaguer, bug\*, disturb, dog\*, drive crazy, drive up the wall\*, fret, get at\*, get in one's hair\*, get on one's nerves\*, get to\*, harry, hassle, hector, hound, importune, insist, irk, mess with\*, nag, nudge, pick at\*, plague, provoke, remind, ride\*, tantalize, tease, torment, work on\*, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19,48 —*Ant.* delight, make happy, please

**pestilence** [*n*] *epidemic* contagion, disease, endemic, infection, outbreak, plague, rash, scourge, sickness, virus; CONCEPTS 306,316

**pestilent/pestilential** [*adj*] *dangerous, harmful* baneful, contagious, contaminating, corrupting, deadly, deleterious, destructive, detrimental, diseased, evil, fatal, infectious, injurious, lethal, mortal, noxious, pernicious, pestiferous, ruinous, tainting, troublesome, vicious; CONCEPTS 314,537 —*Ant.* clean, healthy, hygienic, safe, sanitary

**pet** [*adj*] *favorite* affectionate, cherished, darling, dear, dearest, endearing, favored,

loved, precious, preferred, special; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* disfavored, hated

**pet** [*n*] *favorite thing, person* apple of eye\*, beloved, cat, darling, dear, dog, evergreen\*, idol, jewel\*, love, lover, persona grata\*, treasure\*; CONCEPTS 394,416

**pet** [*v*] *stroke, kiss* baby, caress, cuddle, cosset, cuddle, dandle, embrace, fondle, grab, hug, love, make love, neck\*, pamper, pat, smooth\*, spoil, spoon\*, touch; CONCEPTS 375,612

**peter out** [*v*] *dwindle, decrease* abate, come to nothing\*, die out\*, diminish, drain, ebb, evaporate, fade, fail, give out, lessen, pall, rebate, recede, run dry, run out, stop, taper off, wane; CONCEPTS 105,698 —*Ant.* develop, grow, increase

**petite** [*adj*] *small* baby, bantam, dainty, delicate, diminutive, elfin, little, miniature, minikin\*, slight, smallish, tiny, wee\*; CONCEPTS 773,779,789 —*Ant.* extra-large, huge, tall

**petition** [*n*] *appeal, plea* address, application, entreaty, imploration, imprecation, invocation, memorial, prayer, request, round robin, solicitation, suit, supplication; CONCEPTS 271,662

**petition** [*v*] *plead, appeal* for adjure, ask, beg, beseech, call upon, entreat, impetrate, implore, pray, press, put in for, request, seek, solicit, sue, supplicate, urge; CONCEPTS 48,53

**petrified** [*adj*1] *hardened* calcified, fossilized, frozen, ossified, solidified; CONCEPTS 483,604

**petrified** [*adj*2] *terrified* afraid, alarmed, anxious, dazed, fearful, frightened, frozen, have cold feet\*, immobilized, in a cold sweat\*, in a panic\*, numb, panicky, pushing the panic button\*, scared, scared stiff\*, shocked, speechless, spooked, startled, stunned, terrorized, terror-stricken, unnerved; CONCEPTS 403,690

**petrify** [*v*1] *make hard* calcify, clarify, fossilize, harden, lapidify, mineralize, set, solidify, turn to stone; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* melt, soften

**petrify** [*v*2] *frighten* alarm, amaze, appall, astonish, astound, benumb, chill, confound, daze, dismay, dumbfound, horrify, immobilize, numb, paralyze, put chill on\*, scare, scare silly\*, scare stiff\*, spook\*, startle, stun, stupefy, terrify, transfix; CONCEPTS 7,14,19,42 —*Ant.* calm, comfort, please, soothe

**petroleum** [*n*] *oil* crude oil, fossil fuel, fuel, gas, gasoline, kerosene, naphtha, natural gas, petrol; CONCEPTS 467,520,523,661

**petty** [*adj*] *trivial, insignificant* base, casual, cheap, contemptible, frivolous, inconsequential, inconsiderable, inessential, inferior, irrelevant, junior, lesser, light, little, lower, measly, minor, narrow-minded, negligible, nickel-and-dime\*, niggling\*, paltry, peanut\*, penny-ante\*, pettifogging\*, picayune, piddling\*, scratch, secondary, shabby, shallow, shoestring\*, slight, small, small-minded, subordinate, trifling, two-bit\*, unimportant; CONCEPTS 403,575 —*Ant.* consequential, important, major, necessary, prominent, significant, useful

**petulant** [*adj*] *crabby, moody* bad-tempered, captious, caviling, complaining, cranky\*, cross, crybaby\*, displeased, fault-finding, fractious, fretful, grouchy, grumbling, huffy, ill-humored, impatient, irritable, mean, peevish, perverse, pouting, querulous, snappish, sour, sulky, sullen, testy, touchy, ungracious, uptight\*,

waspish, whining, whiny; CONCEPTS 401,542

—*Ant.* good-natured, happy, pleasant

**phantom** [*n*] *ghost; figment of the imagination* apparition, chimera, daydream, delusion, dream, eidolon, figment, hallucination, haunt, ignis fatuus, illusion, mirage, nightmare, phantasm, revenant, shade, shadow, specter, spirit, spook, vision, wraith; CONCEPTS 370, 529 —*Ant.* reality

**pharmacist** [*n*] *druggist* apothecary, pharmacologist; CONCEPT 357

**phase** [*n*] *period in life of something* appearance, aspect, chapter, condition, development, facet, juncture, point, position, posture, stage, state, step, time; CONCEPTS 816,834

**phenomenal** [*adj*] *astounding, exceptional* extraordinary, fantastic, marvelous, miraculous, outstanding, preternatural, prodigious, rare, remarkable, sensational, singular, substantial, uncommon, unique, unparalleled, unusual, unwonted, wondrous; CONCEPTS 564,574 —*Ant.* normal, regular, unexceptional

**phenomenology** [*n*] *study of subject and objects of a person's experience* intentionality, life-world, lived experience, meaning-making; CONCEPTS 282,349

**phenomenon** [*n*] *rare occurrence; wonder* abnormality, actuality, anomaly, appearance, aspect, circumstance, curiosity, episode, event, exception, experience, fact, happening, incident, marvel, miracle, nonpareil, one for the books\*, paradox, peculiarity, portent, prodigy, rara avis\*, rarity, reality, sensation, sight, something else\*, spectacle, stunner\*, uniqueness; CONCEPTS 230,529,678 —*Ant.* normality, regularity

**philanderer** [*n*] *person who has many love affairs* adulterer, chasser, cruiser, dallier, debaucher, flirt, gallant, lover, operator\*, swinger; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* faithful

**philanthropic** [*adj*] *charitable, giving* altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, benignant, big-hearted, bountiful, contributing, donating, eleemosynary, generous, good, gracious, helpful, humane, humanitarian, kind, kindhearted, liberal, magnanimous, munificent, openhanded, patriotic, public-spirited; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* misanthropic, miserly, stingy, uncharitable

**philanthropist** [*n*] *humanitarian* altruist, benefactor, bleeding heart\*, contributor, do-gooder\*, donor, Good Samaritan\*, good scout\*, helper, patron; CONCEPTS 416,423

**philanthropy** [*n*] *humanitarianism* alms, almsgiving, altruism, assistance, benefaction, beneficence, charity, contribution, dole, donation, endowment, fund, generosity, gifting, good works, helping hand\*, relief; CONCEPTS 337,657

**philosopher** [*n*] *deep thinker* logician, sage, savant, sophist, theorist, wise person; CONCEPTS 349,687,689

**philosophical/philosophic** [*adj*1] *thinking deeply, rationally* abstract, cogitative, deep, erudite, judicious, learned, logical, pensive, profound, rational, reflective, sagacious, sapient, theoretical, thoughtful, wise; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* irrational, narrow-minded, thoughtless, unreasonable

**philosophical/philosophic** [*adj*2] *calm, serene* collected, commonsensical, composed, cool\*, cool as cucumber\*, enduring, impassive,

imperturbable, patient, resigned, stoical, tranquil, unagitated, unflappable, unmoved, unruffled; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* excited, imprudent, rash

**philosophy** [*n*] *principles, knowledge* aesthetics, attitude, axiom, beliefs, conception, convictions, doctrine, idea, ideology, logic, metaphysics, ontology, outlook, rationalism, reason, reasoning, system, tenet, theory, thinking, thought, truth, values, view, viewpoint, wisdom; CONCEPTS 349,688,689

**phlegmatic** [*adj*] *unemotional* along for the ride\*, apathetic, blah\*, cold, cool, deadpan, desensitized, disinterested, dispassionate, dull, emotionless, flat, frigid, groggy, indifferent, lethargic, lifeless, listless, passionless, passive, sluggish, uncompassionate, undemonstrative, unexcitable, unfeeling, uninvolved, unresponsive; CONCEPTS 401,403

**phobia** [*n*] *fear* anxiety, aversion, avoidance, awe, detestation, disgust, dislike, distaste, dread, fear, hang-up\*, hatred, horror, irrationality, loathing, neurosis, obsession, repulsion, resentment, revulsion, terror, thing\*, thing about\*; CONCEPTS 27,29,529 —*Ant.* liking, love

**phobic** [*adj*] *fearful* afraid, anxious, apprehensive, discomposed, disquieted, disturbed, frightened, have cold feet\*, irrational, jittery, jumpy, nervous, neurotic, panicky, scared, shy, skittish, tense, worried; CONCEPT 401

**phony** [*adj*] *fake, false* affected, artificial, assumed, bogus, counterfeit, forged, imitation, pseudo, put-on\*, sham\*, spurious, trick; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* genuine, real, sincere

**photocopy** [*n/v*] *mechanical image produced from a copier; making the image* copy, duplicate, reproduce, stat, velox, Xerox; CONCEPT 269

**photograph** [*n*] *still picture taken with a camera* blowup, close-up, image, Kodachrome\*, Kodak\*, likeness, microfilm, mug\*, negative, photo, photostat, pic\*, picture, pinup\*, pix\*, Polaroid\*, portrait, positive, print, shot\*, slide, snap, snapshot, transparency; CONCEPT 265

**photograph** [*v*] *take a picture with a camera* capture\*, capture on film\*, cinematize, close-up\*, copy, film, get, get a likeness\*, get a shot\*, illustrate, lens\*, make a picture\*, microfilm, mug\*, photo, photoengrave, photostat, picture, print, record, reproduce, roll, shoot, snap\*, snapshot, take\*, turn\*, X-ray\*; CONCEPT 174

**photographer** [*n*] *cameraperson* freelance photographer, paparazzo, photojournalist, shutterbug; CONCEPT 352

**photographic** [*adj*] *exact, retentive in detail* accurate, cinematic, detailed, faithful, filmic, graphic, lifelike, minute, natural, pictorial, picturesque, precise, realistic, true-to-life\*, visual, vivid; CONCEPT 557

**phrase** [*n*] *group of words; way of speaking* byword, catchphrase, catchword, diction, expression, idiom, locution, maxim, motto, parlance, phraseology, phrasing, remark, saying, shibboleth, slogan, styling, tag, terminology, utterance, verbalism, verbiage, watchword, wordage, wording; CONCEPTS 275,278

**phrase** [*v*] *express in words carefully* couch, formulate, frame, present, put, put into words, say, term, utter, voice, word; CONCEPT 55

**physical** [adj1] *tangible, material* concrete, corporeal, environmental, gross, materialistic, natural, objective, palpable, phenomenal, ponderable, real, sensible, solid, somatic, substantial, visible; CONCEPT 582 —**Ant.** immaterial, mental, spiritual

**physical** [adj2] *concerning the body* bodily, brute, carnal, corporal, corporeal, earthly, fleshy, incarnate, mortal, personal, somatic, unspiritual, visceral; CONCEPT 485 —**Ant.** mental, psychological

**physician** [n] *person trained in medical science* bones\*, doc\*, doctor, general practitioner, healer, intern, MD\*, medic, medical practitioner, quack\*, sawbones\*, specialist, surgeon; CONCEPT 357 —**Ant.** patient

**physique** [n] *build of human body* anatomy, body, built, character, configuration, constitution, corpus, figure, form, frame, habit, habitus, make-up, muscles, nature, shape, structure, type; CONCEPTS 405,757

**picaresque** [adj] *trivial* diminutive, everyday, frivolous, immaterial, incidental, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, irrelevant, little, meager, mean, meaningless, minor, minute, negligible, nonessential, of no account\*, paltry, petty, piddling\*, puny, slight, small, superficial, trifling, trite, unimportant; CONCEPT 575

**pick** [n] *a chosen option, usually the choicest* acres, bag, best, choice, choosing, cream\*, crème de la crème\*, cup of tea\*, decision, druthers\*, elect, elite, flower\*, preference, pride, prime, prize, select, selection, top, top; CONCEPTS 529,671 —**Ant.** rejection

**pick** [v1] *choose, select* cul, decide upon, elect, finger\*, fix upon, go down the line\*, hand-pick, mark, name, optate, opt for, pick and choose, pick out, prefer, say so, separate, settle on, sift out\*, single out, slot, sort out, tab, tag, take, take it or leave it\*, tap, winnow; CONCEPT 41 —**Ant.** refuse, reject

**pick** [v2] *gather, harvest* accumulate, choose, collect, cull, cut, draw, pluck, pull; CONCEPTS 41,109,206 —**Ant.** grow, plant

**pick** [v3] *break into something closed, locked* break open, crack, dent, force, hit, indent, jimmy, open, pry, strike; CONCEPT 192

**pick at/pick on** [v] *nag, provoke* badger, bait, blame, bully, carp, cavil, criticize, find fault, foment, get at\*, get to\*, goad, hector, incite, instigate, quibble, start, tease, torment; CONCEPTS 7,19,52 —**Ant.** compliment, praise

**picket** [n1] *post of structure* pale, paling, palisade, panel, peg, pillar, rail, stake, stanchion, upright; CONCEPTS 445,479

**picket** [n2] *person who demonstrates for cause* demonstrator, picketer, protester, striker; CONCEPTS 348,359

**picket** [n3] *person acting as guard* guard, lookout, patrol, scout, sentinel, sentry, spotter, ward, watch, watchperson; CONCEPT 348

**picket** [v] *protest against, for cause* blockade, boycott, demonstrate, hit the bricks\*, strike, walk out; CONCEPTS 300,351

**pickle** [n] *sticky situation* bind, box\*, corner\*, difficulty, dilemma, disorder, fix, hole\*, hot water\*, jam\*, predicament, quandary, scrape, spot\*, tight spot\*; CONCEPT 674 —**Ant.** boon, pleasure

**pickle** [v] *preserve fruit or vegetable* can, cure, keep, marinade, salt, sousé, steep; CONCEPT 170

**pick-me-up** [n] *stimulant* anesthetic, catalyst, drug, energizer, incentive, motivation, motive, restorative, reviver, shot in the arm\*, spark plug\*, spur, stimulus, tonic, upper; CONCEPTS 240,307,661

**pickpocket** [n] *petty thief* bag snatcher, cutpurse, dipper, finger, pocket picker, purse snatcher, sneak thief, thief, wallet lifter; CONCEPT 412

**pick up** [v1] *lift, raise* elevate, gather, grasp, hoist, rear, take up, uphold, uplift, upraise, uprear; CONCEPT 196 —**Ant.** drop, lower

**pick up** [v2] *obtain, find* acquire, annex, buy, chalk up\*, come across, compass, cull, extract, gain, garner, gather, get, get the hang of\*, glean, happen upon\*, have, learn, procure, purchase, score, secure, take; CONCEPTS 31,120,183 —**Ant.** have, spend, throw away

**pick up** [v3] *improve* continue, gain, gain ground\*, get better, get well, increase, make a comeback\*, mend, perk up\*, rally, recommence, recover, renew, reopen, restart, resume, swell, take up; CONCEPTS 234,700 —**Ant.** weaken, worsen

**pick up** [v4] *call for socially* accompany, collect, drop in for\*, get\*, give a lift\*, go for\*, go to get\*, invite, offer, proposition, stop for\*; CONCEPTS 224,384

**pick up** [v5] *arrest for crime* apprehend, book\*, bust\*, collar\*, detain, nab, pinch\*, pull in\*, run in\*, take into custody; CONCEPT 317 —**Ant.** free, release

**picky** [adj] *choosy, finicky* captious, critical, dainty, fastidious, fault-finding, fussy, nice, particular, persnickety; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** accepting

**picnic** [n1] *outdoor meal* barbecue, clambake, cookout, dining alfresco, excursion, fish fry, outing, weiner roast; CONCEPTS 386,459

**picnic** [n2] *easy undertaking* breeze\*, child's play\*, cinch, duck soup\*, kid stuff\*, lark\*, light work, no trouble, piece of cake\*, pushover\*, setup\*, smooth sailing\*, snap, sure thing, walkover\*; CONCEPTS 362,693 —**Ant.** difficulty, drudgery

**picture** [n1] *illustration, likeness of something* account, art, blueprint, canvas, cartoon, copy, delineation, depiction, description, doodle, double, draft, drawing, duplicate, effigy, engraving, figure, icon, image, impression, lookalike, outline, painting, panorama, photo, photograph, piece, portrait, portrayal, presentment, print, re-creation, replica, report, representation, ringer\*, similitude, simulacrum, sketch, spectacle, spitting image\*, statue, tableau, twin; CONCEPTS 259,625

**picture** [n2] *perfect example* archetype, embodiment, epitome, essence, idea, personification; CONCEPT 686

**picture** [n3] *entertainment film* cartoon, cinema, flick\*, motion picture, movie, moving picture, photoplay, picture show, show; CONCEPT 293

**picture** [v1] *depict, describe* delineate, draw, illustrate, image, interpret, limn, paint, photograph, portray, render, represent, show, sketch; CONCEPTS 79,174

**picture** [v2] *form vision in one's mind* conceive

of, create, daydream, dream, envision, fancy, fantasize, imagine, portray, see, see in the mind's eye\*, visualize; CONCEPTS 17,43

**picturesque** [adj] *attractive, referring to scenery* arresting, artistic, beautiful, charming, colorful, graphic, photographic, pictorial, pleasant, pretty, quaint, scenic, striking, vivid; CONCEPT 579 —**Ant.** hideous, ugly, unsightly

**piddling** [adj] *insignificant* derisory, little, measly\*, niggling\*, paltry, peanut\*, pettifogging\*, petty, picayune, puny, trifling, trivial, unimportant, useless, worthless; CONCEPTS 575,789 —**Ant.** important, major, significant

**pidly** [adj] *meager, trivial* barren, deficient, diddly\*, flimsy, inconsiderable, insubstantial, insufficient, little, measly\*, mere, microscopic, minute, negligible, paltry, petty, puny, rinky-dink\*, scant, scrimp, short, skimpy, slight, small, sparse, superficial, too little too late\*, two-bit\*, unproductive, worthless; CONCEPTS 546,789

**piece** [n1] *part* allotment, bit, bite, chunk, cut, division, dole, end, example, fraction, fragment, gob, half, hunk, instance, interest, iota, item, length, lot, lump, member, moiety, morsel, parcel, percentage, portion, quantity, quota, sample, scrap, section, segment, share, shred, slice, smithereen\*, specimen; CONCEPTS 834, 835 —**Ant.** whole

**piece** [n2] *work of art, music, writing* arrangement, article, bit, composition, creation, discourse, dissertation, engraving, exposition, icon, item, lines, painting, paper, part, photograph, print, production, sketch, song, statue, study, theme, thesis, treatise, treatment, vignette, work; CONCEPTS 259,262,263,271

**piece** [v] *put together* assemble, combine, compose, create, fix, join, make, mend, patch, repair, restore, unite; CONCEPTS 113,173,193,251 —**Ant.** divide, separate

**piece de resistance** [n1] *outstanding accomplishment* achievement, chef d'oeuvre, feat, great performance, jewel, magnificent opus, masterpiece, master work, prize, showpiece, tour de force\*; CONCEPT 259

**piecemeal** [adj/adv] *bit by bit* at intervals, by degrees, by fits and starts\*, fitfully, fragmentary, gradual, gradually, intermittent, intermittently, interrupted, little by little\*, partial, partially, patchy, spotty, step by step\*; CONCEPTS 531,544 —**Ant.** all, completely, totally, wholly

**pier** [n] *support; place for boats* berth, buttress, column, dam, dock, jetty, landing, levee, mole, pierage, pilaster, pile, piling, pillar, post, promenade, quay, slip, upright, wharf; CONCEPTS 439,443,479

**piece** [v] *cut, penetrate* bore, break, break in, break through, cleave, crack, crack open, drill, enter, gash, incise, intrude, pass through, perforate, plow, prick, probe, puncture, run through, slash, slice, slit, spike, stab, stick into, transfix; CONCEPTS 137,159,176,220 —**Ant.** sew up

**piercing** [adj] *intense to the senses* acute, agonizing, arctic, biting, bitter, blaring, cold, deafening, earsplitting, excruciating, exquisite, fierce, freezing, frosty, high, high-pitched, keen, knifelike, loud, numbing, painful, penetrating, powerful, racking, raw, roaring, severe, sharp,

shattering, shooting, shrill, stabbing, stentorian, stentorous, thin, treble, wintry; CONCEPTS 406, 537,592,594 —**Ant.** low, soft, weak

**piety** [n] *devotion, religiousness* allegiance, application, ardor, belief, devoutness, docility, dutifulness, duty, faith, fealty, fervor, fidelity, godliness, grace, holiness, loyalty, obedience, passion, religion, religiosity, reverence, sanctity, veneration, zeal; CONCEPTS 633,689 —**Ant.** impiety, irreverence

**piffle** [n] *nonsense* balderdash\*, baloney\*, bull\*, bunk\*, drivel, empty talk, foolishness, futile talk, gibberish, hogwash\*, hokey\*, hot air\*, jive\*, palaver, poppycock\*, prattle, rubbish, silliness, trash\*, useless words; CONCEPTS 230, 388,633

**pig** [n] *animal of swine family* boar, cob roller\*, hog, piggy\*, piglet, porker\*, porky, shoat, sow, swine; CONCEPTS 394,400

**pigeonhole** [n] *compartment* box, carrel, chamber, corner, cranny, cubbyhole, cubicle, hole, niche, nook, place, pocket, recess, section, slot, stall; CONCEPT 434

**pigeonhole** [v] *categorize; shelve* assort, class, classify, defer, delay, dismiss, file, group, hold, hold off, hold up, label, lay aside, peg\*, postpone, put aside, put down as, put off, put on hold, put on ice\*, put on the bank burner\*, rank, sideline, sort, tab, table, type cast; CONCEPTS 39,121

**pigheaded** [adj] *stubborn* bullheaded, contrary, dense\*, forward, headstrong, inflexible, insistent, intractable, mulish\*, obstinate, perverse, recalcitrant, self-willed, stiff-necked, stupid\*, unyielding, willful; CONCEPTS 404,542 —**Ant.** flexible, reasonable, submissive, willing

**pigment** [n] *color, shade* colorant, coloring, coloring matter, dye, dyestuff, oil, paint, stain, tincture, tint; CONCEPTS 259,622 —**Ant.** colorlessness

**pig out** [v] *overeat* binge, blimp out\*, devour, dive in\*, eat like a horse\*, eat to excess, feed, gluttonize, gobble, gorge, gormandize, gulp, guzzle, Hoover\*, overindulge, pork out\*, scarf out\*, shovel it in\*, stuff oneself, wolf\*; CONCEPT 169

**pile** [n1] *heap, collection* accumulation, aggregate, aggregation, amassment, assemblage, assortment, bank, barrel, buildup, chunk, conglomeration, drift, gob, great deal, hill, hoard, hunk, jumble, lump, mass, mound, mountain, much, ocean, oodles\*, pack, peck, pyramid, quantity, shock, stack, stockpile; CONCEPTS 432,787 —**Ant.** ditch, hole

**pile** [n2] *wealth* affluence, boodle\*, bundle\*, dough\*, fortune, mint\*, money, pot\*, riches, wad\*; CONCEPTS 335,340 —**Ant.** poverty

**pile** [v] *gather, pack; put on top of another* accumulate, amass, assemble, bank, bunch, collect, crowd, crush, fill, flock, heap, hill, hoard, jam, load, mass, mound, rush, stack, store; CONCEPTS 84,109,201,750 —**Ant.** dissipate, scatter, separate

**pilfer** [v] *steal, embezzle* annex, appropriate, borrow, cop\*, crib\*, filch\*, liberate\*, lift\*, moonlight\*, palm\*, pinch\*, pluck\*, purloin, requisition, rip off\*, rob, scrounge, snare, snatch, swipe, take, thief, walk off with\*; CONCEPTS 139,142,192 —**Ant.** give, receive



**pilgrimage** [*n*] *long journey* crusade, excursion, expedition, mission, tour, travel, trip, wayfaring; CONCEPT 224 —*Ant.* jaunt

**pill** [*n1*] *capsule of medicine* bolus, dose, lozenge, medicine, pellet, pilule, tablet, troche; CONCEPTS 307,470

**pill** [*n2*] *person who is annoying* bore, drag\*, nuisance, pain\*, pain in the neck\*, pest, trial\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**pillage** [*v*] *plunder, destroy* appropriate, arrogate, confiscate, deplete, desecrate, desolate, despoil, devastate, devour, gut, invade, lay waste\*, lift\*, loot, maraud, nab\*, pilfer, pinch\*, purloin, raid, ransack, ravage, rifle\*, rob, ruin, sack, spoil, spoliolate, steal, strip, thief, trespass, waste; CONCEPTS 86,139,252 —*Ant.* protect, safeguard

**pillar** [*n1*] *column of building, or freestanding column* colonnade, mast, obelisk, pedestal, pier, pilaster, piling, post, prop, shaft, stanchion, support, tower, upright; CONCEPT 440

**pillar** [*n2*] *mainstay; source of strength* backbone\*, guider, leader, light\*, rock\*, sinew, supporter, tower of strength\*, upholder, worthy; CONCEPTS 423,712

**pilot** [*n*] *person who guides aircraft, ship, or other vehicle* ace\*, aerialist, aeronaut, aviator, bellwether\*, captain, conductor, coxswain, dean, director, doyen/doyenne, eagle\*, flier\*, flyer, guide, helmsperson, jockey\*, lead, leader, navigator, one at the controls, one at the wheel, scout\*, steerer, steersperson, wheelperson; CONCEPT 348

**pimple** [*n*] *small swelling on the skin* abscess, acne, beauty spot, blackhead, blemish, blister, boil, bump, carbuncle, caruncle, excrescence, furuncle, hickey\*, inflammation, lump, papula, papule, pustule, spot, whitehead, zit\*; CONCEPT 306

**pin** [*v*] *attach, hold in place* affix, bind, clasp, close, fasten, fix, hold down, hold fast, immobilize, join, pinion, press, restrain, secure; CONCEPTS 85,160,190 —*Ant.* detach, unfasten, unlatch, unpin

**pinch** [*n1*] *tight pressing* compression, confinement, contraction, cramp, grasp, grasping, hurt, limitation, nip, nipping, pressure, squeeze, torment, tweak, twinge; CONCEPT 728

**pinch** [*n2*] *small amount* bit, dash, drop, jot, mite, small quantity, soupçon, spot, splash, splatter, taste; CONCEPT 831 —*Ant.* leak

**pinch** [*n3*] *predicament* box\*, clutch, contingency, crisis, crunch\*, difficulty, emergency, exigency, hardship, juncture, necessity, oppression, pass, plight, pressure, strait, stress, tight spot\*, tight squeeze\*, turning point\*, zero hour\*; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* advantage, blessing, good fortune

**pinch** [*v1*] *press tightly* chafe, compress, confine, cramp, crush, grasp, hurt, nip, pain, squeeze, tweak, twinge, wrench, wrest, wring; CONCEPTS 219,313

**pinch** [*v2*] *be stingy* afflict, distress, economize, oppress, pinch pennies\*, press, scrape, scrim, skimp, spare, stint; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* be generous, give, offer

**pinch** [*v3*] *steal* cop\*, crib\*, filch\*, knock off\*, lift\*, nab\*, pilfer, purloin, rob, snatch, swipe, take; CONCEPT 139 —*Ant.* give, receive

**pinch** [*v4*] *arrest* apprehend, bust\*, collar\*, detain, hold, nab\*, pick up\*, pull in\*, run in\*, take into custody; CONCEPTS 90,317 —*Ant.* free, release

**pine** [*v*] *long for* ache, agonize, brood, carry a torch\*, covet, crave, desire, dream, fret, grieve, hanker, languish for, lust after, mope\*, mourn, sigh, spoil for\*, thirst for, want, wish, yearn, year for; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* despise, dislike, hate

**pink** [*n1/adj*] *rose color* blush, coral, flush, fuchsia, rose, roseate, salmon; CONCEPT 622

**pink** [*n2*] *best condition* acme\*, best, bloom\*, fitness, good health, height\*, peak, perfection, prime, summit, trim\*, verdure; CONCEPTS 316,388 —*Ant.* poor health, sickness

**pink** [*v*] *cut in zigzag* incise, notch, perforate, prick, punch, scallop, score; CONCEPT 176

**pinnacle** [*n*] *top, crest* acme, apex, apogee, climax, cone, crown, culmination, greatest, height, max\*, most\*, needle\*, obelisk, peak, pyramid, spire, steeple, summit, tops, tower, vertex, zenith; CONCEPTS 706,836 —*Ant.* base, bottom, nadir

**pinpoint** [*v*] *define, locate* determinate, diagnose, distinguish, finger\*, get a fix on\*, home in on\*, identify, place, recognize, spot; CONCEPTS 38,183 —*Ant.* be ambiguous, lose

**pioneer** [*adj*] *early, first* avant-garde, brave, experimental, head, inaugural, initial, lead, original, primary, prime; CONCEPT 585 —*Ant.* following, last, late, later

**pioneer** [*n*] *person who finds a new place, founds something* colonist, colonizer, developer, explorer, founder, frontier settler, guide, homesteader, immigrant, innovator, leader, pathfinder, pilgrim, scout, settler, squatter, trailblazer; CONCEPTS 348,413

**pioneer** [*v*] *invent; lay the groundwork* begin, colonize, create, develop, discover, establish, explore, found, go out in front\*, initiate, instigate, institute, launch, map out, open up, originate, prepare, show the way, spearhead\*, start, take the lead, trailblaze\*; CONCEPTS 173, 221,324

**pious** [*adj*] *dedicated, religious* born-again\*, clerical, devoted, devout, divine, ecclesiastical, godly, goody-goody\*, orthodox, prayerful, priestly, reverent, righteous, sacred, saintly, sanctimonious, spiritual; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* atheist, impious, irreligious, sinful, wicked

**pipe** [*n*] *passage, tube* aqueduct, canal, channel, conduit, conveyer, duct, hose, line, main, pipeline, sewer, spout, trough, vent, vessel; CONCEPTS 475,499

**pipe** [*v1*] *conduct through tube, passage* bring in, carry, channel, convey, funnel, siphon, supply, trajet, transmit; CONCEPT 217

**pipe** [*v2*] *make a sound; peep* blubber\*, boohoo\*, cheep\*, cry, play, say, shout, sing, sob, sound, speak, talk, toot\*, trill, tweet, twitter, wail, warble, weep, whistle; CONCEPTS 47,65,77

**pipe dream** [*n*] *fantasy* air castle, airy hope, castle in the sky\*, chimera, daydream, fantastic notion, fool's paradise\*, unreal hope, wishful thinking; CONCEPTS 20,529,689

**pipsqueak** [*n*] *nonentity* nobody, runt, shrimp, squirt, twerp, whippersnapper; CONCEPT 424

**piquant** [*adj*] *flavorful, biting* highly-seasoned,

interesting, lively, peppery, poignant, provocative, pungent, racy, savory, sharp, snappy, sparkling, spicy, spirited, stimulating, stinging, tangy, tart, well-flavored, with a kick\*, zestful, zesty; CONCEPTS 529,613 —*Ant.* bland, dull

**pique** [*n*] *anger, irritation* annoyance, blowup\*, conniption\*, dander\*, displeasure, flare-up, grudge, huff, hurt, irk, miff\*, offense, peeve, pet\*, provocation, resentment, rise, ruckus\*, slow burn\*, snit, sore\*, stew\*, storm\*, tiff\*, umbrage, vexation; CONCEPTS 29,410 —*Ant.* cheer, happiness, joy

**pique** [*v*] *offend, provoke* absorb, affront, annoy, arouse, bother, bug\*, displease, egg on\*, exasperate, excite, fire up\*, gall, galvanize, get\*, get a rise out of\*, get under skin\*, give a hard time\*, give the business\*, goad, goose\*, grab, ignite, incense, irk, irritate, kindle, make waves\*, miff\*, mortify, motivate, move, nettle, offend, peeve, prick, put out\*, quicken, rile, rouse, spur, stimulate, sting\*, stir, vex, whet, work up\*, wound; CONCEPTS 7,14,19,22 —*Ant.* delight, please

**piracy** [*n*] *robbery* bootlegging, buccaneering, commandeering, copying, freebooting, hijacking, infringement, marauding, pirating, plagiarism, rapine, stealing, swashbuckling, theft; CONCEPTS 139,192

**pirate** [*n*] *buccaneer* corsair, filibuster, freebooter, marauder, picaroon, privateer, raider, rover, sea rover; CONCEPT 412

**pissed off** [*adj*] *angry* affronted, annoyed, bent out of shape\*, boiling\*, cross, displeased, enraged, fighting mad\*, fit to be tied\*, fuming, furious, hopping mad\*, hot, huffy\*, in a tizzy\*, incensed, inflamed, infuriated, irate, irritated, livid, mad, maddened, offended, outraged, peed\*, peeved off\*, provoked, raging, riled, sore, steamed, steamed up, steaming, storming, t'd off\*, tee'd off\*, ticked off\*; CONCEPT 403

**pistol** [*n*] *revolver* firearm, forty-five\*, gun, handgun, piece\*, rod\*, Saturday night special\*, six-shooter, thirty-eight\*; CONCEPT 500

**pit** [*n*] *hole, cavity* abyss, chasm, crater, dent, depression, dimple, excavation, grave, gulf, hell, hollow, indentation, mine, perforation, pockmark, pothole, puncture, shaft, tomb, trench, well; CONCEPTS 509,513 —*Ant.* mountain

**pit** [*v*] *oppose, play off* contend, counter, match, put in opposition, set against, vie; CONCEPTS 92,363 —*Ant.* agree, go along

**pitch** [*n1*] *tilt* angle, cant, degree, dip, gradient, height, incline, level, point, slant, slope, steepness; CONCEPTS 692,738

**pitch** [*n2*] *tone of sound* frequency, harmonic, modulation, rate, sound, timbre; CONCEPT 65

**pitch** [*n3*] *talk to convince* patter\*, persuasion, sales talk, song and dance\*, spiel\*; CONCEPTS 68,278

**pitch** [*v1*] *throw, hurl* bung, cast, chuck\*, fire, fling, gun, heave, launch, lob, peg, sling, toss, unseat; CONCEPT 222

**pitch** [*v2*] *put up, erect* fix, locate, place, plant, raise, settle, set up, station; CONCEPT 168 —*Ant.* destroy, raze

**pitch** [*v3*] *dive, roll* ascend, bend, bicker, careen, descend, dip, drive, drop, fall, flounder, go down, heave, lean, lunge, lurch, plunge, rise, rock, seesaw, slope, slump, stagger, tilt, topple,

toss, tumble, vault, wallow, welter, yaw; CONCEPTS 147,181,201

**pitcher** [*n1*] *jug* amphora, bottle, canteen, carafe, container, crock, cruet, decanter, ewer, flagon, flask, jar, vase, vessel; CONCEPT 494

**pitcher** [*n2*] *baseball pitcher* ace\*, baseball player, closer, hurler, knuckleballer, middle reliever, reliever; CONCEPT 366

**pitch in** [*v*] *help*; *get busy* aid, attack, begin, buckle down\*, chip in\*, come through, commence, contribute, cooperate, do, do one's bit\*, fall to\*, get cracking\*, get going, go to it\*, hop to it\*, join in, jump in\*, launch, lend a hand\*, participate, plunge into\*, set about, set to, subscribe, tackle, tee off\*, volunteer, wade in; CONCEPTS 100,110 —*Ant.* hinder, hurl, prevent

**piteous** [*adj*] *miserable, pathetic* beseeching, commiserable, deplorable, distressing, doleful, dolorous, entreating, grievous, heartbreaking, heartrending, imploring, lamentable, melancholy, mournful, moving, pitiable, pitiful, plaintive, poignant, poor, rueful, ruined, sad, sorrowful, supplicating, woeful, wretched; CONCEPTS 485,529 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy

**pitfall** [*n*] *hazard, trap* booby trap\*, catch\*, danger, deadfall\*, difficulty, downfall, drawback, entanglement, hook\*, mesh\*, mouse-trap\*, peril, pit\*, quicksand\*, risk, setup\*, snag\*, snare, swindle\*, toil, web; CONCEPTS 674,679 —*Ant.* advantage, blessing, good luck

**pithy** [*adj*] *brief, to the point* cogent, compact, concise, crisp, curt, down to brass tacks\*, effective, epigrammatic, expressive, honed, laconic, meaningful, meaty\*, pointed, short, short-and-sweet\*, significant, succinct, terse, trenchant; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* long-winded, verbose, wordy

**pitiful** [*adj*] *in bad shape; poor* abject, affecting, afflicted, arousing, base, beggarly, cheap, cheerless, discomfort, commiserative, compassionate, contemptible, deplorable, despicable, dismal, distressed, distressing, grievous, heart-breaking, heartrending, inadequate, insignificant, joyless, lamentable, low, mean, miserable, mournful, moving, paltry, pathetic, piteous, pitiable, sad, scurvy, shabby, sorrowful, sorry, stirring, suffering, tearful, touching, vile, woeful, worthless, wretched; CONCEPTS 485,529 —*Ant.* excellent, happy, superb, superior, wonderful, worthwhile

**pitiless** [*adj*] *without mercy or care* austere, barbarous, brutal, callous, cold\*, coldblooded\*, coldhearted\*, cruel, cutthroat\*, dog-eat-dog\*, frigid, hardhearted\*, harsh, hatchetjob\*, heartless, implacable, indifferent, inexorable, inhuman, inhumane, insensible, killer instinct\*, mean, merciless, obdurate, relentless, remorseless, ruthless, satanic, savage, soulless\*, stony\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* charitable, kind, merciful, sympathetic

**piteance** [*n*] *small amount* allowance, bit, chicken feed\*, dribble\*, drop\*, drop in the bucket\*, inadequacy, insufficiency, mite, modicum, peanuts\*, pension, portion, ration, scrap\*, slave wages\*, smidgen, trace, trifle; CONCEPTS 344,787 —*Ant.* generosity, lot, plenty

**pity** [*n1*] *feeling of mercy toward another* benevolence, charity, clemency, comfort, commiseration, compassion, compunction,

condolement, condolence, dejection, distress, empathy, favor, forbearance, goodness, grace, humanity, kindness, kindness, lenity, melancholy, mercy, philanthropy, quarter, rue, ruth, sadness, solace, sorrow, sympathy, tenderness, understanding, warmth; CONCEPTS 410,657 —*Ant.* disdain, malevolence, mercilessness

**pity** [*n2*] *sad situation* bad luck, catastrophe, crime, crisis, crying shame\*, disaster, mischance, misfortune, mishap, regret, shame, sin; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* advantage, blessing, good fortune

**pity** [*v*] *feel sorry for; spare* ache\*, be sorry for, be sympathetic, bleed for\*, comfort, commiserate, condole, console, feel for, feel with, forgive, give quarter\*, grant amnesty, grieve with, have compassion, have mercy on, identify with, lament with, pardon, put out of one's misery\*, relent, relieve, show forgiveness\*, show sympathy\*, solace, soothe, sympathize, take pity on\*, understand, weep for\*; CONCEPTS 10, 34,83 —*Ant.* disdain, scorn

**pivot** [*n*] *center point about which something revolves* axis, axle, center, focal point, fulcrum, heart, hinge, hub, kingpin, shaft, spindle, swivel, turning point; CONCEPTS 445,464,498,830 —*Ant.* exterior, exteriority, outside

**pivot** [*v*] *revolve around center point* be contingent, depend, hang, hinge, rely, rotate, sheer, spin, swivel, turn, twirl, veer, volte-face, wheel, whip, whirl; CONCEPTS 147,532

**pivotal** [*adj*] *important* cardinal, central, climactic, critical, crucial, decisive, determining, essential, focal, middle, momentous, overriding, overruling, principal, ruling, vital; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* inconsequential, unimportant, unsubstantial

**pixie** [*n*] *faery* bogie, brownie, elf, fay, gnome, goblin, gremlin, hob, imp, leprechaun, nisse, puck, spirit, sprite; CONCEPT 370

**pizzazz** [*n*] *energy; flamboyance* ability, animation, aptitude, bounce, dash, drive, effectiveness, élan, fire, force, forcefulness, get-up-and-go\*, gift, hustle, intensity, juice, knack, life, liveliness, moxie\*, muscle, oomph\*, panache, pep, pluck, potency, power, presence, punch, push, shine\*, spirit, splash\*, spunk, stamina, vim, virility, vitality, vivacity, zeal, zest, zing, zip\*; CONCEPTS 411,630,706

**placard** [*n*] *sign, notice* advertisement, announcement, banner, bill, billboard, handbill, marquee, poster, public notice, signboard; CONCEPTS 271,284

**placate** [*v*] *soothe, pacify* appease, assuage, calm, cheer, comfort, conciliate, humor, make peace\*, make up\*, mollify, pacify, play up to\*, pour oil on\*, propitiate, reconcile, satisfy, soft-pedal\*, soothe, stroke\*, sweeten, tranquilize, win over\*; CONCEPTS 7,22,126 —*Ant.* agitate, upset, worry

**place** [*n1*] *location with purpose, function* abode, accommodation, apartment, area, berth, city, community, compass, corner, country, distance, district, domicile, dwelling, field, habitat, hamlet, hangout, hole\*, home, house, joint, latitude, lay, locale, locality, locus, longitude, neighborhood, niche, nook, pad\*, part, plant, point, position, property, quarter, region, reservation, residence, room, seat, section, site, situ-

ation, spot, station, stead, suburb, town, venue, vicinity, village, volume, whereabouts, zone; CONCEPTS 435,515

**place** [*n2*] *position, rank* capacity, character, footing, grade, pecking order\*, slot, standing, state, station, status; CONCEPT 388

**place** [*n3*] *job, employment* appointment, berth, connection, occupation, office, position, post, profession, situation, spot, trade; CONCEPT 360 —*Ant.* unemployment

**place** [*n4*] *duty, role* affair, charge, concern, function, prerogative, responsibility, right; CONCEPT 532

**place** [*v1*] *locate, situate* allocate, allot, assign, deposit, distribute, establish, finger, fix, install, lay, lodge, nail, park, peg, plant, position, put, quarter, repose, rest, set, settle, spot, stand, station, stick, store, stow; CONCEPT 201 —*Ant.* dislodge, displace, empty, lose, misplace, remove

**place** [*v2*] *order, sort* allocate, appoint, approximate, arrange, assign, call, charge, class, classify, commission, constitute, delegate, deputize, designate, entrust, estimate, fix, give, grade, group, judge, name, nominate, ordain, put, rank, reckon; CONCEPTS 50,84,88,98 —*Ant.* disarrange, discompose, disorder

**place** [*v3*] *identify, recognize* associate, determine, determine, diagnose, distinguish, figure out\*, finger\*, indicate, know, nail\*, peg\*, pinpoint, put one's finger on\*, remember, set in context, spot, tell; CONCEPT 38 —*Ant.* forget, overlook

**placebo** [*n*] *fake pill* inactive drug, inactive medicine, inactive substance, sugar pill, test substance; CONCEPTS 260,412

**placid** [*adj*] *calm, mild* collected, composed, cool\*, cool as a cucumber\*, detached, easygoing, equable, even, even-tempered, gentle, halcyon, hushed, imperturbable, irenic, peaceful, poised, quiet, restful, self-possessed, serene, still, tranquil; CONCEPTS 401,485 —*Ant.* agitated, excited

**plagiarism** [*n*] *copying of another's written work* appropriation, borrowing, counterfeiting, cribbing, falsification, fraud, infringement, lifting, literary theft, piracy, stealing, theft; CONCEPTS 139,192 —*Ant.* original, originality

**plague** [*n1*] *disease that is widespread* affliction, contagion, curse, epidemic, hydra, infection, infestation, influenza, invasion, outbreak, pandemic, pestilence, rash, ravage, scourge; CONCEPT 306

**plague** [*n2*] *annoyance, curse* affliction, aggravation, bane, besetment, blast, blight, bother, botheration, calamity, cancer, evil, exasperation, hydra, irritant, nuisance, pain, pest, problem, scourge, thorn in side, torment, trial, vexation; CONCEPTS 674,679 —*Ant.* advantage, good fortune, good luck

**plague** [*v*] *annoy, disturb* afflict, badger, bedevil, beleague, bother, chafe, fret, gall, gnaw, harass, harry, hassle, haunt, hector, hound, infest, irk, molest, pain, persecute, pester, pursue, ride, tease, torment, torture, trouble, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help, please

**plaid** [*adj*] *checkered* checked, tartan, variegated; CONCEPTS 259,625

**plain** [adj1] *clear, obvious* apparent, audible, big as life\*, broad, comprehensible, definite, distinct, evident, legible, lucid, manifest, open, open-and-shut\*, palpable, patent, talking turkey\*, transparent, understandable, visible; CONCEPTS 529,535,576 —**Ant.** complex, complicated, hidden, intricate, obscured, unclear, vague

**plain** [adj2] *straightforward in speech* abrupt, artless, blunt, candid, direct, forthright, frank, guileless, honest, impolite, ingenuous, open, outspoken, rude, sincere; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** abstruse, ambiguous, incomprehensible, imperceptible, obscure, unclear, vague

**plain** [adj3] *normal, everyday* average, common, commonplace, conventional, dull, homely, lowly, modest, ordinary, quotidian, routine, simple, traditional, usual, vanilla\*, white-bread\*, workaday; CONCEPT 547 —**Ant.** abnormal, complex, difficult, extraordinary, uncommon

**plain** [adj4] *unembellished, basic* austere, bare, bare bones\*, clean, discreet, dry, modest, muted, pure, restrained, severe, simple, spartan, stark, stripped down, unvarnished, vanilla\*; CONCEPTS 485,589 —**Ant.** decorated, dressed-up, embellished, formal, ornate

**plain** [adj5] *ugly* deformed, hard on the eyes\*, homely, not beautiful, ordinary, plain-featured; CONCEPT 579 —**Ant.** attractive, beautiful, pretty

**plain** [n] *level land* campaign, expanse, field, flat, flatland, grassland, heath, level, meadow, moor, moorland, open country, plateau, prairie, steppe, tundra; CONCEPT 509

**plaintive** [adj] *pathetic, woebegone* beefing\*, bellyaching\*, cantankerous, crabby\*, cranky\*, disconsolate, doleful, grief-stricken, grievous, grouching, grumpy\*, heartrending, lamenting, lugubrious, melancholy, mournful, out of sorts\*, pathetic, piteous, pitiful, rueful, sad, saddening, sorrowful, wailing, wistful, woeful; CONCEPTS 401,529 —**Ant.** cheerful, happy

**plan** [n1] *scheme, design, way of doing things* aim, angle, animus, arrangement, big picture\*, contrivance, course of action, deal, device, disposition, expedient, game plan, gimmick, ground plan, idea, intent, intention, layout, machination, meaning, means, method, orderliness, outline, pattern, picture, platform, plot, policy, procedure, program, project, projection, proposal, proposition, purpose, scenario, stratagem, strategy, suggestion, system, tactics, treatment, trick, undertaking; CONCEPT 660

**plan** [n2] *written description; diagram* agenda, agenda, blueprint, chart, delineation, draft, drawing, form, illustration, layout, map, projection, prospectus, representation, road map, rough draft, scale drawing, sketch, time line, view; CONCEPTS 268,271,625

**plan** [v1] *think out; prepare in advance* arrange, bargain for, block out, blueprint, brainstorm\*, calculate, concoct, conspire, contemplate, contrive, cook up\*, craft, design, devise, draft, engineer, figure on, figure out, fix to, form, formulate, frame, hatch\*, intrigue, invent, lay in provisions, line up\*, make arrangements, map, meditate, organize, outline, plot, project, quarterback\*, ready, reckon on, represent, rough in\*, scheme, set out, shape, sketch, steer, trace, work out; CONCEPT 36 —**Ant.** forget, ignore, neglect

**plan** [v2] *intend, mean* aim, bargain for\*, contemplate, count on, design, envisage, foresee, have every intention\*, mind, propose, purpose, reckon on\*; CONCEPTS 26,35

**plane** [adj] *level, horizontal* even, flat, flush, plain, planate, regular, smooth, uniform; CONCEPTS 490,581 —**Ant.** upright, vertical

**plane** [n1] *flat surface; level* condition, degree, extension, face, facet, footing, grade, horizontal, obverse, position, sphere, stratum; CONCEPTS 744,757

**plane** [n2] *aircraft* airbus, airplane, airship, bird\*, craft, crate, jet, ship, twin-engine; CONCEPT 504

**planet** [n] *celestial body orbiting a star* apple\*, asteroid, earth, globe, heavenly body, luminous body, marble, orb\*, planetoid, sphere, terrine, wandering star\*, world; CONCEPT 511

**plant** [n1] *organism belonging to the vegetable kingdom* annual, biennial, bush, creeper\*, cutting\*, flower, grass, greenery, herb, perennial, seedling, shoot, shrub, slip, sprout, tree, vine, weed; CONCEPT 429 —**Ant.** animal

**plant** [n2] *factory and its buildings, equipment* apparatus, forge, foundry, gear, machinery, manufactory, mill, shop, works, yard; CONCEPTS 439,449,463,496

**plant** [v1] *put in the ground for growing* bury, cover, farm, grow, implant, pitch, pot, raise, scatter, seed, seed down, set out, sow, start, stock, transplant; CONCEPTS 178,253 —**Ant.** harvest, reap

**plant** [v2] *establish, set* deposit, fix, found, imbed, insert, install, institute, lodge, park, plank, plank down, plant, plug, root, settle, station; CONCEPTS 18,201,221 —**Ant.** disestablish, disorder, disorganize, unsettle, upset

**plantation** [n] *large farm estate, farmstead, hacienda, homestead, orchard, ranch, vineyard*; CONCEPTS 258,449,509,517

**plaster** [n] *thick, gooey material that hardens* adhesive, binding, cement, coat, dressing, glue, gum, gypsum, lime, mortar, mullage, paste, plaster of Paris, stucco; CONCEPTS 466,475

**plaster** [v] *spread, smear* adhere, bedaub, besmear, bind, cement, coat, cover, daub, glue, gum, overlay, paste, smudge; CONCEPT 202

**plastered** [adj] *drunk* bashed, blitzed\*, bombed\*, boozed up\*, buzzed\*, crocked\*, dead drunk\*, dead to the world\*, drinking, drunk as a skunk\*, drunken, feeling good\*, feeling no pain\*, flushed\*, flying\*, fried\*, gone\*, groggy, half-crocked\*, half in the bag\*, high\*, hooched up\*, inebriated, juiced\*, liquored up\*, lit\*, loaded\*, pissed\*, polluted\*, potted\*, sauced\*, schnockerd\*, seeing double\*, sloshed\*, stewed\*, stoned\*, tanked\*, three sheets to the wind\*, tipsy, totaled\*, under the influence, under the table\*, wasted\*, woozy\*, zonked\*; CONCEPTS 314,545

**plastic** [adj1] *flexible, soft; made of manufactured, treated compounds* bending, ductile, elastic, ficlike, formable, moldable, molded, pliable, pliant, resilient, shapeable, supple, workable; CONCEPT 604 —**Ant.** hard, inflexible, stiff

**plastic** [adj2] *easily influenced* amenable, bending, compliant, docile, ductile, flexible, giving, impressionable, influenceable, malleable, manageable, moldable, pliable, pliant,

receptive, responsive, suggestible, supple, susceptible, tractable, yielding; CONCEPT 542  
 —*Ant.* inflexible, unflappable

**plastic** [*adj*3] *artificial; made of manufactured compounds* cast, chemical, ersatz, false, manufactured, phony, pseudo\*, substitute, synthetic, unnatural; CONCEPT 582

**plastic surgery** [*n*] *cosmetic surgery* blepharoplasty, breast implant, breast reduction, collagen injections, dermabrasion, dermatoplasty, eyelift, face-lift, face-lifting, liposuction, mammoplasty, mammoplasty, nose job, reconstructive surgery, rhinoplasty, skin grafting, suction lipectomy, tummy tuck; CONCEPT 310

**plate** [*n*1] *dish or meal served* bowl, casserole, course, helping, platter, portion, service, serving, trencher; CONCEPTS 459,493

**plate** [*n*2] *sheet, panel* coat, disc, flake, foil, lamella, lamina, layer, leaf, plane, print, scale, slab, slice, spangle, stratum; CONCEPT 475

**plate** [*v*] *coat with metallic material* anodize, bronze, chrome, cover, electroplate, enamel, encrust, face, flake, foil, gild, laminate, layer, nickel, overlay, platinize, scale, silver, stratify; CONCEPTS 172,202

**plateau** [*n*] *level; flat, often high, land* elevation, highland, mesa, plain, stage, table, tableland, upland; CONCEPTS 509,744

**platform** [*n*1] *stand or stage* belvedere, dais, floor, podium, pulpit, rostrum, scaffold, scaffolding, staging, terrace; CONCEPTS 440,443

**platform** [*n*2] *political stance, promises* manifesto, objectives, party line\*, plank, policy, principle, program, soapbox\*, stump\*, tenets; CONCEPTS 278,689

**platitude** [*n*] *dull, overused saying* banality, boiler plate\*, bromide\*, buzzword, chestnut\*, cliché, commonplace, corn\*, evenness, familiar tune\*, flatness, hackneyed saying, high camp\*, hokum\*, inanity, insipidity, monotony, motto, old chestnut\*, old story\*, potboiler\*, prosaicism, proverb, saw\*, shibboleth, stereotype, tag\*, triteness, trite remark, triviality, truism, vapidly, verbiage; CONCEPTS 278,388 —*Ant.* coinage, nuance

**platonically** [*adj*] *expressing nonphysical love* ideal, idealistic, intellectual, quixotic, spiritual, transcendent, Utopian, visionary; CONCEPTS 403,555 —*Ant.* physical

**platoon** [*n*] *group of military people* army, array, batch, battery, bunch, clump, cluster, company, detachment, lot, outfit, parcel, patrol, set, squad, squadron, team, troop, unit; CONCEPTS 322,417

**plaudits** [*n*] *applause* acclaim, acclamation, accolade, big hand, cheering, cheers, clapping, commendation, hand, hurrahs, kudos, laudation, ovation, praise, raves, rooting, stamping, standing ovation; CONCEPTS 69,189

**plausible** [*adj*] *reasonable, believable* conceivable, credible, creditable, like enough\*, likely, logical, persuasive, possible, presumable, probable, smooth, sound, supposable, tenable, valid, very likely; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* implausible, improbable, unbelievable, unlikely, unreasonable

**play** [*n*1] *theater piece* comedy, curtain-raiser\*, drama, entertainment, farce, flop\*, hit\*, mask\*, musical, one-act\*, opera, performance, pot-

boiler\*, show, smash\*, smash hit\*, stage show, theatrical, tragedy, turkey\*; CONCEPT 263

**play** [*n*2] *amusement, entertainment* caper, dalliance, delight, disport, diversion, foolery, frisk, frolic, fun, gambol, game, gaming, happiness, humor, jest, joking, lark, match, pastime, pleasure, prank, recreation, relaxation, romp, sport, sportiveness, teasing; CONCEPTS 292,363 —*Ant.* work

**play** [*n*3] *latitude, range* action, activity, elbow-room\*, exercise, give, leeway, margin, motion, movement, operation, room, scope, space, sweep, swing, working\*; CONCEPTS 651,745 —*Ant.* extreme

**play** [*v*1] *have fun* amuse oneself, be life of party\*, caper, carouse, carry on, cavort, clown, cut capers, cut up\*, dally, dance, disport, divert, entertain oneself, fool around, frisk, frolic, gambol, go on a spree\*, horse around\*, idle away, joke, jump, kibitz\*, kick up heels\*, let go\*, let loose\*, let one's hair down\*, make merry, mess around\*, rejoice, revel, romp, show off, skip, sport, toy, trifle; CONCEPTS 292,384 —*Ant.* work

**play** [*v*2] *compete in sport* be on a team, challenge, contend, contest, disport, engage in, participate, recreate, rival, sport, take on, take part, vie; CONCEPTS 92,363 —*Ant.* watch

**play** [*v*3] *act; take the part of* act the part of, discourse, do\*, enact, execute, ham\*, ham it up\*, impersonate, lay an egg\*, perform, personate, playact, play a gig\*, portray, present, read a part, represent, take the role of, tread the boards\*; CONCEPT 292 —*Ant.* direct

**play** [*v*4] *gamble, risk* bet, chance, exploit, finesse, game, hazard, jockey\*, lay money on\*, maneuver, manipulate, put, set, speculate, stake, take, wager; CONCEPTS 341,363

**play** [*v*5] *produce music* blow, bow, drum, execute, fiddle, fidget, finger, operate, pedal, perform, render, tickle, work; CONCEPT 65 —*Ant.* listen

**play ball** [*v*] *cooperate* agree, be in cahoots, collaborate, comply with, conspire, go along with, join forces, join in, participate, play the game\*, pull together, stick together, work together; CONCEPTS 110,112

**play dirty** [*v*] *cheat* bamboozle\*, beguile, bend the rules\*, bilk, bum, caboodle, chisel, con, deceive, defraud, do a number on\*, double-cross, double-deal, dupe, finagle, fleece, flimflam, fudge\*, hit below the belt\*, hoodwink, hose, mislead, pull something funny\*, rip off\*, rook\*, sandbag, scam, screw, shaft, stack the cards\*, stretch the rules\*, sucker, swindle, trick, victimize; CONCEPTS 59,139,192

**play down** [*v*] *pretend as if something were unimportant* belittle, deemphasize, gloss over\*, hold back\*, make light of\*, make little of\*, minimize, mute, restrain, soften, soft-pedal\*, underplay, understate; CONCEPTS 49,59,63 —*Ant.* blow up, build up, explode, play up

**player** [*n*1] *person participating in sport* amateur, athlete, champ, competitor, contestant, jock\*, member, opponent, participant, pro, professional, rookie, sportsperson, superjock\*, sweat\*, team player; CONCEPT 366 —*Ant.* fan, spectator

**player** [*n*2] *person who acts in performance*

actor, bit player, entertainer, extra, ham\*, hambone\*, impersonator, lead, mime, mimic, performer, playactor, scene stealer\*, stand-in, star, thespian, trouper, understudy, walk-on; CONCEPT 352 —**Ant.** director

**player** [n3] *person who produces music* artist, instrumentalist, musician, music maker, performer, rocker, soloist, virtuoso; CONCEPT 352 —**Ant.** conductor

**playful** [adj] *funny, fun-loving* antic, blithe, cheerful, coltish\*, comical, elvish\*, feeling one's oats\*, flirtatious, frisky, frolicsome, full of pep\*, gamesome, gay, good-natured, impish, jaunty, jesting, jocund, joking, joyous, light-hearted, lively, merry, mirthful, mischievous, prankish, puckish, rollicking, snappy, spirited, sportive, sprightly, teasing, tongue-in-cheek\*, vivacious, waggish, whimsical, zippy\*; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** humorless, serious, working

**playground** [n] *recreation area* jungle gym, park, playing field; CONCEPTS 509,513

**play it safe** [v] *be cautious* avoid risk, be on the safe side, hedge one's bets\*, take no chances, take precautions; CONCEPTS 401,403

**plaything** [n] *toy* amusement, bauble, doll, gadget, game, gimcrack, pastime, trifle, trinket; CONCEPT 446 —**Ant.** tool

**play up** [v] *emphasize* accentuate, bring to the fore\*, call attention to, feature, highlight, italicize\*, magnify, make a production of\*, point up, stress, turn spotlight on\*, underline, underscore; CONCEPT 49 —**Ant.** deemphasize, play down, underrate, undervalue

**playwright** [n] *person who writes for the theater* author, dramatist, dramaturge, dramaturgist, librettist, scenarist, scripter, tragedian, writer; CONCEPT 348

**plaza** [n] *central location, spot* common, court, green, park, square, village green; CONCEPTS 509,513

**plea** [n1] *begging request* appeal, application, entreaty, imploration, imprecation, intercession, orison, overture, petition, prayer, round robin\*, solicitation, suit, supplication; CONCEPT 662 —**Ant.** answer, reply

**plea** [n2] *excuse, defense* action, alibi, allegation, apology, argument, cause, claim, cop-out\*, explanation, extenuation, fish tale\*, justification, mitigation, out, palliation, pleading, pretext, rationalization, right, song and dance\*, story, vindication, whitewash\*; CONCEPTS 57,278,318 —**Ant.** decision, sentence

**plead** [v1] *beg, request* appeal, ask, beseech, cop a plea\*, crave, crawl, entreat, entreaty, implore, importune, make up for, petition, pray, solicit, square things\*, supplicate; CONCEPT 48 —**Ant.** answer, reply

**plead** [v2] *present a defense* adduce, advocate, allege, answer charges, argue, assert, avouch, cite, cop a plea\*, declare, give evidence, maintain, plea bargain, present, put forward, respond, use as excuse, vouch; CONCEPTS 49,317 —**Ant.** decide, punish, sentence

**pleasant** [adj] *acceptable; friendly* affable, agreeable, amiable, amusing, bland, charming, cheerful, civil, civilized, congenial, convivial, cool\*, copacetic, cordial, delectable, delightful, diplomatic, enchanting, engaging, enjoyable, fine, fine and dandy\*, fun, genial, good-

humored, gracious, gratifying, homey, jolly, jovial, kindly, likable, lovely, mild, mild-mannered, nice, obliging, pleasing, pleasurable, polite, refreshing, satisfying, social, soft, sweet, sympathetic, urbane, welcome; CONCEPTS 542,548,572 —**Ant.** bothersome, disagreeable, hateful, nasty, troubling, unacceptable, unfriendly, unhappy, unpleasant, worrisome

**pleasantry** [n] *nice remark* badinage, banter, bon mot\*, humor, jest, joke, joking, levity, merriment, quip, quirk, repartee, sally\*, squib\*, wit, witticism; CONCEPTS 273,278 —**Ant.** criticism

**please** [v1] *delight, make happy* amuse, charm, cheer, content, enchant, entertain, fill the bill\*, gladden, go over big\*, grab, gratify, hit the spot\*, humor, indulge, kill\*, make the grade\*, overjoy, satisfy, score, suit, sweep off feet\*, tickle\*, tickle pink\*, titillate, turn on\*, wow\*; CONCEPTS 7,22 —**Ant.** anger, annoy, depress, displease, disturb, upset, worry

**please** [v2] *will, elect to do* be inclined, choose, command, demand, desire, like, opt, prefer, see fit, want, wish; CONCEPT 20 —**Ant.** be unwilling, deny, refuse

**pleasing/pleasurable** [adj] *welcome, nice* agreeable, amiable, amusing, charming, congenial, delightful, enchanting, engaging, enjoyable, entertaining, favorable, good, grateful, gratifying, likable, luscious, musical, palatable, pleasant, polite, satisfactory, satisfying, savory, suitable, sweet, winning; CONCEPTS 537,572 —**Ant.** bad, disagreeable, dismal, displeasing, grim, hurtful, troublesome, unpleasant, unwelcome, upsetting

**pleasure** [n1] *delight, happiness* amusement, bliss, buzz\*, comfort, contentment, delectation, diversion, ease, enjoyment, entertainment, felicity, flash\*, fruition, game, gladness, gluttony, gratification, gusto, hobby, indulgence, joie de vivre, joy, joyride\*, kick\*, kicks\*, luxury, primrose path\*, recreation, relish, revelry, satisfaction, seasoning, self-indulgence, solace, spice, thrill, titillation, turn-on\*, velvet\*, zest; CONCEPT 388 —**Ant.** gloom, melancholy, pain, sadness, sorrow, trouble, unhappiness, worry

**pleasure** [n2] *will, inclination* choice, command, desire, fancy, liking, mind, option, preference, purpose, velleity, want, wish; CONCEPTS 20,659 —**Ant.** dislike, hate, hatred

**plebeian** [adj] *base, lower-class* banal, coarse, common, conventional, humble, ignoble, low, lowborn, lowly, mean, ordinary, pedestrian, popular, proletarian, traditional, uncultivated, unrefined, unsophisticated, unwashed\*, vulgar, working-class; CONCEPT 549 —**Ant.** aristocratic, noble, rich, upper-class, wealthy

**plebeian** [n] *person of lower class* commonalty, commoner, common people, peasant, person in the street\*, pleb\*, plebe\*, proletarian, rank and file\*; CONCEPTS 413,423 —**Ant.** aristocrat, noble, patrician, rich, wealthy

**pledge** [n1] *word of honor* agreement, assurance, covenant, guarantee, health, oath, promise, toast, undertaking, vow, warrant, word; CONCEPTS 71,278 —**Ant.** break

**pledge** [n2] *sign of good faith* bail, bond, collateral, deposit, earnest, gage, guarantee, guaranty, pawn, security, surety, token, warrant, warranty; CONCEPTS 318,332,446 —**Ant.** break

**pledge** [*v*] *guarantee; give word of honor* contract, covenant, engage, give word\*, hock\*, hook\*, mortgage, pawn, plight, promise, sign for, soak\*, swear, undertake, vouch, vow; CONCEPT 71 —*Ant.* break, disobey, falsify

**plenary** [*adj*] *entire, whole* absolute, complete, full, general, inclusive, open, sweeping, thorough; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* incomplete, limited, part, partial, restricted

**plentiful/plenty** [*adj*] *abundant, productive* abounding, ample, bounteous, bountiful, bumper\*, chock-full\*, complete, copious, enough, excessive, extravagant, exuberant, fertile, flowing, flush\*, fruitful, full, fulsome, generous, improvident, infinite, large, lavish, liberal, lousy with\*, lush, luxuriant, overflowing, plenteous, prodigal, profuse, prolific, replete, rife, sufficient, superabundant, superfluous, swarming, swimming, teeming; CONCEPTS 762,781 —*Ant.* few, lacking, little, needing, rare, scarce, wanting

**plenty** [*n*] *much, abundance* affluence, avalanche\*, capacity, copiousness, cornucopia, deluge\*, enough, flood\*, fruitfulness, full house\*, fund, good deal\*, great deal\*, heaps\*, loads\*, lots, luxury, mass, masses\*, mine\*, mountains\*, oodles\*, opulence, peck\*, piles\*, plethora, profusion, prosperity, quantity, stacks\*, store, sufficiency, torrent\*, volume, wealth; CONCEPTS 767,787 —*Ant.* few, lack, little, need, scarcity, want

**plethora** [*n*] *excess* deluge, flood, glut, many, much, overabundance, overflow, overkill, overmuch, plenty, profusion, superabundance, superfluity, surfeit, surplus; CONCEPTS 767,787 —*Ant.* few, lack, little, need, rarity, scarcity, want

**pliable** [*adj*] *bendable, adaptable* compliant, docile, ductile, easily led, easy, flexible, impressionable, limber, lithe, malleable, manageable, manipulable, moldable, obedient, plastic, pliant, putty\*, receptive, responsive, rolling with the punches\*, spongy, submissive, supple, susceptible, tractable, yielding; CONCEPTS 404,488 —*Ant.* inflexible, rigid, stiff, unadaptable, unbendable, unpliant, unpliant, unyielding

**plight** [*n*] *dilemma, difficulty; situation* bad news\*, circumstances, condition, corner\*, double trouble\*, extremity, fix\*, hole\*, impasse, jam, perplexity, pickle\*, pinch\*, predicament, quandary, scrape\*, spot\*, state\*, straits, tight situation, trouble; CONCEPTS 666, 674 —*Ant.* blessing, boon, good fortune

**plod** [*v1*] *walk heavily* clump\*, drag, flounder, hike, lumber\*, plug, scuffle\*, slog\*, stamp, stomp, toil, tramp, trample, tread, tromp, trudge, wallow; CONCEPT 151 —*Ant.* tiptoe, walk lightly

**plod** [*v2*] *work slowly and under duress* bear down\*, buckle down\*, drudge, grind, knuckle down\*, labor, persevere, plough through\*, plug away\*, scratch\*, slave, sweat\*, toil; CONCEPTS 87,677 —*Ant.* breeze

**plot** [*n1*] *plan, scheme* artifice, booby trap\*, cabal, collusion, complicity, connivance, conning, conspiracy, contrivance, covin, design, device, fix, frame, frame-up\*, game, intrigue, little game\*, machination, maneuver, practice, ruse, scam, setup, stratagem, trick; CONCEPT 660

**plot** [*n2*] *story line* action, design, development, enactment, events, incidents, movement, narrative, outline, picture, progress, scenario, scene, scheme, story, structure, subject, suspense, theme, thread, unfolding; CONCEPTS 264,282

**plot** [*n3*] *tract of land* acreage, allotment, area, division, ground, land, lot, parcel, patch, piece, plat, spread; CONCEPTS 509,513

**plot** [*v1*] *plan, scheme* angle, brew\*, cabal, cogitate, collude, conceive, concoct, connive, conspire, contrive, cook up\*, design, devise, draft, finagle, frame, hatch\*, imagine, intrigue, lay\*, machinate, maneuver, operate, outline, project, promote, rough out\*, set up, sketch, wangle; CONCEPT 36 —*Ant.* forget, neglect

**plot** [*v2*] *map out; draw* calculate, chart, compute, draft, lay out, locate, mark, outline, put forward; CONCEPTS 36,79,174

**plow** [*v*] *dig up ground for cultivation* break, break ground, bulldoze, cultivate, farm, furrow, harrow, harvest, list, push, rake, reap, ridge, rush, shove, smash, till, trench, turn, turn over; CONCEPT 178 —*Ant.* fill

**ploy** [*n*] *game, trick* artifice, contrivance, device, dodge, feint, gambit, maneuver, move, play, ruse, scheme, stratagem, subterfuge, tactic, wile; CONCEPT 59

**pluck** [*n*] *person's resolution, courage* backbone\*, boldness, bravery, dauntlessness, determination, grit, guts\*, hardihood, heart\*, intestinal fortitude\*, intrepidity, mettle, moxie\*, nerve, resolution, spirit, spunk; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* cowardice, dispiritedness, irresolution

**pluck** [*v*] *grab, pull out; pick* at catch, clutch, collect, cull, draw, finger, gather, harvest, jerk, plunk, pull at, snatch, strum, tug, tweak, yank; CONCEPT 206 —*Ant.* insert

**plucky** [*adj*] *brave* adventurous, bold, confident, courageous, daring, determined, fearless, game, gritty, gutsy, heroic, lionhearted, nervy, persevering, spirited, sporting, spunky, stalwart, tenacious, unafraid, undaunted, unfeared, valiant; CONCEPT 401

**plug** [*n1*] *stopper* bung, connection, cork, filling, fitting, occlusion, river, spigot, stopple, tampon, wedge; CONCEPTS 471,836 —*Ant.* mouth, opening

**plug** [*n2*] *publicity* advertisement, blurb\*, good word\*, hype\*, mention, push\*, write-up; CONCEPT 274

**plug** [*v1*] *stop up* block, bung, choke, clog, close, congest, cork, cover, drive in, fill, obstruct, occlude, pack, ram, seal, secure, stop, stopper, stopple, stuff; CONCEPT 209 —*Ant.* uncork, unplug, unstopper

**plug** [*v2*] *publicize* advertise, boost\*, build up\*, hype\*, mention, promote, push\*, write up; CONCEPTS 49,60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, withhold

**plum** [*n*] *reward, prize* asset, bonus, carrot\*, catch\*, cream\*, dividend, find, meed, nugget\*, pick, premium, treasure; CONCEPTS 337,712 —*Ant.* penalty, punishment

**plumb** [*adj*] *vertical* erect, perpendicular, sheer, straight, straight up, up and down, upright; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* flat, horizontal, level

**plumb** [*v*] *probe, go into* delve, explore, fathom, gauge, get to the bottom of\*, measure, penetrate, search, sound, take soundings, unravel; CONCEPTS 181,216,291 —*Ant.* leave alone

**plummet** [v] *fall hard and fast* collapse, crash, decline, decrease, descend, dip, dive, downturn, drop, drop down, dump, fall, nose-dive, plunge, precipitate, sink, skid, stoop, swoop, tumble; CONCEPTS 181,698,763 —**Ant.** ascend, rise, shoot up

**plump** [adj] *chubby, fat* beefy\*, burly, buxom, chunky\*, corpulent, filled, fleshy, full, obese, portly, pudgy\*, rotund, round, stout, tubby\*; CONCEPT 491 —**Ant.** lean, skinny, thin

**plunder** [n] *something stolen* booty, goods\*, graft, hot goods\*, loot, make\*, pickings\*, pillage, plunderage, prey, prize, quarry, rapine, raven, spoil, stuff\*, take\*, trappings\*, winnings\*; CONCEPT 710 —**Ant.** gift

**plunder** [v] *ravage, steal* appropriate, burn, deplete, despoil, devastate, fleece, forage, foray, grab, gut, kip, knock off\*, knock over\*, lay waste, liberate, lift, loft, loot, maraud, moonlight requisition\*, pillage, prey, prowl, raid, ransack, relieve, requisition, rifle, rip off\*, rob, sack, salvage, smash and grab\*, snatch, spoil, stick up\*, strip; CONCEPTS 86,139,252

—**Ant.** give, receive

**plunge** [n] *quick drop; enthusiastic attempt* belly flop\*, descent, dive, duck, dunk, fall, high dive, immersion, investment, jump, nose-dive, spree, submergence, submersion, swoop, venture; CONCEPTS 100,150,152,181,194 —**Ant.** ascent, increase, rise

**plunge** [v] *dive or fall fast* belly-flop\*, career, cast, charge, dash, descend, dip, drive, drop, duck, fling, go down, go the limit, go whole hog\*, hurtle, immerse, immerse, jump, keel, lunge, lurch, nose-dive, pitch, plummet, plunk, propel, rush, shoot the works\*, sink, sound, submerge, submerge, swoop, take a flyer\*, take a header\*, tear, throw, throw oneself, thrust, topple, tumble; CONCEPTS 100,150,152,181,194 —**Ant.** ascend, increase, rise

**plunk** [v] *throw down* drop, dump, plonk, plop, plump, unload; CONCEPTS 181,200

**plural** [adj] *more than one* dual, many, multiple, not alone, not singular, numerous; CONCEPTS 564,762,772

**plurality** [n] *large part of a group* advantage, bulk, greater part, lead, majority, mass, most, multiplicity, nearly all, numerousness, preponderance, profusion, variety; CONCEPTS 382,829 —**Ant.** minority

**plus** [adj] *added, extra* additional, augmented, boosted, enlarged, expanded, increased, positive, supplementary, surplus; CONCEPTS 762,771 —**Ant.** detrimental, minus, negative

**plus** [n] *asset; something added* advantage, benefit, bonus, extra, gain, good point, overage, overstock, oversupply, perk, surplus; CONCEPT 693 —**Ant.** detriment, disadvantage, minus

**plush** [adj] *luxurious, rich* costly, deluxe, elegant, lavish, luscious, lush, luxury, opulent, palatial, ritzy, silken, sumptuous; CONCEPTS 334,589 —**Ant.** barren, destitute, poor

**ply** [v] *use, work at* carry on, dispense, employ, exercise, exert, follow, function, handle, maneuver, manipulate, practice, pursue, put out, swing, throw, utilize, wield; CONCEPTS 100, 225 —**Ant.** be lazy, idle

**poach** [v] *infringe upon; trespass* appropriate, encroach, filch, fish illegally, hunt illegally,

intrude, pilfer, plunder, rob, smuggle, steal;

CONCEPTS 139,192 —**Ant.** keep off

**pocket** [adj] *small, portable* abridged, canned, capsule, compact, concise, condensed, diminutive, epitomized, itty-bitsy\*, little, midget, miniature, minute, peewee\*, pint-sized\*, potted, tiny, wee; CONCEPT 773 —**Ant.** big, huge, large

**pocket** [n] *cavity, pouch* bag, chamber, compartment, hole, hollow, opening, receptacle, sack, socket; CONCEPTS 452,513 —**Ant.** mound, mountain

**pocket** [v] *help oneself to something* abstract, appropriate, conceal, enclose, filch, hide, lift, nab, pilfer, pinch, purloin, shoplift, steal, swipe, take; CONCEPTS 139,142 —**Ant.** give

**pocketbook** [n] *accessory for carrying personal items* bag, clutch, frame, handbag, hide, leather, pouch, purse, reticule, suitcase, wallet; CONCEPTS 446,450

**pockmark** [n] *pitlike scar* blemish, cavity, crater, dent, dimple, pimple, welt, zit; CONCEPT 580

**pod** [n/v] *encasement of vegetable seeds* capsule, case, covering, hull, husk, sheath, sheathing, shell, shuck, skin, vessel; CONCEPTS 428,484

**podium** [n] *structure from which speakers* orate dais, platform, pulpit, rostrum, soapbox\*, stage, stump\*; CONCEPT 443

**poem** [n] *highly expressive, rhythmical literary piece* ballad, beat, blank verse, composition, creation, epic, free verse, haiku, limerick, lines, lyric, ode, poesy, poetry, quatrain, rhyme, rime, rune, sestina, song, sonnet, verse, villanelle, words, writing; CONCEPTS 268,282 —**Ant.** prose

**poet** [n] *person who writes expressive, rhythmic* verse artist, author, balladist, bard, dilettante, dramatist, librettist, lyricist, lyric, maker, metrist, odist, parodist, poetaster, rhapsodist, rhymier, rimer, sonnetist, versifier, writer; CONCEPTS 348,423

**poetic** [adj] *with rhythm and beauty; related to poetic composition* anapestic, dactylic, dramatic, elegiac, epic, epical, epodic, iambic, idyllic, imaginative, lyric, lyrical, melodious, metrical, odic, rhythmical, romantic, songlike, tuneful; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** prosaic

**poetry** [n] *expressive, rhythmical literary work* balladry, doggerel, metrical composition, paean, poems, poesy, rhyme, rhyming, rime, rune, song, stanza, verse, versification; CONCEPTS 268,282,349 —**Ant.** prose

**poignant** [adj]1 *affecting, painful* agitating, agonizing, bitter, distressing, disturbing, emotional, heartbreaking, heartrending, impressive, intense, moving, passionate, pathetic, perturbing, piteous, pitiful, sad, sentimental, sorrowful, touching, upsetting; CONCEPTS 529,548 —**Ant.** calm, numb, pleasant, soothing, unaffacting

**poignant** [adj]2 *sharp, bitter* acrid, acute, biting, caustic, keen, penetrating, peppery, piercing, piquant, pointed, pungent, racy, sarcastic, severe, snappy, spicy, stinging, tangy, zesty; CONCEPTS 267,613 —**Ant.** blah, blunt, dull

**point** [n]1 *speck* bit, count, dot, fleck, flyspeck, full stop, iota, mark, minim, mite, mote, notch, particle, period, scrap, spot, tittle, trace; CONCEPTS 79,831

**point** [n]2 *specific location* locality, locus,



- place, position, site, situation, spot, stage, station, where; **CONCEPT 198**
- point** [*n3*] *sharp end, top, end of extension* apex, awn, barb, beak, bill, cape, claw, cusp, dagger, foreland, head, headland, jag, nib, pin point, prick, prickler, promontory, prong, snag, spike, spine, spire, spur, sticker, stiletto, summit, sword, thorn, tine, tip, tooth; **CONCEPTS 827,836** —**Ant.** bluntness, dullness
- point** [*n4*] *circumstance, stage; limited time* brink, condition, date, degree, duration, edge, extent, instant, juncture, limit, moment, period, point in time, position, threshold, time, verge, very minute; **CONCEPTS 696,815**
- point** [*n5*] *goal, aim* appeal, attraction, bottom line\*, charm, cogency, design, effectiveness, end, fascination, intent, intention, interest, motive, name of the game\*, nitty-gritty\*, nub, nuts and bolts\*, object, objective, punch\*, purpose, reason, significance, use, usefulness, utility, validity, validness; **CONCEPT 659**
- point** [*n6*] *meaning, essence* argument, bottom line\*, burden, core, crux, drift, force, gist, head, heart, idea, import, kicker\*, main idea, marrow, matter, meat\*, motif, motive, name of the game\*, nitty-gritty\*, nub, nuts and bolts\*, pith, pointer, proposition, punch line\*, question, score, stuff, subject, subject matter, text, theme, thrust, tip, tip-off\*, topic; **CONCEPTS 274,682**
- point** [*n7*] *aspect, characteristic* attribute, case, circumstance, circumstantial, constituent, detail, element, facet, feature, instance, item, material, nicety, part, particular, peculiarity, property, quality, respect, side, thing\*, trait; **CONCEPTS 274,411,654** —**Ant.** personality, whole
- point** [*n8*] *scoring unit of sport competition* count, mark, notch, score, tally; **CONCEPTS 364,784**
- point** [*v1*] *show as probable; call attention* bespeak, button down\*, denote, designate, direct, finger\*, hint, imply, indicate, lead, make\*, name, offer, peg\*, pin down\*, put down for\*, put finger on\*, signify, suggest, tab\*, tag\*; **CONCEPTS 118,138**
- point** [*v2*] *direct, lead* aim, beam\*, bring to bear, cast, face, guide, head, influence, lay, level, look, slant, steer, tend, train, turn, zero in\*; **CONCEPTS 187,201,623**
- pointed** [*adj1*] *having a sharp end or part* acicular, aciculate, acuminate, acuminous, acute, barbed, cornered, cuspidate, edged, fine, keen, mucronate, peaked, piked, pointy, pronged, sharp, sharp-cornered, spiked; **CONCEPTS 490,606** —**Ant.** blunt, dull
- pointed** [*adj2*] *penetrating, biting* accurate, acid, acute, barbed, boiled down, calling a spade a spade\*, cutting, in a nutshell\*, incisive, insinuating, keen, laid on the line\*, legit, meaty\*, on the button\*, on the nose\*, pertinent, pregnant, right-on\*, right to it\*, sarcastic, sharp, short-and-sweet\*, tart, telling, trenchant; **CONCEPT 267** —**Ant.** calming, mild, nice, soothing
- pointer** [*n1*] *indicator* arrow, dial, director, gauge, guide, hand, index, mark, needle, register, rod, signal; **CONCEPTS 464,498**
- pointer** [*n2*] *hint, suggestion* advice, caution, clue, information, recommendation, steer, tip, tip-off, warning; **CONCEPTS 75,274**
- pointless** [*adj*] *ridiculous, senseless* absurd, aimless, around in circles\*, fruitless, futile, going nowhere\*, impotent, inane, inconsequential, ineffective, ineffectual, insignificant, in vicious circle\*, irrelevant, meaningless, needle in haystack\*, nongermene, nonsensical, not pertinent, on treadmill\*, powerless, purportless, remote, silly, stupid, trivial, unavailing, uninteresting, unnecessary, unproductive, unprofitable, useless, vague, vain, worthless; **CONCEPTS 529,548** —**Ant.** beneficial, meaningful, pointed, profitable, sensible
- point out** [*v*] *call attention to* advert, allude, bring up, denote, designate, identify, indicate, mention, refer, remind, reveal, show, specify; **CONCEPTS 49,73,261** —**Ant.** distract
- poise** [*n*] *self-composure, dignity* address, aplomb, assurance, balance, bearing, calmness, confidence, cool, coolness, delicatessen, diplomacy, elegance, equability, equanimity, equilibrium, grace, gravity, polish, presence, presence of mind, sangfroid, savoir faire, self-assurance, self-possession, serenity, stasis, tact, tactfulness, tranquility; **CONCEPTS 633,717** —**Ant.** excitedness
- poise** [*v*] *balance, suspend* ballast, be ready, brood, float, hang, hold, hover, position, stabilize, stand, steady, support, wait; **CONCEPT 154** —**Ant.** drop, fall
- poison** [*n*] *substance that causes harm, death* adulteration, bacteria, bane, blight, cancer, contagion, contamination, corruption, germ, infection, malignancy, miasma, toxicant, toxin, toxoid, venom, venom, virus; **CONCEPTS 307,475,674,675** —**Ant.** antidote
- poison** [*v*] *contaminate, pollute* adulterate, corrupt, debase, defile, deprave, destroy, envenom, fester, harm, infect, injure, kill, make ill, murder, pervert, stain, subvert, taint, undermine, vitiate, warp; **CONCEPTS 14,246,252** —**Ant.** purify, sterilize
- poison/poisonous** [*adj*] *harmful* bad, baleful, baneful, corrupt, corruptive, dangerous, deadly, deleterious, destructive, detrimental, evil, fatal, hurtful, infective, lethal, malicious, malignant, mephitic, miasmatic, morbid, mortal, noxious, noisome, noxious, peccant, pernicious, pestiferous, pestilential, septic, toxic, toxicant, toxiferous, venomous, vicious, viperous, virulent; **CONCEPT 537** —**Ant.** aiding, antidotal, assisting, curing, healing, helpful
- poke** [*n*] *push, thrust* blow, boost, bunt, butt, dig, hit, jab, nudge, prod, punch, shove, stab; **CONCEPTS 189,208**
- poke** [*v1*] *push at; thrust* arouse, awaken, bulge, butt\*, crowd, dig, elbow\*, goose\*, hit, jab, jostle, jut, nudge\*, overhang, prod, project, protrude, provoke, punch, ram, rouse, shoulder\*, shove, stab, stand out, stick, stick out, stimulate, stir; **CONCEPTS 189,208,723**
- poke** [*v2*] *interfere, snoop* busybody\*, butt in\*, intrude, meddle, nose\*, peek, pry, tamper; **CONCEPT 384** —**Ant.** leave alone
- poke** [*v3*] *move along slowly* dally, dawdle, delay, drag, get no place fast\*, idle, lag, loiter, mosey\*, procrastinate, put off\*, schlepp along\*, tarry, toddle\*, trail; **CONCEPT 151** —**Ant.** rush
- poker** [*n*] *card game* blind poker, draw poker, five-card stud poker, seven-card stud poker,

straight poker, strip poker, stud poker;  
CONCEPTS 260,271

**polar** [adj1] *cold* arctic, extreme, farthest, freezing, frigid, frozen, glacial, icy, north, south, terminal; CONCEPTS 583,605 —*Ant.* tropic, tropical

**polar** [adj2] *opposite, opposed* antagonistic, antipodal, antipodean, antithetical, contradictory, contrary, converse, counter, diametric, reverse; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* same, similar

**pole** [n] *bar, post* beam, extremity, flagpole, flagstaff, leg, mast, pile, plank, rod, shaft, spar, staff, stake, standard, stove, stick, stilt, stud, terminus; CONCEPTS 440,470,475,479

**police/police officer** [n] *person, people hired to uphold the laws* arm of the law\*, badge\*, bear\*, beat cop, black and white\*, blue\*, blue-coat\*, bobby, constable, constabulary, cop\*, copper\*, corps\*, detective, fed\*, flatfoot\*, force, gendarme, heat\*, law, law enforcement, narc\*, patrol; CONCEPTS 299,354 —*Ant.* criminal

**policy** [n] *procedure, tactics* action, administration, approach, arrangement, behavior, channels, code, course, custom, design, guideline, line, management, method, order, organization, plan, polity, practice, program, protocol, red tape\*, rule, scheme, stratagem, strategy, tenet, the book\*, the numbers\*, theory; CONCEPTS 6,271,660,688

**polish** [n1] *shine, brightness* brilliance, burnish, finish, glaze, glint, gloss, luster, sheen, smoothness, sparkle, varnish, veneer, wax; CONCEPTS 492,611,620 —*Ant.* dullness

**polish** [n2] *cultivated look, performance* breeding, class, cultivation, culture, elegance, finesse, finish, grace, politesse, refinement, style, suavity, urbanity; CONCEPTS 388,633,655

**polish** [v1] *shine, buff* brighten, burnish, clean, finish, furbish, glaze, gloss, rub, scour, scrub, sleek, slick, smooth, wax; CONCEPTS 202,215 —*Ant.* dull, roughen

**polish** [v2] *improve performance, look* amend, better, brush up, correct, cultivate, emend, enhance, finish, furbish, make improvement, mature, mend, perfect, refine, round, sleek, slick, smooth, touch up; CONCEPT 244 —*Ant.* deface, ruin, spoil

**polish off** [v] *finish using* consume, devour, dispatch, dispose of, do away with\*, down\*, eat, eat up, eliminate, get rid of\*, liquidate, put away\*, swill\*, use up, wolf\*; CONCEPTS 169,225 —*Ant.* hoard, save

**polite** [adj] *mannerly, civilized* affable, amenable, amiable, attentive, bland, civil, complaisant, concerned, conciliatory, condescending, considerate, cordial, courteous, courtly, cultured, deferential, diplomatic, elegant, friendly, genteel, gentle, good-natured, gracious, mild, neighborly, nice, obliging, obsequious, pleasant, polished, politic, punctilious, refined, respectful, smooth, sociable, solicitous, sympathetic, thoughtful, urbane, well-behaved, well-bred, well-mannered; CONCEPT 401

—*Ant.* impolite, rude, uncivil, uncivilized, unmannerly, unrefined, unsophisticated

**politic** [adj] *wise, tactful* adroit, advisable, canny\*, cool, delicate, diplomatic, discreet, expedient, in one's best interests\*, judicious, on the lookout\*, perspicacious, prudent, sagacious, sensible, sharp, shrewd, smooth, tactical, tuned

in\*, urbane; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* impolitic, indiscreet, injudicious, tactless, unwise

**political** [adj] *governmental* bureaucratic, civic, constitutional, economical, legislative, official; CONCEPT 535

**politically correct** [adj] *sensitive to other political views* bias-free, considerate, diplomatic, gender-free, inclusive, inoffensive, liberal, multicultural, nondiscriminatory, nonracist, nonsexist, PC\*, respectful, sensitive; CONCEPTS 529,542

**politician** [n] *person pursuing or occupying elective office* baby-kisser\*, boss, chieftain, congressperson, democrat, grandstander\*, handshaker\*, lawmaker, leader, legislator, member of Congress, member of parliament, officeholder, office seeker, orator, partisan, party member, president, public servant, republican, senator, speaker, statesperson, whistle-stopper\*; CONCEPT 359

**politics** [n] *art and science of administration of government* affairs of state, backroom\*, campaigning, civics, domestic affairs, electioneering, foreign affairs, government, government policy, hat in the ring\*, internal affairs, jungle\*, legislature, matters of state, political science, polity, smoke-filled room\*, statecraft, stateship, zoo\*; CONCEPTS 300,301

**poll** [n] *census; tally of answers to questions of opinion* ballot, canvass, count, figures, opinion, returns, sampling, survey, vote, voting; CONCEPTS 48,300

**poll** [v] *take census; question* ballot, canvass, enroll, examine, interview, list, register, sample, send up a balloon\*, survey, tally, test the waters\*, vote; CONCEPTS 48,300

**pollster** [n] *polltaker* canvasser, market researcher, public opinion gatherer, sampler, survey taker; CONCEPTS 37,103,197,291

**pollutant** [n] *contaminant* hazardous waste, poison, pollution, toxic waste, toxin; CONCEPT 720

**pollute** [v] *make dirty; corrupt* adulterate, alloy, befoul, besmirch, contaminate, debase, debauch, defile, deprave, desecrate, dirty, dishonor, foul, infect, make filthy, mar, poison, profane, soil, spoil, stain, sully, taint, violate; CONCEPTS 246,254 —*Ant.* clean, cleanse, purify

**pollution** [n] *dirtyness, contamination* abuse, adulteration, besmearing, besmirching, blight, corruption, decomposition, defilement, desecration, deterioration, dirtying, fouling, foulness, impairment, impurity, infection, misuse, polluting, profanation, rottenness, soiling, spoliation, taint, tainting, uncleanness, vitiation; CONCEPT 720 —*Ant.* cleanliness, purification

**Pollyanna** [n] *optimist* dreamer, hoper, idealist, positive thinker; CONCEPTS 410,689

**poltergeist** [n] *ghost* apparition, appearance, banshee, demon, doppelganger, haunter, kelpie, phantasm, phantom, revenant, specter, spirit, spook, vision, visitor; CONCEPT 370

**polygamy** [n] *plural marriage* bigamy, polyandry, polygyny; CONCEPTS 297,388

**pomp** [n] *pageantry, display* affectation, array, ceremonial, ceremony, fanfare, flourish, formality, grandeur, grandiosity, magnificence, ostentation, pageant, panoply, parade, pomposity, ritual, shine, show, solemnity, splendor, state,

vainglory; CONCEPTS 335,377,655 —*Ant.* dullness, plainness, simplicity

**pompous** [*adj*] *arrogant, egotistic* affected, bloated, boastful, bombastic, conceited, flatulent, flaunting, flowery, fustian, grandiloquent, grandiose, high and mighty\*, highfaluting\*, high-flown\*, imperious, important, inflated, magisterial, magniloquent, narcissistic, orotund, ostentatious, overbearing, overblown, pontifical, portentous, presumptuous, pretentious, puffed up\*, puffy\*, rhetorical, self-centered, self-important, selfish, showy, sonorous, stuck-up\*, supercilious, turgid, uppity\*, vain, vainglorious, windy\*; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —*Ant.* dull, modest, plain, simple, unassuming

**poncho** [*n*] *cloak* cape, capote, coat, manteau, mantle, raincoat, shawl, wrap; CONCEPTS 451,475,680

**pond** [*n*] *small body of water* basin, dew, duck pond, lagoon, lily pond, millpond, pool, puddle, small lake, splash; CONCEPT 514

**ponder** [*v*] *think about seriously* appraise, brood, build castles in air\*, cerebration, cogitate, consider, contemplate, daydream, debate, deliberate, dwell, evaluate, examine, excogitate, figure, give thought to, meditate, mind, moon\*, mull, mull over, muse, noodle around\*, perpend, pipe dream\*, put on thinking cap\*, puzzle over, reason, reflect, revolve, roll, ruminate, speculate, study, think out, think over, turn over, weigh, woolgather\*; CONCEPTS 17,24 —*Ant.* forget, ignore, neglect

**ponderous** [*adj*1] *heavy, cumbersome* awkward, bulky, burdensome, clumsy, cumbrous, dull, elephantine, graceless, hefty, huge, laborious, lifeless, lumbering, massive, onerous, oppressive, substantial, troublesome, unhandy, unwieldy, weighty; CONCEPTS 491,565 —*Ant.* airy, buoyant, delicate, light, unburdensome

**ponderous** [*adj*2] *dreary, tedious* arid, barren, cardboard\*, dry, dull, heavy, humdrum\*, labored, lifeless, long-winded\*, monotonous, pedantic, pedestrian, plodding, prolix, stiff\*, stilted, stodgy, stuffy\*, vapid, verbose, wooden\*; CONCEPTS 267,529,542 —*Ant.* fun, light

**pontificate** [*v*] *sermonize* address, admonish, dogmatize, evangelize, get on a soapbox\*, give sermon, harangue, lecture, minister, moralize, preach, pulpiterate, teach; CONCEPTS 51,75,285,367

**pooh-pooh** [*v*] *dismiss* belittle, brush aside, discount, disregard, make light of, play down, rebuff, reject, repudiate, scoff at, sneer at, treat with contempt, wave aside; CONCEPT 35,54

**pool** [*n*1] *collection of liquid* basin, bath, lagoon, lake, mere, millpond, mud puddle, natatorium, pond, puddle, splash, swimming pool, tank, tarn; CONCEPTS 364,514

**pool** [*n*2] *supply of money, goods* bank, combine, conglomerate, equipment, funds, group, jackpot, kitty\*, pot, provisions, stakes; CONCEPTS 340, 432 —*Ant.* lack, want

**pool** [*v*] *combine* amalgamate, blend, join forces, league, merge, put together, share; CONCEPTS 113,193 —*Ant.* divide, separate

**pooped** [*adj*] *tired* beat\*, burned out\*, bushed\*, collapsing, dead on one's feet\*, dog-tired\*, done for\*, done in\*, drained, drooping, drowsy,

enervated, exhausted, fatigued, fried\*, out of gas\*, overworked, played out\*, run-down, run ragged, shot\*, sleepy, spent, tuckered out, wasted, weary, worn out; CONCEPTS 314,403,406

**poor** [*adj*1] *lacking sufficient money* bad off\*, bankrupt, beggared, beggarly, behind eight ball\*, broke\*, destitute, dirt poor\*, down-and-out\*, empty-handed\*, flat\*, flat broke\*, fortuneless, hard up\*, impecunious, impoverished, indigent, in need, insolvent, in want, low, meager, moneyless, necessitous, needy, pauperized, penniless, penurious, pinched\*, poverty-stricken, reduced\*, scanty\*, stone broke\*, strapped\*, suffering, truly needy, underprivileged, unprosperous; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* affluent, rich, wealthy

**poor** [*adj*2] *deficient, inadequate* base, below par, common, contemptible, crude, diminutive, dwarfed, exiguous, faulty, feeble, humble, imperfect, incomplete, inferior, insignificant, insufficient, lacking, low-grade, lowly, meager, mean, mediocre, miserable, modest, niggardly\*, ordinary, paltry, pitiable, pitiful, plain, reduced, rotten, scanty, second-rate\*, shabby, shoddy, skimpy, slight, sorry\*, sparse, subnormal, subpar, standard, trifling, trivial, unsatisfactory, valueless, weak, worthless; CONCEPTS 570,574 —*Ant.* adequate, sufficient, superior

**poor** [*adj*3] *weak, unfertile* bare, barren, depleted, exhausted, feeble, fruitless, impaired, imperfect, impoverished, indisposed, infertile, infirm, puny, sick, sterile, unfruitful, unproductive, worthless; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* fertile, potent, strong

**poor** [*adj*4] *unfortunate, unhappy* commiserable, hapless, ill-fated, luckless, miserable, pathetic, piteous, pitiable, pitiful, rueful, unlucky, wretched; CONCEPTS 542,548 —*Ant.* fortunate, great, happy, lucky

**poorly** [*adv*] *not well* ailing, below par, failing, ill, indisposed, low, mean, out of sorts\*, rotten\*, sick, sickly, under the weather\*, unwell; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* healthy, well

**poorly** [*adv*] *unsatisfactorily* badly, crudely, defectively, inadequately, incompetently, inexpertly, inferiorly, insufficiently, meanly, shabbily, unsuccessfully; CONCEPTS 544,571,574 —*Ant.* satisfactorily, well

**pop** [*n*] *bang* burst, crack, explosion, jump, leap, report, snap, strike, thrust, whack; CONCEPT 595

**pop** [*v*] *jump, burst* appear, bang, blow, crack, dart, explode, go, go off, hit, insert, leap, protrude, push, put, report, rise, shove, snap, sock, stick, strike, thrust, whack; CONCEPT 145

**poppycock** [*n*] *nonsense* babble, balderdash\*, baloney\*, bull\*, bunk\*, drivel, empty talk, foolery, foolishness, gibberish, hogwash\*, hooey\*, hot air\*, jive\*, malarkey, mumbo jumbo\*, palaver, prattle, rubbish, silliness, trash\*; CONCEPTS 230,388,633

**popular** [*adj*1] *well-known, favorite* accepted, approved, attractive, beloved, caught on\*, celebrated, crowd-pleasing\*, faddish\*, famous, fashionable, favored, in\*, in demand, in favor, in the mainstream\*, in vogue, leading, likable, liked, lovable, noted, notorious, now\*, okay\*, pleasing, praised, preferred, prevailing, prominent, promoted, right stuff\*, run-after\*, selling,

social, societal, sought, sought-after, stylish, suitable, the rage\*, thing\*, trendy, well-liked, well-received; CONCEPTS 555,589 —**Ant.** disliked, unknown, unpopular

**popular** [adj2] *common, standard* accepted, accessible, adopted, approved, conventional, current, demanded, embraced, familiar, general, in demand, in use, ordinary, prevailing, prevalent, proletarian, public, rampant, regnant, rife, ruling, stock, ubiquitous, universal, widespread; CONCEPT 530 —**Ant.** different, uncommon, unusual

**popularity** [n] *recognition, celebrity* acceptance, acclaim, adoration, approval, currency, demand, esteem, fame, fashion, fashionableness, favor, following, heyday, idolization, lionization, prevalence, regard, renown, reputation, repute, universality, vogue; CONCEPTS 388,655 —**Ant.** dislike, unpopularity

**popularize** [v] *make widely popular, accessible* catch on, disseminate, familiarize, generalize, give currency, make available, promote, restore, resurrect, revive, simplify, spread, universalize; CONCEPTS 324,384 —**Ant.** discredit, shun

**population** [n] *inhabitants of a place* citizenry, community, culture, denizens, dwellers, folk, natives, people, populace, public, residents, society, state; CONCEPT 379

**populous** [adj] *packed with inhabitants* crawling, crowded, dense, heavily populated, jammed, legion, many, multifarious, multitudinal, multitudinous, numerous, occupied, overpopulated, peopled, populated, settled, several, swarming, teeming, thick, thronged, various, voluminous; CONCEPT 583 —**Ant.** deserted

**porch** [n] *patio* balcony, deck, portico, steps, stoop, veranda; CONCEPTS 509,513

**pore** [n] *small aperture in skin* foramen, opening, orifice, outlet, stoma, sweat gland, vesicle; CONCEPT 418

**pore** [v] *go over carefully* brood, contemplate, dwell on, examine, look over, muse, peruse, ponder, read, regard, scan, scrutinize, study; CONCEPTS 24,72,103 —**Ant.** flip through, scan

**pornographic** [adj] *obscene* adult, immoral, indecent, lewd, off-color, offensive, porn\*, porno\*, prurient, purple\*, raunchy\*, rough, salacious, sexy, smutty\*, steamy\*, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 267,372,545 —**Ant.** clean, moral

**pornography** [n] *obscenity* adult material, adult movie, bawdiness, dirt, dirty movie, erotica, filth, girlie magazine, hard-core pornography, indecency, obscene materials, porn, porno, porno film, sexploitation, sexually explicit material, skin flick, smut, soft-core pornography, stag film, X-rated material, X-rated movie; CONCEPTS 372,545

**porous** [adj] *having holes; absorbent* absorptive, penetrable, permeable, pervious, sponge-like, spongy; CONCEPT 606 —**Ant.** impermeable

**port** [n] *place for boat docking, traffic, and storage* anchorage, boatyard, dockage, docks, dockyard, gate, harbor, harborage, haven, landing, piers, refuge, retreat, roads, roadstead, sanctuary, seaport, shelter, wharf; CONCEPTS 449,509

**portable** [adj] *easily transported* carriageable, cartable, compact, convenient, conveyable, easily carried, handy, haulable, light, lightweight, manageable, movable, portative, transportable,

wieldy; CONCEPTS 491,584,773 —**Ant.** clumsy, cumbersome

**portal** [n] *hole or door in vessel* doorway, entrance, entry, entryway, gate, gateway, ingress, opening, way in; CONCEPT 502

**portend** [v] *foreshadow, indicate* adumbrate, augur, be in the cards\*, bespeak, betoken, bode, call\*, crystal-ball\*, forebode, forecast, foreshow, foretell, foretoken, forewarn, harbinger, have a hunch, herald, hint, omen, point to, predict, premonish, presage, prognosticate, promise, prophesy, read, see coming\*, threaten, warn of; CONCEPTS 71,78,261

**portent** [n1] *indication, forewarning* augury, bodement, boding, caution, clue, foreboding, foreshadowing, foretoken, funny feeling\*, handwriting on the wall\*, harbinger, hunch, omen, premonition, presage, presentiment, prognostic, prognostication, sign, sinking feeling\*, threat, vibes\*, warning; CONCEPT 278

**portent** [n2] *miracle* marvel, phenomenon, prodigy, sensation, stunner, wonder; CONCEPTS 230,529 —**Ant.** doom

**portentous** [adj] *exciting; foreboding* alarming, amazing, apocalyptic, astounding, aural, destined, doomed, exhilarating, extraordinary, fated, fateful, haunting, ill-boding, ill-fated, impending, important, inauspicious, inspiring, intriguing, ominous, phenomenal, premonitory, prophetic, remarkable, suggestive, threatening, thrilling; CONCEPTS 529,542,548

**porter** [n] *person who serves as attendant, caretaker* baggage carrier, bearer, bellhop, carrier, concierge, doorkeeper, doorman, gatekeeper, janitor, redcap\*, skycap\*, transporter; CONCEPT 348

**portfolio** [n] *flat case for transporting papers* attaché case, bag, brief bag, briefcase, case, container, envelope, folder, notebook, valise; CONCEPT 494

**portion** [n1] *share, cut, ration* allocation, allotment, allowance, apportionment, bang, bit, chunk, division, divvy\*, drag\*, dram, excerpt, extract, fix, fraction, fragment, gob, helping, hit, hunk, lagniappe, lion's share\*, lot, lump, measure, meed, member, moiety, morsel, parcel, part, piece, piece of action\*, plum, quantity, quantum, quota, scrap, section, segment, serving, shot\*, slug\*, smitherene\*, taste; CONCEPT 835 —**Ant.** all, entirety, whole

**portion** [n2] *fate, destiny* circumstance, cup\*, doom, fortune, kismet\*, lot\*, luck; CONCEPT 679

**portion** [v] *divide into pieces* administer, allocate, allot, apportion, assign, deal, dispense, distribute, divvy up\*, dole out\*, mete out\*, parcel, part, partition, piece, prorate, quota, ration, section, share, shift; CONCEPTS 98,140 —**Ant.** collect, combine, gather, join

**portly** [adj] *bulky, fat* ample, avoirdupois, beefy\*, broad, burly, corpulent, fleshy, heavy, hefty, husky, large, obese, overweight, plump, rotund, stout; CONCEPT 491 —**Ant.** skinny, slender, thin

**portrait** [n] *drawn representation; description* account, characterization, depiction, figure, image, likeness, model, painting, photograph, picture, portraiture, portrayal, profile, silhou-

ette, simulacrum, sketch, snapshot, spitting image\*, vignette; CONCEPTS 259,268,625

**portray** [v] *represent, imitate* act like, characterize, copy, delineate, depict, describe, draw, duplicate, figure, illustrate, image, impersonate, interpret, limn, mimic, paint, parody, photograph, picture, render, reproduce, simulate, sketch; CONCEPTS 55,174,265

**pose** [n] *artificial position* act, affectation, air, attitude, attitudinizing, bearing, carriage, facade, fake, false show, front, guise, mannerism, masquerade, mien, posture, posture, posturing, pretense, pretension, role, stance, stand; CONCEPTS 633,716 —*Ant.* movement

**pose** [v1] *sit, stand in place* arrange, model, peacock, poise, position, posture, sit for, strike a pose, strut; CONCEPTS 154,174 —*Ant.* go, move

**pose** [v2] *pretend, fake* act, affect, attitudinize, feign, grandstand\*, impersonate, make believe, make out like\*, masquerade, pass off\*, peacock\*, playact, posture, profess, purport, put on airs\*, put up a front\*, sham\*, show off\*, strike an attitude\*, take off as\*; CONCEPTS 59,63,633 —*Ant.* be genuine

**pose** [v3] *offer, put forward idea* advance, ask, extend, give, hold out, posit, prefer, present, proffer, propose, proposition, propound, put, query, question, set, state, submit, suggest, tender; CONCEPTS 66,67,75 —*Ant.* withhold

**posh** [adj] *luxurious, upper-class* chic, classy, deluxe, elegant, exclusive, fashionable, grand, high-class, la-di-da\*, luxury, modish\*, opulent, rich, ritzy\*, smart, swank, swanky\*, swish\*, trendy; CONCEPTS 334,589 —*Ant.* destitute, lower-class, poor

**position** [n1] *physical place* area, bearings, district, environment, fix, geography, ground, locale, locality, location, locus, point, post, reference, region, scene, seat, setting, site, situation, space, spot, stand, station, surroundings, topography, tract, whereabouts\*; CONCEPT 198

**position** [n2] *posture, stance* arrangement, attitude, ballgame\*, bearing, carriage, circumstances, condition, deportment, disposition, form, habit, how things stack up\*, like it is\*, manner, mien, pass, plight, port, pose, predicament, situation, spot, stand, state, status, strait, the size of it\*; CONCEPT 696

**position** [n3] *belief, point of view* angle, attitude, color, judgment, opinion, outlook, slant, stance, stand, standpoint, view, viewpoint; CONCEPT 689

**position** [n4] *class, stature* cachet, capacity, caste, character, consequence, dignity, footing, importance, place, prestige, rank, reputation, situation, sphere, standing, station, status; CONCEPTS 378,388

**position** [n5] *responsibility in business or other enterprise* berth, billet, capacity, connection, do\*, duty, employment, function, job, nine-to-five\*, occupation, office, place, post, profession, role, situation, slot\*, spot\*, trade; CONCEPTS 324,349,360 —*Ant.* unemployment

**position** [v] *place physically in location* arrange, array, dispose, fix, lay out, locate, put, set, settle, stand, stick; CONCEPTS 158,201 —*Ant.* displace, lose

**positive** [adj1] *definite, certain* absolute, actual,

affirmative, assured, categorical, clear, clear-cut, cocksure\*, cold\*, complete, conclusive, concrete, confident, consummate, convinced, decided, decisive, direct, downright, explicit, express, factual, firm, forceful, forcible, genuine, hard, inarguable, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, out-and-out\*, outright, perfect, rank, real, specific, sure, thorough, thoroughgoing, unambiguous, undeniable, unequivocal, unmistakable, unmitigated; CONCEPTS 535,582 —*Ant.* doubtful, indefinite, negative, uncertain, unsure

**positive** [adj2] *beneficial, helpful* affirmative, constructive, effective, efficacious, forward-looking, good, practical, productive, progressive, reasonable, sound, useful; CONCEPT 572 —*Ant.* disadvantageous, negative, unhelpful

**positively** [adv] *absolutely, definitely* amen\*, assuredly, categorically, certainly, doubtless, doubtlessly, easily, emphatically, firmly, flat\*, flat out\*, for a fact\*, indubitably, no catch\*, no holds barred\*, no ifs ands or buts\*, no kicker\*, no strings attached\*, on the money\*, on the nose\*, really truly\*, right on\*, sure, surely, the ticket\*, to a tee\*, undeniably, undoubtedly, unequivocally, unmistakably, unquestionably, with certainty, without qualification; CONCEPTS 535,544,582 —*Ant.* doubtfully, questionably

**possess** [v] *have or obtain* acquire, bear, be blessed with, be born with, be endowed with, carry, control, corner\*, corner the market\*, dominate, enjoy, get hands on\*, get hold of\*, grab, have to name\*, hog\*, hold, latch on to, lock up, maintain, occupy, own, retain, seize, sit on, take over, take possession; CONCEPTS 120,710 —*Ant.* dispossess, lose, miss, not have

**possessed** [adj] *bewitched; under a spell* be-deviled, berserk\*, consumed, crazed\*, cursed, demented, enchanted, enthralled, fendish, frenetic, frenzied, gone\*, haunted, hooked\*, insane, into\*, mad\*, obsessed, raving\*, taken over\*, violent; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* normal

**possession** [n1] *control, ownership* custody, dominion, hold, occupancy, occupation, possessorship, proprietary, proprietary rights, proprietorship, retention, tenancy, tenure, title; CONCEPTS 343,710 —*Ant.* lack, need, want

**possession** [n2] *something owned; property* accessories, appointments, appurtenances, assets, baggage, belongings, chattels, effects, equipment, estate, fixtures, furnishings, furniture, goods, impedimenta, paraphernalia, province, real estate, settlement, tangibles, territory, things, trappings, tricks, wealth; CONCEPTS 446,710

**possessive** [adj] *greedy* acquisitive, avaricious, controlling, craving, desirous, dominating, grabby, grasping, hoggish\*, selfish; CONCEPTS 326,403,542

**possibilities** [n] *potential* capabilities, potentiality, promise, prospects, talent; CONCEPTS 411,650 —*Ant.* impossible

**possibility** [n] *feasibility, likelihood; chance* achievability, action, attainableness, break, circumstance, contingency, fair shake\*, fifty-fifty\*, fling\*, fluke\*, fortuity, happening, hazard, hope, incident, instance, liability, likeliness, occasion, occurrence, odds\*, opportunity, outside chance\*, plausibility, play\*,

potentiality, practicability, prayer\*, probability, prospect, risk\*, shot\*, stab\*, toss-up\*, workableness; CONCEPTS 650,693 —**Ant.** impossibility, impossible, unfeasibility, unlikelihood

**possible** [adj] *likely, attainable* accessible, achievable, adventurous, advisable, available, breeze\*, can do\*, cinch, conceivable, credible, dependent, desirable, doable, dormant, duck soup\*, easy as pie\*, expedient, feasible, fortuitous, hopeful, hypothetical, imaginable, indeterminate, latent, no sweat\*, obtainable, piece of cake\*, potential, practicable, probable, promising, pushover\*, realizable, setup, simple as ABC\*, snap, thinkable, uncertain, viable, welcome, within reach, workable; CONCEPTS 528,552,576 —**Ant.** impossible, unattainable, ungettable, unlikely, unrealizable

**possibly** [adv] *by chance; in some way* at all, by any chance, by any means, conceivably, could be, God willing\*, if possible, in any way, likely, maybe, not impossibly, peradventure, perchance, perhaps, probably, within realm of possibility; CONCEPTS 544,552 —**Ant.** impossibly, unlikely

**post** [n1] *upright support* column, doorpost, leg, mast, newel, pale, palisade, panel, pedestal, picket, pile, pillar, pole, prop, rail, shaft, stake, standard, stilt, stock, stud; CONCEPTS 440,445,470,479

**post** [n2] *job, employment* appointment, assignment, berth, billet, office, place, position, situation; CONCEPTS 351,362 —**Ant.** unemployment

**post** [n3] *lookout, station* beat, locus, place, position, whereabouts; CONCEPTS 198,321,439

**post** [n4] *mail service* collection, delivery, mail, PO\*, postal service, post office; CONCEPTS 299,770

**post** [v1] *situate, position* assign, establish, locate, place, put, set, station; CONCEPT 201 —**Ant.** displace

**post** [v2] *advise, inform* acquaint, apprise, brief, clue, fill in, notify, put wise to, report, tell, warn, wise up; CONCEPT 60 —**Ant.** withhold

**poster** [n] *large paper advertisement* affiche, announcement, banner, bill, billboard, broadside, handbill, notice, placard, public notice, sheet, sign, signboard, sticker; CONCEPT 271

**posterior** [adj1] *rear* after, back, behind, dorsal, hind, hinder, hindmost, in back of, last, re-*tral*; CONCEPTS 583,827 —**Ant.** anterior, front

**posterior** [adj2] *subsequent* after, coming after, ensuing, following, later, latter, next, postliminary, subsequent, succeeding; CONCEPTS 585,799 —**Ant.** front, preceding, previous

**posterior** [n] *behind of animate being* back, backside, bottom, butt\*, buttocks, can\*, cheeks\*, derriere, duff\*, fanny\*, hind part, keester\*, moon\*, rear, rear end, rump, seat, tail, tail end, tuchis\*, tush\*; CONCEPT 392 —**Ant.** anterior, front

**posterity** [n] *future generations* breed, brood, children, descendants, family, heirs, issue, lineage, next generation, offspring, progeniture, progeny, scions, seed, stock, succeeding generations, successors, unborn; CONCEPT 296 —**Ant.** past

**posthaste** [adj/adv] *fast* at once, breakneck\*, directly, double-quick\*, expeditious, flat-out\*, fleet, fleetly, full tilt\*, hastily, hasty, headlong,

lickety-split\*, pell-mell\*, promptly, pronto, quick, quickly, rapid, rapidly, speedily, speedy, straightaway, swift, swiftly; CONCEPTS 544,588,799 —**Ant.** eventually, slow, slowly

**postmortem** [adj] *following death* future, later, posthumous, postmundane, post-obit, post-obituary; CONCEPT 799

**postmortem** [n] *analysis after death* autopsy, coroner's report, dissection, examination, necropsy, post\*; CONCEPTS 103,310

**postpone** [v] *put off till later time* adjourn, cool it\*, defer, delay, give a rain check\*, hang fire\*, hold off, hold over, hold up, lay over, pigeon-hole\*, prorogue, put back, put on back burner\*, put on hold, shelve, suspend, table; CONCEPT 130 —**Ant.** carry out, continue, do, expedite, forward, maintain, persevere

**postulate** [v] *suppose, figure* advance, affirm, assert, assume, aver, estimate, guess, hypothesize, posit, predicate, premise, presuppose, propose, put forward, speculate, suppose, take for granted, theorize; CONCEPTS 12,26 —**Ant.** calculate

**posture** [n1] *stance, circumstance* aspect, attitude, bearing, brace, carriage, condition, demeanor, deportment, disposition, mien, mode, phase, port, pose, position, posture, presence, set, situation, state; CONCEPTS 657,723

**posture** [n2] *beliefs* attitude, disposition, feeling, frame of mind, inclination, mood, outlook, point of view, sentiment, stance, standpoint; CONCEPT 410

**posture** [v] *display an attitude* affect, attitudinize, display, do a bit\*, do for effect\*, fake, fake it, make a show\*, masquerade, pass for, pass off, playact, pose, put on airs\*, put up a front\*, show off\*; CONCEPTS 59,261 —**Ant.** be truthful

**pot** [n1] *container, cauldron* basin, bowl, bucket, can, canister, crock, crucible, cup, jar, jug, kettle, mug, pan, pitcher, receptacle, saucepan, tankard, urn, vessel; CONCEPT 494

**pot** [n2] *marjuana* cannabis, grass\*, hashish, maryjane\*, weed\*; CONCEPT 307

**potable** [adj] *drinkable* edible, palatable, safe to drink; CONCEPT 169

**potable** [n] *beverage* alcoholic beverage, cooler, draft, drink, libation, liquor; CONCEPT 454

**potbelly** [n] *large stomach* bay window\*, beer belly, beer gut\*, belly, corporation, fat stomach, gut, middle-age spread, paunch, pot\*, pot belly, spare tire\*, tummy; CONCEPT 393

**potency** [n] *effectiveness* authority, birr, capability, capacity, command, control, dominion, efficacy, efficiency, energy, force, go\*, hardihood, influence, juice\*, kick\*, might, moxie\*, muscle\*, pep, potential, power, puissance, punch, sinew\*, snap, sock\*, steam\*, strength, sway, vigor, virtue, what it takes\*, zap\*, zing\*, zip\*; CONCEPTS 411,676,732 —**Ant.** disability, impotency, ineffectiveness, weakness

**potent** [adj] *effective, powerful, forceful* almighty, authoritative, ball of fire\*, cogent, commanding, compelling, convincing, dominant, dynamic, efficacious, forcible, full-bodied, go-getter\*, great, gutsy\*, impressive, influential, lusty, mighty, persuasive, powerhouse, puissant, punchy, robust, spanking,

stiff, strong, sturdy, telling, trenchant, useful, vigorous; CONCEPTS 372,489,540 —*Ant.* disabled, fragile, helpless, impotent, incapable, ineffective, weak

**potentate** [*n*] *monarch* autocrat, chief, chieftain, crowned head, despot, dictator, emperor, empress, head of state, king, leader, majesty, prince, princess, queen, royalty, ruler, sovereign; CONCEPTS 354,422

**potential** [*adj*] *promising* abeyant, budding, conceivable, dormant, embryonic, future, hidden, imaginable, implied, inherent, latent, likely, lurking, plausible, possible, prepatent, probable, quiescent, thinkable, undeveloped, unrealized, within realm of possibility; CONCEPTS 528,552 —*Ant.* helpless, impossible, lacking, unpromising

**potential** [*n*] *possibility for achievement* ability, aptitude, capability, capacity, potentiality, power, the makings\*, what it takes\*, where-withal; CONCEPTS 650,706 —*Ant.* impossible, lack

**pothole** [*n*] *chuckhole* cavity, crater, depression, dip, fracture, gap, hole, pit, pocket, rut, split; CONCEPT 513

**potion** [*n*] *concoction prepared for mental or physical effect* aromatic, brew, cordial, cup, dose, draft, dram, draught, drink, elixir, libation, liquid, liquor, medicine, mixture, nip, philter, remedy, restorative, spirits, stimulant, tonic; CONCEPTS 307,467

**potpourri** [*n*] *miscellany* assortment, blend, collection, combination, combo, gallimaufry, goulash, hash, hodgepodge, medley, mélange, mishmash, mixed bag, mixture, motley, olio\*, pastiche\*, patchwork, salmagundi\*, soup, stew; CONCEPTS 260,432 —*Ant.* ingredient, singular

**pottery** [*n*] *containers made from clay; clay art* ceramics, crockery, earthenware, firing, glazing, porcelain, porcelainware, stoneware, terra cotta; CONCEPTS 174,259,494

**pouch** [*n*] *soft container, often made of cloth or skin* bag, pocket, poke, purse, receptacle, sac, sack; CONCEPTS 446,450,494

**pounce** [*n/v*] *leap at; take by surprise* ambush, attack, bound, dart, dash, dive, drop, fall upon, jump, snatch, spring, strike, surge, swoop, take unawares; CONCEPTS 86,159,194

**pound** [*n*] *sixteen ounces/454 kilograms of weight* avoidupois, pint, troy; CONCEPT 795

**pound** [*v1*] *crush; beat rhythmically* batter, belabor, bruise, buffet, clobber, comminute, drub, hammer, hit, malleate, palpitate, pelt, pestle, powder, pulsate, pulse, pulverize, pummel, stomp, strike, thrash, throb, thump, tramp, triturate, wallop; CONCEPTS 150,186,189

**pound** [*v2*] *impress; make someone listen* din, drive, drum, drum, grave, hammer, stamp; CONCEPTS 14,49 —*Ant.* give up

**pour** [*v*] *be or make flowing* cascade, cataract, course, crowd, decant, deluge, discharge, drain, drench, emit, flood, flow, give off, gush, inundate, issue, jet, let flow, proceed, rain, rill, roll, run, rush, sheet, shower, sluice, spew, spill, splash, spout, spring, stream, surge, swarm, teem, throng; CONCEPTS 146,179,209

**pout** [*n*] *sad face* frown, glower, long face, moue, sullen look; CONCEPT 716 —*Ant.* grin, smile

**pout** [*v*] *make a sad face; be sad* be cross, be in bad mood\*, be moody, be petulant, be sullen, frown, grouch, grump\*, make a long face\*, make a moue, mope, stick one's lip out\*, sulk; CONCEPTS 261,410 —*Ant.* grin, smile

**poverty** [*n*] *want; extreme need, often financial* abjection, aridity, bankruptcy, barrenness, beggary, dearth, debt, deficiency, deficit, depletion, destitution, difficulty, distress, emptiness, exiguity, famine, hardship, impecuniousness, impoverishment, inadequacy, indigence, insolvency, insufficiency, lack, meagerness, necessitousness, necessity, pass, paucity, pauperism, pennilessness, penury, pinch, poorness, privation, reduction, scarcity, shortage, starvation, straits, underdevelopment, vacancy; CONCEPTS 335,709 —*Ant.* abundance, affluence, luxury, richness, wealth

**poverty-stricken** [*adj*] *in great need; financially poor* bad off\*, bankrupt, beggared, beggarly, broke\*, destitute, dirt poor\*, distressed, down-and-out\*, hard up\*, impecunious, impoverished, indigent, in dire circumstances, in want, moneyless, necessitous, needful, needy, penniless, penurious, short\*, stone broke\*, stranded\*, strapped\*, unmoneyed, wanting; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* rich, wealthy

**powder** [*n*] *fine, loose grains made by crushing a solid* crumb, dust, film, grain, grit, meal, particle, pounce, pulverulence, seed, talc; CONCEPTS 471,831 —*Ant.* solid

**powder** [*v*] *crush into fine grains; sprinkle fine grains* abrade, bray, comminute, cover, crumble, crunch, dredge, dust, file, flour, granulate, grate, grind, pestle, pound, pulverize, rasp, reduce, scatter, scrape, smash, strew, triturate; CONCEPTS 186,222 —*Ant.* solidify

**powder room** [*n*] *bathroom* comfort station, ladies', ladies' room, lavatory, loo, restroom, toilet, washroom; CONCEPT 448

**powdery** [*adj*] *consisting of fine, loose grains* arenaceous, arenose, branny, chalky, crumbling, crumbly, dry, dusty, fine, floury, friable, grainy, granular, gravelly, gritty, impalpable, loose, mealy, pulverized, pulverulent, sandy; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* solid

**power** [*n1*] *ability, competence* aptitude, bent, capability, capacity, competency, dynamism, effectiveness, efficacy, endowment, faculty, function, gift, influence, potential, potentiality, qualification, skill, talent, turn, virtue; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* inability, incapacity, incompetence, weakness

**power** [*n2*] *physical ability, capacity* applied force, arm\*, brawn, dynamism, energy, force, forcefulness, horsepower, intensity, mechanical energy, might, muscle\*, omnipotence, potency, potential, puissance, sinew\*, strength, vigor, vim, virtue, voltage, weight; CONCEPTS 520, 641,732 —*Ant.* debility, disability, impairment, impotence, infirmity, weakness

**power** [*n3*] *control, dominance* ascendancy, authority, authorization, birthing, clout, command, connection, diadem, direction, domination, dominion, hegemony, imperium, influence, inside track\*, jurisdiction, law, leadership, license, management, might, moxie\*, omnipotence, paramountcy, predominance, prerogative, prestige, privilege, regency, right, rule, say-so\*,

sovereignty, steam, strength, strings\*, superiority, supremacy, sway, warrant, weight\*, wire\*; CONCEPTS 376,671 —*Ant.* inefficiency,

subservience, surrender, weakness, yielding  
**powerful** [*adj*] *strong, effective* able, all-powerful, almighty, authoritarian, authoritative, capable, cogent, commanding, compelling, competent, controlling, convincing, dominant, dynamic, effectual, efficacious, energetic, forceful, forcible, impressive, in control, influential, in the saddle\*, mighty, omnipotent, overruling, paramount, persuasive, potent, preeminent, prevailing, puissant, robust, ruling, sovereign, stalwart, strapping\*, strengthy, sturdy, supreme, telling, upper hand\*, vigorous, weighty, wicked\*, wiely; CONCEPT 489, —*Ant.* impotent, incapable, ineffective, unable, weak

**powerfully** [*adv*] *with energy, authority* effectively, energetically, forcefully, forcibly, hard, intensely, mightily, severely, strongly, vigorously, with might and main; CONCEPTS 540,544,569 —*Ant.* softly, weakly

**powerless** [*adj*] *weak; unable* blank, chicken\*, debilitated, defenseless, dependent, disabled, disenfranchised, etiolated, feeble, frail, gutless, helpless, impotent, incapable, incapacitated, ineffective, ineffectual, inert, infirm, out of gas\*, paralyzed, passive, prostrate, subject, supine, tied, unarmed, unfit, vulnerable, wimp\*, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPTS 489,527 —*Ant.* able, dominant, potent, powerful, strong

**powwow** [*n*] *discussion* confab\*, confabulation, conference, consultation, council, get-together, huddle, meeting, palaver, parley, talk; CONCEPTS 56,324,384 —*Ant.* quiet

**powwow** [*v*] *discuss* advise, confab\*, confabulate, confer, consult, get together, go into a huddle\*, huddle, meet, palaver, parley, talk, treat; CONCEPT 56

**practicable** [*adj*] *within the realm of possibility* accessible, achievable, applicable, attainable, doable, employable, feasible, functional, handy, open, operative, performable, possible, practical, serviceable, usable, useful, utile, utilizable, viable, workable; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* impossible, impracticable, unattainable, unreasonable, unworkable

**practical** [*adj1*] *realistic, useful* applied, both feet on the ground\*, businesslike, commonsensical, constructive, doable, down-to-earth, efficient, empirical, experimental, factual, feasible, functional, handy, hard-boiled\*, implicit, in action, in operation, matter-of-fact\*, nuts and bolts\*, operative, orderly, possible, practicable, pragmatic, rational, reasonable, sane, sensible, serviceable, sober, solid, sound, systematic, unidealistic, unromantic, usable, utile, utilitarian, virtual, workable, workaday, working; CONCEPTS 533,542,560 —*Ant.* impossible, impractical, unfeasible, unrealistic, unserviceable, unworkable, useless, worthless

**practical** [*adj2*] *experienced, proficient* accomplished, cosmopolitan, effective, efficient, qualified, seasoned, skilled, sophisticated, trained, versed, vet\*, veteran, working, worldly, worldly-wise; CONCEPTS 326,527,528,678 —*Ant.* incapable, inefficient, inexperienced, unproficient, unseasoned, unskilled, untrained, useless

**practically** [*adj*] *almost; nearly* about, all but, approximately, as good as, as much as, basically, close to, essentially, for all intents and purposes\*, fundamentally, in effect, in essence, morally, most, much, nearly, nigh, virtually, well-nigh; CONCEPTS 531,772 —*Ant.* far, not close

**practice** [*n1*] *routine, usual procedure* convenance, convention, custom, fashion, form, habit, habitude, manner, method, mode, praxis, proceeding, process, rule, system, tradition, trick, usage, use, usefulness, utility, way, wont; CONCEPT 688 —*Ant.* abstention, refrain  
**practice** [*n2*] *exercise, application* action, assignment, background, discipline, drill, drilling, effect, experience, homework, iteration, operation, preparation, prepping, recitation, recounting, rehearsal, relating, repetition, seasoning, study, training, tune-up, use, work-out; CONCEPTS 87,100,658 —*Ant.* ignorance, neglect

**practice** [*n3*] *business; clientele of business* career, clients, patients, profession, vocation, work; CONCEPTS 325,417

**practice** [*v1*] *repeat action to improve* become seasoned, build up, discipline, do again, dress, dress rehearse\*, drill, dry run\*, exercise, go over, habituate, hone, iterate, polish, prepare, recite, rehearse, run through, shake-down\*, sharpen, study, train, try out, tune up, walk through, warm up, work, work out; CONCEPTS 87,100

**practice** [*v2*] *carry out; undertake* apply, carry on, do, engage in, execute, follow, fulfill, function, live up to, observe, perform, ply, pursue, put into effect, specialize in, work at; CONCEPTS 91,310,317,324 —*Ant.* cease, forget, halt, neglect, stop

**practitioner** [*n*] *expert* doctor, master, pro, professional, specialist; CONCEPTS 348,350,416

**pragmatic** [*adj*] *sensible* businesslike, commonsensical, down-to-earth, efficient, hard, hard-boiled\*, hardheaded\*, logical, matter-of-fact, practical, realistic, sober, unidealistic, utilitarian; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* idealistic, unreasonable

**prairie** [*n*] *grassland* grassy field, meadow, pasturage, pasture, plain, savanna, steppe, veldt; CONCEPT 509

**praise** [*n*] *congratulations; adoration* acclaim, acclamation, accolade, applause, appreciation, approbation, approval, big hand\*, boost, bravo, celebration, cheer, cheering, citation, commendation, compliment, cry, devotion, encomium, esteem, eulogy, exaltation, extolment, flattery, glorification, glory, good word\*, homage, hurrah, hymn, kudos\*, laudation, obeisance, ovation, panegyric, pat on the back\*, plaudit, puff\*, rave, recognition, recommendation, regard, sycophancy, thanks, tribute, worship; CONCEPTS 69,278 —*Ant.* blame, censure, condemnation, criticism

**praise** [*v*] *congratulate; adore* acclaim, admire, adulate, advocate, aggrandize, applaud, appreciate, approve, bless, boost, bow down\*, build up\*, cajole, celebrate, cheer, cite, clap, commend, compliment, cry up\*, dignify, distinguish, elevate, endorse, ennoble, eulogize, exalt, extol, flatter, give thanks, glorify, hail, honor, laud, make much of\*, panegyricize, pay



homage, pay tribute, proclaim, puff\*, rave over, recommend, resound, reverence, root\*, sanction, sing the praises\*, smile on\*, stroke\*, tout, worship; CONCEPT 69 —*Ant.* accuse, blame, censure, condemn, denounce, reproach

**praiseworthy** [*adj*] *deserving congratulations, adoration* admirable, commendable, creditable, estimable, excellent, exemplary, fine, gnarly, gone, honorable, keen, laudable, meritable, meritorious, pillar, salt of earth\*, select, slick, stellar, swell, thankworthy, tough, worthy; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* dishonorable, disliked, disrespected, unworthy

**prance** [*v*] *caport; show off* bound, caper, dance, flounce, foot it\*, frisk, gambol, hoof it\*, jump, leap, mince, parade, romp, sashay, skip, spring, stalk, step, strut, swagger, sweep, tread; CONCEPTS 150,292,384

**prank** [*n*] *practical joke; frivolity* antic, caper, caprice, escapade, fancy, fooling, frolic, gag, gambol, high jinks\*, horseplay\*, hotfoot\*, lark, levity, lightness, monkeyshines\*, play, put-on, rib\*, rollick, roughhouse\*, roughhousing\*, rowdiness, shenanigans, shine\*, skylarking\*, spoof, sport, tomfoolery, trick, whim; CONCEPTS 59,384

**prattle** [*n*] *babble* blubbering, burble, chatter, chit-chat, drivel, gab, gabble, gibberish, gossip, hot air\*, idle talk, jabber, jabbering, jargon, murmur, ranting, small talk, tattling, trivial talk, twaddle; CONCEPTS 266,278

**pray** [*v*] *plead; call upon for help, answer* adjure, appeal, ask, beseech, brace, commune with, crave, cry for, entreat, implore, importune, invoke, petition, recite, request, say, solicit, sue, supplicate, urge; CONCEPTS 48,367

**prayer** [*n*] *pleading, especially with a deity; request for help, answer* adoration, appeal, application, begging, benediction, beseeching, communion, devotion, entreaty, grace, imploration, imploring, imprecation, invocation, litany, orison, petition, plea, pleading, request, rogation, service, suit, supplication, worship; CONCEPTS 48,367,662

**preach** [*v*] *speak publicly about beliefs* address, deliver, deliver sermon, evangelize, exhort, give sermon, homilize, inform, minister, mission, missionary, orate, prophesy, pulpiteer, sermonize, talk, teach; CONCEPTS 51,285,367

**preach** [*v*2] *lecture, moralize* admonish, advocate, blow, exhort, get on a soapbox\*, harangue, pile it on\*, preachify, sermonize, talk big\*, urge; CONCEPTS 51,75

**preacher** [*n*] *person who gives religious instruction* clergy, cleric, clerical, divine, ecclesiastic, evangelist, evangelizer, minister, missionary, parson, pulpitier, reverend, revivalist, sermonizer; CONCEPT 361

**precarious** [*adj*] *tricky, doubtful* ambiguous, borderline, chancy, contingent, dangerous, delicate, dicey\*, dubious, dynamite, equivocal, hairy\*, hanging by a thread\*, hazardous, iffy\*, impugnable, indecisive, insecure, loaded, on thin ice\*, open, out on a limb\*, perilous, problematic, risky, rocky, rugged\*, sensitive, shaky, slippery, ticklish, touch and go\*, touchy, uncertain, unhealthy, unreliable, unsafe, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, unsure; CONCEPTS 535,587

—*Ant.* certain, definite, firm, stable, strong, sure, undoubted

**precaution** [*n*] *carefulness; preventative measure* anticipation, animosity, care, caution, circumspection, discreetness, discretion, foresight, forethought, insurance, protection, providence, provision, prudence, regard, safeguard, safety measure, wariness; CONCEPTS 410,633,729 —*Ant.* carelessness

**precede** [*v*] *go ahead of* antecede, antedate, anticipate, be ahead of, come first, forerun, foreshadow, go before, go in advance, guide, harbinger, have a head start\*, head, head up, herald, in space, introduce, lead, light the way\*, outrank, pace, pave the way\*, pioneer, predate, preexist, preface, presage, rank, ring in\*, run ahead, scout, take precedence, time, usher; CONCEPTS 727,747,813,818 —*Ant.* follow, go after

**precedence** [*n*] *highest in rank; first in order* antecessence, anteposition, earliness, lead, precedence, precession, preeminence, preexistence, preference, prevenience, previousness, primary, priority, rank, seniority, superiority, supremacy; CONCEPTS 671,727,747,818 —*Ant.* inferiority, last, lowest

**precedent** [*n*] *authoritative example* antecedent, authority, criterion, exemplar, instance, model, paradigm; CONCEPT 686

**preceding** [*adj*] *earlier, above* above-mentioned, above-named, aforementioned, aforementioned, aforesaid, ahead of, antecedent, anterior, before, erstwhile, foregoing, forerunning, former, forward, front, head, heretofore, introductory, lead, leading, one time, other, past, pioneer, pioneering, precedent, precursive, precursory, preexistent, prefatory, preliminary, preparatory, prevenient, previous, prior, supra; CONCEPTS 585,586,799,811,818 —*Ant.* after, below, following, later

**precept** [*n*] *law, rule of behavior, action* axiom, behest, bidding, byword, canon, command, commandment, decree, decretum, direction, doctrine, dogma, edict, formula, fundamental, guideline, injunction, instruction, law, mandate, maxim, motto, order, ordinance, prescript, principle, regulation, rule, saying, statute, tenet; CONCEPTS 318,688

**precinct** [*n*] *subdivision* area, community, department, development, district, division, neighborhood, province, quarter, section, tract, ward, zone; CONCEPTS 513,835

**precious** [*adj*1] *favorite, valued* adored, beloved, cherished, darling, dear, dearest, idolized, inestimable, loved, pet, prized, treasured; CONCEPTS 529,567 —*Ant.* disfavored, useless, valueless, worthless

**precious** [*adj*2] *expensive; rare* choice, costly, dear, exquisite, fine, high-priced, inestimable, invaluable, priceless, prizable, prized, recherché, rich, treasureable, valuable, worth a king's ransom\*, worth eyeteeth\*, worth one's weight in gold\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* cheap, common, inexpensive

**precious** [*adj*3] *extremely sophisticated and picky* affected, alembicated, artful, artificial, chichi\*, choosy, dainty, delicate, fastidious, finicky, fragile, fussy, la-di-da\*, nice, ostentatious, overnice, overrefined, particular,

persnickety\*, precieux, pretentious, refined, showy, stagy, studied; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* defective, deficient, impaired

**precipice** [*n*] *face or brink of a rock, mountain bluff, cliff, crag, height, sheer drop, steep*; CONCEPTS 509,513

**precipitate** [*v*] *hurry, speed* accelerate, advance, bring on, cast, discharge, dispatch, expedite, fling, further, hasten, hurl, launch, let fly, press, push forward, quicken, send forth, speed up, throw, trigger; CONCEPTS 152,242, 704 —*Ant.* check, slow, wait

**precipitation** [*n*] *moisture in air or falling from sky* cloudburst, condensation, drizzle, hail, hailstorm, heavy dew, precip\*, rain, rainfall, rainstorm, sleet, snow, storm, wetness; CONCEPTS 467,524,526 —*Ant.* dryness

**precipitous** [*adj*1] *steep, falling sharply* abrupt, arduous, craggy, dizzy, dizzying, high, perpendicular, precipitate, sharp, sheer; CONCEPTS 490,583,779 —*Ant.* gradual

**precipitous/precipitate** [*adj*2] *fast, sudden; impulsive; initial* abrupt, breakneck\*, brief, frantic, gone off half-cocked\*, harum-scarum\*, hasty, headlong, heedless, hurried, ill-advised, impatient, impetuous, indiscreet, jump the gun\*, madcap, off the hip\*, off the top of head\*, plunging, precipitant, quick, rapid, rash, reckless, refractory, rushing, subitaneous, swift, unanticipated, uncontrolled, unexpected, unforeseen, violent, willful, without warning; CONCEPTS 229,401,542,588,799 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, slow

**précis** [*n*] *abridgment* abstract, aperçu, compendium, condensation, digest, outline, pandect, résumé, rundown, sketch, summary, survey, syllabus, synopsis; CONCEPT 283 —*Ant.* expansion

**precise** [*adj*1] *exact, accurate* absolute, actual, categorical, circumscribed, clear-cut, correct, decisive, definite, determinate, explicit, express, fixed, individual, limited, literal, narrow, nice, on the button\*, on the money\*, on the nose\*, particular, proper, restricted, right, rigid, rigorous, specific, strict, stringent, unequivocal, very, well-defined; CONCEPTS 535,557,653 —*Ant.* ambiguous, false, imprecise, inaccurate, inexact, questionable

**precise** [*adj*2] *meticulous, fastidious* careful, ceremonious, choosy, exact, finicky, formal, fussy, genteel, inflexible, nice, particular, persnickety\*, picky, priggish, prim, prissy, punctilious, rigid, scrupulous, sticking, stiff\*, strict, stuffy, uncompromising; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* careless, loose, negligent, slipshod

**precise** [*adv*] *exactly, just* absolutely, accurately, as well, correctly, definitely, even, expressly, for a fact, for sure, just so, literally, no ifs ands or buts\*, no mistake\*, on the button\*, on the money\*, on the nose\*, plumb, right, sharp, smack\*, smack-dab\*, specifically, square, squarely, strictly, sure, sure thing\*, the ticket\*, the very thing\*, to a tee\*, yes; CONCEPTS 535,557 —*Ant.* imprecisely, questionably, unsure

**precision** [*n*] *accuracy* attention, care, carefulness, correctness, definiteness, definitiveness, definitude, exactitude, exactness, fidelity, heed, meticulousness, nicety, particularity, precise-

ness, rigor, sureness; CONCEPTS 638,654

—*Ant.* imprecision, inaccuracy, inexactness  
**preclude** [*v*] *inhibit; make impossible* avert, cease, check, debar, deter, discontinue, exclude, forestall, forfend, hinder, impede, interrupt, make impracticable, obviate, prevent, prohibit, put a stop to, quit, restrain, rule out, stave off, stop, ward; CONCEPTS 121,234 —*Ant.* allow, permit, support

**precocious** [*adj*] *exceptionally smart, ahead of age in understanding* advanced, aggressive, ahead of time\*, beforehand, bold, brassy\*, bright, cheeky\*, cocky\*, developed, early, flip\*, flippant, forward, fresh, intelligent, mature, nervy, premature, presumptuous, pushy, quick, sassy\*, smart-alecky\*; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* stupid

**precognition** [*n*] *clairvoyance* acumen, discernment, ESP, extra sensory perception, feeling, foreknowledge, foresight, fortunetelling, insight, intuition, omen, penetration, perception, prediction, premonition, prophecy, psyche, second sight, sixth sense\*, telepathy; CONCEPTS 409,410

**preconception** [*n*] *idea formed before event occurs or facts are received* assumption, bias, delusion, illusion, inclination, notion, preconceived idea, predisposition, prejudice, prepossession, presumption, presupposition; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* ignorance

**precursor** [*n*1] *something that indicates outcome or event beforehand* forerunner, harbinger, herald, messenger, outrider, usher, vanguard; CONCEPTS 70,278

**precursor** [*n*2] *something that precedes another* ancestor, antecedent, antecessor, forebear, foregoer, forerunner, original, originator, parent, pioneer, predecessor, prototype; CONCEPTS 648,727,828

**predator** [*n*] *hunter, killer* animal of prey, beast of prey, carnivore, meat-eater; CONCEPT 252

**predatory** [*adj*] *eating, destroying for sustenance or without conscience* bloodthirsty, carnivorous, depredatory, despoiling, greedy, hungry, hunting, marauding, pillaging, plundering, predacious, predatory, preying, rapacious, raptorial, ravaging, ravening, thieving, voracious, vulturine, vulturous, wolfish; CONCEPTS 401,406

**predecessor** [*n*] *something, someone that comes before* ancestor, antecedent, antecessor, forebear, foregoer, forerunner, former, precursor, previous, prior, prototype; CONCEPTS 414,828 —*Ant.* derivative, descendant, successor

**predestination** [*n*] *destiny* course of events, divine decree, fate, foreordination, fortune, God's will, inevitability, karma, kismet\*, ordinance, portion, predetermination, way the ball bounces\*, way the cookie crumbles\*, what is written\*; CONCEPT 679

**predetermined** [*adj*] *decided in advance* agreed, arranged, calculated, cut and dried\*, deliberate, destined, determined, doomed, fated, fixed, foredestined, foreordained, forethought, planned, prearranged, precogitated, predestined, premeditated, preordained, preplanned, proposed, set, settled, set up; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* unarranged, undetermined, unplanned, unsettled  
**predicament** [*n*] *difficult situation* asperity, bad

news\*, bind\*, Catch-22\*, circumstance, clutch, condition, corner\*, crisis, deadlock, deep water\*, dilemma, drag\*, emergency, exigency, fix\*, hang-up\*, hardship, hole, hot water\*, imbroglia, impasse, jam\*, juncture, large order\*, lot, mess\*, muddle, pass, perplexity, pickle\*, pinch, plight, position, posture, puzzle, quagmire, quandary, rigor, rough go\*, scrape\*, soup\*, spot\*, state\*, strait, tall order\* ticklish spot\* tight situation\* trouble, vicissitude; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* fix, good fortune, solution

**predict** [*v*] *express an outcome in advance* umbratate, anticipate, augur, be afraid, call, call it, conclude, conjecture, croak, crystal-ball\* divine, envision, figure, figure out, forebode, forecast, foresee, forespeak, foretell, gather, guess, have a hunch\*, hazard a guess\*, infer, judge, make book\*, omen, portend, presage, presume, prognosticate, prophesy, psych out\*, read, see coming\*, see handwriting on wall\*, size up\*, soothsay, suppose, surmise, telegraph\*, think, vaticinate; CONCEPT 70

**predictable** [*adj*] *easy to foretell* anticipated, calculable, certain, expected, foreseeable, foreseen, likely, prepared, sure, sure-fire\*; CONCEPTS 404,542,548 —*Ant.* improbable, unexpected, unforeseen, unpredictable

**prediction** [*n*] *declaration made in advance of event* anticipation, augury, cast, conjecture, crystal gazing\*, divination, dope, forecast, forecasting, foresight, foretelling, fortunetelling, guess, horoscope, hunch\*, indicator, omen, palmistry, presage, prevision, prognosis, prognostication, prophecy, soothsaying, surmising, tip, vaticination, zodiac; CONCEPTS 70,278, 689

**predilection** [*n*] *inclination, preference toward something bent\**, bias, cup of tea\*, dish\*, druthers\*, fancy, flash, fondness, groove, inclining, leaning, liking, love, mindset\*, partiality, penchant, predisposition, proclivity, proneness, propensity, taste\*, tendency, thing\*, type, weakness; CONCEPTS 20,32,709 —*Ant.* antipathy, disinterest, dislike, hate

**predispose** [*v*] *influence to believe something* activate, affect, animate, bend\*, bias, cultivate, dispose, govern, impress, incline, indoctrinate, induce, inspire, lead, make expectant, make of a mind to\*, prejudice, prepare, prime, prompt, stimulate, strike, sway, teach, urge; CONCEPTS 12,14,26,68 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade

**predisposed** [*adj*] *willing, inclined* agreeable, amenable, biased, eager, enthusiastic, fain, given to, liable, likely, minded, partial, prone, ready, subject, susceptible; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* disagreeing, disinclined, unprepared, unwilling

**predisposition** [*n*] *willingness, inclination* bent\*, bias, choice, cup of tea\*, dish\*, disposition, druthers\*, flash, groove, leaning, likelihood, liking, option, partiality, penchant, potentiality, predilection, preference, proclivity, proneness, propensity, susceptibility, tendency, thing\*, type, weakness; CONCEPTS 20,32,410,709 —*Ant.* disinclination, unwillingness

**predominant** [*adj*] *ruling; most important* absolute, all-powerful, almighty, arbitrary, ascendant, authoritative, capital, chief, controlling, directing, dominant, dominating, effective, efficacious, governing, holding the reins\*,

imperious, influential, leading, main, mighty, official, omnipotent, overbearing, overpowering, paramount, potent, predominate, preponderant, prevailing, prevalent, primary, prime, principal, prominent, reigning, sovereign, superior, superlative, supervisory, supreme, surpassing, transcendent, weighty; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* inconsequential, minor, trivial, unimportant

**predominate** [*v*] *be the most important, noticeable* carry weight\*, command, dominate, domineer, get the upper hand\*, govern, hold sway\*, manage, outweigh, overrule, overshadow, preponderate, prevail, reign, rule, tell; CONCEPTS 94,117,141

**preeminent** [*adj*] *most important; superior* capital, chief, consummate, distinguished, dominant, excellent, foremost, incomparable, main, major, matchless, number one\*, outstanding, paramount, peerless, predominant, principal, renowned, stellar, supreme, surpassing, towering, transcendent, ultimate, unequalled, unmatchable, unrivalled, unsurpassable, unsurpassed; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* inferior, low, unimportant, unknown

**preempt** [*v*] *take over in place of another* accroach, acquire, annex, anticipate, appropriate, arrogate, assume, bump, commander, confiscate, expropriate, obtain, seize, sequester, take, usurp; CONCEPTS 121,142,234

**preen** [*v*] *admire and clean oneself* beautify, clean, doll up, groom, prettify, pretty, primp, prink, spruce up, tidy; CONCEPT 161

**preface** [*n*] *introduction* beginning, exordium, explanation, foreword, overture, preamble, preliminary, prelude, preclusion, proem, prolegomenon, prologue; CONCEPT 270 —*Ant.* appendix, conclusion, ending, epilogue, finish

**preface** [*v*] *introduce* begin, commence, launch, lead, lead up to, open, precede, prefix, usher; CONCEPTS 57,221 —*Ant.* conclude, end, finish

**prefer** [*v*] *favor; single out* adopt, advance, aggrandize, be partial to, be turned on to, choose, cull, desire, elect, elevate, fancy, finger, fix upon, go for, incline, like better, mark, optate, opt for, pick, place, pose, present, promote, prone, proposition, propound, put, put forward, raise, select, suggest, tag, take, tap, upgrade, wish, would rather\*, would sooner\*; CONCEPTS 20,41 —*Ant.* dislike, hate, reject, spurn

**preference** [*n1*] *first choice* alternative, choice, cup of tea\*, desire, druthers\*, election, favorite, flash\*, groove, inclination, option, partiality, pick, predilection, prepossession, propensity, say, say so\*, selection, top, weakness; CONCEPTS 20,529,709 —*Ant.* dislike, hate, hatred, last choice, rejection

**preference** [*n2*] *favorable treatment* advancement, advantage, elevation, favoritism, first place, precedence, preferment, prelation, pride of place, priority, promotion, upgrading; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* disfavor, equality, rejection

**preferred** [*adj*] *favorite, chosen* adopted, approved, culled, decided upon, elected, endorsed, fancied, favored, handpicked, liked, named, picked, popular, sanctioned, selected, set apart, settled upon, singled out, taken, well-liked; CONCEPTS 555,574 —*Ant.* ill-favored, rejected, undesirable

**pregnancy** [*n*] *gestation* child-bearing, fertilization, germination, gravidity, gravidness, impregnation, parturition, propagation; CONCEPT 427

**pregnant** [*adj*1] *carrying developing offspring within the body* abundant, anticipating, carrying a child, enceinte, expectant, expecting\*, fecund, fertile, fraught, fruitful, gestating, gravid, heavy, hopeful, in family way\*, parous, parturient, pregrgers\*, productive, prolific, replete, teeming, with child\*; CONCEPTS 406,485

**pregnant** [*adj*2] *significant, meaningful* charged, cogent, consequential, creative, eloquent, expressive, fecund, imaginative, important, inventive, loaded, momentous, original, pointed, redolent, rich, seminal, sententious, suggestive, telling, weighty; CONCEPTS 267,567 —*Ant.* insignificant, trivial, unmeaningful

**prehistoric** [*adj*] *before recorded history* ancient, antediluvian, antiquated, archaic, earliest, early, old, olden, primeval, primitive, primordial; CONCEPTS 558,560,799

**prejudice** [*n*] *belief without basis, information; intolerance* ageism, animosity, antipathy, apartheid, aversion, bad opinion, bias, bigotry, chauvinism, contemptuousness, detriment, discrimination, disgust, dislike, displeasure, disrelish, enmity, foregone conclusion, illiberality, injustice, jaundiced eye, mindset\*, misjudgment, narrow-mindedness, one-sidedness, partiality, pique, preconceived notion, preconception, prejudgment, prepossession, racism, repugnance, revulsion, sexism, slant, spleen, tilt, twist, umbrage, unfairness, warp, xenophobia; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* fairness, justice, regard, respect, tolerance

**prejudice** [*v*] *influence another's beliefs without basis, information* angle\*, bend\*, bias, blemish\*, color\*, damage, dispose, distort, harm, hinder, hurt, impair, incline, indoctrinate, injure, jaundice, mar, poison\*, predispose, prejudice, prepossess, skew\*, slant\*, spoil, sway\*, twist\*, undermine, vitiate, warp\*; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* approve, be fair, be just, regard, respect, tolerate

**prejudicial** [*adj*] *harmful, undermining* bad, biased, bigoted, counterproductive, damaging, deleterious, detrimental, differential, disadvantageous, discriminatory, evil, hurtful, inimical, injurious, mischievous, noxious, unfavorable, unjust; CONCEPTS 537,545,570 —*Ant.* approving, fair, just, unbiased

**preliminary** [*adj*] *introductory, initial* basic, elemental, elementary, exploratory, first, fundamental, inductive, initiatory, opening, pilot, preceding, precursory, prefatory, preparatory, preparing, primal, primary, prior, qualifying, readying, test, trial; CONCEPTS 549,585,799 —*Ant.* closing, concluding, final

**preliminary** [*n*] *introductory event; beginning* first round, foundation, groundwork, initiation, introduction, opening, preamble, preface, prelims\*, prelude, preparation, start; CONCEPTS 828,832 —*Ant.* closing, conclusion, finale

**prelude** [*n*] *beginning of event* commencement, curtain-raiser\*, exordium, foreword, intro\*, introduction, overture, preamble, preface, preliminary, preclusion, preparation, proem, prolegomenon, prologue, start; CONCEPTS 264, 832 —*Ant.* ending, epilogue, postlude

**premature** [*adj*1] *earlier in occurrence than anticipated* a bit previous, abortive, early on, embryonic, forward, green\*, immature, incomplete, inopportune, overearly, oversoon, precipitate, predeveloped, previous, raw\*, soon, unanticipated, undeveloped, unfledged, unripe, untimely; CONCEPTS 485,549 —*Ant.* backward, delayed, late, mature, overdue

**premature** [*adj*2] *rash, impulsive* half-baked\*, half-cocked\*, hasty, ill-considered, inopportune, jumping the gun\*, overhasty, precipitate, previous, too soon, untimely; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, prepared, slow

**premeditated** [*adj*] *planned, intended* advised, aforethought, calculated, conscious, considered, contrived, deliberate, designed, fixed, framed up, intentional, laid-out\*, prepenne, purposed, rigged\*, set-up\*, sewn-up\*, stacked deck\*, studied, thought-out, willful; CONCEPTS 542, 548 —*Ant.* accidental, casual, spontaneous

**premier** [*adj*] *leading; original* arch beginning, champion, chief, earliest, first, foremost, head, highest, inaugural, initial, main, opening, primary, prime, principal; CONCEPTS 568,585 —*Ant.* inferior, minor

**premiere** [*n*] *original production* beginning, debut, first night, first performance, first showing, opening, opening night; CONCEPTS 263,832 —*Ant.* closing

**premise** [*n*] *hypothesis, argument* apriorism, assertion, assumption, basis, evidence, ground, posit, postulate, postulation, presumption, presupposition, proof, proposition, supposition, thesis; CONCEPTS 529,689 —*Ant.* fact, reality, truth

**premise** [*v*] *hypothesize* announce, assume, begin, commence, introduce, posit, postulate, predicate, presume, presuppose, start, state, suppose; CONCEPTS 18,37 —*Ant.* be factual

**premises** [*n*] *grounds and buildings* bounds, campus, digs, establishment, fix, flat, hangout\*, home, house, joint\*, land, lay, layout, limits, neck of the woods\*, office, pad, place, plant, property, real estate\*, roof, scene, site, spot, terrace, turf, zone; CONCEPTS 198,515

**premium** [*adj*] *excellent* choice, exceptional, prime, select, selected, superior; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* inferior, low, low-class, poor

**premium** [*n*] *bonus, prize* appreciation, boon, bounty, carrot\*, dividend, extra, fee\*, gravy\*, guerdon, meed, percentage, perk\*, perquisite, plum\*, recompense, regard, remuneration, reward, spiff\*, stock, store, value; CONCEPTS 337,344 —*Ant.* lowness, paucity

**premonition** [*n*] *feeling that an event is about to occur* apprehension, apprehensiveness, feeling, feeling in bones\*, foreboding, forewarning, funny feeling, handwriting on wall\*, hunch, idea, intuition, misgiving, omen, portent, premonition, presage, presentiment, sign, sinking feeling, suspicion, vibes, vibrations, warning, wind change\*, winds\*, winds of change\*, worriment; CONCEPTS 410,529,689,690

**preoccupied** [*adj*] *busy; mentally caught up in something* absent, absent-minded, absorbed, abstracted, airheaded\*, asleep\*, bemused, bugged\*, daydreaming, deep\*, distracted, distraught, engaged, engrossed, faraway, fascinated, forgetful, have on the brain\*, heedless, hung up\*, immersed, incontinent, intent, lost, lost in

thought\*, mooning\*, moony\*, oblivious, obsessed, rapt, removed, spellbound, spread out\*, taken up, unaware, woolgathering\*, wrapped-up\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* observant, thoughtful, unoccupied

**preparation** [n1] *development, readiness* alertness, anticipation, arrangement, background, base, basis, build-up\*, construction, dry run\*, education, establishment, evolution, expectation, fitting, foresight, formation, foundation, gestation, getting ready, groundwork, homework, incubation, lead time\*, making ready, manufacture, measure, plan, precaution, preparedness, preparing, provision, putting in order, qualification, readying, rehearsal, run-down, safeguard, schoolwork, study, substructure, training, tryout, workout; CONCEPTS 35,202,285 —*Ant.* unreadiness

**preparation** [n2] *something concocted, put together* arrangement, blend, brew, composition, compound, concoction, confection, decoction, medicine, mixture, product, tincture; CONCEPT 260 —*Ant.* ingredient

**preparatory** [adj] *introductory, basic* before, elementary, in advance of, in anticipation of, inductive, opening, precautionary, prefatory, preliminary, prelude, prep\*, preparative, previous, primary, prior to; CONCEPTS 546,585 —*Ant.* auxiliary, supplementary

**prepare** [v] *make or get ready* adapt, adjust, anticipate, appoint, arrange, assemble, brace, build up, coach, concoct, construct, contrive, cook, develop, dispose, draw up, endow, equip, fabricate, fashion, fill in, fit, fit out, fix, form, formulate, fortify, furnish, gird, groom, lay the groundwork, make, make provision, make up, outfit, perfect, plan, practice, prime, produce, provide, put in order, put together, qualify, ready, settle, smooth the way\*, steel\*, strengthen, supply, train, turn out, warm up; CONCEPTS 35,202 —*Ant.* disorganize, ignore, neglect

**prepared** [adj] *ready in body or mind* able, adapted, adjusted, all bases covered\*, all set\*, all systems go\*, arranged, available, disposed, fit, fixed, framed, gaffed, groomed, handy, inclined, in order, in readiness, minded, of a mind, on guard\*, planned, predisposed, prepped, primed, processed, psyched-up\*, put up, qualified, rehearsed, rigged\*, set, set-up, sewed-up, stacked, up\*, up on\*, willing, wired; CONCEPTS 403,485,560 —*Ant.* ignorant, neglectful, unprepared, unready

**preponderance** [n] *great numbers; supremacy* advantage, ascendancy, bigger half\*, bulk, command, dominance, domination, dominion, extensiveness, greater part, lion's share\*, mass, max\*, mostest, power, predominance, prevalence, superiority, sway, weight; CONCEPTS 671,687,767 —*Ant.* inferiority

**prepossessed** [adj] *made partial by initial impression* biased, colored, inclined, jaundiced, one-sided, opinionated, partisan, predisposed, prejudiced, tententious, unindifferent, warped; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* total, whole

**prepossessing** [adj] *attractive, handsome* alluring, amiable, appealing, attracting, beautiful, bewitching, captivating, charming, drawing, enchanting, engaging, fair, fascinating, fetch-

ing, good-looking, inviting, likable, lovable, magnetic, pleasant, pleasing, striking, taking, winning; CONCEPTS 404,537 —*Ant.* homely, repulsive, ugly, unattractive, unprepossessing

**preposterous** [adj] *ridiculous, bizarre* absurd, asinine, crazy, excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, fantastic, far-out\*, foolish, harebrained\*, impossible, incredible, insane, irrational, laughable, ludicrous, monstrous, nonsensical, out of the question\*, outrageous, senseless, shocking, silly, stupid, taking the cake\*, thick\*, too much\*, unbelievable, unreasonable, unthinkable, unusual, wacky\*, wild; CONCEPTS 529,548,552 —*Ant.* reasonable, sensible

**prerequisite** [adj] *necessary* called for, essential, expedient, imperative, important, indispensable, mandatory, necessitous, needful, obligatory, of the essence, required, requisite, vital; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* optional, unnecessary, voluntary

**prerequisite** [n] *condition, necessity* essential, imperative, must, need, postulate, precondition, qualification, requirement, requisite, sine qua non; CONCEPTS 646,709 —*Ant.* extra, option

**prerogative** [n] *right, privilege* advantage, appanage, authority, birthright, choice, claim, droit, due, exemption, immunity, liberty, perquisite, sanction, title; CONCEPT 376 —*Ant.* duty, obligation

**presage** [n] *prediction, indication* apprehension, apprehensiveness, augury, auspice, bode-ment, boding, forecast, foretoken, forewarning, harbinger, intimation, misgiving, omen, portent, premonition, prenotation, presentiment, prognostic, prognostication, prophecy, sign, warning; CONCEPTS 410,529,689

**presage** [v] *predict or have a feeling* adumbrate, announce, augur, betoken, bode, divine, feel, forebode, forecast, forerun, foresee, foreshadow, foreshow, foretell, foretoken, forewarn, harbinger, herald, intuit, omen, point to, portent, preindicate, prognosticate, promise, prophesy, sense, signify, soothsay, vaticinate, warn; CONCEPTS 34,70,118

**preschool** [n] *nursery school* day care center, kindergarten, playgroup, pre-K; CONCEPT 287

**prescribe** [v] *stipulate action to be taken* appoint, assign, choose, command, decide, decree, define, designate, determine, dictate, direct, enjoin, establish, fix, guide, impose, lay down, ordain, order, pick out, require, rule, select, set, settle, specify, write prescription; CONCEPTS 50,60,61,88

**prescription** [n] *formula, medicine* decree, direction, drug, edict, instruction, law, mixture, ordinance, preparation, prescript, recipe, regulation, remedy, rule; CONCEPTS 274,307,311,318

**presence** [n1] *occupancy, attendance* being, companionship, company, existence, habitation, inhabitation, latency, occupation, omnipresence, potentiality, residence, subsistence, ubiety, ubiquity, whereabouts; CONCEPTS 407,518,710 —*Ant.* absence

**presence** [n2] *appearance, demeanor* address, air, aspect, aura, bearing, behavior, carriage, comportment, deportment, ease, look, mien, personality, poise, port, seeming, self-assurance, set; CONCEPTS 411,673,716

**presence** [n3] *closeness, vicinity* immediate circle, nearness, neighborhood, propinquity, proximity; CONCEPT 747 —*Ant.* distance

**presence** [n4] *ghost apparition, manifestation, shade, specter, spirit, supernatural being, wraith*; CONCEPT 370 —*Ant.* reality

**presence** [n5] *composure of mind* acumen, alertness, aplomb, calmness, cool, coolness, imperturbability, levelheadedness, quickness, sangfroid, self-assurance, self-command, self-composure, self-possession, sensibility, sobriety, watchfulness, wits; CONCEPTS 410,657 —*Ant.* agitation, confusion, distress, upset

**presence of mind** [n] *coolheadedness* calm, clearheadedness, coolness, patience; CONCEPTS 388,411,720

**present** [adj1] *existing; at this time* ad hoc, already, at this moment, begun, being, coeval, commenced, contemporaneous, contemporary, current, even now, existent, extant, for the time being, going on, immediate, in duration, in process, instant, just now, modern, nowadays, present-day, prompt, started, today, topical, under consideration, up-to-date; CONCEPT 820

—*Ant.* absent, former, future, past, previous

**present** [adj2] *nearby, here* accounted for, at hand, attendant, available, existent, in attendance, in view, made the scene\*, near, on board, on deck, on hand, on-the-spot, ready, show up, there, there with bells on\*, within reach; CONCEPTS 539,583 —*Ant.* absent, away, distant, far

**present** [n1] *existing time* here and now, instant, nonce, now, present moment, the time being, this day, this time, today; CONCEPTS 802,807,815 —*Ant.* future, past

**present** [n2] *gift* beneficence, benevolence, boon, bounty, compliment, donation, endowment, favor, gifting, giveaway, goodie\*, grant, gratuity, handout, largess, lump, offering, stake, write-off; CONCEPT 337

**present** [v1] *introduce; demonstrate* acquaint, adduce, advance, allege, cite, declare, display, do, do the honors, exhibit, expose, expound, extend, fix up, get together, give, give an introduction, hold out, imply, infer, intimate, lay, make a pitch\*, make known, manifest, mount, offer, open to view, perform, pitch, pose, produce, proffer, proposition, put forward, put on, raise, recount, relate, roll out, show, stage, state, submit, suggest, tender, trot out; CONCEPTS 66,261 —*Ant.* refrain, subdue, withhold

**present** [v2] *give, hand over* award, bestow, come up with, confer, devote, donate, entrust, furnish, gift, give away, grant, hand out, kick in\*, lay on\*, offer, proffer, put at disposal, put forth; CONCEPTS 67,108 —*Ant.* take

**presentable** [adj] *respectable; fit to be seen* acceptable, attractive, becoming, decent, fit, good enough\*, not bad\*, okay\*, passable, prepared, proper, satisfactory, suitable, tolerable; CONCEPTS 558,579 —*Ant.* ugly, unacceptable, unfit, unrepresentable

**presentation** [n] *performance; something given, displayed* act, appearance, arrangement, award, bestowal, coming out, conferral, debut, delivering, delivery, demonstration, display, dog and pony show\*, donation, exhibition, exposition, giving, introduction, investiture,

knockdown\*, launch, launching, offering, overture, pitch, present, production, proposal, proposition, reception, remembrance, rendition, representation, sales pitch\*, show, staging, submission; CONCEPTS 261,263,337

**presentiment** [n] *anticipation, expectation* apprehension, apprehensiveness, discomposure, disquietude, disturbance, fear, feeling, feeling in bones\*, foreboding, forecast, forethought, funny feeling\*, handwriting on wall\*, hunch, intuition, misgiving, perturbation, premonition, prenotation, presage, sinking feeling, vibes\*, worryment; CONCEPTS 410,532,689

**presently** [adv] *in a short while* anon, before long, before you know it, by and by, directly, down the line\*, down the pike\*, down the road\*, immediately, in a minute, in a moment, in a short time, now, nowadays, pretty soon, shortly, soon, today, without delay; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* eventually, later, never

**preservation** [n] *maintenance, protection* canning, care, conservancy, conservation, curing, defense, evaporation, freezing, guard, guardianship, keeping, perpetuation, pickling, preservall, refrigeration, safeguard, safeguarding, safe-keeping, safety, salvation, saving, security, shield, storage, support, sustenance, tanning, upholding, ward; CONCEPTS 134,170,202,257 —*Ant.* destruction, ruin

**preserve** [v] *care for, maintain; continue* bottle, can, conserve, cure, defend, evaporate, freeze, guard, keep, keep up, mothball\*, mummify, perpetuate, pickle, process, protect, put up, refrigerate, retain, safeguard, save, season, secure, shelter, shield, store, sustain, uphold; CONCEPTS 134,170 —*Ant.* destroy, hurt, ruin

**preserves** [n] *thickened fruit prepared for storage and use as a condiment* confection, confiture, conserve, extract, gelatin, jam, jelly, marmalade, pectin, spread, sweet; CONCEPTS 457,461

**preside** [v] *be in authority* administer, advise, be at the head of\*, be in driver's seat\*, call the signals\*, carry on, chair, conduct, control, direct, do the honors, govern, handle, head, head up, keep, lead, manage, officiate, operate, ordain, oversee, pull the strings\*, run, run the show\*, sit on top of\*, supervise; CONCEPTS 94,117 —*Ant.* follow, serve

**president** [n] *chief executive* boss, CEO, chief executive officer, chief of state, commander in chief, head of state, leader, person in charge, premier, prime minister; CONCEPT 347

**press** [n1] *people or person working in communications* columnist, correspondent, editor, fourth estate\*, interviewer, journalism, journalist, magazine, media, newspaper, newsperson, paper, periodical, photographer, publicist, publisher, reporter, writer; CONCEPTS 280,349,356

**press** [n2] *horde, large group* bunch, crowd, crush, drove, flock, herd, host, mob, multitude, pack, push, swarm, throng; CONCEPT 432

**press** [n3] *strain, pressure* bustle, confusion, demand, hassle, haste, hurry, rush, stress, urgency; CONCEPTS 230,674 —*Ant.* calm, harmony, peace

**press** [v1] *push on with force* bear down, bear heavily, bulldoze\*, clasp, compress, condense, constrain, crowd, crush, cumber, depress,

embrace, enfold, express, finish, flatten, force down, hold, hug, impel, iron, jam, level, mangle, mash, mass, move, pack, pile, pin down, ram, reduce, scrunch, shove, smooth, squash, squeeze, squish, steam, stuff, thrust, unwrinkle, weigh; CONCEPTS 191,208 —*Ant.* pull

**press** [v2] *pressure, trouble* afflict, assail, beg, beset, besiege, buttonhole\*, come at, compel, constrain, demand, depress, disquiet, enjoin, entreat, exhort, force, harass, implore, importune, insist on, lean on, oppress, petition, plague, plead, pressurize, push, railroad\*, sadden, sell, squeeze, sue, supplicate, torment, urge, vex, weigh down, work on, worry; CONCEPT 14 —*Ant.* leave alone

**pressing** [adj] *important; urgent* acute, burning, claiming, clamant, clamorous, compelling, constraining, critical, crucial, crying, demanding, dire, distressing, exacting, exigent, forcing, heat-on\*, high-priority, hurry-up\*, immediate, imperative, importunate, insistent, instant, life-and-death\*, obliging, requiring, serious, vital; CONCEPTS 548,568 —*Ant.* insignificant, trivial, unimportant

**pressure** [n1] *physical force, weight* burden, compressing, compression, crushing, encumbrance, heaviness, load, mass, shear, squeeze, squeezing, strain, strength, stress, tension, thrust; CONCEPTS 641,734

**pressure** [n2] *demand, difficulty* adversity, affliction, albatross\*, burden, choke, clout, coercion, compulsion, confinement, constraint, crunch, discipline, distress, drag, duress, exigency, force, full court press\*, hardship, hassle, heat, hurry, influence, inside track\*, load, misfortune, necessity, obligation, persuasion, power, press, pressure cooker\*, pull, requirement, strain, stress, sway, tension, trouble, unnaturalness, urgency, weight; CONCEPTS 14,666,674,687 —*Ant.* ease, facility, peace

**pressure** [v] *bother, urge* come at, compel, constrain, drive, impel, insist, lean on\*, politick, press, push, push around\*, rush, sell, squeeze, twist arm\*, work over\*; CONCEPTS 7,14,19,22 —*Ant.* leave alone

**prestige** [n] *fame, influence* authority, cachet, celebrity, consequence, control, credit, dignity, distinction, éclat\*, eminence, esteem, illustriousness, importance, kudos\*, position, power, preeminence, prominence, promineny, rank, regard, renown, reputation, repute, standing, state, stature, status, sway, weight; CONCEPTS 388,668 —*Ant.* humility, lowliness

**prestigious** [adj] *famous, influential* celebrated, distinguished, eminent, esteemed, exalted, famed, great, illustrious, important, imposing, impressive, notable, prominent, renowned, reputable, respected; CONCEPTS 555,568 —*Ant.* humble, insignificant, modest, unimportant, unprestigious

**presumably** [adv] *likely, reasonably* apparently, assumably, credible, doubtless, doubtlessly, hypothetically, in all likelihood, in all probability, indubitably, it would seem, most likely, on the face of it, presumptively, probably, seemingly, supposedly, surely, theoretically, unquestionably; CONCEPTS 544, 552 —*Ant.* doubtfully, unlikely

**presume** [v1] *make assumption; believe* assume,

bank on\*, be afraid, conclude, conjecture, consider, count on, depend, figure, gather, guess, infer, jump the gun\*, posit, postulate, predicate, premise, presuppose, pretend, rely, speculate, suppose, surmise, take for granted, take it, think, trust; CONCEPTS 12,26,28 —*Ant.* disbelieve

**presume** [v2] *dare; take the liberty* go so far, have the audacity, impose, infringe, intrude, make bold, undertake, venture; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* abstain

**presumption** [n1] *belief, hypothesis* anticipation, apriorism, assumption, basis, chance, conjecture, grounds, guess, likelihood, opinion, plausibility, posit, postulate, postulation, premise, presupposition, probability, reason, shot, shot in the dark\*, sneaking suspicion\*, stab, supposition, surmise, suspicion, thesis; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* reality, truth

**presumption** [n2] *forwardness, daring* arrogance, assurance, audacity, boldness, brashness, brass, cheek\*, chutzpah\*, confidence, contumely, effrontery, gall, impudence, insolence, nerve, presumptuousness, rudeness, temerity; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* humility

**presumptuous** [adj] *self-confident* arrogant, audacious, bold, cheeky\*, conceited, confident, contumelious, egotistic, foolhardy, forward, fresh, insolent, overconfident, overfamiliar, overweening, pompous, presuming, pretentious, pushy, rash, rude, self-assertive, self-assured, self-satisfied, smug, supercilious, uppity\*; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* humble, modest

**pretend** [v1] *fake, falsify* act, affect, allege, assume, be deceitful, beguile, be hypocritical, bluff, cheat, claim, claim falsely, counterfeit, cozen, deceive, delude, dissemble, dissimulate, dupe, fake out\*, feign, fish\*, fool, fudge\*, hood-wink\*, impersonate, jazz\*, jive\*, lay claim\*, let on\*, make out\*, malinger, masquerade, mislead, pass off\*, pass oneself off as\*, profess, purport, put on\*, put up a front\*, sham\*, shuck and jive\*, simulate, stonewall\*, sucker\*, whitewash\*; CONCEPTS 59,63 —*Ant.* tell truth

**pretend** [v2] *play the part of* act, assume the role, imagine, imitate, impersonate, make as if, make believe, make out like, make up, masquerade, mimic, play, playact, portray, pose, purport, put on a front\*, put on airs\*, put on an act\*, represent, reproduce, suppose; CONCEPTS 111,171,292,384 —*Ant.* be honest

**pretended** [adj] *alleged; imaginary* affected, artificial, assumed, avowed, bluffing, bogus, charlatan, cheating, concealed, counterfeit, covered, dissimulated, factitious, fake, false, falsified, feigned, fictitious, imposterous, imposturous, lying, make-believe, masked, mock, ostensible, phony, pretend, professed, pseudo\*, purported, put-on\*, quack\*, sham\*, shammed\*, simulated, so-called, spurious, supposed; CONCEPTS 545,582 —*Ant.* genuine, real, sincere

**pretense** [n] *falsehood, affected show; cover* act, acting, affectation, appearance, artifice, charade, claim, cloak, deceit, deception, display, dissimulation, double-dealing\*, dumb act\*, evasion, excuse, fabrication, facade, fakery, faking, falsification, feigning, gag, guise, insincerity, invention, make-believe, mask, masquerade, misrepresentation, misstatement, ostentation, posing, posturing, pretentiousness, pretext,

routine, ruse, schtick\*, semblance, sham\*, shuffling, simulation, stall, stunt, subterfuge, trickery, veil, veneer, will; CONCEPTS 59,63,633, 716 —*Ant.* honesty, openness, reality, truth

**pretension** [*n*] *airs, snobishness* affectation, big talk\*, charade, conceit, disguise, fake\*, false front\*, front, hypocrisy, ostentation, phony, pomposity, pretentiousness, put-on\*, self-importance, show, showboat\*, showiness, showoff, snobbery, splash\*, vainglory, vanity; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* honesty, humility

**pretension** [*n*2] *false claim, assertion of importance* allegation, ambition, ambitiousness, aspiration, assumption, charade, declaration, demand, disguise, maintenance, make-believe, pageant, pretense, pretext, profession, title; CONCEPTS 278,657 —*Ant.* honesty, truth

**pretentious** [*adj*] *snobbish, conceited* affected, arty, assuming, aureate, big\*, bombastic, chichi\*, conspicuous, euphuistic, exaggerated, extravagant, feigned, flamboyant, flashy, flaunting, flowery, gaudy, grandiloquent, grandiose, highfaluting\*, high-flown\*, high-sounding\*, hollow, imposing, inflated, jazzy\*, la-di-da\*, lofty, magniloquent, mincing, ornate, ostentatious, overambitious, overblown, pompous, puffed up\*, put-on\*, rhetorical, showy, specious, splashy, stilted, swank, too-too\*, tumid, turgid, utopian, vainglorious; CONCEPTS 401, 542,589 —*Ant.* humble, modest, unconceited

**preternatural** [*adj*] *unusual, abnormal* aberrant, anomalous, atypical, deviant, deviative, extraordinary, ghostly, inexplicable, irregular, marvelous, miraculous, mysterious, odd, peculiar, strange, superhuman, superior, supermundane, supernatural, unaccountable, unearthly, unnatural, unrepresentative, untypical; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* common, natural, normal, regular, usual

**pretext** [*n*] *disguise; alleged reason* affectation, alibi, appearance, bluff, cleanup, cloak, color\*, coloring\*, cop-out\*, cover, cover story\*, cover-up\*, device, excuse, face, feint, fig leaf\*, front, guise, mask, masquerade, plea, ploy, pretense, red herring\*, routine, ruse, semblance, show, simulation, song and dance\*, stall, stratagem, subterfuge, veil\*; CONCEPTS 59,661,716 —*Ant.* reality, truth

**pretty** [*adj*] *attractive* appealing, beauteous, beautiful, boss\*, charming, cheerful, cher\*, comely, cute, dainty, darling, delicate, delightful, dishy\*, dreamboat\*, elegant, eyeful\*, fair, fine, foxy\*, good-looking, graceful, handsome, looper, lovely, neat, nice, picture, pleasant, pleasing, pulchritudinous, tasteful; CONCEPT 579 —*Ant.* disgusting, ugly

**pretty** [*adv*] *considerable; somewhat* a little, ample, fairly, kind of, large, moderately, more or less, much, notable, pretty much, quite, rather, reasonably, sizable, some, something, sort of, tolerably; CONCEPTS 531,569

**prevail** [*v*] *dominate, control* abound, beat, be common, be current, be prevalent, best, be usual, be victorious, be widespread, carry, come out on top\*, command, conquer, domineer, exist generally, gain, get there, go great guns\*, go places\*, hit pay dirt\*, luck out\*, make it, make out, master, move out, obtain, overcome, overrule, predominate, preponderate, prove,

reign, succeed, take off, triumph, win; CONCEPTS 94,95,141 —*Ant.* lose, surrender

**prevailing** [*adj*] *general, dominant* all-embracing, by the numbers\*, catholic, common, comprehensive, current, customary, ecumenical, established, familiar, fashionable, influential, in style, in vogue, main, operative, ordinary, popular, predominant, predominating, preponderating, prevalent, principal, rampant, regnant, regular, rife, ruling, set, steady, sweeping, universal, usual, widespread, worldwide; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* individual, minor, peculiar, private, unimportant

**prevail upon/prevail on** [*v*] *persuade, influence* affect, argue into, bring around, convince, crack, dispose, draw, get, get around, impress, incline, induce, promote, prompt, put across, ram down throat\*, sell\*, suck in\*, sway, talk into, win over; CONCEPT 68 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade, leave alone

**prevalent** [*adj*1] *accepted, widespread* accustomed, common, commonplace, current, customary, established, everyday, extensive, faddy, frequent, general, habitual, in use, latest\*, latest word\*, leading edge\*, natural, new, normal, now\*, ongoing, popular, prevailing, rampant, regnant, regular, rife, run-of-the-mill\*, state-of-the-art\*, stylish, swinging, trendy, typical, ubiquitous, universal, up-to-date, usual, with it\*, wanted; CONCEPTS 530,547,589 —*Ant.* isolated, limited, uncommon

**prevalent** [*adj*2] *governing, superior* ascendant, compelling, dominant, overbearing, paramount, powerful, predominant, predominate, preponderant, prevailing, regnant, ruling, sovereign, successful; CONCEPTS 536,574 —*Ant.* inferior, subservient

**prevaricate** [*v*] *deceive; stretch the truth* beat around the bush\*, beg the question\*, belie, cavil, con, distort, dodge, equivocate, evade, exaggerate, fabricate, falsify, fib, garble, hedge, invent, jive\*, lie\*, misrepresent, misspeak, palter, phony up\*, put on\*, quibble, shift, shuffle, tergiversate; CONCEPT 63 —*Ant.* tell truth

**prevent** [*v*] *keep from happening or continuing* anticipate, arrest, avert, avoid, baffle, balk, bar, block, check, chill\*, cool, cork, counter, counteract, dam, debar, defend against, foil, forbid, forestall, fend, frustrate, halt, hamper, head off, hinder, hold back, hold off, impede, inhibit, intercept, interdict, interrupt, keep lid on\*, limit, nip in the bud\*, obstruct, obviate, preclude, prohibit, put an end to, put a stop to, repress, restrain, restrict, retard, rule out, shut out, stave off, stop, thwart, turn aside, ward off; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* aid, allow, assist, cause, help, let go

**prevention** [*n*] *stop* avoidance, blockage, deterrence, deterrent, forestalling, halt, hindrance, impediment, inhibitor, interception, interruption, obstacle, obstruction, prohibition, stoppage, thwarting; CONCEPTS 240,832

**preview** [*n*] *preliminary showing* examination, preliminary study, research, show, sneak, sneak peek\*, survey, viewing; CONCEPTS 263,292,832 —*Ant.* criticism

**previous** [*adj*1] *former, prior* antecedent, anterior, earlier, erstwhile, ex, foregoing, one-time, past, precedent, preceding, quondam,



sometime; CONCEPTS 585,811,818,820 —*Ant.* current, future, later, present

**previous** [*adj*2] *premature* ahead of, early, inopportune, overearly, oversoon, precipitate, soon, too early, too soon, unfounded, untimely, unwarranted; CONCEPTS 558,799 —*Ant.* on time, timely, well-timed

**previously** [*adv*] *earlier* ahead, already, ante, antecedently, at one time, away back, a while ago, back, back when, before, beforehand, erstwhile, fore, formerly, forward, heretofore, hitherto, in advance, in anticipation, in days gone by, in the past, long ago, once, one-shot, precedently, then, time was, until now; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* currently, future, later, presently

**prey** [*n*] *target of attack* casualty, chased\*, dupe\*, game, kill, loot, mark, martyr, mug\*, pillage, quarry, quest, raven, spoil, sufferer, underdog, victim; CONCEPTS 394,423 —*Ant.* attacker

**prey on** [*v*] *attack, terrorize* blackmail, bleed, bully, burden, consume, depredate, devour, distress, eat, exploit, feed on, fleece, haunt, hunt, intimidate, live off, load, oppress, plunder, raid, seize, take advantage of, tax, trouble, victimize, weigh, worry; CONCEPTS 14,86,169 —*Ant.* guard, protect, save

**price** [*n*1] *financial value* amount, appraisal, appraisement, asking price, assessment, barter, bill, bounty, ceiling, charge, compensation, consideration, cost, damage, demand, disbursement, discount, dues, estimate, exaction, expenditure, expense, face value, fare, fee, figure, hire, outlay, output, pay, payment, premium, prize, quotation, ransom, rate, reckoning, retail, return, reward, score, sticker\*, tab, tariff, ticket, toll, tune\*, valuation, wages, wholesale, worth; CONCEPT 329

**price** [*n*2] *consequences of action* cost, expense, penalty, sacrifice, toll; CONCEPT 230 —*Ant.* cause

**price** [*v*] *assess financial value* appraise, cost, estimate, evaluate, fix, mark down, mark up, put a price on, rate, reduce, sticker, value; CONCEPT 330

**priceless** [*adj*1] *precious, irreplaceable* beyond price, cherished, collectible, costly, dear, expensive, incalculable, incomparable, inestimable, invaluable, out-of-bounds\*, out-of-sight\*, prized, rare, rich, treasured, valuable, valued, without price, worth a king's ransom\*, worth its weight in gold\*; CONCEPTS 334,568 —*Ant.* cheap, replaceable, useless, worthless

**priceless** [*adj*2] *extremely funny* absurd, amusing, comic, droll, hilarious, humorous, killing, rib-tickling\*, ridiculous, riotous, scream, sidesplitting; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* grave, serious

**prick** [*n*] *small hole made by stab* cut, gash, jab, jag, perforation, pinhole, prickle, puncture, stab, wound; CONCEPT 309

**prick** [*v*] *stab, perforate* bore, cut, drill, enter, hurt, jab, lance, pierce, pink, punch, puncture, slash, slit, smart, spur, sting; CONCEPT 220

**prickly** [*adj*1] *thorny or difficult* annoying, barbed, bothersome, brambly, briery, bristly, complicated, echinated, intricate, involved, knotty, nettlesome, pointed, sharp, spiny,

stimulating, ticklish, tricky, troublesome, trying; CONCEPTS 485,565 —*Ant.* smooth

**prickly** [*adj*2] *irritable, bad-tempered* cantankerous, edgy, fractious, fretful, grumpy, irritable, peevish, petulant, snappish, touchy, waspish; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* happy, pleasant

**pride** [*n*1] *self-esteem* amour-propre, delight, dignity, ego, egoism, egotism, ego trip, face, gratification, happiness, honor, joy, pleasure, pridefulness, repletion, satisfaction, self-admiration, self-confidence, self-glorification, self-love, self-regard, self-respect, self-satisfaction, self-sufficiency, self-trust, self-worth, sufficiency; CONCEPT 411 —*Ant.* humility

**pride** [*n*2] *arrogance, self-importance* airs, assumption, big-headedness\*, cockiness\*, conceit, condescension, contumely, disdain, disdainfulness, egoism, egotism, haughtiness, hauteur, hubris, huff, immodesty, insolence, loftiness, narcissism, overconfidence, patronage, pragmatism, presumption, pretension, pretentiousness, proud flesh\*, self-exaltation, self-love, smugness, snobbery, superiority, superciliousness, swagger, swelled head\*, vainglory, vanity; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* humility, modesty, shyness, timidity

**pride** [*n*3] *treasure; best boast* choice, cream, elite, fat, flower\*, gem\*, glory, jewel\*, pick, pride and joy\*, prime, prize, top\*; CONCEPTS 446,668,689 —*Ant.* disgrace

**pride** [*v*] *take pleasure in accomplishment* be proud, boast, brag, congratulate, crow, exult, felicitate, flatter oneself, gasconade, glory in, hold head high, overbear, pique\*, plume\*, prance, preen, presume, puff up\*, revel in, strut, swagger, swell, vaunt; CONCEPTS 10,633 —*Ant.* humble

**priest** [*n*] *man who is minister in Roman or Orthodox Catholic church* clergyman, cleric, curate, divine, ecclesiastic, elder, father, father confessor, friar, holy man, lama, man of God, man of the cloth\*, monk, padre, pontiff, preacher, rector, vicar; CONCEPT 361

**priesthood** [*n*] *clergy* canonicate, canonry, cardinalate, deaconry, diaconate, ecclesiastics, ministry, pastorate, rabbinata, the cloth, the pulpit; CONCEPT 369

**prim** [*adj*] *particular, fussy* blue-nose\*, ceremonial, ceremonious, choosy, cleanly, conventional, correct, dapper\*, decorous, demure, fastidious, formal, genteel, good, goody-goody\*, nice, nit-picking\*, orderly, overmodest, polite, precise, priggish, prissy, proper, prudish, puritanical, rigid, shipshape\*, spic-and-span\*, spruce, stickling, stiff, straight, strait-laced, stuffy\*, tidy, uncluttered, upright, Victorian, well-groomed, wooden\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* informal, rumpled

**prima donna** [*n*1] *star diva, first lady, headliner, leading lady, lead vocalist, opera singer, singer, soloist, superstar, topliner\**; CONCEPTS 352,366

**prima donna** [*n*2] *temperamental person* conceited person, crybaby, egotist, narcissist, princess, self-centered person, spoiled brat, vain person; CONCEPT 411

**primal** [*adj*] *primeval; primary* aboriginal, ancient, central, chief, earliest, early, first, fundamental, highest, old, original, paramount,

past, prehistoric, primitive, primordial, principal, pristine; CONCEPT 799

**primarily** [adv1] *generally; for the most part* above all, basically, chiefly, especially, essentially, fundamentally, generally, largely, mainly, mostly, on the whole, overall, predominantly, principally; CONCEPTS 531,544,772 —*Ant.* secondarily

**primarily** [adv2] *in the beginning* at first, at the start, first and foremost, from the start, initially, in the first place, originally, primitively; CONCEPTS 548,799 —*Ant.* finally

**primary/prime** [adj1] *best, principal* capital, cardinal, chief, crackerjack\*, dominant, excellent, fab\*, first, first-class\*, greatest, heavy, highest, hot\*, leading, main, number one\*, paramount, primo\*, state-of-the-art\*, stellar, top, top-of-the-line\*, tough\*, world-class\*; CONCEPTS 567,574 —*Ant.* inferior, least, minor, secondary, second-rate, subordinate, worst

**primary/prime** [adj2] *earliest* aboriginal, beginning, direct, first, firsthand, immediate, initial, original, pioneer, primal, primeval, primitive, primordial, pristine; CONCEPTS 585,799 —*Ant.* final, latest

**primary/prime** [adj3] *basic, fundamental* basal, beginning, bottom, central, elemental, elementary, essential, first, foundational, introductory, meat-and-potatoes\*, original, primitive, principal, radical, rudimentary, simple, three R's\*, ultimate, underivative, underived, underlying; CONCEPTS 549,585 —*Ant.* auxiliary, secondary, supplemental

**prime** [n1] *best part of existence* best, best days\*, bloom, choice, cream\*, elite, fat\*, flower\*, flowering\*, height, heyday, maturity, peak, perfection, pink\*, prize, spring, springtime, top, verdure, vitality, zenith; CONCEPT 816 —*Ant.* downfall

**prime** [n2] *beginning; spring* adolescence, aurora, dawn, daybreak, dew, greenness\*, juvenility, morn\*, morning, opening, puberty, pubescence, springtime, start, sunrise, sunup, tender years\*, vitality, youth, youthfulness; CONCEPTS 817,832 —*Ant.* conclusion, end

**prime** [v] *get ready; prepare* break in, brief, clue\*, coach, cram, excite, fill in, fit, galvanize, groom, inform, innervate, make ready, motivate, move, notify, prep\*, provoke, rehearse, stimulate, tell, train; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,35,202 —*Ant.* forget, neglect

**prime minister** [n] *premier* chancellor, chief executive, chief of state, commander in chief, head of state, leader, person in charge, president; CONCEPTS 347,354

**primeval** [adj] *ancient* earliest, early, first, old, original, prehistoric, primal, primary, primitive, primordial, pristine; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* modern, new

**primitive** [adj1] *ancient, original* archaic, basic, earliest, early, elementary, essential, first, fundamental, old, primal, primary, primeval, primordial, pristine, substratal, underivative, underived, underlying, undeveloped, unevolved; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* current, modern, new, present

**primitive** [adj2] *barbaric, crude* animal, atavistic, austere, barbarian, barbarous, brutish, childlike, fierce, ignorant, naive, natural, non-

literate, preliterate, raw, rough, rude, rudimentary, savage, simple, uncivilized, uncultivated, uncultured, underdeveloped, undeveloped, undomesticated, unlearned, unrefined, unsophisticated, untamed, untaught, untrained, untutored, vestigial, wild; CONCEPTS 406,485 —*Ant.* cultured, modern, sophisticated

**primordial** [adj] *earliest* basic, early, elemental, first, fundamental, original, prehistoric, primal, primary, prime, primeval, primitive, pristine, radical; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* last, latest

**primp** [v] *beautify and dress nicely* deck out\*, dress up, fix up, get dressed up, groom, gussy up\*, preen, prepare, slick\*, smarten, spiff, spruce, titivate; CONCEPT 202 —*Ant.* mess up, uglify

**principal** [adj] *most important* arch, capital, cardinal, champion, chief, controlling, crowning, dominant, essential, first, foremost, greatest, head, highest, incomparable, key, leading, main, mainline, major, matchless, maximum, outstanding, paramount, peerless, predominant, preeminent, premier, prevailing, primary, prime, prominent, second-to-none, sovereign, star, stellar, strongest, supereminent, superior, supreme, transcendent, unapproachable, unequaled, unparalleled, unrivaled; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* auxiliary, extra, least, lesser, minor, secondary, trivial, unimportant

**principal** [n1] *person in charge of organization, often an educational one* administrator, boss, chief, dean, director, exec\*, head, key player\*, lead, leader, preceptor, protagonist, rector, ruler, star, superintendent; CONCEPTS 347,350

**principal** [n2] *original amount of property either owned or owed* assets, capital, capital funds, money; CONCEPT 332 —*Ant.* interest

**principally** [adv] *mainly* above all, basically, before anything else, cardinally, chiefly, dominantly, eminently, especially, essentially, first and foremost, first of all, for the most part, fundamentally, generally, importantly, in the first place, in the main, largely, materially, mostly, notably, particularly, peculiarly, predominantly, preeminently, prevailingly, prevalently, primarily, substantially, superlatively, supremely, to a great degree, universally, vitally; CONCEPTS 531,544,772 —*Ant.* secondarily, trivially

**principle** [n1] *law, standard* assumption, axiom, basis, canon, convention, criterion, dictum, doctrine, dogma, ethic, form, formula, foundation, fundamental, golden rule\*, ground, maxims, origin, postulate, precept, prescript, principium, proposition, regulation, rule, source, theorem, truth, usage, verity; CONCEPTS 318,688

**principle/principles** [n2] *belief, morality; morals* attitude, character, code, conduct, conscience, credo, ethic, ethics, faith, ideals, integrity, opinion, policy, probity, rectitude, scruples, sense of duty, sense of honor, system, teaching, tenet, uprightness; CONCEPTS 645,689 —*Ant.* immorality, unethicalness

**print** [n] *publication; something impressed* black-and-white\*, book, characters, composition, copy, edition, engraving, face, font, impress, impression, imprint, indentation, issue, lettering, letters, lithograph, magazine, newspaper, newsprint, periodical, photograph, printed

matter, stamp, type, typeface, typescript, typesetting, writing; CONCEPTS 259,265,280

**print** [v] *produce writing, impression; reproduce publication* calligraph, compose, disseminate, engrave, go to press, impress, imprint, issue, let roll, letter, mark, offset, publish, put to bed\*, reissue, reprint, run off, set, set type, stamp, strike off; CONCEPTS 174,203,205

**printer** [n1] *typesetter* compositor, pressperson, publisher, typographer; CONCEPTS 174,203,205

**printer** [n2] *computer peripheral device* ball printer, character printer, color printer, daisy-wheel printer, dot-matrix printer, graphics printer, ink-jet printer, laser printer, LCD printer, LED printer, line printer, thermal printer; CONCEPT 463

**prior** [adj] *earlier* above-mentioned, aforementioned, ahead, antecedent, anterior, before, foregoing, former, forward, past, precedent, preceding, preexistent, preexisting, previous; CONCEPTS 811,812,818,820 —**Ant.** after, later

**priority** [n] *first concern* antecedence, arrangement, crash project\*, greatest importance, lead, order, precedence, preeminence, preference, prerogative, previousness, rank, right of way\*, seniority, superiority, supremacy, transcendence; CONCEPT 727 —**Ant.** unimportance

**prison** [n] *residence for incarcerating criminals* bastille, can\*, clink\*, confinement, cooler\*, dungeon, G\*, guardhouse, jail, keep, lockup, pen\*, penal institution, penitentiary, reformatory, slammer\*, statesville\*, stockade, up the river\*; CONCEPTS 439,449,516

**prisoner** [n] *person jailed for crime; person kept against his or her will* captive, chain gang member, con, convict, culprit, detainee, hostage, internee, jailbird\*, lag\*, lifer\*, loser\*, tough\*, yardbird\*; CONCEPT 412

**prissy** [adj] *particular and fussy* epicene, fastidious, finicky, genteel, goody-goody\*, goody-two-shoes\*, overnice, pansified, persnickety, picky, precious, prim, prim and proper\*, prudish, puritanical, sissified, sissy, squeamish, stickling, strait-laced, stuffy\*, tight-laced\*, Victorian; CONCEPTS 401,404 —**Ant.** informal, unconcerned

**pristine** [adj] *clean, pure; primeval* earliest, early, first, immaculate, intact, natural, original, primal, purified, refined, sanitary, snowy, spotless, stainless, sterile, sterilized, taintless, unadulterated, uncorrupted, unbiased, unpolluted, unsoiled, unspotted, unstained, unsullied, untainted, untarnished, untouched, virginal, wholesome; CONCEPTS 621,799

**privacy** [n] *solitude, secrecy* aloofness, clandestineness, concealment, confidentiality, isolation, one's space, penitential, privateness, quiet, retirement, retreat, seclusion, separateness, separation, sequestration, solitude; CONCEPTS 388,631,714 —**Ant.** publicity, publicness, sociableness

**private** [adj1] *personal, intimate* behind the scenes\*, clandestine, closet\*, close to one's chest\*, confidential, discreet, exclusive, hushed, hush-hush\*, independent, individual, inside, nonpublic, not open, off the record\*, own, particular, privy\*, reserved, secret, separate, special, under one's hat\*, unofficial; CONCEPTS 267,406 —**Ant.** open, public, sociable

**private** [adj2] *hidden, isolated* concealed, discreet, quiet, removed, retired, secluded, secret, separate, sequestered, solitary, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 576,583 —**Ant.** open, revealed, un concealed

**private** [n] *lowest rank of person enlisted in armed service* enlisted person, first-class\*, GI, infantry, private soldier, sailor, second-class\*, soldier; CONCEPT 358

**private eye** [n] *private detective* agent, bird dog\*, bloodhound\*, cop, dick\*, peeper\*, P.I.\*, private investigator, sleuth, snoop\*, tail\*; CONCEPT 348

**privation** [n] *deprivation* destitution, disadvantage, hardship, indigence, lack, necessity, need, neediness, poverty, want; CONCEPTS 121,142,709

**privilege** [n] *right, due* advantage, allowance, appanage, appurtenance, authority, authorization, benefit, birthright, boon, chance, charter, claim, concession, entitlement, event, exemption, favor, franchise, freedom, grant, immunity, liberty, license, opportunity, perquisite, prerogative, right, sanction; CONCEPT 376 —**Ant.** detriment, disadvantage

**privileged** [adj1] *avored, elite* advantaged, entitled, honored, indulged, powerful, ruling, special; CONCEPTS 334,374 —**Ant.** disadvantageous, poor, underprivileged

**privileged** [adj2] *allowed, exempt* authorized, chartered, eligible, empowered, entitled, excited, franchised, free, furnished, granted, immune, kosher\*, legit\*, licensed, okay\*, okayed\*, palatine, qualified, sanctioned, special, vested; CONCEPT 548 —**Ant.** prevented, unexempt

**privileged** [adj3] *confidential, secret* exceptional, for eyes only\*, inside, not for publication, off the record\*, on the QT\*, privy, special, top secret, under one's hat\*; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** known, open, public

**privy** [adj1] *secret* buried, concealed, confidential, covert, hidden, hush-hush\*, obscured, off the record\*, personal, private, separate, shrouded, ulterior; CONCEPTS 267,576 —**Ant.** known, public, revealed

**privy** [adj2] *aware* acquainted, appraised, cognizant, conscious, informed, in on\*, in the know\*, private, privileged, wise; CONCEPT 402 —**Ant.** unaware, unknowing

**prize** [adj] *best award-winning* champion, choice, cream\*, elite, fat\*, first-class\*, first-rate\*, outstanding, pick, prime, top, topnotch, winning; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** worst

**prize** [n1] *award, winnings* accolade, acquirement, acquisition, advantage, blue ribbon\*, bonus, bounty, cake\*, capture, carrot\*, championship, citation, crown, decoration, dividend, feather in cap\*, first place\*, gold\*, gold star\*, gravy\*, guerdon, haul, honor, inducement, jackpot, laurel, loot\*, medal, meed, payoff, pickings\*, pillage, plum\*, plunder\*, possession, premium, privilege, purse, recompense, requital, reward, scholarship, spoil, spoils, stakes, strokes\*, swag\*, title, trophy, windfall; CONCEPTS 337,710 —**Ant.** blame, punishment

**prize** [n2] *goal; best aim, ambition* choice, conquest, cream\*, desire, elite, fat, flower\*, gain, gold\*, hope, pick, pride, prime, top\*; CONCEPTS 659,709

**prize** [*v*] *value highly* appreciate, apprise, cherish, count, enshrine, esteem, guard, hold dear, rate, regard highly, set store by\*, treasure; CONCEPTS 10,32 —*Ant.* despise, dislike, hate, not care

**probability** [*n*] *likelihood of something happening* anticipation, chance, chances, conceivability, contingency, credibility, expectation, feasibility, hazard, liability, likelihood, odds, outside chance\*, plausibility, possibility, practicability, prayer, presumption, promise, prospect, reasonableness, shot, snowball's chance\*, toss-up\*; CONCEPT 650 —*Ant.* improbability, unlikely

**probable** [*adj*] *likely to happen* apparent, believable, credible, earthly, feasible, illusory, in the cards\*, mortal, most likely, odds-on\*, ostensible, plausible, possible, presumable, presumed, rational, reasonable, seeming; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* improbable, unlikely

**probably** [*adv*] *likely to happen* apparently, as likely as not, assumably, as the case may be, believably, dollars to doughnuts\*, doubtless, expediently, feasibly, imaginably, in all likelihood, in all probability, like enough, maybe, most likely, no doubt, one can assume, perchance, perhaps, plausibly, possibly, practicably, presumably, presumptively, reasonably, seemingly, to all appearances; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* improbably, unlikely

**probation** [*n*] *trial period* apprenticeship, novice, test period, trial; CONCEPTS 87,290,291

**probe** [*n*] *investigation* delving, detection, examination, exploration, fishing expedition\*, inquest, inquiry, inquisition, legwork\*, probing, quest, research, scrutiny, study, third degree\*; CONCEPTS 31,103,216,290

**probe** [*v*] *explore, investigate* ask, catechize, check, check out, check over, check up, delve into, dig, examine, eye, feel around, feel out, go into, inquire, interrogate, look into, look-see, penetrate, pierce, poke, prod, prospect, put out a feeler\*, query, quiz, scrutinize, search, sift, sound, sound out, study, test, test the waters\*, verify; CONCEPTS 31,103,216

**probity** [*n*] *fairness, honesty* equity, fidelity, goodness, honor, integrity, justice, morality, rectitude, righteousness, rightness, sincerity, trustworthiness, truthfulness, uprightness, virtue, worth; CONCEPTS 411,645 —*Ant.* deceit, dishonesty, unfairness

**problem** [*n*] *difficulty; bad situation* botheration, box\*, can of worms\*, complication, count\*, crunch\*, dilemma, disagreement, dispute, disputed point, doubt, headache\*, hitch\*, hot water\*, issue, mess\*, obstacle, pickle\*, point at issue\*, predicament, quandary, question, scrape\*, squeeze\*, trouble, worryment; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* good situation, solution

**problem** [*n*] *puzzle, question* brainteaser\*, bugaboo\*, cliff-hanger\*, conundrum, enigma, example, grabber\*, illustration, intricacy, mind-boggler\*, mystery, poser\*, puzzler, query, riddle, sixty-four thousand dollar question\*, stickler, stumper, teaser, twister; CONCEPTS 529,532 —*Ant.* solution

**problematic** [*adj*] *open to doubt* ambiguous, arguable, chancy, debatable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, dubitable, enigmatic, iffy\*,

indecisive, moot, open, precarious, problematical, puzzling, questionable, suspect, tricky, uncertain, unsettled, up for grabs\*; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* certain, fixable, settled, solvable, sure

**procedure** [*n*] *process, system for accomplishing something* action, agenda, agenda, channels, conduct, course, custom, daily grind\*, fashion, form, formula, game plan\*, gimmick, grind, idea, layout, line, maneuver, measure, method, mode, modus operandi, move, nuts and bolts\*, operation, performance, plan, policy, polity, practice, proceeding, program, red tape\*, routine, scheme, setup, step, strategy, style, the book\*, the numbers\*, transaction; CONCEPT 6

**proceed** [*v*] *physically or mentally carry on, carry out* advance, continue, fare, get, get going, get on with, get under way\*, go ahead, go on, hic, journey, make a start, march, move on, move out, pass, press on, progress, push on, repair, set in motion, travel, wend; CONCEPTS 43,91 —*Ant.* cease, halt, stop, wait

**proceed** [*v*] *flow from; originate* arise, come, derive, emanate, ensue, extend, follow, head, issue, pass, result, rise, spring, stem; CONCEPTS 179,230,676 —*Ant.* return

**proceeding** [*n*] *undertaking, course of action* act, action, adventure, casualty, circumstance, come off, deed, exercise, experiment, go-down\*, goings-on\*, happening, incident, maneuver, measure, move, movement, occurrence, operation, performance, procedure, process, step, transaction, venture; CONCEPTS 2,3

**proceedings** [*n*] *account, report of event* affairs, annals, archives, business, dealings, documents, doings\*, matters, minutes, records, transactions; CONCEPT 271

**proceeds** [*n*] *earnings from business* gain, gate, handle, income, interest, lucre, produce, product, profit, receipts, result, returns, revenue, reward, split, take, takings, till, yield; CONCEPT 344 —*Ant.* loss

**process** [*n*] *method; series of actions to achieve result* action, advance, case, channels\*, course, course of action\*, development, evolution, fashion, formation, growth, manner, means, measure, mechanism, mode, modus operandi, movement, operation, outgrowth, performance, practice, procedure, proceeding, progress, progression, red tape\*, routine, rule, stage, step, suit, system, technique, transaction, trial, unfolding, way, wise, working; CONCEPT 6

**process** [*v*] *subject to series of actions to achieve result* alter, concoct, convert, deal with, dispose of, fulfill, handle, make ready, prepare, refine, take care of, transform, treat; CONCEPT 204 —*Ant.* forget, neglect

**procession** [*n*] *parade, sequence* advance, autocade, cavalcade, column, consecution, cortege, course, cycle, file, march, motorcade, movement, order, process, run, series, string, succession, train; CONCEPTS 155,727

**proclaim** [*v*] *advertise, make known* affirm, announce, annunciate, blast, blaze, blazon, broadcast, call, circulate, declare, demonstrate, disseminate, enunciate, evidence, evince, exhibit, expound, get on a soapbox\*, give out, herald, illustrate, indicate, manifest, mark, ostend, pass the word\*, profess, promulgate, publish, shoot off mouth\*, shout out, show,

sound off, spiel\*, spout, spread it around\*, stump\*, trumpet\*, utter, vent, ventilate, voice; CONCEPTS 49,60 —**Ant.** conceal, hide

**proclamation** [n] *advertisement, announcement* broadcast, declaration, decree, edict, manifesto, notice, notification, promulgation, pronouncement, pronunciamento\*, publication; CONCEPTS 271,278 —**Ant.** secret

**proclivity** [n] *inclination, tendency* bent\*, bias, cup of tea\*, disposition, druthers, facility, flash\*, groove\*, inclining, leaning, liableness, penchant, predilection, predisposition, proneness, propensity, thing for\*, type, weakness; CONCEPTS 20,32,411 —**Ant.** disinclination

**procrastinate** [v] *delay, put off doing* adjourn, be dilatory, cool\*, dally, dawdle, defer, drag, drag one's feet\*, give the run around\*, goldbrick\*, hang fire\*, hesitate, hold off, lag\*, let slide, linger, loiter, pause, play a waiting game\*, play for time\*, poke\*, postpone, prolong, protract, retard, shilly-shally\*, stall, stay, suspend, tarry, temporize, wait; CONCEPTS 121,237,681 —**Ant.** accelerate, advance, complete, do, finish, go ahead, quicken

**procreate** [v] *reproduce* beget, breed, conceive, create, engender, father, generate, get, give birth to, hatch, impregnate, make, mother, multiply, originate, parent, produce, progenerate, proliferate, propagate, sire, spawn; CONCEPTS 173,251,374 —**Ant.** kill

**procure** [v] *acquire, obtain* annex, appropriate, bring around, buy, buy out, buy up, come by, compass, cop\*, corral, draw, earn, effect, find, gain, get, get hold of, grab, have, induce, land\*, latch on to, lay hands on, make a haul\*, manage to get\*, persuade, pick up, prevail upon, promote, purchase, score, secure, solicit, wangle, win; CONCEPTS 68,120,327 —**Ant.** give away, have, lose

**prod** [v1] *poke* at crowd, dig, drive, elbow, goose, jab, jog, nudge, press, prick, punch, push, shove; CONCEPT 208

**prod** [v2] *urge, incite* crowd\*, egg on\*, excite, exhort, goad, goose\*, impel, instigate, jog memory, motivate, move, pique, prick, prompt, propel, provoke, push, remind, rouse, sic\*, sound, spark, spur, stimulate, stir up, trigger, turn on; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,242 —**Ant.** discourage, dissuade

**prodigal** [adj1] *wasteful* dissipated, excessive, extravagant, immoderate, imprudent, intemperate, lavish, profligate, reckless, spendthrift, squandering, wanton; CONCEPTS 401,560 —**Ant.** careful, thrifty

**prodigal** [adj2] *luxurious, profuse* abundant, bounteous, bountiful, copious, exuberant, lavish, lush, luxuriant, moneyed, munificent, opulent, riotous, sumptuous, superabundant, teeming; CONCEPTS 334,781 —**Ant.** modest, poor

**prodigal** [n] *person who spends a lot big spender\**, compulsive shopper\*, deep pockets\*, dissipator, high roller\*, profligate, spender, spendthrift, sport, squanderer, waster, wastrel; CONCEPTS 348,412

**prodigious** [adj1] *huge, enormous* big, colossal\*, fantastic, giant, gigantic, gross, Herculean\*, immeasurable, immense, inordinate, jumbo\*, king-size\*, large, mammoth, massive, mighty, monstrous, monumental,

mortal, stupendous, towering, tremendous, vast; CONCEPTS 773,781 —**Ant.** little, small, tiny

**prodigious** [adj2] *extraordinary, fabulous* abnormal, amazing, astonishing, astounding, bad, exceptional, fab\*, fantastic, heavy, impressive, marvelous, miraculous, out-of-this-world\*, phenomenal, preternatural, remarkable, spectacular, staggering, startling, state-of-the-art\*, striking, stupendous, surprising, unreal, unusual, utmost, wonderful; CONCEPTS 567,572,574 —**Ant.** common, insignificant, ordinary, unremarkable

**prodigy** [n] *person or thing that is extraordinary* brain\*, child genius, curiosity, enormity, freak\*, genius, intellect, marvel, mastermind, miracle, monster, natural, one in a million\*, phenomenon, portent, rare bird\*, rarity, sensation, spectacle, stunner, talent, whiz\*, whiz kid\*, wizard, wonder, wonder child, wunderkind; CONCEPTS 416,671,706

**produce** [n] *fruit and vegetables* crop, fruitage, goods, greengrocery, harvest, outcome, outgrowth, outturn, production, yield; CONCEPTS 426,429,431,457,461

**produce** [v1] *generate, create* afford, assemble, author, bear, beget, blossom, breed, bring forth, bring out, build, come through, compose, conceive, construct, contribute, cultivate, deliver, design, develop, devise, effectuate, engender, erect, fabricate, fetch, flower, form, frame, furnish, give, give birth, give forth, imagine, invent, make, manufacture, multiply, offer, originate, parent, present, procreate, propagate, provide, put together, render, reproduce, return, show fruit, supply, turn out, write, yield; CONCEPTS 173,205,251,374 —**Ant.** consume, destroy, ruin

**produce** [v2] *cause, effect* beget, breed, bring about, draw on, engender, generate, get up, give rise to, hatch, induce, make, make for\*, muster, occasion, provoke, result in, secure, set off, work up; CONCEPT 242 —**Ant.** result

**produce** [v3] *demonstrate, show* advance, bring forward, bring to light, display, exhibit, offer, present, put forward, set forth, unfold; CONCEPT 261

**produce** [v4] *put on a public performance* act, come through, direct, do, exhibit, make, mount, percolate, perform, perk, play, present, pull off\*, show, stage; CONCEPTS 292,324 —**Ant.** act, play

**product** [n] *result or goods created* aftermath, amount, artifact, blend, brand, brew, by-product, commodity, compound, concoction, confection, consequence, contrivance, creation, crop, decoction, device, effect, emolument, fabrication, fruit, gain, handiwork, invention, issue, legacy, line, manufacture, merchandise, offshoot, outcome, outgrowth, output, preparation, produce, production, profit, realization, result, returns, spinoff, stock, synthetic, upshot, work, yield; CONCEPTS 230,338 —**Ant.** cause, resource

**production** [n] *creating of goods, result* assembly, authoring, bearing, blossoming, construction, creation, direction, elongation, engendering, extension, fabrication, formulation, fructification, generation, giving, lengthening, making, management, manufacture, manufacturing, origination, preparation, presentation, producing, prolongation, protraction, provision,

rendering, reproduction, return, staging, yielding; CONCEPT 205 —**Ant.** destruction, ruin

**productive** [adj] *fruitful, creative* advantageous, beneficial, constructive, dynamic, effective, energetic, fecund, fertile, gainful, generative, gratifying, inventive, plentiful, producing, profitable, prolific, rewarding, rich, teeming, useful, valuable, vigorous, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 537,542,560 —**Ant.** fruitless, impotent, unfruitful, unproductive

**productivity** [n] *output, work rate* abundance, capacity, fecundity, fertility, mass production, potency, production, productiveness, richness, yield; CONCEPT 630 —**Ant.** idleness, unproductivity

**profane** [adj] *immoral, crude, disrespectful* of religion abusive, atheistic, blasphemous, coarse, dirty\*, filthy\*, foul, godless, heathen, idolatrous, impious, impure, indecent, infidel, irreligious, irreverent, irreverential, mundane, nasty, obscene, pagan, profanatory, raunchy, sacrilegious, sinful, smutty\*, temporal, transient, transitory, unconsecrated, ungodly, unhallowed, unholy, unsanctified, vulgar, wicked, worldly; CONCEPTS 267,401,545 —**Ant.** clean, moral, sacred

**profane** [v] *defile, desecrate* abuse, be evil, be foul, blaspheme, commit sacrilege, commit sin, contaminate, curse, cuss, damn, darn, debase, despoil, do wrong, flame, hoodoo\*, misuse, mock, mudsling\*, pervert, pollute, prostitute, put double whammy on\*, revile, scorn, swear, talk dirty\*, tar, trash, vice, violate, vitiate, voodoo\*; CONCEPTS 44,52,58,63 —**Ant.** cleanse, purify

**profanity** [n] *foul language* abuse, blasphemy, curse, cursing, cuss, cuss word, dirty language\*, dirty name\*, dirty word\*, execration, four-letter word\*, impiety, obscenity, irreverence, malediction, no-no\*, imprecation, profaneness, sacrilege, swearing, swearword, taboo; CONCEPTS 278,645 —**Ant.** clean language

**profess** [v] *declare, assert* acknowledge, act as if, admit, affirm, allege, announce, asseverate, aver, avouch, avow, blow hot air\*, certify, claim, come out\*, confess, confirm, constate, croon, cross heart\*, depose, dissemble, fake, feign, get off chest\*, get on soapbox\*, maintain, make out, open up\*, own, own up\*, predicate, pretend, proclaim, purport, say so\*, sing\*, soapbox\*, spiel\*, spout\*, state, stump\*, swear on bible\*, swear up and down\*, talk big\*, vouch; CONCEPTS 49,63 —**Ant.** conceal, hide

**profession** [n1] *line of work requiring academic or practical preparation* art, avocation, berth, billet, biz\*, business, calling, career, chosen work, concern, craft, dodge\*, employment, engagement, field, game\*, handicraft, lifework, line\*, line of work\*, métier, occupation, office, position, post, pursuit, rat race\*, role, service, situation, slot\*, specialty, sphere, thing\*, trade, undertaking, vocation, walk of life\*; CONCEPT 360 —**Ant.** avocation, entertainment, fun, hobby

**profession** [n2] *declaration* acknowledgment, affirmation, assertion, attestation, avowal, claim, confession, pretense, statement, testimony, vow; CONCEPT 278 —**Ant.** quiet, silence

**professional** [adj] *skilled, trained* able, ace, acknowledged, adept, competent, crackerjack\*,

efficient, experienced, expert, finished, knowing one's stuff\*, known, learned, licensed, on the ball\*, polished, practiced, proficient, qualified, sharp, skillful, slick\*, there\*, up to speed\*, well-qualified; CONCEPTS 326,402,527,528 —**Ant.** amateur, rookie, unprofessional, unskilled, untrained

**professional** [n] *person prepared for work by extended study or practice* adept, artist, artiste, authority, brain\*, egghead\*, expert, hotshot\*, old hand\*, old pro\*, old war-horse\*, phenom, powerhouse, pro, proficient, pundit, shark, specialist, star, superstar, virtuoso, whiz\*, whiz kid\*, wizard; CONCEPTS 347,348 —**Ant.** amateur, apprentice, greenhorn, rookie

**professor** [n] *person who teaches college courses* assistant, brain\*, educator, egghead\*, faculty member, fellow, instructor, lecturer, pedagogue, principal, prof\*, pundit, quant\*, rocket scientist\*, sage, savant, teacher, tutor; CONCEPT 350 —**Ant.** pupil, student

**proffer** [v] *suggest, offer* extend, gift, give, hand, hit on, hold out, make a pitch\*, pose, present, propose, proposition, propound, submit, tender, volunteer; CONCEPTS 66,67,75 —**Ant.** discourage, dissuade, take back

**proficiency** [n] *ability, skillfulness* accomplishment, advance, advancement, aptitude, chops, competence, dexterity, efficiency, expertise, expertness, facility, formula, green thumb\*, headway\*, knack\*, know-how\*, knowledge, learning, makings, mastery, moxie\*, oil\*, progress, right stuff\*, savvy\*, skill, stuff, talent, what it takes\*; CONCEPTS 409,630,706 —**Ant.** clumsiness, inability, incompetence, ineptness

**proficient** [adj] *able, skilled* accomplished, adept, apt, capable, clever, competent, consummate, conversant, crack\*, crackerjack\*, drilled, effective, effectual, efficient, exercised, experienced, expert, finished, gifted, on the beam\*, phenom, pro, qualified, savvy\*, sharp, skillful, slick\*, talented, trained, up to speed\*, versed, whiz\*, with it\*; CONCEPTS 402,527,528 —**Ant.** clumsy, incompetent, inept, unable, unskilled

**profile** [n1] *drawing of outline* contour, delineation, figuration, figure, form, likeness, line, lineament, lineation, portrait, shadow, shape, side view, silhouette, sketch; CONCEPTS 259,625

**profile** [n2] *description, characterization* analysis, biography, character sketch, chart, diagram, review, sketch, study, survey, thumbnail sketch, vignette, vita; CONCEPTS 268,283

**profit** [n] *gain* accumulation, acquisition, advancement, advantage, aggrandizement, augmentation, avail, benefit, bottom line\*, cleanup, earnings, emoluments, gate\*, goods\*, gravy\*, gross, harvest, income, interest, killing, lucre, net, output, outturn, percentage, proceeds, product, production, receipt, receipts, remuneration, return, revenue, saving, skim\*, split\*, surplus, take\*, takings\*, turnout, use, value, velvet\*, winnings, yield; CONCEPTS 332,344,693 —**Ant.** loss

**profit** [v] *gain; get or give an advantage* aid, avail, benefit, be of advantage, better, capitalize on, cash in on, clean up, clear, contribute, earn, exploit, help, improve, learn from, make a haul\*, make a killing\*, make capital, make good use of\*, make it big\*, make money, make

the most of\*, pay, pay off, promote, prosper, put to good use\*, realize, reap the benefit\*, recover, score, serve\*, stand in good stead\*, take advantage of, thrive, turn to advantage, use, utilize, work for; CONCEPTS 110, 124, 330, 693 —*Ant.* lose

**profitable** [*adj*] *advantageous; money-making* assisting, beneficial, commercial, conducive, contributive, cost-effective, effective, effectual, favorable, fruitful, gainful, going\*, good, instrumental, in the black\*, lucrative, paid off, paying, paying well, practical, pragmatic, productive, remunerative, rewarding, self-sustaining, serviceable, successful, sustaining, sweet\*, useful, valuable, well-paying, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 334, 537, 572 —*Ant.* disadvantageous, unprofitable

**profligate** [*adj*1] *immoral, corrupt* abandoned, debauched, degenerate, depraved, dissipated, dissolute, iniquitous, lax, lewd, libertine, licentious, loose, promiscuous, reprobate, shameless, unprincipled, vicious, vitiated, wanton, wicked, wild; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* good, moral, nice

**profligate** [*adj*2] *wasteful* extravagant, immoderate, improvident, lavish, prodigal, reckless, spendthrift, squandering; CONCEPTS 334, 401 —*Ant.* careful, saving

**profligate** [*n*] *person who is immoral* debauchee, degenerate, dissipater, good-for-nothing\*, lecher, libertine, nighthawk\*, no-good\*, old goat\*, operator\*, prodigal, rake, reprobate, roué, swinger, waster, wastrel; CONCEPT 412

**profound** [*adj*1] *intellectual, thoughtful* abstruse, acroamatic, deep, difficult, discerning, enlightened, erudite, esoteric, heavy\*, hermetic, informed, intellectual, intelligent, knowing, knowledgeable, learned, mysterious, occult, Orphic, penetrating, philosophical, recondite, reflective, sagacious, sage, scholarly, secret, serious, shrewd, skilled, subtle, thorough, weighty, wise; CONCEPTS 402, 529 —*Ant.* ignorant, stupid

**profound** [*adj*2] *bottomless* abysmal, buried, cavernous, deep, fathomless, subterranean, yawning; CONCEPT 777 —*Ant.* shallow, slight

**profound** [*adj*3] *intense; emotional* abject, absolute, acute, consummate, deep, deeply felt, deep-seated, exhaustive, extensive, extreme, far-reaching, great, hard, heartfelt, heartrending, hearty, keen, out-and-out\*, pronounced, sincere, thorough, total, utter; CONCEPTS 403, 531, 569 —*Ant.* mild, moderate, unemotional

**profuse** [*adj*] *abundant, excessive* abounding, alive with\*, ample, aplenty, bounteous, bountiful, copious, crawling with\*, dime a dozen\*, extravagant, extreme, exuberant, fulsome, galore, generous, immoderate, lavish, liberal, lush, luxuriant, no end\*, openhanded, opulent, overflowing, plentiful, plenty, prodigal, profuse, prolific, riotous, sumptuous, superfluous, swarming, teeming, thick with\*, unstinting; CONCEPTS 762, 781 —*Ant.* lacking, sparse, wanting

**profusion** [*n*] *abundance* ampleness, copiousness, excess, extravagance, flood, glut, great quantity, opulence, outpouring, overflow, plenitude, plenty, prosperity, prosperousness, surplus, wealth; CONCEPTS 710, 767

**progeny** [*n*] *offspring* begets, breed, children,

descendants, family, get\*, issue, kids\*, lineage, posterity, progeniture, race, scions, seed, stock, young; CONCEPTS 296, 414 —*Ant.* parent

**prognosis** [*n*] *forecast* cast, diagnosis, expectation, foretelling, guess, prediction, prevision, prognostication, projection, prophecy, speculation, surmise; CONCEPTS 274, 689

**prognosticate** [*v*] *predict, foretell* adumbrate, augur, betoken, call it\*, crystal-ball\*, divine, forebode, forecast, foreshadow, harbinger, have a hunch\*, herald, make book\*, point to, portend, presage, prophesy, read, see coming\*, soothsay, vaticinate; CONCEPT 70

**prognosticator** [*n*] *forecaster* augur, channeller, diviner, fortune-teller, medium, oracle, prophet, seer, soothsayer, telepathist, visionary; CONCEPT 423

**program** [*n*1] *agenda, list* affairs, appointments, arrangements, bill, bulletin, business, calendar, card, catalog, chores, curriculum, details, docket, happenings, index, lineup, listing, meetings, memoranda, necessary acts\*, order of business\*, order of events\*, order of the day\*, plan, plans, preparations, record, schedule, series of events, slate, syllabus, things to do\*, timetable; CONCEPTS 281, 283

**program** [*n*2] *scheme, plan* course, design, instructions, line, order, plan of action, policy, polity, procedure, project, sequence; CONCEPTS 274, 660

**program** [*n*3] *performance in medium* broadcast, presentation, production, show; CONCEPT 263

**program** [*v*] *plan out; supply instructions* arrange, bill, book, budget, calculate, compile, compute, design, draft, edit, engage, enter, estimate, feed, figure, formulate, get on line\*, itemize, lay on, lay out, line up, list, map out, pencil in\*, poll, prearrange, prioritize, process, register, schedule, set, set up, slate, work out; CONCEPTS 36, 60, 84, 384 —*Ant.* forget, neglect

**progress** [*n*] *advancement, gain* advance, amelioration, anabasis, betterment, boost, break, breakthrough, buildup, course, dash, development, evolution, evolvment, expedition, flowering, growth, headway, hike, impetus, improvement, increase, journey, lunge, march, momentum, motion, movement, ongoing, pace, passage, process, procession, proficiency, progression, promotion, rate, rise, step forward, stride, tour, unfolding, voyage, way; CONCEPTS 704, 706 —*Ant.* decline, decrease, deterioration, retreat, retrogression

**progress** [*v*1] *move forward* advance, continue, cover ground\*, dash, edge, forge ahead, gain ground, get along, get on, go forward, keep going, lunge, make headway\*, make strides\*, move on, proceed, shoot, speed, travel; CONCEPTS 149, 159 —*Ant.* back up, decline, retreat, stop

**progress** [*v*2] *improve, advance* ameliorate, become better, better, blossom, boost, develop, gain, grow, increase, make first rate, mature, shape up, straighten up, truck, turn over new leaf\*, upgrade; CONCEPT 700 —*Ant.* decline, decrease, deteriorate, retrogress

**progression** [*n*] *progress* advance, advancement, amelioration, betterment, boost, break, breakthrough, development, evolution,

evolution, forward march, furtherance, getting ahead, giant strides, going forward, growth, headway, improvement, promotion, step forward; CONCEPTS 704,706

**progressive** [adj] *liberal; growing* accelerating, advanced, advancing, avant-garde\*, bleeding-heart\*, broad, broad-minded, continuing, continuous, developing, dynamic, enlightened, enterprising, escalating, forward-looking, go-ahead\*, gradual, graduated, increasing, intensifying, left\*, left of center\*, lenient, modern, ongoing, onward, open-minded, radical, reformist, revolutionary, tolerant, up-and-coming\*, up-to-date, wide; CONCEPTS 542,544 —*Ant.* conservative, moderate

**prohibit** [v] *make impossible; stop* ban, block, bottle up\*, box in\*, bring to screeching halt\*, constrain, cool\*, cork\*, debar, disallow, enjoin, forbid, forbid, freeze\*, gridlock, halt, hamper, hang up\*, hinder, hold up, impede, inhibit, interdict, jam up\*, keep lid on\*, kill, lock up, nix, obstruct, outlaw, pass on\*, preclude, prevent, proscribe, put a lock on\*, put a stopper in\*, put chill on\*, put down, put half nelson on\*, restrain, restrict, rule out, shut out, spike\*, stymie\*, taboo\*, throw cold water on\*, tie up\*, veto, zing\*; CONCEPTS 50,88,121,130,317 —*Ant.* allow, favor, permit, push

**prohibited** [adj] *forbidden* banned, barred, closed down, contraband, crooked\*, illegal, illicit, no-no\*, not allowed, not approved, off limits\*, out of bounds\*, out of line\*, proscribed, refused, restricted, shady\*, taboo, verboten, vetoed, wildcat\*; CONCEPTS 554,576 —*Ant.* allowed, permitted

**prohibition** [n] *ban, forbiddance* bar, constraint, disallowance, don't\*, embargo, exclusion, injunction, interdict, interdiction, negation, no-no\*, obstruction, off limits\*, out of bounds\*, prevention, proscription, refusal, repudiation, restriction, taboo, temperance, veto; CONCEPTS 121,130,652,691 —*Ant.* allowance, clearance, permission

**prohibitive** [adj] *restrictive; beyond one's financial means* conditional, excessive, exorbitant, expensive, extortionate, forbidding, high-priced, limiting, preposterous, preventing, prohibiting, proscriptive, repressive, restraining, sky-high\*, steep\*, suppressive; CONCEPTS 334,554 —*Ant.* reasonable, unlimited, unrestrictive

**project** [n] *undertaking, work* activity, adventure, affair, aim, assignment, baby\*, blueprint\*, business, concern, deal, design, enterprise, exploit, feat, game plan, intention, job, matter, occupation, outline, pet\*, plan, program, proposal, proposition, scheme, setup, strategy, task, thing\*, venture; CONCEPTS 324,349,362

**project** [v1] *plan* arrange, blueprint, calculate, cast, chart, conceive, contemplate, contrive, delineate, design, devise, diagram, draft, envisage, envision, estimate, extrapolate, feature, forecast, frame, gauge, image, imagine, intend, map out, outline, predetermine, predict, propose, purpose, reckon, scheme, see, think, vision, visualize; CONCEPTS 28,36,37,70

**project** [v2] *bulge, hang out* be conspicuous, beetle, be prominent, extend, hang over, jut, lengthen, overhang, poke, pop out, pout,

prolong, protrude, protuberate, push out, stand out, stick out, stretch out, thrust out; CONCEPT 747 —*Ant.* cave in

**project** [v3] *throw, discharge* cast, fling, heave, hurl, launch, pitch, propel, shoot, transmit; CONCEPTS 179,222 —*Ant.* keep

**projection** [n1] *bulge, overhang* bump, bunch, eaves, extension, hook, jut, knob, ledge, out-thrust, point, prolongation, prominence, protrusion, protuberance, ridge, rim, shelf, sill, spine, spur, step, swelling; CONCEPTS 471,509,513 —*Ant.* depression

**projection** [n2] *prediction* calculation, computation, estimate, estimation, extrapolation, forecast, guess, prognostication, reckoning; CONCEPTS 28,278

**proletariat** [n] *working class* blue-collar workers, bourgeoisie, commoners, common people, hoi polloi, lower class, peasant, plebians, proletarian, rank and file, working stiff; CONCEPTS 413,423

**proliferate** [v] *increase quickly* breed, burgeon, engender, escalate, expand, generate, grow rapidly, multiply, mushroom\*, procreate, propagate, reproduce, run riot\*, snowball\*; CONCEPT 780 —*Ant.* decline, decrease, fall off

**prolific** [adj] *fruitful, productive* abounding, abundant, bountiful, breeding, copious, creative, fecund, fertile, generating, generative, luxuriant, profuse, proliferant, rank, reproducing, reproductive, rich, spawning, swarming, teeming, yielding; CONCEPTS 485,542 —*Ant.* barren, fruitless, impotent, unfruitful, unproductive

**prologue** [n] *preface* beginning, exordium, explanation, foreword, introduction, opening, overture, preamble, prelude, proem, prolegomenon; CONCEPT 270

**prolong** [v] *extend, draw out* carry on, continue, delay, drag one's feet\*, drag out\*, hold, hold up, increase, lengthen, let it ride\*, make longer, pad\*, perpetuate, protract, spin out\*, stall, stretch, stretch out; CONCEPTS 239,250 —*Ant.* abbreviate, shorten

**prominence** [n1] *something that sticks out* bulge, bump, cliff, conspicuousness, crag, crest, elevation, eminence, headland, height, high point, jutting, markedness, mound, pinnacle, projection, promontory, protrusion, protuberance, rise, spur, swelling, tor; CONCEPTS 513,836 —*Ant.* depression

**prominence** [n2] *distinction, outstandingness* celebrity, eminence, fame, greatness, illustriousness, importance, influence, kudos\*, name, notability, precedence, preeminence, prestige, rank, renown, reputation, salience, specialness, standing, top billing\*, weight; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* obscurity, unimportance

**prominent** [adj1] *sticking out; conspicuous* arresting, beeting, bulging, easily seen, embossed, extended, extrusive, eye-catching, flashy, hanging out, hilly, in the foreground, jutting, marked, noticeable, obtrusive, obvious, outstanding, projecting, pronounced, protruding, protrusive, protuberant, raised, relieved, remarkable, rough, rugged, salient, shooting out, signal, standing out, striking, to the fore, unmistakable; CONCEPTS 485,583,619 —*Ant.* depressed, inconspicuous, invisible, obscured, sunken

**prominent** [adj2] *important; famous*



big-league\*, big-name\*, big-shot\*, celebrated, chief, distinguished, eminent, famed, foremost, great, high-profile\*, leading, main, notable, noted, notorious, outstanding, popular, preeminent, renowned, respected, top, underlined, VIP\*, well-known, well-thought-of, world-class\*; CONCEPT 568 —**Ant.** common, obscure, ordinary, unimportant, unknown

**promiscuous** [adj] *indiscriminately sexually active* abandoned, debauched, dissipated, dissolute, easy\*, fast\*, immoral, indiscriminate, lax, libertine, licentious, loose\*, of easy virtue, oversexed, profligate, pushover, unbridled, unchaste, undiscriminating, unrestricted, wanton, wild; CONCEPTS 372,545 —**Ant.** chaste, cold, cool, frigid

**promise** [n1] *one's word that something will be done* affiance, affirmation, agreement, asseveration, assurance, avowal, betrothal, bond, commitment, compact, consent, contract, covenant, earnest, engagement, espousal, guarantee, insurance, marriage, oath, obligation, pact, parole, pawn, pledge, plight, profession, promissory note, sacred word, security, stipulation, swear, swearing, token, troth, undertaking, vow, warrant, warranty, word, word of honor; CONCEPTS 71,278 —**Ant.** break, renege

**promise** [n2] *hope, possibility* ability, aptitude, capability, capacity, encouragement, flair, good omen, outlook, potential, talent; CONCEPTS 630,650 —**Ant.** hopelessness, impossibility

**promise** [v1] *give word that something will be done* accede, affiance, affirm, agree, answer for, assent, asservate, assure, bargain, betroth, bind, commit, compact, consent, contract, covenant, cross heart\*, declare, engage, ensure, espouse, guarantee, hock\*, insure, live up to\*, mortgage, obligate, pass, pawn\*, pledge, plight, profess, say so\*, secure, stipulate, string along\*, subscribe, swear, swear on bible\*, swear up and down\*, take an oath, undertake, underwrite, vouch, vow, warrant; CONCEPT 71 —**Ant.** break, renege

**promise** [v2] *bring hope, possibility* augur, bespeak, betoken, bode, denote, encourage, forebode, foreshadow, foretoken, give hope, hint, hold out hope\*, hold probability, indicate, lead to expect, like, look, omen, portend, presage, seem likely, show signs of\*, suggest; CONCEPTS 118,650 —**Ant.** discourage

**promising** [adj] *hopeful* able, assuring, auspicious, bright, encouraging, favorable, gifted, happy, likely, lucky, propitious, reassuring, rising, roseate, rosy, talented, up-and-coming; CONCEPTS 406,548 —**Ant.** hopeless, unpromising

**promontory** [n] *headland* bluff, cape, cheroneuse, foreland, jetty, jutting, peninsula, point, ridge; CONCEPTS 509,514

**promote** [v1] *help, advance* advertise, advocate, aid, assist, avail, back, befriend, benefit, bolster, boost, build up\*, call attention to, champion, contribute, cooperate, cry\*, develop, encourage, endorse, espouse, forward, foster, further, get behind, hype\*, improve, nourish, nurture, patronize, plug\*, popularize, propagandize, publicize, puff\*, push, push for, recommend, sell, serve, speak for, speed, sponsor, stimulate, subsidize, succor, support,

uphold, urge, work for; CONCEPTS 49,110,324 —**Ant.** condemn, discredit, dishonor, hurt

**promote** [v2] *give a higher position in organization* advance, aggrandize, ascend, better, dignify, elevate, ennoble, exalt, favor, graduate, honor, increase, kick upstairs\*, magnify, move up, prefer, raise, skip, up\*, upgrade; CONCEPT 351 —**Ant.** degrade, demote, discredit

**promoter** [n] *supporter* advertiser, advocate, ally, backer, booster, endorser, follower, organizer, publicist, sponsor; CONCEPT 423

**promotion** [n1] *higher position in organization* advance, advancement, advocacy, aggrandizement, backing, betterment, boost, break, breakthrough, buildup, bump, elevation, encouragement, ennoblement, exaltation, favoring, furtherance, go-ahead\*, hike, honor, improvement, jump, jump up, lift, move up, preference, preferment, prelation, progress, raise, rise, step up, support, upgrade, upgrading; CONCEPT 351 —**Ant.** demotion

**promotion** [n2] *publicity* advertising, advertising campaign, ballyhoo\*, blurb\*, buildup\*, hard sell\*, hoopla\*, hype\*, notice, pitch, pizzazz\*, plug\*, PR\*, press\*, press-agentry, promo\*, propaganda, publicity, public relations, puff\*, puffery\*, pushing, squib\*; CONCEPTS 49,110,271,324 —**Ant.** silence

**prompt** [adj] *early, responsive* alert, apt, brisk, eager, efficient, expeditious, immediate, instant, instantaneous, on the ball\*, on the button\*, on the dot\*, on the nose\*, on time, precise, punctual, quick, rapid, ready, smart, speedy, swift, timely, unhesitating, vigilant, watchful, wide-awake, willing; CONCEPTS 401,799 —**Ant.** late, negligent, slow, tardy

**prompt** [n] *hint* cue, help, jog, jolt, mnemonic, prompt, reminder, spur, stimulus, twit; CONCEPT 274

**prompt** [v] *incite, cue* advise, aid, arouse, assist, bring up, call forth, cause, convince, draw, egg on\*, elicit, evoke, exhort, get, give rise to, goad, help, help out, hint, impel, imply, indicate, induce, inspire, instigate, jog, mention, motivate, move, occasion, persuade, prick\*, prod, propel, propose, provoke, refresh, remind, sic\*, spur, stimulate, suggest, talk into, urge, win over; CONCEPTS 68,242 —**Ant.** halt, prevent, stop

**promptly** [adv] *immediately* at once, directly, expeditiously, fast, flat-out\*, fleetly, hastily, in nothing flat\*, instantly, lickety-split\*, like a shot\*, now, on the dot\*, on the double\*, on time, PDQ\*, posthaste, pronto, punctually, quickly, rapidly, right away, sharp, speedily, straightaway, swiftly, unhesitatingly; CONCEPTS 544,799 —**Ant.** late, negligently

**promulgate** [v] *make known* advertise, announce, announce, broadcast, call, circulate, communicate, declare, decree, disseminate, drum, issue, make public, notify, pass the word\*, proclaim, promote, publish, sound, spread, toot, trumpet; CONCEPT 60 —**Ant.** conceal, hide

**prone** [adj1] *lying down* decumbent, face down, flat, horizontal, level, procumbent, prostrate, reclining, recumbent, resupine, supine; CONCEPT 583 —**Ant.** sitting, straight, upright

**prone** [adj2] *liable, likely* apt, bent, devoted,

disposed, exposed, fain, given, inclined, minded, open, predisposed, ready, sensitive, subject, susceptible, tending, willing; CONCEPTS 542, 552 —*Ant.* improbably, unlikely

**pronounce** [v1] *produce words vocally* accent, articulate, enunciate, phonate, say, sound, speak, stress, utter, verbalize, vocalize, voice; CONCEPT 47 —*Ant.* mumble

**pronounce** [v2] *announce, declare* affirm, assert, blast, call, decree, deliver, drum, judge, mouth, proclaim, say, sound off, spread around, trumpet, verbalize; CONCEPT 49 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**pronounced** [adj] *distinct, evident* arresting, assured, broad, clear, clear-cut, conspicuous, decided, definite, marked, notable, noticeable, obvious, outstanding, striking, strong, unmistakable; CONCEPTS 535, 576, 619 —*Ant.* indistinct, obscure, unpronounced, vague

**pronouncement** [n] *declaration, statement* advertisement, announcement, broadcast, decree, dictum, edict, judgment, manifesto, notification, proclamation, promulgation, pronunciamento\*, publication, report, ukase; CONCEPTS 271, 274, 278 —*Ant.* concealment

**proof** [n1] *evidence, authentication* affidavit, argument, attestation, averment, case, certification, chapter and verse\*, clincher\*, clue, confirmation, corroboration, credentials, criterion, cue\*, data, demonstration, deposition, documents, establishment, exhibit, facts, goods\*, grabber\*, grounds, information, lowdown\*, nitty-gritty\*, paper trail\*, picture, reason, reasons, record, scoop\*, score\*, skinny\*, smoking gun\*, straight stuff\*, substantiation, testament, testimony, trace, validation, verification, warrant, wherefore\*, why\*, whyfor\*, witness; CONCEPT 274 —*Ant.* hypothesis, theory

**proof** [n2] *photographic print* galley, galley proof, impression, page proof, pass, pull, repro, revise, slip, stereo, trial, trial print, trial proof; CONCEPT 265

**proofread** [v] *copyedit* analyze, blue-pencil\*, check, correct, cut, delete, edit, go over, rearrange, refine, remove errors, rephrase, revise, strike out; CONCEPTS 79, 126, 203

**prop** [n] *support aid, assistance, brace, buttress, column, mainstay, post, shore, stanchion, stay, strengthener, strut, truss, underpinning*; CONCEPTS 440, 470

**prop** [v] *hold up or lean against* bear up, bolster, brace, buoy, buttress, carry, maintain, rest, set, shore, stand, stay, strengthen, support, sustain, truss, underprop, uphold; CONCEPTS 190, 201 —*Ant.* drop, fall

**propaganda** [n] *information that is designed to mislead or persuade* advertising, agitprop, announcement, brainwashing\*, disinformation, doctrine, evangelism, handout, hogwash\*, hype\*, implantation, inculcation, indoctrination, newspeak, promotion, promulgation, proselytism, publication, publicity; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* truth

**propagate** [v1] *breed, reproduce* bear, beget, engender, father, fecundate, fertilize, generate, grow, impregnate, increase, inseminate, make pregnant, mother, multiply, originate, procreate, produce, proliferate, raise, sire; CONCEPT 374 —*Ant.* destroy, kill

**propagate** [v2] *spread, make known* broadcast, circulate, develop, diffuse, disperse, disseminate, distribute, proclaim, promulgate, publicize, publish, radiate, scatter, strew, transmit; CONCEPTS 60, 222 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**propel** [v] *throw; release into air* actuate, drive, force, impel, launch, mobilize, move, press, push, send, set going, set in motion, shoot, shove, start, thrust; CONCEPTS 208, 221, 222 —*Ant.* hinder, hold, keep

**propensity** [n] *inclination, weakness* ability, aptness, bent\*, bias, capacity, competence, disposition, flash, inclining, leaning, liability, partiality, penchant, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, proneness, susceptibility, sweet tooth\*, talent, tendency, thing\*, tilt\*, yen; CONCEPTS 20, 411, 630, 709 —*Ant.* antipathy, disinclination, dislike, hate

**proper** [adj1] *suitable* able, applicable, appropriate, apt, au fait, becoming, befitting, capable, competent, convenient, decent, desired, felicitous, fit, fitting, good, happy, just, legitimate, meet, qualified, right, suited, true, useful; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* improper, unacceptable, unsuitable

**proper** [adj2] *mannerly, decent* becoming, befitting, by the book\*, by the numbers\*, comely, comme il faut\*, conforming, correct, decorous, demure, de rigueur\*, genteel, in line, kosher\*, moral, nice, polite, precise, priggish, prim, prissy, prudish, punctilious, puritanical, refined, respectable, right, seemly, solid, square\*, stone, straight\*, strait-laced\*, stuffy\*; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —*Ant.* crass, crude, misbehaving, objectionable

**proper** [adj3] *conventional, correct* absolute, accepted, accurate, arrant, complete, consummate, customary, decorous, established, exact, formal, free of error, on target\*, on the button\*, on the nose\*, on the right track\*, orthodox, out-and-out\*, precise, right, unmistakable, usual, utter; CONCEPTS 326, 533 —*Ant.* incorrect, substandard, unconventional

**proper** [adj4] *individual, personal* characteristic, distinctive, idiosyncratic, own, particular, peculiar, private, respective, special, specific; CONCEPTS 549, 557 —*Ant.* general

**property** [n1] *possessions, real estate* acreage, acres, assets, belongings, buildings, capital, chattels, claim, dominion, effects, equity, estate, farm, freehold, goods, holdings, home, house, inheritance, land, means, ownership, plot, possession, premises, proprietary, proprietorship, realty, resources, riches, substance, title, tract, wealth, worth; CONCEPTS 446, 509, 515, 710

**property** [n2] *characteristic, feature* ability, affection, attribute, character, hallmark, idiosyncrasy, mark, peculiarity, quality, trait, virtue; CONCEPTS 411, 654

**prophecy** [n] *prediction* apocalypse, augury, cast, divination, forecast, foretelling, oracle, presage, prevision, prognosis, prognostication, revelation, second sight, soothsaying, vision; CONCEPTS 70, 278, 689

**prophecy** [v] *predict, warn* adumbrate, augur, call\*, call the turn\*, crystal-ball\*, divine, forecast, foresee, foretell, forewarn, have a hunch\*, make book\*, portend, predict,

presage, prognosticate, psych it out\*, see coming\*, soothsay, vaticinate; CONCEPT 70

**prophet** [*n*] *person, thing that predicts future* astrologer, augur, auspex, bard, clairvoyant, diviner, druid, evocator, forecaster, fortuneteller, haruspex, horoscopist, magus, medium, meteorologist, oracle, ovate, palmist, predictor, prognosticator, prophesier, reader, seer, seeress, sibyl, soothsayer, sorcerer, tea-leaf reader, witch, wizard; CONCEPTS 361, 423

**prophetic** [*adj*] *telling of the future* apocalyptic, augural, Delphian\*, divinatory, fatidic, foreshadowing, mantic, occult, oracular, predictive, presaging, prescient, prognostic, prophetic, pythonic, sibylline, vaticinal, veiled; CONCEPT 267

**propitious** [*adj*] *full of promise; good, favorable* advantageous, auspicious, beneficial, benign, brave, bright, dexter, encouraging, favoring, fortunate, happy, hopeful, lucky, opportune, pat\*, promising, prosperous, rosy, seasonable, timely, toward, useful, well-timed; CONCEPTS 548, 560, 572 —*Ant.* inauspicious, unfavorable, unpromising

**propitious** [*adj*] *friendly* benevolent, benign, favorably inclined, gracious, kind, nice, well-disposed; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* cold, cool, unfriendly

**proponent** [*n*] *person who advocates, supports* cause advocate, backer, champion, defender, enthusiast, exponent, expounder, friend, partisan, patron, protector, second, seconder, spokesperson, subscriber, supporter, upholder, vindicator; CONCEPTS 355, 359, 423 —*Ant.* enemy, foe, opponent

**proportion** [*n*] *relative amount, size of part to whole* admeasurement, amplitude, apportionment, breadth, bulk, capacity, cut, degree, dimension, distribution, division, equation, expanse, extent, fraction, magnitude, measure, measurement, part, percentage, portion, quota, rate, ratio, relationship, scale, scope, segment, share, volume; CONCEPTS 730, 783

**proportion** [*n*] *balance between parts of whole* agreement, congruity, correspondence, harmony, symmetry; CONCEPTS 664, 717 —*Ant.* disproportion, imbalance, unevenness

**proportionate/proportional** [*adj*] *balanced, corresponding* commensurable, commensurate, comparable, comparative, compatible, consistent, contingent, correlative, correspondent, corresponding, dependent, equal, equitable, equivalent, even, in proportion, just, reciprocal, relative, symmetrical, uniform; CONCEPTS 480, 563 —*Ant.* disproportionate, imbalanced, irrelevant

**proportions** [*n*] *measurements* amount, area, breadth, compass, depth, diameter, dimensions, expanse, extent, height, length, magnitude, range, scope, size, volume, width; CONCEPTS 730, 792

**proposal** [*n*] *suggestion, presentation for action* angle, bid, big idea\*, brain child\*, design, feeler\*, game plan\*, idea, layout, motion, offer, outline, overture, pass, picture, pitch, plan, proffer, program, project, proposition, recommendation, scenario, scheme, setup, tender, terms; CONCEPTS 271, 324, 662

**propose** [*v*] *suggest, present for action* adduce,

advance, advise, affirm, ask, assert, broach, come up with\*, contend, counsel, hit on\*, hold out, introduce, invite, kibitz\*, lay before\*, lay on the line\*, make a motion, make a pitch\*, move for, name, nominate, offer, pose, prefer, press, proffer, propone, proposition, propound, put forward, put to, put up, recommend, request, set forth, solicit, speak one's piece\*, spithall\*, state, submit, tender, urge, volunteer; CONCEPTS 66, 75 —*Ant.* condemn, deny, oppose, refuse, reject

**propose** [*v*] *intend; have in mind* aim, contemplate, design, have every intention, mean, mind, plan, purpose, scheme; CONCEPTS 26, 36 —*Ant.* disbelieve, repulse

**propose** [*v*] *ask for hand in marriage* ask in marriage, fire the question\*, get down on one knee\*, make a proposal, offer marriage, pop the question\*, press one's suit\*; CONCEPTS 48, 297

**proposition** [*n*] *suggestion; scheme* hypothesis, invitation, motion, overture, plan, premise, presentation, proffer, program, project, proposal, recommendation; CONCEPTS 384, 662 —*Ant.* condemnation, denial, opposition, refusal, rejection

**proposition** [*v*] *make suggestion, often improper* accost, approach, ask, pose, prefer, propose, propound, put, solicit, suggest; CONCEPTS 48, 375

**proprietor** [*n*] *person who owns something* freeholder\*, front office, holder, land owner, meal ticket\*, owner, possessor, proprietary, titleholder; CONCEPTS 343, 347 —*Ant.* customer

**propriety** [*n*] *suitableness, appropriateness* accordance, advisability, agreeableness, appositeness, aptness, becomingness, compatibility, concord, congruity, consonance, convenience, correctness, correspondence, decorum, ethicality, expedience, fitness, harmony, justice, legitimacy, meanness, morality, order, pleasantness, properness, recommendability, rectitude, respectability, rightness, seemliness, suitability; CONCEPT 656 —*Ant.* immorality, impropriety, inappropriateness, unsuitableness, wrong

**propriety** [*n*] *good manners* accepted conduct, amenities, breeding, civilities, correctness, courtesy, decency, decorum, delicacy, dignity, etiquette, good behavior, good form, modesty, mores\*, niceties, politeness, politesse, protocol, punctilio, rectitude, refinement, respectability, rules of conduct, seemliness, social conventions, social grace, the done thing\*; CONCEPTS 633, 644 —*Ant.* bad manners, impropriety, misbehavior, misconduct

**propulsion** [*n*] *force* drive, effort, energy, full head of steam\*, horsepower, impulse, momentum, muscle, power, pressure, punch, push, speed, steam, strength, stress, tension, thrust, velocity; CONCEPTS 641, 724

**pro rata** [*adv*] *in proportion* correlatively, proportionately, respectively; CONCEPTS 480, 563

**prosaic** [*adj*] *unimaginative* actual, banal, blah\*, boring, clean, colorless, common, commonplace, dead\*, dully\*, drab, dry, dull, everyday, factual, flat\*, garden-variety\*, hackneyed, ho-hum\*, humdrum\*, irksome, lackluster, lifeless, literal, lowly, lustreless, matter-of- fact, monotonous, mundane, nothing, nowhere, ordinary, pabulum\*,

pedestrian, platitudinous, plebeian, practicable, practical, prose, prosy, routine, square, stale, tame, tedious, trite, uneventful, unexceptional, uninspiring, vanilla\*, vapid, workaday, yawn\*, zero\*; CONCEPTS 267,537,547 —*Ant.* creative, imaginative, interesting, thinking

**proscribe** [v] *condemn, exclude* ban, banish, blackball\*, boycott, censure, damn, denounce, deport, doom\*, embargo, excommunicate, exile, expatriate, expel, forbid, interdict, ostracize, outlaw, prohibit, reject, sentence; CONCEPTS 25,121,317 —*Ant.* admit, allow, include, praise, welcome

**prose** [n] *written, nonrhythmic literature* book, composition, essay, exposition, fiction, nonfiction, speech, story, talk, text, tongue\*, writing; CONCEPTS 268,271 —*Ant.* poem, poetry

**prosecute** [v1] *bring action against in court* arraign, bring suit, bring to trial, contest, do, haul into court\*, indict, involve in litigation, law, litigate, prefer charges, pull up, put away\*, put on docket, put on trial, see in court\*, seek redress, sue, summon, take to court, try, turn on the heat\*; CONCEPT 317 —*Ant.* exonerate, free, liberate, pardon

**prosecute** [v2] *follow through, persevere* carry on, carry through, conduct, continue, direct, discharge, engage in, execute, follow up, manage, perform, persist, practice, pursue, put through, see through, wage, work at; CONCEPT 91 —*Ant.* cease, halt, stop

**proselytize** [v] *convert, espouse* accept, adopt, advocate, alter conviction, approve, be born again\*, cause to adopt, change belief, convince, defend, embrace, get into\*, persuade, stand behind\*, sway, uphold; CONCEPTS 10,12,14,35

**prospect** [n1] *outlook for future* anticipation, calculation, chance, contemplation, expectancy, expectation, forecast, future, hope, in the cards\*, irons in the fire\*, likelihood, odds, opening, plan, possibility, presumption, probability, promise, proposal, thought; CONCEPTS 689,693

**prospect** [n2] *landscape, vista* aspect, lookout, outlook, overlook, panorama, perspective, scape, scene, sight, spectacle, view, vision; CONCEPTS 509,628

**prospect** [v] *look for; seek* delve, dig, explore, go after, go into, inquire, investigate, look, look into, probe, search, sift, survey; CONCEPT 216 —*Ant.* miss, overlook

**prospective** [adj] *anticipated, potential* about to be, approaching, awaited, coming, considered, destined, eventual, expected, forthcoming, future, hoped-for, imminent, impending, intended, likely, looked-for, planned, possible, promised, proposed, soon-to-be, to be\*, to come; CONCEPTS 548,552 —*Ant.* agreed, concurred

**prospectus** [n] *details, outline of event* announcement, catalogue, conspectus, design, list, plan, program, scheme, syllabus, synopsis; CONCEPT 283

**prosper** [v] *be fortunate; succeed* advance, arrive, augment, batten, bear, bear fruit, become rich, become wealthy, be enriched, benefit, bloom, blossom, catch on\*, do well, do wonders\*, fare well, fatten\*, feather nest\*, flourish, flower, gain, get on\*, get there\*, go places\*, go to town\*, grow rich, hit it big, hit the jackpot\*,

increase, make a killing\*, make good\*, make it\*, make mark\*, make money, make out\*, multiply, produce, progress, rise, score\*, strike it rich\*, thrive, turn out well, yield; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* fail, lose

**prosperity** [n] *affluence, good fortune* abundance, accomplishment, advantage, arrival, bed of roses\*, benefit, boom, clover, do, ease\*, easy street\*, exorbitance, expansion, flying colors\*, fortune, good, good times, gravy train\*, growth, high on the hog\*, increase, inflation, interest, life of luxury\*, luxury, opulence, plenteousness, plenty, prosperousness, riches, success, successfulness, the good life\*, thriving, velvet, victory, wealth, welfare, well-being; CONCEPTS 335,706 —*Ant.* failure, loss, poorness, poverty

**prosperous** [adj1] *successful, thriving* affluent, blooming, booming, comfortable, doing well, easy, flourishing, fortunate, halcyon, in clover\*, in the money\*, lousy rich, lucky, main-line\*, moneyed, money to burn\*, on top of heap\*, opulent, palmy, prospering, rich, roaring, robust, sitting pretty\*, snug, substantial, upper-class\*, uptown, wealthy, well, well-heeled\*, well-off, well-to-do; CONCEPTS 334,528 —*Ant.* failing, losing, poor, unprosperous, unsuccessful

**prosperous** [adj2] *promising, advantageous* appropriate, auspicious, bright, convenient, desirable, favorable, felicitous, fortunate, good, happy, lucky, opportune, profitable, propitious, seasonable, timely, well-timed; CONCEPTS 548,572 —*Ant.* disadvantageous, hopeless, unpromising, unprosperous

**prostitute** [n] *person who sells own abilities, talent, or name for inferior purpose* betrayer, cheater, deceiver, gigolo, hustler, seducer; CONCEPT 412

**prostitute** [v] *to put one's talent to an unworthy use* abuse, cheapen, corrupt, debase, debauch, degrade, demean, deprave, devalue, misapply, misemploy, misuse, pervert, profane, vitiate; CONCEPTS 156,645

**prostrate** [adj1] *flat, horizontal* abject, bowed low, proclumbent, prone, reclining, recumbent, supine; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* erect, straight, upright, vertical

**prostrate** [adj2] *helpless* beaten, defenseless, disarmed, impotent, open, overcome, overpowered, overwhelmed, paralyzed, powerless, reduced, weak; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* happy, self-sufficient, strong, successful

**prostrate** [adj3] *tired, worn* crippled, dejected, depressed, disarmed, drained, drowned, exhausted, fagged\*, fallen, frazzled\*, immobilized, incapacitated, inconsolable, knocked over\*, obedient, overcome, paralyzed, pooped\*, spent\*, submissive, subservient, tuckered\*, wearied, worn out; CONCEPTS 406,485 —*Ant.* hale, healthy, strong

**prostrate** [v1] *fall on knees; submit* abase, bow, bow down, cast before, cringe, fall at feet, give in, grovel, kneel, kowtow\*, obey, surrender; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* erect, stand, straighten

**prostrate** [v2] *overwhelm; wear out* bring low, cripple, debilitate, defeat, destroy, disable, disarm, drain, drown, exhaust, fatigue, fell, floor, frazzle\*, immobilize, impair,

incapacitate, knock over, level, mow\*, overcome, overpower, overthrow, overtire, overturn, paralyze, reduce, ruin, sap, tire, tucker out\*, weary, overwhelm, wreck; CONCEPTS 95,250,252 —*Ant.* aid, assist, assuage, help, please, soothe

**protagonist** [n] *person who takes the lead; central figure of narrative* advocate, central character, champion, combatant, exemplar, exponent, hero, idol, lead, lead character, leader, mainstay, prime mover, principal, standard-bearer, warrior; CONCEPTS 352,359,423 —*Ant.* antagonist

**protect** [v] *take care of; guard from harm* assure, bulwark, care for, champion, chaperon, conserve, cover, cover all bases\*, cover up, cushion, defend, fend, foster, give refuge, give sanctuary\*, go to bat for\*, harbor, hedge, insulate, keep, keep safe, look after, preserve, ride shotgun for\*, safeguard, save, screen, secure, sentinel, shade, shelter, shield, shotgun\*, stand guard, stonewall\*, support, take under wing\*, watch, watch over; CONCEPTS 96,134 —*Ant.* attack, harm, hurt, injure

**protection** [n] *care, guardianship* aegis, armament, armor, assurance, barrier, buffer, bulwark, camouflage, certainty, charge, conservation, cover, custody, defense, fix, guard, guarding, insurance, invulnerability, preservation, protecting, reassurance, refuge, safeguard, safekeeping, safety, salvation, screen, security, self-defense, shelter, shield, stability, strength, surety, tutelage, umbrella\*, ward, wardship; CONCEPTS 712,729 —*Ant.* attack, harm, hurt, injury, threat

**protective** [adj] *guarding, securing* careful, conservational, conservative, covering, custodial, defensive, emergency, guardian, insulating, jealous, possessive, preservative, protecting, safeguarding, sheltering, shielding, vigilant, warm, watchful; CONCEPTS 542,550 —*Ant.* attacking, harmful, hurtful, injurious, threatening

**protégé** [n] *dependent, pupil* apprentice, charge, discovery, star student, student, ward; CONCEPTS 348,423

**protest** [n] *complaint, disapproval* bellyache\*, big stink\*, blackball\*, challenge, clamor, declaration, demonstration, demur, demurrals, difficulty, dissent, flak\*, formal complaint, grievance, gripe, grouse\*, holler\*, howl, kick\*, knock\*, march, moratorium, nix, objection, outcry, protestation, question, rally, remonstrance, remonstrator, revolt, riot, stink\*, tumult, turmoil; CONCEPTS 52,54,300 —*Ant.* acceptance, approval, praise

**protest** [v] *complain, disapprove; argue against* affirm, assert, asseverate, attest, avouch, avow, back-talk\*, be against, be displeased by, blast\*, buck, combat, constare, contend, cry out, declare, demonstrate, demur, disagree, except, expostulate, fight, holler, howl, insist, inveigh against, kick\*, maintain, make a stink\*, object, oppose, predicate, profess, put up a fight\*, rebel, remonstrate, resist, revolt, say no\*, sound off\*, squawk\*, take exception\*, testify, thumbs down\*; CONCEPTS 46,52,54,300 —*Ant.* accept, approve, praise

**protocol** [n] *rules of conduct, behavior in certain situation* agreement, code, compact, concordat, contract, conventions, courtesy, covenant, custom, decorum, etiquette,

formalities, good form, manners, obligation, order, pact, politesse, propriety, p's and q's\*, treaty; CONCEPTS 684,688 —*Ant.* bad manners, crudeness, impropriety

**prototype** [n] *original, example* ancestor, antecedent, antecessor, archetype, criterion, first, forerunner, ideal, mock-up\*, model, norm, paradigm, pattern, precedent, precursor, predecessor, standard, type; CONCEPT 686

**protract** [v] *extend, draw out* continue, cool\*, defer, delay, drag on\*, drag out\*, draw, elongate, hold off, hold up, keep going, lengthen, pad\*, postpone, procrastinate, prolong, prolongate, put off, put on hold, spin out\*, stall, stretch, stretch out; CONCEPTS 237,239,250 —*Ant.* abbreviate, curtail, shorten

**protrude** [v] *stick out* beetle, bulge, butt out, come through, distend, extend, extrude, jut, jut out, obtrude, overhang, point, poke, pop, pouch, pout, project, shoot out, stand out, start, stick up, swell; CONCEPTS 208,746 —*Ant.* depress, sink

**protuberance** [n] *lump, outgrowth* bulge, bump, excrescence, jut, jutting, knob, outthrust, process, projection, prominence, protrusion, swelling, tumor; CONCEPTS 471,824 —*Ant.* depression, ingrowth, sinkage

**proud** [adj1] *pleased, pleasing* appreciative, august, content, contented, dignified, eminent, fiery, fine, glad, glorious, gorgeous, grand, gratified, gratifying, great, great-hearted, honored, illustrious, imposing, impressive, magnificent, majestic, memorable, noble, red-letter\*, rewarding, satisfied, satisfying, self-respecting, spirited, splendid, stately, sublime, superb, valiant, vigorous, well-pleased; CONCEPTS 403,572,574 —*Ant.* sad, sorry

**proud** [adj2] *arrogant, self-important* bloated, boastful, cavalier, cocky\*, conceited, contemptuous, cool\*, disdainful, dismissive, domineering, egotistic, egotistical, haughty, high-and-mighty\*, high-handed\*, huffy\*, imperious, insolent, lofty, narcissistic, ostentatious, overbearing, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, puffed up\*, scornful, self-satisfied, sniffy\*, snobbish, snooty\*, stuck-up\*, supercilious, superior, vain, vainglorious; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* humble, meek, modest

**prove** [v] *establish facts; put to a test* add up, affirm, analyze, ascertain, assay, attest, authenticate, back, bear out, certify, check, confirm, convince, corroborate, declare, demonstrate, determine, document, end up, evidence, evince, examine, experiment, explain, find, fix, have a case\*, justify, make evident, manifest, pan out\*, result, settle, show, show clearly, show once and for all\*, substantiate, sustain, test, testify, trial, try, turn out, uphold, validate, verify, warrant, witness; CONCEPTS 57,118,138 —*Ant.* discredit, disprove, hypothesize, theorize

**proverb** [n] *saying referring to common fact, knowledge* adage, aphorism, apophthegm, axiom, byword, catch phrase, daffodil\*, dictum, epigram, folk wisdom, gnome, maxim, moral, motto, platitude, precept, repartee, saw\*, text, truism, witticism, word; CONCEPTS 275,278

**proverbial** [adj] *conventional, traditional* accepted, acknowledged, archetypal, axiomatic, current, customary, famed, familiar, famous,

general, legendary, notorious, self-evident, time-honored, typical, unquestioned, well-known; CONCEPT 530 —**Ant.** abnormal, atypical, different, unconventional, unknown, untraditional

**provide** [v1] *supply, support* accommodate, add, administer, afford, arrange, bestow, bring, care, cater, contribute, dispense, equip, favor, feather\*, feed, fit, fit out, fix up, fix up with, furnish, give, grant, hand over, heel\*, impart, implement, indulge, keep, lend, line, look after, maintain, minister, outfit, prepare, present, procure, produce, proffer, provision, ration, ready, render, replenish, serve, stake, stock, stock up\*, store, sustain, take care of, transfer, turn out, yield; CONCEPTS 108, 110, 136, 140 —**Ant.** deprive, remove, take

**provide** [v2] *determine, specify* condition, lay down, postulate, require, state, stipulate; CONCEPTS 18, 646

**provident** [adj] *careful, frugal* canny, cautious, discreet, economical, expedient, far-sighted, foresighted, judicious, penny-pinching\*, politic, prepared, prudent, sagacious, saving, shrewd, sparing, thrifty, tight, unwasteful, vigilant, well-prepared, wise; CONCEPTS 334, 401 —**Ant.** careless, improvident, spendthrift, wasteful

**providing/provided** [conj] *as long as; with the understanding* contingent upon, given, if, if and only if, in case, in the case that, in the event, on condition, on the assumption, on these terms, subject to, supposing, with the proviso; CONCEPTS 544, 546

**province** [n] *area of rule, responsibility* arena, bailiwick, business, calling, canton, capacity, champaign, charge, colony, concern, county, demesne, department, dependency, district, division, domain, dominion, duty, employment, field, function, jurisdiction, line, office, orbit, part, post, pursuit, realm, region, role, section, shire, sphere, terrain, territory, tract, walk, work, zone; CONCEPTS 198, 349, 362, 508, 532

**provincial** [adj] *countrified; limited* bigoted, bucolic, country, hidebound, homegrown, homespun, insular, inward-looking, local, narrow, narrow-minded, parochial, pastoral, petty, rude, rural, rustic, sectarian, small-minded, small-town, uninformed, unpolished, unsophisticated; CONCEPTS 403, 549, 589 —**Ant.** citified, liberal, metropolitan, modern

**provision** [n1] *supplies, supplying* accoutrement, arrangement, catering, emergency, equipping, fitting out, foundation, furnishing, groundwork, outline, plan, rearrangement, precaution, preparation, procurement, providing, stock, store, supplying; CONCEPTS 140, 712 —**Ant.** removal, taking

**provisional** [adj] *contingent, tentative* conditional, dependent, ephemeral, experimental, interim, limited, makeshift, passing, pro tem, provisional, provisory, qualified, rough-and-ready\*, stopgap\*, temporary, test, transient, transitional; CONCEPTS 546, 554, 711 —**Ant.** certain, definite, permanent

**provision/proviso** [n2] *stipulation, condition of agreement* agreement, catch\*, Catch-22\*, clause, demand, fine print\*, joker\*, kicker\*, limitation, prerequisite, qualification,

requirement, reservation, restriction, rider, small print\*, specification, stipulation, strings\*, term, terms; CONCEPTS 270, 684, 711

**provocation** [n] *incitement, stimulus* affront, annoyance, bothering, brickbat\*, casus belli, cause, challenge, dare, defy, grabber\*, grievance, grounds, harassment, incentive, indignity, inducement, injury, instigation, insult, irking, justification, motivation, offense, provoking, reason, taunt, vexation, vexing; CONCEPTS 14, 240, 532 —**Ant.** prevention, repression, suppression

**provocative** [adj1] *aggravating* annoying, challenging, disturbing, exciting, galling, goading, heady, incensing, inciting, influential, inspirational, insulting, intoxicating, offensive, outrageous, provoking, pushing, spurring, stimulant, stimulating; CONCEPT 529 —**Ant.** repressive, suppressive, unprovocative

**provocative** [adj2] *sexually stimulating* alluring, arousing, enchanting, erotic, exciting, heady, interesting, intoxicating, intriguing, inviting, seductive, sexy, stimulating, suggestive, tantalizing, tempting; CONCEPTS 372, 537 —**Ant.** unexciting, unprovocative, unstimulating

**provoke** [v1] *make angry* abet, abrade, affront, aggravate, anger, annoy, bother, bug\*, chafe, enrage, exasperate, exercise, foment, fret, gall\*, get\*, get on one's nerves\*, get under one's skin\*, grate, hit where one lives\*, incense, incite, inflame, infuriate, insult, irk, irritate, madden, make blood boil\*, make waves\*, nag, offend, perturb, pique, put out, raise, rile, roil, ruffle, set\*, set on\*, try one's patience\*, upset, vex, whip up\*, work into lather\*, work up\*; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —**Ant.** delight, make happy, please

**provoke** [v2] *start, evoke; stimulate* animate, arouse, awaken, begin, bestir, bring about, bring down, bring on, bring to one's feet\*, build up, call forth, cause, challenge, draw forth, electrify, elicit, enthuse, excite, fire, fire up\*, galvanize, generate, give rise to, incite, induce, inflame, innervate, innerve, inspire, instigate, kindle, lead to, make, motivate, move, occasion, pique, precipitate, prime, produce, promote, prompt, quicken, rally, rouse, roust, stir, suscite, thrill, titillate, titivate, waken, whet; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 22, 221, 242 —**Ant.** end, halt, prevent, stop

**proven** [n1] *ability, skill* accomplishment, address, adeptness, adroitness, aptitude, attainment, command, deftness, dexterity, excellence, expertise, expertness, facility, genius, mastery, readiness, sleight, talent; CONCEPT 630 —**Ant.** inability, weakness

**proven** [n2] *bravery* backbone\*, boldness, courage, daring, dauntlessness, fearlessness, gallantry, grit\*, guts\*, heart\*, heroism, intrepidity, mettle, moxie\*, nerve, pluck, right stuff\*, spunk, starch\*, stomach\*, stuff\*, true grit\*, valiance, valiancy, valor, valorousness, what it takes\*; CONCEPTS 411, 633 —**Ant.** cowardice, weakness

**prowl** [v] *move stealthily* cruise, hunt, lurk, nose around\*, patrol, range, roam, rove, scavenge, skulk, slink, snake, sneak, stalk, steal, stroll, tramp; CONCEPT 151 —**Ant.** rush

**prowler** [*n*] *thief* burglar, crook, housebreaker, lurker, pilferer\*, robber, sneakthief\*; CONCEPT 412

**proximity** [*n*] *nearness to something* adjacency, appropinquity, closeness, concurrence, contiguity, contiguousness, immediacy, juxtaposition, propinquity, togetherness; CONCEPT 747 —*Ant.* distance, remoteness

**proxy** [*n*] *agent* alternate, ambassador, assignee, attorney, backup, broker, delegate, deputy, emissary, envoy, executor, intermediary, lawyer, mediator, negotiator, representative, stand-in, substitute, surrogate; CONCEPT 348

**prude** [*n*] *prig* goody-goody, goody two-shoes\*, Mrs. Grundy, old maid, puritan, Victorian; CONCEPT 416

**prudent** [*adj*] *wise, sensible in action and thought* advisable, canny, careful, cautious, circumspect, discerning, discreet, economical, far-sighted, frugal, hedging one's bets\*, judgmental, judicious, leery, playing safe\*, politic, provident, reasonable, sagacious, sage, sane, sapient, shrewd, sound, sparing, tactical, thinking twice\*, thrifty, vigilant, wary; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* careless, imprudent, incautious, unwise

**prudish** [*adj*] *shy and strict in behavior* affected, artificial, austere, bigoted, conventional, demure, fastidious, finicky\*, genteel, illiberal, mincing, narrow, narrow-minded, offish, overexact, overmodest, overnice, precise, pretentious, priggish\*, prim, prissy\*, proper, puritanical, rigid, rigorous, scrupulous, severe, simpering, square, squeamish\*, starchy\*, stern, stiff\*, stilted, straitlaced, stuffy, uptight\*, Victorian\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* bold, brave, extroverted, outgoing

**prune** [*v*] *trim; cut short* clip, cut back, dock, eliminate, exclude, gut, knock off, lop, pare down, reduce, shape, shave, shear, shorten, skive, snip, thin; CONCEPTS 137, 176, 236, 247

**prurient** [*adj*] *lascivious* bawdy, carnal, crude, desirous, erotic, fleshly, horny, hot\*, lecherous, lewd, libertine, libidinous, licentious, lustful, obscene, offensive, orgiastic, pornographic, raunchy\*, salacious, sensual, sexual, smutty\*, suggestive, unchaste, vulgar; CONCEPTS 372, 403

**pry** [*v*1] *interfere in someone else's business* be a busybody\*, be all ears\*, be curious, be inquisitive, be nosy, bug\*, ferret out, gape, gaze, hunt, inquire, intrude, investigate, listen in, meddle, nose, peek, peep, peer, poke, poke nose into\*, ransack, reconnoiter, rubberneck\*, search, snoop, spy, stare, tap, tune in on\*, wiretap; CONCEPTS 216, 384, 623 —*Ant.* leave alone

**pry** [*v*2] *force or break open* disengage, disjoin, divide, elevate, elicit, extort, extract, heave, hoist, jimmy, lever, lift, move, pick up, press, prize, pull, push, raise, rear, separate, take up, tear, tilt, turn, turn out, twist, uplift, upraise, uprear, wrest, wring; CONCEPTS 196, 206, 211 —*Ant.* close

**psalm** [*n*] *song of praise* canticle, celebration, chant, chorale, eulogy, hymn, paean, shout, verse; CONCEPT 595

**pseudo** [*adj*] *artificial, fake* bogus, counterfeit, ersatz, false, imitation, mock, not genuine, not kosher\*, not legit\*, not real, phony, pirate,

pretend, pretended, quasi\*, sham\*, simulated, spurious, wrong; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* genuine, real, true

**pseudonym** [*n*] *false name* AKA\*, alias, anonym, anonym, assumed name, handle\*, incognito\*, nickname, nom de guerre, nom de plume, pen name, professional name, stage name, summer name\*; CONCEPTS 268, 683 —*Ant.* name

**psyche** [*n*] *innermost self; personality* anima, animus, character, ego, élan vital, essential nature, individuality, inner child, inner self, mind, pneuma, self, soul, spirit, spirituality, subconscious, true being; CONCEPTS 410, 411 —*Ant.* body, physicality

**psyched** [*adj*] *excited* animated, aroused, awakened, beside oneself\*, charged, delighted, eager, enthusiastic, feverish, fired up\*, high\*, inspired, juiced up\*, keyed up\*, moved, on fire\*, passionate, pumped, stimulated, stirred, thrilled, wild, worked up; CONCEPTS 401, 403

**psychedelic** [*adj*] *affecting the mind so as to produce vivid visions* consciousness-expanding, crazy\*, experimental, freaky\*, hallucinatory, hallucinogenic, kaleidoscopic, mind-bending\*, mind-blowing\*, mind-changing, mind-expanding\*, multicolored\*, psychoactive, psychotomimetic, psychotropic, trip\*; CONCEPTS 529, 537 —*Ant.* normal

**psychiatrist** [*n*] *person who treats mental disorders* analyst, clinician, doctor, psychoanalyst, psychologist, psychotherapist, shrink\*, therapist; CONCEPT 357

**psychic** [*adj*] *extrasensory in perception* analytic, cerebral, clairvoyant, immaterial, impressible, impressionable, intellective, intellectual, mental, metaphysical, mystic, occult, preternatural, psychal, psychical, psychogenic, psychological, responsive, sensible, sensile, sensitive, sentient, spiritual, supernatural, supersensible, supersensitive, supersensory, supersensual, susceptible, susceptible, telekinetic, telepathic, transmundane, unworldly; CONCEPTS 402, 403

**psychobabble** [*n*] *rhetoric using psychological terms* argot, buzzword, jargon, patter, pop psych\*, psychospeak, self-help; CONCEPT 275

**psychological** [*adj*] *concerning the mind* cerebral, cognitive, emotional, experimental, imaginary, intellective, intellectual, in the mind, mental, psychical, subconscious, subjective, unconscious; CONCEPTS 403, 536 —*Ant.* body, physical

**psychology** [*n*] *study of the mind; emotional and mental constitution* attitude, behaviorism, medicine, mental make-up, mental processes, personality study, psych\*, science of the mind, therapy, way of thinking\*, where head is at\*; CONCEPTS 349, 360, 410

**psychopath** [*n*] *person who is mentally deranged, often prone to hurt others* antisocial personality, insane person, lunatic, mad person, maniac, mental case\*, nutcase\*, psycho\*, psychotic, schizoid\*, sociopath, unstable personality; CONCEPT 412

**psychotic** [*adj*] *mentally deranged* certifiable\*, crazy, demented, distracted, flipped-out\*, insane, lunatic, mad, manic-depressive, mental, non compos mentis, nuts\*, off one's rocker\*,

over the edge\*, psycho\*, psychopathic, schizophrenic, sick, unbalanced, unhinged\*; CONCEPT 403

**pub** [n] *business where liquor and food are served* after-hours joint\*, ale house\*, bar, barroom, beer joint\*, drinkery, drinking establishment, gin mill\*, inn, joint\*, lounge, public house, roadhouse, saloon, taproom, tavern; CONCEPTS 439,448,449

**puberty** [n] *young adulthood* adolescence, awkward stage\*, boyhood, girlhood, greenness\*, high-school years, juvenescence, juvenility, potency, preadolescence, pubescence, spring\*, springtide\*, springtime\*, teenage years, teens, youth, youthfulness; CONCEPT 817 —*Ant.* adulthood

**public** [adj1] *community, general accessible*, city, civic, civil, common, communal, conjoint, conjunct, country, federal, free, free to all, government, governmental, intermutual, metropolitan, municipal, mutual, national, not private, open, open-door, popular, social, state, universal, unrestricted, urban, widespread, without charge; CONCEPTS 536,576 —*Ant.* particular, private, specific

**public** [adj2] *known, acknowledged* exposed, general, in circulation, notorious, obvious, open, overt, patent, plain, popular, prevalent, published, recognized, social, societal, usual, vulgar, widespread; CONCEPTS 267,530 —*Ant.* private, unknown

**public** [n] *people of community; people interested in something* audience, bodies\*, buyers, citizens, clientele, commonality, community, country, electorate, everyone, followers, following, heads, masses, men and women, mob, multitude, nation, patrons, people, populace, population, society, suite, supporters, voters; CONCEPTS 379,417

**publication** [n1] *printing of written or visual material* advertisement, airing, announcement, appearance, broadcast, broadcasting, communication, declaration, disclosure, discovery, dissemination, divulcation, issuance, issuing, notification, proclamation, promulgation, pronunciamiento, publicity, public relations, publishing, reporting, revelation, statement, ventilation, writing; CONCEPTS 60,274,292

**publication** [n2] *something printed for reading* annual, book, booklet, brochure, handbill, information, issue, leaflet, magazine, news, newsletter, newspaper, pamphlet, periodical; CONCEPT 280

**publicity** [n] *promotion of something, someone* advertising, announcement, announcing, attention, ballyhoo\*, big noise\*, billing, blurb\*, boost\*, broadcasting, build-up\*, clout\*, commercial, currency, distribution, fame, handout, hoopla\*, hype\*, ink\*, limelight\*, noise\*, notoriety, pitch, plug\*, PR\*, press, press-agency, promo\*, promulgation, propaganda, public notice, public relations, puff\*, puffery\*, pushing, réclame, release, report, scratch\*, spotlight\*, spread, write-up; CONCEPTS 274,280,293 —*Ant.* secret

**publicize** [v] *make widely known; promote* advance, advertise, announce, bill, billboard, boost\*, broadcast, build up\*, cry, drum\*, extol, hard sell\*, headline, hype\*, immortalize, make

a pitch for, pitch, play up\*, plug\*, press-agent, promulgate, propagandize, puff\*, push, put on the map\*, skywrite\*, soft-sell\*, splash, spot\*, spotlight\*, spread, tout, trumpet\*, write up; CONCEPTS 60,292,324 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, secret

**publish** [v] *have printed, issue* announce, bring out, broadcast, circulate, communicate, declare, disclose, distribute, divulge, let it be known\*, print, proclaim, produce, promulgate, publicize, print in print, put out, report, spotlight; CONCEPTS 60,140,292

**pucker** [n] *wrinkle* crease, crinkle, crumple, fold, furrow, plait, ruck, ruckle; CONCEPT 754 —*Ant.* smoothness

**pucker** [v] *draw together; wrinkle* cackle, compress, condense, contract, crease, crinkle, crumple, fold, furrow, gather, knit, purse, ruckle, ruck up, ruffle, screw up, squeeze, tighten; CONCEPTS 185,219 —*Ant.* open, smooth

**pudgy** [adj] *slightly fat* chubby\*, hefty, plump, plumpish, rotund, round, stout, thick-bodied, tubby\*; CONCEPTS 491,773 —*Ant.* skinny, slight, thin

**puerile** [adj] *childish* babyish, babylike, callow, foolish, green\*, immature, inane, inexperienced, infantile, irresponsible, jejune, juvenile, naive, petty, ridiculous, silly, trivial, unflinched, ungrown, weak, young; CONCEPTS 401,578,797 —*Ant.* adult, mature

**puff** [n1] *blast of air* breath, draft, drag, draught, draw, emanation, flatus, flurry, gust, pull, smoke, waft, whiff, wind, wisp; CONCEPTS 437,524

**puff** [n2] *advertisement* advertising, blurb\*, boost\*, buildup\*, commendation, favorable mention, good word, hype\*, laudation, plug\*, praise, press-agency, promo\*, promotion, publicity, puffery\*, push\*, sales talk, write-up; CONCEPTS 69,278,324

**puff** [v1] *inhale or exhale air* blow, breathe, distend, drag, draw, enlarge, fill, gasp, gulp, heave, huff, huff and puff\*, inflate, pant, pull at, pull on, smoke, suck, swell, wheeze, whiff; CONCEPTS 163,185,526

**puff** [v2] *publicize* admire, advertise, ballyhoo\*, blow up\*, build, commend, congratulate, cry\*, flatter, hype\*, overpraise, plug\*, praise, press-agent\*, promote, push; CONCEPTS 49,69 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, secret

**puffy** [adj] *swollen* billowy, bloated, blown, bulgy, distended, distent, enlarged, expanded, full, increased, inflamed, inflated, puffed up; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* flat, tight, unswollen

**pugnacious** [adj] *belligerent* aggressive, antagonistic, argumentative, bellicose, brawling, cantankerous, chip on shoulder\*, choleric, combative, contentious, defiant, disputatious, have a bone to pick\*, hot-tempered, irascible, irritable, itching to fight\*, militant, petulant, pushing, pushy\*, quarrelsome, ready to fight, rebellious, salty\*, scrappy\*, self-assertive, truculent, warlike; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* easy-going, kind, laid-back, nice

**puke** [v] *vomit* barf\*, be sick, bring up, chunder, cough up, do the technicolor yawn\*, gag, get sick, heave, hurl\*, regurgitate, retch, spew, spit



up, throw up, toss one's cookies\*, upchuck\*;  
 CONCEPT 179

**pulchritude** [*n*] *beauty* adorableness, allure, allurements, attraction, elegance, exquisiteness, glamor, good looks, handsomeness, loveliness, physical attractiveness, prettiness, shapeliness;  
 CONCEPT 718

**pull** [*v1*] *drawing something with force* cull, dislocate, drag, evolve, extract, gather, haul, heave, jerk, lug, paddle, pick, pluck, remove, rend, rip, row, schlepp\*, sprain, strain, stretch, take out, tear, tow, trail, truck, tug, twitch, uproot, weed\*, wrench, yank; CONCEPT 206  
 —*Ant.* push

**pull** [*v2*] *attract* draw, entice, get, lure, magnetize, obtain, pick up, secure, win; CONCEPT 11  
 —*Ant.* deter, repel, repulse

**pull down** [*v*] *destroy; knock over* annihilate, bulldoze, decimate, demolish, destruct, dismantle, let down, lower, raze, remove, ruin, take down, tear down, wreck; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* build, construct

**pull in** [*v1*] *arrest* apprehend, bust, collar, detain, nab, nail, pick up, pinch, run in, take into custody; CONCEPTS 90,317 —*Ant.* exonerate, free, let go

**pull in** [*v2*] *attract, obtain* absorb, bring in, clear, draw, draw in, earn, gain, gross, make, net, pocket, suck, take home\*; CONCEPT 120  
 —*Ant.* repel, throw away

**pull off** [*v*] *accomplish* achieve, bring off, carry out, manage, score, score a success, secure, succeed, win; CONCEPTS 91,706 —*Ant.* fail

**pull out** [*v*] *quit* abandon, depart, evacuate, exit, get off, go, leave, retire, retreat, shove off, stop, stop participating, take off, withdraw; CONCEPTS 119,121,195 —*Ant.* continue, persevere, start

**pull through** [*v*] *recover* come through, get better, get over, improve, rally, ride out\*, survive, triumph, weather\*; CONCEPTS 303,700,706 —*Ant.* die, fail, lose

**pull up** [*v*] *stop, halt* arrive, brake, bring up, come to a halt, come to a stop, draw up, fetch up, get there, haul up, pause, reach a standstill; CONCEPTS 119,121,159 —*Ant.* continue, go

**pulp** [*adj*] *cheap, vulgar, especially regarding reading material* lurid, mushy, rubbish, sensational, trash, trashy; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* clean, moral, nice

**pulp** [*n*] *flesh of plant, animal* batter, curd, dough, grume, jam, marrow, mash, mush, pap, paste, pomace, poultice, sarcoparc, semisolid, soft part, sponge, triturate; CONCEPTS 399,428

**pulp** [*v*] *mash, pulverize* bruise, coagulate, crush, gelatinize, macerate, squash, triturate; CONCEPTS 208,219

**pulpit** [*n*] *structure from which sermon is given* desk, lectern, platform, podium, rostrum, soapbox\*, stage, stump\*; CONCEPTS 368,443

**pulsate/pulse** [*v*] *quiver, beat* drum, fluctuate, hammer, oscillate, palpitate, pound, pump, roar, throb, thrum, thud, thump, tick, vibrate; CONCEPTS 147,185

**pulse** [*n*] *rhythm, beat* beating, oscillation, pulsation, stroke, throb, throbbing, vibration; CONCEPTS 147,185

**pulverize** [*v1*] *smash by beating, crushing* abrade, atomize, beat, bray, break up, buck,

comminute, contriturate, crumble, crunch, crush, flour, fragment, fragmentalize, fragmentize, granulate, grate, grind, levigate, micronize, mill, mull, pestle, pound, powder, shatter, splinter, triturate; CONCEPTS 186,219

**pulverize** [*v2*] *destroy* annihilate, crush, decimate, defeat, demolish, destruct, dynamite, flatten, rub out\*, ruin, shatter, smash, tear down\*, vanquish, vaporize, wax, wreck; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* build, construct, create

**pummel** [*v*] *beat, pommel* bash, batter, belt, clout, club, crush, cudgel, flog, hammer, hit, knock, lash, let one have it\*, lick, smash, maul, pelt, pound, punch, ram, slug, smack, strike, swat, thrash, trounce, wallop, whale, wham, whip; CONCEPTS 189,246

**pump** [*v1*] *draw or push out* bail out, blow up, dilate, distend, draft, drain, draw, draw off, drive, drive out, elevate, empty, force, force out, inflate, inject, pour, push, send, siphon, supply, swell, tap; CONCEPTS 142,206,208

**pump** [*v2*] *question relentlessly* cross-examine, draw out, give the third degree\*, grill, interrogate, probe, query, question, quiz, worm out of\*; CONCEPTS 48,53 —*Ant.* answer, reply

**pumped** [*adj*] *excited* animated, aroused, awakened, beside oneself\*, charged, cranked up, delighted, eager, enthusiastic, feverish, fired up\*, geared up, high\*, inspired, juiced up\*, keyed up\*, moved, on fire\*, passionate, psyched, rarin' to go\*, stimulated, stirred, thrilled, wild, worked up; CONCEPTS 401,403

**pun** [*n*] *play on words* ambiguity, calembour, conceit, double entendre, double meaning, equivoque, joke, paronomasia, quibble, quip, witticism; CONCEPTS 273,278

**punch** [*n1/v1*] *hit* bash, belt, buff, blow, bop, box, buffet, clip, clout, cuff, dig, jab, jog, knock, lollop, nudge, one-two\*, plug, plunk\*, poke, prod, pummel, rap, shot, slam, slap, slug, smack, smash, sock, strike, stroke, thrust, thump, wallop; CONCEPT 189

**punch** [*n2*] *energy, vigor* bite, cogency, drive, effectiveness, force, forcefulness, impact, point, validity, validness, verve; CONCEPTS 676,682  
 —*Ant.* idleness, lethargy, unenthusiasm

**punch** [*v2*] *perforate, prick* bore, cut, drill, jab, pierce, poke, puncture, stab, stamp; CONCEPT 220 —*Ant.* close

**punch-drunk** [*adj*] *dazed* agog, baffled, befuddled, confused, dazzled, dizzy, dumbledounded, dumbstruck, flustered, lost, muddled, perplexed, punchy\*, puzzled, rattled, slap-happy, staggered; CONCEPTS 402,403

**punctilio** [*n*] *etiquette* ceremony, civility, code, convention, courtesy, customs, decorum, dignity, form, formalities, formality, mores, nicety, politesse, proper behavior, protocol, p's and q's\*, refinement, rules, social graces; CONCEPT 633

**punctilious** [*adj*] *careful, finicky* ceremonious, conscientious, conscionable, conventional, exact, formal, formalistic, fussy, good eye\*, heedful, meticulous, nice, observant, overconscientious, overscrupulous, painstaking, particular, persnickety, precise, proper, punctual, right on\*, scrupulous, strict; CONCEPTS 401,542,557  
 —*Ant.* careless, easy-going, informal, uncaring

**punctual** [adj] *on time* accurate, careful, conscientious, conscionable, constant, cyclic, dependable, early, exact, expeditious, fussy, heedful, in good time\*, meticulous, on schedule, on the button\*, on the dot\*, on the nose\*, painstaking, particular, periodic, precise, prompt, punctilious, quick, ready, recurrent, regular, reliable, scrupulous, seasonable, steady, strict, timely, under the wire\*; CONCEPTS 544,550,799 —*Ant.* late, tardy

**punctuate** [v] *lay stress on* accent, accentuate, break, divide, emphasize, interject, interrupt, intersect, intersperse, mark, pepper\*, point, point up\*, separate, sprinkle, stress, underline; CONCEPTS 49,79,98,266

**puncture** [n] *hole, rupture* break, cut, damage, flat, flat tire\*, jab, leak, nick, opening, perforation, prick, slit, stab; CONCEPTS 309,513,674

**puncture** [v1] *poke hole in* bore, cut, cut through, deflate, drill, go down, go flat, knife, lacerate, lance, nick, open, penetrate, perforate, pierce, prick, punch, riddle, rupture; CONCEPTS 137,220 —*Ant.* close, sew

**puncture** [v2] *deflate someone's idea, feelings* blow sky high\*, discourage, discredit, disillusion, disprove, explode, flatten\*, humble, knock bottom out\*, knock props from under\*, poke full of holes\*, shoot full of holes\*, take down a peg\*, take wind out of sails\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,54 —*Ant.* build up

**pundit** [n] *person who is authority* auger, bookworm, brain\*, buff, cerebr\*, cognoscenti, egghead\*, expert, intellectual, learned one, philosopher, professor, savant, scholar, solon, teacher, thinker; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* amateur

**pungent** [adj1] *highly flavored* acid, acrid, aromatic, bitter, effluvious, hot, nose-y\*, odoriferous, peppery, piquant, poignant, racy, rich, salty, seasoned, sharp, snappy, sour, spicy, stinging, stinking\*, strong, tangy, tart, whiffy\*, zesty; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* blah, bland, dull, flavorless, tasteless

**pungent** [adj2] *sharp, stinging in speech* acrimonious, acute, barbed, biting, bitter, caustic, cutting, exciting, hot, incisive, keen, mordant, penetrating, peppery, piercing, poignant, pointed, provocative, racy, salt, salty, sarcastic, scathing, snappy, spicy, stimulating, stringent, telling, trenchant, zesty; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* dull, mild

**punish** [v] *penalize for wrongdoing* abuse, attend to, batter, beat, beat up, blacklist, castigate, chasten, chastise, correct, crack down on\*, cuff, debar, defrock, discipline, dismiss, do in, execute, exile, expel, fine, flog, give a going over\*, give the works\*, harm, hurt, immature, incarcerate, injure, knock about, lash, lecture, maltreat, misuse, oppress, paddle, rap knuckles\*, reprove, rough up, scourge, sentence, slap wrist, spank, switch, teach a lesson, throw the book at\*, train, whip; CONCEPT 122 —*Ant.* award, exonerate, let go, praise, protect, reward

**punishment** [n] *penalty* abuse, amercement, beating, castigation, chastening, chastisement, comeuppance, confiscation, correction, deprivation, disciplinary action, discipline, forfeit, forfeiture, gallows, hard work, inflection, just desserts\*, lumps, maltreatment, mortification, mulct, ostracism, pain, penance, proof, punitive

measures, purgatory, reparation, retribution, rod, rough treatment, sanction, sequestration, short shrift\*, slave labor\*, suffering, torture, trial, unhappiness, victimization, what for\*; CONCEPT 123 —*Ant.* encouragement, exonerate, praise, protection, reward

**punitive** [adj] *concerning punishment* castigating, correctional, disciplinary, in reprisal, in retaliation, penal, punishing, punitive, retaliative, retaliatory, revengeful, vindictive; CONCEPT 319 —*Ant.* beneficial, rewarding

**punk** [n] *hoodlum* bully, criminal, delinquent, gangster, goon\*, hood, hooligan, mobster, rioter, rowdy, ruffian, thug, troublemaker; CONCEPT 412

**puny** [adj] *small, insignificant* diminutive, feeble, fragile, frail, half-pint\*, inconsequential, inferior, infirm, little, measly\*, minor, niggling\*, nothing, paltry, peanut\*, peewee\*, petty, picayune, piddling\*, pint-sized\*, runt, shrimp\*, small-fry\*, small time\*, stunted, tiny, trifling, trivial, two-bit\*, unsequential, underfed, undersized, undeveloped, unsound, unsubstantial, weak, weakly, wee\*, worthless, zero\*, zilch\*; CONCEPTS 489,575,773 —*Ant.* big, giant, huge, large

**pupil** [n] *person who is learning something* adherent, attendant, beginner, bookworm\*, brain\*, catechumen, disciple, first-year student, follower, graduate student, junior, learner, neophyte, novice, satellite, scholar, schoolboy/girl, senior, sophomore, student, tenderfoot\*, undergraduate; CONCEPT 350 —*Ant.* professor, teacher

**puppet** [n] *person or toy manipulated by another* creature, doll, dupe\*, figurehead, figurine, instrument, jerk\*, manikin, marionette, moppet, mouthpiece\*, patsy\*, pawn, pushover, schlemiel\*, servant, soft touch\*, stooge\*, tool\*, victim; CONCEPTS 423,446

**purchase** [n] *possession obtained with money* acquirement, acquisition, asset, bargain, booty\*, buy, gain, investment, property, steal; CONCEPTS 446,710 —*Ant.* sale, sell

**purchase** [v] *buy, obtain* achieve, acquire, attain, come by, cop\*, deal in, earn, gain, get hold of, go shopping, invest, make a buy, make a purchase, market, patronize, pay for, pick up, procure, realize, redeem, secure, shop, shop for, take, take up, truck\*, win; CONCEPT 327 —*Ant.* sell

**pure** [adj1] *unmixed, genuine* authentic, bright, classic, clear, complete, fair, flawless, kosher\*, limpid, lucid, natural, neat, out-and-out\*, pellucid, perfect, plain, plenary, pure and simple, real, simple, straight, total, transparent, true, twenty-four carat\*, unadulterated, unalloyed, unclouded, undiluted, unmingled; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* impure, mixed, ungentle

**pure** [adj2] *clean, uncontaminated* disinfected, germ-free, immaculate, intermate, pasteurized, pristine, purified, refined, sanitary, snowy, spotless, stainless, sterile, sterilized, taintedless, unadulterated, unblemished, undebased, unpoluted, unsoiled, unspotted, unstained, unsullied, untainted, untarnished, wholesome; CONCEPT 621 —*Ant.* contaminated, dirty, polluted, tainted

**pure** [adj3] *virginal, chaste* babe in woods\*, blameless, celibate, clean, continent, decent,

exemplary, fresh, good, guileless, honest, immaculate, inculpable, innocent, inviolate, irreproachable, kid, lily white\*, maidenly, modest, pure as driven snow\*, righteous, sinless, spotless, stainless, true, unblemished, unblighted, uncorrupted, undefiled, unprofaned, unspotted, unstained, unsullied, upright, virgin, virtuous, wet behind ears\*, wide-eyed; CONCEPT 372 —*Ant.* corrupt, dirty, immodest, indecent, obscene, unchaste, vulgar

**pure** [*adj*4] *absolute, utter* blasted\*, blessed\*, complete, confounded, infernal\*, mere, out-and-out, sheer, thorough, unmitigated, unqualified; CONCEPTS 531,535 —*Ant.* indefinite, uncertain

**purely** [*adv*] *simply, absolutely* all, all in all, altogether, barely, completely, entirely, essentially, exactly, exclusively, in toto\*, just, merely, only, plainly, quite, solely, totally, utterly, wholly; CONCEPTS 531,544 —*Ant.* indefinitely

**purgatory** [*n*] *hell* Abaddon\*, abyss, bottomless pit\*, everlasting fire\*, fire and brimstone\*, Gehenna, Hades, infernal regions, limbo, lower world, nether world, perdition, pit, place of torment, suffering, underworld; CONCEPTS 370,435,674

**purge** [*n*] *elimination, removal* abolition, abster-sion, catharsis, clarification, cleaning, cleanup, coup, crushing, disposal, disposition, ejection, eradication, evacuation, excretion,expulsion, expurgation, extermination, extirpation, liquidation, murder, purification, reign of terror\*, suppression, witch hunt; CONCEPTS 165,211,252 —*Ant.* holding, keeping, maintenance

**purge** [*v*] *rid of; clean out* abolish, absolve, clarify, cleanse, clear, depurate, disabuse, dismiss, dispose of, do away with\*, eject, eradicate, erase, excrete, exonerate, expel, expiate, expunge, exterminate, forgive, kill, liquidate, oust, pardon, prevent, purify, remove, rout out, shake out\*, sweep out, unload, wash, wipe off map\*, wipe out; CONCEPTS 165,211,252 —*Ant.* hold, keep, maintain

**purification** [*n*] *freeing, cleansing* ablution, absolution, atonement, baptism, bathing, catharsis, depuration, disinfection, distillation, expiation, expurgation, forgiveness, grace, lavation, laving, lustration, purgation, purge, purifying, rarefaction, rebirth, redemption, refinement, regeneration, salvation, sanctification, washing; CONCEPTS 165,367 —*Ant.* adulteration, corruption, dirtying, pollution

**purify** [*v*] *free; make clean* absolve, aerate, aerify, atone, chasten, clarify, clean, cleanse, clear, decontaminate, deodorize, depurate, deter-gene, disinfect, edulcorate, elutriate, exculpate, exonerate, expiate, filter, fumigate, lustrate, oxygenate, purge, rarify, redeem, refine, remit, sanctify, sanitize, shrive, sublimate, wash; CONCEPTS 165,367 —*Ant.* adulterate, corrupt, dirty, pollute

**puritanical** [*adj*] *proper, straitlaced* abstinent, austere, conforming, moral, priggish, prim, prissy, prudish, rigid, stern, strict, stuffy; CONCEPTS 401,404

**purloin** [*v*] *steal* appropriate, burglarize, cheat, defraud, embezzle, filch, heist, lift\*, make off

with\*, misappropriate, pilfer, pillage, pinch\*, plunder, poach, rip off\*, shoplift, snatch, swindle, take, thief; CONCEPT 139

**purple** [*n/adj*] *blue and red colors mixed together* amaranthine, amethyst, bluish red, color, heliotrope, lavender, lilac, magenta, mauve, mulberry, orchid, perse, plum, pomegranate, reddish blue, violaceous, violet, wine; CONCEPTS 618,622

**purport** [*n*] *meaning, implication* acceptance, aim, bearing, burden, connotation, core, design, drift, gist, heart, idea, import, intendment, intent, intention, matter, meat, message, nub, object, objective, pith, plan, point, purpose, score, sense, significance, significancy, signification, spirit, stuff, substance, tendency, tenor, thrust, understanding, upshot; CONCEPTS 20,659,660,689

**purport** [*v*] *assert, mean* allege, betoken, claim, convey, declare, denote, express, imply, import, indicate, intend, maintain, point to, pose as, pretend, proclaim, profess, signify, suggest; CONCEPTS 49,682

**purpose** [*n*1] *intention, meaning, aim* ambition, animus, aspiration, big idea\*, bourn, calculation, design, desire, destination, determination, direction, dream, drift, end, expectation, function, goal, hope, idea, intendment, intent, mecca, mission, object, objective, plan, point, premeditation, principle, project, proposal, proposition, prospect, reason, resolve, scheme, scope, target, ulterior motive, view, whatfor\*, where one's headed\*, whole idea\*, why and wherefore\*, whyfor\*, will, wish; CONCEPTS 20,659,660,689

**purpose** [*n*2] *persistence, resolve* confidence, constancy, determination, faith, firmness, resolution, single-mindedness, steadfastness, tenacity, will; CONCEPTS 633,644

**purpose** [*n*3] *use* advantage, avail, benefit, duty, effect, function, gain, goal, good, mark, mission, object, objective, outcome, profit, result, return, target, utility; CONCEPTS 658,694

**purpose** [*v*] *intend, set sights on* aim, aspire, bid for, commit, conclude, consider, contemplate, decide, design, determine, have a mind to\*, have in view, make up one's mind\*, mean, meditate, mind, plan, ponder, propose, pursue, resolve, think to, work for, work toward; CONCEPTS 18,36,87

**purposeful** [*adj*] *resolved to do something* bent, be out for blood\*, bound, calculated, dead set on\*, decided, deliberate, determined, firm, fixed, intense, intent, mean business\*, obstinate, persistent, playing hard ball\*, positive, purposive, resolute, settled, single-minded, stalwart, staunch, steadfast, steady, strong-willed, stubborn, teleological, tenacious, undeviating, unflinching, unwavering; CONCEPTS 326,403,542 —*Ant.* aimless, thoughtless, undetermined, unplanned, wanton

**purposeless** [*adj*] *useless, insignificant* aimless, designless, desultory, drifting, empty, feckless, floundering, fustian, goalless, good-for-nothing\*, haphazard, hit-or-miss\*, indiscriminate, irregular, meaningless, motiveless, needless, nonsensical, pointless, purportless, random, senseless, uncalled for, undirected, unhelpful, unnecessary, unplanned, unprofitable, unpurposed, vacuous,

wanton, worthless; CONCEPTS 544,560 —*Ant.* decided, deliberate, determined, planned, purposeful, significant, useful

**purposefully** [*adv*] *intentionally* advisedly, by design, calculatedly, consciously, deliberately, designedly, explicitly, expressly, knowingly, on purpose, prepenally, purposefully, willfully, with intent; CONCEPTS 529,544 —*Ant.* impulsively, spontaneously, unintentionally

**purse** [*n1*] *tote for carrying personal items* bag, billfold, bursa, carryall, clutch, frame, handbag, hide, leather, lizard, moneybag, pocket, pocketbook, poke, pouch, receptacle, reticule, sack, wallet; CONCEPTS 339,446,450,494

**purse** [*n2*] *award; winnings* coffers, exchequer, funds, gift, means, money, present, prize, resources, reward, stake, treasury, wealth, wherewithal; CONCEPTS 337,344 —*Ant.* loss

**purse** [*v*] *press together* close, cockle, contract, crease, knit, pucker, ruffle, tighten, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 185,208 —*Ant.* open

**purse** [*v1*] *chase, follow* accompany, attend, badger, bait, bird-dog\*, bug, camp on the doorstep of\*, chivy, dog\*, fish\*, give chase, go after, harass, hary, haunt, hound, hunt, hunt down, move behind, nose around\*, oppress, persevere, persist, plague, play catch up\*, poke around, prowl after, ride, run after, run down, scout out, search for, search high heaven\*, search out, seek, shadow, stalk, tag, tail\*, take out after\*, trace, track, track down, trail; CONCEPT 207 —*Ant.* retreat, run away

**purse** [*v2*] *have as one's goal* aim for, aspire to, attempt, desire, go in for, go out for, have a go at, purpose, seek, strive for, try for, work for, work toward; CONCEPTS 20,36 —*Ant.* eschew, ignore, shun

**purse** [*v3*] *persist, persevere* adhere, apply oneself, carry on, conduct, continue, cultivate, engage in, hold to, keep on, maintain, perform, ply, practice, proceed, prosecute, see through, tackle, wage, work at; CONCEPTS 87,100,239 —*Ant.* discontinue, give up, stop

**purse** [*v4*] *seek social alliance with* address, call, chase, chase after, court, date, go after, go for, pay attention, pay court\*, play up to, rush\*, spark, sue, sweetheart\*, woo; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* ignore

**pursuit** [*n1*] *chase, search* following, going all out, hunt, hunting, inquiry, pursuit, pursuance, pursuing, quest, reaching, seeking, stalk, tracking, trail, trailing; CONCEPT 207 —*Ant.* retreat, surrender

**pursuit** [*n2*] *occupation, interest of person* accomplishing, accomplishment, activity, biz\*, business, calling, career, do\*, employment, game\*, go\*, hang\*, hobby, job, line\*, occupation, pastime, pleasure, racket, thing\*, undertaking, venture, vocation, work; CONCEPT 349

**push** [*n1*] *physical force* advance, assault, attack, bearing, blow, butt, charge, drive, driving, effort, energy, exerting, exertion, forcing, impact, jolt, lean, mass, nudge, offensive, onset, poke, prod, propulsion, shove, shoving, straining, thrust, thrusting, weight; CONCEPTS 200,208,641,724 —*Ant.* pull

**push** [*n2*] *mental determination* ambition, drive, dynamism, energy, enterprise, get-up-and-go\*, go\*, gumption\*, guts\*, initiative, pep, punch,

snap, spunk, starch, vigor, vitality; CONCEPTS 410,411 —*Ant.* discouragement, disinterest

**push** [*v1*] *thrust, press with force* accelerate, bear down, budge, bulldoze\*, bump, butt, crowd, crush against, depress, dig, drive, elbow, exert, force, gore, high pressure\*, hustle, impel, jam, jostle, launch, lie on, make one's way\*, move, muscle, nudge, poke, pour it on\*, pressure, propel, put the arm on\*, railroad\*, ram\*, rest on, shift, shoulder, shove, squash, squeeze, squish, steamroll\*, stir, strain, strong-arm\*; CONCEPTS 200,208,243 —*Ant.* pull

**push** [*v2*] *incite, urge* bear down, browbeat, bulldoze\*, coerce, constrain, dragon, egg on\*, encourage, exert influence, expedite, fire up\*, goad, goose\*, go to town on\*, hurry, impel, influence, inspire, jolly, key up\*, kid, lean on\*, motivate, oblige, overpress, persuade, pour it on\*, press, pressure, prod, push around, put the screws to\*, put up to\*, railroad\*, sell on\*, speed, speed up, spur, squeeze, steamroll\*, strong-arm\*, turn on\*; CONCEPTS 14,68,243 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade, repress, suppress

**push** [*v3*] *advertise, promote* advance, boost, cry up\*, hype\*, make known, plug\*, propagandize, publicize, puff\*, CONCEPTS 49,324 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**push off/push on** [*v*] *leave; go to another place* beat it\*, continue, depart, exit, fare, get away, get lost\*, go, go away, hie, hit the road\*, journey, keep going, launch, light out, make oneself scarce\*, make progress, pass, proceed, process, pull out, quit, repair, shove off, start, take off, travel, wend, withdraw; CONCEPTS 195,704 —*Ant.* arrive, come

**pushover** [*n*] *something or someone easily influenced* breeze, child's play\*, chump\*, cinch, duck soup\*, easy game\*, easy mark\*, easy pickings\*, fool, kid stuff\*, picnic\*, piece of cake\*, setup, snap, soft touch\*, stooge\*, sucker, victim, walkover; CONCEPTS 423,693

**pushy** [*adj*] *aggressive, offensive* ambitious, assertive, bold, brash, bumptious, forceful, loud, militant, obnoxious, obtrusive, officious, presumptuous, pushful, pushing, self-assertive; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* modest, quiet, shy, unassuming

**pussyfoot** [*v*] *be cautious* avoid, beat around the bush\*, be noncommittal, creep, dodge, duck the issues, equivocate, evade, glide, hedge, hem and haw\*, lurk, play it close to the vest\*, prevaricate, prowl, shuffle, sidestep, sit on the fence\*, skirt\*, skulk, slide, slink, slip, sneak, steal, tergiversate, tergiverse, tiptoe, tread warily, watch one's step\*, weasel\*; CONCEPTS 151,410 —*Ant.* plod

**put** [*v1*] *position* bring, concenter, concentrate, deposit, embed, establish, fasten, fix, fixate, focus, insert, install, invest, lay, nail, park, peg, place, plank, plank down, plant, plop, plug, plunk down, quarter, repose, rest, rivet, seat, set, settle, situate, stick; CONCEPT 201 —*Ant.* remove, take

**put** [*v2*] *propose; express in words* advance, air, bring forward, couch, express, formulate, forward, give, offer, phrase, pose, posit, prefer, present, propone, proposition, propound, render, set, set before, state, submit, suggest,

- tender, translate, transpose, turn, utter, vent, ventilate, word; CONCEPTS 47,66,67
- put** [v3] *commit, assign* condemn, consign, constrain, doom, employ, enjoin, force, impose, induce, inflict, levy, make, oblige, require, set, subject, subject to; CONCEPTS 14,242 —*Ant.* change, displace, transfer
- putative** [adj] *commonly believed* accepted, alleged, assumed, conjectural, hypothetical, imputed, presumed, presumptive, reported, reputed, supposed, suppositional, suppositious; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* proven, real, true
- put away** [v2] *incarcerate* certify, commit, confine, institutionalize, jail, lock up; CONCEPT 317 —*Ant.* free, liberate
- put away** [v3] *consume* devour, eat up, gobble\*, gulp down, polish off\*, punish, put down, shift, swill, wolf down\*; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* abstain, refrain
- put away** [v4] *kill* assassinate, bury, cool\*, cut off, destroy, dispatch, do away with, do in\*, dust off\*, execute, finish, inter, knock off\*, liquidate, murder, plant, put down\*, put out of its misery\*, put to sleep\*, slay, tomb; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* give birth
- put away/put aside/put by** [v1/v] *keep in reserve* cache, deposit, keep, lay aside, lay away, lay by, lay in, put by, put out of the way, salt away\*, save, set aside, squirrel away\*, stockpile, store, store away\*, stow away; CONCEPTS 129,134 —*Ant.* spend, use up, waste
- put-down** [n] *nasty commentary* cut\*, dig\*, disparagement, gibe\*, humiliation, indignity, insult, jibe\*, knock\*, pan\*, rebuff, sarcasm, slight, sneer\*, snub, suppression; CONCEPTS 54,278 —*Ant.* flattery, praise
- put down** [v1] *write into record* enter, inscribe, jot down, log, record, set down, take down, transcribe, write down; CONCEPT 79 —*Ant.* erase, extract
- put down** [v2] *subdue* annihilate, crush, defeat, dismiss, extinguish, quash\*, quell, reject, repress, silence, squash\*, stamp out\*, suppress; CONCEPTS 95,252 —*Ant.* boost, build up
- put down** [v3] *comment negatively* belittle, condemn, crush, decry, deflate, derogate, discount, dismiss, disparage, downcry, humiliate, minimize, mortify, opprobriate, reject, run down, shame, slight, snub, write off; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* build up, compliment, flatter, praise
- put off** [v] *defer, delay* adjourn, dally, dawdle, dillydally\*, drag one's feet\*, hold off, hold over, lag\*, lay over, linger, loiter, poke\*, postpone, prorogue, put back, reschedule, retard, shelve, stay, suspend, tarry, trail; CONCEPTS 121,234 —*Ant.* accomplish, achieve, carry out, do, succeed
- put on** [v1] *pretend* act, affect, assume, bluff, confound, confuse, counterfeit, deceive, don, fake, feign, make believe, masquerade, playact, pose, pull, put on a front, put on an act, sham, simulate, strike, take on, trick; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* be truthful
- put on** [v2] *stage a performance* do, mount, present, produce, show; CONCEPT 292
- put out** [v1] *upset, irritate; inconvenience* aggravate, anger, annoy, bother, burn, confound,
- discomfit, discommode, discompose, disconcert, discountenance, disoblige, displease, dissatisfy, disturb, embarrass, exasperate, gall, get\*, grate, harass, impose upon, incommode, inflame, irk, nettle, perturb, provoke, put on the spot\*, rile, roil, trouble, vex; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* assuage, help, please
- put out** [v2] *extinguish* fire blow out, douse, out, quench, smother, snuff out, stamp out; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* start
- putrefy** [v] *rot* break down, corrupt, crumble, decay, decompose, deteriorate, disintegrate, go bad\*, mold, putresce, spoil, stink, taint, turn; CONCEPT 469
- putrid** [adj] *rotten, stinking* bad, contaminated, corrupt, decayed, decomposed, fetid, foul, high, malodorous, moldered, nidorous, noisome, off, putrefied, rancid, rank, reeking, rotting, smelly, spoiled, strong, tainted, whiffy\*; CONCEPTS 485,598 —*Ant.* fresh, perfumed, sweet
- putter** [v] *dawdle* doodle, fiddle, fritter, goof around\*, loiter, mess, mess around\*, niggle, poke\*, potter\*, puddle\*, shuffle around, tinker\*; CONCEPTS 87,210 —*Ant.* execute
- put up** [v1] *accommodate* guest bestow, billet, board, bunk, domicile, entertain, give lodging, harbor, house, lodge, make welcome, provide, quarter, take in; CONCEPTS 324,384 —*Ant.* turn away
- put up** [v2] *build, erect* construct, fabricate, forge, make, put together, raise, rear, shape, uprear; CONCEPT 168 —*Ant.* destroy, ruin
- puzzle** [v1] *baffle, confuse* addle, amaze, bamboozle\*, beat, befog, befuddle, bemuse, bewilder, buffalo\*, complicate, confound, discombobulate\*, disconcert, distract, disturb, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor\*, flummox, foil, frustrate, get to\*, mystify, nonplus, obscure, perplex, pose, profundicate, psych out\*, put off, rattle, snow\*, stir, stumble, stump, throw; CONCEPT 16 —*Ant.* clarify, elucidate, explain, illustrate, unravel
- puzzle** [v2] *wonder about* ask oneself, brood, cudgel, marvel, mull over, muse, ponder, rack one's brains\*, study, think about, think hard; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* not care
- puzzled** [adj] *confused* at a loss\*, at sea\*, baffled, bewildered, bollixed, clueless, come apart, come unzipped\*, discombobulated\*, dopey\*, doubtful, floored\*, foggy, fouled up\*, hung up\*, in a fog\*, lost, loused up\*, messed up\*, mind-blown\*, mixed up\*, mucked up\*, mystified, nonplussed, perplexed, rattled, screwed up\*, shook, shook up, spaced out\*, stuck, stumped, thrown, unglued\*, without a clue; CONCEPTS 403,690 —*Ant.* aware, certain, cognizant, sure
- puzzling** [adj] *confusing* abstruse, ambiguous, baffling, bewildering, beyond one, difficult, enigmatic, hard, incomprehensible, inexplicable, involved, knotty, labyrinthine, misleading, mystifying, obscure, perplexing, surprising, unaccountable, unclear, unfathomable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* comprehensible, intelligible, understandable
- pyramid** [n] *monument* cairn, cenotaph, edifice, mastaba, memorial, monolith, obelisk, shrine, tomb, tribute; CONCEPTS 259,271,305,470

## Q

**quack** [*adj*] *counterfeit* bum\*, dishonest, dissembling, fake, false, fraudulent, phony, pretended, pretentious, pseudo\*, sham\*, simulated, unprincipled; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* genuine, original, real

**quack** [*n*] *person who pretends to be an expert* actor, bum\*, bunco artist, charlatan, cheat, con artist, counterfeit, counterfeiter, fake, faker, flimflammer\*, four-flusher\*, fraud, hoser\*, humbug, impostor, mountebank, phony, playactor, pretender, pseudo\*, put-on\*, quacksalver\*, sham, shammer\*, shark\*, sharp\*, simulator, slicker\*, whip\*; CONCEPT 412

**quaff** [*v*] *drink down* down, gulp, guzzle, imbibe, ingesturate, partake, sip, sup, swallow, swig, will, toss; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* eject

**quagmire** [*n*] *bad situation* box\*, corner\*, difficulty, dilemma, entanglement, fix, hole\*, imbroglia, impasse, involvement, jam, mire, morass, muddle, pass, perplexity, pickle\*, pinch\*, plight, predicament, quandary, scrape, trouble; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* blessing, solution, success

**quagmire** [*n*] *bog fen, marsh, marshland, mire, morass, moss, quag, quicksand, slough, swamp*; CONCEPT 509

**quail** [*v*] *cover, shrink* blanch, blench, cringe, droop, faint, falter, flinch, have cold feet\*, quake, recoil, shake, shudder, start, tremble, wince; CONCEPTS 35,149,195 —*Ant.* face, meet

**quaint** [*adj*] *strange, odd* bizarre, curious, droll, eccentric, erratic, fanciful, fantastic, freakish, freaky\*, funny, idiosyncratic, laughable, oddball, offbeat, off the beaten track\*, original, outlandish, peculiar, queer, singular, special, unusual, weird\*, whimsical; CONCEPTS 564,589 —*Ant.* common, conventional, regular, usual

**quaint** [*adj*] *old-fashioned; nostalgically attractive* affected, ancient, antiquated, antique, archaic, artful, baroque, captivating, charming, colonial, curious, cute, enchanting, fanciful, Gothic\*, ingenious, old-world, picturesque, pleasing, Victorian\*, whimsical; CONCEPT 578 —*Ant.* current, new, new-fangled, up-to-date

**quake** [*n*] *earthquake* aftershock, convulsion, quaker, seism, shake, shock, temblor, tremblor, tremor; CONCEPT 526

**quake** [*v*] *shake, vibrate* convulse, cower, fluctuate, jar, jitter, move, pulsate, quail, quiver, rock, shiver, shrink, shudder, throb, totter, tremble, tremor, twitter, waver, wobble; CONCEPT 152 —*Ant.* be still

**qualification** [*n*] *ability, aptitude* accomplishment, adequacy, attainment, attribute, capability, capacity, competence, eligibility, endowment, experience, fitness, goods, makings, might, qualifiedness, quality, skill, stuff, suitability, suitability, what it takes\*; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* disqualification, inability, inaptitude, lack

**qualification** [*n*] *requirement, restriction* allowance, caveat, condition, contingency, criterion, essential, exemption, exemption, limitation, modification, need, objection, postulate, prerequisite, provision, proviso, requisite, reservation, stipulation; CONCEPTS 646,652

**qualified** [*adj*] *able, skillful* accomplished, adept, adequate, all around, au fait, capable, catechized, certified, competent, disciplined, efficient, equipped, examined, experienced, expert, fit, fitted, good, instructed, knowledgeable, licensed, practiced, pro\*, proficient, proper, proved, quizzed, talented, tested, trained, tried, up to snuff\*, up to speed\*, vet\*, veteran, war-horse\*, wicked; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* incapable, unable, unproficient, unqualified, unskilled, untalented

**qualified** [*adj*] *limited, restricted* bounded, circumscribed, conditional, confined, contingent, definite, determined, equivocal, fixed, guarded, modified, partial, provisional, reserved; CONCEPT 554 —*Ant.* open, unlimited, unrestricted

**qualify** [*v*] *make or become ready, prepared* authorize, capacitate, certify, check out, come up to snuff\*, commission, condition, cut it\*, earn one's wings\*, empower, enable, endow, entitle, equip, fill the bill\*, fit, get by\*, ground, hack it\*, make it\*, make the cut\*, make the grade\*, measure up, meet, pass, pass muster\*, permit, ready, sanction, score, suffice, suit, train; CONCEPTS 99,630 —*Ant.* be unprepared, disqualify

**qualify** [*v*] *lessen, restrict* abate, adapt, alter, assuage, change, circumscribe, diminish, ease, limit, mitigate, moderate, modify, modulate, reduce, regulate, restrain, soften, temper, vary, weaken; CONCEPTS 240,698 —*Ant.* allow, be lenient

**qualify** [*v*] *characterize, distinguish* ascribe, assign, analyze, describe, designate, impute, individualize, individuate, mark, name, predicate, signalize, singularize; CONCEPT 411

**quality** [*n*] *characteristic, feature* affection, affirmation, aspect, attribute, character, condition, constitution, description, element, endowment, essence, factor, genius, individuality, kind, make, mark, name of tune\*, nature, nature of beast\*, parameter, peculiarity, predication, property, savor, sort, trait, virtue, way of it\*; CONCEPT 543

**quality** [*n*] *value, status* arete, caliber, capacity, character, class, condition, distinction, excellence, excellency, footing, grade, group, kind, merit, perfection, place, position, preeminence, rank, repute, standing, state, station, stature, step, superbness, superiority, variety, virtue, worth; CONCEPTS 346,378,668

**qualm** [*n*]  *nagging doubt* agitation, anxiety, apprehension, compunction, conscience, demur, disquiet, foreboding, hesitation, indecision, insecurity, misdoubt, misgiving, mistrust, nervousness, objection, pang, perturbation, presentiment, regret, reluctance, remonstrance, remorse, scruple, suspicion, twinge, uncertainty, unease, uneasiness; CONCEPTS 410,532 —*Ant.* approval, comfort, contentedness

**quandary** [*n*] *delicate situation* bewilderment, bind, Catch-22\*, clutch, corner\*, difficulty, dilemma, double trouble\*, doubt, embarrassment, hang-up\*, impasse, mire, perplexity, pickle\*, plight, predicament, puzzle, spot\*, strait, uncertainty, up a tree\*; CONCEPTS 532, 674,690 —*Ant.* advantage, certainty, solution

**quantify** [*v*] *measure* appraise, assess, calibrate, check, compute, count, determine, estimate, evaluate, figure, gauge, look over, rank, rate, size, specify, value, weigh; CONCEPTS 103,197,764

**quantity** [*n*] *number or amount* abundance, aggregate, allotment, amplitude, batch, body, budget, bulk, capacity, deal, expanse, extent, figure, greatness, length, load, lot, magnitude, mass, measure, multitude, part, pile, portion, profusion, quota, size, sum, total, variety, volume; CONCEPT 787

**quantum leap** [*n*] *abrupt change* advance, breakthrough, giant strides, jump, leaps and bounds, radical change; CONCEPTS 230,260,701

**quarantine** [*n*] *isolation* detention, lazaretto, seclusion, segregation, separation, sequestration; CONCEPTS 135,188,388,631

**quarantine** [*v*] *isolate* block off, close off, confine, cordon, detach, insulate, keep apart, remove, restrict, seal off, seclude, segregate, separate, sequester; CONCEPTS 188,201

**quarrel** [*n*] *disagreement* affray, altercation, argument, battle royal\*, beef\*, bickering\*, brannigan\*, brawl, breach, broil\*, catfight\*, combat, commotion, complaint, contention, controversy, difference, difference of opinion, difficulty, disapproval, discord, disputation, dispute, dissension, dissidence, disturbance, dust\*, falling-out\*, feud, fight, fisticuffs\*, fracas, fray, fuss, hassle, misunderstanding, objection, rhubarb\*, row, ruckus\*, run-in, scrap, set-to\*, spat, squabble, strife, struggle, tiff, tumult, vendetta, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* agreement, peace

**quarrel** [*v*] *disagree* altercation, argue, battle, be at loggerheads\*, bicker, brawl, break with, bump, carp, caterwaul, cavil, charge, clash, collide, complain, contend, contest, cross swords\*, differ, disapprove, dispute, dissent, divide, embroil, fall out\*, feud, fight, find fault, get tough with\*, hassle, have it out\*, have words\*, lock horns\*, mix it up\*, object to, row, scrap, set to, spar, spat, squabble, strive, struggle, take exception, take on, tangle, vary, war, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* agree, make peace

**quarrelsome** [*adj*] *being disagreeable* argumentative, bad-tempered, bellicose, belligerent, brawling, cantankerous, cat-and-dog\*, choleric, churlish, combative, contentious, crabby\*, cross, disputatious, dissentious, excitable, fiery, fractious, gladiatorial, hasty, have chip on shoulder\*, hotheaded\*, huffy, impassioned, irascible, irritable, litigious, ornery, passionate, peevish, pettish, petulant, pugnacious, querulous, ructious, snappy, tempestuous, thin-skinned\*, touchy, truculent, turbulent, unruly, violent, war; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* agreeable, forgiving, friendly, good-natured, happy, patient

**quarry** [*n*] *goal* aim, chase, game, objective, prey, prize, quest, ravin, victim; CONCEPT 659

**quarter** [*n*] *one of four equal parts* division, farthing, fourth, one-fourth, part, portion, quad, quadrant, quartern, section, semester, span, term, two bits\*; CONCEPT 835

**quarter** [*n*2] *area, neighborhood* barrio, bearing, direction, district, division, domain, ghetto, inner city, locality, location, neck of the woods\*, old town, part, place, point, position,

precinct, province, region, section, sector, side, skid row, slum, spot, station, stomping ground\*, territory, turf, zone, zoo\*; CONCEPTS 508,512

**quarter** [*n*3] *forgiveness* clemency, compassion, favor, grace, leniency, lenity, mercy, pity; CONCEPTS 410,633 —*Ant.* disfavor, mercilessness

**quarter** [*v*1] *divide into four equal parts* cleave, cut, cut up, dismember, fourth; CONCEPT 98

**quarter** [*v*2] *provide lodging* accommodate, billet, board, bunk, canton, domicile, domiciliate, entertain, establish, harbor, house, install, lodge, place, post, put up, settle, shelter, station; CONCEPT 140 —*Ant.* turn away

**quarters** [*n*] *place to live or sleep* abode, accommodation, apartment, barracks, billet, cabin, cantonment, chambers, condo, cottage, digs\*, domicile, dorm, dwelling, flat, fraternity, habitat, habitation, home, house, lodge, lodging, place, post, ranch, residence, room, room\*, shelter, sorority, station, tent; CONCEPT 516

**quash** [*v*1] *destroy, defeat* annihilate, beat, crush, extinguish, extirpate, overcome, overthrow, put down, quell, quench, repress, scrunch\*, snow under\*, squash\*, squish\*, subdue, suppress, trash; CONCEPTS 95,252 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help, rebuild

**quash** [*v*2] *nullify, cancel* abrogate, annul, black out\*, bottle up\*, clamp down on, cork up\*, crack down on\*, declare null and void\*, discharge, dissolve, hush up\*, invalidate, kill, negate, overrule, overthrow, put damper on\*, put the lid on\*, repeal, rescind, reverse, revoke, set aside, shut down, squelch, undo, vacate, veto, vitiate, void, watergate\*; CONCEPTS 121,234,266 —*Ant.* allow, permit, sanction, start, support

**quasi** [*adj*] *almost; to a certain extent* apparent, apparently, fake, mock, near, nominal, partly, pretended, pseudo-\*, seeming, seemingly, semi-, sham\*, so-called, supposedly, synthetic, virtual, would-be\*; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* entire, total, whole

**queasy** [*adj*] *not feeling well; not comfortable* anxious, bilious, concerned, fidgety, green around gills\*, groggy, ill, ill at ease, indisposed, nauseated, pukish, qualmish, queer, restless, rocky\*, sick, sick as a dog\*, sickly, squeamish, troubled, uncertain, uncomfortable, under the weather\*, uneasy, unwell, upset, worried; CONCEPTS 314,403 —*Ant.* comfortable, healthy, satisfied

**queer** [*adj*1] *odd; abnormal* anomalous, atypical, bizarre, crazy, curious, demented, disquieting, doubtful, droll, dubious, eccentric, eerie, erratic, extraordinary, fishy\*, flaky\*, fly ball\*, freaky\*, funny, idiosyncratic, irrational, irregular, kinky\*, kooky\*, mad, mysterious, oddball, off the wall\*, outlandish, outré, peculiar, puzzling, quaint, questionable, remarkable, shady, singular, strange, suspicious, touched, unbalanced, uncanny, uncommon, unconventional, unhinged, unnatural, unorthodox, unusual, wacky\*; weird; CONCEPTS 404,548,564 —*Ant.* normal, regular, typical, usual

**queer** [*adj*2] *not feeling well* dizzy, faint, giddy, green\*, ill, lightheaded, pukish\*, qualmish, qualmy\*, queasy\*, reeling, sick, squeamish\*, uneasy; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* healthy, well

**quell** [v1] *defeat, suppress* annihilate, conquer, crush, extinguish, hush up\*, kill, overcome, overpower, put down, put the lid on\*, queer, quench, shut down, silence, sit on, stamp out\*, stifle, stop, subdue, subjugate, vanquish; CONCEPTS 95,121,234 —**Ant.** succeed, win

**quell** [v2] *alleviate, calm* allay, appease, assuage, check, compose, deaden, dull, ease, mitigate, moderate, mollify, pacify, quiet, reduce, silence, soothe, still; CONCEPTS 7,22,110 —**Ant.** aggravate, agitate, disturb, irritate, perturb

**quench** [v1] *destroy, extinguish* annihilate, check, choke, crush, dampen, decimate, demolish, destruct, dismantle, douse, end, kill, knock down, moisten, put down, put out, quash\*, quell, raze, ruin, shatter, smother, snuff out\*, stifle, suppress, wreck; CONCEPTS 234,252 —**Ant.** set, start

**quench** [v2] *satisfy, especially thirst* allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, content, cool\*, glut, gorge, gratify, lighten, mitigate, moisten, relieve, sate, satiate, slake; CONCEPTS 136,244 —**Ant.** dissatisfy

**querulous** [adj] *grouchy, hard to please* bearish, bemoaning, cantankerous, captious, carping, censorious, complaining, critical, cross, crying, deploring, discontented, dissatisfied, edgy, fault-finding, fretful, grousing, grumbling, grumbly, huffy\* irascible, irritable, lamenting, out of sorts\* peevish, petulant, plaintive, scrappy, snappy, sour, testy, thin-skinned\* touchy, uptight, wailing, waspish, waspy, whimpering, whining, whiny; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** cheerful, easy-going, happy

**query** [n] *demand for answers* concern, doubt, dubiety, inquiry, interrogation, interrogatory, mistrust, objection, problem, question, questioning, reservation, skepticism, suspicion, uncertainty; CONCEPTS 21,48,53,662 —**Ant.** answer, reply

**query** [v] *ask* catechize, challenge, disbelieve, dispute, distrust, doubt, enquire, examine, hit up, impeach, impugn, inquire, interrogate, knock, mistrust, put out a feeler\* question, quiz, suspect, test the waters\*; CONCEPTS 21,48,53 —**Ant.** answer, reply

**quest** [n] *search, exploration* adventure, chase, crusade, delving, enterprise, examination, expedition, hunt, inquest, inquiry, inquisition, investigation, journey, mission, pilgrimage, prey, probe, probing, pursuit, quarry, research, seeking, voyage; CONCEPTS 48,103,216

**question** [n1] *asking for answer* catechism, examination, inquest, inquiring, inquiry, inquisition, interrogation, interrogatory, investigation, poll, Q and A\*, query, questioning, third degree\*, wringer\*; CONCEPTS 48,53 —**Ant.** answer, reply

**question** [n2] *controversy, doubt* argument, challenge, confusion, contention, debate, demur, demurral, difficulty, dispute, dubiety, enigma, misgiving, mystery, objection, problem, protest, puzzle, query, remonstrance, remonstrator, uncertainty; CONCEPTS 666,674 —**Ant.** concord, harmony

**question** [n3] *issue, point at issue* discussion, motion, point, problem, proposal, proposition, subject, theme, topic; CONCEPTS 532,690 —**Ant.** agreement

**question** [v1] *ask for answer* ask about, catechize, challenge, cross-examine, enquire, examine, give the third degree\*, go over, grill, hit\*, hit up\*, hold out for, inquire, interrogate, interview, investigate, knock\*, make inquiry, petition, pick one's brains\*, probe, pry, pump, put through the wringer\*, put to the question\*, query, quest, quiz, raise question, roast\*, search, seek, show curiosity, solicit, sound out\*, sweat it out of\*, work over\*; CONCEPTS 48,53 —**Ant.** answer, reply

**question** [v2] *doubt* call into question, cast doubt upon, challenge, controvert, disbelieve, dispute, distrust, hesitate, impeach, impugn, mistrust, oppose, puzzle over, query, suspect, suspicion, wonder about; CONCEPT 21 —**Ant.** certainty, doubtlessness, sureness, surety

**questionable** [adj] *doubtful, uncertain* ambiguous, apocryphal, arguable, contingent, controversial, controvertible, cryptic, debatable, disputable, dubious, habitable, enigmatic, equivocal, fishy\*, hard to believe, hypothetical, iffy\*, indecisive, indefinite, indeterminate, moot, mysterious, obscure, occult, open to doubt, open to question, oracular, paradoxical, problematic, problematical, provisional, shady, suspect, suspicious, unconfirmed, undefined, under advisement, under examination, unproven, unreliable, unsettled, vague; CONCEPTS 529,535 —**Ant.** certain, definite, indisputable, proven, sure, undoubted, unquestionable

**queue** [n] *sequence* chain, concatenation, echelon, file, line, order, progression, rank, row, series, string, succession, tail, tier, train; CONCEPTS 432,727 —**Ant.** disorganization

**quibble** [n] *objection, complaint* artifice, cavil, criticism, dodge, duplicity, equivocation, evasion, hair-splitter\*, nicety, niggle\*, nit-picker\*, pretense, prevarication, protest, quiddity, quirk, shift, sophism, subterfuge, subtlety; CONCEPTS 46,52 —**Ant.** agreement, approval, concurrence

**quibble** [v] *disagree over minor issues* altercation, argue over, argify, avoid, bicker, blow hot and cold\*, carp, catch at straws\*, cavil, chicane, criticize, dispute, equivocate, evade, fence\*, flip-flop\*, hassle, have at it\*, hem and haw\*, hypercriticize\*, make a big thing about\*, nit-pick\*, paralogize, pettifog\*, pretend, prevaricate, put up an argument, set to, shift, spar, split hairs\*, squabble, talk back, waffle, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,52 —**Ant.** agree, approve, concur

**quick** [adj1] *fast, speedy* abrupt, accelerated, active, agile, alert, a move on\*, animated, ASAP\*, breakneck\*, brief, brisk, cursory, curt, double time\*, energetic, expeditious, expeditive, express, fleet, flying, going, harefooted\*, hasty, headlong, hurried, immediate, impatient, impetuous, instantaneous, keen, lively, mercurial, move it, nimble, on the double\*, perfunctory, posthaste, prompt, pronto\*, rapid, snappy, spirited, sprightly, spry, sudden, swift, the lead out\*, winged\*; CONCEPTS 544,588 —**Ant.** lazy, slow, sluggish

**quick** [adj2] *smart* able, active, acute, adept, adroit, all there, apt, astute, bright, canny, capable, clever, competent, deft, dexterous, discerning, effective, effectual, intelligent, keen, knowing, nimble-witted, on the ball\*,



perceptive, perspicacious, prompt, quick on the draw, quick on the trigger\*, quick on the uptake\*, quick-witted, ready, receptive, savvy\*, sharp, sharp as a tack\*, shrewd, skillful, slick, smart as a whip\*, vigorous, whiz\*, wired\*, wise; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, slow, stupid, uneducated

**quicken** [*v*] *make faster; invigorate* accelerate, activate, actuate, animate, arouse, awaken, dispatch, energize, excite, expedite, galvanize, goad, grow, hasten, hurry, impel, incite, increase, innervate, innerve, inspire, kindle, liven, make haste, motivate, move, pique, precipitate, promote, refresh, revitalize, revive, rouse, shake up, speed, spring, spur, step up, stimulate, stir, strengthen, urge, vitalize, vivificate, vivify; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,250 —*Ant.* dull, retard, slow, weaken

**quickly** [*adv*] *fast* apace, briskly, chop-chop\*, expeditiously, flat-out\*, fleetly, full tilt\*, hastily, hurriedly, immediately, in a flash\*, in haste, in nothing flat\*, in short order\*, instantaneously, instantly, lickety-split\*, like a bat out of hell\*, like a flash\*, like a shot\*, promptly, pronto, quick, rapidly, speedily, swift, swiftly; CONCEPTS 588,799

**quick-tempered** [*adj*] *easily upset, angered* choleric, cranky, cross, excitable, fiery, hot-tempered, impatient, impulsive, inflammable, irascible, irritable, passionate, peppery, petulant, quarrelsome, ratty, sensitive, short-tempered, shrewish, splenetic, temperamental, testy, waspish; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* calm, cool, easy-going, even-tempered, laid-back

**quick-witted** [*adj*] *smart* acute, agile, alert, apt, astute, brainy, bright, brilliant, canny, clever, facetious, humorous, intelligent, keen, knowing, nimble-witted, on the ball\*, penetrating, penetrative, perceptive, prompt, quick, quick on the draw\*, quick on the uptake\*, ready, savvy\*, sharp, sharp as a tack\*, sharp-sighted, sharp-witted, shrewd, slick\*, whiz\*, wired\*, wise, witty; CONCEPTS 267,402 —*Ant.* slow, slow-witted, stupid, uneducated

**quiescent** [*adj*] *inactive* asleep, at rest, deactivated, dormant, fallow, idle, immobile, in abeyance, inert, inoperative, latent, motionless, passive, quiet, slumbering, stagnant, still; CONCEPT 584 —*Ant.* active

**quiet** [*adj*1] *without or with little sound* buttoned up\*, clammed up\*, close, close-mouthed, could hear a pin drop\*, dumb, hushed, hushful, inaudible, low, low-pitched, muffled, mute, muted, noiseless, not saying boo\*, peaceful, quiescent, quieted, reserved, reticent, secretive, silent, soft, soundless, speechless, still, stilled, taciturn, tight-lipped\*, uncommunicative, unexpressed, unspoken, unuttered, whist; CONCEPTS 592,594 —*Ant.* boisterous, clamorous, loud, noisy

**quiet** [*adj*2] *calm, peaceful* collected, contented, docile, fixed, gentle, halcyon, hushed, inactive, isolated, level, meek, mild, motionless, pacific, placid, private, remote, reserved, restful, retired, secluded, secret, sedate, sequestered, serene, shy, smooth, stable, stagnant, still, tranquil, unanxious, undisturbed, unexcited, unfrustrated, unruffled, untroubled; CONCEPTS 401,583,584,705 —*Ant.* agitated, troubled

**quiet** [*adj*3] *simple, unobtrusive* conservative, homely, inobtrusive, modest, plain, restrained, sober, subdued, tasteful, unassuming, unpretentious; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* complex, complicated, intricate, obtrusive

**quiet** [*n*] *calmness, silence* calm, cessation, dead air\*, ease, hush, lull, noiselessness, peace, quietness, quietude, relaxation, repose, rest, serenity, soundlessness, speechlessness, still, stillness, stop, termination, tranquillity; CONCEPTS 65,315,592,673,705 —*Ant.* clamor, clangor, loudness, noise

**quiet** [*v*] *make silent, calm* allay, ameliorate, appease, assuage, become, button one's lip\*, calm down, can it, choke, clam up\*, compose, console, cool it\*, cool out\*, dummy up\*, fix up, gag, gratify, hold it down, hush, ice\*, inactivate, lull, moderate, mollify, muffle, muzzle, pacify, palliate, patch things up\*, please, quieten, reconcile, relax, satisfy, settle, shush, shut up, silence, slack, smooth, soften, soft-pedal\*, soothe, square, squash, squelch, still, stroke, subdue, take the bite out of\*, tranquilize; CONCEPTS 126,244,266 —*Ant.* turn up

**quietly** [*adv*1] *silently* faintly, in a low voice, inaudibly, in a whisper, in low tones, in silence, murmuring, noiselessly, softly, sotto voce, soundlessly, tacitly, under one's breath, weakly; CONCEPTS 592,594 —*Ant.* audibly, loudly

**quietly** [*adv*2] *discreetly* confidentially, conservatively, off the record, privately, secretly, unobtrusively, unofficially; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* loudly, publicly

**quietly** [*adv*3] *calmly* patiently, placidly, serenely, unassumingly; CONCEPTS 401,583,584,705

**quilt** [*n*] *thick bedcovering* made of patches batt, bedspread, blanket, comforter, counterpane, cover, coverlet, down, duvet, eiderdown, pad, patchwork, pouf, puff; CONCEPTS 445,451,473

**quintessence** [*n*] *essence, core* apotheosis, bottom, distillation, epitome, essentiality, extract, gist, heart, kernel, last word, lifeblood, marrow, pith, quiddity, soul, spirit, stuff, substance, ultimate, virtuality; CONCEPTS 682,826 —*Ant.* extra

**quip** [*n*] *witty communication, often verbal* badinage, banter, bon mot, crack, drollery, gag, gibe, insult, jeer, jest, joke, mockery, offense, pleasantry, pun, repartee, retort, riposte, sally, satire, spoof, wisecrack, witticism; CONCEPTS 273,278

**quirk** [*n*] *oddy of personality, way of doing something* aberration, caprice, characteristic, conceit, crotch, eccentricity, equivocation, fancy, fetish, foible, habit, humor, idée fixe, idiosyncrasy, irregularity, kink, knack, mannerism, peculiarity, quibble, singularity, subterfuge, trait, turn, twist, vagary, whim, whimsy; CONCEPTS 411,644

**quirky** [*adj*] *eccentric* bizarre, far out\*, freakish, freaky\*, idiosyncratic, in left field\*, kinky\*, odd, off-the-wall\*, out of the ordinary, outre, peculiar, strange, unconventional, unorthodox, unusual, wacky\*, way-out\*, weird; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* conventional

**quising** [*n*] *traitor* back-stabber, betrayer, collaborator, colluder, defector, deserter, double-crosser, double-dealer, Judas, snake in

the grass\*, sympathizer, turncoat, two-timer\*;  
CONCEPT 412

**quit** [v1] *abandon, leave* abdicate, blow\*, book\*, bow out, check out, cut out\*, decamp, depart, desert, drop, drop out, evacuate, exit, forsake, get off, give up, go, go away from, hang it up\*, leave flat\*, leave hanging\*, pull out, push off\*, relinquish, renounce, resign, retire, run out on, surrender, take a walk\*, take off, throw over\*, vacate, walk out on, withdraw, yield; CONCEPT 195 —**Ant.** come, remain, stay

**quit** [v2] *stop doing something* abandon, break off, call it a day\*, call it quits\*, cease, conclude, cut it out\*, desist, discontinue, drop, end, get on the wagon\*, give notice, give over\*, give up, halt, hang it up\*, kick over\*, kick the habit\*, knock off\*, leave, leave off\*, pack in\*, quit cold, resign, retire, secede, sew up\*, surcease, suspend, take the cure\*, terminate, wind up\*, withdraw, wrap up\*; CONCEPTS 119,234 —**Ant.** complete, continue, do, finish, persevere

**quite** [adv1] *completely* absolutely, actually, all, all in all, all told, altogether, considerably, entirely, fully, in all respects, in fact, in reality, in toto, in truth, just, largely, perfectly, positively, precisely, purely, really, thoroughly, totally, truly, utterly, well, wholly, without reservation; CONCEPTS 531,582 —**Ant.** incompletely

**quite** [adv2] *to a certain extent* considerably, fairly, far, moderately, more or less, pretty, rather, reasonably, relatively, significantly, somewhat, to some degree, very; CONCEPT 569

**quiver** [n] *shaking, vibration* convulsion, flash, glimmer, glitter, oscillation, palpitation, pulsation, shake, shimmer, shiver, shudder, sparkle, spasm, throb, tic, tremble, tremor, twinkle; CONCEPT 152 —**Ant.** quiet, stillness

**quiver** [v] *shake, vibrate* agitate, beat, convulse, dither, jitter, oscillate, palpitate, pulsate, pulse, quake, quaver, shiver, shudder, thrill, throb, tremble, tremor, twitter; CONCEPT 152 —**Ant.** be still

**quixotic** [adj] *idealistic* chimerical, chivalrous, dreaming, dreamy, foolish, impetuous, impractical, impulsive, romantic, starry-eyed, unrealistic, utopian, visionary; CONCEPTS 529,560,582

**quiz** [n] *questioning, often in an organized academic setting* blue book\*, check, exam, examination, investigation, query, shotgun\*, test; CONCEPT 290 —**Ant.** answer, reply

**quiz** [v] *question* ask, catechize, check, cross-examine, examine, give the third degree\*, grill\*, inquire, interrogate, investigate, pick one's brains\*, pump\*, query, test; CONCEPT 48 —**Ant.** answer, reply

**quizzical** [adj] *appearing confused or curious* amusing, aporetic, arch, bantering, derisive, disbelieving, eccentric, incredulous, inquiring, inquisitive, mocking, odd, probing, quaint, queer, questioning, sardonic, searching, show-me\*, skeptical, supercilious, suspicious, teasing, unbelieving, unusual; CONCEPTS 267,485 —**Ant.** certain, understanding

**quota** [n] *portion allotted to something* allocation, allotment, allowance, apportionment, assignment, bite, chunk, cut, division, divvy\*, end, lot, measure, meed, part, partage, percentage, piece, piece of action\*, proportion, quantum, ration, share, slice, split; CONCEPTS 768,835

**quotation/quote** [n1] *repetition of something spoken or written by someone* citation, citing, cutting, excerpt, extract, passage, quote, recitation, reference, saying, session; CONCEPTS 274,278

**quotation/quote** [n2] *financial estimate* bid, bid price, charge, cost, current price, figure, market price, price, price named, published price, quote, rate, stated price, tender; CONCEPTS 274,332,784

**quote** [v] *repeat something spoken, written by another* adduce, attest, cite, detail, excerpt, extract, instance, name, paraphrase, parrot, proclaim, recall, recite, recollect, reference, refer to, retell; CONCEPTS 79,171

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**rabble** [n] *mob* commonality, commoners, crowd, hodge, flock, gang, gathering, herd, hoi polloi, drove, lower class, mass, masses, multitude, pack, proletariat, rank and file, riffraff, ring, riot, scum, throng; CONCEPTS 378,417,432

**rabid** [adj] *very angry*; *maniacal* berserk, bigoted, bitten, corybantic, crazed\*, crazy, delirious, deranged, enthusiastic, extreme, extremist, fanatical, fervent, flipped\*, foaming at the mouth\*, frantic, freaked out\*, frenetic, frenzied, furious, hot\*, infuriated, insane, intemperate, intolerant, irrational, keen, mad, mad-dog\*, narrow-minded, nutty\*, obsessed, overboard, poisoned, radical, raging, revolutionary, sick\*, sizzling, smoking\*, steamed up\*, ultra, ultraist, violent, virulent, wild, zealous; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** delighted, happy, pleased

**race** [n1] *pursuit*; *running, speeding* chase, clash, clip, competition, contention, contest, course, dash, engagement, event, go, marathon, match, meet, relay, rivalry, run, rush, scurry, sprint, spurt; CONCEPT 363

**race** [n2] *ethnic group* blood, breed, clan, color, cultural group, culture, family, folk, house, issue, kin, kind, kindred, line, lineage, nation, nationality, offspring, people, progeny, seed, species, stock, strain, tribe, type, variety; CONCEPT 380

**race** [n3] *stream, river* branch, brook, creek, duct, gill, raceway, rill, rindler, rivulet, run, runoff, sluice, tide; CONCEPT 514

**race** [v] *run, speed in competition* boil, bolt, bustle, career, chase, compete, contest, course, dart, dash, fling, fly, gallop, haste, hasten, hie, hurry, hustle, lash, outstrip, plunge ahead, post, pursue, rush, scamper, scramble, scud, scuttle, shoot, skim, sprint, spurt, swoop, tear, whisk, wing; CONCEPTS 150,363

**racial** [adj] *ethnic* ancestral, ethnological, folk, genealogical, genetic, hereditary, lineal, national, phyletic, phylogenetic, tribal; CONCEPT 549

**racism** [n] *prejudice against an ethnic group* apartheid, bias, bigotry, discrimination, illiberality, one-sidedness, partiality, racialism, sectarianism, segregation, unfairness; CONCEPT 689

**racist** [adj] *bigoted anti-Semitic*, biased, illiberal, intolerant, narrow-minded, opinionated, partial, prejudiced, sectarian, small-minded, xenophobic; CONCEPTS 403,555

**racist** [*n*] *bigot anti-Semite, black supremacist, chauvinist, diehard, doctrinaire, fanatic, klansperson, opinionated person, prejudiced person, sectarian, segregationist, sexist person, white supremacist, xenophobe*; CONCEPTS 359, 423

**rack** [*n*] *frame, framework arbor, bed, box, bracket, counter, furniture, holder, ledge, perch, receptacle, shelf, stand, structure, trestle*; CONCEPTS 443,479

**rack** [*v*] *torture; strain afflict, agonize, crucify, distress, excruciate, force, harass, harrow, martyr, oppress, pain, persecute, pull, shake, stress, stretch, tear, torment, try, wrench, wring*; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* please, pleasure, soothe

**rocket** [*n1*] *commotion; fight agitation, babel, battle, blare, brawl, clamor, clangor, clash, clatter, din, disturbance, fracas, free-for-all\*, fuss, hoo-ha\*, hubbub\*, jangle, noise, outcry, pandemonium, riot, roar, row, ruction, rum-pus\*, shouting, shuffle, squabble, squall, stir, to-do\*, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, uproar, vociferation, wrangle*; CONCEPTS 65,106,230 —*Ant.* harmony, peace

**rocket** [*n2*] *criminal activity cheating, confidence game, con game, conspiracy, corruption, crime, dirty pool\*, dishonesty, dodge, extortion, fraud, game, graft, illegality, illicit scheme, intrigue, lawlessness, lay, plot, push, scheme, shakedown, squeeze\*, swindle, swindling, theft, trick, underworld*; CONCEPT 192

**rack up** [*v*] *achieve, gain accomplish, acquire, actualize, attain, carry out, do, earn, get done, obtain, produce, reach, realize, score, wind up*; CONCEPT 706

**racy** [*adj1*] *energetic, zestful animated, bright, buoyant, clever, distinctive, entertaining, exciting, exhilarating, fiery, forceful, forcible, gingery, heady, keen, lively, mettlesome, peppery, piquant, playful, poignant, pungent, rich, salty, saucy\*, sharp, snappy, sparkling, spicy, spirited, sportive, sprightly, stimulating, strong, tangy, tart, tasty, vigorous, vivacious, witty, zesty*; CONCEPTS 401,613 —*Ant.* dull, idle, languid, lazy

**racy** [*adj2*] *risqué, vulgar bawdy, blue\*, broad, erotic, immodest, indecent, indelicate, lewd, lurid, naughty, off-color\*, purple\*, shady\*, smutty\*, spicy\*, suggestive, wicked*; CONCEPTS 267,545 —*Ant.* clean, modest, moral, upright

**radar** [*n*] *radio detecting and ranging direction finding, scanning system, sonar, tracking system*; CONCEPT 279

**radiance** [*n1*] *brighthness, luminescence brilliance, effulgence, glare, gleam, glitter, glow, incandescence, light, luminosity, luster, resplendence, shine*; CONCEPT 620 —*Ant.* cloudiness, dark, dimness, dullness

**radiance** [*n2*] *happiness delight, gaiety, joy, pleasure, rapture, warmth*; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* sadness

**radiant** [*adj1*] *bright, luminous beaming, brilliant, effulgent, gleaming, glittering, glorious, glowing, incandescent, lambent, lucent, lustrous, radiating, refulgent, resplendent, shining, sparkling, sunny*; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* cloudy, dark, dim, dull

**radiant** [*adj2*] *happy in appearance beaming, beatific, blissful, bright, cheerful, cheery,*

*delighted, ecstatic, gay, glad, glowing, joyful, joyous, rapturous*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* sad

**radiate** [*v*] *give off; scatter afford, beam, branch out, broadcast, circulate, diffuse, disseminate, distribute, diverge, emanate, emit, expand, give out, gleam, glitter, illumine, irradiate, issue, light up, pour, proliferate, propagate, ramble, ramify, send out, shed, shine, shoot out, spread, spread out, sprinkle, strew, throw out, transmit, yield*; CONCEPTS 118,217, 620,716 —*Ant.* collect, gather

**radical** [*adj1*] *fundamental, basic basal, bottom, cardinal, constitutional, deep-seated, essential, foundational, inherent, innate, intrinsic, meat-and-potatoes\*, native, natural, organic, original, primal, primary, primitive, profound, thoroughgoing, underlying, vital*; CONCEPTS 546,549 —*Ant.* extrinsic, nonessential, superficial

**radical** [*adj2*] *deviating by extremes advanced, anarchistic, complete, entire, excessive, extremist, fanatical, far-out\*, freethinking, iconoclastic, immoderate, insubordinate, insurgent, insurrectionary, intransigent, lawless, leftist, militant, mutinous, nihilistic, progressive, rabid, rebellious, recalcitrant, recusant, refractory, restive, revolutionary, riotous, seditious, severe, sweeping, thorough, ultra, ultraist, uncompromising, violent, way out\**; CONCEPTS 403,529,542 —*Ant.* conservative, moderate

**radical** [*n*] *person who advocates significant, often extreme change agitator, anarchist, avant-garde, extremist, fanatic, firebrand, freethinker, iconoclast, insurgent, insurrectionist, leftist, left-winger, militant, mutineer, nihilist, nonconformist, objector, pacifist, progressive, rebel, reformer, renegade, revolter, revolutionary, rioter, secessionist, subversive, ultraist*; CONCEPT 359 —*Ant.* conservative, moderate

**radio** [*n*] *communication by electronic air waves AM-FM, CB, Marconi, radionics, radiotelegraph, radiotelegraphy, radiotelephone, radiotelephonic, receiver, shortwave, telegraphy, telephony, transmission, Walkman, wireless*; CONCEPT 279

**radius** [*n*] *range, sweep ambit, boundary, compass, expanse, extension, extent, interval, limit, orbit, purview, reach, semidiameter, space, span, spoke*; CONCEPT 651

**raffish** [*adj*] *unmindful of social conventions bohemian\*, careless, casual, coarse, dashing, devil-may-care\*, disreputable, fast\*, gay, jaunty, rakish, sporty, tasteless, tawdry, unconventional, uncouth, vulgar, wild*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* behaved, couth, proper

**raffle** [*n*] *lottery for a prize bet, betting, disposition, draw, drawing, flier\*, gambling, game of chance, gaming, long odds\*, lots\*, numbers\*, numbers game\*, pool, random shot, speculation, stake, sweep, sweepstake, tossup\*, wager, wagering*; CONCEPTS 363,364

**ragamuffin** [*n*] *person who is poor, tattered beggar, bum\*, gamin, guttersnipe\*, hobo, loafer, orphan, scarecrow, street person, tatterdemalion\*, tramp, urchin, vagabond, vagrant, waif, wastrel*; CONCEPTS 412,423 —*Ant.* sophisticated

**rage** [*n1*] *extreme anger acerbity, acrimony, agitation, animosity, apoplexy, asperity, bitterness, blowup\*, bluster, cholera, convulsion,*

dander, eruption, exasperation, excitement, explosion, ferment, ferocity, fireworks, frenzy, furor, fury, gall, heat\*, hemorrhage, huff\*, hysterics, indignation, ire, irritation, madness, mania, obsession, outburst, paroxysm, passion, rampage, raving, resentment, spam, spleen, squall, storm, tantrum, temper, umbrage, uproar, upset, vehemence, violence, winding\*, wrath; CONCEPTS 410,657 —**Ant.** glee, happiness

**rage** [n2] *something in vogue; popular notion* caprice, chic, conceit, craze, crotchet, cry, dernier cri, enthusiasm, fad, fancy, fashion, freak, furor, happening, hot spot\*, in\*, in-spot\*, in-thing\*, last word\*, latest\*, latest thing\*, latest wrinkle\*, mania, mode, newest wrinkle\*, now\*, passion, style, thing\*, up to the minute\*, vagary, whim; CONCEPTS 388,655

**rage** [v] *be angry* be beside oneself\*, be furious, be uncontrollable, blow a fuse\*, blow one's top\*, blow up\*, boil over\*, bristle, chafe, champ at bit\*, erupt, fly off the handle\*, foam at the mouth\*, fret, fulminate, fume, go berserk, have a fit, have a tantrum, let off steam\*, look daggers\*, make a fuss over, overflow, rail at, rampage, rant, rant and rave\*, rave, roar, scold, scream, seethe, snap at, splutter, steam, storm, surge, tear, throw a fit\*, work oneself into sweat\*, yell; CONCEPTS 29, 410 —**Ant.** be happy

**ragged** [adj] *worn-out; in shreds* badly dressed, badly worn, battered, broken, contemptible, crude, desultory, dilapidated, dingy, disorganized, down at the heel\*, fragmented, frayed, frazzled, full of holes\*, in holes\*, in rags, in tatters\*, irregular, jagged, mean, moth-eaten, notched, patched, poor, poorly made, rent, rough, rugged, scraggy, seedy, serrated, shabby, shaggy, shoddy, shredded, tacky\*, tattered, tatty\*, threadbare, torn, uneven, unfinished, unkempt, unpressed, worse for wear\*; CONCEPT 485 —**Ant.** even, kempt, new, smooth

**raging** [adj] *violent; mad* angry, at boiling point\*, bent\*, bent out of shape\*, beside oneself\*, blowing a gasket\*, blowing one's top\*, blustering, blustery, boiling mad\*, boiling over\*, enraged, fit to be tied\*, frenzied, fuming, furious, going ape\*, incensed, infuriated, irate, mad as a hornet\*, on the warpath\*, rabid\*, ranting and raving\*, raving, raving mad, rough, seeing red\*, seething, stormy, tempestuous, throwing a fit, turbulent, wild; CONCEPTS 403,542 —**Ant.** delighted, giddy, gleeful, happy

**raid** [n] *attack, seizure* arrest, assault, break-in, bust, capture, descent, foray, forced entrance, hit-and-run\*, incursion, inroad, invasion, irruption, onset, onslaught, pull, reconnaissance, roundup, sally\*, shootout\*, sortie\*, surprise attack, sweep, tipover\*; CONCEPTS 86,317

**raid** [v] *attack, pillage* assail, assault, blockade, bomb, bombard, breach, break in, charge, descend on, despoil, devastate, fall upon, fire on, forage, foray, harass, harry, heat, inroad, invade, knock off\*, knock over\*, lean against, lean on, loot, maraud, march on, overrun, pirate, plunder, rake, ransack, rifle, rob, sack, sally, sally forth, shell, slough, spoliage, storm, strafe, strike, sweep, swoop, tip over\*, torpedo, waste; CONCEPT 86 —**Ant.** aid, assist, guard, help, protect

**rail** [v] *criticize harshly* abuse, attack, bawl out\*, berate, blast, castigate, censure, chew out\*, complain, fulminate, fume, inveigh, jaw, objure, rant, rate, revile, scold, thunder, tongue-lash\*, upbraid, vituperate, vociferate, whip; CONCEPT 52 —**Ant.** compliment, praise

**rail/railing** [n] *post, pole along an edge* balustrade, banister, bar, barrier, fence, paling, rails, rest, siding; CONCEPTS 443,479

**railroad** [n] *train line* elevated railway, line, metro, monorail, rail line, railway, streetcar line, subway, tracks, trolley line, tube, underground railway; CONCEPTS 155,503

**rain** [n] *downpour of water or other substance* cat-and-dog weather\*, cloudburst, condensation, deluge, drencher, drizzle, fall, flood, flurry, hail, heavy dew, liquid sunshine\*, mist, monsoon, pour, pouring, precip\*, precipitation, raindrops, rainfall, rainstorm, sheets, shower, showers, sleet, spate, spit, sprinkle, sprinkling, stream, sun shower\*, torrent, volley\*, wet stuff\*, window washer\*; CONCEPT 526 —**Ant.** aridity, dryness

**rain** [v] *drop water or other substance* bestow, bucket, come down in buckets\*, deposit, drizzle, fall, hail, lavish, mist, patter, pour, shower, sleet, sprinkle, storm; CONCEPT 526

**rainbow** [n] *color spectrum* arc, band of color, bow, crescent, curve, prism, variegation; CONCEPT 436

**raise** [n] *increase in salary or position* accession, accretion, addition, advance, augmentation, boost, bump, hike, hold-up\*, increment, jump, jump-up\*, leg\*, leg-up\*, move-up\*, promotion, raising, rise, step-up\*; CONCEPTS 344,351,763 —**Ant.** decrease, drop, reduction

**raise** [v1] *lift; build from the ground* boost, bring up, construct, elevate, erect, establish, exalt, heave, hoist, hold up, lever, lift, lift up, mount, move up, place up, promote, pry, pull up, put on its end, put up, rear, run up, set up, set upright, shove, stand up, take up, throw up, upcast, upheave, uplift, upraise, uprear; CONCEPTS 168,196 —**Ant.** demolish, destroy, drop, lower, raise

**raise** [v2] *increase, augment* advance, aggravate, amplify, assemble, boost, build up, collect, congregate, congress, dignify, enhance, enlarge, escalate, exaggerate, exalt, fetch up, forgather, form, gather, get, goose\*, goose up\*, heighten, hike, hike up\*, honor, inflate, intensify, jack up, jump, jump up, levy, look up, magnify, mass, mobilize, mushroom\*, muster, obtain, perk up, pick up, promote, put up, pyramid, rally, recruit, reinforce, rendezvous, run up\*, send through the roof\*, shoot up, snowball\*, strengthen up; CONCEPTS 236,244,245 —**Ant.** decrease, depress, diminish, lessen, lower, reduce

**raise** [v3] *start up, motivate; introduce* abet, activate, advance, arouse, awaken, bring up, broach, cause, evoke, excite, foment, foster, incite, instigate, kindle, moot, motivate, provoke, put forward, resurrect, set, set on, stir up, suggest, whip up; CONCEPTS 75,221 —**Ant.** conclude, finish, stop

**raise** [v4] *nurture, care for* breed, bring up, cultivate, develop, drag up, fetch up, foster, group, grow, nourish, nurse, plant, produce, propagate, provide, rear, sow, suckle, support,

train, wean; CONCEPTS 253,257,295 —*Ant.* abandon, ignore, neglect, repress, suppress

**raison d'être** [*n*] *reason for being* basis, justification for existing, rationale, reason for existing, reason why; CONCEPT 661

**rake** [*v*] *scrape up, hoe* break up, clean up, clear, clear up, collect, comb, enfilade, examine, fine-comb, fine-tooth-comb\*, gather, grade, graze, grub, harrow, hunt, ransack, rasp, remove, rummage, scan, scour, scrape, scratch, scrutinize, search, smooth, sweep, weed; CONCEPTS 109,165,178,216

**rakish** [*adj*] *charming and immoral* abandoned, chic, dashing, debauched, depraved, devil-may-care\*, dissipated, dissolute, fashionable, fast\*, flashy, gay, jaunty, lecherous, licentious, loose\*, natty, prodigal, profligate, raffish, saucy, sinful, smart, sporty, wanton, wild; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* clean, moral, upright

**rally** [*n1*] *celebratory meeting* assemblage, assembly, celebration, clambake\*, convention, convocation, get-together, mass meeting, meet, pep rally, pow-wow\*, session; CONCEPT 377

**rally** [*n2*] *turn for the better* comeback, improvement, recovery, recuperation, renewal, resurgence, revival, turning point; CONCEPT 700 —*Ant.* regression, remission, weakening

**rally** [*v1*] *reorganize, unite* arouse, assemble, awaken, bestir, bond together, bring together, bring to order, call to arms\*, challenge, charge, collect, come about, come together, come to order, convene, counterattack, encourage, fire, gather, get together, inspirit, kindle, marshal, mobilize, muster, organize, reassemble, redouble, reform, refresh, regroup, rejuvenate, renew, restore, resurrect, resuscitate, revive, round up, rouse, summon, surge, urge, wake, waken, whet, wreak havoc\*; CONCEPTS 7,22,117,320 —*Ant.* disperse, divide, scatter

**rally** [*v2*] *revive; take a turn for the better* bounce back, brace up, come along, come around, come from behind, enliven, get act together\*, get back in shape\*, get better, get second wind\*, grow stronger, improve, invigorate, make a comeback, perk up, pick up, pull through, recover, recuperate, refresh, regain strength, shape up, snap out of it, surge, turn around, turn things around\*; CONCEPT 700 —*Ant.* lose, regress, weaken

**ram** [*v*] *bang into; pack forcibly* beat, butt, collide with, cram, crash, crowd, dash, dig, drive, drum, force, hammer, hit, hook, impact, jack, jam-pack, pack, plunge, poke, pound, run, run into, sink, slam, smash, stab, stick, strike, strike head-on, stuff, tamp, thrust, wedge; CONCEPTS 189,208,209 —*Ant.* tap

**ramble** [*n*] *aimless walk* constitutional, excursion, hike, perambulation, peregrination, roaming, roving, saunter, stroll, tour, traipse, trip, turn; CONCEPTS 151,224

**ramble** [*v1*] *wander about; travel aimlessly* amble, bat around\*, be all over the map\*, branch off, clamber, climb, cruise, depart, digress, divagate, diverge, drift, excuse, extend, fork, gad, gallivant, get sidetracked\*, knock about\*, knock around\*, meander, perambulate, percolate, peregrinate, promenade, range, roam, rove, saunter, scramble, snake, sprangle, sprawl, spread, spread-eagle,

straddle, straggle, stray, stroll, trail, traipse, turn, twist, walk, wind, zigzag; CONCEPTS 151, 154,581,692 —*Ant.* be direct, stay

**ramble** [*v2*] *talk aimlessly, endlessly* amplify, babble, beat around bush\*, be diffuse, blather, chatter, depart, descant, digress, divagate, diverge, drift, drivel, dwell on, enlarge, excuse, expatiate, get off the subject\*, go astray, go off on tangent\*, go on and on\*, gossip, harp on, lose the thread\*, maunder, meander, prose, protract, rant and rave\*, rattle on\*, stray, talk nonsense, talk off top of head\*, talk randomly, wander; CONCEPT 51 —*Ant.* be direct

**rambling** [*adj1*] *disconnected, wordy* circuitous, confused, desultory, diffuse, digressive, discursive, disjointed, incoherent, incongruous, irregular, long-winded, periphrastic, prolix; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* connected, direct, straightforward

**rambling** [*adj2*] *sprawling, spread out* at length, covering, gangling, here and there, irregular, random, scattered, spreading, straggling, strewn, trailing, unplanned; CONCEPTS 485,772 —*Ant.* direct, straight

**rambunctious** [*adj*] *loud, energetic* boisterous, noisy, raucous, rough, rowdy, rude, termagant, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent, unruly; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* introverted, meek, quiet, shy

**ramification** [*n*] *consequence, development* bifurcation, branch, branching, breaking, complication, consequence, divarication, division, excrescence, extension, forking, offshoot, outgrowth, partition, radiation, result, sequel, subdividing, subdivision, upshot; CONCEPTS 98,230,824 —*Ant.* cause

**ramp** [*n*] *incline* access, adit, grade, gradient, hill, inclination, inclined plane, rise, slope; CONCEPTS 443,757

**rampage** [*n*] *storm, violence* binge, blowup, boiling point\*, destruction, disturbance, ferment, fling, frenzy, fury, mad\*, more heat than light\*, orgy, rage, ruckus, splurge, spree, tear, tempest, tumult, turmoil, uproar, winding; CONCEPT 86 —*Ant.* calm, harmony, peace

**rampage** [*v*] *go crazy; storm* go berserk, rage, run amuck, run riot, run wild, tear; CONCEPTS 86,384 —*Ant.* be calm

**rampant** [*adj*] *uncontrolled, out of hand* aggressive, blustering, boisterous, clamorous, dominant, epidemic, exceeding bounds, excessive, extravagant, exuberant, fanatical, flagrant, furious, growing, impetuous, impulsive, luxuriant, on the rampage, out of control, outrageous, pandemic, predominant, prevalent, profuse, raging, rampaging, rank, rife, riotous, spreading, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent, unbridled, unchecked, uncontrollable, ungovernable, unrestrained, unruly, vehement, violent, wanton, widespread, wild; CONCEPTS 544,554,772 —*Ant.* checked, controlled, limited, restrained

**rampart** [*n*] *fortification, stronghold* barricade, barrier, bastion, breastwork, bulwark, defense, earthwork, elevation, embankment, fence, fort, guard, hill, mound, parapet, protection, ridge, security, support, vallation, wall; CONCEPTS 321,439,509

**ramshackle** [*adj*] *falling apart; in poor condition* broken-down, crumbling, decrepit, derelict,

dilapidated, flimsy, jerry-built\*, rickety, shabby, shaky, tottering, tumble-down, unfirm, unsafe, unsteady; CONCEPTS 485,488 —*Ant.* good, nice, repaired, stable

**ranch** [*n*] *farm* acreage, cattle farm, dairy farm, estate, farmstead, hacienda, homestead, land, plantation; CONCEPTS 258,449,517

**rancid** [*adj*] *rotten, strong-smelling* bad, carious, contaminated, curdled, decomposing, disagreeable, disgusting, evil-smelling, feculent, fetid, foul, frowzy, fusty, gamy, high, impure, loathsome, malodorous, moldy, musty, nasty, nidorous, noisome, noxious, off, offensive, olid, polluted, putrefactive, putrefied, putrescent, putrid, rank, reeky, repulsive, sharp, smelly, sour, soured, stale, stinking, strong, tainted, turned, unhealthy, whiffy; CONCEPTS 462,570,598,613 —*Ant.* perfumed, sweet

**rancor** [*n*] *bitterness, hateful* acerbity, acrimony, animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, aversion, bad blood\*, bile\*, dudgeon, enmity, grudge, hardness of heart\*, harshness, hate, hatred, hostility, ill feeling, ill will, malevolence, malice, malignity, mordacity, pique, resentfulness, resentment, retaliation, revengefulness, ruthlessness, spite, spitefulness, spleen, umbrage, uncharitableness, unfriendliness, variance, vengeance, vengefulness, venom, vindictiveness, virulence; CONCEPTS 29,410, 633 —*Ant.* kindness, love, respect, sympathy

**random** [*adj*] *haphazard, chance* accidental, adventitious, aimless, arbitrary, casual, contingent, designless, desultory, driftless, fluky, fortuitous, hit-or-miss\*, incidental, indiscriminate, irregular, objectless, odd, promiscuous, purposeless, slapdash\*, spot, stray, unaimed, unconsidered, unplanned, unpremeditated; CONCEPTS 535,548,557 —*Ant.* definite, methodical, particular, specific, systematic

**range** [*n1*] *sphere, distance, extent* ambit, amplitude, area, bounds, circle, compass, confines, diapasen, dimension, dimensions, domain, earshot\*, elbowroom\*, expanse, extension, extensity, field, gamut, hearing, ken, latitude, leeway, length, limits, magnitude, matter, neighborhood, orbit, order, panorama, parameters, play, province, purview, radius, reach, realm, run, run of, scope, space, span, spectrum, sphere, spread, stretch, sweep, swing, territory, tune, vicinity, width; CONCEPTS 651,743,745, 756,760,960 —*Ant.* extreme

**range** [*n2*] *order, series* assortment, chain, class, collection, file, gamut, kind, line, lot, rank, row, selection, sequence, sort, string, tier, variety; CONCEPTS 727,769 —*Ant.* part

**range** [*v1*] *order, categorize* align, allineate, arrange, array, assort, bias, bracket, catalogue, categorize, class, classify, dispose, draw up, file, grade, group, incline, line, line up, pigeonhole\*, predispose, range; CONCEPTS 84,158 —*Ant.* disorder, disorganize

**range** [*v2*] *wander, roam* circumbulate, cover, cross, cruise, drift, encompass, explore, float, follow one's nose\*, gallivant, globe-trot\*, hit the road\*, hit the trail\*, make circuit, meander, pass over, ply, plow, ramble, reach, reconnoiter, rove, scour, search, spread, straggle, stray, stroll, sweep, traipse, tramp, travel, traverse, trek; CONCEPTS 151,224 —*Ant.* be direct

**range** [*v3*] *extend; change within limits* differ, diverge from, fluctuate, go, reach, run, stretch, vary, vary between; CONCEPT 697 —*Ant.* limit, restrict

**rangy** [*adj*] *long and lean* gangling, gangly, lanky, leggy, long-legged, long-limbed, reedy, skinny, spindling, spindly, thin, weedy; CONCEPT 779 —*Ant.* chubby, dumpy, fat, thick

**rank** [*adj1*] *stinking, foul* bad, dank, disagreeable, disgusting, evil-smelling, feculent, fetid, funky\*, fusty\*, gamy\*, graveolent, gross\*, high, humid, loathsome, mephitic, moldy, musty, nasty, nauseating, noisome, noxious, obnoxious, off, offensive, olid, pungent, putrescent, putrid, rancid, reeking, repulsive, revolting, smelly, sour, stale, strong, strong-smelling, tainted, turned; CONCEPT 598 —*Ant.* aromatic, perfumed, sweet

**rank** [*adj2*] *abundant, luxurious* coarse, dense, excessive, extreme, exuberant, fertile, flourishing, fructiferous, grown, high-growing, jungle-like, lavish, lush, luxuriant, overabundant, overgrown, productive, profuse, prolific, rampant, rich, semitropical, tropical, vigorous, wild; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* rare, scarce, sparse

**rank** [*adj3*] *utter, absolute* arrant, blatant, capital, complete, conspicuous, consummate, downright, egregious, excessive, extravagant, flagrant, glaring, gross, noticeable, outright, outstanding, perfect, positive, rampant, sheer, thorough, total, undisguised, unmitigated; CONCEPTS 531,535 —*Ant.* indefinite

**rank** [*adj4*] *obscene, vulgar* abusive, atrocious, coarse, crass, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, nasty, outrageous, raunchy, scurrilous, shocking, smutty, wicked; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* clean, moral

**rank** [*n1*] *standing in a system, often a social one* ancestry, authority, birth, blood, cachet, capacity, caste, circumstance, class, classification, condition, consequence, degree, dignity, distinction, division, echelon, estate, esteem, family, footing, grade, hierarchy, level, nobility, note, order, paramountcy, parentage, pecking order, pedigree, place, position, primacy, privilege, quality, reputation, seniority, situation, slot, sort, sovereignty, sphere, state, station, stature, status, stock, stratum, supremacy, type; CONCEPTS 296,378,388,744

**rank** [*n2*] *column, tier of individuals* echelon, file, formation, group, hierarchy, line, queue, range, row, series, string; CONCEPT 727

**rank** [*v1*] *line up; classify in system* align, arrange, array, assign, assort, button down\*, class, dispose, establish, estimate, evaluate, fix\*, give precedence, grade, include, judge, list, locate, marshal, order, peg, pigeonhole\*, place, place in formation, position, put, put away, put down as, put down for, put in line, range, rate, regard, settle, size up, sort, tab, typecast, value, value; CONCEPTS 37,84,158 —*Ant.* disorder, scatter

**rank** [*v2*] *be worthwhile; have supremacy* antecede, be classed, belong, be worth, come first, count among, forerun, go ahead of, go before, have the advantage, outrank, precede, stand, take the lead; CONCEPTS 388,671

**rankle** [*v*] *annoy, irritate* aggravate, anger, bother, chafe, embitter, exasperate, fester,

- fret, gall, get one's goat\*, harass, hurt, inflame, irk, mortify, nettle, obsess, pain, pester, plague, rile, torment, vex; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* delight, make happy, please
- ransack** [v] *turn inside out in search; ravage* appropriate, comb, despoil, explore, ferret, filch, go over with a fine-tooth comb\*, go through, gut\*, hunt, investigate, lay waste, leave no stone unturned\*, lift, look all over for\*, look high and low\*, look into, loot, make off with\*, maraud, overhaul, peer, pilfer, pillage, pinch, plunder, poach, probe, pry, purloin, raid, rake, rape, ravish, rifle, rob, rummage, rustle, sack, scan, scour, scrutinize, search, seek, seize, shake down\*, sound, spoil, spy, steal, strip, take away, thief; CONCEPTS 103, 139,142,216 —*Ant.* care for, clean, neat, tidy
- ransom** [n] *blackmail money paid for return of possession or person* bribe, compensation, deliverance, expiation, liberation money, payment, payoff, price, redemption, release, rescue; CONCEPT 344
- ransom** [v] *pay blackmail money for return of possession or person* buy freedom of, buy out, deliver, emancipate, extricate, free, liberate, manumit, obtain release of, pay for release of, recover, redeem, regain, release, reprise, repurchase, rescue, save, set free, unchain, unfetter; CONCEPTS 127,131,341
- rant** [n] *yelling, raving* bluster, bombast, diatribe, fustian, harangue, oration, philippic, rhapsody, rhetoric, rodomontade, tirade, vociferation; CONCEPTS 44,49,52 —*Ant.* calm, quiet
- rant** [v] *yell, rave* bellow, bloviate, blow one's top\*, bluster, carry on, clamor, cry, declaim, fume, harangue, mouth, objurgate, orate, perorate, rage, rail, roar, scold, shout, sizzle\*, soapbox\*, sound off\*, spiel\*, spout\*, storm\*, stump\*, take on\*, vociferate; CONCEPTS 44,49, 52 —*Ant.* be quiet
- rap** [n1/v1] *hit quickly and lightly* beat, blow, conk, crack, knock, lick, pat, strike, swat, swipe, tap, whack; CONCEPT 189
- rap** [n2] *conversation* causerie, chat, chin\*, colloquy, confabulation, conference, deliberation, dialogue, discourse, discussion, prose, talk, ventilation, yarn; CONCEPTS 56,266 —*Ant.* silence
- rap** [n3] *blame; criticism* admonishment, admonition, censure, chiding, flak, knock, pan\*, punishment, rebuke, reprimand, reproach, reproof, responsibility, sentence, swipe; CONCEPTS 52, 123,317 —*Ant.* approval, flattery, praise
- rap** [v2] *talk casually; speak abruptly* babble, bark, chat, chatter, chitchat, confabulate, converse, discourse, jabber, palaver, run off at the mouth\*, spit, talk; CONCEPTS 56,266
- rap** [v3] *criticize* blame, castigate, censure, condemn, denounce, denunciate, knock\*, pan\*, reprehend, reprimand, reprobate, scold, skin, tick off\*; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* praise
- rapacious** [adj] *plundering* avaricious, ferocious, furious, greedy, marauding, murderous, predatory, preying, ravening, ravenous, savage, voracious; CONCEPTS 326,403,406,542
- rape** [n] *deilement; a forced sexual assault* abduction, abuse, criminal attack, deprivation, despoilment, despoliation, forcible violation, maltreatment, molestation, pillage, plunder, plundering, rapine, spoliation, statutory offense, violation; CONCEPTS 192,375
- rape** [v] *sexual assault by force; act of plunder* abuse, attack, betray, compromise, corrupt, deceive, despoil, force, loot, molest, pillage, plunder, ransack, ruin, sack, seize, spoliare, violate; CONCEPTS 192,375
- rapid** [adj] *very quick* accelerated, active, agile, breakneck, brisk, double time, expeditious, expeditive, express, fast, fleet, fleet of foot\*, flying, hasty, hurried, in nothing flat\*, light-footed\*, like a house on fire\*, lively, mercurial, nimble, on the double\*, precipitate, prompt, quick as a wink\*, quickened, ready, really rolling\*, screaming\*, speedy, spry, swift, winged; CONCEPTS 541,588,799 —*Ant.* languishing, leisurely, slack, slow
- rapidity** [n] *quickness* acceleration, alacrity, bat, briskness, celerity, dispatch, expedition, fleetness, gait, haste, hurry, pace, precipitateness, promptitude, promptness, rapidness, rush, speed, speediness, swiftness, velocity; CONCEPTS 755,805 —*Ant.* languidity, slowness
- rapidly** [adv] *very quickly* at speed, briskly, expeditiously, fast, flat out\*, full tilt\*, hastily, hurriedly, immediately, in a hurry, in a rush, in haste, lickety-split\*, like a shot\*, posthaste, precipitately, promptly, speedily, swiftly, with dispatch; CONCEPTS 544,588,799 —*Ant.* leisurely, slowly
- rapport** [n] *understanding between people* affinity, agreement, bond, compatibility, concord, cotton, empathy, good vibes\*, good vibrations, groove, harmony, hitting it off\*, interrelationship, link, relationship, same wavelength\*, simpatico\*, soul, sympathy, the groove\*, togetherness, unity; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* coldness, unfriendliness
- rapprochement** [n] *restoration of harmony* agreement, cordiality, detente, friendliness, friendship, harmonization, harmony, reconciliation, reconciliation, reunion, softening; CONCEPTS 384,388 —*Ant.* disagreement, trouble, upset
- rapt** [adj] *absorbed, fascinated* absent, absent-minded, abstracted, beguiled, bewitched, blissful, busy, captivated, carried away\*, caught up in\*, charmed, daydreaming, deep\*, delighted, dreaming, ecstatic, employed, enamored, engaged, engrossed, enraptured, enthralled, entranced, gripped, happy, held, hung up\*, hypnotized, immersed, inattentive, intent, involved, lost, oblivious, occupied, overwhelmed, preoccupied, rapturous, ravished, spellbound, taken\*, transported, unconscious, wrapped up\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* disenchanted, repulsed, turned off
- rapture** [n] *extreme happiness and delight in something* at-oneness\*, beatitude, bliss, buoyancy, cheer, cloud nine\*, communion, contentment, cool\*, delectation, ecstasy, elation, elysium, enchantment, enjoyment, enthusiasm, euphoria, exaltation, exhilaration, felicity, gaiety, gladness, glory, good spirits, gratification, heaven, inspiration, joy, jubilation, nirvana, paradise, passion, pleasure, ravishment, rhapsody, satisfaction, seventh heaven\*, spell, transport, well-being; CONCEPTS 32,410 —*Ant.* dislike, hate, hatred

**rare** [adj1] *exceptional, infrequent* attenuate, attenuated, deficient, extraordinary, few, few and far between\*, flimsy, inconceivable, isolated, light, limited, occasional, out of the ordinary, rarefied, recherché, scanty, scarce, scattered, seldom, semioccasional, short, singular, sparse, sporadic, strange, subtle, subtle, tenuous, thin, uncommon, unfrequent, unheard of, unimaginable, unique, unlikely, unthinkable, unusual, unwonted; CONCEPTS 530,576 —**Ant.** common, frequent, regular, typical, usual

**rare** [adj2] *precious, excellent* admirable, choice, dainty, delicate, elegant, exquisite, extreme, fine, great, incomparable, invaluable, matchless, peerless, priceless, recherché, rich, select, superb, superlative, unique; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** cheap, ordinary, worthless

**rare** [adj3] *not fully cooked* bloody, half-cooked, half-raw, moderately done, nearly raw, not done, rarely done, red, undercooked, underdone; CONCEPT 462 —**Ant.** well-done

**rarefied** [adj] *exclusive* cliquish, elevated, esoteric, exalted, lofty, private, select; CONCEPT 554 —**Ant.** commonplace

**rarely** [adv] *not often; exceptionally* almost never, barely, extra, extraordinarily, extremely, finely, hardly, hardly ever, infrequently, little, notably, now and then, once in a while, once in blue moon\*, on rare occasions, remarkably, scarcely ever, seldom, singularly, uncommon, uncommonly, unfrequently, unoften, unusually; CONCEPTS 530,541 —**Ant.** frequently, regularly

**raring** [adj] *eager* champing at the bit\*, enthusiastic, itching\*, keen, longing, ready, willing; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** reluctant

**rascal** [n] *person who is unprincipled, does not work hard* beggar, blackguard, black sheep\*, bully, bum, cad, cardsharp\*, charlatan, cheat, delinquent, devil, disgrace, felon, fraud, good-for-nothing\*, grafter, hooligan\*, hypocrite, idler, imp, liar, loafer, mischief-maker, miscreant, opportunist, pretender, prodigal, profligate, recreant, reprobate, robber, rowdy, ruffian, scamp, scoundrel, sinner, skunk\*, sneak\*, swindler, tough\*, tramp, trickster, varmint\*, villain, wastrel, wretch; CONCEPT 412

**rash** [adj] *careless, impulsive* adventurous, audacious, bold, brash, daring, determined, devil-may-care\*, fiery, foolhardy, frenzied, furious, harebrained, hasty, headlong, headstrong, heedless, hotheaded, ill-advised, ill-considered, immature, impetuous, imprudent, incautious, indiscreet, injudicious, insuppressible, irrational, jumping to conclusions\*, madcap, overhasty, passionate, precipitant, precipitate, premature, reckless, thoughtless, unguarded, unthinking, unwary, venturesome, venturous, wild; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** careful, cautious, planned, thoughtful

**rash** [n] *outbreak of disease or condition* breakout, epidemic, eruption, flood, hives, pandemic, plague, series, spate, succession, wave; CONCEPTS 230,306

**rasp** [v] *grind, rub* abrade, bray, excoriate, file, grate, irk, irritate, jar, pound, raze, rub, sand, scour, scrape, scratch, vex, wear; CONCEPTS 7,19

**raspy** [adj] *rough* cracked, croaky, dry, grating, gravelly, gruff, harsh, hoarse, husky, scratchy, thick, throaty; CONCEPT 594

**rat** [n] *informer* backstabber, betrayer, blabbermouth\*, canary\*, deep throat\*, double-crosser, fink, informant, sneak, snitch, source, squealer, stoolie, stool pigeon\*, tattler, tattletale, turncoat, whistle-blower; CONCEPTS 348,354,423

**rate** [n1] *ratio, proportion* amount, comparison, degree, estimate, percentage, progression, quota, relation, relationship, relative, scale, standard, weight; CONCEPT 768 —**Ant.** whole

**rate** [n2] *fee charged for service, privilege, goods* allowance, charge, cost, dues, duty, estimate, figure, hire, price, price tag, quotation, tab, tariff, tax, toll, valuation; CONCEPTS 329,766

**rate** [n3] *speed, pace* clip, dash, flow, gait, gallop, hop, measure, motion, movement, pace, spurt, tempo, time, tread, velocity; CONCEPT 755

**rate** [v1] *judge, classify* adjudge, admire, appraise, apprise, assay, assess, button down\*, calculate, class, consider, count, deem, determine, esteem, estimate, evaluate, fix, grade, guess at, measure, peg, pigeonhole\*, price, put away, put down as\*, put down for\*, rank, reckon, redline\*, regard, relate to standard, respect, score, set at, size up\*, stand in with, survey, tab\*, tag, take one's measure, think highly of, typecast\*, value, value, weigh; CONCEPTS 12,37

**rate** [v2] *be entitled to be accepted, be favorite, be welcome, be worthy, deserve, earn, merit, prosper, succeed, triumph*; CONCEPTS 129,376,388 —**Ant.** disqualify

**rather** [adv1] *moderately* a bit, a little, averagely, comparatively, enough, fairly, in a certain degree, kind of, more or less, passably, pretty, quite, ratherish, reasonably, relatively, slightly, some, something, somewhat, sort of, so-so\*, tolerably, to some degree, to some extent; CONCEPTS 544,548 —**Ant.** extremely, violently

**rather** [adv2] *significantly* a good bit, considerably, noticeably, quite, somewhat, very, well; CONCEPTS 544,772 —**Ant.** insignificantly, little

**rather** [adv3] *preferably; instead* alternately, alternatively, as a matter of choice, by choice, by preference, first, in lieu of, in preference, just as soon, more readily, more willingly, much sooner, sooner, willingly; CONCEPT 529

**ratify** [v] *affirm, authorize* accredit, approve, authenticate, bear out, bind, bless, certify, commission, confirm, consent, corroborate, endorse, establish, give stamp of approval\*, go for\*, license, okay\*, rubber stamp\*, sanction, sign, substantiate, uphold, validate; CONCEPTS 50,88 —**Ant.** deny, disaffirm, disagree, renounce, revoke, veto

**rating** [n] *grade* appraisal, assessment, category, class, classification, degree, judgment, level, mark, order, rank, score, standard, tier, valuation; CONCEPTS 286,378,665,727,744

**ratio** [n] *percentage, relation of part to whole* arrangement, correlation, correspondence, equation, fraction, proportion, proportionality, quota, quotient, rate, relationship, scale; CONCEPT 768 —**Ant.** whole

**ration** [n] *allotment of limited supply* allowance, apportionment, assignment, bit, consignment, cut, distribution, division, dole, drag, food, helping, measure, meet, part, piece of action\*, portion, provender, provision, quantum, quota, share, store, supply; CONCEPT 835 —**Ant.** whole



**ration** [v] *divide something into portions* allocate, allot, apportion, assign, budget, conserve, control, deal, distribute, divvy\*, divvy up\*, dole, give out, issue, limit, measure out, mete, mete out, parcel, parcel out, proportion, prorate, quota, restrict, save, share; CONCEPTS 98,140 —**Ant.** collect, gather

**rational** [adj] *realistic; of sound mind* all there\*, analytical, balanced, calm, cerebral, circumspect, cognitive, collected, cool\*, deductive, deliberate, discerning, discriminating, enlightened, far-sighted, impartial, intellectual, intelligent, judicious, knowing, levelheaded, logical, lucid, normal, objective, perspicacious, philosophic, prudent, ratiocinative, reasonable, reasoning, reflective, sagacious, sane, sensible, sober, sound, stable, synthetic, thinking, thoughtful, together, well-advised, wise; CONCEPT 402 —**Ant.** irrational, ridiculous, unrealistic, unreasonable, unsound

**rationale** [n] *logic for belief, action* account, excuse, explanation, exposition, grounds, hypothesis, justification, motivation, motive, philosophy, principle, raison d'être, rationalization, reason, reasons, song and dance\*, sour grapes\*, story\*, the big idea\*, theory, the whole idea\*, whatfor\*, why and wherefore\*, whyfor\*; CONCEPT 661

**rationalize** [v] *make excuse; justify* account for, apply logic, cop a plea\*, cop out\*, deliberate, elucidate, excise, excuse, explain away, extenuate, give alibi\*, intellectualize, justify, make allowance, reason, reason out, reconcile, resolve, think, think through, vindicate; CONCEPT 57

**rattle** [v1] *talk aimlessly, endlessly* babble, cackle, chat, chatter, clack, gab, gabble, gush, jabber, jaw, list, prate, prattle, reel off, run on, run through, yak; CONCEPT 51

**rattle** [v2] *talk aimlessly, endlessly* babble, cackle, chat, chatter, clack, gab, gabble, gush, jabber, jaw, list, prate, prattle, reel off, run on, run through, yak; CONCEPT 51

**rattle** [v3] *disconcert, upset someone* abash, addle, bewilder, bother, confound, confuse, discombobulate, discomfit, discompose, discountenance, distract, disturb, embarrass, faze, flummox, frighten, get to\*, muddle, nonplus, perplex, perturb, psych out\*, put off, put out, put out of countenance, rattle one's cage\*, scare, shake, throw, unnerve; CONCEPT 16 —**Ant.** appease, placate, soothe

**raucous** [adj1] *noisy, rough* absonant, acute, atonal, blaring, blatant, braying, brusque, cacophonous, discordant, dissonant, dry, ear-piercing, grating, grinding, gruff, harsh, hoarse, husky, inharmonious, jarring, loud, piercing, rasping, sharp, squawking, stertorous, strident, thick, unharmonious, unmusical; CONCEPTS 592,594 —**Ant.** calm, quiet, soft, subdued

**raucous** [adj2] *rowdy* boisterous, disorderly, intemperate, rambunctious, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent, unruly; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** calm, quiet, subdued

**raunchy** [adj] *lewd, obscene* bawdy, dirty, erotic, filthy\*, foul-mouthed, gross\*, hardcore\*, improper, in bad taste, lascivious, lecherous, lustful, naughty, off-color\*, pornographic, racy\*, risqué, sexually explicit, smutty, suggestive, taboo, vulgar, wicked, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 372,542,545

**ravage** [v] *destroy, ransack* annihilate, break up, capture, consume, cream\*, crush, damage, demolish, desecrate, desolate, despoil, devastate, dismantle, disorganize, disrupt, exterminate, extinguish, forage, foray, gut, harry, impair, lay waste, leave in ruins, loot, overrun, overthrow, overwhelm, pillage, pirate, plunder, prey, prostrate, pull down, raid, rape, raze, rob, ruin, sack, seize, shatter, sink, smash, spoil, spoliator, stamp out, strip, sweep away, total\*, trample, trash, waste, wreak havoc, wreck, wrest; CONCEPTS 86, 252 —**Ant.** aid, assist, help, protect

**rave** [v1] *talk endlessly* babble, be delirious, bloviate, blow one's top\*, carry on\*, come unglued\*, declaim, flip one's lid\*, freak out\*, fume, gabble, go ape\*, go bananas\*, go crazy, go mad, harangue, jabber, make a to-do\*, mouth, orate, perorate, prate, prattle, rage, rail, rant, rattle on, roar, run amuck\*, splutter, storm, talk wildly, thunder, wander; CONCEPTS 51,54

**rave** [v2] *be very enthusiastic* be delighted, be excited, be mad about, be wild about, bubble\*, carry on about\*, cry up\*, effervesce, enthuse, fall all over\*, go on about\*, gush, make a to-do\*, praise, rhapsodize; CONCEPTS 49,410 —**Ant.** denounce, discourage

**ravel** [v] *come apart; unwind* disentangle, free, loosen, make plain, smooth out, unbraided, unravel, unsnarl, untangle, untwine, untwist, unweave, unwind, weave out; CONCEPTS 250, 469 —**Ant.** put together, twist

**ravenous** [adj] *very hungry; desirous* avaricious, could eat a horse\*, covetous, devouring, edacious, empty, famished, ferocious, gluttonous, grasping, greedy, insatiable, insatiate, omnivorous, predatory, rapacious, ravening, starved, starved to death\*, starving, voracious, wolfish; CONCEPT 406 —**Ant.** full, satisfied

**ravine** [n] *gap in earth's surface* abyss, arroyo, break, canyon, chasm, clove, coulee, crevasse, crevice, cut, defile, ditch, fissure, flume, gorge, gulch, gulf, gully, notch, pass, valley, wash; CONCEPTS 509,513 —**Ant.** plain

**ravish** [v1] *enchant* allure, attract, bewitch, captivate, charm, delight, draw, enrapture, enthrall, entrance, fascinate, hold, hypnotize, magnetize, mesmerize, overjoy, please, spell-bind, trance, transport; CONCEPT 11 —**Ant.** disenchant, repulse, turn off

**ravish** [v2] *sexually assault* abduct, abuse, force, rape, violate; CONCEPTS 192,375

**ravishing** [adj] *attractive* adorable, alluring, appealing, beautiful, bewitching, captivating, charming, dazzling, enchanting, enticing, glamorous, good-looking, gorgeous, handsome, inviting, lovely, luring, pleasing, pretty, radiant, seductive, stunning, tantalizing; CONCEPTS 529,579

**raw** [adj1] *not cooked, prepared* basic, bloody, callow, coarse, crude, fibrous, fresh, green, hard, immature, impure, native, natural, organic, rough, rough-hewn, rude, unbaked, uncooked, undercooked, underdone, undressed, unfashioned, unformed, unfried, ungraded, unpasteurized, unprepared, unprocessed, unrefined, unripe, unsorted, unstained, untreated; CONCEPT 462 —**Ant.** cooked, done, well-done

**raw** [adj2] *exposed, tender, referring to skin* abraded, au naturel, blistered, bruised, chafed,

cut, dressed, galled, grazed, naked, nude, open, pared, peeled, scraped, scratched, sensitive, skinned, sore, unclad, unclothed, uncovered, wounded; CONCEPTS 406,485 —*Ant.* healed, healthy

**raw** [adj3] *inexperienced* callow, fresh, green, ignorant, immature, inexperienced, new, unconversant, undisciplined, unpracticed, unseasoned, unskilled, untaught, untrained, untried, unversed, young; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* experienced, sophisticated

**raw** [adj4] *vulgar, nasty* coarse, crass, crude, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, inelegant, low, mean, obscene, pornographic, rank, rough, rude, smutty, uncouth, unrefined, unscrupulous; CONCEPTS 372,545 —*Ant.* clean, good, moral

**raw** [adj5] *harsh, unpleasant, referring to weather* biting, bitter, bleak, breezy, chill, chilly, cold, damp, freezing, piercing, wet, wind-swept, windy; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* clement, pleasant, warm

**ray** [n] *beam; indication* bar, blaze, blink, emanation, flash, flicker, gleam, glimmer, glint, glitter, hint, incandescence, irradiation, light, moonbeam, patch, pencil, radiance, radiation, scintilla, shaft, shine, spark, sparkle, streak, stream, sunbeam, trace, wave; CONCEPTS 624, 628

**raze** [v] *flatten, knock down; wipe out* batter, blow down, bomb, break down, bulldoze, capsize, cast down, crash, decimate, delete, demolish, destroy, dynamite, efface, erase, expunge, extinguish, extirpate, fell, level, mow down, obliterate, overthrow, overturn, pull down, reduce, remove, rub out\*, ruin, scatter, scratch out, smash, spill, strike out, subvert, tear down, tear up, throw down, topple, total, unbuild, undo, unmake, upset, wipe out, wrack, wreck, zap\*; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* build, construct

**reach** [n] *extent, range; stretch* ability, ambit, capacity, command, compass, distance, extension, gamut, grasp, horizon, influence, jurisdiction, ken, latitude, magnitude, mastery, orbit, play, power, purview, radius, scope, spread, sweep, swing; CONCEPTS 651,756 —*Ant.* limitation

**reach** [v1] *arrive at* arrive, attain, catch up to, check in, clock in\*, come, come to, enter, gain on\*, get as far as, get in, get to, hit, hit town\*, land, make, make it, make the scene\*, overtake, ring in\*, roll in, show, show up, sign in, turn up, wind up at; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* depart, go, leave

**reach** [v2] *stretch to; touch* approach, attain, buck, carry to, come at, come up to, contact, continue to, encompass, end, equal, extend to, feel for, get a hold of, get hold of, get to, go, go as far as, go on, go to, grasp, hand, hold out, join, lead, lunge, make, make contact with, overtake, pass, pass along, put out, roll on, seize, shake hands, shoot, span, spread, stand, strain, strike; CONCEPTS 108,612,756

**reach** [v3] *attain; rise* accomplish, achieve, amount to, arrive at, climb to, come to, drop, fall, gain, move, rack up\*, realize, score, sink, win; CONCEPTS 706,763,780 —*Ant.* fail, lose

**reach** [v4] *communicate with* affect, approach, contact, get, get in touch, get through, get to,

influence, keep in contact, keep in touch, maintain, move, sway, touch; CONCEPTS 7,19, 22,266 —*Ant.* miss

**react** [v] *respond; conduct oneself* acknowledge, act, answer, answer back, backfire, be affected, behave, boomerang\*, bounce back\*, counter, echo, feel, function, get back at, give a snappy comeback\*, give back, have a funny feeling\*, have vibes\*, operate, perform, proceed, rebound, reciprocate, recoil, recur, reply, return, revert, take, talk back, turn back, work; CONCEPTS 45,633

**reaction** [n1] *response* acknowledgment, answer, attitude, backfire, backlash, back talk\*, boomerang\*, comeback, compensation, counteraction, counterbalance, counterpoise, double-take\*, echo, feedback, feeling, hit, kick, kickback, knee-jerk\*, lip\*, opinion, reagency, rebound, reception, receptivity, reciprocation, recoil, reflection, reflex, rejoinder, repercussion, reply, retort, return, reverberation, revulsion, sass\*, snappy comeback\*, take\*, vibes\*, wise-crack; CONCEPTS 45,633 —*Ant.* cause, question

**reaction** [n2] *political conservatism* backlash, backsliding, counterrevolution, obscurantism, regression, relapse, retreat, retrenchment, retrogression, right, right wing, status quo, Toryism, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 300,689

**reactionary** [adj] *conservative* counterrevolutionary, die-hard\*, obscurantist, old-line\*, orthodox, regressive, retrogressive, right, rightist\*, rigid, standpat\*, tory\*, traditional, traditionalistic; CONCEPTS 529,542 —*Ant.* liberal, progressive, radical

**reactionary** [n] *person who is politically conservative* bitter-ender\*, counterrevolutionary, diehard\*, hard hat\*, intransigent, obscurantist, reactionist, rightist\*, right-winger, royalist, standpatter\*, Tory\*, traditionalist, ultraconservative; CONCEPT 359 —*Ant.* liberal, progressive, radical

**read** [v1] *look at and understand written word* apprehend, bury oneself in\*, comprehend, construe, decipher, dip into\*, discover, flip through\*, gather, glance, go over, go through, interpret, know, leaf through\*, learn, make out\*, perceive, peruse, pore over\*, refer to, scan, scratch the surface\*, see, skim, study, translate, unravel, view; CONCEPT 72 —*Ant.* write

**read** [v2] *express, state* affirm, announce, assert, declaim, delisair, display, explain, expound, hold, indicate, mark, paraphrase, pronounce, recite, record, register, render, restate, say, show, speak, utter; CONCEPT 266

**readable** [adj1] *understandable, legible* clear, coherent, comprehensible, decipherable, distinct, explicit, flowing, fluent, graphic, intelligible, lucid, orderly, plain, precise, regular, simple, smooth, straightforward, tidy, unequivocal, unmistakable; CONCEPTS 272,529 —*Ant.* illegible, unintelligible, unreadable

**readable** [adj2] *pleasurable to peruse* absorbing, amusing, appealing, brilliant, clever, easy, eloquent, engaging, engrossing, enjoyable, entertaining, enthralling, exciting, fascinating, gratifying, gripping, ingenious, interesting, inviting, pleasant, pleasing, relaxing, rewarding, satisfying, smooth, stimulating, well-written, worthwhile; CONCEPT 272 —*Ant.* disgusting

**readily** [*adv*] *quickly; effortlessly* at once, at the drop of a hat\*, cheerfully, eagerly, easily, facetiously, freely, gladly, hands down\*, immediately, in a jiffy\*, in no time\*, lightly, no sweat\*, nothing to it\*, piece of cake\*, promptly, quick as a wink\*, right away, slick as whistle\*, smoothly, speedily, straight away, swimmingly, unhesitatingly, well, willingly, without delay, without demur, without difficulty, without hesitation; CONCEPTS 544,820 —*Ant.* unwillingly

**readiness** [*n*] *skill; eagerness* address,adroitness, alacrity, aptness, deftness, dexterity, dispatch, ease, eloquence, expedience, expedition, facility, fitness, fluency, good will, handiness, inclination, keenness, maturity, preparation, preparedness, promptitude, promptness, prowess, quickness, rapidity, ripeness, sleight, volubility, willingness; CONCEPTS 630,633,678 —*Ant.* discouragement, unpreparedness

**reading** [*n*] *interpretation of written word* account, book-learning, commentary, conception, construction, edification, education, erudition, examination, grasp, impression, inspection, knowledge, learning, lesson, paraphrase, perusal, rendering, rendition, review, scholarship, scrutiny, study, translation, treatment, understanding, version; CONCEPTS 72,271,274 —*Ant.* writing

**ready** [*adj1*] *prepared; available* accessible, adjusted, all set, all systems go\*, anticipating, apt, arranged, at beck and call\*, at fingertips\*, at hand, at the ready, champing at bit\*, close to hand, completed, convenient, covered, equal to, equipped, expectant, fit, fixed for, handy, in line, in order, in place, in position, in readiness, in the saddle\*, near, on call, on hand, on tap\*, on the brink\*, open to, organized, primed, qualified, ripe, set, waiting, wired\*; CONCEPTS 560,576,799 —*Ant.* immature, slow, unavailable, unprepared, unready, unripe, unsuitable

**ready** [*adj2*] *willing, inclined* agreeable, apt, ardent, disposed, eager, enthusiastic, fain, game, game for, glad, happy, keen, minded, predisposed, prompt, prone, psyched up\*, wired\*, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* disinclined, unprepared, unwilling

**ready** [*adj3*] *skillful, intelligent* active, acute, adept, adroit, alert, apt, astute, bright, brilliant, clever, deft, dexterous, dynamic, expert, handy, keen, live, masterly, perceptive, proficient, prompt, quick, quick-witted, rapid, resourceful, sharp, skilled, smart; CONCEPTS 402,527 —*Ant.* immature, slow, uneducated, unprepared, unskilled, untrained

**ready** [*v*] *prepare* arrange, brace, brief, clear the decks\*, equip, fill in, fit, fit out, fix, fortify, gear up\*, get, get ready, get set, gird, keep posted\*, let in on\*, make, make ready, make up, order, organize, pave the way\*, post, prep, provide, psych up\*, put on to\*, set, strengthen, warm up, wise up\*; CONCEPTS 35,60,202 —*Ant.* hold back, retard, slow

**real** [*adj*] *genuine in existence* absolute, actual, authentic, bodily, bona fide, certain, concrete, corporal, corporeal, de facto, embodied, essential, evident, existent, existing, factual, firm, heartfelt, honest, incarnate, indubitable, in the flesh\*, intrinsic, irrefutable, legitimate, live, material, original, palpable, perceptible,

physical, positive, present, right, rightful, sensible, sincere, solid, sound, stable, substantial, substantive, tangible, true, unaffected, undeniable, undoubted, unfeigned, valid, veritable; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* dishonest, fake, false, feigned, imaginary, invalid, untrue

**realistic** [*adj1*] *sensible, matter-of-fact* astute, businesslike, commonsense, down-to-earth, earthy, hard, hard-boiled\*, levelheaded, practical, pragmatic, pragmatical, prudent, rational, real, reasonable, sane, sensible, shrewd, sober, sound, unfantastic, unidealistic, unromantic, unsentimental, utilitarian; CONCEPTS 403,542, 548 —*Ant.* impractical, irrational, unrealistic

**realistic** [*adj2*] *genuine* authentic, faithful, graphic, lifelike, natural, original, representational, representative, true, true to life, truthful; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* fanciful, insincere

**reality** [*n*] *facts of existence* absoluteness, actuality, authenticity, being, bottom line\*, brass tacks\*, certainty, concreteness, corporeality, deed, entity, existence, genuineness, how things are\*, like it is\*, materiality, matter, name of the game\*, nuts and bolts\*, object, palpability, perceptibility, phenomenon, presence, realism, realness, real world\*, sensibility, solidity, substance, substantiality, substantive, tangibility, truth, validity, verisimilitude, verity, way of it\*, what's what\*; CONCEPTS 689,725 —*Ant.* belief, fantasy, hypothesis, imagination, theory

**realize** [*v1*] *appreciate, become aware of* apprehend, be cognizant of, become conscious of, catch, catch on\*, comprehend, conceive, discern, envisage, envision, fancy\*, feature\*, get, get it\*, get the idea\*, get the picture\*, get through one's head\*, grasp, image, imagine, know, pick up\*, recognize, see daylight\*, take in\*, think, understand, vision, visualize; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**realize** [*v2*] *accomplish* actualize, bring about, bring off\*, bring to fruition, carry out, carry through, complete, consummate, corporealize, do, effect, effectuate, fulfill, make concrete, make good\*, make happen, materialize, perfect, perform, reify; CONCEPT 91 —*Ant.* fail

**realize** [*v3*] *gain, earn* accomplish, achieve, acquire, attain, bring in, clear, get, go for\*, make, make a profit, net, obtain, produce, rack up\*, reach, receive, score\*, sell for, take in, win; CONCEPTS 120,124,330 —*Ant.* lose

**really** [*adv*] *without a doubt* absolutely, actually, admittedly, as a matter of fact, assuredly, authentically, beyond doubt, categorically, certainly, de facto, easily, for real\*, genuinely, honestly, in actuality, indeed, indubitably, in effect, in fact, in point of fact, in reality, legitimately, literally, no ifs ands or butts\*, nothing else but, of course, positively, precisely, surely, truly, undoubtedly, unmistakably, unquestionably, verily, well; CONCEPTS 535, 582 —*Ant.* doubtfully

**realm** [*n*] *area of responsibility or rule* branch, compass, country, department, dimension, domain, dominion, empire, expanse, extent, field, ground, kingdom, land, monarchy, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, orbit, place, principality, province, purview, radius, range, reach, region, scope, sphere, state, stomping

grounds\*, sweep, territory, turf\*, world, zone; CONCEPTS 349,362,512,651

**reap** [v] *collect, harvest* acquire, bring in, come to have, crop, cull, cut, derive, draw, gain, garner, gather, get, get as a result, glean, ingather, mow, obtain, pick, pick up, pluck, procure, produce, profit, realize, receive, recover, retrieve, secure, strip, take in, win; CONCEPTS 109,120,124,257 —*Ant.* plant, sow

**rear** [adj] *back, end* aft, after, astern, backward, behind, dorsal, following, hind, hinder, hindmost, hindmost, last, mizzen, posterior, postern, rearmost, rearward, retral, reverse, stern, tail; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* beginning, front

**rear** [n] *back or end part* afterpart, back, back door\*, back end, back seat\*, backside, behind, bottom, butt, buttocks, end, heel, hind, hind part, hindquarters, posterior, postern, rear end, rear guard, rearward, reverse, rump, seat, stern, tail, tail end, tailpiece, tush\*; CONCEPTS 825, 827 —*Ant.* beginning, front

**rear** [v1] *raise young breed*, bring up, care for, cultivate, educate, foster, grow, nurse, nurture, propagate, train; CONCEPT 295 —*Ant.* abandon, neglect

**rear** [v2] *lift, rise* bring up, elevate, hoist, hold up, jump, leap, loom, pick up, raise, set upright, soar, spring up, support, take up, tower, turn up, uphold, uplift, upraise; CONCEPTS 194,196,741 —*Ant.* drop, fall

**rear** [v3] *build* construct, erect, fabricate, put up, raise, set up, uprear; CONCEPT 168 —*Ant.* destroy

**reason** [n1] *mental analysis* acumen, apprehension, argumentation, bounds, brain\*, brains\*, comprehension, deduction, dialectics, discernment, generalization, induction, inference, intellect, intellection, judgment, limits, logic, lucidity, marbles\*, mentality, mind, moderation, propriety, ratiocination, rationalism, rationality, rationalization, reasonableness, reasoning, saneness, sanity, sense, senses\*, sensibleness, sound mind, soundness, speculation, understanding, wisdom, wit; CONCEPTS 37,409

**reason** [n2] *intention, aim* antecedent, argument, basis, cause, consideration, design, determinant, end, goal, grounds, idea, impetus, incentive, inducement, motivation, motive, object, occasion, proof, purpose, rationale, root, spring, target, ulterior motive, warrant, wherefore\*, why, why and wherefore\*, whyfor\*; CONCEPT 659

**reason** [n3] *explanation for an action* account, apologia, apology, argument, case, cover, defense, excuse, exposition, ground, idea, justification, notion, proof, rationale, rationalization, song and dance\*, sour grapes\*, the whole idea\*, vindication, whatfor\*, wherefore\*, why\*, why and wherefore\*, whyfor\*; CONCEPT 661

**reason** [v1] *mentally analyze* adduce, cerebration, cogitate, conclude, contemplate, decide, deduce, deduct, deliberate, draw conclusion, draw from, examine, figure out, gather, generalize, infer, make out, philosophize, ratiocinate, rationalize, reflect, resolve, solve, speculate, study, suppose, syllogize, think, think through, thresh out, work out; CONCEPT 37

**reason** [v2] *argue, persuade* bring around, contend, debate, demonstrate, discourse, discuss, dispute, dissuade, establish, expostulate, justify,

move, point out, prevail upon, prove, remonstrate, show error of ways\*, talk into, talk out of, urge, win over; CONCEPTS 46,56,68 —*Ant.* agree, go along

**reasonable** [adj1] *moderate, tolerable* acceptable, analytical, average, cheap, circumspect, conservative, controlled, discreet, equitable, fair, feasible, fit, honest, humane, impartial, inexpensive, judicious, just, justifiable, knowing, legit, legitimate, low-cost, low-priced, making sense, modest, objective, okay, plausible, politic, proper, prudent, rational, reflective, restrained, right, sane, sapient, sensible, sound, standing to reason\*, temperate, understandable, unexcessive, unextreme, valid, within reason; CONCEPTS 547,558 —*Ant.* expensive, intolerable, outrageous, unreasonable

**reasonable** [adj2] *intelligent, practical* advisable, all there\*, arguable, believable, cerebral, clear-cut, cognitive, commonsensical, conscious, consequent, consistent, cool\*, credible, in one's right mind\*, judicious, justifiable, levelheaded, logical, perceiving, perceptive, plausible, ratiocinative, rational, reasoned, reasoning, reflective, sane, sensible, sober, sound, tenable, thoughtful, thought-out, together\*, tolerant, unbiased, unprejudiced, well-advised, wise; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* implausible, impractical, nonsensical, stupid, unreasonable

**reasoning** [n] *logic, interpretation* acumen, analysis, apriority, argument, case, cogitation, concluding, corollary, deduction, dialectics, exposition, generalization, hypothesis, illusion, induction, inference, interpretation, logistics, premise, proof, proposition, ratiocination, rationale, rationalizing, reason, syllogism, syllogization, thinking, thought, train of thought; CONCEPTS 37,529 —*Ant.* irrationality, nonsense

**reassure** [v] *restore confidence* to assure, bolster, brace, buoy, cheer, comfort, console, convince, encourage, give a lift\*, give confidence, guarantee, hearten, inspire, inspirit, perk up, pick up\*, put one's mind to rest\*, relieve, snap one out of it\*; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* discourage, dishearten, unnerve

**rebate** [n] *refund given to purchaser* abatement, allowance, bonus, deduction, discount, kickback, payback, reduction, reimbursement, remission, repayment, subtraction; CONCEPT 344

**rebel** [adj] *not obeying* insubordinate, insurgent, insurrectionary, mutinous, rebellious, revolutionary; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* compliant, compliant, obedient

**rebel** [n] *person who does not obey* agitator, anarchist, antagonist, apostate, demagogue, deserter, disectarian, dissenter, experientialist, experimenter, frondeur, guerrilla, heretic, iconoclast, independent, individualist, innovator, insurgent, insurrectionary, malcontent, mutineer, nihilist, nonconformist, opponent, overthrower, recreant, renegade, resistance, revolter, revolutionary, revolutionist, rioter, schismatic, secessionist, seditionist, separatist, subverter, traitor, turncoat; CONCEPTS 359,412,423

**rebel** [v] *refuse to obey* be insubordinate, boycott, break with\*, censure, combat, come out against\*, criticize, defy, denounce, disobey, dissent, drop out\*, fight, get out of line\*, insurrect, make waves\*, mutiny, oppose,

opt out\*, overthrow, overturn, remonstrate, renounce, resist, revolt, riot, rise up\*, rock the boat\*, run amok\*, secede, strike, take up arms, turn against, upset; CONCEPTS 106,633 —**Ant.** agree, comply, obey

**rebellion** [*n*] *disobedience; revolt* apostasy, defiance, disobedience, dissent, heresy, insubordination, insurgence, insurgency, insurrection, nonconformity, revolution, rising, schism, uprising; CONCEPTS 106,300,320,633 —**Ant.** calm, harmony, peace

**rebellious** [*adj*] *disobedient, unmanageable* alienated, anarchistic, attacking, bellicose, contumacious, defiant, difficult, disaffected, disloyal, disobedient, disorderly, dissident, factious, fractious, iconoclastic, incorrigible, individualistic, insurgent, insurrectionary, intractable, mutinous, obstinate, pugnacious, quarrelsome, radical, rebel, recalcitrant, refractory, resistant, restless, revolutionary, rioting, riotous, sabotaging, seditious, threatening, treasonable, turbulent, ungovernable, unruly, warring; CONCEPTS 401,529,542 —**Ant.**

**compliant, governable, manageable, obedient**  
**rebound** [*v*] *bounce back; ricochet* backfire, boomerang, convalesce, get back on one's feet\*, get better, get in shape, get well, heal, kick back, make a comeback\*, mend, overcome, pick up, pull through, rally, recoil, recuperate, regain one's health, rejuvenate, return, return to form, revive, snap back\*, spring back, start anew; CONCEPTS 150,194,195,303,700

**rebuff** [*n*] *turning away; ignoring* brushoff\*, check, cold shoulder\*, cut, defeat, denial, discouragement, go-by\*, hard time\*, insult, kick in the teeth\*, nix\*, nothing doing\*, opposition, rebuke, refusal, rejection, reprimand, repulse, slight, snub, thumbs down\*, turndown; CONCEPTS 30,278 —**Ant.** inclusion, welcome

**rebuff** [*v*] *turn away; give the cold shoulder\** beat off, brush off, check, chide, cross, cut, decline, deny, disallow, discourage, dismiss, disregard, fend off, hold off, ignore, keep at a distance\*, keep at arm's length\*, keep at bay, lash out at, neglect, not hear of, oppose, pass up, push back, put in one's place\*, put off, rebuke, refuse, reject, repel, reprove, repudiate, repulse, resist, send away, slight, snub, spurn, stave off, tell off\*, turn down, ward off; CONCEPTS 30,54 —**Ant.** hug, include, take in, welcome

**rebuke** [*n*] *reprimand; harsh criticism* admonishment, admonition, affliction, bawling-out\*, berating, blame, castigation, censure, chewing-out\*, chiding, comeuppance, condemnation, correction, disapproval, dressing-down\*, earful\*, expostulation, going-over\*, hard time\*, kick in the teeth\*, lecture, lesson, objurgation, ostracism, punishment, put-down, rap\*, rating, rebuff, refusal, remonstrance, reprehension, reproach, reproof, reproval, repulse, row, scolding, slap in the face\*, snub, talking-to\*, telling-off\*, tongue-lashing\*, upbraiding; CONCEPTS 44,52,278 —**Ant.** compliment, flattery, praise

**rebuke** [*v*] *reprimand; criticize harshly* admonish, bawl out\*, berate, blame, call on the carpet\*, carp on, castigate, censure, chew out\*, chide, climb all over\*, dress down\*, fry\*, go after\*, jawbone\*, jump down one's throat\*, jump on\*, lay into\*, lean on\*, lecture, lesson,

monish, oppose, pay, rake, read\*, reprehend, reprimand, reproach, reprove, rip\*, scold, sit on\*, sound off\*, take to task\*, tear apart\*, tell off\*, tick off\*, upbraid, zap\*; CONCEPTS 44,52 —**Ant.** compliment, flatter, praise

**rebut** [*v*] *argue against; prove wrong* break, come back at, confound, confute, controvert, cross, defeat, deny, disconfirm, disprove, evert, fend off, get back at, hold off, invalidate, keep off, negate, negative, overturn, prove false, quash, refute, repel, repulse, stave off, take on, top, ward off; CONCEPTS 46,54 —**Ant.** agree, approve, back down, concede

**rebuttal** [*n*] *counterstatement* answer, confutation, counteraccusation, counterargument, countercharge, counterclaim, defense, rejoinder, reply; CONCEPTS 274,278

**recalcitrant** [*adj*] *disobedient, uncontrollable* contrary, contumacious, defiant, fractious, indomitable, insubmissive, insubordinate, intractable, obstinate, opposing, radical, rebellious, refractory, resistant, resisting, stubborn, undisciplinable, undisciplined, ungovernable, unmanageable, unruly, untoward, unwilling, wayward, wild, willful, withstanding; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** amenable, obedient, passive

**recall** [*n*1] *remembrance* anamnesis, memory, recollection, reminiscence; CONCEPT 529 —**Ant.** forgetfulness

**recall** [*n*2] *request for return* annulment, cancellation, nullification, rescision, repeal, rescindment, rescission, retraction, revocation, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 662,685 —**Ant.** restoration

**recall** [*v*1] *remember* arouse, awaken, bethink, bring to mind, call to mind, call up, cite, come to one, educate, elicit, evoke, extract, flash, flash on\*, look back, mind, nail it down\*, recollect, reestablish, reinstate, reintroduce, remind, reminisce, renew, retain, retrospect, revive, ring a bell\*, rouse, stir, strike a note\*, summon, think back\*, think of, waken; CONCEPT 40 —**Ant.** forget

**recall** [*v*2] *ask for return of offending thing* abjure, annul, call back, call in, cancel, countermand, discharge, dismantle, dismiss, disqualify, forswear, lift, nullify, palinode, recant, repeal, rescind, retract, reverse, revoke, suspend, take back, unsay, withdraw; CONCEPTS 50,88,131,143 —**Ant.** restore

**recant** [*v*] *take back something said* abjure, abnegate, abrogate, annul, apostatize, back down, back off, back out, backtrack\*, call back, cancel, contradict, countermand, deny, dial back\*, disavow, disclaim, disown, eat one's words\*, forswear, go back on one's word\*, nullify, recall, renege, renounce, repeal, repudiate, rescind, retract, revoke, take back, unsay, void, weasel out\*, welsh\*, withdraw, worm out of\*; CONCEPTS 25,266 —**Ant.** confirm, emphasize, recapitulate

**recapitulate** [*v*] *go over something again* epitomize, go over same ground\*, go the same round\*, outline, paraphrase, recap\*, recount, rehash, reiterate, repeat, rephrase, replay, restate, review, reword, run over\*, run through again\*, summarize, sum up; CONCEPT 266 —**Ant.** take back

**recede** [v] *withdraw; diminish* abate, back, close, decline, decrease, depart, die off, diminish, drain away, draw back, drop, dwindle, ebb, fade, fall back, flow back, go away, go back, lessen, reduce, regress, retire, retract, retreat, retrocede, retrograde, retrogress, return, shrink, sink, subside, taper, wane; CONCEPTS 195,698,776 —**Ant.** advance, forge, forward, increase

**receipt** [n1] *acknowledgment of delivery* cancellation, certificate, chit, counterfoil, declaration, discharge, letter, notice, proof of purchase, quittance, release, sales slip, slip, stub, voucher; CONCEPTS 271,332

**receipt** [n2] *delivery of goods* acceptance, accession, acquiring, acquisition, admission, admitting, arrival, getting, intaking, receiving, reception, recipience, taking; CONCEPT 124

**receipts** [n] *money earned in business venture* bottom line\*, cash flow, comings in\*, earnings, gain, gate, get\*, gross, handle\*, income, net, proceeds, profit, return, revenue, revenue stream, royalty, take\*, take-in\*, taking\*; CONCEPT 344 —**Ant.** loss, losses

**receive** [v1] *accept delivery of something* accept, acquire, admit, apprehend, appropriate, arrogate, assume, be given, be informed, be in receipt of, be told, catch, collect, come by, come into, cop\*, corral\*, derive, draw, earn, gain, gather, get, get from, get hands on\*, get hold of\*, grab, hear, hold, inherit, latch on to\*, make, obtain, perceive, pick up, pocket\*, procure, pull, pull down\*, reap, redeem, secure, seize, snag\*, take, take in, take possession, win; CONCEPT 124 —**Ant.** deliver, donate, give, offer

**receive** [v2] *endure, sustain* bear, be subjected to, encounter, experience, go through, meet with, suffer, undergo; CONCEPT 23

**receive** [v3] *take in guest or member* accept, accommodate, admit, allow entrance, bring in, entertain, greet, host, induct, initiate, install, introduce, invite, let in, let through, make comfortable, make welcome, meet, permit, roll out red carpet\*, shake hands\*, show in, take in, usher in, welcome; CONCEPTS 50,83,88,140 —**Ant.** turn away

**recent** [adj] *current* contempo\*, contemporary, fresh, hot off the fire\*, hot off the press\*, just out\*, late, latter, latter-day, modern, modernistic, neoteric, new, newborn, newfangled, novel, present-day, the latest\*, today, up-to-date, young; CONCEPTS 578,797,820 —**Ant.** earlier, future, old, past

**recently** [adv] *currently* afresh, anew, freshly, in recent past, in recent times, just a while ago, just now, lately, latterly, new, newly, not long ago, of late, short while ago, the other day; CONCEPT 820 —**Ant.** before, later

**receptacle** [n] *container for disposal, storage* bowl, box, holder, hopper, repository, vessel, wastebasket; CONCEPT 494

**reception** [n1] *acceptance; acknowledgment* accession, acquisition, admission, disposition, encounter, gathering, greeting, induction, introduction, meeting, reaction, receipt, receiving, recipience, recognition, response, salutation, treatment, welcome; CONCEPTS 83,124,384 —**Ant.** disacknowledgment

**reception** [n2] *celebratory party* buffet, dinner, do\*, entertainment, function, gathering, levee,

matinee, soiree, supper, tea; CONCEPT 383

**receptive** [adj] *open to new ideas* acceptant, acceptable, accessible, alert, amenable, approachable, bright, favorable, friendly, hospitable, influenceable, interested, observant, open, open-minded, open to suggestions, perceptive, persuadable, pushover\*, quick on the uptake\*, ready, recipient, responsive, sensitive, suggestible, susceptible, swayable, sympathetic, welcoming, well-disposed; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** unfriendly, unreceptive

**recess** [n1] *niche, corner* alcove, ambush, angle, apse, bay, break, carrel, cavity, cell, closet, cove, cranny, crutch, crypt, cubicle, dent, depression, depths, embrasure, fork, heart, hiding place, hole, hollow, indentation, mouth, nook, opening, oriel, penetralia, reaches, retreat, secret place, slot, socket; CONCEPTS 440,513

**recess** [n2] *break, interval in action* break-off, breather\*, breathing spell\*, cessation, closure, coffee break\*, cutoff, downtime\*, halt, happy hour\*, hiatus, holiday, interlude, intermission, interregnum, layoff, letup, lull, pause, respite, rest, stop, suspension, ten\*, time-out, vacation; CONCEPT 807 —**Ant.** continuation

**recess** [v] *stop action* adjourn, break off\*, break up\*, call time\*, dissolve, drop, drop it, pigeon-hole\*, prorogate, prorogue, put on hold, rise, shake, sideline\*, take a break, take a breather\*, take five\*, take ten\*, terminate; CONCEPTS 119,121 —**Ant.** continue

**recession** [n] *reversal of action; reduction of business activity* bad times\*, bankruptcy, big trouble\*, bottom-out\*, bust, collapse, decline, deflation, depression, downturn, hard times\*, inflation, rainy days\*, shakeout\*, slide, slump, stagnation, unemployment; CONCEPT 335 —**Ant.** advance, inflation

**recharge** [v] *revitalize* bounce back\*, breathe new life into\*, bring back to life\*, come to life, energize, invigorate, reenergize, refresh, regenerate, rejuvenate, renew, restore, resuscitate, revive; CONCEPTS 13,221,469,697

**recipe** [n] *directions, formula* compound, ingredients, instructions, method, modus operandi, prescription, procedure, process, program, receipt, technique; CONCEPT 274 —**Ant.** ingredient

**reciprocal** [adj] *exchanged, alternate* changeable, companion, complementary, convertible, coordinate, correlative, corresponding, dependent, double, duplicate, equivalent, exchangeable, fellow, give-and-take\*, interchangeable, interdependent, matching, mutual, reciprocal, reciprocatory, twin; CONCEPTS 566,577 —**Ant.** independent, singular

**reciprocate** [v] *exchange, alternate; equal* barter, be equivalent, correspond, feel in return, interchange, make up for\*, match, pay one's dues\*, recompense, render, repay, reply, requite, respond, retaliate, retort, return, return the compliment\*, scratch one's back\*, serve out, share, square, swap, swing, tit for tat\*, trade, vacillate; CONCEPTS 45,104,384 —**Ant.** deny, refuse

**recital** [n] *narrative, rendering* account, concert, description, detailing, enumeration, fable, musical, musicale, narration, performance, portrayal, presentation, reading, recapitulation,

recitation, recountal, recounting, rehearsal, relation, repetition, report, statement, story, tale, telling; CONCEPTS 263,264

**recitation** [*n*] *reading to audience* address, appeal, declaiming, delivery, discourse, discoursing, discussion, exercise, holding forth, lecture, monologue, narrating, narration, oration, passage, performance, piece, playing, proclamation, recital, recounting, rehearsal, rendering, report, selection, soliloquizing, speaking, talk, telling; CONCEPTS 72,263,266

**recite** [*v*] *read out loud; narrate* account for, address, answer, chant, communicate, convey, declaim, delineate, deliver, describe, detail, discourse, dramatize, enact, enlarge, enumerate, expatiate, explain, give an account, give a report, give verbal account, hold forth, impart, interpret, itemize, mention, parrot\*, perform, picture, portray, quote, recapitulate, recount, reel off\*, rehearse, relate, render, repeat, reply, report, retell, soliloquize, speak, state, tell, utter; CONCEPTS 55,57,72,266

**reckless** [*adj*] *irresponsible in thought, deed* adventuresome, adventurous, any which way\*, audacious, brash, breakneck, carefree, careless, daredevil, daring, desperate, devil-may-care\*, fast and loose\*, feckless, foolhardy, harebrained, hasty, headlong, heedless, helter-skelter, hopeless, hotheaded\*, ill-advised, imprudent, inattentive, incautious, inconsiderate, indiscreet, kooky\*, madcap, mindless, negligent, overventuresome, playing with fire\*, precipitate, rash, regardless, temerarious, thoughtless, uncaredful, venturesome, venturous, wild; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, responsible, wary

**reckon** [*v1*] *add up; evaluate* account, appraise, approximate, calculate, call, cast, cipher, compute, conjecture, consider, count, count heads\*, count noses\*, deem, enumerate, esteem, estimate, figure, figure out, foot, gauge, guess, hold, judge, keep tabs\*, look upon, number, place, put, rate, regard, run down, square, sum, surmise, take account of, tally, think of, tick off\*, tot, total, tote\*, tote up\*, tot up, view; CONCEPTS 37,764 —*Ant.* neglect, subtract

**reckon** [*v2*] *suppose, imagine* assume, bank on, bargain for, believe, be of the opinion, build on, conjecture, count on, depend on, expect, fancy, gather, guess, plan on, rely on, surmise, suspect, take, think, trust in, understand; CONCEPTS 12,26 —*Ant.* disbelieve

**reckoning** [*n*] *computation, account* adding, addition, arithmetic, bad news\*, bill, calculation, charge, check, ciphering, cost, count, counting, debt, due, estimate, estimation, fee, figuring, grunt\*, invoice, IOU\*, score, settlement, statement, summation, tab, working; CONCEPT 331

**recline** [*v*] *lie down* be recumbent, cant, heel, lay down, lean, lie, list, loll, lounge, repose, rest, slant, slope, sprawl, stretch, stretch out, tilt, tip; CONCEPTS 154,201 —*Ant.* sit up, straighten

**recluse** [*n*] *person who does not want social contact* anchorite, ascetic, cenobite, eremite, hermit, monk, nun, solitaire, solitary, troglodyte; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* extrovert

**recluse/reclusive** [*adj*] *hermitlike, unsociable* antisocial, ascetic, cloistered, eremitic, hermetic,

isolated, misanthropic, monastic, reserved, retiring, secluded, seclude, seclusive, sequestered, solitary, standoffish, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 404, 555 —*Ant.* extroverted, friendly, sociable

**recognition** [*n1*] *identification, acknowledgment* acceptance, acknowledging, admission, allowance, apperception, appreciation, apprehending, assimilation, avowal, awareness, cognizance, concession, confession, consciousness, detection, discovery, double take\*, high sign\*, identifying, memory, notice, noticing, perceiving, perception, realization, recall, recalling, recognizance, recollection, recurrence, remembering, remembrance, respect, salute, sensibility, tumble\*, understanding, verifying; CONCEPT 38 —*Ant.* forgetfulness, ignorance

**recognition** [*n2*] *appreciation given* acceptance, acknowledgment, approval, attention, credit, esteem, gratitude, greeting, honor, notice, pat on back\*, pat on head\*, plum\*, puff\*, puffing up\*, pumping up\*, rave, regard, renown, salute, strokes\*; CONCEPTS 10,337,689 —*Ant.* abuse, disclaimer, dishonor

**recognize** [*v1*] *identify* admit, be familiar, button down\*, descry, determine, diagnose, diagnosticate, distinguish, espy, finger\*, flash on\*, know, know again, make\*, make out, nail\*, note, notice, observe, peg\*, perceive, pinpoint, place, recall, recollect, remark, remember, ring a bell\*, see, sight, spot, tab, tag, verify; CONCEPT 38 —*Ant.* miss

**recognize** [*v2*] *acknowledge, understand; approve* accept, admit, agree, allow, appreciate, assent, avow, be aware of, comprehend, concede, confess, grant, greet, honor, make, own, perceive, realize, respect, salute, sanction, see; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* disapprove, misunderstand

**recoil** [*v*] *shrink away* backfire, blank, blanch, blench, blink, carom, cringe, demur, dodge, draw back, duck, falter, flinch, hesitate, jerk, kick, pull back, quail, quake, react, rebound, reel, resilie, shake, shirk, shrink, shudder, shy away, spring, start, step back, stick, stickle, swerve, tremble, turn away, waver, vince, withdraw; CONCEPTS 150,194,195 —*Ant.* face, meet

**recollect** [*v*] *remember* arouse, awaken, bethink, bring to mind, call to mind, cite, come to one, flash, flash on\*, look back on, mind, place, recall, recognize, remind, reminisce, retain, retrospect, revive, rouse, stir, summon, waken; CONCEPT 40 —*Ant.* forget

**recommend** [*v*] *advise, approve* acclaim, advance, advocate, applaud, back, be all for\*, be satisfied with, celebrate, commend, compliment, confirm, counsel, endorse, enjoin, esteem, eulogize, exalt, exhort, extol, favor, front for\*, glorify, go on record for\*, hold up, justify, laud, magnify, plug\*, praise, prescribe, prize, propose, put forward, put in a good word\*, put on to\*, sanction, second, speak highly of, speak well of, stand by, steer, suggest, think highly of, uphold, urge, value, vouch for; CONCEPTS 10,75 —*Ant.* disapprove, discourage, dissuade

**recommendation** [*n*] *advice, approval* advocacy, approbation, blessing, certificate, character reference, charge, commendation, counsel, direction, endorsement, esteem, eulogy, favorable mention, good word\*,

guidance, injunction, instruction, judgment, letter of support, order, pass, plug\*, praise, proposal, proposition, reference, sanction, steer\*, suggestion, support, testimonial, tip, tribute, two cents' worth\*, urging; CONCEPTS 274,278 —*Ant.* condemnation, disapproval, discouragement

**recompense** [*n*] *something returned, paid back* amends, atonement, bus fare\*, compensation, cue, damages, emolument, expiation, gravy\*, indemnification, indemnity, overcompensation, pay, payment, propitiation, quittance, recoupment, recovery, redemption, redress, remuneration, reparation, repayment, requital, restitution, retrieval, retrieval, return, reward, salvo, satisfaction, solatium, sweetener\*, tip, wages; CONCEPTS 340,344 —*Ant.* take

**recompense** [*v*] *pay back, make restitution* ante up\*, atone, atone for, balance, comp\*, compensate, cough up\*, counterbalance, counterpoise, countervail, do business\*, equalize, expiate, fix, give satisfaction, grease\*, indemnify, make amends, make good\*, make up for, offset, overcompensate, pay, pay for, propitiate, put out\*, reciprocate, recoup, recover, redress, reimburse, remunerate, repay, requite, retaliate, retrieve, return, reward, satisfy, spring for, square\*, sweeten the pot\*, swing for\*, take care of; CONCEPTS 126,341

**reconcile** [*v1*] *make peace; adjust* accommodate, accord, accustom, appease, arbitrate, arrange, assuage, attune, bring together, bring to terms, bury the hatchet\*, come together, compose, conciliate, conform, cool\*, coordinate, fit, fix up, get together on, harmonize, integrate, intercede, kiss and make up\*, make matters up, make up, mediate, mitigate, pacify, patch things up\*, patch up\*, placate, propitiate, proportion, reconcile, rectify, re-establish, regulate, resolve, restore harmony, reunite, settle, suit, tune, win over; CONCEPTS 384,697 —*Ant.* disagree, refuse

**reconcile** [*v2*] *resign oneself to something* accept, accommodate, get used to\*, make the best of\*, put up with\*, resign, submit, yield; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* divorce, estrange

**recondite** [*adj*] *mysterious, obscure* abstruse, academic, acroamatic, arcane, cabalistic, concealed, cryptic, dark, deep, difficult, esoteric, hard, heavy\*, hermetic, hidden, involved, little-known, mystic, mystical, occult, orphic, pedantic, profound, scholarly, secret; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* obvious, plain, simple, straightforward

**reconnaissance** [*n*] *inspection* exploration, investigation, maneuvers, probe, recon, reconnoiter, review, scan, scrutiny, search, surveillance, survey; CONCEPTS 103,290

**reconsider** [*v*] *think about again* amend, change one's mind, consider again, correct, emend, go over, have second thoughts\*, polish, rearrange, reassess, recheck, reevaluate, reexamine, rehash, replan, rethink, retrace, review, revise, reweigh, rework, run through, see in a new light\*, sleep on, take another look, think better of\*, think over, think twice\*, work over; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* ignore, refuse

**reconstruct** [*v*] *reorganize, build up* copy, deduce, doctor\*, do up\*, fix, fix up, make over,

modernize, overhaul, patch, piece together, reassemble, rebuild, recast, recondition, reconstitute, recreate, reestablish, refashion, reform, regenerate, rehabilitate, rejuvenate, remake, remodel, remold, renovate, reorient, repair, replace, reproduce, reshuffle, restore, retool, revamp, rework; CONCEPTS 84,168,171

—*Ant.* destroy, raze, ruin

**record** [*n1*] *account of event or proceedings* almanac, annals, archive, archives, chronicle, comic book\*, diary, directory, document, documentation, entry, evidence, file, history, inscription, jacket, journal, legend, log, manuscript, memo, memoir, memorandum, memorial, minutes, monument, note, paper trail\*, register, registry, remembrance, report, script, scroll, story, swindle sheet\*, testimony, trace, track record\*, transcript, transcription, witness, writing, written material; CONCEPTS 271,281

**record** [*n2*] *background, experience* accomplishment, administration, career, case history, conduct, curriculum vitae, history, past behavior, performance, reign, studies, track record\*, way of life\*, work; CONCEPT 678

**record** [*n3*] *achievement* ceiling, maximum; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* loss

**record** [*v1*] *write down; store information* book, can\*, catalog, chalk up\*, chronicle, copy, cut, cut a track\*, document, dub\*, enroll, enter, enumerate, file, indite, inscribe, insert, jot down, keep account, lay down, list, log, make a recording, mark, mark down, matriculate, note, post, preserve, put down, put in writing, put on file\*, put on paper\*, put on tape\*, register, report, set down, tabulate, take down, tape, tape-record, transcribe, video\*, videotape, wax\*, write in; CONCEPT 125

**record** [*v2*] *give evidence of* contain, designate, explain, indicate, mark, point out, point to, read, register, say, show; CONCEPT 261

**recount** [*v*] *tell a story* break a story\*, convey, delineate, depict, describe, detail, echo, enumerate, give an account of, itemize, narrate, picture, play back, portray, recap\*, recapitulate, recite, rehash, rehearse, relate, repeat, report, run by again\*, run down\*, run through\*, say again, state, tell, track, unload, verbalize; CONCEPTS 55,266 —*Ant.* conceal, repress

**recoup** [*v*] *recover, make up for* compensate, get back, get out from under\*, get well, make good, make redress for, make well, redeem, refund, regain, reimburse, remunerate, repay, repossess, requite, retrieve, satisfy, win back; CONCEPTS 124,126,342,700 —*Ant.* downslide, lose, worsen

**recourse** [*n*] *alternative aid, appeal, choice, expediency, expedient, help, makeshift, option, refuge, remedy, resort, resource, shift, stand-by, stopgap, substitute, support, way out*; CONCEPTS 693,712

**recover** [*v1*] *find again* balance, bring back, catch up, compensate, get back, make good, obtain again, offset, reacquire, recapture, reclaim, recoup, recruit, redeem, rediscover, regain, reoccupy, repair, replevin, replevy, repossess, rescue, restore, resume, retake, retrieve, salvage, take back, win back; CONCEPTS 120,183 —*Ant.* lose, mislay, miss



**recover** [v2] *improve in health* be out of woods\*, better, bounce back\*, come around, convalesce, feel oneself again\*, forge ahead, gain, get back on feet\*, get better, get in shape, get out from under\*, get over, get well, grow, heal, increase, make a comeback\*, mend, overcome, perk up\*, pick up, pull through, rally, rebound, recuperate, refresh, regain one's health, regain one's strength, rejuvenate, renew, restore, return to form, revive, snap back\*, sober up\*, start anew, take turn for better; CONCEPTS 303, 700 —*Ant.* decline, deteriorate, wane

**recreation** [n] *sports, games, special interests* amusement, avocation, ball\*, disport, dissipation, distraction, diversion, divertissement, ease, enjoyment, entertainment, exercise, festivity, field day\*, frolic, fun, fun and games\*, game, hilarity, hobby, holiday, jollity, laughs\*, leisure activity, mirth, pastime, picnic, play, playtime, pleasure, R and R\*, rec, refreshment, relaxation, relief, repose, rollick, sport, vacation; CONCEPTS 363,364 —*Ant.* labor, profession, work

**recruit** [n] *person beginning service* apprentice, beginner, convert, draftee, enlisted person, fledgling, GI\*, greenhorn\*, helper, initiate, learner, neophyte, newcomer, new person, novice, novitiate, plebe\*, proselyte, rookie, sailor, selectee, serviceperson, soldier, tenderfoot\*, trainee, volunteer; CONCEPTS 348,358

**recruit** [v] *gather resources* augment, better, build up, call to arms, call up, deliver, draft, engage, enlist, enroll, fill up, find human resources, gain, impress, improve, induct, levy, mobilize, muster, obtain, procure, proselytize, raise, reanimate, recoup, recover, recuperate, refresh, regain, reinforce, renew, repair, replenish, repossess, restore, retrieve, revive, round up, select, sign on, sign up, store up, strengthen, supply, take in, take on, win over; CONCEPTS 41,109,120,320

**rectify** [v] *correct a situation; make something right* adjust, amend, clean up, clean up act\*, debug, dial back\*, doctor, emend, fix, fix up, go over, improve, launder, make good\*, make up for\*, mend, pay one's dues\*, pick up, put right, recalibrate, redress, reform, remedy, repair, revise, right, scrub, shape up, square, straighten out, straighten up, turn things around\*; CONCEPT 126 —*Ant.* damage, ruin, worsen

**recumbent** [adj] *lying down* decumbent, flat, horizontal, level, procombent, prostrate, reclining, resupine, sprawling, supine; CONCEPT 583

**recuperate** [v] *improve in health* ameliorate, be on the mend\*, be out of the woods\*, bounce back\*, convalesce, gain, get back on one's feet\*, get better, get well, heal, look up, make a comeback\*, mend, perk up\*, pick up, pull out of it\*, pull through, rally, recover, regain health, snap out of it\*, turn the corner\*; CONCEPTS 303,700 —*Ant.* decline, deteriorate, fail, worsen

**recur** [v] *happen again; repeat in one's mind* be remembered, be repeated, come again, come and go, come back, crop up again\*, haunt thoughts\*, iterate, persist, reappear, recrudescence, reiterate, repeat, return, return to mind, revert, run through one's mind\*, turn back; CONCEPTS 3,242 —*Ant.* halt, stop

**recurrent** [adj] *repeating* alternate, chain, continued, cyclical, frequent, habitual, intermittent,

isochronal, isochronous, periodic, periodical, recurring, regular, reoccurring, repeated, repetitive, rolling; CONCEPTS 541,544 —*Ant.* halted, infrequent, permanent, prevented, stopped

**recycle** [v] *reuse* convert, reclaim, recover, reprocess, salvage, save; CONCEPT 134

**red** [n/adj] *color of blood; shade resembling such a color* bittersweet, bloodshot, blooming, blush, brick, burgundy, cardinal, carmine, cerise, cherry, chestnut, claret, copper, coral, crimson, dahlia, flaming, florid, flushed, fuchsia, garnet, geranium, glowing, healthy, inflamed, infrared, magenta, maroon, pink, puce, rose, roseate, rosy, rubicund, ruby, ruddy, rufescent, russet, rust, salmon, sanguine, scarlet, titian, vermilion, wine; CONCEPTS 618,622

**redden** [v] *blush, make rosy* bloody, color, crimson, dye, flush, glow, go red, incarnadine, mantle, paint, pink, pinken, rose, rouge, rubify, rubric, rubricate, ruby, ruddle, ruddy, rust, suffuse, tint, turn red; CONCEPTS 250,469 —*Ant.* lighten, pale

**redeem** [v1] *recover possession* buy back, buy off, call in, cash, cash in, change, cover, defray, discharge, exchange, get back, make good, pay off, purchase, ransom, recapture, reclaim, recoup, regain, reinstate, repay, replevin, replevy, repossess, repurchase, restore, retrieve, settle, take in, trade in, win back; CONCEPTS 104,131,327 —*Ant.* forfeit, lose

**redeem** [v2] *free; buy the freedom of* deliver, disenfranchise, disimprison, emancipate, extricate, liberate, loose, manumit, pay ransom, ransom, release, rescue, save, set free, unbind, unchain, unfetter; CONCEPTS 127,327 —*Ant.* abandon, forfeit

**redeem** [v3] *atone for; compensate* abide by, absolve, acquit, adhere to, balance, carry out, compensate, counterbalance, counterpoise, countervail, defray, discharge, fulfill, hold to, keep, keep the faith\*, make amends, make good, make up for, meet, offset, outweigh, perform, redress, rehabilitate, reinstate, restore, satisfy, save, set off; CONCEPTS 91,126 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore

**redeeming** [adj] *offsetting* compensating, compensatory, extenuating, extenuatory, qualifying, redemptive, saving; CONCEPT 537

**red herring** [n] *distraction* attention-grabber, bait, commotion, deviation, disturbance, diversion, gimmick, interruption, maneuver, ploy, smoke screen, wild-goose chase\*; CONCEPTS 293,410,532,690

**redneck** [n] *hick* backwoodsman/woman, boor, bumpkin, clodhopper, cornfed\*, country boy/girl, country cousin\*, countryman/woman, farmer, good old boy\*, hayseed\*, hillbilly, local yokel\*, rube, rural, rustic, yokel\*; CONCEPT 413

**redolent** [adj] *aromatic; suggestive* ambrosial, balmy, evocative, fragrant, odoriferous, perfumed, pungent, reminding, reminiscent, scented, sweet-smelling; CONCEPTS 267,529,598

**redress** [n] *help, compensation* aid, amendment, amends, assistance, atonement, balancing, change, conciliation, correction, cure, ease, indemnity, justice, offsetting, payment, quittance, recompense, rectification, reestablishment, reformation, rehabilitation, relief, remedy, remission, remodeling, renewal,

repair, reparation, reprisal, requital, restitution, retribution, return, revision, reward, reworking, satisfaction, vengeance; CONCEPTS 344,712

—*Ant.* hurt, injury

**redress** [*v*] *change, rectify* adjust, amend, annul, balance, cancel, compensate, correct, counteract, countercheck, dial back\*, ease, even out, frustrate, make amends, make reparation, make restitution, make up for, mend, negate, negative, neutralize, pay for, pay one's dues\*, put right\*, recalibrate, recompense, reform, regulate, relieve, remedy, repair, restore, revise, square, turn around, turn over new leaf\*, turn things around\*, vindicate; CONCEPTS 126,697 —*Ant.* worsen

**red tape** [*n*] *bureaucracy* authority, city hall\*, government, management, officialdom, officialism, powers that be\*, proper channels, regulatory commission, the Establishment\*, the system\*; CONCEPTS 325,770

**reduce** [*v1*] *make less; decrease* abate, abridge, bankrupt, bant, break, cheapen, chop, clip, contract, curtail, cut, cut back, cut down, debase, deflate, depreciate, depress, diet, dilute, diminish, discount, drain, dwindle, go on a diet\*, impair, impoverish, lessen, lose weight, lower, mark down, moderate, nutshell, pare, pauperize, rebate, recede, roll back, ruin, scale down, shave, shorten, slash, slim, slow down, step down, take off weight, taper, taper off, tone down, trim, truncate, turn down, weaken, wind down; CONCEPTS 137,236,240,247,698 —*Ant.* expand, extend, grow, increase, raise, upgrade

**reduce** [*v2*] *defeat* bear down, beat down, break, bring, conquer, cripple, crush, disable, drive, enfeeble, force, master, overcome, overpower, ruin, subdue, subjugate, undermine, vanquish, weaken; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* win

**reduce** [*v3*] *humble, humiliate* abase, break, bring low, bump\*, bust\*, declass, degrade, demerit, demote, disgrace, disrate, downgrade, lower, take down a peg\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,384 —*Ant.* invigorate, raise, strengthen

**redundant** [*adj*] *excessive; repetitious* bombastic, de trop\*, diffuse, extra, extravagant, inessential, inordinate, iterating, long-winded\*, loquacious, oratorical, padded\*, palaverous, periphrastic, pleonastic, prolix, reiterating, spare, supererogatory, superfluous, supernumerary, surplus, tautological, unnecessary, unwanted, verbose, wordy; CONCEPTS 553,781

—*Ant.* concise, essential, single, singular  
**reef** [*n*] *underwater or partially submerged ledge* atoll, bank, bar, beach, cay, coral reef, ridge, rock, rock barrier, sand bar, shoal, skerry; CONCEPT 509

**reek** [*n*] *strong odor* effluvium, fetor, mephitic, smell, stench, stink; CONCEPT 600

**reek** [*v*] *smell of; be characterized by* be permeated by, be redolent of, emit, fume, give off odor, have an odor, smell, smoke, steam, stench, stink; CONCEPT 600

**reel** [*v*] *wobble; spin around* bob, careen, falter, feel giddy, go around, lurch, pitch, revolve, rock, roll, shake, stagger, stumble, sway, swim, swing, swirl, teeter, titubate, totter, turn, twirl, waver, weave, wheel, whirl; CONCEPTS 151,153

**refer** [*v1*] *mention* accredit, adduce, advert, allude, ascribe, assign, associate, attribute,

bring up, charge, cite, credit, designate, direct attention, excerpt, exemplify, extract, give as example, glance, hint, impute, indicate, insert, instance, interpolate, introduce, invoke, lay, make allusion, make mention of, make reference, name, notice, point, point out, put down to, quote, speak about, speak of, specify, touch on; CONCEPT 73

**refer** [*v2*] *direct, guide* commit, consign, deliver, hand in, hand over, introduce, pass on, point, put in touch, recommend, relegate, send, submit, transfer, turn over; CONCEPTS 143,187 —*Ant.* hold back

**refer** [*v3*] *concern, apply* answer, appertain, be about, be a matter of, bear upon, be directed to, belong, be relevant, connect, correspond with, cover, deal with, encompass, have a bearing on, have reference, have relation, have to do with, hold, include, incorporate, involve, pertain, point, regard, relate, take in, touch; CONCEPT 532

**refer** [*v4*] *seek information* advise, apply, commune, confer, consult, go, have recourse, look up, recur, repair, resort, run, turn, turn to; CONCEPTS 72,216

**referee** [*n*] *person who mediates, judges* adjudicator, arbiter, arbitrator, conciliator, judge, ref\*, umpire; CONCEPTS 348,366

**referee** [*v*] *judge, mediate* adjudge, adjudicate, arbitrate, umpire; CONCEPT 18

**reference** [*n1*] *remark, citation* advertence, allusion, associating, attributing, bringing up, connecting, hint, implication, indicating, innuendo, insinuation, mention, mentioning, note, plug\*, pointing out, quotation, relating, resource, source, stating; CONCEPT 278

**reference** [*n2*] *testimonial of good character* certificate, certification, character, credentials, endorsement, good word, recommendation, tribute; CONCEPTS 69,274

**reference** [*n3*] *printed matter with information* archives, cyclopedia, dictionary, encyclopedia, evidence, source, thesaurus, writing; CONCEPTS 271,280

**refine** [*v1*] *purify* clarify, cleanse, distill, filter, process, rarefy, strain; CONCEPT 165 —*Ant.* corrupt, dirty, pollute

**refine** [*v2*] *perfect, polish* better, civilize, clarify, cultivate, elevate, explain, hone, improve, make clear, round, sleek, slick, smooth, temper; CONCEPT 244 —*Ant.* damage, ruin

**refined** [*adj1*] *cultured, civilized* aesthetic, civil, classy\*, courteous, courtly, cultivated, delicate, discerning, discriminating, elegant, enlightened, exact, fastidious, fine, finispun, genteel, gracious, high-brow\*, high-minded, nice, plush, polished, polite, posh, precise, punctilious, restrained, ritzy\*, sensitive, snazzy\*, sophisticated, spiffy\*, suave, sublime, subtle, swanky\*, tasteful, urbane, well-bred, well-mannered; CONCEPTS 401,555,589 —*Ant.* uncivilized, uncultured, unrefined, unsophisticated

**refined** [*adj2*] *cleaned of impurities* aerated, boiled down, clarified, clean, cleansed, distilled, drained, expurgated, filtered, processed, pure, purified, rarefied, strained, washed; CONCEPT 621 —*Ant.* corrupt, dirtied, polluted

**refinement** [*n1*] *cleansing* clarification, cleaning, depuration, detersion, distillation, draining,

filtering, processing, purification, rarefaction, rectification; CONCEPT 165 —*Ant.* corruption, dirtying, pollution

**refinement** [*n*2] *cultivation, civilization* affability, civility, courtesy, courtliness, delicacy, dignity, discrimination, elegance, enlightenment, erudition, fastidiousness, fineness, fine point\*, finesse, fine tuning\*, finish, gentility, gentleness, good breeding, good manners, grace, graciousness, knowledge, lore, nicety, nuance, polish, politeness, politesse, precision, sophistication, style, suavity, subtlety, tact, taste, urbanity; CONCEPTS 388,633,655 —*Ant.* bad manners, crudeness, rudeness

**reflect** [*v*1] *give back* cast, catch, copy, echo, emulate, flash, follow, give forth, imitate, match, mirror, rebound, repeat, repercuss, reply, reproduce, resonate, resound, return, reverberate, reverse, revert, shine, take after, throw back; CONCEPTS 65,171,624

**reflect** [*v*2] *think about* celebrate, chew\*, cogitate, consider, contemplate, deliberate, meditate, mull over, muse, ponder, reason, ruminate, speculate, stew\*, study, think, weigh, wonder; CONCEPTS 17,24 —*Ant.* disregard, ignore

**reflect** [*v*3] *demonstrate, indicate* bear out, bespeak, communicate, display, evince, exhibit, express, indicate, manifest, reveal, show; CONCEPT 261

**reflection** [*n*1] *thought, thinking* absorption, brainwork, cerebration, cogitation, consideration, contemplation, deliberation, idea, imagination, impression, meditation, musing, observation, opinion, pensiveness, pondering, rumination, speculation, study, view; CONCEPTS 17,24

**reflection** [*n*2] *mirror image* appearance, counterpart, duplicate, echo, idea, image, impression, light, likeness, picture, representation, reproduction, shadow; CONCEPT 628

**reflection** [*n*3] *criticism* animadversion, aspersion, blame, censure, derogation, discredit, disesteem, imputation, obloquy, reproach, slam, slur, stricture; CONCEPT 52 —*Ant.* praise

**reflective** [*adj*] *thoughtful* cogitating, contemplative, deliberate, meditative, pensive, pondering, reasoning, ruminative, speculative, studious; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* ignorant, unthoughtful

**reform** [*v*] *correct, rectify* ameliorate, amend, better, bring up to code\*, change one's ways\*, clean up, clean up one's act\*, convert, correct, cure, emend, go straight\*, improve, make amends, make over, mend, rearrange, rebuild, reclaim, reconstitute, reconstruct, redeem, refashion, regenerate, rehabilitate, remake, remedy, remodel, renew, renovate, reorganize, repair, resolve, restore, revise, revolutionize, rework, shape up, standardize, swear off, transform, turn over a new leaf\*, uplift; CONCEPTS 35,110,126,202 —*Ant.* hurt, impair, worsen

**reformatory** [*n*] *reform school* boot camp\*, cooler\*, correctional facility, correctional institution, jail, penal institution, penitentiary, prison, training school; CONCEPTS 439,449,516

**refrain** [*n*] *chorus of musical piece* burden, melody, music, song, strain, theme, tune, undersong; CONCEPTS 264,595

**refrain** [*v*] *do without; keep from doing* abstain,

arrest, avoid, be temperate, cease, check, curb, desist, eschew, forbear, forgo, give up, go on the wagon\*, halt, inhibit, interrupt, keep, leave off, not do, pass, pass up, quit, renounce, resist, restrain, sit out\*, stop, take the cure\*, take the pledge\*, withhold; CONCEPTS 121,681 —*Ant.* do, go ahead, jump in

**refresh** [*v*] *make like new; give new life* brace, breathe new life into, bring around, brush up, cheer, cool, enliven, exhilarate, freshen, in-spirit, jog, modernize, prod, prompt, quicken, reanimate, recreate, regain, reinvigorate, rejuvenate, renovate, repair, replenish, restore, resuscitate, revitalize, revive, revivify, stimulate, update, vivify; CONCEPTS 35,202,697 —*Ant.* damage, ruin

**refreshing** [*adj*] *new; rejuvenating* bracing, cooling, different, energizing, exhilarating, fresh, invigorating, novel, original, restorative, restoring, revitalizing, revivifying, stimulating, thirst-quenching, unique; CONCEPTS 564,578,797

**refreshment** [*n*] *small amount of food or drink* bite, pick-me-up\*, snack, spread, tidbit; CONCEPT 457

**refrigerate** [*v*] *chill, usually in storage* air-condition, air-cool, cool, freeze, ice, keep cold, make cold; CONCEPTS 202,255 —*Ant.* heat, warm

**refuge** [*n*] *place to hide, have privacy* ambush, anchorage, asylum, cover, covert, den, escape, exit, expedient, fortress, harbor, harborage, haven, hideaway, hideout, hiding place, hole, home, immunity, ivory tower\*, makeshift, opening, outlet, port, preserve, protection, recourse, resort, resource, retreat, safe place, sanctuary, security, shelter, shield, stopgap\*, stronghold, way out\*; CONCEPTS 198,515

**refugee** [*n*] *person running from something, often oppression* alien, boat person\*, castaway, defector, derelict, deserter, displaced person, DP\*, emigrant, émigré, escapee, evacuee, exile, expatriate, expellee, foreigner, foundling, fugitive, homeless person, leper, maroon, outcast, outlaw, prodigal, renegade, runaway, stateless person; CONCEPTS 359,413

**refund** [*n*] *returned money* acquittance, allowance, compensation, consolation, discharge, discount, give-back\*, give-up\*, kickback, money back, payment, rebate, reimbursement, remuneration, repayment, restitution, retribution, return, satisfaction, settlement; CONCEPTS 340,344

**refund** [*v*] *return money; rebate* adjust, balance, compensate, give back, honor a claim, indemnify, make amends, make good\*, make repayment, make up for, pay back, recompense, recoup, redeem, redress, reimburse, relinquish, remit, remunerate, repay, restore, reward, settle; CONCEPT 341

**refurbish** [*v*] *spruce up* clean up, do up\*, fix up, gussy up\*, mend, modernize, overhaul, recondition, redo, reequip, refit, refresh, rehab, rehabilitate, rejuvenate, remodel, renew, renovate, repair, restore, retread, revamp, set to rights, spruce, update; CONCEPTS 177,202 —*Ant.* destroy, ruin

**refusal** [*n*] *denial of responsibility; unwillingness* abnegation, ban, choice, cold shoulder\*,

declension, declination, defiance, disallowance, disapproval, disavowal, disclaimer, discountenancing, disfavor, dissent, enjoyment, exclusion, forbidding, interdiction, knockback\*, negation, nix\*, no, nonacceptance, noncompliance, nonconsent, option, pass\*, prohibition, proscription, rebuff, refutation, regrets, rejection, renouncement, renunciation, repudiation, repulse, repulsion, reversal, thumbs down\*, turndown, veto, withholding, writ; CONCEPTS 278,633 —**Ant.** approval, grant, offer, ok, sanction

**refuse** [*n*] *garbage* debris, dregs, dross, dump, dust, hogwash\*, junk, leavings, litter, muck, offal, rejectamenta\*, remains, residue, rubbish, scraps, scum\*, sediment, slop\*, sweepings, swill, trash, waste, waste matter; CONCEPT 260 —**Ant.** assets, possessions, property

**refuse** [*v*] *deny*; *say no* beg off, brush off\*, decline, demur, desist, disaccord, disallow, disapprove, dispense with, dissent, dodge, evade, give thumbs down to\*, hold back, hold off, hold out, ignore, make excuses, nix\*, not budge, not budget, not buy\*, not care to\*, pass up, protest, rebuff, refuse to receive, regret, reject, repel, reprobate, repudiate, send off\*, send regrets\*, set aside\*, shun, spurn, turn away, turn deaf ear to\*, turn down, turn from, turn one's back on\*, withdraw, withhold; CONCEPTS 30,49,266 —**Ant.** accept, allow, approve, consent, grant, offer, ok, sanction

**refute** [*v*] *prove false*; *discredit* abnegate, argue against, blow sky high\*, break, burn, burn down, cancel, cancel out, confute, contend, contradict, contravene, convict, counter, crush, debate, demolish, disclaim, disconfirm, dispose of, disprove, dispute, evert, explode, expose, gainsay, give the lie to\*, give thumbs down to\*, invalidate, negate, oppose, overthrow, parry, quash, rebut, reply to, repudiate, shoot down, shoot full of holes\*, show up, silence, squelch, take a stand against, tear down\*, top\*; CONCEPT 54 —**Ant.** endorse, prove, ratify, sanction, support

**regain** [*v*] *get back*, *get back* to achieve, attain, compass, gain, get out from under, get well, make well, reach, reach again, reacquire, reattain, recapture, reclaim, recoup, recover, recruit, redeem, repossess, retake, retrieve, return to, save, take back, win back; CONCEPTS 120,124,131 —**Ant.** forfeit, lose

**regal** [*adj*] *fit for royalty* august, glorious, imposing, kingly, magnificent, majestic, monarchical, monarchical, noble, proud, queenly, resplendent, royal, sovereign, splendid, stately, sublime; CONCEPT 589 —**Ant.** common

**regale** [*v*] *throw a party*; *have fun* amuse, delight, divert, entertain, feast, fracture, give a party, grab, gratify, have a get-together, laugh it up, nurture, party, please, ply, refresh, satisfy, serve, toss a party; CONCEPTS 292,384

**regard** [*n1*] *attention*, *look care*, carefulness, cognizance, concern, consciousness, curiosity, gaze, glance, heed, interest, interestedness, mark, mind, note, notice, observance, observation, once-over\*, remark, scrutiny, stare, view; CONCEPTS 596,623,626,690 —**Ant.** disregard, ignorance, neglect

**regard** [*n2*] *affection*, *good opinion* account,

appreciation, approbation, approval, attachment, care, cherishing, concern, consideration, curiosity, deference, devotion, esteem, estimation, favor, fondness, homage, honor, interest, interestedness, liking, love, note, opinion, prizing, reputation, repute, respect, reverence, satisfaction, store, sympathy, thought, value, valuing, veneration, worship; CONCEPTS 10, 532, 689 —**Ant.** dislike, disregard, disrespect, hate

**regard** [*n3*] *feature*, *detail* aspect, bearing, concern, connection, item, matter, particular, point, reference, relation, relevance, respect; CONCEPTS 532,644

**regard** [*v1*] *look at*; *listen to* advertise, attend, beam, behold, contemplate, eye, eyeball\*, flash, gaze, get a load of\*, give attention, heed, look on, mark, mind, note, notice, observe, overlook, pay attention, pipe\*, pore over\*, read, remark, respect, scan, scrutinize, see, spy, stare at, take into consideration, take notice of, view, watch, witness; CONCEPTS 596,623,626 —**Ant.** disregard, ignore, look away

**regard** [*v2*] *believe*, *judge* account, adjudge, admire, assay, assess, consider, deem, esteem, estimate, look upon, rate, reckon, respect, reverse, see, suppose, surmise, think, treat, value, view; CONCEPTS 10,12 —**Ant.** disbelieve, disregard

**regard** [*v3*] *have something to do with* apply to, bear upon, be relevant to, concern, have a bearing on, have to do with\*, interest, pertain to, refer to, relate to; CONCEPT 532

**regardful** [*adj*] *attentive*, *observant* advertent, arrect, aware, careful, considerate, deferential, duteous, dutiful, heedful, intentive, mindful, observative, observing, respectful, thoughtful, watchful; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** disregarding, ignorant, inattentive, unobservant

**regardless** [*adj*] *indifferent*, *unconcerned* behindhand, blind, careless, coarse, crude, deaf, delinquent, derelict, disregarding, heedless, inadvertent, inattentive, inconsiderate, insensitive, lax, listless, mindless, neglectful, negligent, nonobservant, rash, reckless, remiss, rude, slack, unfeeling, unheeding, uninterested, unmindful; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** attentive, concerned, heedful

**regardless** [*adv*] *despite everything* against, although, anyway, aside from, at any cost, but, come what may, despite, distinct from, for all that, in any case, in spite of everything, leaving aside, nevertheless, no matter what, nonetheless, notwithstanding, without considering, without regard to; CONCEPTS 544,548 —**Ant.** irregardless

**regards** [*n*] *best wishes* commendations, compliments, deference, devoirs, good wishes, greeting, love, love and kisses\*, remembrances, respects, salutation, salutations; CONCEPT 278

**regenerate** [*v*] *breathe new life into* change, exhilarate, inspire, invigorate, produce, raise from the dead\*, reanimate, reawaken, reconstruct, recreate, reestablish, refresh, reinvalidate, rejuvenate, renew, renovate, reproduce, restore, revive, revivify, uplift; CONCEPTS 7,22,173,202,251 —**Ant.** destroy, kill, ruin

**regime** [*n*] *leadership of organization* administration, dynasty, establishment, government,

incumbency, management, pecking order\*, reign, rule, system, tenure; CONCEPTS 299,325

**regimented** [*adj*] *strictly regulated* controlled, disciplined, ordered, orderly, organized, strict, systematic, uniform; CONCEPTS 94,117 —*Ant.* free, varied

**region** [*n*] *area, domain; scope* arena, bailiwick, belt, block, clearing, country, demesne, district, division, domain, dominion, environs, expanse, field, ghetto, ground, inner city, jungle, land, locale, locality, neck of woods\*, neighborhood, part, place, precinct, province, quarter, range, realm, scene, section, sector, shire, sphere, stomping ground\*, suburb, terrain, territory, tract, turf\*, vicinity, walk, ward, world, zone; CONCEPTS 198,508,512

**register** [*n*] *list, record* annals, archives, book, catalog, catalogue, chronicle, diary, entry, file, ledger, log, memorandum, registry, roll, roll call, roster, schedule, scroll; CONCEPT 281

**register** [*v1*] *enter in list, record* catalogue, check in, chronicle, enlist, enroll, file, inscribe, join, list, note, record, schedule, set down, sign on, sign up, sign up for, subscribe, take down, weigh in; CONCEPTS 79,114,125 —*Ant.* eradicate, erase

**register** [*v2*] *indicate, reveal* be shown, bespeak, betray, disclose, display, exhibit, express, manifest, mark, point out, point to, read, record, reflect, say, show; CONCEPT 261

**register** [*v3*] *make an impression* come home to, dawn on, get through to, have an effect on, impress, sink in, tell; CONCEPTS 7,19,22

**regress** [*v*] *return to earlier way of doing things* backslide, degenerate, deteriorate, ebb, fall away, fall back, fall off, go back, lapse, lose ground, recede, relapse, retreat, retrogress, revert, roll back, sink, throw back, turn back; CONCEPTS 633,698 —*Ant.* develop, grow, progress

**regret** [*n*] *upset over past action* affliction, anguish, annoyance, apologies, apology, bitterness, care, compunction, concern, conscience, contrition, demur, disappointment, discomfort, dissatisfaction, dole, grief, heartache, heart-break, lamentation, misgiving, nostalgia, pang, penitence, qualm, regretfulness, remorse, repentance, ruefulness, scruple, self-accusation, self-condemnation, self-disgust, self-reproach, sorrow, uneasiness, woe, worry; CONCEPTS 21,410 —*Ant.* contentedness, happiness, satisfaction

**regret** [*v*] *be upset about* apologize, be disturbed, bemoan, be sorry for, bewail, cry over\*, cry over spilled milk\*, deplore, deprecate, disapprove, feel remorse, feel sorry, feel uneasy, grieve, have compunctions\*, have qualms\*, kick oneself\*, lament, look back, miss, moan, mourn, repent, repine, rue, weep, weep over; CONCEPTS 21,410 —*Ant.* be content, be satisfied

**regretful** [*adj*] *sad, sorry* apologetic, ashamed, attritional, compunctious, contrite, disappointed, mournful, penitent, remorseful, repentant, rueful, sorrowful; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* content, happy, not guilty, satisfied

**regrettable** [*adj*] *unfortunate, wrong* afflictive, calamitous, deplorable, dire, disappointing, distressing, dreadful, grievous, heartbreaking, ill-advised, lamentable, pitiable, pitiful, sad,

shameful, unfavorable, unhappy, woeful; CONCEPTS 548,571 —*Ant.* blessed, fortunate, happy, lucky, right

**regular** [*adj1*] *normal, common* approved, bona fide, classic, commonplace, correct, customary, daily, established, everyday, formal, general, habitual, lawful, legitimate, natural, official, ordinary, orthodox, prevailing, prevalent, proper, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, sanctioned, standard, time-honored, traditional, typical, typical, unexceptional, unvarying, usual; CONCEPTS 530,533,547 —*Ant.* abnormal, anomalous, eccentric, extraordinary, irregular, rare, uncommon, unusual

**regular** [*adj2*] *orderly, consistent, balanced* accordant, alternating, arranged, automatic, classified, congruous, consonant, constant, cyclic, dependable, efficient, established, even, exact, expected, fixed, flat, formal, harmonious, in order, invariable, level, measured, mechanical, methodical, momentary, ordered, organized, patterned, periodic, precise, probable, punctual, rational, recurrent, regulated, rhythmic, routine, serial, set, smooth, standardized, stated, steady, straight, successive, symmetrical, systematic, uniform; CONCEPTS 326,544, 566,585 —*Ant.* changing, disorderly, imbalanced, inconsistent, infrequent, irregular, unsteady, variable

**regulate** [*v*] *manage, organize* adapt, adjust, administer, allocate, arrange, balance, classify, conduct, control, coordinate, correct, determine, direct, dispose, fit, fix, govern, guide, handle, improve, legislate, measure, methodize, moderate, modulate, monitor, order, oversee, pull things together\*, put in order, readjust, reconcile, rectify, rule, run, set, settle, shape up\*, square, standardize, straighten up, superintend, supervise, systematize, temper, time, true, tune, tune up\*; CONCEPTS 94,117 —*Ant.* deregulate, disorganize, mismanage

**regulation** [*n1*] *managing, organizing* adjustment, administration, arrangement, classification, codification, control, coordination, direction, governance, governing, government, guidance, handling, management, moderation, modulation, reconciliation, regimentation, reorganization, settlement, standardization, superintendence, supervision, systematization, tuning; CONCEPTS 94,117 —*Ant.* deregulation, disorganization, mismanagement

**regulation** [*n2*] *rule, requirement* bible, book, canon, chapter and verse\*, code, commandment, decree, decretum, dictate, direction, edict, law, no-nos\*, numbers, order, ordinance, precept, prescript, principle, procedure, reg\*, standing order, statute; CONCEPTS 318,688 —*Ant.* lawlessness

**regurgitate** [*v*] *vomit* be seasick\*, be sick, boff\*, drive the bus\*, dry heave\*, eject, emit, expel, gag\*, heave\*, hurl\*, lose one's lunch\*, pray to the porcelain god\*, puke\*, ralph\*, retch, spew, spit up, throw up, toss one's cookies\*, upchuck\*, urp\*; CONCEPTS 179, 185,308

**rehabilitate** [*v*] *renovate, adjust* change, clear, convert, fix up, refurbish, improve, make good\*, mend, rebuild, reclaim, recondition, reconstitute, reconstruct, recover, redeem, reestablish, reform, refurbish, rehab\*, reinstate, reintegrate,

reinvigorate, rejuvenate, renew, restitute, restore, save; CONCEPTS 35,126,134,202

—*Ant.* destroy, hurt, ruin

**rehash** [*v*] *talk over again* change, discuss, reiterate, repeat, rephrase, restate, reuse, rework, rewrite, say again, state differently; CONCEPT 56 —*Ant.* deny, refuse

**rehearsal** [*n*] *preparation for performance* call, description, drill, dry run\*, experiment, going-over, practice, practice session, prep\*, reading, readying, recital, recitation, recounting, rehearsing, relation, retelling, run-through, shakedown\*, test flight\*, trial balloon\*, trial performance, tryout, workout; CONCEPTS 264, 292,363 —*Ant.* cold turkey

**rehearse** [*v*] *prepare for performance* act, depict, describe, do over, drill, dry run\*, experiment, go over, go through, hold a reading\*, hone, iterate, learn one's part, narrate, practice, ready, recapitulate, recite, recount, reenact, reiterate, relate, repeat, review, run lines, run through, study, take from the top\*, tell, test, train, try out, tune up, walk through\*, warm up, work out; CONCEPTS 266,292,363 —*Ant.* go cold turkey

**reign** [*n*] *rule, dominion* administration, ascendancy, command, control, dynasty, empire, hegemony, incumbency, influence, monarchy, power, regime, sovereignty, supremacy, sway, tenure; CONCEPTS 198,376

**reign** [*v*] *have power over; prevail* administer, be in power, be in the driver's seat\*, be supreme, boss, command, dominate, domineer, govern, head up, helm, hold power, hold sway\*, influence, manage, obtain, occupy, overrule, predominate, preponderate, rule, rule the roost\*, run the show\*, run things\*, sit, superabound, wear the crown\*; CONCEPTS 117,298 —*Ant.* serve, submit

**reimburse** [*v*] *pay back something owed* balance, compensate, indemnify, make reparations, make up for, offset, pay, recompense, recover, refund, remunerate, repay, requite, restore, return, square, square up; CONCEPT 341 —*Ant.* take

**rein** [*n*] *restraint, control* bit, brake, bridle, check, curb, deterrent, governor, halter, harness, hold, line, restriction, strap; CONCEPT 499

**rein** [*v*] *restrain, control* bridle, check, collect, compose, cool, curb, halt, hold, hold back, limit, repress, restrict, simmer down, slow down, smother, suppress; CONCEPT 130 —*Ant.* free, let go

**reinforce** [*v*] *strengthen, augment* add fuel to fire\*, add to, back up, beef up\*, bolster, boost, build up, buttress, carry, emphasize, energize, enlarge, fortify, harden, heat up, hype, increase, lend a hand, multiply, pick up, pillar, prop, prop up, punch up, shore up, soup up\*, stand up for, stiffen, stress, stroke, supplement, support, sustain, toughen, underline; CONCEPTS 5,236,245,250 —*Ant.* subtract, take away, undermine, weaken

**reinstatement** [*v*] *give back responsibility* bring back, put back, put in power again, recall, redeem, reelect, reestablish, rehabilitate, rehire, reintroduce, reinvest, renew, replace, restore, return, revive; CONCEPTS 351,384 —*Ant.* fire, let go

**reiterate** [*v*] *say or do again* come again, ditto\*, double-check, echo, go over again, ingeminate, iterate, play back, recap\*, recapitulate, recheck, rehash, renew, repeat, reprise, resay, restate, retell, rewarn, say again; CONCEPTS 100,171,266 —*Ant.* take back

**reject** [*v*] *say no to* burn\*, cashier\*, cast aside, cast off, cast out, chuck, decline, deny, despise, disallow, disbelieve, discard, discount, discredit, disdain, dismiss, eliminate, exclude\*, give thumbs down to\*, jettison, jilt, kill\*, mix\*, not buy\*, pass by, pass on, pass up, put down, rebuff, refuse, renounce, reject, reprobate, repudiate, repulse, scoff, scorn, scrap, scrap, second, shed, shoot down\*, shun, slough, spurn, throw away, throw out, turn down, veto; CONCEPTS 21,30,180 —*Ant.* accept, allow, approve, choose, ratify, sanction

**rejection** [*n*] *denial, refusal* bounce, brush-off\*, cold shoulder\*, disallowance, dismissal, elimination, exclusion, hard time\*, kick in teeth\*, mix\*, no dice\*, no go\*, nothing doing\*, no way\*, pass\*, rebuff, renunciation, repudiation, slap in the face\*, thumbs down\*, turndown, veto; CONCEPTS 21,30,180 —*Ant.* acceptance, allowance, approval, choice, ratification, sanction

**rejoice** [*v*] *be very happy about something* be glad, be overjoyed, celebrate, delight, enjoy, exult, feel happy, glory, joy, jump for joy, make merry, revel, triumph; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* be sad

**rejoinder** [*n*] *answer, reply* comeback, confutation, counteraccusation, counterargument, countercharge, counterclaim, counterstatement, defense, rebuttal, repartee, response, retort, return, wisecrack; CONCEPTS 274,278

**rejuvenate** [*v*] *make new again* breathe new life into\*, do, do up\*, exhilarate, give face lift to\*, give new life to, make young again, modernize, reanimate, reclaim, recondition, reconstruct, recover, refresh, refurbish, regenerate, rehab, reinvigorate, renew, renovate, restitute, restore, retreat, revitalize, revivify, spruce, spruce up\*, update; CONCEPTS 35,202 —*Ant.* destroy, kill, ruin

**relapse** [*n*] *deterioration, weakening* backsliding, fall, fall from grace\*, lapse, loss, recidivism, recurrence, regression, repetition, retrogression, return, reversion, setback, turn for the worse\*, worsening; CONCEPT 698 —*Ant.* healing, progress, strengthening

**relapse** [*v*] *deteriorate, weaken* backslide, be overcome, be overtaken, degenerate, fade, fail, fall, fall back, lapse, recidivate, regress, retrogress, revert, sicken, sink, slide back, slip back, suffer, turn back, worsen; CONCEPT 698 —*Ant.* get better, heal, progress, strengthen

**relate** [*v*] *give an account of* break a story\*, chronicle, clue one in\*, depict, describe, detail, disclose, divulge, express, get off one's chest\*, give the word\*, impart, itemize, lay it on the line\*, let one's hair down\*, narrate, particularize, picture, present, recite, recount, rehearse, report, retell, reveal, run down, run through, set forth, shoot the breeze\*, sling\*, spill, spill the beans\*, spin a yarn\*, state, tell, track, verbalize; CONCEPT 55 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**relate** [v2] *correlate, pertain* affect, ally, appertain, apply, ascribe, assign, associate, bear upon, be joined with, be relevant to, bracket, combine, compare, concern, conjoin, connect, consociate, coordinate, correspond to, couple, credit, have reference to, have to do with, identify with, impute, interconnect, interdepend, interrelate, join, link, orient, orientate, pertain, refer, tie in with, touch, unite, yoke; CONCEPT 532 —*Ant.* dissociate

**related** [adj] *connected, accompanying* affiliated, agnate, akin, alike, allied, analogous, associated, cognate, complementary, concomitant, connate, connatural, consanguine, convertible, correlated, correspondent, dependent, enmeshed, fraternal, germane, incident, interchangeable, interconnected, interdependent, interrelated, intertwined, interwoven, in the same category, in touch with, joint, knit together\*, like, linked, mutual, of that ilk, parallel, pertinent, reciprocal, relevant, similar, tied up; CONCEPTS 487,573,577 —*Ant.* alien, different, disassociated, disconnected, dissimilar, foreign, unrelated

**relation** [n] *connection, family connection* affiliation, affinity, alliance, association, consanguinity, kin, kindred, kinship, kinsperson, liaison, propinquity, relationship, relative, sibling, similarity; CONCEPTS 296,414,421,714

**relationship** [n] *connection; friendship* accord, affair, affiliation, affinity, alliance, analogy, appositeness, association, bond, communication, conjunction, consanguinity, consociation, contact, contingency, correlation, dependence, dependency, exchange, homogeneity, hookup, interconnection, interrelation, interrelationship, kinship, liaison, likeness, link, marriage, nearness, network, parallel, pertinence, pertinency, proportion, rapport, ratio, relation, relativity, relevance, similarity, tie, tie-in, tie-up; CONCEPTS 388,714

**relative** [adj1] *comparative, respective* about, allied, analogous, approximate, associated, concerning, conditional, connected, contingent, corresponding, dependent, in regard to, near, parallel, proportionate, reciprocal, referring, related, relating to, reliant, with respect to; CONCEPT 563 —*Ant.* disproportionate, irrelevant, irrelative, unequal

**relative** [adj2] *pertinent, applicable* apposite, appropriate, appurtenant, apropos, contingent, dependent, germane, pertaining, referring, related, relevant; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* irrelevant, separate, unrelated

**relative** [n] *member of a family* agnate, aunt, blood, brother-in-law, clansperson, cognate, connection, cousin, father, father-in-law, folk, folks, grandparents, great-grandparents, in-laws, kinsperson, mother, mother-in-law, nephew, niece, relation, sib\*, sibling, sister-in-law, stepbrother, stepparent, stepsister, uncle; CONCEPT 414

**relatively** [adv] *in or by comparison* almost, approximately, comparably, comparatively, nearly, proportionately, rather, somewhat, to some extent; CONCEPTS 544,772

**relax** [v1] *be or feel at ease* breathe easy\*, calm, calm down\*, collect oneself, compose oneself, cool off\*, ease off, feel at home, hang loose\*, knock off\*, laze, let oneself go\*, lie down,

loosen up, make oneself at home\*, put one's feet up\*, recline, repose, rest, settle back, simmer down\*, sit around, sit back, soften, stop work, take a break\*, take a breather\*, take it easy\*, take one's time\*, take ten\*, take time out\*, tranquilize, unbend, unlay\*, unwind; CONCEPT 210 —*Ant.* agitate, excite, tense, worry

**relax** [v2] *diminish, lessen* abate, ease, ease off, ebb, lax, let up, loose, loosen, lose speed, lower, mitigate, moderate, modify, modulate, reduce, relieve, remit, slack, slacken, slow, slow down, untighten, weaken; CONCEPTS 240,698 —*Ant.* grow, increase

**relaxation** [n] *entertainment; resting or recovering* alleviation, amusement, assuagement, diversion, enjoyment, fun, leisure, loosening, mitigation, pleasure, reclining, recreation, refreshment, relief, repose, requiescence, rest; CONCEPTS 210,292,363 —*Ant.* intensification, labor, work

**relay** [v] *pass on, transmit* broadcast, carry, communicate, deliver, hand down, hand on, hand over, send, send forth, spread, transfer, turn over; CONCEPT 143 —*Ant.* check, hold on, keep

**release** [n1] *delivery; dispensation* absolution, acquittal, acquittance, charge, clemency, commute, deliverance, discharge, emancipation, exemption, exonerate, floater, freedom, freeing, let-off\*, liberation, liberty, lifeboat, lifesaver, manumission, relief, spring, turnout, walkout; CONCEPTS 127,685 —*Ant.* check, collection, gathering, hold

**release** [n2] *publication* announcement, flash\*, handout, issue, leak, news, notice, offering, proclamation, propaganda, publicity, story; CONCEPTS 271,280

**release** [v] *let go, let out* absolve, acquit, bail out, cast loose, clear, commute, deliver, discharge, disengage, dispense, drop, emancipate, exculpate, excuse, exempt, exonerate, extricate, free, give off, give out, go easy on, issue, leak, let off, let off steam\*, let up on\*, liberate, loose, loosen, manumit, open up, set at large, set free, set loose, spring, surrender, take out, turn loose, turn out, unbind, unchain, undo, unfasten, unfetter, unleash, unloose, unshackle, untie, vent, wipe slate clean\*, yield; CONCEPTS 50,60, 88, 127,143 —*Ant.* collect, gather, hold, keep, maintain

**relegate** [v1] *assign, transfer* accredit, charge, commend, commit, confide, consign, credit, delegate, entrust, hand over, pass on, refer, turn over; CONCEPTS 41,143 —*Ant.* assume, hold, keep

**relegate** [v2] *banish, downgrade* demote, deport, dismiss, displace, eject, exile, expatriate, expel, expulse, lag, ostracize, remove, throw out, transport; CONCEPTS 30, 121,211 —*Ant.* promote, upgrade

**relent** [v] *die down; let up* acquiesce, be merciful, capitulate, cave in\*, change one's mind, come around, comply, cool it\*, cry uncle\*, die away, drop, ease, ease off, ease up on\*, ebb, fall, fold, forbear, give in, give quarter\*, give some slack\*, give up, give way, go along with, go easy on\*, have mercy, have pity, lay back, let go, let it happen\*, lighten up\*, mellow out\*, melt, moderate, quit, relax, say uncle\*, show

mercy, slacken, slow, soften, subside, wane, weaken, yield; CONCEPTS 35,698,776 —**Ant.** build, increase, rise

**relentless** [adj1] *cruel, merciless* adamant, bound, bound and determined, dead set on\*, determined, dogged, ferocious, fierce, go for broke\*, grim, hang in\*, hang-tough\*, hard, harsh, implacable, inexorable, inflexible, inhuman, mortal, obdurate, pitiless, remorseless, rigid, rigorous, ruthless, single-minded, stiff, stop at nothing, strict, stringent, unappeasable, unbending, uncompromising, undeviating, unflinching, unforgiving, unrelenting, unstoppable, unyielding, vindictive; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** kind, merciful, sympathetic, understanding

**relentless** [adj2] *continuous, neverending* incessant, nonstop, persistent, pertinacious, punishing, sustained, tenacious, unabated, unbroken, unflinching, unflagging, unrelenting, unrelieved, unremitting, unstoppable; CONCEPTS 326,534 —**Ant.** ending, intermittent, stopping

**relevant** [adj] *appropriate; to the purpose* accordant, admissible, ad rem, allowable, applicable, applicatory, apposite, appurtenant, apt, becoming, cognate, compatible, concerning, conformant, conforming, congruent, congruous, consistent, consonant, correlated, correspondent, fit, fitting, germane, harmonious, having direct bearing on, having to do with, important, material, on the button\*, on the nose\*, pat\*, pertaining to, pertinent, pointed, proper, referring, related, relative, significant, suitable, suited, to the point, weighty; CONCEPT 538 —**Ant.** inappropriate, irrelevant, unsuitable

**reliable** [adj] *trustworthy* candid, careful, certain, conscientious, constant, decent, decisive, definite, dependable, determined, devoted, faithful, firm, good, high-principled, honest, honorable, impeccable, incorrupt, loyal, okay, positive, predictable, proved, reputable, respectable, responsible, righteous, safe, sincere, solid, sound, stable, staunch, steadfast, steady, sterling, strong, sure, there, tried, tried-and-true\*, true, true-blue\*, true-hearted, trusty, unequivocal, unailing, unimpeachable, upright, veracious; CONCEPTS 535,542,544 —**Ant.** deceptive, irresponsible, unreliable, untrustworthy

**reliance** [n] *confidence* assurance, belief, credence, credit, dependence, faith, hope, interdependence, interdependency, stock, trust; CONCEPT 689 —**Ant.** disbelief, independence

**relic** [n] *something saved from the past* antique, antiquity, archaism, artifact, curio, curiosity, evidence, fragment, heirloom, keepsake, memento, memorial, monument, remains, remembrance, remembrancer, reminder, remnant, residue, ruins, scrap, souvenir, survival, testimonial, token, trace, trophy, vestige; CONCEPT 446

**relief** [n] *remedy, aid; relaxation* abatement, allayment, alleviation, amelioration, appeasement, assistance, assuagement, balm, break, breather, cheer, comfort, comforting, consolation, contentment, cure, deliverance, diversion, ease, easement, extrication, fix, hand, happiness, help, letup, lift, lightning, load off one's mind\*, maintenance, mitigation, mollification, palliative, quick fix\*, refreshment, release, remission, reprieve, respite, rest, restfulness, satisfaction, softening, solace, succor, support,

sustenance; CONCEPTS 681,712 —**Ant.** damage, hurt, injury, pain

**relieve** [v1] *make less painful; let up on* abate, allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, break, brighten, calm, comfort, console, cure, decrease, diminish, divert, dull, ease, free, interrupt, lighten, mitigate, moderate, mollify, palliate, qualify, quiet, relax, salve, slacken, soften, solace, soothe, subdue, take load off one's chest\*, take load off one's mind\*, temper, vary; CONCEPTS 244,700 —**Ant.** harm, hurt, injure, pain

**relieve** [v2] *help; give assistance* aid, assist, bring aid, give a break\*, give a hand\*, give a rest, spell, stand in for, substitute for, succor, support, sustain, take over from, take the place of; CONCEPT 110 —**Ant.** burden, discourage, hurt, trouble, upset, worry

**relieve** [v3] *remove blame, responsibility* absolve, deliver, discharge, disembarass, disencumber, dismiss, dispense, excuse, exempt, force to resign, free, let off, privilege, pull, release, spare, throw out, unburden, yank\*; CONCEPTS 50,88,351 —**Ant.** accuse, blame, condemn

**religion** [n] *belief in divinity; system of beliefs* church, communion, creed, cult, denomination, devotion, doctrine, higher power, morality, myth, mythology, observance, orthodoxy, pietism, piety, prayer, preference, religiosity, rites, ritual, sacrifice, sanctification, sect, spirituality, spiritual-mindedness, standards, superstition, theology, veneration; CONCEPTS 368,689 —**Ant.** agnosticism, atheism, disbelief

**religious** [adj1] *concerning belief in divinity* believing, born-again\*, canonical, churchgoing, churchly, clerical, deistic, devotional, devout, divine, doctrinal, ecclesiastical, god-fearing, godly, holy, ministerial, moral, orthodox, pietistic, pious, pontifical, prayerful, priestly, pure, reverent, righteous, sacerdotal, sacred, sacrosanct, saintlike, saintly, scriptural, sectarian, spiritual, supernatural, theistic, theological; CONCEPTS 536,545 —**Ant.** agnostic, atheistic, irreligious, ungodly

**religious** [adj2] *conscientious, scrupulous* exact, faithful, fastidious, meticulous, punctilious, rigid, rigorous, steadfast, unerring, unswerving; CONCEPT 538 —**Ant.** careless, erring, indolent, lazy, undetailed

**relinquish** [v] *give up, let go* abandon, abdicate, abnegate, back down, cast, cast off, cede, cut loose\*, desert, discard, ditch\*, drop, drop like hot potato\*, drop out, dump\*, forbear, forgo, forsake, forswear, hand over, kick, kiss goodbye\*, lay aside, leave, opt out, quit, quit cold turkey\*, release, renounce, repudiate, resign, retire from, sacrifice, shed, stand down, surrender, swear off\*, take the oath\*, take the pledge\*, vacate, waive, withdraw, yield; CONCEPTS 119,127,234 —**Ant.** hold, keep, take

**relish** [n] *great appreciation of something* appetite, bias, delectation, diversion, enjoying, enjoyment, fancy, flair, flavor, fondness, gusto, heart, leaning, liking, love, loving, palate, partiality, penchant, pleasure, predilection, prejudice, propensity, sapidity, sapor, savor, smack, stomach, tang, taste, zest; CONCEPTS 20,32 —**Ant.** dislike, hate, hatred



**relish** [*v*] *look forward to; appreciate* admire, be fond of, cherish, delight in, dig\*, enjoy, fancy, go, go for\*, like, luxuriate in, mind, prefer, revel in, savor, taste; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**reluctant** [*adj*] *unenthusiastic, unwilling* afraid, averse, backward, calculating, cautious, chary, circumspect, demurring, diffident, discouraged, disheartened, disinclined, grudging, hanging back, hesitant, hesitating, indispensed, involuntary, laggard, loath, opposed, queasy, recalcitrant, remiss, shy, slack, slow, squeamish, tardy, uncertain, uneager, wary; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* anxious, eager, enthusiastic, ready, willing

**rely** [*v*] *have confidence in* await, bank, be confident of, believe in, be sure of, bet, bet bottom dollar on\*, build, calculate, commit, confide, count, depend, entrust, expect, gamble on, have faith in, hope, lay money on\*, lean, look, reckon, ride on coattails\*, swear by\*, trust; CONCEPTS 12,26 —*Ant.* be independent, distrust, doubt

**remain** [*v*] *stay, wait* abide, be left, bide, bivouac, bunk\*, cling, continue, delay, dwell, endure, freeze, go on, halt, hang, hang out, hold over, hold the fort\*, hover, inhabit, keep on, last, linger, live, lodge, make camp, nest, outlast, outlive, pause, perch, persist, prevail, put on hold, remain standing, reside, rest, roost, sit out, sit through, sit tight\*, sojourn, squat, stand, stay behind, stay in, stay over, stay put, stick around, stop, survive, tarry, visit, wait; CONCEPTS 23,239,681,804 —*Ant.* depart, forge, go, leave, move

**remainder** [*n*] *balance, residue* bottom of barrel\*, butt, carry-over, detritus, dregs, excess, fragment, garbage, hangover\*, heel, junk, leavings, leftover, obverse, oddment, odds and ends\*, overplus, refuse, relic, remains, remnant, residuum, rest, ruins, salvage, scrap, stump, surplus, trace, vestige, waste, wreck, wreckage; CONCEPTS 260,835 —*Ant.* base, core

**remains** [*n*] *remaining part* debris, detritus, leavings, leftovers, remainder, remnant, remnants, residue, rest, scraps; CONCEPT 260

**remark** [*n*] *comment, observation* acknowledgment, annotation, assertion, attention, back talk, bon mot\*, cognizance, comeback, commentary, conclusion, consideration, crack\*, declaration, elucidation, exegesis, explanation, explication, exposition, expression, gloss, heed, illustration, interpretation, mention, mind, note, notice, obiter dictum, observance, opinion, point, recognition, reflection, regard, saying, statement, talk, thought, two cents\* worth\*, utterance, wisecrack, witticism, word; CONCEPTS 51,278 —*Ant.* silence

**remark** [*v*] *notice and comment* animadvert, behold, catch, commentate, crack\*, declare, descry, espy, heed, make out, mark, mention, mouth off\*, note, observe, pass comment, perceive, pick up on, reflect, regard, say, see, speak, spot, state, take note, take notice, utter, wisecrack; CONCEPTS 38,51,626 —*Ant.* hold back, suppress

**remarkable** [*adj*] *extraordinary, unusual* arresting, arrestive, conspicuous, curious, distinguished, exceptional, famous, gilt-edged\*, greatest, important, impressive, marked, miraculous, momentous, notable, noteworthy,

noticeable, odd, outstanding, peculiar, phenomenal, preeminent, primo\*, prominent, rare, salient, signal, significant, singular, smashing, solid, splashy\*, strange, striking, super, surprising, uncommon, uncustomary, unique, unordinary, unwonted, weighty, wicked\*, wonderful, world class\*, zero cool\*; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* normal, ordinary, typical, unremarkable, usual

**remedial** [*adj*] *healing, restorative* alleviative, antidotal, antiseptic, corrective, curative, curing, healthful, health-giving, invigorating, medicating, medicinal, purifying, recuperative, reformative, remedying, repairing, restitutive, sanative, sanitary, solving, soothing, therapeutic, tonic, treating, vulnerary, wholesome; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* damaging, harmful, hurtful, injurious

**remedy** [*n*] *cure, solution* antidote, assistance, biologic, corrective, counteractant, counteraction, counteractive, counteragent, countermeasure, counterstep, cure-all\*, drug, elixir, fix, improvement, medicament, medicant, medicine, panacea, pharmaceutical, pharmacon, physic, pill, quick fix\*, redress, relief, restorative, support, therapy, treatment; CONCEPTS 307,311,693,712 —*Ant.* disease, injury, pain

**remedy** [*v*] *fix, cure* aid, alleviate, ameliorate, amend, assuage, attend, change, clean up, clean up one's act\*, control, correct, debug\*, doctor, ease, fiddle with, fix up, go over, heal, help, launder, make up for, mitigate, palliate, pick up, put right, recalibrate, rectify, redress, reform, relieve, renew, repair, restore, revise, right, scrub, set right, set to rights\*, shape up, solve, soothe, square\*, square up\*, straighten out, treat, upgrade; CONCEPTS 126,212,310

—*Ant.* get sick, harm, hurt, injure, worsen

**remember** [*v*] *keep in mind; summon into mind* bear in mind, bethink, brood over, call to mind, call up, cite, commemorate, conjure up, dig into the past\*, dwell upon, educe, elicit, enshrine, extract, fix in the mind, flash on\*, get, go back, have memories, hold dear\*, keep forever, know by heart\*, learn, look back, memorialize, memorize, mind, nail down\*, recall, recognize, recollect, refresh memory, revive, remind, reminisce, retain, retrospect, revive, revoke, ring a bell\*, strike a note\*, summon up, think back, treasure; CONCEPT 40 —*Ant.* disregard, forget

**remembrance** [*n1*] *memory, recollection* afterthought, anamnesis, flash\*, flashback\*, hindsight\*, mental image, mind, recall, recognition, reconstruction, regard, reminiscence, retrospect, thought; CONCEPTS 40,529 —*Ant.* forgotten

**remembrance** [*n2*] *gift, testimonial* commemoration, favor, keepsake, memento, memorial, monument, present, relic, remembrancer, reminder, reward, souvenir, token, trophy; CONCEPT 337

**remind** [*v*] *awaken memories of something* admonish, advise, bethink, bring back to, bring to mind, call attention, call to mind, call up, caution, cite, emphasize, give a cue\*, hint, imply, intimate, jog one's memory\*, make one remember, make one think, mention, note, point out, prod, prompt, put in mind, recall, recollect, refresh memory, remember, reminisce, retain, retrospect, revive, stir up, stress, suggest, warn; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,40,78 —*Ant.* forget

**reminder** [*n*] *warning, notice; keepsake* admonition, expression, gesture, hint, indication, intimation, memento, memo, memorandum, memorial, note, relic, remembrance, remembrance, sign, souvenir, suggestion, token, trinket, trophy; CONCEPTS 271, 278, 529  
—*Ant.* forgetfulness

**reminisce** [*v*] *go over in one's memory* bethink, call up, cite, hark back, live in the past, look back, mind, muse over, recall, recollect, remember, remind, retain, retrospect, review, revive, think back; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* forget, repress

**reminiscent** [*adj*] *suggestive of something in the past* bringing to mind, evocative, implicative, mnemonic, nostalgic, recollective, redolent, reminding, similar; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* forgetful, oblivious

**remiss** [*adj*] *careless, thoughtless* any old way\*, any which way\*, asleep at switch\*, asleep on job\*, behindhand, culpable, daydreaming, defaultant, delinquent, derelict, dilatory, disregardful, faintéant, forgetful, heedless, inattentive, indifferent, indolent, lackadaisical, lax, lazy, neglectful, negligent, regardless, slack, slapdash, slipshod, sloppy, slothful, slow, tardy, uninterested, unmindful, woolgathering\*; CONCEPT 401  
—*Ant.* careful, mindful, scrupulous, thorough, thoughtful

**remission** [*n*1] *acquittal, pardon* absolution, amnesty, discharge, excuse, exemption, exoneration, forgiveness, indulgence, mercy, release, relieve; CONCEPT 685 —*Ant.* accusation, blame

**remission** [*n*2] *pause; lessening* abatement, abeyance, alleviation, amelioration, break, decrease, delay, diminution, ebb, interruption, letup, lull, moderation, reduction, relaxation, release, respite, suspension; CONCEPTS 303, 698, 807 —*Ant.* increase, rise, worsening

**remit** [*v*1] *send, transfer* address, consign, dispatch, forward, mail, make payment, pay, post, route, settle, ship, square, transmit; CONCEPTS 217, 341 —*Ant.* hold, keep

**remit** [*v*2] *stop, postpone* abate, absolve, alleviate, amnesty, cancel, condone, decrease, defer, delay, desist, diminish, dwindle, ease up, excuse, exonerate, fall away, forbear, forgive, halt, hold off, hold up, intermit, mitigate, moderate, modify, modulate, pardon, prorogue, put off, reduce, relax, release, repeal, relieve, rescind, respite, shelve, sink, slack, slacken, soften, stay, suspend, wane, weaken; CONCEPTS 234, 698 —*Ant.* encourage, forge, forward

**remnant** [*n*] *leftover part* balance, bit, dregs, droppings, end, end piece, excess, fragment, hang-over\*, heel, leavings, lees, leftovers, odds and ends\*, orts, part, particle, piece, portion, remainder, remains, residual, residue, residuum, rest, rump, scrap, shred, strip, surplus, survival, vestige; CONCEPTS 260, 835 —*Ant.* whole

**remodel** [*v*] *reconstruct* do up\*, fix, fix up, make over, modernize, overhaul, reassemble, rebuild, recast, recondition, recreate, redesign, refurbish, rehabilitate, rejuvenate, remake, renovate, repair, restore, revamp, upgrade; CONCEPTS 84, 168, 171

**remonstrate** [*v*] *argue against* animadvert, blame, censure, challenge, combat, complain, criticize, decry, demur, deprecate, disapprove, disparage, dispute, dissent, except, expostulate,

fight, find fault, frown upon, inveigh, kick\*, nag, object, oppose, pick at, protest, rain, recriminate, resist, scold, sound off\*, take exception, take issue, withstand; CONCEPTS 46, 52, 54 —*Ant.* agree, concede, give in

**remorse** [*n*] *guilty or bad conscience* anguish, attrition, compassion, compunction, contriteness, contrition, grief, guilt, pangs of conscience\*, penance, penitence, penitency, pity, regret, remorsefulness, repentance, rue, ruefulness, self-reproach, shame, sorrow; CONCEPTS 410, 728 —*Ant.* good conscience, happiness, remorselessness, satisfaction

**remorseful** [*adj*] *guilty, ashamed* apologetic, attritional, chastened, compunctious, conscience-stricken, contrite, guilt-ridden, mournful, penitent, penitential, regretful, repentant, rueful, sad, self-reproachful, sorrowful, sorry; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* callous, merciless, remorseless, ruthless, unashamed, unmerciful

**remorseless** [*adj*] *without guilt in spite of wrongdoing* avaricious, barbarous, bloody, callous, cruel, fierce, forbidding, greedy, grim, hard, hard-bitten, hardened, hard-hearted, harsh, impenitent, implacable, inexorable, inhuman, inhumane, insensitive, intolerant, merciless, murderous, obdurate, pitiless, relentless, rigorous, ruthless, sanguinary, savage, shameless, sour, tough, tyrannical, uncompassionate, uncontrite, unforgiving, unmerciful, unregenerate, unrelenting, unremitting, unrepenting, unyielding, vindictive; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* ashamed, guilty, remorseful, sad, sorry

**remote** [*adj*1] *out-of-the-way; in the distance* alien, back, backwoods, beyond, boondocks\*, devious, distant, far, faraway, far-flung, far-off, foreign, frontier, godforsaken\*, god-knows-where\*, in a backwater\*, inaccessible, isolated, lonely, lonesome, middle of nowhere\*, obscure, off-lying, off the beaten path\*, outlandish, outlying, private, removed, retired, secluded, secret, undiscovered, unknown, unsettled, wild; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* close, convenient, near, nearby

**remote** [*adj*2] *irrelevant, unrelated* abstracted, alien, alone, apart, detached, exclusive, extraneous, extrinsic, farfetched, foreign, immaterial, inappropriate, indirect, nongermane, obscure, outside, pointless, removed, strange, unconnected; CONCEPTS 564, 575 —*Ant.* close, related, relevant

**remote** [*adj*3] *unlikely, improbable* doubtful, dubious, faint, implausible, inconsiderable, meager, negligible, off, outside, poor, slender, slight, slim, small; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* close, likely, possible, probable

**remote** [*adj*4] *cold, detached; unapproachable* abstracted, aloof, casual, cool\*, disinterested, distant, faraway, icy, incurious, indifferent, introspective, introverted, laid-back\*, offish, putting on airs, removed, reserved, standoffish, stuck up, uncommunicative, unconcerned, uninterested, uninvolved, uppity, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —*Ant.* approachable, friendly, gentle, warm

**remove** [*v*1] *lift or move object; take off, away* abolish, abstract, amputate, carry away, carry off, cart off, clear away, cut out, delete, depose, detach, dethrone, dig out, discard, discharge,

dislodge, dismiss, displace, disturb, do away with, doff, efface, eject, eliminate, erase, evacuate, expel, expunge, extract, get rid of, junk\*, oust, pull out, purge, raise, relegate, rip out, separate, shed, ship, skim, strike out, take down, take out, tear out, throw out, transfer, transport, unload, unseat, uproot, wipe out\*, withdraw; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* fix, place, remain, stay

**remove** [v2] *do away with; kill assassinate, blot out\*, clear away, dispose of, do in\*, drag, drag down, efface, eliminate, eradicate, erase, exclude, execute, expunge, exterminate, extirpate, get rid of, liquidate, murder, obliterate, purge, scratch, sterilize, take down, take out, waste\*, wipe out\**; CONCEPTS 121,252 —*Ant.* give birth, plant, sow

**remunerate** [v] *compensate, reward accord, ante up\*, award, dish out\*, do business\*, grant, guerdon, indemnify, pay, pay off, pay up, post, recompense, redress, reimburse, repay, requite, shell out\*, spring for\*, vouchsafe*; CONCEPT 341

—*Ant.* charge, seize, take, withhold

**renaissance** [n] *rebirth awakening, invigoration, new dawn, reawakening, regeneration, rejuvenation, renascence, renewal, resurgence, revitalization, revival*; CONCEPTS 119,221

**render** [v1] *contribute cede, deliver, distribute, exchange, furnish, give, give back, give up, hand over, impart, make available, make restitution, minister, part with, pay, pay back, present, provide, relinquish, repay, restore, return, show, submit, supply, surrender, swap, tender, trade, turn over, yield*; CONCEPTS 108, 140 —*Ant.* remove, take

**render** [v2] *show; execute act, administer, administrate, carry out, delineate, depict, display, do, evince, exhibit, give, govern, image, interpret, limn, manifest, perform, picture, play, portray, present, represent*; CONCEPTS 91,261 —*Ant.* conceal, fail, suppress

**render** [v3] *translate, explain construe, deliver, interpret, paraphrase, pass, put, reproduce, restate, reword, state, transcribe, transliterate, transpose, turn*; CONCEPTS 57,266 —*Ant.* cloud, confuse, obscure

**rendezvous** [n1] *get-together affair, appointment, assignation, blind date, date, double date, engagement, heavy date\*, matinee, meet, meeting, one night stand\*, tête-à-tête, tryst*; CONCEPT 384

**rendezvous** [n2] *place for get-together gathering point, hangout\*, haunt, love nest\*, meeting place, purlieu, resort, spot, stomping ground\*, venue, watering hole\**; CONCEPT 198

**rendezvous** [v] *meet, often secretly assemble, be closeted, be reunited, collect, come together, congregate, congress, converge, forgather, gather, get together, join up, meet behind closed doors\*, meet privately, muster, raise, rally*; CONCEPT 384

**rendition** [n] *explanation; interpretation arrangement, construction, delivery, depiction, execution, interpretation, performance, portrayal, presentation, reading, rendering, transcription, translation, version*; CONCEPTS 263,278 —*Ant.* obscurity, vagueness

**renegade** [adj] *rebellious apostate, backsliding, disloyal, dissident, heterodox, mutinous, outlaw, radical, reactionary, rebel, recreant,*

*revolutionary, runaway, schismatic, traitorous, unfaithful, untraditional*; CONCEPTS 401,542

—*Ant.* obedient, passive, submissive

**renegade** [n] *person who is rebellious abandoner, apostate, backslider, betrayer, defector, deserter, dissident, double-crosser\*, escapee, exile, forsaker, fugitive, heretic, iconoclast, insurgent, mutineer, outlaw, rebel, recreant, refugee, runaway, schismatic, snake\*, snake in the grass\*, tergiversator, traitor, turnabout, turncoat*; CONCEPTS 359,412 —*Ant.* adherent, follower, passivist

**renege** [v] *go back on one's word break one's promise, cop out\*, default, reverse, weasel out\*, welsh*; CONCEPTS 59,63,330

**renew** [v] *start over; refurbish begin again, brace, breathe new life into\*, bring up to date\*, continue, exhilarate, extend, fix up, freshen, gentrify, go over, mend, modernize, overhaul, prolong, reaffirm, reawaken, recommence, recondition, recreate, reestablish, refit, refresh, regenerate, rehabilitate, reinvigorate, rejuvenate, remodel, renovate, reopen, repair, repeat, replace, replenish, restate, restock, restore, resume, resuscitate, retreat, revitalize, revive, spruce, stimulate, transform*; CONCEPTS 35,202,221 —*Ant.* finish, halt, kill, stop

**renounce** [v] *abandon, reject abdicate, abjure, abnegate, abstain from, apostacize, arrogate, cast off, decline, defect, demit, deny, desert, disavow, discard, disclaim, disown, divorce oneself from\*, drop out, dump\*, eschew, forgo, forsake, forswear, give up, leave flat\*, leave off, opt out, quit, rat\*, recant, relinquish, repudiate, resign, sell out\*, spurn, swear off, take the pledge\*, tergiversate, tergiverse, throw off, throw over, toss over, turn, waive, walk out on, wash hands of\**; CONCEPTS 30,54,195 —*Ant.* allow, approve, condone

**renovate** [v] *fix up, modernize clean, cleanse, do\*, do up\*, face-lift\*, gussy up\*, make over, overhaul, reactivate, recondition, reconstitute, recreate, refit, reform, refresh, refurbish, rehabilitate, rekindle, remake, remodel, renew, repair, restore, resurrect, resuscitate, retreat, retrieve, revamp, revitalize, revive, revivify, spruce, spruce up\*, update*; CONCEPTS 168,177, 202 —*Ant.* demolish, destroy, ruin

**renown** [adj] *fame acclaim, celebrity, distinction, éclat, eminence, glory, honor, illustriousness, kudos, luster, mark, note, notoriety, preeminence, prestige, prominence, promineny, rep\*, reputation, repute, stardom*; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* anonymity, obscurity, unimportance

**renowned** [adj] *famous acclaimed, celebrated, celebrious, distinguished, eminent, esteemed, extolled, famed, great, illustrious, in the lime-light\*, lauded, monster\*, name\*, notable, noted, of note, outstanding, praised, prominent, redoubted, signal, splashy, star, superstar, well-known*; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* anonymous, obscure, unimportant, unknown

**rent** [n1] *fee paid for use, service, or privilege hire, lease, payment, rental, tariff*; CONCEPT 329

—*Ant.* purchase

**rent** [n2] *opening, split breach, break, chink, cleavage, crack, discord, dissension, division, faction, fissure, flaw, fracture, gash, hole,*

perforation, rift, rip, rupture, schism, slash, slit, tatter, tear; CONCEPTS 513,665 —**Ant.** closed

**rent** [v] *pay or charge fee for use, service, or privilege* allow the use of, borrow, charter, contract, engage, hire, lease, lend, let, loan, make available, put on loan, sublet, take it; CONCEPTS 89,115 —**Ant.** buy, purchase

**renunciation** [n] *abandonment, rejection* abdication, abjuration, abnegation, abstinence, cancellation, denial, disavowal, disclaimer, eschewal, eschewing, forbearing, forswearing, giving up, rebuff, refusal, relinquishment, remission, renouncement, repeal, repudiation, resignation, sacrifice, self-abnegation, self-denial, self-sacrifice, spurning, surrender, veto, waiver, yielding; CONCEPTS 30,54,195 —**Ant.** allowance, approval, condonement

**repair** [n] *restoration, fixing* adjustment, darn, improvement, mend, new part, overhaul, patch, reconstruction, reformation, rehabilitation, replacement, substitution; CONCEPTS 513,700,824 —**Ant.** breaking, damage, destruction, harm, hurt, injury, neglect, wrecking

**repair** [v1] *fix, restore* compensate for, correct, darn, debug\*, doctor\*, do up\*, emend, fiddle with, give a face-lift\*, heal, improve, make good, make up for, mend, overhaul, patch, patch up, put back together, put in order, put right, rebuild, recondition, recover, rectify, redress, reform, refresh, refurbish, rejuvenate, remedy, renew, renovate, retreat, retrieve, revamp, revive, right, settle, sew, square\*, touch up; CONCEPT 212 —**Ant.** break, damage, destroy, hurt, injure, ruin, spoil, wreck

**repair** [v2] *leave; retire* away, betake oneself, fare, go, head for, hie, journey, move, pass, proceed, process, push on, recur, refer, remove, resort, run, set off for, travel, turn, wend, withdraw; CONCEPT 195 —**Ant.** maintain, remain, stay

**reparation** [n] *compensation, amends* adjustment, apology, atonement, damages, dues, emolument, expiation, indemnification, indemnity, making good, payment, penance, propitiation, quittance, recompense, redemption, redress, remuneration, renewal, repair, repayment, reprisal, requital, restitution, retribution, reward, satisfaction, settlement, squaring things\*; CONCEPTS 337,344,712 —**Ant.** extortion, penalty, theft

**repartee** [n] *pleasant conversation* answer, badinage, banter, bon mot\*, comeback, humor, irony, persiflage, pleasantry, quip, raiillery, rejoinder, reply, response, retort, riposte, sally, sarcasm, satire, wit, witticism, wittiness, wordplay; CONCEPTS 45,56,266 —**Ant.** argument, disagreement, fight

**repast** [n] *meal* banquet, chow\*, eats\*, fare, feed, feed, food, grub\*, mess, refection, refreshment, snack, spread, victuals; CONCEPT 459

**repay** [v1] *give back money or possession* accord, award, balance, compensate, indemnify, make amends, make restitution, make up for, offset, pay back, pay dues, rebate, recompense, refund, reimburse, remunerate, requite, restore, return, reward, settle up, square\*; CONCEPTS 131,341 —**Ant.** deprive, extort, penalize, seize, steal, take

**repay** [v2] *get even; obtain restitution for past*

*injustice* avenge, even the score, get back at, get revenge, make reprisal, pay back, reciprocate, requite, retaliate, return, return the compliment\*, revenge, settle the score\*, square accounts\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,246,384 —**Ant.** leave alone

**repeal** [n] *cancellation* abolition, abrogation, annulment, invalidation, nullification, rescinding, rescindment, rescission, revocation, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 121,318,685 —**Ant.** approval, enactment, passage, sanction, validation

**repeal** [v] *declare null and void* abolish, abrogate, annul, back out, backpedal\*, blow, call off\*, cancel, countermand, dismantle, invalidate, kill\*, KO\*, lift, nix\*, nullify, opt out, recall, renig, rescind, reverse, revoke, scrub, set aside, shoot down, stand down, throw over, vacate, void, wash out, weasel out\*, wipe out, withdraw, worm out\*, X-out\*, zap\*; CONCEPTS 50,88,121,317 —**Ant.** approve, enact, pass, sanction, validate

**repeat** [n] *something done over; duplicate* echo, recapitulation, reiteration, repetition, replay, reproduction, rerun, reshowing; CONCEPT 695 —**Ant.** original

**repeat** [v] *duplicate, do again* chime, come again, din, ditto\*, drum into\*, echo, go over again, hold over, imitate, ingeminate, iterate, make like\*, occur again, play back, play over, quote, read back, reappear, recapitulate, recast, reciprocate, recite, reconstruct, recrudescence, recur, redo, refashion, reform, rehash\*, rehearse, reissue, reiterate, relate, remake, renew, reoccur, replay, reprise, reproduce, rerun, resay, reshow, restate, retell, return, revert, revolve, rework\*, run over, sing same old song\*; CONCEPTS 91, 111,171

**repeatedly** [adv] *over and over again* again, again and again, frequently, many a time, many times, much, oft, often, oftentimes, oftentimes, regularly, time after time, time and again; CONCEPT 553 —**Ant.** never

**repel** [v1] *push away; repulse* beat back, beat off, brush off, buck, cast aside, chase away, check, confront, cool\*, cut, decline, dismiss, disown, dispute, drive away, drive back, drive off, duel, fend off, fight, force back, force off, give cold shoulder to\*, hold back, hold off, keep at arm's length\*, keep at bay\*, keep off, kick, knock down, oppose, parry, push back, put down, put to flight, rebuff, rebut, refuse, reject, resist, stand up against, stave off, traverse, turn down, ward off, withstand; CONCEPTS 30, 208 —**Ant.** attract, draw

**repel** [v2] *induce aversion* disgust, give a pain in neck\*, make sick\*, offend, put off\*, reluct, repulse, revolt, sicken, turn off\*, turn one's stomach\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,303 —**Ant.** attract, draw

**repent** [v] *ask forgiveness* apologize, atone, be ashamed, be contrite, be sorry, bewail, deplore, feel remorse, have qualms, lament, reform, regret, relent, reproach oneself, rue, see error of ways\*, show penitence, sorrow; CONCEPTS 48,410

**repentance** [n] *feeling bad for past action* attrition, compunction, conscience, contriteness, contrition, grief, guilt, penitence, penitency, regret, remorse, rue, ruth, self-reproach, sorrow, sorrow; CONCEPTS 410,728 —**Ant.** happiness

**repercussion** [*n*] *consequence* backlash, chain reaction, echo, effect, fallout, feedback, flak\*, follow-through\*, follow-up, impact, imprint, influence, kickback\*, mark, reaction, rebound, recoil, re-echo, result, reverberation, side effect, spinoff\*, waves\*; CONCEPT 230 —*Ant.* cause

**repertoire** [*n*] *collection* range, repertory, repository, reserve, stock, stockpile, store, supply; CONCEPTS 263,432,712

**repertory** [*n*] *collection* bit, cache, depot, list, range, rep\*, repertoire, repository, routine, schtick\*, stock, stockroom, store, storehouse, stunt\*, supply; CONCEPTS 263,432,712

**repetition** [*n*] *duplication*; *doing again* alliteration, broken record\*, chant, chorus, copy, echo, encore, ingemination, iteracy, iterance, iteration, litany, paraphrase, periodicity, perseveration, practice, reappearance, recapitulation, recital, recurrence, redundancy, rehearsal, reiteration, relation, renewal, reoccurrence, repeat, repetitiveness, replication, report, reproduction, restatement, return, rhythm, rote, tautology; CONCEPT 695 —*Ant.* instance

**repetitious** [*adj*] *wordy, tedious* alliterative, boring, dull, echoic, iterant, iterative, long-winded, plangent, pleonastic, prolix, recapitulatory, redundant, reiterative, repeating, repetitive, resonant, tautological, verbose, windy; CONCEPT 553 —*Ant.* concise, simple

**rephrase** [*v*] *say in another way* express differently, paraphrase, put another way, put differently, put in other words, recast, reword; CONCEPT 57

**replace** [*v*] *take the place of; put in place of* alter, back up, change, compensate, displace, fill in, follow, front for\*, give back, mend, oust, outplace, patch, pinch hit for\*, put back, reconstitute, recoup, recover, redeem, redress, reestablish, refund, regain, reimburse, reinstate, repay, restitute, restore, retrieve, ring, ring in, shift, sit in, stand in, stand in lieu of, step into shoes of\*, sub\*, substitute, succeed, supersede, supplant, supply, swap places, take out, take over, take over from; CONCEPTS 104,128,211,697 —*Ant.* leave alone

**replenish** [*v*] *fill, stock* furnish, make up, provide, provision, refill, refresh, reload, renew, replace, restock, restore, top; CONCEPTS 140,209 —*Ant.* deplete, use up, waste

**replete** [*adj*] *full, well-stocked* abounding, abundant, alive, awash, brimful, brimming, charged, chock-full\*, complete, crammed, crowded, filled, full up\*, glutted, gorged, jammed, jam-packed, lavish, loaded, luxurious, overfed, overflowing, packed, plenteous, rife, sated, satiated, stuffed, swarming, teeming, thronged, well-provided; CONCEPTS 483,740 —*Ant.* empty, needy, wanting

**replica** [*n*] *duplicate* carbon, carbon copy, chip off old block\*, clone, copy, ditto\*, dupe\*, facsimile, flimsy\*, imitation, likeness, look-alike, mimeo, mimic, miniature, model, photocopy, reduplication, repeat, replication, repro, reproduction, stat, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 260,670,686 —*Ant.* original

**reply** [*n*] *answer* acknowledgment, antiphon, back talk\*, comeback, counter, echo, feedback, knee-jerk reaction\*, lip\*, reaction, reciprocity, rejoinder, respond, response, retaliation,

retort, return, riposte, sass\*, snappy comeback\*, vibes\*, wisecrack; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* question, request

**reply** [*v*] *answer* acknowledge, be in touch\*, come back\*, counter, echo, feedback, field the question\*, get back to, react, reciprocate, rejoin, respond, retaliate, retort, return, riposte, shoot back\*, squelch\*, top\*, write back; CONCEPT 45 —*Ant.* question, request

**report** [*n1*] *account, story* address, announcement, article, blow by blow\*, brief, broadcast, cable, chronicle, communication, communique, declaration, description, detail, digest, dispatch, handout, history, hot wire\*, information, message, narration, narrative, news, note, opinion, outline, paper, picture, piece, précis, proclamation, pronouncement, recital, record, relation, release, résumé, rundown, scoop\*, statement, summary, tale, telegram, tidings, version, wire, word\*, write-up; CONCEPTS 274,282,283

**report** [*n2*] *gossip, talk* advice, blow by blow\*, buzz\*, canard, chat, chatter, chitchat, comment, conversation, cry\*, dirt\*, earful, grapevine\*, hash\*, hearsay, intelligence, murmur, news, prating, rumble\*, rumor, scandal, scuttlebutt\*, small talk\*, speech, tattle, the latest\*, tidings, whispering, word\*; CONCEPTS 51,278

**report** [*n3*] *loud noise* bang, blast, boom, crack, crash, detonation, discharge, explosion, reverberation, sound; CONCEPT 595 —*Ant.* quiet, silence

**report** [*n4*] *reputation* character, esteem, fame, name, regard, rep\*, repute; CONCEPT 388

**report** [*v1*] *communicate information, knowledge* account for, advise, air, announce, bring word, broadcast, cable, circulate, cover, declare, describe, detail, disclose, document, enunciate, give an account of, give the facts, impart, inform, inscribe, itemize, list, make known, make public, mention, narrate, note, notify, pass on, present, proclaim, promulgate, provide details, publish, recite, record, recount, rehearse, relate, relay, retail, reveal, set forth, spread, state, summarize, telephone, tell, trumpet, wire, write up; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* conceal, suppress

**report** [*v2*] *present oneself* appear, arrive, be at hand, be present, clock in\*, come, get to, reach, show, show up, turn up\*; CONCEPT 159

**reporter** [*n*] *person who informs* anchor, anchorperson, announcer, columnist, correspondent, cub\*, editor, ink slinger\*, interviewer, journalist, legperson\*, newscaster, newshound\*, newsperson, newswriter, press person, scribe, scrivener, stringer, writer; CONCEPTS 348,356

**repose** [*n*] *restfulness; calm* ease, inaction, inactivity, leisure, peace, quiet, quietness, quietude, refreshment, relaxation, relaxing, renewal, requiescence, respite, rest, restoration, sleep, slumber, stillness, tranquility; CONCEPTS 410,681,720 —*Ant.* agitation, disturbance, upset, worry

**repose** [*v*] *relax; recline* deposit, lay down, lie, lie down, loaf, loil, lounge, place, rest, settle, settle down, slant, sleep, slumber, stretch, stretch out, take it easy, tilt; CONCEPTS 154,210 —*Ant.* be active, be busy, energize

**repository** [*n*] *warehouse* archive, depository, depot, magazine, safe, stockroom, storage

place, storehouse, store room, vault; CONCEPTS 435,439,449

**repossess** [*v*] *take back* get back, obtain again, reacquire, recapture, reclaim, recover, retake, retrieve; CONCEPTS 120,183

**reprehensible** [*adj*] *very bad; shameful* amiss, blamable, blameworthy, censurable, condemnable, culpable, delinquent, demeritorious, discreditable, disgraceful, errant, erring, guilty, ignoble, objectionable, opprobrious, remiss, sinful, unholly, unworthy, wicked; CONCEPT 571  
—*Ant.* creditable, good, kind, respectable

**represent** [*v*1] *present image of; symbolize* act as, act as broker, act for, act in place of, appear as, assume the role of, be, be agent for, be attorney for, be proxy for, betoken, body, buy for, copy, correspond to, do business for, emblemize, embody, enact, epitomize, equal, equate, exemplify, exhibit, express, factor, hold office, imitate, impersonate, mean, perform, personify, play the part, produce, put on, reproduce, sell for, serve, serve as, show, speak for, stage, stand for, steward, substitute, typify; CONCEPTS 87,317,682,716

**represent** [*v*2] *depict, show* body forth, delineate, denote, describe, design, designate, hint, draft, enact, evoke, exhibit, express, hint, illustrate, interpret, limn, mirror, narrate, outline, picture, portray, realize, relate, render, reproduce, run down, run through, sketch, suggest, track; CONCEPTS 138,261

**representative** [*adj*] *characteristic, typical* adumbrative, archetypal, classic, classical, delineative, depictive, emblematic, evocative, exemplary, ideal, illustrative, model, presentational, prototypal, prototypical, quintessential, rep\*, symbolic, symbolical; CONCEPTS 487, 573 —*Ant.* atypical, different, uncharacteristic, unrepresentative

**representative** [*n*1] *person who acts in the stead of another* agent, assemblyperson, attorney, commissioner, congressperson, councilor, councilperson, counselor, delegate, deputy, lawyer, legislator, member, messenger, proxy, rep\*, salesperson, senator, spokesperson; CONCEPTS 348,354

**representative** [*n*2] *typical example* archetype, case, case history, embodiment, epitome, exemplar, illustration, instance, personification, sample, sampling, specimen, type; CONCEPT 686 —*Ant.* atypical

**repress** [*v*] *keep back, hold in* black out\*, bottle, chasten, check, collect, compose, control, cool\*, cork\*, crush, curb, gridlock\*, hinder, hold back, inhibit, jam up, keep in, keep in check, keep under wraps\*, kill\*, lock, master, muffle, overcome, overpower, quash, quelch, quell, rein, restrain, shush, silence, simmer down\*, smother, squelch, stifle, subdue, subjugate, suppress, swallow, throw cold water on\*, tie up\*; CONCEPTS 121,130 —*Ant.* allow, let go, permit

**reprieve** [*n*] *relief of blame, responsibility* abatement, abeyance, absolution, acquittal, alleviation, amnesty, anchor\*, clearance, clemency, commute, deferment, freeing, let-up\*, lifeboat\*, lifesaver\*, mitigation, palliation, pardon, postponement, release, remission, respite, spring\*, stay, suspension, truce; CONCEPTS 318,685

**reprieve** [*v*] *relieve of blame, responsibility* abate, absolve, allay, alleviate, amnesty, excuse, forgive, grant a stay, let go, let off, let off the hook\*, let off this time\*, let up on\*, mitigate, palliate, pardon, postpone, remit, respite; CONCEPTS 50,88,317 —*Ant.* accusation, blame

**reprimand** [*n*] *oral punishment* admonishment, admonition, bawling out\*, blame, calling down\*, castigation, censure, chiding, comeuppance, dressing-down\*, going over\*, grooming, hard time\*, lecture, piece of one's mind\*, ragging\*, rap\*, rebuke, reprehension, reproof, scolding, slap on wrist\*, talking-to, telling-off, tongue-lashing, what for\*; CONCEPTS 123,278  
—*Ant.* forgiveness, praise, reward

**reprimand** [*v*] *blame, scold* admonish, call on the carpet\*, castigate, censure, check, chew out\*, chide, come down on\*, criticize, denounce, dress down\*, give piece of one's mind\*, give the dickens\*, lecture, lesson, light into\*, lower the boom\*, monish, rap, rebuke, reprehend, reproach, reprove, take to task\*, tell off, tick off\*, upbraid; CONCEPTS 44,52  
—*Ant.* exonerate, forgive, reward

**reprisal** [*n*] *revenge* avengement, avenging, counterblow, counterstroke, eye for an eye\*, paying back, requital, retaliation, retribution, vengeance; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* kindness, sympathy

**reproach** [*n*] *strong criticism; dishonor* abuse, admonishment, admonition, blame, blemish, censure, chiding, condemnation, contempt, disapproval, discredit, disgrace, disrepute, ignominy, indignity, obloquy, odium, opprobrium, rap\*, rebuke, reprehension, reprimand, reproof, scorn, shame, slight, slur, stain, stigma; CONCEPTS 44,52,123,388 —*Ant.* approval, honor, praise, respect

**reproach** [*v*] *find fault with* abuse, admonish, blame, call down, call to task\*, cavil, censure, chide, condemn, criticize, defame, discredit, disparage, give comeuppance\*, give the devil\*, jawbone\*, lay on\*, lesson, rake, ream, rebuke, reprehend, reprimand, reprove, scold, sit on\*, take to task, trim, upbraid; CONCEPTS 44,52  
—*Ant.* approve, praise

**reprobate** [*adj*] *shameless* bad, corrupt, degenerate, foul, immoral, improper, incorrigible, lewd, rude, sinful, unprincipled, vile, wanton, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,545

**reproduce** [*v*1] *make more copies of* carbon\*, clone, copy, do again, dupe\*, duplicate, echo, emulate, engross, follow, imitate, knock off, manifold, match, mimeo\*, mimeograph, mirror, parallel, photocopy, photograph, photostat, pirate, portray, print, reawaken, recount, recreate, redo, reduplicate, reenact, reflect, relive, remake, repeat, replicate, represent, reprint, restamp, revive, stereotype, transcribe, type, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 111,171  
—*Ant.* abort, destroy, stop

**reproduce** [*v*2] *make something new; give birth* bear, beget, breed, engender, father, fecundate, generate, hatch, impregnate, mother, multiply, procreate, produce young, progenerate, proliferate, propagate, repopulate, sire, spawn; CONCEPTS 173,251,374 —*Ant.* abort, kill

**reproduction** [*n*] *something duplicated; duplication* breeding, carbon\*, carbon copy,

chip off old block\*, clone, copy, ditto\*, dupe\*, facsimile, fake, flimsy, generation, imitation, increase, look-alike, mimeo\*, mimeograph, mirror image\*, multiplication, offprint, photocopy, photograph, Photostat, pic\*, picture, portrayal, print, procreation, proliferation, propagation, recreation, reduplication, reenactment, renewal, replica, replication, reprinting, repro\*, revival, stat, transcription, twin, Xerox\*, X-ray\*; CONCEPTS 173,625,670,716  
—*Ant.* original

**reprove** [*v*] *rebuke* admonish, bawl out\*, berate, castigate, censure, chew out\*, chide, condemn, jump down one's throat\*, lambaste, lay into\*, lecture, read the riot act\*, reprimand, reproach, scold, take to task\*, upbraid; CONCEPTS 44,52

**repudiate** [*v*] *reject*; *turn one's back* on abandon, abjure, apostatize, banish, be against, break with, cast, cast off, cut off, decline, default, defect, demur, deny, desert, disacknowledge, disapprove, disavow, discard, disclaim, dishonor, disinherit, dismiss, disown, dump, flush\*, fly in the face of\*, forsake, nix\*, oust, rat\*, recant, refuse, renounce, repeal, reprobate, rescind, retract, reverse, revoke, spurn, tergiversate, tergiverse, turn, turn down, wash one's hands of\*; CONCEPTS 13,21,30 —*Ant.* admit, approve

**repugnant** [*adj*] *bad, obnoxious; hostile* abhorrent, abominable, adverse, against, alien, antagonistic, antipathetic, averse, conflicting, contradictory, counter, creepy\*, different, disagreeable, disgusting, distasteful, extraneous, extrinsic, foreign, foul, hateful, horrid, incompatible, inconsistent, in consonant, inimical, in opposition, invidious, loathsome, nasty, nauseating, noisome, objectionable, odious, offensive, opposed, opposite, repellent, revolting, revulsive, sickening, uncomformable, unfitted, unfriendly, vile; CONCEPTS 401,564,571  
—*Ant.* friendly, good, nice, pleasant

**repulse** [*n*] *snub; rejection* brush-off\*, check, cold shoulder\*, defeat, disappointment, failure, nix\*, nothing doing\*, rebuff, refusal, reverse, slap in the face\*, spurning, thumbs down\*, turndown; CONCEPTS 388,674 —*Ant.* attraction, enchantment

**repulse** [*v1*] *push away* beat off, brush off\*, check, defeat, drive back, fend off, fight off, heave-ho\*, hold off, keep off, kick in the teeth\*, nix\*, overthrow, push back, put down, rebuff, rebut, reject, repel, resist, set back, stave off, throw back, ward off; CONCEPTS 96,208  
—*Ant.* attract, enchant

**repulse** [*v2*] *make sick* disdain, disgust, disregard, give a pain\*, rebuff, refuse, reject, reluct, repel, revolt, sicken, snub, spurn, turn down, turn off; CONCEPTS 21,410 —*Ant.* please, soothe

**repulsion** [*n*] *hatred, disgust* abhorrence, abomination, antipathy, aversion, denial, detestation, disrelish, distaste, hate, horror, loathing, malice, rebuff, refusal, repugnance, repugnancy, resentment, revolt, revulsion, snub; CONCEPT 29  
—*Ant.* attraction, liking, love

**repulsive** [*adj*] *very disgusting, offensive* abhorrent, abominable, animal\*, creepy\*, disagreeable, distasteful, forbidding, foul, gross, hateful, hideous, horrid, loathsome, nasty, nauseating, noisome, objectionable, obnoxious, odious, off-putting, pugnacious, repellent, revolting,

sickening, sleazy\*, ugly, undesirable, unpleasant, unsightly, vile; CONCEPTS 529,571,579

—*Ant.* attractive, enchanting, inviting, pleasing  
**reputable** [*adj*] *worthy of respect* acclaimed, celebrated, conscientious, constant, creditable, dependable, distinguished, eminent, esteemed, estimable, excellent, fair, faithful, famed, famous, favored, good, high-principled, high-ranking, honest, honorable, honored, illustrious, in high favor, just, legitimate, notable, of good repute, popular, prominent, redoubted, reliable, renowned, respectable, righteous, salt of the earth\*, sincere, straightforward, trustworthy, truthful, upright, well-known, well-thought-of; CONCEPTS 545,567,574 —*Ant.* disreputable, notorious, unsuspected, untrustworthy

**reputation** [*n*] *commonly held opinion of person's character* acceptability, account, approval, authority, character, credit, dependability, distinction, éclat, eminence, esteem, estimation, fame, favor, honor, influence, mark\*, name\*, notoriety, opinion, position, prestige, privilege, prominence, rank, regard, reliability, renown, rep\*, report, repute, respectability, standing, stature, trustworthiness, weight; CONCEPTS 388,411,689 —*Ant.* disreputableness, ill repute, notoriety

**reputed** [*adj*] *believed* accounted, alleged, assumed, conjectural, considered, deemed, estimated, gossiped, held, hypothetical, ostensible, putative, reckoned, regarded, reported, rumored, said, seeming, supposed, suppositional, suppositious, suppositious, suppositive, suppository, thought; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* actual, real, true

**request** [*n*] *question or petition* appeal, application, asking, begging, call, commercial, demand, desire, entreaty, inquiry, invitation, offer, prayer, recourse, requisition, solicitation, suit, supplication; CONCEPT 662 —*Ant.* answer, reply

**request** [*v*] *ask for* appeal, apply, beg, beseech, bespeak, call for, demand, desire, entreat, hit, hit up for\*, hold out for\*, hustle\*, inquire, petition, pray, promote, put in for\*, requisition, seek, solicit, sponge\*, sue, supplicate, touch; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* answer, reply

**requiem** [*n*] *hymn, mass* canticle, ceremony, chant, death song, dirge, elegy, eulogy, funeral hymn, liturgy, memorial service, monody, psalm, religious song, ritual, sermon, threnody, worship; CONCEPTS 262,368,595

**require** [*v1*] *need, want* crave, depend upon, desire, feel necessity for, have need, hurting for, lack, miss, stand in need, wish; CONCEPTS 20,646 —*Ant.* dislike, have, not want

**require** [*v2*] *ask, demand; necessitate* assert oneself, beg, beseech, bid, call for, call upon, cause, challenge, claim, command, compel, constrain, crave, demand, direct, enjoin, entail, exact, expect, insist upon, instruct, involve, look for, obligate, oblige, order, postulate, push for, request, requisition, solicit, take; CONCEPTS 53,646

**required/requisite** [*adj*] *necessary* appropriate, called for, compulsory, compulsory, condign, demanded, deserved, due, enforced, essential, imperative, imperious, indispensable, just, mandatory, needed, needful, obligatory, prerequisite, prescribed, recommended, right, rightful, set, suitable, unavoidable, vital;

CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* nonessential, optional, unnecessary

**requirement/requisite** [*n*] *necessity, want claim, compulsion, concern, condition, demand, desideratum, element, engrossment, essential, exaction, exigency, extremity, fulfillment, fundamental, imperative, lack, must, need, obligation, obsession, pinch, precondition, preliminary, preoccupation, prepossession, prerequisite, prescription, provision, proviso, qualification, sine qua non, specification, stipulation, terms, urgency, vital part*; CONCEPTS 646,709 —*Ant.* desire, option, wish

**requisition** [*n*] *demand; application for need appropriation, call, commandeering, occupation, request, seizure, summons, takeover*; CONCEPT 662

**requisition** [*v*] *ask for; apply for something needed buy, call for, challenge, claim, demand, exact, order, postulate, put dibs on\*, put in for, request, require, solicit*; CONCEPTS 48,53 —*Ant.* answer, reply

**requite** [*v*] *compensate, give in return indemnify, make, make amends, make good, pay, pay off, quit, reciprocate, recompense, redeem, redress, reimburse, remunerate, repay, respond, restitution, retaliate, return, revenge, reward, satisfy, settle*; CONCEPTS 126,131,341,384 —*Ant.* dissatisfy, refuse

**rescind** [*v*] *declare null and void abolish, abrogate, annul, back out of, backpedal\*, backwater\*, call off, cancel, countermand, crawl out of\*, dismantle, forget, invalidate, lift, nix\*, overturn, pull the plug\*, quash, recall, remove, renege, repeal, retract, reverse, revoke, scrub\*, set aside, void, wangle out\*, weasel out\*, X-out\**; CONCEPTS 121,234,317 —*Ant.* allow, approve, permit

**rescue** [*n*] *saving from danger deliverance, delivery, disembarment, disentanglement, emancipation, exploit, extrication, feat, heroics, heroism, liberation, performance, ransom, reclaiming, reclamation, recovering, recovery, redemption, release, relief, salvage, salvation, saving*; CONCEPT 134 —*Ant.* danger, peril

**rescue** [*v*] *save from danger bail one out\*, conserve, deliver, disembarment, disentangle, emancipate, extricate, free, get off the hook\*, get out, get out of hock\*, give a break, hold over, keep, liberate, manumit, preserve, protect, pull out of the fire\*, ransom, recapture, recover, redeem, regain, release, retain, retrieve, safeguard, salvage, save life of, set free, spring\*, unleash, unloose*; CONCEPT 134 —*Ant.* harm, hurt, imperil, injure

**research** [*n*] *examination, study analysis, delving, experimentation, exploration, fact-finding, fishing expedition\*, groundwork, inquest, inquiry, inquisition, investigation, legwork\*, probe, probing, quest, R and D\*, scrutiny*; CONCEPTS 349,362 —*Ant.* ignorance

**research** [*v*] *examine, study analyze, consult, do tests, experiment, explore, inquire, investigate, look into, look up, play around with\*, probe, read up on, scrutinize*; CONCEPTS 31,103 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**researcher** [*n*] *research worker analyst, analyzer, clinician, experimenter, investigator, scientist, tester*; CONCEPTS 348,357

**resemblance** [*n*] *correspondence, similarity affinity, likeness, analogy, birds of a feather\*, carbon\*, carbon copy, clone, closeness, coincidence, comparability, comparison, conformity, counterpart, double, facsimile, image, kinship, likeness, like of, look-alike, parallel, parity, peas in a pod\*, ringer\*, sameness, semblance, simile, similitude, spitting image\*, two of a kind\*, Xerox\**; CONCEPTS 664,670,716 —*Ant.* contrast, difference, dissimilarity, diversity

**resemble** [*v*] *look or be like appear like, approximate, bear resemblance to, be similar to, be the very picture of\*, bring to mind, coincide, come close to, come near, correspond to, double, duplicate, echo, favor, feature, follow, have earmarks of\*, have signs of, match, mirror, parallel, pass for, relate, remind one of, seem like, simulate, smack of\*, sound like, take after*; CONCEPTS 664,670,716 —*Ant.* contradict, contrast, deviate, differ, disagree

**resent** [*v*] *be angry about bear a grudge, begrudge, be in a huff\*, be insulted, be offended by, be put off by\*, be rubbed wrong way\*, be vexed, dislike, feel bitter, feel sore\*, frown at, get nose out of joint\*, grudge, harbor a grudge\*, have hard feelings\*, object to, take amiss, take as an insult, take exception, take offense, take umbrage*; CONCEPTS 29,410 —*Ant.* be happy, like, love

**resentment** [*n*] *hate, anger acerbity, acrimony, animosity, animus, annoyance, antagonism, bad feeling, bitterness, choleric, cynicism, displeasure, dudgeon, exacerbation, exasperation, fog, fury, grudge, huff, hurt, ill feeling, ill will, indignation, ire, irritation, malice, malignity, miff, offense, outrage, passion, perturbation, pique, rage, rancor, rise, spite, umbrage, vehemence, vexation, wrath*; CONCEPTS 29,410 —*Ant.* affection, happiness, liking, love, pleasure

**reservation** [*n1*] *condition, stipulation catch, circumscription, demur, doubt, fine print\*, grain of salt\*, hesitancy, kicker\*, provision, proviso, qualification, restriction, scruple, skepticism, string\*, strings\*, terms*; CONCEPTS 646,711 —*Ant.* openness

**reservation** [*n2*] *the act of holding something, or thing held for future use bespeaking, booking, exclusive possession, place, restriction, retaining, retainment, setting aside, withholding*; CONCEPT 710

**reservation** [*n3*] *habitat for large group enclave, homeland, preserve, reserve, sanctuary, territory, tract*; CONCEPTS 512,516

**reserve** [*n1*] *supply ace in hole\*, assets, back-log, cache, capital, drop, emergency fund\*, fund, hoard, insurance, inventory, nest egg\*, plant, provisions, rainy day fund\*, reservoir, resources, savings, stash\*, stock, stockpile, store, wealth*; CONCEPTS 340,710,712 —*Ant.* emptiness, nothing

**reserve** [*n2*] *coolness of manner aloofness, backwardness, calmness, caution, coldness, constraint, coyness, demureness, diffidence, formality, inhibition, modesty, quietness, reluctance, repression, reservation, restraint, reticence, secretiveness, self-restraint, shyness, silence, suppression, taciturnity,*



uncommunicativeness, unresponsiveness; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* friendliness, warmth

**reserve** [*v1*] *keep, hold back* conserve, defer, delay, duck\*, have, hoard, hold, keep back, keep out, lay up, maintain, plant, possess, postpone, preserve, put away, put by, put off, retain, save, set aside, squirrel\*, squirrel away\*, stash, stockpile, store, store up, stow away, withhold; CONCEPT 129 —*Ant.* distribute, give, let go, offer

**reserve** [*v2*] *hold for future use* bespeak, book, contract, engage, prearrange, preengage, retain, schedule, secure; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* spend, use, waste

**reserved** [*adj1*] *silent, unsociable; constrained* aloof, backward, bashful, cautious, ceremonious, close, close-mouthed, cold\*, collected, composed, conventional, cool, demure, diffident, distant, eremitic, formal, frigid, gentle, icy\*, mild, misanthropic, modest, noncommittal, offish, peaceful, placid, prim, quiet, reclusive, restrained, reticent, retiring, secretive, sedate, self-contained, serene, shy, soft-spoken, solitary, standoffish, taciturn, unapproachable, uncommunicative, uncompanionable, unemonstrative, unresponsive, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* extroverted, friendly, outgoing, sociable

**reserved** [*adj2*] *held for future use* appropriated, arrogated, booked, claimed, engaged, kept, laid away, limited, preempted, private, qualified, restricted, retained, roped off, set apart, set aside, spoken for, taken; CONCEPTS 576,710 —*Ant.* given, offered, unreserved

**reservoir** [*n*] *accumulation, repository* backlog, basin, cistern, container, fund, holder, lake, nest egg\*, pond, pool, receptacle, reserve, source, spring, stock, stockpile, storage, store, supply, tank, tarn; CONCEPTS 514,712 —*Ant.* nothingness, zilch

**reside** [*v*] *live or exist in* abide, be intrinsic to, be vested, bide, consist, continue, crash\*, dig\*, dwell, endure, hang one's hat\*, inhabit, inhere, lie, locate, lodge, nest, occupy, park\*, people, perch, populate, remain, rest with, roost, settle, sojourn, squat, stay, take up residence, tenant; CONCEPTS 226,407

**residence** [*n*] *place for living* abode, address, apartment, condo, co-op, domicile, dwelling, habitation, hall, headquarters, hole, home, homeplate\*, house, household, inhabitancy, inhabitation, living quarters, lodging, manor, mansion, occupancy, occupation, palace, rack\*, roof\*, roost\*, seat, settlement, villa; CONCEPT 516 —*Ant.* business, industry, office

**resident** [*n*] *person living in a particular place* citizen, denizen, dweller, habitant, householder, indweller, inhabitant, inmate, liver, local, lodger, native, occupant, resider, squatter, suburbanite, tenant, urbanite; CONCEPT 413

**residual** [*adj*] *leftover* balance, continuing, enduring, extra, lingering, net, remaining, surplus, unconsumed, unused, vestigial; CONCEPTS 560,771 —*Ant.* base, core

**residue** [*n*] *leftover part* balance, debris, dregs, dross, excess, extra, garbage, heel, junk, leavings, leftovers, orts, parings, remainder, remains, remnant, residual, residuum, rest, scourings, scraps, scum, sewage, shavings, silt, slag, surplus, trash; CONCEPT 260,432 —*Ant.* base, core

**resign** [*v*] *give up responsibility* abandon, abdicate, bail out, bow out, capitulate, cease work, cede, demit, divorce oneself from, drop, drop out, end service, fold, forgo, forsake, give notice, give up the ship\*, hand in resignation, hand over, hang it up\*, leave, quit, relinquish, renounce, retire, secede, separate oneself from, sign off, stand aside, stand down, step down, surrender, terminate, throw in the towel\*, turn over, vacate, waive, walk out, wash hands of\*, yield; CONCEPTS 119,195,351 —*Ant.* agree, take on

**resignation** [*n1*] *relinquishment of responsibility* abandonment, abdication, departure, giving up, leaving, notice, quitting, renunciation, retirement, surrender, tendering, termination, vacating, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 119,195,351 —*Ant.* agreement, taking on

**resignation** [*n2*] *endurance, passivity* acceptance, acquiescence, compliance, conformity, deference, docility, forbearing, fortitude, humbleness, humility, longanimity, lowliness, meekness, modesty, nonresistance, patience, patientness, resignedness, submission, submissiveness, surffrance; CONCEPTS 410,657 —*Ant.* impatience, intolerance, resistance

**resigned** [*adj*] *enduring, passive* accommodated, acquiescent, adapted, adjusted, agreeable, amenable, biddable, calm, compliant, cordial, deferential, docile, genial, gentle, long-suffering, manageable, nonresisting, obedient, patient, peaceable, philosophical, pliant, quiescent, quiet, ready, reconciled, relinquishing, renouncing, satisfied, stoical, subdued, submissive, subservient, tame, tolerant, tractable, unassertive, unprotesting, unresisting, well-disposed, willing, yielding; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* intolerant

**resilient** [*adj*] *bouncy, flexible* airy, buoyant, effervescent, elastic, expansive, hardy, irrepressible, plastic, pliable, quick to recover, rebounding, rolling with punches\*, rubbery, snapping back, springy, stretchy, strong, supple, tough, volatile; CONCEPTS 488,489 —*Ant.* hard, inflexible, rigid, stiff

**resist** [*v*] *withstand, oppose* abide, abstain from, antagonize, assail, assault, battle, bear, brook, buck, check, combat, confront, contend, continue, counteract, countervail, curb, defy, die hard, dispute, duel, endure, fight back, forbear, forgo, hinder, hold, hold off, hold out against, keep from, leave alone, maintain, persevere, persist, prevent, put up a fight, refrain, refuse, remain, remain firm, repel, stand up to, stay, stonewall\*, struggle against, suffer, thwart, traverse, turn down, weather; CONCEPTS 23,35, 96,106 —*Ant.* comply, conform, go along

**resistance** [*n*] *fighting, opposition* battle, blocking, check, combat, contention, counteraction, cover, defiance, detention, fight, friction, halting, hindrance, holding, impedance, impediment, impeding, intransigence, obstruction, parrying, protecting, protection, rebuff, refusal, retardation, safeguard, screen, shield, stand, striking back, struggle, support, warding off, watch, withstanding; CONCEPTS 23,96, 106,410 —*Ant.* compliance, conforming, cooperation, submission

**resolute** [adj] *determined, strong-willed*  
adamant, bold, constant, courageous, dead set on\*, decided, dogged, faithful, firm, fixed, immutable, inflexible, intent upon, intrepid, loyal, meaning business\*, obstinate, persevering, persistent, persisting, purposeful, relentless, resolved, serious, set, settled, staunch, steadfast, steady, strong, stubborn, tenacious, true, unbending, unchanging, uncompromising, undaunted, unflinching, unflagging, unflinching, unshakable, unshaken, unwavering, unyielding, valiant; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* afraid, cautious, cowardly, irresolute, weak

**resolution** [n1] *determination, strong will* aim, boldness, constancy, courage, dauntlessness, decidedness, decision, declaration, dedication, doggedness, earnestness, energy, firmness, fixed purpose, fortitude, guts\*, heart\*, immovability, intent, intention, judgment, mettle, moxie\*, obstinacy, perseverance, pluck, purpose, purposefulness, purposiveness, relentlessness, resoluteness, resolve, settlement, sincerity, spirit, spunk, staunchness, staying power, steadfastness, stubbornness, tenacity, verdict, willpower; CONCEPTS 410,657

—*Ant.* compliance, indecision, weakness  
**resolution** [n2] *answer, judgment* analysis, assertion, breakdown, call, conclusion, decision, declaration, determination, dissection, elucidation, end, exposition, finding, interpretation, motion, nod, outcome, pay dirt\*, presentation, proposal, proposition, quick fix\*, recitation, recommendation, resolve, settlement, solution, solving, sorting out, ticket\*, unravelling, upshot, verdict, working out; CONCEPTS 18,230, 274 —*Ant.* problem, question, trouble

**resolve** [n] *decision, determination* boldness, conclusion, courage, decidedness, design, earnestness, firmness, fixed purpose, intention, objective, project, purpose, purposefulness, purposiveness, resoluteness, resolution, steadfastness, undertaking, will, willpower; CONCEPTS 410,659,689 —*Ant.* indecision, question, wavering

**resolve** [v] *make up one's mind; find solution* agree, analyze, anatomize, answer, break, break down, choose, clear up, clinch\*, conclude, deal with, decide, decipher, decree, design, determine, dissect, dissolve, elect, elucidate, fathom, figure, fix, intend, iron out\*, lick, make a point of, pan out\*, pass upon, propose, purpose, puzzle out, remain firm, rule, settle, solve, take a stand, undertake, unfold, unravel, untangle, unzip\*, will, work, work out, work through; CONCEPTS 15,18,24 —*Ant.* mull, question, waver, wonder

**resonant** [adj] *vibrant in sound* beating, booming, clangorous, consonant, deep, deep-toned, earsplitting, echoing, electrifying, enhanced, full, heightened, intensified, loud, mellow, noisy, orotund, plangent, powerful, profound, pulsating, pulsing, resounding, reverberant, reverberating, rich, ringing, roaring, round, sonorant, sonorous, stentorian, strident, thrilling, throbbing, thundering, thunderous; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* faint, quiet

**resonate** [v] *resound* echo, oscillate, reproduce, reverberate, ring, sound, vibrate; CONCEPTS 65,91,171

**resort** [n1] *vacation place* camp, fat farm\*, hangout, harbor, haunt, haven, hideaway, hideout, holiday spot, hotel, hot spring\*, inn, lodge, mineral spring, motel, nest, park, purview, refuge, rendezvous, retreat, spa, spot, spring, stomping ground\*, tourist center, tourist trap\*; CONCEPTS 198,516

**resort** [n2] *alternative, recourse* chance, course, device, expediency, expedient, hope, makeshift, opportunity, possibility, reference, refuge, relief, resource, shift, stopgap, substitute, surrogate; CONCEPTS 693,712

**resort** [v] *have recourse to; make use of* address, affect, apply, avail oneself of, benefit by, bring into play, devote, direct, employ, exercise, fall back on, frequent, go, go to, haunt, head for, look to, make use of, put to use, recur, recur to, refer to, repair, run, take up, try, turn, turn to, use, utilize, visit; CONCEPT 225 —*Ant.* avoid, dodge

**resound** [v] *resonate* boom, bounce back, echo, reproduce, reverberate, ring, sound, vibrate; CONCEPTS 65,91,171

**resource** [n] *supply drawn upon, either material or nonmaterial* ability, appliance, artifice, assets, capability, capital, cleverness, contraption, contrivance, course, creation, device, expedient, fortune, hoard, ingenuity, initiative, inventiveness, makeshift, means, measure, method, mode, nest egg\*, property, quick-wittedness, recourse, refuge, relief, reserve, resourcefulness, riches, shift, source, step, stock, stockpile, store, stratagem, substance, substitute, support, surrogate, system, talent, way, wealth, worth; CONCEPTS 340,523, 658,710,712 —*Ant.* product

**resourceful** [adj] *imaginative* able, active, adventurous, aggressive, bright, capable, clever, creative, enterprising, ingenious, intelligent, inventive, original, quick-witted, sharp, talented, venturesome; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* dull, uncreative, unimaginative, unresourceful

**resources** [n] *money, possessions, natural resources* ace in hole\*, assets, backing, bankroll, basics, belongings, budget, capital, collateral, effects, funds, holdings, income, kitty\*, material goods, means, nest egg\*, nut\*, property, reserves, revenue, riches, savings, sock\*, stuff, supplies, the goods\*, ways and means\*, wealth, wherewithal\*; CONCEPTS 340, 446,523,710,712 —*Ant.* debt

**respect** [n1] *admiration given by others* account, adoration, appreciation, approbation, awe, consideration, courtesy, deference, dignity, esteem, estimation, favor, fear, homage, honor, obeisance, ovation, recognition, regard, repute, reverence, testimonial, tribute, veneration, worship; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* disdain, dishonor, disrespect

**respect** [n2] *way, sense* aspect, bearing, character, connection, detail, facet, feature, matter, particular, point, reference, regard, relation; CONCEPT 682

**respect** [v] *admire; obey* abide by, adhere to, adore, appreciate, attend, be awed by, be kind to, comply with, defer to, esteem, follow, have good opinion of, have high opinion, heed, honor, look up to, note, notice, observe of, pay attention, recognize, regard, revere, reverence,

set store by, show consideration, show courtesy, spare, take into account, think highly of, uphold, value, venerate; CONCEPTS 10,32 —*Ant.*

condemn, disobey, disrespect, scorn

**respectable** [*adj*] *good, honest* admirable, appropriate, august, becoming, befitting, comely, conforming, correct, creditable, decent, decorous, dignified, done, estimable, fair, honorable, mediocre, moderate, modest, nice, ordinary, passable, presentable, proper, redoubtable, redoubted, reputable, reputed, respected, satisfactory, seemly, sublime, suitable, tolerable, upright, venerable, virtuous, well-thought-of, worthy; CONCEPT 572 —*Ant.* bad, corrupt, dishonest, dishonorable, unrespectable, unworthy

**respectable** [*adj*] *substantial, ample* appreciable, considerable, decent, fair, fairly good, good, goodly, presentable, reasonable, sensible, sizable, tidy, tolerable; CONCEPT 771 —*Ant.* cheap, inadequate, miserly

**respectful** [*adj*] *courteous, mannerly* admiring, appreciative, civil, considerate, courtly, deferential, duteous, dutiful, gracious, humble, obedient, obeisant, polite, recognizing, regardful, regarding, reverent, reverential, self-effacing, solicitous, submissive, upholding, venerating, well-mannered; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* discourteous, mean, unmannerly

**respective** [*adj*] *particular, specific* corresponding, each, individual, own, personal, relevant, separate, several, singular, various; CONCEPT 556 —*Ant.* indefinite

**respects** [*n*] *good wishes* best wishes, compliments, courtesies, deference, devoirs, greetings, kind wishes, regards, salaam\*, salutations; CONCEPT 278

**respite** [*n*] *pause, suspension in activity* acquittal, adjournment, break, breath\*, breather\*, breathing space\*, cessation, coffee break\*, deadlock, deferment, delay, deliverance, discharge, downtime\*, ease, exculpation, five\*, forgiveness, halt, hiatus, immunity, intermission, interregnum, interruption, interval, layoff, leisure, letup\*, lull, moratorium, pardon, postponement, protraction, recess, relaxation, release, relief, reprieve, rest, stay, stop, ten\*, time, time out\*, truce; CONCEPTS 121,681,807 —*Ant.* continuation

**resplendent** [*adj*] *bright, radiant* beaming, blazing, brilliant, dazzling, effulgent, flaming, gleaming, glittering, glorious, glossy, glowing, gorgeous, irradiant, luminous, lustrous, magnificent, proud, refugent, shining, shiny, splendid, splendidous, splendorous, sublime, superb; CONCEPTS 579,589,617 —*Ant.* cloudy, dull, gloomy, withering

**respond** [*v*] *act in answer to something* acknowledge, act in response, answer, answer back, behave, be in touch with, come back, come back at, come in, counter, feedback, feel for, field the question\*, get back to\*, get in touch, react, reciprocate, rejoin, reply, retort, return, talk back; CONCEPTS 45,384 —*Ant.* ask, question, request

**response** [*n*] *answer, reaction* acknowledgment, antiphon, back talk\*, comeback, counter, double-take\*, echo, feedback, hit, kickback\*, knee-jerk reaction\*, lip\*, rejoinder, reply, respond, retort, return, reverberation, riposte,

sass\*, snappy comeback\*, vibes\*, wisecrack; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* asking, question, request

**responsibility** [*n*] *accountability, blame* albatross\*, amenability, answerability, authority, boundness, burden, care, charge, constraint, contract, culpability, duty, encumbrance, engagement, fault, guilt, holding the bag\*, importance, incubus, incumbency, liability, obligation, obligatoriness, onus, pledge, power, rap, restraint, subjection, trust; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* exemption, freedom, immunity, irresponsibility

**responsibility** [*n*] *maturity, trustworthiness* ability, capableness, capacity, competency, conscientiousness, dependability, dependableness, efficiency, faithfulness, firmness, honesty, levelheadedness, loyalty, rationality, reliability, sensibleness, soberness, stability, steadfastness, trustiness, uprightness; CONCEPTS 411,633

—*Ant.* distrust, immaturity, irresponsibility

**responsible** [*adj*] *accountable, in charge* answerable, at fault, at the helm, authoritative, bonded, bound, bound to, carrying the load, censurable, chargeable, compelled, constrained, contracted, culpable, decision-making, devolving on, duty-bound, engaged, executive, exposed, fettered, guilty, hampered, held, high, important, in authority, in control, incumbent, liable, minding the store\*, obligated, obliged, on the hook\*, open, pledged, subject, susceptible, sworn to, tied, to blame, under contract, under obligation; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* excused, exempt, free, immune, irresponsible

**responsible** [*adj*] *trustworthy, mature* able, adult, capable, competent, conscientious, dependable, dutiful, effective, efficient, faithful, firm, levelheaded, loyal, qualified, rational, reliable, self-reliant, sensible, sober, sound, stable, steadfast, steady, tried, trusty, upright; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* immature, irresponsible, untrustworthy

**responsive** [*adj*] *quick to react* acknowledging, active, alive, answering, awake, aware, compassionate, conscious, forthcoming, impressionable, influenceable, kindhearted, open, passionate, perceptive, persuadable, reactive, receptive, replying, respondent, sensible, sensile, sensitive, sentient, sharp, softened, susceptible, susceptible, sympathetic, tender, warm, warmhearted; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* insensitive, unresponsive, unsusceptible

**rest** [*n*] *inactivity break, breather\*, breathing space\*, calm, calmness, cessation, coffee break\*, comfort, composure, cutoff, downtime\*, doze, dreaminess, ease, forty winks\*, halt, holiday, hush, idleness, interlude, intermission, interval, leisure, letup\*, lull, motionlessness, nap, pause, peace, quiescence, quiet, quietude, recess, recreation, refreshment, relaxation, relief, repose, respite, siesta, silence, sleep, slumber, somnolence, stand still, stay, stillness, stop, time off, tranquility, vacation; CONCEPTS 315,681,807 —*Ant.* action, activity, energy*

**rest** [*n*] *remainder of something* balance, bottom of barrel\*, dregs, dross, excess, heel, leavings, leftovers, odds and ends\*, orts, others, overplus, remains, remnant, residual, residue, residuum, rump, superfluity, surplus; CONCEPTS 260,835 —*Ant.* base, core

**rest** [n3] *base, foundation* basis, bed, bottom, footing, ground, groundwork, holder, pedestal, pediment, pillar, prop, seat, seating, shelf, stand, stay, support, trestle; CONCEPTS 442,825

**rest** [v1] *be calm; sleep* be at ease, be comfortable, breathe, compose oneself, doze, dream, drowse, ease off, ease up, idle, laze, lean, let down, let up, lie by, lie down, lie still, loaf, loll, lounge, nap, nod, put feet up\*, recline, refresh oneself, relax, repose, sit down, slack, slacken, slack off, slumber, snooze, spell, stretch out, take a break, take a nap, take five\*, take it easy\*, take life easy\*, take ten\*, take time out, unbend, unlash\*, unwind, wind down; CONCEPTS 210,315,681 —*Ant.* activate, be active, carry out, do, energize

**rest** [v2] *lie, recline* be quiet, be supported, lay, lean, lie still, loll, lounge, pause, prop, repose, roost, settle, sit, stand, stand still, stretch out; CONCEPTS 154,681 —*Ant.* move, stand, walk

**rest** [v3] *depend, hinge* base, be based, be contingent, be dependent, be founded, be seated on, be supported, be upheld, bottom, count, establish, found, ground, hang, lie, predicate, rely, reside, stay, turn; CONCEPT 711

**restaurant** [n] *business establishment serving food and drink* bar, café, cafeteria, canteen, chophouse\*, coffee shop, diner, dining room, dive\*, doughnut shop, drive-in, eatery, eating house, eating place, fast-food place, greasy spoon\*, grill, hamburger stand, hashery\*, hide-away\*, hotdog stand, inn, joint\*, luncheonette, lunchroom, night club, outlet\*, pizzeria, saloon, soda fountain, watering hole\*; CONCEPTS 439, 448,449

**restful** [adj] *quiet* calm, comfortable, contented, hushed, inactive, motionless, pacific, peaceful, placid, relaxed, relaxing, retired, sedate, serene, soothing, still, tranquil, unanxious, unexcited, untroubled; CONCEPTS 401,583,705

**restitution** [n] *compensation, repayment* amends, dues, indemnification, indemnity, payment, quittance, rebate, recompense, redress, refund, reimbursement, remuneration, reparation, reprisal, requital, restoration, return, satisfaction, squaring things\*; CONCEPT 344 —*Ant.* dissatisfaction, fee, penalty, taking

**restive** [adj] *impatient, nervous* agitated, balky, contrary, edgy, fidgety, fractious, fretful, froward, ill at ease, jittery, jumpy, nervy, obstinate, on edge, ornery\*, perverse, recalcitrant, refractory, restless, stubborn, tense, uneasy, unruly, unyielding, uptight; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* calm, collected, patient, relaxed

**restless** [adj] *not content; moving about* active, agitated, antsy\*, anxious, bundle of nerves\*, bustling, changeable, disturbed, edgy, fidgeting, fidgety, fitful, footloose\*, fretful, hurried, ill at ease, inconstant, intermittent, irresolute, itchy\*, jumpy, nervous, nomadic, on edge, perturbed, restive, roving, sleepless, spasmodic, strung out\*, tossing and turning\*, transient, troubled, turbulent, uneasy, unpeaceful, unquiet, unrestful, unruly, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, wandering, worried; CONCEPTS 403,542,584 —*Ant.* agitated, jumpy, nervous, restive

**restlessness** [n] *constant motion; discontent* activity, agitation, ailment, ants\*, antsiness\*, anxiety, bustle, disquiet, disquietude, disturbance,

edginess, excitability, ferment, fitfulness, fretfulness, hurry, inconstancy, inquietude, insomnia, instability, jitters, jumpiness, movement, nervousness, restiveness, transience, turbulence, turmoil, uneasiness, unrest, unsettledness, worriedness; CONCEPTS 410,657,748 —*Ant.* calm, contentedness, relaxation, restfulness

**restore** [v1] *fix, make new* bring back, build up, cure, heal, improve, make healthy, make restitution, mend, modernize, reanimate, rebuild, recall, recondition, reconstitute, reconstruct, recover, redeem, reinforce, reerect, reestablish, refresh, refurbish, rehabilitate, reimpose, reinstatement, reintroduce, rejuvenate, renew, renovate, repair, replace, rescue, retouch, revitalize, revive, revivify, set to rights, strengthen, touch up, update, win back; CONCEPTS 126,212,244 —*Ant.* break, damage, destroy, hurt

**restore** [v2] *give back* hand back, put back, replace, return, send back; CONCEPTS 131,232

**restrain** [v] *keep under control; hold back* arrest, bind, bottle up, box up, bridle, chain, check, choke back, circumscribe, confine, constrain, contain, control, cool\*, cork\*, crack down\*, curb, curtail, debar, delimit, detain, deter, direct, fetter, gag, govern, guide, hamper, handicap, harness, hem in, hinder, hogtie\*, hold, impound, imprison, inhibit, jail, keep, keep down, keep in line\*, kill\*, limit, lock up, manacle, muzzle, pinion, prevent, proscribe, pull back, repress, restrict, sit on, stay, subdue, suppress, tie down, tie up; CONCEPTS 121,130,191 —*Ant.* free, liberate, release

**restrained** [adj] *calm, quiet* bottled up, calm and collected, chilled, conservative, controlled, cool, corked up, discreet, in charge, in check, inobtrusive, laid-back\*, mild, moderate, muted, on a leash\*, plain, reasonable, reticent, retiring, self-controlled, shrinking, soft, steady, subdued, tasteful, temperate, unaffable, undemonstrative, under control, under wraps\*, unexcessive, unexpansive, unextreme, unobtrusive, uptight, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* assured, bold, confident, extroverted, outgoing

**restraint** [n1] *self-control* abstemiousness, abstinence, caution, coercion, command, compulsion, confines, constraint, control, coolness, curtailment, economy, forbearance, grip, hindrance, hold, inhibition, limitation, moderation, prevention, repression, reserve, restriction, secretiveness, self-denial, self-discipline, self-government, self-possession, self-restraint, silence, suppression, unnaturalness, withholding; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* agitation, arousal, wildness

**restraint** [n2] *limitation; something that holds* abridgment, arrest, ban, bar, barrier, bondage, bridle, captivity, chains, check, command, confinement, constraint, cramp, curb, decrease, deprivation, detention, deterrent, deterrence, embargo, fetters, hindrance, impediment, imprisonment, instruction, interdict, limit, manacles, obstacle, obstruction, order, pinions, prohibition, reduction, rein, repression, restriction, rope, stop, stoppage, straitjacket, string\*, taboo, weight; CONCEPTS 5,666,674 —*Ant.* freedom, liberation

**restrict** [v] *confine, limit* situation or ability to participate bind, bottle up, bound, chain, check, circumscribe, come down on, constrict, contain,

contract, cool down, cramp, curb, decrease, define, delimit, delimitate, demarcate, demark, diminish, encircle, enclose, hamper, handicap, hang up, hem in, hold back, hold down, impede, inclose, inhibit, keep within bounds, keep within limits, moderate, modify, narrow, pin down, prelimit, put away, put on ice\*, qualify, reduce, regulate, restrain, send up, shorten, shrink, shut in, surround, temper, tether, tie; CONCEPT 130 —*Ant.* enlarge, expand, free, let go, release

**restriction** [*n*] *limit* ball and chain\*, bounds, brake, catch, check, circumscription, condition, confinement, constraint, containment, contraction, control, cramp, curb, custody, demarcation, excess baggage\*, fine print\*, glitch\*, grain of salt\*, handicap, hang-up\*, inhibition, limitation, limits, lock\*, no-no\*, qualification, regulation, reservation, restraint, rule, small difficulty, stint, stipulation, stricture, string\*, stumbling block\*; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* enlargement, expansion, freedom, release

**result** [*n*] *effect brought about by something* aftereffect, aftermath, arrangement, backwash\*, by-product, close, completion, conclusion, consequence, consummation, corollary, creature, crop, decision, denouement, determination, development, emanation, end, ensual, event, eventuality, execution, finish, fruit\*, fruition, harvest, issue, offshoot\*, outcome, outcropping, outgrowth, payoff, proceeds, product, production, reaction, repercussion, returns, sequel, sequence, settlement, termination, upshot; CONCEPT 230 —*Ant.* cause, source

**result** [*v*] *happen, develop* accrue, appear, arise, attend, become of, be due to, come about, come forth, come from, come of, come out, conclude, culminate, derive, effect, emanate, emerge, end, ensue, eventuate, emanate, finish, flow, follow, fruit, germinate, grow, issue, occur, originate, pan out, proceed, produce, rise, spring, stem, terminate, turn out, wind up, work out; CONCEPTS 4,119,242 —*Ant.* cause

**résumé** [*n*] *outline of experience* abstract, bio\*, biography, curriculum vitae, CV\*, digest, epitome, précis, recapitulation, review, rundown, sum, summary, summation, summing-up, synopsis, vita, work history; CONCEPTS 271,283

**resume** [*v*] *begin again* assume again, carry on, come back, continue, go on, go on with, keep on, keep up, occupy again, pick up, proceed, reassume, recapitulate, recommence, recoup, regain, reinstitute, reoccupy, reopen, repossess, restart, retake, return to, take back, take up; CONCEPTS 221,239 —*Ant.* finish, halt, stop

**resurgence** [*n*] *revival* comeback, reawakening, rebirth, rebound, recovery, rejuvenation, renaissance, renascence, renewal, restoration, resurrection, return, revitalization, triumph; CONCEPTS 119,221,706

**resurrection** [*n*] *awakening from the dead* reappearance, reawakening, rebirth, restoration, resurgence, return to life, revival; CONCEPT 221

**resuscitate** [*v*] *revive* arouse, awaken, breathe new life into\*, bring back to life, bring to\*, come to life, energize, enkindle, enliven, give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, invigorate, perform CPR, rejuvenate, renovate, restore, resurrect, revitalize, save, wake up; CONCEPTS 13,221,469,697

**retain** [*v1*] *hold on to physically or mentally* absorb, bear in mind, cling to, clutch, contain, detain, enjoy, grasp, hand onto, have, hold, hold fast, husband, keep, keep in mind, keep possession, maintain, memorize, mind, own, possess, preserve, put away, recall, recognize, recollect, remember, reminisce, reserve, restrain, retrospect, save, withhold; CONCEPTS 40,190,710 —*Ant.* free, let go, lose, release, spend

**retain** [*v2*] *hire* commission, contract, employ, engage, maintain, pay, reserve; CONCEPT 351 —*Ant.* fire, let go, pass up

**retaliate** [*v*] *get even with someone* even the score\*, exact retribution, get, get back at, give and take\*, make reprisal, pay, pay back, reciprocate, recompense, repay, requite, retrospect, return, return the compliment, revenge, revive, settle, square accounts\*, strike back, take an eye for an eye\*, take revenge, turn the tables on\*, turn upon, wreak vengeance; CONCEPTS 126,384 —*Ant.* forgive, pardon, sympathize

**retard** [*v*] *hinder, obstruct* arrest, back off, baffle, balk, bog, bog down, brake, bring to screeching halt\*, check, choke, choke off, clog, close off, crimp, dawdle, decelerate, decrease, defer, delay, detain, down, encumber, falter, fetter, flag, hamper, handicap, hang up, hesitate, hold back, hold up, impede, lessen, let up, loaf, loiter, mire, poke, postpone, reduce, retardate, set back, shut down, shut off, slacken, slow down, slow up, stall, take down; CONCEPTS 121,130,190,240 —*Ant.* advance, help, push

**reticent** [*adj*] *secretive, quiet* bashful, clammed up\*, close, close-mouthed, dried up\*, dummed up\*, hesitant, mum, reserved, restrained, shy, silent, taciturn, tight-lipped, uncommunicative, unforthcoming, unspeaking, uptight\*; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* communicative, forward, unrestrained

**retire** [*v*] *leave a place or responsibility* absent oneself, decamp, deny oneself, depart, draw back, ebb, exit, fall back, get away, get off, give ground, give up work, give way, go, go away, go to bed, go to one's room\*, go to sleep, hand over, hit the sack\*, leave service, make vacant, part, pull back, pull out, recede, regress, relinquish, remove, repeal, rescind, resign, retreat, revoke, run along, rusticate, secede, seclude oneself, separate, sever connections, stop working, surrender, take off, turn in, withdraw, yield; CONCEPTS 195,234,351 —*Ant.* begin, enter, join

**retiring** [*adj*] *shy, undemonstrative* backward, bashful, coy, demure, diffident, humble, meek, modest, nongregarious, not forward, quiet, rabidity, recessive, reclusive, reserved, restrained, reticent, self-effacing, shrinking, timid, timorous, unaffable, unassertive, unassuming, unexpansive, unsociable, withdrawing, withdrawn; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* demonstrative, extroverted, outgoing, self-confident

**retort** [*n*] *snappy answer* antiphon, back answer, back talk, comeback, cooler, counter, crack\*, gag\*, jape, jest, joke, lip\*, parting shot\*, quip, rejoinder, repartee, reply, reprisal, respond, response, retaliation, return, revenge, riposte, sally, snappy comeback\*, topper\*, wisecrack, witticism; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* question, request

**retort** [*v*] *answer* answer back, come back at\*, counter, crack\*, rebut, rejoin, repay, reply, requite, respond, retaliate, return, riposte, sass\*, shoot back\*, snap back\*, squelch\*, talk back, top\*; CONCEPT 45 —*Ant.* question, request

**retract** [*v*] *take back*; *renee* on abjure, back, back down, back off, back out of, call off, cancel, change one's mind, countermand, deny, disavow, disclaim, disown, draw in, eat one's words\*, eliminate, exclude, fall back, forget it, forswear, go back on, have change of heart\*, nig\*, pull back, pull in, recall, recant, recede, reel in\*, renege, renounce, repeal, repudiate, rescind, retreat, retrocede, retrograde, reverse, revoke, rule out, sheathe, suspend, take back, take in, unsay, welsh\*; withdraw; CONCEPTS 25,49,119,697 —*Ant.* corroborate, emphasize, reaffirm, repeat

**retreat** [*n1*] *departure* ebb, evacuation, flight, retirement, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 30,195 —*Ant.* advance, arrival, coming

**retreat** [*n2*] *place one goes for peace* adytum, ark, asylum, cell, cloister, convent, cover, covert, defense, den, habitat, harbor, haunt, haven, hermitage, hideaway, hiding place, ivory tower\*, port, privacy, refuge, resort, retirement, safe house, safe place, sanctuary, seclusion, security, shelter, solitude; CONCEPT 516

**retreat** [*v*] *pull back, go away* abandon, avoid, back, back away, back down, back off, back out, backtrack, beat it, cave in, decamp, depart, disengage, draw back, ebb, elude, escape, evacuate, evade, fall back, fold, give ground, go, go along with, go back, hand over, hide, keep aloof, keep apart, lay down, leave, move back, opt out\*, pull out, quail, quit, recede, recoil, reel, regress, relinquish, resign, retire, retrocede, retrograde, reverse, run, seclude oneself, sequester, shrink, start back, turn tail\*, vacate, withdraw; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* advance, face, forge, meet

**retribution** [*n*] *payback for another's action* avengement, avenging, comeuppance, compensation, counterblow, eye for an eye\*, just desserts\*, justice, punishment, reckoning, recompense, redress, repayment, reprisal, requital, retaliation, revanche, revenge, reward, satisfaction, vengeance, what for\*; CONCEPTS 123,126,384 —*Ant.* forgiveness, pardon, sympathy

**retrieve** [*v*] *get back* bring back, fetch, reacquire, recall, recapture, reclaim, recoup, recover, recruit, redeem, regain, repair, repossess, rescue, restore, salvage, save, win back; CONCEPTS 120,131 —*Ant.* give, offer, relinquish

**retro** [*adj*] *nostalgic* dated, evocative, in period style, nostalgic, old-fashioned, old world, out-of-date, passe, period; CONCEPT 578 —*Ant.* modern

**retrospect** [*n*] *afterthought* hindsight, recollection, reconsideration, reexamination, remembering, remembrance, reminiscence, retrospection, review, revision, survey; CONCEPTS 17,40,410 —*Ant.* forethought, prophesy, prospect

**return** [*n1*] *coming again* acknowledgment, answer, appearance, arrival, coming, entrance, entry, homecoming, occurrence, reaction, reappearance, rebound, recoil, recoiling, recompense, recompensing, recovery, recrudescence, recurrence, reestablishment, reinstatement,

rejoinder, reoccurrence, replacement, repossession, restitution, restoration, restoring, retreat, reversion, revisit; CONCEPTS 4,695 —*Ant.* departure, leave

**return** [*n2*] *earnings, benefit* accrual, accrument, advantage, avail, compensation, gain, gate, income, interest, lucre, proceeds, profit, reciprocity, recompense, reimbursement, reparation, repayment, requital, results, retaliation, revenue, reward, take\*, takings, yield; CONCEPTS 340,710 —*Ant.* debt, payment

**return** [*n3*] *answer* antiphon, comeback, rejoinder, reply, respond, response, retort, riposte; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* question, request

**return** [*n4*] *summary* account, form, list, record, report, statement, tabulation; CONCEPTS 283,331

**return** [*v1*] *go back, turn back* back up, bounce back, circle back, come again, come back, double back, go again, hark back to, move back, react, reappear, rebound, recoil, reconsider, recrudescence, recur, reel back, reenter, reexamine, reoccur, repair, repeat, retire, retrace steps, retreat, revert, revisit, revolve, rotate, turn, CONCEPTS 159,242 —*Ant.* depart, leave

**return** [*v2*] *give back, send back* bestow, carry back, convey, give, hand back, make restitution, pay back, put back, react, rebate, reciprocate, recompense, reestablish, refund, reimburse, reinsert, reinstate, remit, render, repay, replace, requite, reseat, restitute, restore, retaliate, roll back, send, take back, thrust back, toss back, transmit; CONCEPTS 108,131,217 —*Ant.* keep, take

**return** [*v3*] *earn* bring in, cash in on\*, clean up\*, clear\*, make, make a killing\*, net, pay, pay dividend, pay off, repay, score, show profit, yield; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* pay

**return** [*v4*] *answer* announce, arrive at, bring in, come back, come in, come to, communicate, declare, deliver, pass, rejoin, render, reply, report, respond, retort, state, submit; CONCEPT 45 —*Ant.* ask, request

**reunion** [*n*] *social gathering* assembly, get-together, homecoming, making up\*, reconciliation, reuniting; CONCEPTS 109,113

**revamp** [*v*] *renovate* clean, do up\*, face-lift\*, make over, overhaul, recondition, refresh, refurbish, rehabilitate, remake, remodel, renew, repair, restore, resurrect, reread, revitalize, revive, spruce up\*, update; CONCEPTS 168,177,202

**reveal** [*v1*] *disclose, tell* acknowledge, admit, affirm, announce, avow, betray, break the news\*, bring out into open\*, bring to light\*, broadcast, come out with, communicate, concede, confess, declare, divulge, explain, expose, get out of system\*, give away, give out, give the low-down\*, impart, inform, leak, let cat out of the bag\*, let fall, let on, let out, let slip\*, make known, make plain, make public, notify, proclaim, publish, put cards on table\*, report, talk, tell, unfold, utter; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, suppress

**reveal** [*v2*] *show, uncover* bare, disclose, display, exhibit, expose, flash, lay bare, manifest, open, unclothe, unearth, unmask, unveil; CONCEPT 138 —*Ant.* cover, hide

**revel** [*n*] *celebration, merrymaking* bacchanal, carousal, carouse, debauch, festivity, frolic,

gaiety, gala, high jinks\*, jollification, jollity, merriment, party, reveling, revelment, saturnalia, skylarking\*, spree, wassail, whoopee\*; CONCEPTS 292,377

**revel** [*v*] *take pleasure; celebrate* bask, blow off steam\*, carouse, carry on, crow, cut loose\*, delight, enjoy, fool around\*, frolic, gloat, go on a spree\*, indulge, kick up heels\*, kid around\*, lap up\*, lark, let go\*, let loose\*, live it up\*, luxuriate, make merry, paint the town\*, rejoice, relish, riot, roister, roll, rollick, run around, savor, step out, thrive, wallow, whoop it up\*; CONCEPTS 292,377,384 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**revelation** [*n*] *disclosure, telling* adumbration, announcement, apocalypse, betrayal, blow by blow\*, break, broadcasting, clue, communication, cue, discovery, display, divination, divulgement, earful, exhibition, expose, exposition, exposure, eye-opener\*, flash, foreshadowing, inspiration, leak, lightning bolt\*, manifestation, news, oracle, proclamation, prophecy, publication, scoop\*, showing, sign, the latest\*, tip, uncovering, unearthing, unveiling, vision; CONCEPTS 60,274 —*Ant.* secret

**revelry** [*n*] *merrymaking* carousal, carouse, celebration, debauch, debauchery, entertainment, festival, festivity, fun, gaiety, high jinks\*, jollification, jollity, party, reveling, revelment, saturnalia, spree, whoop-de-do\*, whoopla\*; CONCEPTS 377,384 —*Ant.* mourning, sadness, sobriety

**revenge** [*n*] *retaliation for wrong, grievance* animus, attack, avenging, avengment, counterblow, counterinsurgency, counterplay, eye for an eye\*, fight, getting even\*, ill will, implacability, malevolence, measure for measure, rancor, repayment, reprisal, requital, retribution, return, ruthlessness, satisfaction, sortie, spitefulness, tit for tat\*, vengeance, vengefulness, vindictiveness; CONCEPTS 86,122,384 —*Ant.* forgiveness, pardon, sympathy

**revenge** [*v*] *retaliate for wrong, grievance* avenge, be out for blood\*, defend, even the score\*, fight back, fix, fix one's wagon\*, get, get back at, get even, give comeuppance, give just desserts\*, hit back, justify, kick back, make reprisal, match, pay back, pay back in spades\*, pay off, punish, reciprocate, redress, repay, requite, retort, return, return the compliment\*, score, settle up, settle with, square, stick it to, take an eye for an eye\*, turn the tables on\*, venge, vindicate; CONCEPTS 86,122,384 —*Ant.* forgive, pardon, sympathize

**revenue** [*n*] *income, profit* acquirement, annuity, bottom line\*, cash flow, credit, dividend, earnings, emolument, fruits\*, fund, gain, gate\*, get\*, gravy\*, handle\*, interest, means, net, pay, payoff, perquisite, proceeds, receipt, resources, return, reward, salary, split\*, stock, strength, take\*, takings\*, wages, wealth, yield; CONCEPTS 329,332,344 —*Ant.* debt, payment

**reverberate** [*v*] *vibrate in sound* echo, react, rebound, recoil, redound, reecho, resound, ring; CONCEPT 65 —*Ant.* quieten

**reverence** [*n*] *high opinion of something* admiration, adoration, apotheosis, approbation, approval, awe, bow, deference, deification, devotion, devoutness, esteem, fealty, fear, genuflection, high esteem, homage, honor,

love, loyalty, obeisance, obsequiousness, piety, praise, prostration, religiousness, respect, veneration, worship; CONCEPTS 10,32 —*Ant.* disdain, disregard, disrespect, scorn

**reverent** [*adj*] *respectful* admiring, appreciative, deferential, devout, dutiful, gracious, humble, obedient, obeisant, pious, polite, regardful, reverential, solemn, upholding, worshipping; CONCEPT 401

**revere/reverence** [*v*] *have a high opinion of* admire, adore, apotheosize, appreciate, be in awe of, cherish, defer to, deify, enjoy, esteem, exalt, hold in awe, honor, look up to\*, love, magnify, pay homage, prize, put on pedestal\*, regard, respect, think highly of, treasure, value, venerate, worship; CONCEPTS 10,32 —*Ant.* despise, disregard

**reverie** [*n*] *daydream* absent-mindedness, absorption, abstraction, castle-building\*, castles in the air\*, contemplation, detachment, dreaminess, dreaming, fantasy, fool's paradise\*, head trip\*, inattention, meditation, mind trip\*, muse, musing, pensiveness, phantasy, pipe dream\*, preoccupation, study, thought, trance, trip\*, woolgathering\*; CONCEPTS 529,532 —*Ant.* nightmare

**reversal** [*n*] *about-face* annulment, backpedaling, cancellation, change in direction, double-back, repeal, rescinding, retraction, switch, turnabout, turnaround, U-turn, volte-face; CONCEPT 697

**reverse** [*n1*] *opposite* about-face, antipode, antipole, antithesis, back, bottom, change of mind, contra, contradiction, contradictory, contrary, converse, counter, counterpole, flip-flop\*, flip side\*, inverse, other side, overturning, rear, regression, retrogression, retroversion, reversal, reversement, reversion, switch, turn, turnabout, turn around, turning, underside, verso, volte-face, wrong side; CONCEPTS 665,697,738 —*Ant.* identical, same

**reverse** [*n2*] *bad luck; failure* adversity, affliction, bath, blow, catastrophe, check, conquering, defeat, disappointment, hardship, misadventure, misfortune, mishap, repulse, reversal, setback, trial, turnabout, vanquishment, vicissitude; CONCEPTS 674,679 —*Ant.* good fortune, good luck, progress, success

**reverse** [*v1*] *turn upside down or backwards* about-face\*, back, backpedal\*, backtrack, back up, capsize, double back\*, evaginate, evert, exchange, flip-flop\*, go back, go backwards, interchange, inverse, invert, move backwards, overturn, rearrange, retreat, revert, shift, switch, transfer, transplace, transpose, turn around, turn back, turn over, upend, upset; CONCEPTS 158,213,697

**reverse** [*v2*] *cancel, change* alter, annul, backpedal\*, backtrack, convert, countermand, declare null and void\*, dismantle, double back\*, flip-flop\*, invalidate, lift, modify, negate, nullify, overrule, overset, overthrow, overturn, quash, recall, renege, repeal, rescind, retract, revoke, set aside, turn around, turn the tables\*, undo, upset; CONCEPTS 13,234,697 —*Ant.* do, enforce, go ahead, meet, reserve

**revert** [*v*] *return to an earlier, less-developed condition* about-face\*, backslide, change, come back, decline, degenerate, deteriorate, fall off

the wagon\*, flip-flop\*, go back, hark back, inverse, invert, lapse, react, recrudescence, recur, regress, relapse, resume, retrograde, retrogress, return, take up where left off\*, throw back, transpose, turn, turn back; CONCEPTS 13,385,698 —*Ant.* develop, grow, progress

**review** [n1] *examination, study* analysis, another look\*, audit, check, checkup, drill, file, fresh look\*, inspection, march past\*, once-over\*, parade, procession, reassessment, recapitulation, reconsideration, reflection, report, rethink, retrospect, revision, scan, scrutiny, second look, second thought, survey, view; CONCEPTS 24,103

**review** [n2] *critique; summary* abstract, analysis, appraisal, article, assessment, blurb, book review, canvass, column, comment, commentary, criticism, discourse, discussion, dissertation, essay, evaluation, exposition, inspection, investigation, journal, judgment, magazine, mention, monograph, notice, organ, outline, pan\*, periodical, recapitulation, redraft, reviewal, revision, study, synopsis, theme, thesis, treatise, write-up; CONCEPTS 280,283

**review** [v1] *go over again* analyze, brush up\*, call to mind, check out, check thoroughly, debrief, go over, hash over\*, look at again, look back on, polish up, reassess, recall, recap\*, recapitulate, recollect, reconsider, reevaluate, reexamine, reflect on, rehash\*, remember, rethink, revise, revisit, run over, run through, run up flagpole\*, summon up, take another look, think over; CONCEPT 103 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**review** [v2] *criticize, scrutinize* assess, bad-mouth\*, correct, discuss, evaluate, examine, give one's opinion, inspect, judge, knock\*, pan\*, put down\*, rave, read through, reedit, revise, rip, skin alive\*, slam\*, study, swipe at\*, take down\*, trash\*, weigh, write a critique, zap\*; CONCEPTS 49,52 —*Ant.* approve, praise

**reviewer** [n] *critic* analyst, appraiser, commentator, connoisseur, evaluator, expert, interpreter, judge, reporter; CONCEPT 348

**revile** [v] *scold* abuse, admonish, berate, blame, castigate, censure, chide, criticize, denigrate, denounce, disparage, give a talking to\*, lambaste, lay down the law\*, lecture, rake over the coals\*, ream, reprimand, reproach, reprobate, reprove, scorn, tongue-lash, vilify, vituperate; CONCEPTS 44,52,54

**revise** [v] *correct, edit* alter, amend, blue-pencil\*, change, clean up, compare, cut, debug, develop, emend, go over, improve, launder, look over, modify, overhaul, perfect, polish, recalibrate, recast, reconsider, redo, redraft, redraw, reexamine, rehash, reorganize, restyle, revamp, review, rework, rewrite, run through, scan, scrub, scrutinize, study, tighten, update, upgrade; CONCEPTS 79,126,244

**revision** [n] *change; rewriting* afterthought, alteration, amendment, correction, editing, emendation, homework, improvement, modification, overhauling, polish, recension, reconsideration, rectification, rectifying, redaction, redraft, reediting, reexamination, rescript, restyling, retrospect, retrospection, review, revisal, revise, updating; CONCEPTS 79,126,244,700

**revival** [n] *rebirth, reawakening* awakening, cheering, consolation, enkindling, freshening,

invigoration, quickening, reanimation, recovery, recrudescence, regeneration, rejuvenation, renaissance, renaissance, renewal, restoration, resurgence, resurrection, resuscitation, revitalization, revivification, risorgimento; CONCEPTS 119,221 —*Ant.* destruction, killing, suppression

**revive** [v] *start again; bring back to life* animate, arouse, awaken, bounce back\*, breathe new life into\*, brighten, bring around\*, bring to\*, cheer, come around\*, come to life, comfort, console, encourage, energize, enkindle, enliven, exhilarate, gladden, inspirit, invigorate, make whole\*, overcome, please, quicken, rally, reanimate, recondition, recover, refresh, rejuvenate, rekindle, relieve, renew, renovate, repair, restore, resurrect, resuscitate, revitalize, rouse, snap out of it\*, solace, spring up\*, strengthen, touch up\*, wake up; CONCEPTS 13,221,469,697 —*Ant.* destroy, kill, suppress

**revoke** [v] *take back; cancel* abjure, abolish, abrogate, annul, back out of, backpedal\*, call back, call off, countermand, counterorder, declare null and void\*, deny, disclaim, dismantle, dismiss, disown, erase, expunge, forswear, invalidate, lift, negate, nix\*, nullify, obliterate, quash\*, recall, recant, remove, renounce, repeal, repudiate, rescind, retract, reverse, rub out\*, scrub\*, set aside, vacate, void, wipe out\*, withdraw; CONCEPTS 50,88,121,234 —*Ant.* approve, authorize, enforce

**revolt** [n] *uprising* defection, displeasure, insurgency, insurrection, mutiny, rebellion, revolution, rising, secession; CONCEPTS 106,300,320 —*Ant.* calm, harmony, peace

**revolt** [v1] *rebel, rise up against* arise, boycott, break, defect, defy, drop out, get out of line\*, insurrect, make waves\*, mutiny, oppose, opt out, overthrow, overturn, renounce, resist, riot, rock the boat\*, strike, take up arms, turn against; CONCEPTS 106,300,320 —*Ant.* comply, harmonize, obey, submit

**revolt** [v2] *disgust, nauseate* crawl\*, gross out\*, make flesh crawl\*, make sick, offend, pain, reluct, repel, repulse, shock, sicken, turn off\*, turn stomach\*; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* delight, make happy, please

**revolting** [adj] *disgusting, nauseating* abhorrent, abominable, appalling, awful, distasteful, foul, gross, horrible, horrid, loathsome, nasty, nauseous, noisome, obnoxious, obscene, offensive, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, rotten, shocking, sickening, sleazy\*, vile; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* delightful, good, nice, pleasant, pleasing

**revolution** [n1] *drastic action or change, often in politics* anarchy, bloodshed, cabal, coup, coup d'état, crime, debacle, destruction, disorder, foment, golpe, guerrilla activity, innovation, insubordination, insurgency, metamorphosis, mutiny, outbreak, overthrow, overturn, plot, radical change, rebellion, reformation, reversal, revolt, rising, row, shake-up, shift, strife, strike, subversion, transformation, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, turnover, underground activity, unrest, upheaval, uprising, uproar, upset, violence; CONCEPTS 106,300,320,697 —*Ant.* stagnation, submission

**revolution** [n2] *circuit around something* circle, circumvolution, cycle, gyration, gyre, lap, orbit, pirouette, reel, revolve, revolving,



roll, rotation, round, spin, swirl, turn, turning, twirl, wheel, whirl; CONCEPTS 436,484,738,792

**revolutionary** [*adj1*] *rebellious* anarchistic, defiant, disobedient, avant-garde\*, factious, insubordinate, insurgent, mutinous, radical, rebel, rioting, riotous, subversive, warring; CONCEPTS 401,529,542

**revolutionary** [*adj2*] *new, progressive* advanced, advancing, avant-garde\*, contemporary, cutting edge\*, developing, forward-looking, innovative, just out\*, latest, left, modern, novel, open-minded, radical, state-of-the-art\*, up-and-coming\*; CONCEPTS 542,544,564,578,797

**revolve** [*v1*] *turn, circle* circumduct, go around, gyrate, gyre, orbit, roll, rotate, spin, turn around, twist, wheel, whirl; CONCEPTS 147,738

**revolve** [*v2*] *think about* consider, deliberate, meditate, mull over, muse, ponder, reflect, roll, ruminate, study, think over, turn over in mind; CONCEPT 17 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**revulsion** [*n*] *disgust, hatred* abhorrence, abomination, aversion, detestation, dislike, distaste, hate, horror, loathing, recoil, repugnance, repulsion; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* like, liking, love, loving

**reward** [*n*] *payment, prize* accolade, award, benefit, bonus, bounty, carrot\*, comeuppance, compensation, crown\*, cue, dividend, feather in cap\*, fringe benefit, gain, garland, goodies\*, gravy\*, grease\*, guerdon, honor, just deserts\*, meed, merit, perks\*, plum\*, premium, profit, punishment, recompense, remuneration, repayment, requital, retribution, return, salve, strokes\*, sweetener\*, tip, wages; CONCEPTS 337,344 —*Ant.* penalty, punishment

**reward** [*v*] *pay; give prize* compensate, honor, recompense, remunerate, repay, requite, stroke\*, sugarcoat\*, take care of\*, tip; CONCEPTS 108,132,341 —*Ant.* penalize, punish, take away

**rewarding** [*adj*] *beneficial, pleasing* advantageous, edifying, fruitful, fulfilling, gainful, gratifying, productive, profitable, remunerative, satisfying, valuable, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 548,572 —*Ant.* troubling, upsetting

**rhetoric** [*n*] *wordiness; long speech* address, balderdash\*, big talk\*, bombast, composition, discourse, elocution, eloquence, flowery language, fustian, grandiloquence, hot air\*, hyperbole, magniloquence, oration, oratory, pomposity, rant, verbosity; CONCEPTS 51,277, 278 —*Ant.* conciseness

**rhetorical** [*adj*] *wordy; flowery in speech* articulate, aureate, bombastic, declamatory, eloquent, embellished, euphuistic, exaggerated, flamboyant, flashy\*, florid, fluent, glib\*, grand, grandiloquent, grandiose, high-flown, hyperbolic, imposing, inflated, magniloquent, mouthy, oratorical, ornate, ostentatious, overblown, overdone, overwrought, pompous, pretentious, showy, silver-tongued, sonorous, stilted, swollen, tumescent, timid, turgid, verbose, vocal, voluble, windy\*; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* concise

**rhyme** [*n*] *poetry in which lines end with like sounds* alliteration, beat, cadence, couplet, doggerel, half-rhyme, harmony, iambic pentameter, measure, meter, nursery rhyme, ode, poem, poesy, poetry, rhythm, rune, slant rhyme, song, tune, verse, vowel-chime; CONCEPTS 278,595

**rhythm** [*n*] *beat, accent of sound, music* bounce, cadence, cadency, downbeat, flow, lilt, measure, meter, metre, movement, pattern, periodicity, pulse, regularity, rhyme, rise and fall, swing, tempo, time, uniformity; CONCEPT 595

**ribald** [*adj*] *vulgar, obscenity* base, bawdy, blue\*, coarse, devilish, earthy, fast\*, filthy\*, foul-mouthed, gross\*, indecent, indecorous, juicy, lascivious, lewd, licentious, low-down and dirty, naughty, off-color, out of line\*, purple\*, racy, rascally, raunchy, raw\*, risqué\*, rogue, rough, rude, salacious, salty, scabrous, scurrilous, sly, smutty, spicy\*, unbecoming; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* chaste, clean, decent

**rich** [*adj1*] *having a lot of money* affluent, bloated, comfortable, easy, fat, filthy rich\*, flush, gilded, in clover\*, independent, in the money\*, loaded\*, made of money\*, moneyed, opulent, plush, propertied, prosperous, rolling in it\*, swimming, upscale, uptown, wealthy, well-heeled\*, well-off\*, well provided for\*, well-to-do\*, worth a million\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* poor

**rich** [*adj2*] *abundant, well-supplied* abounding, ample, chic, classy, copious, costly, deluxe, elaborate, elegant, embellished, expensive, exquisite, extravagant, exuberant, fancy, fecund, fertile, fine, fruitful, full, gorgeous, grand, high-class, lavish, lush, luxurious, magnificent, ornate, palatial, plenteous, plentiful, plush, posh, precious, priceless, productive, prolific, resplendent, ritzy\*, smart, snazzy\*, spiffy, splendid, stylish, sumptuous, superb, swank\*, swanky\*, swell\*, valuable, well-endowed; CONCEPTS 334,589,771 —*Ant.* depleted, impoverished, needy

**rich** [*adj3*] *flavorful* creamy, delicious, fatty, full-bodied, huge, highly flavored, juicy, luscious, nourishing, nutritious, oily, satisfying, savory, spicy, succulent, sustaining, sweet, tasty; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* bland, tasteless

**rich** [*adj4*] *full in color or sound* bright, canorous, deep, dulcet, eloquent, expressive, intense, mellifluous, mellow, resonant, rotund, significant, silvery, sonorous, strong, vibrant, vivid, warm; CONCEPTS 406,594,618 —*Ant.* low, weak

**rich** [*adj5*] *very funny* absurd, amusing, comical, diverting, droll, entertaining, farcical, foolish, hilarious, humorous, incongruous, laughable, ludicrous, odd, preposterous, queer, ridiculous, risible, side-splitting\*, slaying\*, splitting\*, strange; CONCEPTS 267,529 —*Ant.* serious

**rich** [*n*] *wealthy people or institutions* bountiful, haves\*, landed, monied, nouveau riche, old money, upper class, upper crust\*, well-to-do\*; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* poor

**riches** [*n*] *money and possessions* abundance, affluence, assets, clover, fortune, gold, lap of luxury\*, means, opulence, plenty, property, resources, richness, substance, treasure, wealth, worth; CONCEPTS 335,340,446,710 —*Ant.* debt

**rickety** [*adj*] *unsound, broken-down* broken, decrepit, derelict, dilapidated, feeble, flimsy, fragile, frail, imperfect, infirm, insecure, jerry-built\*, precarious, ramshackle, rattletrap\*, rocky, shaky, tottering, tottery\*, tumble-down, unsteady, wavering, weak, wobbly; CONCEPT 488 —*Ant.* sound, stable

**ricochet** [v] *rebound* backfire, boomerang, bounce back, deflect, kick back, recoil, return, snap back\*, spring back; CONCEPTS 150, 194, 195, 303, 700

**rid** [v] *do away with; free* abolish, clear, deliver, disabuse, disburden, disembarass, disencumber, dump\*, eject, eliminate, eradicate, expel, exterminate, extinguish, extirpate, fire, give the brush\*, heave-ho\*, junk\*, kiss goodbye\*, liberate, make free, purge, release, relieve, remove, roust, scrap, send packing\*, shake off, shed, throw away, throw out, toss out, unburden, unload, uproot; CONCEPTS 180, 211 —*Ant.* get

**riddle** [n] *brain-teaser* bewilderment, brain-twister\*, charade, closed book\*, complexity, complication, confusion, conundrum, cryptogram, dilemma, distraction, doubt, embarrassment, enigma, entanglement, intricacy, knotty question\*, labyrinth, maze, mind-boggler\*, mystery, mystification, perplexity, plight, poser, predicament, problem, puzzle, puzzlement, quandary, question, rebus, sixty-four dollar question\*, stickler\*, strait, stumper\*, teaser, tough nut to crack\*, tough proposition, twister\*; CONCEPT 532

**riddle** [v] *perforate, permeate* bore, corrupt, damage, honeycomb\*, impair, infest, mar, pepper, pervade, pierce, pit, puncture, spoil; CONCEPTS 156, 220

**ride** [n] *journey, trip in vehicle* airing, commute, drive, excursion, expedition, hitch, jaunt, joyride\*, lift, outing, pick up\*, run, spin, Sunday drive, tour, transportation, turn, whirl; CONCEPT 224

**ride** [v] *carry or be carried* be supported, control, cruise, curb, direct, drift, drive, float, go, go with, guide, handle, hitch a ride\*, hitchhike, journey, manage, motor, move, post, progress, restrain, roll, sit, sit on, thumb a ride\*, tool around\*, tour, travel; CONCEPTS 94, 148, 224

**ride** [v2] *dominate, oppress* afflict, annoy, badger, bait, be arbitrary, be autocratic, berate, disparage, domineer, enslave, grip, harass, harry, haunt, hector, hound, override, persecute, rate, reproach, revile, scold, torment, torture, tyrannize, upbraid; CONCEPTS 7, 14, 19 —*Ant.* free, release

**rid** [n1] *equestrian; commuter* cowboy, driver, gaucho, horseback rider, horseman/woman, passenger, straphanger\*, suburbanite, traveler; CONCEPT 348

**rid** [n2] *amendment, clause* addendum, addition, adjunct, alteration, attachment, clarification, codicil, measure, modification, revision, supplement; CONCEPT 270

**ride** [n] *raised part of solid* backbone, chine, corrugation, crease, crinkle, elevation, esker, fold, furrow, hill, hogback, moraine, parapet, plica, pole, range, rib, rim, rimple, rivel, ruck, seam, spine, upland, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 471, 509, 513 —*Ant.* flat, plain

**ridicule** [n] *contemptuous laughter at someone or something* badinage, banter, buffoonery, burlesque, caricature, chaff, comeback, contempt, derision, dig\*, disdain, disparagement, farce, foolery, gibe, irony, jab\*, jeer, laughter, leer, mockery, mordancy, needling, parody, parting shot\*, persiflage, putdown\*, put-on\*, raillery, rally, razz\*, rib\*, roast\*, sarcasm,

sardonicism, satire, scorn, slam\*, sneer\*, swipe\*, taunt, taunting, travesty; CONCEPTS 54, 59 —*Ant.* flattery, praise

**ridicule** [v] *make contemptuous fun of something or someone* banter, caricature, cartoon, chaff, deflate, deride, expose, f leer, gibe, haze, humiliate, jape, jeer, jive, jolly, josh\*, kid, lampoon, laugh at, make a fool of\*, make a game of\*, make a laughing-stock\*, make fun of, mimic, mock, needle, pan\*, parody, poke fun at\*, pooh-pooh\*, pull one's leg\*, put down\*, quiz, rag, rail at, rally, raz\*, rib\*, ride\*, roast\*, run down\*, satirize, scoff, scorn, send up\*, show up, sneer, takeoff, taunt, travesty, twit, unmask; CONCEPTS 54, 59 —*Ant.* flatter, praise

**ridiculous** [adj] *stupid, funny* absurd, antic, bizarre, comic, comical, contemptible, daffy\*, derisory, droll, fantastic, farcical, foolheaded\*, foolish, gelastic, goofy\*, grotesque, hare-brained\*, hilarious, impossible, incredible, jerky\*, laughable, ludicrous, nonsensical, nutty\*, outrageous, preposterous, risible, sappy\*, silly, slaphappy\*, unbelievable, wacky\*; CONCEPTS 529, 548, 552 —*Ant.* believable, reasonable, sensible, serious

**rife** [adj] *overflowing* abounding, abundant, alive, common, current, epidemic, extensive, frequent, general, many, multitudinous, numerous, pandemic, plentiful, popular, prevailing, prevalent, profuse, raging, rampant, regnant, replete, ruling, swarming, teeming, thronged, ubiquitous, universal, widespread; CONCEPTS 771, 772 —*Ant.* low, scarce

**riffraff** [n] *rabble* commonality, commoners, dregs of society\*, gang, gathering, hoi polloi, lower class, mob, one-percenters, outcast, rank and file, ring, scum, trash, undesirables, vermin; CONCEPTS 378, 417, 432

**rifle** [v] *ransack* burglarize, burgle, despoil, go through, grab, gut, loot, pillage, plunder, rip, rip off\*, rob, rummage, sack, smash and grab\*, strip, take, tip over\*, trash\*, waste\*; CONCEPT 139 —*Ant.* order, organize

**rift** [n1] *break, crack* breach, chink, cleavage, cleft, cranny, crevice, fault, fissure, flaw, fracture, gap, hiatus, interruption, interval, opening, parting, rent, rima, rime, space, split; CONCEPT 513 —*Ant.* closing, closure

**rift** [n2] *difference of opinion* alienation, breach, break, clash, disagreement, division, estrangement, falling out\*, misunderstanding, quarrel, rupture, schism, separation, split; CONCEPTS 46, 106, 388 —*Ant.* agreement, concordance

**rig** [n] *equipment* accouterments, apparatus, equipage, fittings, fixtures, gear, machinery, outfit, paraphernalia, tackle; CONCEPT 496

**rig** [v1] *outfit, supply* accouter, appoint, arm, array, attire, clothe, costume, dress, equip, fit out, furnish, gear, kit, provision, set up, turn out; CONCEPTS 140, 167, 182

**rig** [v2] *arrange for certain outcome* doctor, engineer, fake, falsify, fiddle with\*, fix, gerrymander\*, juggle, manipulate, tamper with, trump up\*; CONCEPTS 202, 697

**right** [adj] *fair, just* appropriate, condign, conscientious, deserved, due, equitable, ethical, fitting, good, honest, honorable, justifiable, lawful, legal, legitimate, merited, moral, proper, requisite, righteous, rightful, scrupulous, stand-

up\*, suitable, true, upright, virtuous; CONCEPT 545 —**Ant.** corrupt, immoral, inequitable, unfair, unjust, wrong

**right** [adj2] *accurate, precise* absolute, admissible, amen, authentic, bona fide, complete, correct, exact, factual, faithful, free of error, genuine, immaculate, indubitable, inerrant, infallible, just, nice, on the money\*, on the nose\*, out-and-out\*, perfect, proper, punctilious, real, right as rain\*, righteous, right on\*, rigorous, satisfactory, solemn, sound, strict, sure, thoroughgoing, true, undistorted, undoubted, unerring, unmistakable, utter, valid, veracious, veridical, veritable, watertight\*; CONCEPTS 535,557,582 —**Ant.** imprecise, inaccurate, inadmissible, wrong

**right** [adj3] *appropriate, fitting* acceptable, adequate, advantageous, all right, becoming, befitting, comely, comme il faut, common, condign, convenient, correct, decent, decorous, deserved, desirable, done\*, due, favorable, felicitous, fit, good, happy, ideal, merited, nice, opportune, proper, propitious, requisite, rightful, satisfactory, seemly, sufficient, suitable, tolerable; CONCEPTS 558,572 —**Ant.** inappropriate, unfitting, unsuitable, unsuited, wrong

**right** [adj4] *sane, healthy* all there, balanced, circumspect, compos mentis, discerning, discreet, enlightened, far-sighted, fine, fit, hale, in good health\*, in the pink\*, judicious, lucid, normal, penetrating, rational, reasonable, sound, unimpaired, up to par\*, well, wise; CONCEPTS 314,403 —**Ant.** insane, mad, unfit, unhealthy

**right** [adj5] *conservative politically* die-hard\*, old-line\*, orthodox, reactionary, right wing, traditionalistic; CONCEPTS 529,689 —**Ant.** left

**right** [adj6] *opposite of left* clockwise, dexter, dextral, right-handed; CONCEPT 581 —**Ant.** left

**right** [adv1] *accurately, precisely* absolutely, all the way, altogether, bang\*, clear, completely, correctly, entirely, exactly, factually, fully, genuinely, just, perfectly, quite, sharp, slap, smack-dab\*, square, squarely, thoroughly, totally, truly, utterly, well, wholly; CONCEPTS 531,557,582 —**Ant.** inaccurately, incorrectly, wrongly

**right** [adv2] *appropriately, suitably* acceptably, adequately, almost, aptly, becomingly, befittingly, fittingly, properly, satisfactorily, well; CONCEPTS 558,572 —**Ant.** inappropriately, unsuitably, wrongly

**right** [adv3] *fairly, justly* conscientiously, decently, dispassionately, equitably, ethically, evenly, honestly, honorably, impartially, lawfully, legitimately, morally, objectively, properly, reliably, righteously, sincerely, squarely, virtuously, without bias, without prejudice; CONCEPT 545 —**Ant.** unfairly, unjustly, wrongly

**right** [adv4] *beneficially* advantageous, exceedingly, extremely, favorably, for the better, fortunately, highly, notably, perfectly, remarkably, to advantage, very, well; CONCEPTS 537,572 —**Ant.** unfairly

**right** [adv5] *directly, without delay* at once, away, direct, due, first off, forthwith, immediately, instanter, instantly, now, promptly, quickly, right away, straight, straight away, straightly, undeviatingly; CONCEPT 799 —**Ant.** indirectly

**right** [n1] *privilege* advantage, appanage, authority, benefit, birthright, business, claim, comeuppance, desert, deserving, due, exemption, favor, franchise, freedom, immunity, interest, liberty, license, merit, permission, perquisite, power, preference, prerogative, priority, title; CONCEPT 376

**right** [n2] *justice, morality* correctness, emancipation, enfranchisement, equity, freedom, good, goodness, honor, independence, integrity, lawfulness, legality, liberty, properness, propriety, reason, rectitude, righteousness, rightness, straight, truth, uprightness, virtue; CONCEPT 645 —**Ant.** corruption, immorality, injustice, unfairness, unjustness, wrong

**right** [v] *fix, correct* adjust, amend, balance, clean up, compensate for, debug\*, dial back\*, doctor\*, do justice, emend, fiddle with\*, fix up, go straight, launder, make up for, mend, overhaul, patch, pick up, put in place, put right, recalibrate, recompense, recondition, reconstruct, rectify, redress, repair, restore, reward, scrub, set straight, settle, set upright, shape up, sort out, square, straighten, straighten out, turn around, vindicate; CONCEPTS 126,212 —**Ant.** break, upset, wrong

**righteous** [adj] *good, honest* angelic, blameless, charitable, commendable, conscientious, creditable, deserving, devoted, dutiful, equitable, ethical, exemplary, fair, faithful, godlike, guiltless, holy, honorable, impartial, innocent, irreproachable, just, laudable, law-abiding, matchless, meritorious, moral, noble, peerless, philanthropic, philanthropical, praiseworthy, punctilious, pure, reverent, right-minded, saintly, scrupulous, sinless, spiritual, sterling, trustworthy, upright, virtuous, worthy; CONCEPT 545 —**Ant.** bad, corrupt, dishonest, immoral, unfair

**rightful** [adj] *legitimate* applicable, appropriate, apt, authorized, befitting, bona fide, canonical, card-carrying\*, condign, deserved, due, ethical, fair, fit, fitting, holding water, honest, just, kosher\*, lawful, legal, legit\*, merited, moral, moralistic, noble, official, on the level\*, on the up and up\*, orthodox, permitted, principled, proper, real, requisite, right, right-minded, suitable, true, twenty-four carat\*, valid, virtuous; CONCEPTS 545,558 —**Ant.** illegal, illegitimate, incorrect, wrongful

**right stuff** [n] *essential qualities* abilities, bravery, courage, credentials, dependability, drive, experience, guts, knowledge, power, self-confidence, skills, talent, what it takes; CONCEPT 630

**right-wing** [adj] *conservative politically* conservative, conventional, reactionary, rightist, ultra-conservative, unprogressive; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** left-wing, radical

**rigid** [adj] *stiff, strict, severe* adamant, adamantine, austere, bullheaded, changeless, chiseled\*, dead set\*, definite, determined, exact, firm, fixed, hard, hard-line\*, harsh, incompilant, inelastic, inexorable, inflexible, intransigent, invariable, locked in\*, obdurate, rigorous, set, set in stone\*, single-minded, solid, static, stern, strait-laced\*, stringent, tough nut to crack\*, unalterable, unbending, unbreakable, unchanging, uncompromising, undeviating, unmoving, unpermissive, unrelenting, unyielding; CONCEPTS

403,534,535 —*Ant.* bending, flexible, lenient, limber, pliable, pliant, soft, yielding

**rigmarole** [*n*] *nonsense* babble, balderdash\*, baloney, blather, bull, bunk\*, drivel, foolishness, gibberish, gobbledygook\*, hogwash\*, hot air\*, jargon, jive\*, madness, mumbo jumbo\*, palaver, poppycock\*, prattle, rubbish, senselessness, silliness, trash\*; CONCEPTS 230, 388,633

**rigor** [*n*] *strictness, exactness* accuracy, affliction, asperity, austerity, conscientiousness, conventionalism, difficulty, exactitude, firmness, hardness, hardship, harshness, inclemency, inflexibility, intolerance, meticulousness, obduracy, ordeal, preciseness, precision, privation, punctiliousness, rigidity, roughness, severity, sternness, stiffness, stringency, suffering, tenacity, thoroughness, traditionalism, trial, tribulation, vicissitude, visitation; CONCEPTS 638,654, 666 —*Ant.* ease, elasticity, flexibility, leniency, pliability

**rigorous** [*adj*] *severe; exact* accurate, ascetic, austere, bitter, brutal, burdensome, correct, definite, dogmatic, exacting, hard, harsh, inclement, inflexible, intemperate, inhumane, meticulous, nice, onerous, oppressive, precise, proper, punctilious, right, rigid, rugged, scrupulous, stern, stiff, strict, stringent, uncompromising, unpermissive; CONCEPTS 535,557,565

—*Ant.* easy, easy-going, lax, lenient, loose, mild

**rile** [*v*] *anger, upset* acerbate, aggravate, annoy, bother, bug\*, disturb, exasperate, gall, get one's goat\*, get under skin\*, grate, inflame, irk, irritate, nettle, peeve, pique, provoke, put out\*, roil, rub one the wrong way\*, try one's patience\*, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* make happy, please

**rim** [*n*] *border; top edge* band, brim, brink, brow, circumference, confine, curb, end, fringe, hem, ledge, limit, line, lip, margin, outline, perimeter, periphery, ring, skirt, strip, terminus, top, verge; CONCEPTS 484,836 —*Ant.* center, middle

**ring** [*n1*] *circle; circular object* arena, band, brim, circler, circuit, circus, enclosure, eye, girdle, halo, hoop, loop, ringlet, rink, round; CONCEPTS 436,446

**ring** [*n2*] *group participating together* association, band, bloc, bunch, cabal, camp, cartel, cell, circle, clan, clique, coalition, combination, combine, corner, coterie, crew, crowd, faction, gang, in-group, junta, junto, knot, Mafia, mob, monopoly, organization, outfit, party, pool, push, racket, syndicate, troop, troupe, trust; CONCEPTS 325,381

**ring** [*n3*] *chime, bell-like noise* buzz, call, clangor, clank, jangle, jingle, knell, peal, reverberation, tinkle, toll, vibration; CONCEPT 595

**ring** [*v1*] *encircle* begird, belt, circle, circumscribe, compass, confine, enclose, encompass, gird, girdle, hem in, inclose, loop, move around, rim, round, seal off, surround; CONCEPT 758

—*Ant.* free

**ring** [*v2*] *chime; make bell-like noise* bang, beat, bong, buzz, clang, clap, jangle, jingle, knell, peal, play, pull, punch, resonate, resound, reverberate, sound, strike, tinkle, tinnabulate, toll, vibrate; CONCEPT 65

**ringleader** [*n*] *leader* agitator, boss, brains\*, captain, chief, chieftain, commander, general,

head, head honcho\*, inciter, instigator, mastermind, orchestrator, president, ruler, skipper, spokesperson, troublemaker; CONCEPTS 347,354

**rinse** [*v*] *wash off, out* bathe, clean, cleanse, dip, flush, soak, splash, wash, water, wet; CONCEPTS 165,256

**riot** [*n1*] *uprising, disorder* anarchism, anarchy, brannigan\*, brawl, burst, commotion, confusion, distemper, disturbance, flap, fray, free-for-all\*, fuss, hassle, lawlessness, misrule, mix-up, mob violence, protest, quarrel, racket, row, ruckus, ruction, rumble, rumpus, run-in, scene, shivaree, shover, snarl, stir, storm, street fighting, strife, to-do\*, trouble, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, uproar, wingding\*; CONCEPTS 106,300 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**riot** [*n2*] *very funny happening* boisterousness, carousal, confusion, excess, extravaganza, festivity, flourish, frolic, high jinks\*, howl\*, jollification, lark, merrymaking, panic\*, revelry, romp, scream\*, sensation, show, sidesplitter\*, skylark\*, smash\*, splash\*, tumult, uproar, wow\*; CONCEPTS 384,386

—*Ant.* seriousness, solemnity

**riot** [*v*] *protest; cause an uproar* arise, debauch, dissipate, fight, go on rampage, racket, rampage, rebel, revolt, rise, run riot\*, stir up trouble\*, take to the streets\*; CONCEPTS 106,300

—*Ant.* comply, cooperate, make peace

**riotous** [*adj*] *chaotic, wild* anarchic, deranged, disordered, disorderly, disorganized, helter-skelter\*, insurrectionary, lawless, mutinous, out of control, rampageous, rebellious, rowdy, tumultuous, turbid, turbulent, uncontrolled, unruly, violent; CONCEPT 548

**rip** [*n*] *tear, cut* cleavage, gash, hole, laceration, rent, slash, slit, split; CONCEPTS 309,513 —*Ant.* closure

**rip** [*v*] *tear, cut* burst, claw, cleave, fray, frazzle, gash, hack, lacerate, rend, rive, score, shred, slash, slit, split; CONCEPT 214 —*Ant.* close, sew

**ripe** [*adj1*] *fully developed; experienced* accomplished, adult, aged, completed, conditioned, consummate, enlightened, enriched, filled out, finished, fit, full, full-blown, full-fledged, fully grown, grown, grown-up, increased, informed, in readiness, judicious, learned, mature, matured, mellow, overdue, perfected, plump, prepared, prime, ready, ripened, sagacious, seasoned, skilled, skillful, sound, timely, usable, versed, well-timed, wise; CONCEPTS 462,560,578,797 —*Ant.* immature, inexperienced, undeveloped, unripe

**ripe** [*adj2*] *favorable, ideal* auspicious, opportune, right, suitable, timely; CONCEPT 558

—*Ant.* inopportune, unfavorable, untimely

**rip-off** [*n*] *trick; robbery* cheat, con\*, exploitation, fraud, gyp\*, larceny, lift\*, pinch\*, purloining, racket\*, steal, stealing, swindle, theft, thievery, thieving; CONCEPTS 139,192 —*Ant.* gift, giving, offering

**rip off** [*v*] *rob; trick* abuse, appropriate, bleed\*, cheat, con\*, cop\*, defraud, dupe, exploit, filch\*, fleece\*, heist, impose on\*, lift\*, nab\*, pilfer, pinch, plunder, ransack, relieve, rifle, skin\*, soak\*, stick\*, swindle, swipe, thieve, use; CONCEPTS 139,192 —*Ant.* give, offer

**ripple** [*n*] *wave; wrinkle* billow, breaker, crest, curl, fold, furrow, line, rippling, rush, surge,

swell, tide, undulation, whitecap; CONCEPTS 147,436,514

**ripple** [*v*] *wave* coil, curl, flow, fluctuate, flutter, motion, oscillate, palpitate, pulsate, quiver, splash, stir, surge, sway, swell, swish, undulate, vacillate, vibrate; CONCEPTS 74,147,149

**rise** [*n1*] *increase, improvement* acceleration, accession, accretion, addition, advance, advancement, aggrandizement, ascent, augmentation, boost, breakthrough, climb, distention, doubling, enlargement, growth, heightening, hike, increment, inflation, intensification, intensifying, multiplication, piling up, progress, promotion, raise, stacking up, step-up, surge, swell, upgrade, upsurge, upswing, upturn, waxing; CONCEPTS 700,780 —*Ant.* decline, decrease, drop, fall, slump, worsening

**rise** [*n2*] *movement upward; upward slope* acclivity, ascension, ascent, climb, elevation, eminence, highland, hillock, incline, lift, mount, rising, rising ground, soaring, surge, towering, upland, upsurge; CONCEPTS 166,738,752 —*Ant.* decline, drop, fall

**rise** [*v1*] *get up; ascend* arise, arouse, aspire, awake, be erect, be located, be situated, blast off\*, bob up\*, climb, come up, get out of bed, get steeper, get to one's feet\*, go uphill, grow, have foundation, levitate, lift, mount, move up, pile out\*, push up, reach up, rise and shine\*, rise up, rocket, roll out\*, rouse, scale, sit up, slope upwards, soar, sprout, stand up, straighten up, surface, surge, surmount, sweep upward, tower, turn out, up\*, uprising; CONCEPTS 154,166,738 —*Ant.* descend, lower

**rise** [*v2*] *increase, grow* accelerate, add to, advance, aggravate, arise, ascend, augment, billow, build, bulge, climb, deepen, distend, double, enhance, enlarge, expand, go through the roof\*, go up, heighten, improve, inflate, intensate, intensify, levitate, lift, magnify, mount, move up, multiply, perk up, pick up, pile up, raise, redouble, rouse, soar, speed up, spread, stack up, swell, take off, upsurge, wax; CONCEPTS 700,780 —*Ant.* decline, decrease, lessen, lower, recede

**rise** [*v3*] *progress in business* advance, be elevated, be promoted, better oneself, climb the ladder\*, flourish, get on, get somewhere\*, go places\*, progress, prosper, succeed, thrive, work one's way up\*; CONCEPTS 351,704 —*Ant.* decline, drop, fall, slump

**rise** [*v4*] *become apparent* appear, arise, befall, begin, betide, chance, come, crop up, dawn, derive, develop, emanate, emerge, eventuate, fall out\*, flare up, flow, go, happen, head, issue, loom, occur, originate, proceed, spring, stem, surface, transpire, turn up\*; CONCEPTS 4,716 —*Ant.* decline, recede, regress

**rise** [*v5*] *rebel* insurrect, mount, mutiny, resist, revolt, riot, take up arms; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* comply, cooperate, give in, go along

**risk** [*n*] *chance taken* accident, contingency, danger, exposedness, exposure, flyer\*, fortuity, fortune, gamble, hazard, header, jeopardy, liability, liableness, luck, openness, opportunity, peril, plunge, possibility, prospect, shot in the dark\*, speculation, stab\*, uncertainty, venture, wager; CONCEPTS 675,693 —*Ant.* certainty, safety, sureness, surety

**risk** [*v*] *take a chance* adventure, beard, be caught short\*, brave, chance, compromise, confront, dare, defy, defy danger, encounter, endanger, expose to danger, face, gamble, go out of one's depth\*, hang by a thread\*, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, jeopardy, leap before looking\*, leave to luck\*, meet, menace, peril, play with fire\*, plunge, put in jeopardy, run the chance, run the risk, skate on thin ice\*, speculate, tackle, take a flyer\*, take a header\*, take a plunge\*, take on\*, take the liberty\*, venture, wager; CONCEPTS 87,100 —*Ant.* be certain

**risky** [*adj*] *dangerous* chancy, delicate, dicey\*, endangered, fraught with danger\*, going for broke\*, hairy\*, hanging by a thread\*, hazardous, iffy\*, insecure, jeopardous, long shot\*, not a prayer\*, off the deep end\*, on slippery ground\*, on the spot\*, on thin ice\*, out on a limb\*, perilous, playing with fire\*, precarious, rocky\*, sensitive, speculative, ticklish, touch-and-go\*, touchy, treacherous, tricky, uncertain, unhealthy, unsafe, unsound, venturesome, wicked, wide-open; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* assured, certain, safe, sure

**risqué** [*adj*] *improper, referring to sex* amoral, bawdy\*, blue\*, breezy, crude, daring, dirty, earthy, erotic, filthy\*, foul, gross\*, hot\*, immodest, immoral, indecent, indecorous, indelicate, indiscreet, inelegant, lewd, lurid, naughty, obscene, off-base\*, off-color, offensive, out-of-line, provocative, purple\*, racy, raw, ribald, salacious, salty, shady, sizzling, smart, smutty, spicy\*, suggestive, unrefined, vulgar, wanton, warm, wicked, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 267,545,548 —*Ant.* acceptable, decent, moral, proper

**rite** [*n*] *ceremony, tradition* act, celebration, ceremonial, communion, custom, form, formality, liturgy, observance, occasion, ordinance, practice, procedure, ritual, sacrament, service, solemnity; CONCEPTS 377,386

**ritual** [*n*] *ceremony, tradition* act, ceremonial, communion, convention, custom, form, formality, habit, liturgy, observance, ordinance, practice, prescription, procedure, protocol, red tape\*, rite, routine, sacrament, service, solemnity, stereotype, usage; CONCEPTS 386,634,688

**ritzy** [*adj*] *elegant, luxurious* aristocratic, chic, choice, classy, cultivated, dignified, elaborate, expensive, exquisite, fancy, fine, grand, grandiose, handsome, lavish, lush, opulent, ornamented, ornate, ostentatious, overdone, plush, posh, refined, rich, snazzy, stately, stuffy, sumptuous, swank; CONCEPTS 544,574,579,589

**rival** [*adj*] *opposing* battling, combatant, combating, competing, competitive, conflicting, contending, contesting, cutthroat, disputing, emulating, emulous, equal, opposed, striving, vying; CONCEPTS 542,564 —*Ant.* assisting, associate, supporting

**rival** [*n*] *person who opposes in competition* adversary, antagonist, bandit, buddy, challenger, competition, competitor, contender, contestant, emulator, entrant, equal, equivalent, match, opponent, opposite number, peer; CONCEPTS 348,366,423 —*Ant.* associate, cohort, companion

**rival** [*v*] *oppose; be a match for* amount, approach, approximate, bear comparison with\*, come near to\*, come up to\*, compare with,

- compete, contend, contest, correspond, emulate, equal, go after, go for, jockey for position\*, match, measure up to, meet, near, partake, resemble, rivalize, scramble for, seek to displace, tie, touch, vie with; CONCEPTS 92,667
- Ant.* aid, assist, cooperate, help, support
- rivalry** [*n*] *competition* antagonism, athletic event, bout, candidacy, clash, conflict, contest, duel, emulation, encounter, engagement, event, fight, game, jealousy, match, matchup, one on one\*, opposition, race, sport, strife, struggle, tournament, tug-of-war; CONCEPTS 92,363
- river** [*n*] *waterway* beck, branch, brook, course, creek, estuary, rill, rivulet, run, runnel, stream, tributary, watercourse; CONCEPT 514
- riveting** [*adj*] *fascinating, gripping* absorbing, alluring, appealing, bewitching, captivating, compelling, enchanting, engaging, engrossing, enthralling, enticing, hypnotic, intriguing, irresistible, magnetic, mesmerizing, seducing, seductive, spellbinding; CONCEPT 529
- road** [*n*] *path upon which travel occurs* alley, artery, asphalt, avenue, back street, boulevard, byway, cobblestone, concrete, course, crossroad, direction, drag\*, dragway, drive, expressway, highway, lane, line, main drag\*, parking lot\*, parkway, passage, pathway, pavement, pike, roadway, route, street, subway, terrace, thoroughfare, thoroughway, thruway, track, trail, turnpike, viaduct, way; CONCEPT 501
- roam** [*v*] *wander about* bum\*, bum around\*, drift, gad, gallivant, hike, hit the road\*, knock around\*, meander, peregrinate, prowl, ramble, range, rove, saunter, straggle, stray, stroll, struggle along, traipse, tramp, travel, traverse, trek, vagabond, walk; CONCEPTS 151,224
- roar** [*n1*] *growl, howl* barrage, bawl, bay, bellow, blast, bluster, boom, clamor, clash, crash, cry, detonation, din, drum, explosion, holler, outcry, reverberation, rumble, shout, thunder, uproar, yell; CONCEPTS 77,595
- roar** [*n2/v2*] *laugh loudly* belly laugh, guffaw, hoot, howl, scream; CONCEPT 77
- roar** [*v1*] *growl, howl* bark, bawl, bay, bellow, blast, bluster, boom, brawl, bray, clamor, crash, cry, detonate, din, drum, explode, holler, rebound, reecho, repercut, resound, reverberate, roll, rout, rumble, shout, sound, thunder, trumpet, vociferate, yell; CONCEPTS 64,77
- rob** [*v*] *steal, deprive* abscond, appropriate, bereave, break into, burglarize, burgle, cheat, con, cop\*, defalcate, defraud, despoil, disinherit, dispossess, divest, do out of\*, embezzle, filch\*, heist, hijack, hold up\*, hustle, liberate, lift\*, loot, lose, mug, oust, peculate, pilfer, pillage, pinch, plunder, promote, purloin, raid, ransack, relieve, requisition, rifle, rip off\*, roll\*, sack\*, scrounge, snatch\*, stick up, strip, strong-arm\*, swindle, swipe, take, thief, with-hold; CONCEPTS 139,142,192 —*Ant.* give, offer
- robber** [*n*] *person who steals* bandit, brigand, buccaneer, burglar, cardsharp\*, cat burglar, cattle thief\*, cheat\*, chiseler\*, con artist, corsair, crook, desperado, despoiler, fence, forger, fraud, grafter, hijacker, holdup artist\*, housebreaker, looter, marauder, mugger, operator, pickpocket, pilferer, pillager, pirate, plunderer, prowler, punk\*, raider, rustler, safecracker, sandbagger\*, second-story
- operator\*, shoplifter, stealer, stickup, swindler, thief, thug; CONCEPT 412
- robbery** [*n*] *stealing* break-in, burglary, caper, embezzlement, felony, heist\*, hit, holdup\*, job, larceny, looting, mortal sin, mugging, purse-snatching, stickup\*, theft, thievery, unlawful act, wrongdoing; CONCEPT 192
- robe** [*n*] *gown, often for wearing at home* bathrobe, cape, costume, covering, dress, dressing gown, frock, garment, habit, housecoat, kimono, mantle, muumuu, negligee, outfit, peignoir, vestment, wrapper; CONCEPT 451
- robot** [*n*] *android, machine* automation, bionic person, cyborg, mechanical person; CONCEPT 463
- robust** [*adj*] *healthy, strong* able-bodied, athletic, boisterous, booming, brawny, built, concentrated, fit, fit as fiddle\*, flourishing, full-bodied, hale, hardy, hearty, hefty, husky, in fine fettle\*, in good health, in good shape, in the pink\*, live, lusty, muscular, peppy, potent, powerful, powerhouse, prospering, prosperous, roaring, rough, rugged, sinewy, snappy, sound, stout, strapping, sturdy, thriving, tiger\*, tough, vigorous, well, wicked\*, zappy\*, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 314,489,613 —*Ant.* flabby, infirm, soft, unhealthy, weak
- rock** [*n1*] *stone* bedrock, boulder, cobblestone, crag, crust, earth, gravel, lava, lodge, mass, metal, mineral, ore, pebble, promontory, quarry, reef, rubble, shelf, slab, slag; CONCEPTS 470,474,477,478,508,990
- rock** [*n2*] *foundation* anchor, bulwark, cornerstone, defense, mainstay, protection, Rock of Gibraltar\*, strength, support; CONCEPTS 442,712
- rock** [*v*] *move back and forth* agitate, billow, careen, concuss, convulse, falter, heave, jiggle, jog, jolt, jounce, lurch, move, oscillate, pitch, push and pull, quake, quaver, quiver, reel, roll, roll about, shake, shock, stagger, sway, swing, toss, totter, tremble, undulate, vibrate, wobble; CONCEPTS 147,149 —*Ant.* hold, stabilize
- rocket** [*n*] *projectile* booster, firework, guided missile, ICBM, intercontinental ballistic missile, missile, spacecraft, spaceship, torpedo, weapon; CONCEPT 500
- rocket** [*v*] *shoot up* ascend, climb, escalate, go through the ceiling, grow, lift, rise, sail, skyrocket, soar, take off\*, tower, zoom; CONCEPTS 148,150
- rock the boat** [*v*] *cause trouble* complain, disagree, disturb, make a stink\*, make waves\*, not conform\*, object, protest, stir things up\*, upset the apple cart\*; CONCEPTS 46,52,54,300
- rocky** [*adj1*] *rugged, stony* bouldered, craggy, flinty, hard, inflexible, jagged, lapidarian, lithic, pebbly, petrified, petrous, rockbound, rock-ribbed, rough, solid, stonelike; CONCEPTS 485,604 —*Ant.* flat, smooth
- rocky** [*adj2*] *unyielding, inflexible* adamant, bloodless, firm, flinty, hard, impassible, insensate, insensible, insensitive, obdurate, pitiless, rocklike, rough, rugged, solid, steady, tough; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* flexible, steady, yielding
- rocky** [*adj3*] *doubtful, un dependable* dizzy, ill, rickety, shaky, sick, sickly, staggering, ticklish, tottering, tricky, uncertain, unreliable, unstable, unsteady, unwell, weak, wobbly; CONCEPTS 314,488,489 —*Ant.* dependable, happy, healthy

**rod** [*n*] *bar, pole* baton, billet, birch, cane, cylinder, dowel, ingot, mace, pin, rodule, scepter, sceptre, shaft, slab, spike, staff, stave, stick, strip, switch, wand; CONCEPTS 436,470,479

**rogue** [*n*] *person who deceives, swindles* bad egg\*, bad news\*, blackguard\*, black sheep\*, charlatan, cheat, cheater, con artist, criminal, crook, defrauder, devil, fraud, heel\*, hooligan\*, lowlife\*, mischief, miscreant, monstrosity, ne'er-do-well\*, outlaw, problem\*, rapsallion, rascal, reprobate, scalawag, scamp, scoundrel, swindler, trickster, villain; CONCEPT 412

**roguish** [*adj*] *deceitful; mischievous* beguiling, crafty, crooked, cunning, deceiving, deceptive, devilish, dishonest, fraudulent, impish, knavish, lying, naughty, playful, puckish, rascally, shifty, slick, sly, sneaky, tricky, underhand, underhanded, unprincipled, untruthful; CONCEPTS 401,545

**role** [*n1*] *impersonation of a character* act, acting, appearance, aspect, bit, character, clothing, execution, extra, guise, hero, ingenue, lead, look, part, performance, personification, piece, player, portrayal, presentation, representation, seeming, semblance, show, star, stint, super, title, walk-on; CONCEPTS 263,716

**role** [*n2*] *duty, function* act, bit, business, capacity, execution, game\*, guise, job, office, part, piece, pose, position, post, posture, province, stint, task, what one is into\*; CONCEPTS 362,694

**roll** [*n1*] *revolving, turning* cycle, gyration, reel, revolution, rotation, run, spin, trundling, turn, twirl, undulation, whirl; CONCEPTS 147,201

**roll** [*n2*] *cylindrical object* ball, barrel, bobbin, catouche, coil, cone, convolution, cornucopia, cylinder, fold, reel, rundle, scroll, shell, spiral, spool, trundle, volute, wheel, whorl; CONCEPT 436

**roll** [*n3*] *list, roster* annals, catalog, census, chronicle, directory, head count, index, muster, nose count\*, register, roll call, schedule, scroll, table; CONCEPT 281

**roll** [*n4*] *growl, reverberation* barrage, boom, booming, clangor, drone, drumbeat, drumming, echoing, grumble, quaver, racket, rat-a-tat\*, resonance, roar, rumble, rumbling, thunder; CONCEPT 595

**roll** [*v1*] *revolve, turn; proceed smoothly* alternate, be in sequence, bowl, circle, circumduct, coil, curve, drape, drive, eddy, elapse, unfold, entwine, envelop, flow, fold, follow, furl, go around, go past, gyrate, gyre, impel, pass, pirouette, pivot, propel, reel, rock, rotate, run, spin, spiral, succeed, swaddle, swathe, swing around, swirl, swivel, trundle, twirl, twist, undulate, wheel, whirl, wind, wrap; CONCEPTS 147,201

**roll** [*v2*] *spread out even, flatten, grind, level, press, pulverize, smooth*; CONCEPTS 137,208,250 —*Ant.* collect, gather, pile

**roll** [*v3*] *thunder, reverberate* bombinate, boom, cannonade, drum, echo, growl, grumble, hum, pattern, quaver, rattle, re-echo, resound, roar, ruffle, rumble, rustle, sound, trill, whirr; CONCEPT 65

**roll** [*v4*] *rock, sway* bittle, drift, flow, glide, heave, incline, jibe, lean, lumber, lurch, pitch, ramble, range, reel, roam, rove, run, stagger, stray, surge, swagger, swing, toss, tumble,

undulate, waddle, wallow, wave, welter, yaw; CONCEPTS 147,149 —*Ant.* stabilize, steady  
**rollicking** [*adj*] *fun-loving, lively* antic, boisterous, carefree, cavorting, cheerful, devil-may-care\*, exuberant, frisky, frolicsome, glad, happy, hearty, jaunty, jovial, joyful, jovous, lighthearted, merry, playful, rip-roaring\*, romping, spirited, sportive, sprightly; CONCEPTS 401,548 —*Ant.* serious, solemn

**roly-poly** [*adj*] *pudgy* buxom, chubby\*, dumpy, fat, hefty, obese, overweight, plump, plumpish, rotund, round, stout, thick-bodied, tubby\*; CONCEPTS 491,773

**romance** [*n1*] *love affair* affair, affair of the heart\*, amour, attachment, courtship, enchantment, fascination, fling, flirtation, intrigue, liaison, love, love story, passion, relationship; CONCEPTS 375,384

**romance** [*n2*] *fanciful story or narrative* ballad, fairy tale, fantasy, fiction, idealization, idyll, legend, love story, lyric, melodrama, novel, story, tale, tear-jerker\*; CONCEPT 280

**romance** [*n3*] *adventure, flight of fancy* charm, color, excitement, exoticness, fairy tale, fancy, fantasy, fascination, glamour, hazard, idealization, idyll, mystery, nostalgia, risk, sentiment, venture; CONCEPT 673

**romantic** [*adj*] *sentimental, idealistic* adventurous, amorous, bathetic, charming, chimerical, chivalrous, colorful, corny\*, daring, dreamy, enchanting, erotic, exciting, exotic, extravagant, fairy-tale, fanciful, fantastic, fascinating, fond, glamorous, idyllic, impractical, lovey-dovey\*, loving, maudlin, mushy\*, mysterious, nostalgic, passionate, picturesque, poetic, quixotic, sloppy\*, soppo\*, starry-eyed, syrupy, tear-jerking\*, tender, unrealistic, utopian, visionary, whimsical, wild; CONCEPTS 403,542,548 —*Ant.* pragmatic, realistic, unromantic

**romp** [*n*] *fun; caper* antic, cakewalk\*, cavort, dance, escapade, frisk, frolic, gambol, hop, lark, leap, play, rollick, rout, skip, sport; CONCEPTS 292,384 —*Ant.* seriousness

**romp** [*v*] *have fun, enjoy oneself* caper, cavort, celebrate, cut capers\*, cut up\*, fool around\*, frisk, frolic, gambol, go on the town\*, kid around\*, lark, let loose\*, make merry, play, prance, revel, roister, rollic, skip, skylark, sport, whoop it up\*; CONCEPTS 292,384

**rookie** [*n*] *novice* amateur, apprentice, beginner, colt\*, cub\*, fledgling, freshman/woman, greenhorn, neophyte, newcomer, new kid on the block\*, tenderfoot\*, trainee; CONCEPTS 348, 350,423

**room** [*n1*] *space, range* allowance, area, capacity, chance, clearance, compass, elbowroom, expanse, extent, latitude, leeway, license, margin, occasion, opening, opportunity, place, play, range, reach, rein, rope, scope, sway, sweep, territory, vastness, volume; CONCEPTS 651,756

**room** [*n2*] *enclosed section of building designed for specific purpose* accommodation, alcove, apartment, cabin, cave\*, chamber, cubbyhole, cubicle, den, flat, flop\*, joint\*, lodging, niche, office, setup\*, suite, turf, vault; CONCEPT 448

**roomy** [*adj*] *having ample space* ample, broad, capacious, commodious, extensive, generous, large, sizable, spacious, wide; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* cluttered, cramped, narrow

**root** [*n*] *base, core* basis, bedrock, beginnings, bottom, cause, center, crux, derivation, essence, essentiality, footing, foundation, fountain, fountainhead, fundamental, germ, ground, groundwork, heart, inception, infrastructure, mainspring, marrow, motive, nub, nucleus, occasion, origin, pith, provenance, providence, quick, quintessence, radicle, radix, reason, rhizome, rock bottom\*, seat, seed, soul, source, starting point, stem, stuff, substance, substratum, tuber, underpinning, well; CONCEPTS 442,648,661,826,829 —*Ant.* derivation, derivative, sprout

**root** [*v*] *dig and search* burrow, delve, embed, ferret, forage, grub, grub up, hunt, ingrain, lodge, nose, place, poke, pry, rummage; CONCEPT 178 —*Ant.* cover

**rootin'-tootin'** [*adj*] *rowdy* boisterous, disorderly, loud, loudmouthed, mischievous, noisy, rambunctious, raucous, unruly, uproarious, vigorous, wild; CONCEPT 401

**roots** [*n*] *ancestry* background, birthplace, blood, breed, descent, family history, family tree, genealogy, heritage, kindred, line, lineage, origin, parentage, pedigree, race; CONCEPTS 414,648

**rope** [*n*] *cord, line* braiding, cable, cordage, hawser, lace, lanyard, lariat, lasso, strand, string, tape, thread, twine; CONCEPT 475

**roster** [*n*] *list of items, names* agenda, catalog, head count, index, inventory, listing, muster, nose count\*, program, record, register, roll, roll call, rota, schedule, scroll, table; CONCEPTS 281,283

**rosy** [*adj*] *pink, reddish in color* aflush, blooming, blushing, colored, coral, deep pink, fresh, glowing, healthy-looking, high-colored, incarnadine, pale red, peach, red, red-complexioned, red-faced, roseate, rose-colored, rubicund, ruddy; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* pale

**rosy** [*adj*] *cheerful, hopeful* alluring, auspicious, bright, encouraging, favorable, glowing, likely, optimistic, pleasing, promising, reassuring, roseate, rose-colored, sunny; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* depressing, hopeless, sad

**rot** [*n*] *corrosion, disintegration* blight, canker, decay, decomposition, deterioration, mold, putrefaction, putrescence; CONCEPTS 469,698 —*Ant.* building, development, growth

**rot** [*n*] *garbage, nonsense* balderdash, bilge, bunk, claptrap, drivel, foolishness, guff, hogwash, hoey\*, moonshine\*, poppycock, rubbish, silliness, stuff and nonsense\*, tommyrot; CONCEPTS 278,529 —*Ant.* truth

**rot** [*v*] *corrode, deteriorate* break down, corrupt, crumble, debase, debauch, decay, decline, decompose, degenerate, demoralize, deprave, descend, disimprove, disintegrate, fester, go bad\*, go downhill\*, go to pot\*, languish, molder, perish, pervert, putrefy, retrograde, sink, spoil, stain, taint, turn, warp, waste away, wither, worsen; CONCEPTS 240,469,698 —*Ant.* build, flourish, grow

**rotary** [*adj*] *turning* encircling, gyral, gyrotary, revolving, rotating, rotational, rotatory, spinning, vertiginous, vorticular, whirligig, whirling; CONCEPTS 581,584

**rotate** [*v*] *go around in circle* circle, circumduct, circumvolve, gyrate, gyre, move,

pirouette, pivot, reel, revolve, roll, spin, swivel, troll, trundle, turn, twirl, twist, waltz, wheel, whirl, whirligig, whirr; CONCEPTS 147,738

**rotate** [*v*] *alternate* bandy, ensue, exchange, follow, follow in sequence, interchange, relieve, spell, succeed, switch, take turns; CONCEPTS 104,697 —*Ant.* stay

**rotten** [*adj*] *decayed, decaying* bad, bad-smelling, corroded, corrupt, crumbled, crumbling, decomposed, decomposing, disgusting, disintegrated, disintegrating, fecal, feculent, festering, fetid, foul, gross, infected, loathsome, loud, mephitic, moldering, moldy, noisome, noxious, offensive, overripe, perished, polluted, purulent, pustular, putrescent, putrid, putrified, rancid, rank, rotting, smelling, sour, spoiled, stale, stinking, strong, tainted, touched, unsound; CONCEPTS 462,485 —*Ant.* fresh, good, new, pleasant, undecayed

**rotten** [*adj*] *dishonest, immoral* bent, bribable, contaminated, corrupt, crooked, debauched, deceitful, defiled, degenerate, deprived, dirtied, dishonorable, disloyal, faithless, filthy, flagitious, impure, mercenary, nefarious, perfidious, perverse, polluted, soiled, sullied, tainted, treacherous, unclean, untrustworthy, venal, vicious, villainous, vitiated; CONCEPTS 404,545 —*Ant.* decent, good, honest, moral, trustworthy, uncorrupt

**rotten** [*adj*] *despicable, inferior, bad* amiss, base, below par\*, bruised, bum\*, contemptible, crummy\*, defective, deplorable, dirty, disagreeable, disappointing, diseased, displeasing, dissatisfactory, filthy, impaired, inadequate, injured, lousy\*, low-grade, mean, nasty, poor, punk\*, regrettable, rough, scurrilous, shaky, sorry, sour, substandard, unacceptable, unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky, unpleasant, unsatisfactory, unsound, vile, wasted, wicked, withering, wrong; CONCEPTS 570,571,574 —*Ant.* good, kind, nice, superior

**rotund** [*adj*] *fat* beefy\*, big, broad, burly, chunky\*, dumpy, elephantine, fleshy, heavy, heavysset, hefty, husky, obese, overweight, plump, plumpish, portly, pudgy\*, roly-poly\*, round, solid, stout, tubby\*, weighty; CONCEPT 491

**rotund** [*adj*] *sonorous* booming, loud, resonant, resounding; CONCEPTS 592,594

**rough** [*adj*] *uneven, irregular* asperous, bearded, brambly, bristly, broken, bumpy, bushy, chapped, choppy, coarse, cragged, craggy, cross-grained, disheveled, fuzzy, hairy, harsh, jagged, knobby, knotty, nappy, nodular, not smooth, ridged, rocky, ruffled, rugged, scabrous, scraggy, shaggy, sharp, stony, tangled, tousled, tufted, unequal, unfinished, unlevel, unshaven, unshorn, woolly, wrinkled, wrinkly; CONCEPTS 485,606 —*Ant.* even, level, polished, regular, smooth

**rough** [*adj*] *stormy; not quiet* agitated, blustering, blustery, boisterous, buffeting, cacophonous, choppy, coarse, discordant, dry, furious, grating, gruff, harsh, hoarse, husky, inclement, inharmonious, jarring, raging, rasping, raucous, rugged, squally, strident, tempestuous, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent, unmusical, wild; CONCEPTS 525,592,594 —*Ant.* calm, mild, moderate, temperate



**rough** [adj3] *rude, impolite* bearish, bluff, blunt, boisterous, boorish, brief, brusque, churlish, coarse, crass, crude, cruel, crusty, curt, discourteous, drastic, extreme, gross\*, hairy\*, hard, harsh, ill-mannered, improper, inconsiderate, indecorous, indelicate, inelegant, loud, loutish, mean, nasty, raw, rowdy, severe, sharp, short, tough, unceremonious, uncivil, uncouth, uncultivated, uncultured, unfeeling, ungracious, unjust, unmannerly, unpleasant, unpolished, unrefined, untutored, violent, vulgar; CONCEPTS 267,401 —**Ant.** courteous, nice, polite, refined, sophisticated

**rough** [adj4] *basic, incomplete* austere, crude, cursory, formless, hard, imperfect, raw, rough-and-ready\*, roughhewn, rudimentary, shapeless, sketchy, spartan, uncompleted, uncut, undressed, unfashioned, unfinished, unformed, unhewn, unpolished, unprocessed, unrefined, unwrought; CONCEPT 531 —**Ant.** accurate, complete, definite, precise

**rough** [adj5] *approximate* amorphous, estimated, foggy, general, hazy, imprecise, inexact, proximate, rude, sketchy, uncertain, unprecise, vague; CONCEPT 557 —**Ant.** accurate, complete, definite, precise

**roughly** [adv] *about approximately*, around, in the ball park\*, in the neighborhood, more or less, practically, pretty near, somewhere around; CONCEPT 583

**rough out** [v] *do preliminary design* adumbrate, block out, chalk, characterize, delineate, draft, outline, plan, skeleton, sketch, suggest; CONCEPTS 36,79,174

**rough up** [v] *beat up* bash, batter, hit, knock about, knock around, maltreat, mishandle, mistreat, roughhouse, slap around, thrash; CONCEPTS 189,246 —**Ant.** aid, help, protect

**round** [adj1] *ball-shaped; semicircular area* annular, arced, arched, arciform, bent, bowed, bulbous, circular, coiled, curled, curved, curvilinear, cylindrical, discoid, disk-shaped, domical, egg-shaped, elliptical, globose, globular, looped, orbed, orbicular, orbiculate, oval, ringed, rotund, rounded, spherical, spheroid, spiral; CONCEPT 486

**round** [adj2] *complete* accomplished, done, entire, finished, full, rounded, solid, unbroken, undivided, whole; CONCEPT 531 —**Ant.** incomplete, lacking, unfinished

**round** [adj3] *full-bodied, ample in size* chubby, expansive, fleshy, generous, large, plump, plumpish, pudgy\*, roly-poly\*, rotund, rounded, tubby; CONCEPTS 491,773 —**Ant.** inadequate, small, tiny

**round** [adj4] *resonant, rich in sound* consonant, full, mellifluous, orotund, plangent, resounding, ringing, rotund, sonorous, vibrant; CONCEPT 594 —**Ant.** low, soft, weak

**round** [adj5] *honest, direct* blunt, candid, frank, free, outspoken, plain, straightforward, unmodified, vocal; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** deceitful, dishonest, indirect

**round** [adv] *approximately* about, all but, almost, around, as good as, close to, in the neighborhood of, just about, most, near, nearly, practically, roughly; CONCEPT 762 —**Ant.** definite, exact, precise

**round** [n1] *globe, ball; semicircular area* arc,

arch, band, bend, bow, circle, circler, curvature, curvature, curve, disc, disk, equator, eye, gyre, hoop, loop, orb, orbit, ring, ringlet, sphere, wheel; CONCEPT 436

**round** [n2] *cycle, stage* ambit, beat, bout, circuit, circulation, circumvolution, compass, course, division, gyration, lap, level, performance, period, revolution, rotation, round trip, routine, schedule, sequence, series, session, succession, tour, turn, wheel, whirl; CONCEPTS 364,727,807

**round** [n3] *unit of ammunition* bullet, cartridge, charge, discharge, load, shell, shot; CONCEPTS 498,500

**round** [v1] *turn; encircle* begird, bypass, circle, circulate, circumnavigate, compass, encompass, flank, gird, girdle, go around, gyrate, hem, pivot, revolve, ring, roll, rotate, skirt, spin, surround, wheel, whirl; CONCEPTS 147,149,187

**round** [v2] *make curved; remove angles* arch, bend, bow, coil, convolute, crook, curl, curve, form, loop, mold, perfect, polish, recurve, refine, shape, sleek, slick, smooth, whorl; CONCEPTS 184,202

**roundabout** [adj] *indirect* ambiguous, circuitous, circular, circumlocutory, collateral, deviating, devious, discursive, evasive, meandering, oblique, obliquitous, periphrastic, taking the long way\*, tortuous; CONCEPTS 559,581,584 —**Ant.** direct, honest, straightforward

**round off** [v] *finish* bring to a close, cap, culminate, close, complete, conclude, crown, culminate, finish off, settle, top off; CONCEPT 234 —**Ant.** start

**roundup** [n] *collection, collation* assembly, branding, gathering, herding, marshalling, muster, rally, summary, survey; CONCEPTS 257,397 —**Ant.** dispersal, scattering

**round up** [v] *collect, gather* assemble, bring in, bring together, cluster, drive, group, herd, marshal, muster, rally; CONCEPTS 109,257 —**Ant.** disperse, scatter

**rouse** [v1] *wake* arouse, awake, awaken, call, get up, raise, rise, stir, wake up; CONCEPT 250 —**Ant.** nap, sleep

**rouse** [v2] *stimulate, excite* aggravate, agitate, anger, animate, arouse, ask for it\*, awaken, bestir, bug\*, challenge, craze, deepen, disturb, enhance, enliven, exhilarate, fire up\*, foment, galvanize, get going, heighten, incite, inflame, innervate, innerve, instigate, intensate, intensify, key up\*, kindle, magnify, make waves\*, mount, move, needle, pep up\*, pique, provoke, quicken, rally, redouble, rile, rise, startle, steam up\*, stir, trigger, urge, vivify, wake, waken, wake up, whet, whip up\*, work up; CONCEPTS 7,22,244 —**Ant.** calm, disenchant, dull

**rousing** [adj] *stirring* active, alert, animated, astr, bouncy, bright, brisk, buoyant, bustling, busy, buzzing, chirpy, dashing, energetic, enthusiastic, frisky, full of pep\*, hyper\*, industrious, jumping, lively, peppy\*, perky, refreshing, snappy, spirited, spry, stimulating, vigorous, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 401,542,548

**roust** [n] *overwhelming defeat* beating, clobbering\*, comedown, confusion, debacle, disaster, drubbing\*, embarrassment, flight, hiding, overthrow, retreat, romp, ruin, shambles, shutout, thrashing, trashing\*, upset, vanquishment,

- walkover\*, washout\*, waxing\*, whipping;  
CONCEPTS 95, 119, 363
- route** [v] *defeat overwhelmingly* bash, beat, blow out of water\*, bulldoze\*, bury\*, chase, clean up on\*, clobber, conquer, cream\*, crush, cut to pieces\*, destroy, discomfit, dispel, drive off, expel, finish\*, hunt, kill\*, lambaste\*, larrup\*, murder\*, outmaneuver, overpower, overthrow, put to flight\*, repulse, scatter, scuttle, shut out\*, skunk\*, subdue, subjugate, swamp\*, torpedo\*, total\*, trounce, vanquish, wallop, wax\*, whip, wipe off map\*, wipe out\*, worst, zap\*; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* win
- route** [n] *path over which someone or something travels* avenue, beat, beeline, byway, circuit, course, detour, digression, direction, divergence, itinerary, journey, line, meandering, passage, pavement, pike, plot, program, rambling, range, road, round, rounds, run, short cut, tack, track, trail, wandering, way; CONCEPTS 501, 660
- route** [v] *send along a path* address, conduct, consign, convey, direct, dispatch, escort, forward, guide, lead, pilot, remit, see, shepherd, ship, show, steer, transmit; CONCEPTS 187, 217 —*Ant.* hold, keep
- routine** [adj] *habitual* accepted, accustomed, chronic, conventional, customary, everyday, familiar, general, methodical, normal, ordinary, periodic, plain, quotidian, regular, seasonal, standard, typical, unremarkable, usual, wonted, workaday; CONCEPTS 530, 547 —*Ant.* breaking, different, original, untraditional, unusual
- routine** [n] *habitual activity* act, beaten path\*, bit, channels, custom, cycle, daily grind\*, drill, formula, grind\*, groove\*, habit, line, method, order, pace, pattern, piece, practice, procedure, program, rat race\*, rote, round, rut, schtick\*, spiel\*, system, tack, technique, treadmill, usage, way, wont; CONCEPTS 6, 362, 770 —*Ant.* break, excitement, unusual
- row** [n1] *sequence, series* bank, chain, column, consecution, echelon, file, line, order, progression, queue, range, rank, string, succession, tier, train; CONCEPTS 432, 727, 744
- row** [n2] *fight, ruckus* affray, altercation, bickering, brawl, castigation, commotion, controversy, dispute, disturbance, falling-out\*, fracas, fray, fuss, knock-down-drag-out\*, lecture, melee, noise, quarrel, racket, reprimand, reproof, riot, rumpus, run-in\*, scrap\*, set-to\*, shouting match\*, squabble, talking-to\*, telling-off\*, tiff, tongue-lashing\*, trouble, tumult, uproar, words\*, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46, 52, 106 —*Ant.* agreement, peace
- row** [v1] *move boat with paddle* drag, oar, paddle, pull, punt, sail, scud, scull, sky an oar, swim\*; CONCEPT 187
- row** [v2] *argue, fight* bawl out, berate, bicker, brawl, call on the carpet\*, dispute, jaw, quarrel, ream, scold, scrap, spat, squabble, tiff, tongue-lash\*, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46, 106 —*Ant.* agree, concur
- rowdy** [adj] *boisterous, noisy* disorderly, lawless, loud, loudmouthed, loutish, mischievous, obstreperous, rambunctious, raucous, rebellious, rough, roughhouse, rude, turbulent, unruly, uproarious, wild; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* calm, moderate, quiet, restrained
- rowdy** [n] *person who is boisterous, noisy* brawler, bully, hellion, hooligan, lout, punk, roughneck, ruffian, terror\*, troublemaker; CONCEPT 412
- royal** [adj] *monarchical, grand* aristocratic, august, authoritative, baronial, commanding, dignified, elevated, eminent, grandiose, high, highborn, honorable, illustrious, imperial, imposing, impressive, kingly, lofty, magnificent, majestic, noble, queenly, regal, regnant, reigning, renowned, resplendent, ruling, sovereign, splendid, stately, superb, superior, supreme, worthy; CONCEPTS 549, 574 —*Ant.* common
- rub** [n1] *stroke, massage* abrasion, attrition, brushing, caress, friction, grinding, kneading, pat, polish, rasping, scouring, scraping, shine, smear, smoothing, stroking, swab, swipe, wear, wipe; CONCEPT 215
- rub** [n2] *difficulty, problem* bar, catch, crimp, dilemma, drawback, hamper, hindrance, hitch, hurdle, impediment, obstacle, predicament, snag, stumbling block\*, traverse, trouble; CONCEPT 666 —*Ant.* blessing, boon, solution
- rub** [v] *stroke, massage* abrade, anoint, apply, bark, brush, buff, burnish, caress, chafe, clean, coat, cover, curry, daub, erase, erode, excoriate, file, fray, fret, furbish, glance, glaze, gloss, grate, graze, grind, knead, mop, paint, pat, plaster, polish, put, rasp, scour, scrape, scrub, shine, slather, smear, smooth, spread, swab, triturate, wear, wear down, wipe; CONCEPT 215
- rubberneck** [v] *stare* eagle eye\*, eye, eyeball\*, focus, gawk, gaze, glare, goggle\*, lay eyes on\*, look, ogle, peer, rivet; CONCEPT 623
- rubbish** [n1] *garbage* debris, dregs, dross, junk, litter, lumber, offal, refuse, rubble, rummage, scrap, sweepings, trash, waste; CONCEPT 260 —*Ant.* possessions, property
- rubbish** [n2] *nonsense* balderdash, bilge\*, bunkum, drivel, gibberish, hogwash, hooey\*, poppycock, rot\*, stuff and nonsense\*, tommyrot; CONCEPTS 230, 278 —*Ant.* sense, truth
- rubdown** [n] *massage* back rub, chiroprasia, kneading, manipulation, stroking; CONCEPTS 308, 310
- rub the wrong way** [v] *irritate* aggravate, anger, annoy, bother, bug\*, disturb, drive up the wall\*, enrage, get on one's nerves\*, get to, get under one's skin\*, infuriate, irk, needle\*, pester, rattle, ruffle one's feathers; CONCEPTS 7, 19
- ruckus** [n] *disturbance* big scene\*, big stink\*, bother, brawl, brouhaha\*, commotion, disorder, disruption, distraction, explosion, fisticuffs, fracas, fray, fuss, hubbub\*, hullabaloo\*, interruption, quarrel, racket, rampage, riot, rumble, rumpus, stink\*, stir, turmoil, upheaval, uprising, uproar; CONCEPTS 388, 410, 674, 720
- ruddy** [adj] *pinkish, blushing* blooming, blowsy, bronzed, crimson, florid, flush, flushed, fresh, full-blooded, glowing, healthy, pink, red, red-complexioned, reddish, roseate, rosy, rubicund, ruby, sanguine, scarlet; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* pale
- rude** [adj1] *disrespectful, rough* abrupt, abusive, bad-mannered, barbarian, barbaric, barbarous, blunt, boorish, brusque, brutish, cheeky, churlish, coarse, crabbed, crude, curt, discourteous, graceless, gross, gruff, ignorant, illiterate,

impertinent, impolite, impudent, inconsiderate, insolent, insulting, intrusive, loutish, low, obscene, offhand, peremptory, raw, savage, scurrilous, short, surly, uncivil, uncivilized, uncouth, uncultured, uneducated, ungracious, unmannerly, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar, wild; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* kind, mannerly, nice, polite, respectful

**rude** [adj2] *crude, primitive* angular, artless, barbarous, callow, coarse, formless, fresh, green, ignorant, inartistic, inelegant, inexperienced, inexpert, makeshift, primal, raw, rough, roughhewn, roughly made, rudimental, rudimentary, shapeless, simple, uncivilized, unconversant, uncultivated, unfashioned, unfinished, unformed, unhewn, unpolished, unprocessed, unrefined, wild; CONCEPTS 490,531 —*Ant.* polished, refined, sophisticated

**rude** [adj3] *sudden; approximate* abrupt, guessed, harsh, imperfect, imprecise, inexact, in the ballpark\*, proximate, rough, sharp, startling, stormy, surmised, turbulent, unpleasant, unprecise, violent; CONCEPTS 557,799 —*Ant.* exact, gradual, smooth

**rudimentary** [adj] *basic, fundamental* abecedarian, basal, beginning, early, elemental, elementary, embryonic, immature, initial, introductory, larval, nuts-and-bolts\*, primary, primitive, simple, simplest, uncompleted, undeveloped, vestigial; CONCEPTS 546,549 —*Ant.* additional, advanced, derivative, developed, extra, nonessential

**rudiments** [n] *fundamentals* ABCs\*, basics, beginnings, elements, essentials, first principles, foundation, guts\*, heart, nitty-gritty, principles; CONCEPTS 668,687,826,829

**rue** [v] *regret* apologize, be sorry for, cry over\*, deplore, feel remorse, feel sorry, grieve, kick oneself\*, lament, mourn, weep over\*; CONCEPTS 21,410

**rueful** [adj] *regretful* apologetic, ashamed, deplorable, lamentable, mournful, remorseful, repentant, sad, sorrowful, sorry; CONCEPT 403

**ruffian** [n] *hoodlum* brute, bully, criminal, delinquent, gangster, goon\*, hood, hooligan, mobster, punk, rioter, rowdy, tough guy\*, troublemaker; CONCEPT 412

**ruffle** [v1] *mess up* cackle, confuse, crease, crinkle, crumple, crush, derange, disarrange, discompose, dishevel, disorder, pucker, purse, rifle, rumple, tangle, touse, wrinkle; CONCEPT 158 —*Ant.* smooth

**ruffle** [v2] *upset, irritate* abrade, agitate, anger, annoy, bluster, bother, browbeat, bully, chafe, confuse, cow\*, disconcert, disquiet, disturb, excite, floor\*, flummox, flurry, fluster, fret, fuddle, gall, get to\*, harass, intimidate, irk, nettle, peeve, perturb, provoke, put off, put out, rattle, rattle one's cage\*, shake up\*, stir, stump, throw into tizzy\*, torment, trouble, unsettle, vex, wear, worry; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* calm, soothe

**rug** [n1] *carpet* carpeting, floor covering, mat, matting, runner, shag\*, tapestry, throw rug, wall-to-wall carpeting; CONCEPT 473

**rug** [n2] *hairpiece* false hair, hair extension, hair implant, hair weaving, toupee, wig; CONCEPT 392

**rugged** [adj1] *bumpy, weathered* asperous, broken, coarse, craggy, difficult, furrowed,

harsh, hilly, irregular, jagged, leathery, lumpy, mountainous, ragged, rocky, rough, roughhewn, scabrous, scraggy, stark, uneven, unlevel, unpolished, unrefined, unsmooth, weather-beaten, worn, wrinkled; CONCEPTS 490,606 —*Ant.* even, flat, level, smooth

**rugged** [adj2] *severe, violent* bitter, brutal, difficult, hard, harsh, inclement, intemperate, rigorous, rough, stormy, tempestuous, turbulent; CONCEPTS 525,537 —*Ant.* calm, gentle, mild, moderate

**rugged** [adj3] *uncouth, crude* barbarous, blunt, boorish, churlish, graceless, ill-bred, loutish, rude, uncultured, unpolished, unrefined; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* courteous, nice, refined, sophisticated

**rugged** [adj4] *difficult, rigorous* arduous, demanding, exacting, formidable, hairy\*, hard, harsh, heavy\*, heavy sledding\*, knotty\*, laborious, large order\*, mean, murder\*, no picnic\*, operose, rough, stern, strenuous, taxing, tough, trying, uncompromising, uphill\*; CONCEPTS 538,565 —*Ant.* easy, facile

**rugged** [adj5] *big, strong* able-bodied, athletic, brawny, energetic, forceful, hale, hardy, healthy, husky, indefatigable, lusty, muscular, robust, sturdy, tough, unflagging, vigorous, well-built; CONCEPTS 314,489 —*Ant.* small, tiny, weak

**ruin** [n] *situation of devastation* atrophy, bane, bankruptcy, bath, breakdown, collapse, confusion, crackup, crash, crumbling, damage, decay, defeat, degeneracy, degeneration, demolition, destitution, destruction, deterioration, dilapidation, disintegration, disrepair, dissolution, downfall, downgrade, extinction, failure, fall, havoc, insolvency, loss, nemesis, overthrow, ruination, skids\*, subversion, the end\*, undoing, waste, Waterloo, wreck, wreckage; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* building, construction, creation, development, growth

**ruin** [v] *devastate, destroy* bankrupt, beggar, botch, break, bring down, bring to ruin, bust, clean out, crush, decimate, deface, defeat, defile, demolish, deplete, deplore, depredate, desecrate, despoil, devour, dilapidate, disfigure, do in\*, drain, exhaust, fleece, impoverish, injure, lay waste, maim, make a mess of, mangle, mar, mutilate, overthrow, overturn, overwhelm, pauperize, pillage, rape, ravish, raze, reduce, sack, shatter, smash, spoil, spoilate, total, use up, wipe out\*, wrack, wreak havoc on, wreck; CONCEPTS 234,246,252 —*Ant.* build, construct, create, develop, grow

**ruinous** [adj] *disastrous, devastating* annihilative, baleful, baneful, calamitous, cataclysmic, catastrophic, crippling, damaging, deady, deleterious, depleting, dire, draining, exhausting, extravagant, fatal, fateful, harmful, hurtful, immoderate, impoverishing, injurious, merdorous, noxious, pernicious, shattering, suicidal, unfortunate, wasteful, withering, wrackful; CONCEPTS 537,548,570 —*Ant.*

advantageous, assisting, beneficial, helpful

**ruins** [n] *buildings that are dilapidated* ashes, debris, destruction, detritus, foundation, relics, remains, remnants, residue, rubble, traces, vestiges, wreck, wreckage; CONCEPTS 439,733

**rule** [n1] *standard, principle of behavior* aphorism, apothegm, assize, axiom, basis, brocard,

canon, chapter and verse\*, command, commandment, criterion, decorum, decree, decretion, dictum, direction, edict, etiquette, formula, fundamental, gnome, guide, guideline, keynote, keystone, law, maxim, model, moral, no-no's\*, order, ordinance, precedent, precept, prescription, propriety, regimen, regulation, ruling, statute, tenet, test, the book\*, the numbers\*, truism; CONCEPT 688

**rule** [n2] *leadership of organization* administration, ascendancy, authority, command, control, direction, domination, dominion, empire, government, influence, jurisdiction, power, regime,regnancy, reign, sovereignty, supremacy, sway; CONCEPTS 299,376

**rule** [n3] *method, way* course, custom, formula, habit, normalcy, normality, order of things, policy, practice, procedure, routine; CONCEPTS 6,647

**rule** [v1] *govern, manage* administer, be in authority, be in driver's seat\*, be in power, bridle, command, conduct, control, crack the whip\*, curb, decree, dictate, direct, dominate, domineer, guide, hold sway\*, hold the reins\*, keep under one's thumb\*, lay down the law\*, lead, order, overrule, predominate, preponderate, preside, prevail, regulate, reign, restrain, rule the roost\*, run, run the show\*, sit on top of\*, sway, take over; CONCEPTS 117,133,298  
—*Ant.* serve, submit

**rule** [v2] *judge, decide* adjudge, adjudicate, conclude, decree, deduce, determine, establish, figure, find, fix, gather, hold, infer, lay down, pass upon, postulate, prescribe, pronounce, resolve, settle, theorize; CONCEPTS 18,81  
—*Ant.* plead

**rule out** [v] *exclude, reject* abolish, avert, ban, bate, cancel, count out, debar, deter, dismiss, eliminate, except, forbid, forestall, forfend, leave out, not consider, obviate, preclude, prevent, prohibit, proscribe, recant, revoke, stave off, suspend, ward off; CONCEPTS 25,121  
—*Ant.* add, include, keep

**ruler** [n1] *historically, person who ruled an area* baron, baroness, caesar, caliph, contessa, count, countess, crowned head, czar, czarina, dame, duchess, duke, dynast, emperor, empress, gerent, imperator, kaiser, khan, king, lady, lord, magnate, maharajah, maharani, majesty, mikado, mogul, monarch, oligarch, overlord, pasha, potentate, prince, princess, queen, rajah, rani, rex, royal, shah, sovereign, sultan, sultana, tycoon; CONCEPT 422 —*Ant.* commoner, subject

**ruler** [n2] *tool for measuring or calculating length* folding rule, measure, measuring stick, rule, slide rule, straightedge, T-square, yardstick; CONCEPT 499

**ruling** [adj1] *dominant, governing* cardinal, central, commanding, controlling, leading, overriding, overruling, pivotal, regnant, reigning, sovereign, supreme, upper; CONCEPT 574  
—*Ant.* inferior, subjective, submissive, yielding

**ruling** [adj2] *prevailing, main* chief, current, dominant, pivotal, popular, predominant, pre-eminent, preponderant, prevalent, principal, rampant, rife, widespread; CONCEPT 568  
—*Ant.* inferior, minor, subordinate

**ruling** [n] *judgment, decree* adjudication, decision, directive, edict, finding, law, order,

precept, pronouncement, resolution, rule, ukase, verdict; CONCEPT 318 —*Ant.* plea

**rumble** [v] *growl, thunder* boom, grumble, resound, roar, roll; CONCEPT 65

**ruminate** [v] *think about seriously* brainstorm\*, brood, chew over, cogitate, consider, contemplate, deliberate, excogitate, figure, meditate, mull over, muse, ponder, rack one's brains\*, reflect, revolve, stew about\*, think, turn over, use one's head\*, weigh; CONCEPT 24 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**rummage** [v] *ransack, search* beat the bushes\*, comb, delve, dig out, disarrange, disarray, disorder, disorganize, disrupt, disturb, examine, explore, ferret out, fish, forage, grub, hunt, jumble, leave no stone unturned\*, look high and low\*, mess up, mix up, poke, rake, root, scour, search high heaven\*, seek, shake, shake down, spy, toss, turn inside out\*, turn upside down\*; CONCEPTS 158,216 —*Ant.* order, organize

**rumor** [n] *talk about supposed truth* back-fence talk\*, breeze\*, bruit, canard, comment, cry, dispatch, earful\*, fabrication, falsehood, fame, fiction, gossip, grapevine\*, hearsay, hoax, innuendo, intelligence, invention, lie, news, notoriety, report, repute, rumble, scandal, scuttlebutt\*, story, suggestion, supposition, tale, tattle, tidings, whisper, wire\*, word; CONCEPTS 274,277,278 —*Ant.* truth

**rumor** [v] *tell a supposed truth* bruit, buzz\*, circulate, gossip, noise about\*, pass around, publish, report, say, talk, tattle, whisper; CONCEPTS 49,54 —*Ant.* tell truth

**rump** [n] *bottom, posterior of animal or human* back, backside, beam, behind, breech, bum\*, butt, butt end, buttocks, can\*, croup, derrière, duff\*, fanny\*, haunches, hind end, hindquarters, keister\*, moon\*, prat, rear, rear end, sacrum, seat, tail\*, tail end, tush\*; CONCEPTS 392,825

**rumple** [v] *crush, wrinkle* bedraggle, cockle, crease, crimp, crinkle, crumple, derange, dishevel, disorder, fold, mess up, muss up, pucker, ruck up, ruffle, screw up, crunch, seam, touse, wreath; CONCEPTS 137,219,250  
—*Ant.* flatten, iron, smooth

**rumpus** [n] *clamor, brouhaha\**, commotion, discord, disturbance, donnybrook, fracas, fuss, hassle, hubba-hubba\*, hubbub, hullabaloo\*, noise, outcry, pandemonium, racket, rhubarb, ruckus, tumult, turmoil, upheaval, uproar; CONCEPTS 386,595,674

**run** [n1] *fast moving on foot* amble, bound, break, canter, dart, dash, drop, escape, fall, flight, gallop, jog, lope, pace, race, rush, scamper, scuttle, spring, sprint, spurt, tear, trot, whisk; CONCEPT 150 —*Ant.* standing, walking

**run** [n2] *journey* drive, excursion, jaunt, joy ride\*, lift, outing, ride, round, spin, tour, travel, trip; CONCEPT 224

**run** [n3] *sequence, course* bearing, chain, continuance, continuation, continuity, current, cycle, drift, duration, endurance, field, flow, line, motion, movement, passage, path, period, persistence, progress, prolongation, round, route, season, series, spell, streak, stream, stretch, string, succession, swing, tendency, tenor, tide, trend, way; CONCEPTS 721,727,738

**run** [v1] *move fast on foot* abscond, amble, barrel, beat it\*, bolt, bound, bustle, canter, career,

clear out, course, cut and run\*, dart, dash, decamp, depart, dog it\*, escape, flee, flit, fly, gallop, go like lightning\*, hasten, hie, hotfoot\*, hurry, hustle, jog, leg it\*, light out\*,lope, make a break\*, make off, make tracks\*, pace, race, rush, scamper, scoot, scorch, scramble, scud, scurry, shag, shoot, skedaddle\*, skip, skitter, smoke\*, speed, spring, sprint, spurt, take flight, take off, tear, tear out, travel, trot, whisk; CONCEPTS 150,195 —*Ant.* stand, walk

**run** [v2] *move rapidly, flowingly* bleed, cascade, course, deliquesce, diffuse, discharge, dissolve, drop, fall, flow, flux, fuse, glide, go, go soft, gush, issue, leak, leap, lunge, melt, pass, pour, proceed, roll, sail, scud, skim, slide, spill, spin, spout, spread, stream, thaw, tumble, turn to liquid, whirl, whiz; CONCEPT 146 —*Ant.* cease, halt, stop

**run** [v3] *operate, drive* act, bear, carry, command, control, convey, go, govern, handle, manage, maneuver, move, perform, ply, propel, tick, transport, use, work; CONCEPTS 225,680

**run** [v4] *manage, supervise* administer, be in charge, be in driver's seat\*, be in saddle\*, boss, carry on, conduct, control, coordinate, direct, head, head up\*, helm\*, keep, lead, look after, operate, ordain, oversee, own, pull the strings\*, regulate, ride herd on\*, superintend, take care of\*; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* obey, serve

**run** [v5] *continue, range* be current, circulate, cover, encompass, extend, go, go around, go on, last, lie, move past, persevere, proceed, reach, spread, stretch, trail, vary; CONCEPTS 651,721 —*Ant.* cease, halt, stop

**run** [v6] *be elected to public office* be a candidate, challenge, compete, contend, contest, hit the campaign trail\*, kiss babies\*, oppose, politick, race, ring doorbells\*, shake hands\*, stand, stump, whistlestop\*; CONCEPT 300

**run-around** [n] *avoidance* come-off, delay, detour, difficulty, diversion, elusion, escape, escaping, eschewal, evasion, inertia, postponement, roundabout, shunning; CONCEPTS 30,121 —*Ant.* challenge, facing, meeting

**runaway** [adj] *out of control* delinquent, disorderly, escaped, fleeing, fugitive, loose, out of hand\*, running, uncontrolled, wild; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* controlled, stable, staying, steady

**runaway** [n] *person who is trying to escape* absconder, delinquent, deserter, escapee, escaper, fugitive, lawbreaker, maroon, offender, truant, wanted person; CONCEPT 412

**run-down** [adj] *shabby, in bad shape* abandoned, beat-up, below par, broken-down, crumbling, debilitated, decrepit, derelict, deserted, desolate, dilapidated, dingy, dog-eared\*, down-at-the-heel\*, drained, enervated, exhausted, fatigued, forsaken, frozzy\*, in a bad way\*, neglected, old, out of condition, peaked, ramshackle, ratty\*, rickety, seedy, tacky, tattered, tired, tumble-down, uncares-for, under the weather\*, unhealthy, untended, used up, weak, weary, worn-out; CONCEPTS 314,485, 570 —*Ant.* fresh, good, healthy, ok

**rundown** [n] *summary* briefing, outline, précis, recap\*, recapitulation, report, résumé, review, run-through, sketch, synopsis; CONCEPT 283

**run down** [v] *ridicule* belittle, criticize, decry,

defame, denigrate, depreciate, derogate, detract, diminish, disparage, dispraise, downcry, knock\*, make fun of, appropriate, revile, speak ill of, vilify; CONCEPTS 52,54 —*Ant.* praise

**rung** [n] *notch, step* bar, board, crossbar, crosspiece, degree, grade, level, rod, round, rundle, stage, tread; CONCEPTS 471,744

**run-in** [n] *argument* altercation, bickering, brush, confrontation, contretemps, dispute, encounter, falling-out\*, fight, hassle, quarrel, row, set-to\*, skirmish, tussle; CONCEPTS 46, 106 —*Ant.* agreement, harmony, peace

**run in** [v] *arrest* apprehend, bust, collar, cop\*, detain, handcuff, jail, nab, pick up, pinch\*, pull in, put the cuffs on\*, take into custody, throw in jail\*; CONCEPTS 298,317 —*Ant.* exonerate, free, let go

**running** [adj] *continuous, flowing, operating* active, alive, constant, cursive, dynamic, easy, effortless, executing, fluent, functioning, going, in action, incessant, in operation, in succession, live, moving, operative, perpetual, proceeding, producing, smooth, together, unbroken, unceasing, uninterrupted, working; CONCEPT 538, 560,584 —*Ant.* broken, discontinuous, intermittent, occasional

**running** [adv] *continually* consecutively, continuously, night and day\*, successively, together, unintermittedly, uninterruptedly; CONCEPTS 482,798 —*Ant.* broken, intermittently, occasionally

**running** [n] *management of organization* administration, care, charge, conduct, control, coordination, direction, functioning, handling, intendance, leadership, maintenance, operation, organization, oversight, performance, regulation, superintendency, supervision, working; CONCEPT 117

**run-of-the-mill** [adj] *average* common, commonplace, customary, dime a dozen, everyday, fair, fair to middling\*, garden-variety\*, humdrum, intermediate, mainstream, mediocre, medium, middle of the road\*, middling, ordinary, regular, routine, so-so\*, undistinguished, unexceptional, usual; CONCEPT 547

**run out** [v] *fail, be exhausted* be cleaned out\*, be out of, cease, close, come to a close, depart, dissipate, dry up, end, exhaust, expire, finish, give out, go, have no more, have none left, lose, peter out\*, stop, terminate, tire, waste, waste away, weaken, wear out; CONCEPTS 105,699 —*Ant.* get, have, succeed, supply

**runt** [n] *very small person* half-pint\*, homunculus, Lilliputian, midget, peewee\*, punk\*, shrimp\*; CONCEPT 424

**run through** [v] *use up; waste* blow, consume, dissipate, exhaust, expend, finish, fritter away, lose, spend, squander, throw away, wash up; CONCEPT 156 —*Ant.* hoard, save

**rupture** [n1] *break, split* breach, burst, cleavage, cleft, crack, division, fissure, fracture, hernia, herniation, parting, rent, schism, tear; CONCEPTS 309,513 —*Ant.* closing, closure

**rupture** [n2] *disagreement, dissolution* altercation, breach, break, break-up, bustup\*, clash, contention, detachment, disruption, disunion, division, divorce, divorcement, estrangement, falling-out, feud, hostility, misunderstanding, parting, partition, quarrel,

rift, schism, separation, split, split-up\*;  
CONCEPTS 46,388 —*Ant.* agreement, harmony,  
peace

**rupture** [*v1*] *break open* breach, burst, cleave,  
crack, disrupt, divide, erupt, fracture, hold,  
open, part, puncture, rend, rive, separate, sever,  
shatter, split, sunder, tear; CONCEPTS 98,246,  
308 —*Ant.* close, join, mend

**rupture** [*v2*] *disagree; dissolve union* break  
off, break up, come between, disjoin, disrupt,  
dissect, dissever, disunite, divide, divorce, part,  
separate, split, split up, sunder; CONCEPTS 297,  
384 —*Ant.* agree, join, marry

**rural** [*adj*] *country, not urban* agrarian,  
agricultural, agronomic, Arcadian, backwoods,  
bucolic, countrified, farm, georgic, idyllic,  
natural, outland, pastoral, provincial, ranch,  
rustic, rustical, simple, sylvan, unsophisticated;  
CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* city, metropolitan, subur-  
ban, urban

**rust** [*n*] *trick, deception* angle, artifice, blind,  
booby trap\*, curveball\*, deceit, device, dodge,  
feint, gambit, game, game plan\*, gimmick,  
hoax, imposture, jig\*, maneuver, ploy, scenario,  
sham, shenanigans\*, shift, stratagem, stunt, sub-  
terfuge, switch\*, twist\*, wile; CONCEPTS 59,674

**rush** [*n1*] *hurry, speed* blitz, charge, dash,  
dispatch, expedition, flood, flow, flux, haste,  
hastiness, hurriedness, precipitance, precipi-  
tancy, precipitation, race, scramble, stream,  
surge, swiftness, urgency; CONCEPTS  
145,748,818 —*Ant.* retardation, slowness

**rush** [*n2*] *attack* assault, blitz, charge, onslaught,  
push, storm, surge, violence; CONCEPT 86  
—*Ant.* guarding, protection

**rush** [*v1*] *hurry, speed* accelerate, barrel, bolt,  
break, career, charge, chase, course, dart,  
dash, dispatch, expedite, fire up\*, fleet, fling,  
flit, fly, get cracking\*, get the lead out\*, go like  
lightning\*, haste, hasten, hotfoot\*, hurry up,  
hustle, lose no time\*, make haste, make short  
work of\*, press, push, quicken, race, roll, run,  
scramble, scud, scurry, shake a leg\*, shoot,  
speed up, sprint, step on gas\*, streak, surge,  
tear, whiz\*, zip\*, zoom\*; CONCEPTS 91,150,  
152 —*Ant.* retard, slow

**rush** [*v2*] *charge, attack* capture, overcome,  
storm, surge, take by storm\*; CONCEPT 86  
—*Ant.* guard, protect

**rust** [*n*] *corrosion* blight, corruption, decay,  
decomposition, dilapidation, mold, oxidation,  
rot, wear; CONCEPTS 309,720

**rust** [*v*] *corrode* decay, decline, degenerate,  
deteriorate, oxidize, stale, tarnish, wither;  
CONCEPT 469

**rustic** [*adj1*] *country, rural* agrarian, agricul-  
tural, Arcadian, artless, austere, bucolic, coun-  
trified, homely, homespun, homey, honest,  
natural, outland, pastoral, picturesque, plain,  
primitive, provincial, simple, sylvan, unaf-  
fected, unpolished, unrefined, unsophisticated,  
verdant; CONCEPTS 583,589 —*Ant.* city, metro-  
politan, suburban, urban

**rustic** [*adj2*] *crude, uncouth* awkward, boorish,  
churlish, clodhopping, clownish, coarse, coun-  
trified, dull, foolish, graceless, ignorant, ineleg-  
ant, loutish, maladrofit, rough, rude, stupid,  
uncultured, uneducated, ungainly, unmannerly,  
unpolished, unsophisticated; CONCEPT 401

—*Ant.* couth, cultured, polished, refined,  
sophisticated

**rustic** [*n*] *person from the country, with little  
experience* backwoods person, boor, country  
cousin\*, country person, farmer, hayseed\*,  
hick\*, hillbilly, mountaineer, peasant, provin-  
cial, redneck\*, rural, yokel\*; CONCEPT 413  
—*Ant.* city boy

**rustle** [*n*] *whisper, swish* crackle, crepitation,  
crinkling, friction, noise, patter, ripple, rustling,  
sound, stir; CONCEPT 595

**rustle** [*v*] *swish, whisper* crackle, crepitate,  
crinkle, hum, murmur, patter, sigh, stir, tap,  
whir, whish, whoosh; CONCEPT 65

**rustle up** [*v*] *provide* accommodate, arrange,  
assemble, bring, cater, cook, furnish, get ready,  
give, hand over, indulge, make, prepare,  
present, produce, put together, ready, render,  
scrape up, serve, supply, take care of, turn out;  
CONCEPTS 35,108,110,136,140,200

**rusty** [*adj1*] *corroded* decayed, oxidized,  
rust-covered, rusted; CONCEPT 485

**rusty** [*adj2*] *out of practice; inexperienced*  
deficient, impaired, neglected, not what it was\*,  
sluggish, soft, stale, unpracticed, unqualified,  
weak; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* experienced,  
practiced, talented

**rut** [*n1*] *groove, indentation* furrow, gouge,  
hollow, pothole, rabbit, score, track, trench,  
trough; CONCEPT 513 —*Ant.* closing

**rut** [*n2*] *routine of daily life* circle, circuit,  
course, custom, daily grind\*, dead end\*,  
grind\*, groove, habit, humdrum\*, pace,  
pattern, performance, practice, procedure,  
rote, round, system, treadmill, usage, wont;  
CONCEPTS 6,647 —*Ant.* break, difference

**ruthless** [*adj*] *mean, heartless* adamant, bar-  
barous, brutal, callous, cold, cold-blooded,  
cruel, cutthroat, dog-eat-dog\*, feral, ferocious,  
fierce, grim, hard, hard-hearted, harsh, implac-  
able, inexorable, inhuman, ironfisted, killer,  
malevolent, merciless, mortal, obdurate, pitiless,  
rancorous, relentless, remorseless, revengeful,  
sadistic, savage, severe, stern, stony, surly,  
unappeasable, unfeeling, unforgiving, unmerci-  
ful, unrelenting, unsympathetic, unyielding,  
vicious, vindictive, without pity; CONCEPTS  
401,404 —*Ant.* compassionate, considerate,  
gentle, giving, kind, nice, sympathetic

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**sabbatical** [*n*] *leave* break, furlough, holiday,  
leave of absence, liberty, recess, time off,  
vacation; CONCEPTS 802,807

**sable** [*adj*] *very dark in color* black, dark,  
dusky, dusty, ebon, ebony, gloomy, inky, jet,  
jetty, murky, pitch-black, pitch-dark, raven,  
somber; CONCEPT 618

**sabotage** [*n*] *damage* demolition, destruction,  
disruption, impairment, injury, mischief, over-  
throw, subversion, subversiveness, treachery,  
treason, undermining, vandalism, wreckage,  
wrecking; CONCEPTS 86,246,252 —*Ant.* aiding,  
assistance, fix, help

**sabotage** [*v*] *incapacitate, damage* attack,  
block, bollix, break up, cripple, deep six\*,  
destroy, disable, disrupt, do\*, do in\*, foul up\*,

frustrate, hamper, hinder, louse up\*, mess up\*, obstruct, put out of action, put out of commission\*, screw up\*, subvert, take out\*, throw a monkey wrench into\*, torpedo\*, undermine, vandalize, wreck; CONCEPTS 86,246,252 —*Ant.* abet, aid, fix, help

**sack** [v1] *remove from position of responsibility* ax\*, bounce\*, can\*, cashier, discharge, dismiss, drop, expel, fire, give a pink slip\*, give marching orders\*, give the boot\*, kick out, send packing\*, ship, terminate; CONCEPT 351 —*Ant.* employ, hire

**sack** [v2] *raid, plunder* demolish, deplete, desecrate, desolate, despoil, destroy, devastate, devour, fleece, gut, lay waste, loot, maraud, pillage, ravage, rifle, rob, ruin, spoil, spoliage, strip, waste; CONCEPTS 139,252 —*Ant.* guard, protect, save

**sacrament** [n] *rite* baptism, celebration, ceremony, communion, confession, confirmation, custom, holy orders, liturgy, marriage, matrimony, oath, observance, practice, ritual, service, vow; CONCEPTS 377,386

**sacred** [adj1] *holy, blessed* angelic, cherished, consecrated, divine, enshrined, godly, hallowed, numinous, pious, pure, religious, revered, sacramental, saintly, sanctified, solemn, spiritual, unprofane, venerable; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* irreligious, lay, profane, ungodly, unholy, unsacred

**sacred** [adj2] *protected* dedicated, defended, guarded, immune, inviolable, inviolate, invulnerable, sacrosanct, secure, shielded, untouchable; CONCEPT 587 —*Ant.* open, unprotected, vulnerable

**sacrifice** [v] *give up, let go* cede, drop, endure, eschew, forfeit, forgo, immolate, kiss goodbye\*, lose, offer, offer up, part with, renounce, resign oneself to, spare, suffer, surrender, waive, yield; CONCEPTS 108,116 —*Ant.* hold, refuse

**sacrilege** [n] *irreverence* blasphemy, crime, curse, desecration, heresy, impiety, mockery, offense, profanation, profaneness, profanity, sin, violation; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* piety, respect, reverence

**sacrilegious** [adj] *profane* atheistic, blasphemous, desecrating, dirty\*, filthy\*, foul, godless, heathen, impious, indecent, infidel, irreligious, irreverent, irreverential, obscene, pagan, sinful, ungodly, unhallowed, unholy, violating; CONCEPTS 267,401,545

**sacrosanct** [adj] *sacred* blessed, consecrated, divine, godly, hallowed, holy, pious, pure, religious, revered, sacramental, saintly, sanctified, spiritual, unprofane, venerated; CONCEPT 574

**sad** [adj1] *unhappy, depressed* bereaved, bitter, blue\*, cheerless, dejected, despairing, despondent, disconsolate, dismal, distressed, doleful, down, downcast, down in dumps\*, down in mouth\*, forlorn, gloomy, glum, grief-stricken, grieved, heartbroken, heartsick, heavyhearted, hurting, in doldrums\*, in grief, in the dumps\*, languishing, low, low-spirited, lugubrious, melancholy, morbid, morose, mournful, out of sorts\*, pensive, pessimistic, sick at heart\*, somber, sorrowful, sorry, troubled, weeping, wistful, woebegone; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, glad, happy, joyful

**sad** [adj2] *unfortunate, distressing* bad, calamitous, dark, dejecting, deplorable, depressing,

disastrous, discomposing, discouraging, disheartening, dismal, dispiriting, dreary, funereal, grave, grievous, hapless, heart-rending, joyless, lachrymose, lamentable, lugubrious, melancholic, miserable, moving, oppressive, pathetic, pitiable, pitiful, poignant, regrettable, saddening, serious, shabby, sorry, tearful, tear-jerking\*, tragic, unhappy, unsatisfactory, upsetting, wretched; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* fortunate, great, happy, lucky

**sadden** [v] *upset, depress* break one's heart\*, bring one down\*, bum out\*, cast down, dampen spirits, dash, deject, deplore, desolate, discourage, dishearten, dispirit, distress, down, drag down\*, grieve, make blue\*, oppress, press, put a damper on\*, put into a funk\*, throw cold water on\*, turn one off\*, weigh down\*; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* cheer, delight, gladden, make happy

**sadistic** [adj] *cruel, perverted* barbarous, brutal, fiendish, perverse, ruthless, vicious; CONCEPTS 542,545 —*Ant.* humane, kind, merciful

**sadness** [n] *unhappiness, depression* anguish, blahs\*, bleakness, blue devils\*, blue funk\*, broken heart\*, bummer, cheerlessness, dejection, despondency, disconsolateness, dismals\*, dispiritedness, distress, dolefulness, dolor, downcastness, downer\*, dysphoria, forlornness, funk, gloominess, grief, grieving, heartache, heartbreak, heavy heart\*, hopelessness, let-down, listlessness, melancholy, misery, moodiness, mopes\*, mournfulness, mourning, poignancy, sorrow, sorrowfulness, the blues\*, the dumps\*, tribulation, woe; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* cheer, gladness, happiness, joy

**safari** [n] *hunting expedition* hunt, journey, quest, trek, trip; CONCEPT 224

**safe** [adj1] *free from harm* buttoned up\*, cherished, free from danger, guarded, home-free\*, impervious, impregnable, in safety, intact, inviolable, invulnerable, maintained, okay\*, out of danger, out of harm's way\*, preserved, protected, safe and sound\*, safe-guarded, secure, sheltered, shielded, sitting pretty\*, snug, tended, unassailable, undamaged, under lock and key\*, under one's wing\*, unharmed, unhurt, uninjured, unmolested, unscathed, unthreatened, vindicated, watched; CONCEPT 587 —*Ant.* exposed, unguarded, unprotected, unsafe, vulnerable

**safe** [adj2] *not dangerous* certain, checked, clear, competent, decontaminated, dependable, harmless, healthy, innocent, innocuous, innoxious, inoffensive, neutralized, nonpoisonous, nontoxic, pure, reliable, risk-free, riskless, secure, sound, tame, trustworthy, uninjurious, unpolluted, wholesome; CONCEPTS 314,537,548 —*Ant.* dangerous, harmful, poisonous, unsafe

**safe** [adj3] *cautious, conservative* calculating, careful, chary, circumspect, competent, considerate, dependable, discreet, gingerly, guarded, on safe side\*, prudent, realistic, reliable, sure, tried and true\*, trustworthy, unadventurous, wary; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* incautious, risky, unthoughtful

**safeguard** [n] *protection* aegis, armament, armor, buffer, bulwark, convoy, defense, escort, guard, screen, security, shield, surety, ward; CONCEPT 712 —*Ant.* endangerment, harm, hurt, injury

**safeguard** [*v*] *protect* assure, bulwark, conserve, cover, defend, ensure, fend, guard, insure, look after, preserve, ride shotgun\*, save, screen, secure, shield, watch over; CONCEPT 96 —*Ant.* endanger, harm, hurt, injure, lay open

**safeguarding** [*n*] *protection* aegis, assurance, care, certainty, cover, custody, guardianship, guarding, insurance, preservation, protecting, reassurance, refuge, safeguard, security, shelter, supervision, trust; CONCEPTS 712, 729

**safety** [*n*] *protection from harm* assurance, asylum, cover, defense, freedom, immunity, impregnability, inviolability, invulnerability, refuge, safeness, sanctuary, security, shelter; CONCEPT 729 —*Ant.* danger, exposure, jeopardy, vulnerability

**safety net** [*n*] *level of economic security guaranteed by government* benefits, buffer, government aid, insurance, precaution, protective umbrella, safeguard, subsidy; CONCEPT 344

**sag** [*n*] *drop, decline* basin, cant, concavity, depression, dip, distortion, downside\*, downswing\*, downtrend, downturn, droop, fall, fall-off, hollow, list, settling, sink, sinkage, sinkhole, sinking, slant, slip, slump, tilt; CONCEPTS 181, 698, 776 —*Ant.* increase, rise

**sag** [*v*] *droop* bag, bend, bow, bulge, cave in, curve, dangle, decline, dip, drop, drop off, fail, fall, fall away, fall off, flag, flap, flop, give way, hang, hang down, languish, lean, settle, sink, slide, slip, slump, swag, wilt; CONCEPTS 181, 698, 776 —*Ant.* bulge, draw up, tighten

**saga** [*n*] *story, often long* adventure, chronicle, epic, legend, narrative, soap opera\*, tale, yarn; CONCEPT 282

**sagacious** [*adj*] *smart, judicious* acute, apt, astucious, astute, cagey, canny, clear-sighted, clever, cool\*, discerning, discriminating, far-sighted, foxy\*, gnostic, heady, hip\*, insightful, intelligent, keen, knowing, knowledgeable, perceptive, perspicacious, prudent, rational, sage, sapient, savvy\*, sensible, sharp, shrewd, smooth, sophic, wise, witty; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* careless, foolish, ignorant, stupid

**sagacity** [*n*] *wisdom* acumen, astuteness, brains\*, clear thinking, common sense, comprehension, discernment, discrimination, enlightenment, experience, foresight, good judgment, insight, intelligence, judgment, knowledge, levelheadedness, perceptiveness, perspicacity, practicality, prudence, sageness, sapience, sense, shrewdness, understanding; CONCEPT 409

**sage** [*adj*] *wise* astute, aware, careful, clever, contemplative, cunning, discerning, educated, enlightened, experienced, foresighted, informed, insightful, intelligent, intuitive, judicious, knowing, knowledgeable, learned, perceptive, reflective, sagacious, sapient, scholarly, sensible, sharp, shrewd, smart, sound, thoughtful, understanding; CONCEPT 402

**sage** [*n*] *wise person* guide, guru, intellect, intellectual, learned person, mahatma, master, mentor, philosopher, pundit, savant, teacher, thinker, wise man/woman; CONCEPTS 350, 409, 416

**sail** [*v*] *travel through water, air; glide* boat, captain, cast anchor, cast off, cross, cruise, dart, drift, embark, flit, float, fly, get under way\*, leave, make headway, motor, move, navigate,

pilot, put to sea\*, reach, run, scud, set sail, shoot, skim, skipper, skirr, soar, steer, sweep, tack, voyage, weigh anchor, wing; CONCEPT 224

**sailboat** [*n*] *a boat propelled with wind by sailcloth* bark, brig, brigantine, catamaran, clipper, craft, cutter, dory, gaff-rigged sailboat, galleon, galley, jack, ketch, pinnace, ragboat\*, schooner, ship, skiff, sloop, Sunfish, tall ship, vessel, windjammer, wooden boat, yacht, yawl; CONCEPT 506

**sailor** [*n*] *person who travels by sea* able-bodied sailor, bluejacket\*, boater, cadet, circumnavigator, deck hand, diver, hearty\*, jack\*, lascar\*, marine, mariner, mate, middy, midshipman/woman, navigator, old salt\*, pilot, pirate, salt\*, sea dog\*, seafarer, sea person, shellback\*, shipmate, swab, swabbie\*, swabbie\*, tar\*, tarpaulin\*, water dog\*, windjammer\*, yachter; CONCEPTS 348, 358, 366

**saint** [*n*] *holy person* angel, glorified soul, good person, holy being, loved one, martyr, pietist; CONCEPTS 361, 370

**saintly** [*adj*] *good, righteous* angelic, beatific, blameless, blessed, devout, divine, god-fearing, godly, holy, pious, pure, religious, sainted, saintlike, seraph, sinless, upright, upstanding, virtuous, worthy; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* bad, sinful, unholy, unrighteous, wicked

**sake** [*n*] *benefit, gain* account, advantage, behalf, consideration, good, interest, profit, regard, respect, welfare, well-being; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* detriment, disadvantage

**sake** [*n2*] *reason, objective* aim, cause, consequence, end, final cause, motive, principle, purpose, score; CONCEPTS 659, 661 —*Ant.* cause

**salacious** [*adj*] *lascivious* bawdy, carnal, erotic, fast\*, horny, hot\*, indecent, lecherous, lewd, libertine, libidinous, licentious, lubricious, lustful, nasty, obscene, orgiastic, prurient, raunchy, sensual, smutty\*, steamy, suggestive, voluptuous, wanton; CONCEPTS 372, 403

**salad** [*n*] *dish of vegetables* coleslaw, fruit salad, greens, mixed greens, potato salad, tossed salad, Waldorf salad; CONCEPT 431

**salary** [*n*] *money paid for work done* bacon\*, bread\*, earnings, emolument, fee, hire, income, pay, payroll, recompense, remuneration, scale, stipend, take, take-home\*, wage, wages; CONCEPT 344 —*Ant.* debt

**sale** [*n*] *exchange of object for money* auction, barter, business, buying, clearance, closeout, commerce, consuming, deal, demand, disposal, dumping, enterprise, marketing, negotiation, purchase, purchasing, reduction, selling, trade, transaction, unloading, vending, vendition; CONCEPTS 324, 345

**salesperson** [*n*] *salesman/woman* businessperson, clerk, dealer, peddler, rep, sales assistant, salesclerk, salesgirl, saleslady, sales rep, sales representative, seller, store clerk, traveling salesperson, vendor; CONCEPT 348

**salient** [*adj*] *noticeable, important* arresting, arresting, conspicuous, famous, impressive, intrusive, jutting, marked, moving, notable, obtrusive, obvious, outstanding, pertinent, projecting, prominent, pronounced, protruding, remarkable, signal, significant, striking, weighty; CONCEPT 567 —*Ant.* inconspicuous, unimportant, unnoticeable



**saliva** [*n*] spit dribble, drool, froth, slaver, slobber, spittle, sputum; CONCEPT 467

**sallow** [*adj*] pale, unhealthy anemic, ashen, ashy, bilious, colorless, dull, greenish-yellow, jaundiced, muddy, pallid, pasty, wan, waxy, yellowish; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* colorful, dark, flushed, healthy

**saloon** [*n*] business establishment that primarily serves liquor alehouse, bar, barroom, beer joint\*, cocktail lounge, dive\*, drinkery, gin mill\*, hangout\*, joint\*, nightclub, pub, public house, speakeasy, taproom, tavern, watering hole\*; CONCEPTS 439,448,449

**salt away** [*v*] save, store up accumulate, amass, bank, cache, hide, hoard, invest, lay aside, lay away, put away, put by, put in the bank, save for rainy day\*, set aside, spare, stash, stockpile; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* spend, throw away, waste

**salty** [*adj*] flavored with sodium chloride acrid, alkaline, brackish, briny, highly flavored, oversalted, pungent, saliferous, saline, salt, salted, saltish, sour; CONCEPTS 462,613 —*Ant.* bland, unsalted, unsalty

**salty** [*adj*] spicy, colorful humorous, lively, piquant, pungent, racy, sharp, snappy, tangy, tart, witty, zestful; CONCEPTS 401,589 —*Ant.* blah, bland, dull

**salubrious** [*adj*] health-giving beneficial, good, healthful, healthy, hygienic, invigorating, salutary, sanitary, wholesome; CONCEPTS 560,572 —*Ant.* insalubrious, unhealthy, unwholesome

**salutary** [*adj*] healthy aiding, beneficial, fit, good, healing, healthful, nourishing, nutritious, restorative, salubrious, sound, tonic, well, wholesome; CONCEPTS 314,462,537,545

**salute** [*v*] greet; honor accost, acknowledge, address, bow, call to, congratulate, hail, pay homage, pay respects, pay tribute, present arms, receive, recognize, snap to attention\*, speak, take hat off to\*, welcome; CONCEPTS 38,69,320

**salute/salutation** [*n*] greeting, recognition address, bow, howdy\*, kiss, obeisance, tribute, welcome; CONCEPT 38 —*Ant.* farewell, goodbye

**salvage** [*v*] save, rescue deliver, get back, glean, ransom, reclaim, recover, redeem, regain, restore, retrieve, save; CONCEPT 134 —*Ant.* endanger, harm, hurt, injure, lose, waste

**salvation** [*n*] rescue, saving conservancy, conservation, deliverance, emancipation, escape, exemption, extrication, keeping, liberation, lifeline, pardon, preserv. preservation, redemption, release, reprieve, restoration, safekeeping, sustentation; CONCEPT 134 —*Ant.* endangerment, harm, hurt, injury, loss, waste

**salve** [*n*] ointment for relief of pain or illness aid, balm, cerate, counterirritant, cream, cure, dressing, emolient, help, liniment, lotion, lubricant, medication, medicine, remedy, unction, unguent; CONCEPTS 311,466

**salve** [*v*] soothe alleviate, ally, assuage, balm, becalm, calm, calm down, cool off\*, ease, heal, mollify, pacify, pour oil on\*, quiet, relieve, settle, smooth down, soften, still, take the edge off\*, take the sting out of\*, unburden, untrouble; CONCEPTS 7,22,110,384

**same** [*adj*] alike, identical aforementioned, aforesaid, carbon\*, carbon-copy\*, clone, coequal, comparable, compatible, corresponding,

ditto\*, double, dupe\*, duplicate, equal, equivalent, indistinguishable, interchangeable, in the same manner, like, likewise, look-alike, related, same difference, selfsame, similar, similarly, synonymous, tantamount, twin, very, Xerox\*; CONCEPTS 487,566,573 —*Ant.* different, inconsistent, polar, unlike

**same** [*adj*] unchanging changeless, consistent, constant, invariable, perpetual, unaltered, unchanged, unailing, uniform, unvarying; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* changing, inconsistent, variable, wavering

**sameness** [*n*] likeness, similarity adequation, alikeness, analogy, equality, equivalency, identicalness, identity, indistinguishability, monotony, no difference, oneness, par, parity, predictability, repetition, resemblance, self-sameness, standardization, tedium, uniformity, unison, unity, unvariedness; CONCEPTS 667,670 —*Ant.* difference, dissimilarity, variability, variety

**sample** [*n*] example, model bit, bite, case, case history, constituent, cross section, element, exemplification, fragment, illustration, indication, individual, instance, morsel, part, pattern, piece, portion, representative, sampling, segment, sign, specimen, typification, unit; CONCEPTS 686,835

**sample** [*v*] taste, try examine, experience, experiment, inspect, partake, savor, sip, test; CONCEPTS 103,616

**sanctify** [*v*] hold in highest esteem absolve, anoint, bless, cleanse, consecrate, dedicate, deify, enshrine, glorify, hallow, purify, set apart, worship; CONCEPTS 10,12 —*Ant.* desecrate, dishonor, disrespect

**sanctimonious** [*adj*] self-righteous bigoted, canting, deceiving, false, goody-goody\*, higher-than-thou\*, hypocritical, insincere, pharisaical, pietistic, pious, preachy, self-satisfied, smug, stuffy, unctuous; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* humble, meek, modest

**sanction** [*n*] authorization acquiescence, allowance, approbation, approval, assent, authority, backing, confirmation, consent, countenance, encouragement, endorsement, fiat, go-ahead\*, green light\*, leave, nod, okay\*, permission, permit, ratification, recommendation, seal of approval\*, stamp of approval\*, sufferance, support, word; CONCEPT 685 —*Ant.* disapproval, prevention, refusal, veto

**sanction** [*n*] embargo, punishment ban, boycott, coercive measure, command, decree, injunction, penalty, punitive measure, sentence, writ; CONCEPT 123 —*Ant.* award, honor, reward

**sanction** [*v*] authorize, confirm accredit, allow, approve, back, bless, certify, commission, countenance, empower, endorse, get behind\*, give the go-ahead\*, give the green light\*, give the nod\*, go for\*, license, okay\*, permit, ratify, support, vouch for, warrant; CONCEPTS 50,88 —*Ant.* disapprove, prevent, refuse, veto

**sanctioned** [*adj*] authorized accepted, accredited, allowed, approved, confirmed, empowered, licensed, okayed, permitted, warranted; CONCEPTS 542,798

**sanctity** [*n*] holiness asceticism, blessedness, consecration, devotion, devoutness, divineness, divinity, faith, godliness, goodness, grace, hallowedness, inviolability, mercy, piety,

purity, religiousness, reverence, righteousness, sacredness, saintliness, solemnity, spirituality, venerableness; CONCEPTS 368,645

**sanctuary** [n1] *church; holiest room or area in religious building* altar, chancel, holy place, sanctorium, sanctum, shrine, temple; CONCEPTS 368,439,448

**sanctuary** [n2] *place to hide, be safe* asylum, church, convent, cover, covert, defense, den, harbor, harborage, haven, hideaway, hideout, hole, hole-up\*, ivory tower\*, oasis, port, protection, refuge, resort, retreat, safe house, screen, shelter, shield; CONCEPTS 515,516

**sanctuary** [n3] *safe place for wildlife* asylum, conservation area, game refuge, harborage, national park, nature preserve, park, preserve, refuge, reserve, retreat, shelter; CONCEPT 517

**sandwich** [n] *grinder* BLT, club sandwich, Dagwood\*, hero\*, hoagie, open-faced sandwich, Reuben, sub, submarine sandwich; CONCEPTS 457,460,461

**sane** [adj] *mentally sound; reasonable* all there\*, balanced, both oars in water\*, commonsensical, compos mentis, discerning, fair-minded, fit, having all marbles\*, healthy, in one's right mind\*, intelligent, judicious, level-headed, logical, lucid, moderate, normal, of sound mind, oriented, playing with full deck\*, prudent, rational, right, right-minded, sagacious, sage, sapient, self-possessed, sensible, sober, sound, steady, together\*, well, wise; CONCEPTS 314,402,403 —*Ant.* crazy, insane, unreasonable, unsound, unstable

**sanguine** [adj1] *happy; optimistic* animated, assured, buoyant, cheerful, confident, enthusiastic, expectant, hopeful, lively, positive, secure, self-assured, self-confident, spirited, undoubtful, upbeat; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* depressed, pessimistic, sad, unhappy

**sanguine** [adj2] *reddish; flushed* bloody, florid, flush, glowing, red, rubicund, ruddy, scarlet; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* pale, pallid, sallow

**sanitary** [adj] *clean, germ-free* healthful, healthy, hygienic, prophylactic, purified, salubrious, sanative, sterile, uncontaminated, uninfected, unpolluted, unsullied, wholesome; CONCEPT 621 —*Ant.* dirty, diseased, polluted, unsanitary

**sanitize** [v] *sterilize* antisepticize, clean, decontaminate, disinfect, freshen, fumigate, make sanitary, purify; CONCEPTS 231,250

**sanity** [n] *mental health; soundness of judgment* acumen, balance, clear mind, common sense, comprehension, good judgment, healthy mind, intelligence, judiciousness, levelheadedness, lucidity, lucidness, marbles\*, normality, prudence, rationality, reason, reasonableness, right mind\*, sagacity, saneness, sense, sound mind, soundness, stability, understanding, wit; CONCEPTS 409,410 —*Ant.* craziness, insanity, instability, madness, unsoundness

**sap** [n] *stupid person* chump, dolt, dupe, fool, idiot, jerk, nitwit, patsy\*, pigeon\*, simpleton, sucker\*, weakling; CONCEPT 412

**sap** [v] *squeeze out; weaken* attenuate, bleed, blunt, cripple, debilitate, deplete, destroy, devitalize, disable, drain, enervate, enfeeble, erode, exhaust, impair, prostrate, rob, ruin, subvert, undermine, vitiate, wear down, wreck;

CONCEPTS 142,156,240,246 —*Ant.* build, help, increase, put in, strengthen

**sapient** [adj] *sagacious* acute, astucious, astute, cagey\*, canny, clear-sighted, clever, contemplative, discerning, discriminating, educated, enlightened, experienced, farsighted, foxy\*, informed, insightful, intelligent, judicious, keen, knowing, knowledgeable, perceptive, reflective, sage, scholarly, sensible, sharp, shrewd, smart, thoughtful, wise; CONCEPT 402

**sappy** [adj] *foolish, sentimental* absurd, balmy, bathetic, crazy\*, drippy\*, idiotic, illogical, insane, loony\*, maudlin, mushy\*, preposterous, silly, slushy\*, soppy\*, sticky\*, stupid; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* realistic, serious

**sarcasm** [n] *mocking remark* acrimony, aspersion, banter, bitterness, burlesque, causticness, censure, comeback, contempt, corrosiveness, criticism, cut\*, cynicism, derision, dig\*, disparagement, flouting, invective, irony, lampooning, mockery, mordancy, put-down\*, raillery, rancor, ridicule, satire, scoffing, scorn, sharpness, sneering, superciliousness, wisecrack; CONCEPTS 52,54,277,278

**sarcastic** [adj] *nasty, mocking in speech* acerbic, acerbic, acid, acrimonious, arrogant, austere, backhanded, biting, bitter, brusque, captious, carping, caustic, chaffing, contemptuous, contumelious, corrosive, cussed\*, cutting, cynical, derisive, disillusioned, disparaging, disrespectful, evil, hostile, irascible, ironical, mean, mordant, needling, offensive, ornery\*, salty, sardonic, satirical, saucy\*, scorching, scornful, scurrilous, severe, sharp, smart-alecky\*, snarling, sneering, taunting, trenchant, twitting, weisenheiming\*; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* kind, nice

**sardonic** [adj] *sarcastic* acerbic, arrogant, biting, bitter, carping, caustic, cynical, derisive, disrespectful, evil, irascible, mean, mocking, mordant, nasty, offensive, salty\*, satirical, scorching, scornful, sharp, smart-alecky\*, sneering, taunting, wise\*; CONCEPT 267

**sass** [n] *back talk* answer, cheek, guff, lip, mouth, nasty reply, retort, sauce; CONCEPTS 46

**sass** [v] *talk back* answer back, give lip\*, mouth off\*, wise off\*; CONCEPT 401

**sassy** [adj] *impudent* arrant, audacious, bold, brassy, brazen, cheeky\*, discourteous, disrespectful, flip\*, flippant, fresh, insolent, mouthy\*, overbold, rude, saucy\*, smart-alecky\*, smart-mouthed, wise; CONCEPT 401

**Satan** [n] *the Devil* Angel of Darkness, Antichrist, Apollyon, archfiend, Beelzebub, demon, Diabolus, King of Hell, Lucifer, Mephistopheles, Prince of Darkness, the Evil Spirit; CONCEPTS 370,412

**satanic** [adj] *demonic* crazed, cruel, devilish, diabolic, diabolical, evil, fiendish, frenetic, hellish, infernal, mad, maniacal, possessed, unhallowed, vicious, wicked; CONCEPTS 404,545

**satchel** [n] *small bag* attaché, backpack, briefcase, carryall, carry-on, duffel bag, garment bag, handbag, haversack, knapsack, overnight bag, pack, pouch, rucksack, saddlebag, suitcase, tote, travel bag; CONCEPTS 339,450,494

**satiate** [v] *stuff, satisfy completely or excessively* cloy, content, feed to gills\*, fill, glut, gorge, gratify, indulge, jade, nauseate, overdose, overfill, pall, sate, saturate, slake, surfeit;

CONCEPTS 169,740 —*Ant.* deprive, dissatisfy, leave wanting

**satire** [*n*] *ridicule intended to expose truth* banter, burlesque, caricature, causticity, chaffing, irony, lampoon, lampoonery, mockery, parody, pasquinade, persiflage, play-on, put-on\*, railleury, sarcasm, send-up\*, skit, spoof, squib\*, takeoff\*, travesty, wit, witticism; CONCEPTS 263,271,280

**satirical/satiric** [*adj*] *mocking* abusive, bantering, biting, bitter, burlesque, caustic, censorious, chaffing, cutting, cynical, farcical, incisive, ironical, lampooning, mordant, paradoxical, parodying, pungent, ridiculing, sarcastic, sardonic, spoofing, taunting; CONCEPT 267

**satirize** [*v*] *ridicule* banter, burlesque, caricature, caricaturize, cartoon, deride, haze, humiliate, jape, jeer, jive, josh, kid, lampoon, laugh at, make a fool of\*, make fun of, mimic, mock, needle, pan\*, parody, poke fun at\*, pull one's leg, raz\*, rib\*, ride\*, roast\*, spoof; CONCEPT 54

**satisfaction** [*n*] *giving or enjoying a state of comfort*, content achievement, amends, amusement, atonement, bliss, cheerfulness, comfort, compensation, complacency, conciliation, contentedness, contentment, delight, ease, enjoyment, fulfillment, gladness, good fortune, gratification, happiness, indemnification, indulgence, joy, justice, peace of mind, pleasure, pride, propitiation, recompense, redress, refreshment, reimbursement, relief, reparation, repletion, resolution, reward, satiety, serenity, settlement, vindication, well-being; CONCEPTS 344,410,720 —*Ant.* discontent, dissatisfaction, need, unhappiness, want

**satisfactory** [*adj*] *acceptable, sufficient* adequate, all right, ample, A-OK\*, appeasing, assuaging, assuasive, average, cogent, comfortable, competent, cool\*, decent, delighting, enough, fair, fulfilling, good, good enough, gratifying, groovy\*, passable, peachy\*, pleasing, satisfying, solid, sound, sufficing, suitable, tolerable, unexceptional, up to snuff\*; CONCEPTS 529,558, 560 —*Ant.* inadequate, insufficient, unacceptable, unfit, unsatisfactory, unsuitable

**satisfy** [*v*1] *please, content* amuse, animate, appease, assuage, befriend, brighten up, captivate, capture, cheer, cloy, comfort, conciliate, delight, do the trick\*, elate, entertain, enthrall, exhilarate, flaccinate, fill, fill the bill\*, flatter, get by, gladden, glut, gorge, gratify, hit the spot\*, humor, indulge, make merry, make the grade\*, mollify, pacify, placate, propitiate, quench, rejoice, sate, satiate, score, sell, sell on, slake, suit, surfeit; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* anger, disappoint, discontent, dissatisfy, upset

**satisfy** [*v*2] *answer, persuade* accomplish, appease, assuage, assure, avail, be adequate, be enough, be sufficient, come up to, complete, comply with, conform to, convince, dispel doubt, do, equip, fill, fulfill, furnish, get by, induce, inveigle, keep promise, make good, make the grade\*, meet, observe, pass muster\*, perform, provide, put mind at ease\*, qualify, quiet, reassure, score, sell, serve, serve the purpose\*, suffice, tide over\*, win over; CONCEPTS 108,140,656 —*Ant.* dissuade, fail, frustrate

**satisfy** [*v*3] *pay, compensate* answer, atone, clear up, disburse, discharge, indemnify, liquidate, make good\*, make reparation, meet, pay off, quit, recompense, remunerate, repay, requite, reward, settle, square\*; CONCEPTS 126,341 —*Ant.* dissatisfy, fail

**satisfying** [*adj*] *fulfilling* delightful, enjoyable, favorable, gratifying, hitting the spot, pleasant, pleasing, pleasurable, refreshing, rewarding, satiating, satisfactory, savory, sweet; CONCEPTS 537,572

**saturate** [*v*] *drench, wet through* bathe, douche, douse, imbue, immerse, impregnate, infuse, overflow, penetrate, percolate, permeate, pervade, sate, satiate, soak, sop, souse, steep, suffuse, surfeit, transfuse, wash, waterlog; CONCEPT 256 —*Ant.* dehydrate, dry

**saturnine** [*adj*] *gloomy* blue\*, cheerless, dejected, depressed, desolate, despondent, dispirited, dour, down, down in the dumps\*, forlorn, glum, grave, hopeless, in low spirits\*, in the dumps\*, low, melancholy, miserable, moping, morose, sad, solemn, sorrowful, sulky, sullen, unhappy, woebegone, woeful; CONCEPT 403

**sauce** [*n*] *condiment* coulis, dip, dressing, flavoring, gravy, jus, relish, topping; CONCEPT 457

**saucy** [*adj*] *disrespectful* arch, audacious, bold, brash, brazen, cheeky\*, combative, contumelious, flip\*, flippant, forward, fresh, impertinent, impudent, insolent, intrusive, meddlesome, nervy, obtrusive, pert, presumptuous, rude, sassy, smart, smart-alecky\*, smug, snippy\*, volatile, weisenheiming\*, wise; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* kind, polite, respectful

**saunter** [*n*] *stroll* airing, amble, constitutional, promenade, ramble, turn, walk; CONCEPT 151 —*Ant.* run

**saunter** [*v*] *stroll along* amble, ankle, dally, drift, linger, loiter, meander, mope\*, mosey\*, ooze\*, percolate, promenade, ramble, roam, rove, sashay, stump, tarry, toddle, traipse, stroll, wander; CONCEPT 151 —*Ant.* run

**savage** [*adj*1] *wild, untamed* aboriginal, ancient, archaic, barbarian, barbaric, bestial, brutal, brute, crude, earliest, feral, ferocious, fierce, first, fundamental, harsh, in a state of nature, lupine, native, natural, nonliterate, original, primary, primeval, primitive, primordial, pristine, rough, rude, rugged, rustic, simple, turbulent, unbroken, uncivilized, uncultivated, uncultured, undomesticated, unmodified, unrestrained, unspoiled, vicious; CONCEPTS 401,485 —*Ant.* calm, civilized, domesticated, tame

**savage** [*adj*2] *cruel, vicious* atrocious, barbarous, beastly, bestial, bloodthirsty, bloody, brutal, brutish, cold-blooded, crazed, demonic, destructive, devilish, diabolical, fell, feral, ferine, ferocious, fierce, frantic, furious, grim, harsh, heartless, hellish, inhuman, inhuman, inhumane, malevolent, malicious, merciless, murderous, pitiless, rabid, raging, rapacious, ravening, relentless, remorseless, ruthless, sadistic, truculent, unrelenting, violent, wolfish; CONCEPTS 401,540 —*Ant.* benign, kind, nice

**savanna/savannah** [*n*] *grassland* grassy field, llano, meadow, pasturage, pasture, plain, prairie, steppe, veldt; CONCEPT 509

**savant** [*n*] *scholar* academic, bookworm, brain\*, egghead\*, expert, intellect, intellectual,

- learned person, learner, master, philosopher, pundit, sage, wise person; **CONCEPT 350**
- save** [v1] *rescue* bail out, come to rescue, defend, deliver, emancipate, extricate, free, get off the hook\*, get out of hook\*, give a break, liberate, pull out of fire\*, ransom, recover, redeem, salvage, save one's neck\*, set free, spring, unchain, unshackle; **CONCEPTS 127,134**  
—**Ant.** endanger, harm, hurt
- save** [v2] *economize; set money aside for later use* amass, be frugal, be thrifty, cache, collect, conserve, cut corners\*, deposit, feather nest\*, gather, hide away, hoard, hold, keep, lay aside, lay away, maintain, make ends meet\*, manage, pile up, pinch pennies\*, put by, reserve, retrench, roll back\*, salt away\*, save for rainy day\*, scrimp, skip, sock away\*, spare, squirrel\*, stash, stockpile, store, stow away, tighten belt\*, treasure; **CONCEPTS 120, 129** —**Ant.** squander, throw away, waste
- save** [v3] *guard, protect* conserve, defend, keep safe, keep up, look after, maintain, preserve, safeguard, screen, shield, sustain, take care of; **CONCEPTS 96,117** —**Ant.** endanger, leave open, make vulnerable
- savings** [n] *provision for future accumulation*, ace in hole\*, cache, fund, funds, gleanings, harvest, hoard, investment, kitty\*, mattress full\*, means, money in the bank, nest egg\*, property, provision, provisions, rainy day fund\*, reserve, reserves, resources, riches, sock, stake, stockpile, store; **CONCEPTS 335,340,446,710**  
—**Ant.** loss
- savior** [n] *person who redeems, aids in time of difficulty* conservator, defender, deliverer, friend in need\*, Good Samaritan\*, guardian, guardian angel, hero, liberator, preserver, protector, rescuer, salvager, salvation; **CONCEPTS 370,416** —**Ant.** enemy, foe, satan
- savor** [n1] *taste, flavor* odor, piquancy, relish, salt, sapidity, sapor, scent, smack, smell, spice, tang, tinge, zest; **CONCEPT 614**
- savor** [n2] *distinctive quality* affection, attribute, character, characteristic, excitement, feature, flavor, interest, mark, property, salt, spice, trait, virtue, zest; **CONCEPTS 411,543**
- savor** [v] *delight in, enjoy* appreciate, experience, feel, gloat, know, like, luxuriate in, partake, relish, revel in, sample, sip, smack, smell, taste; **CONCEPTS 32,616** —**Ant.** dislike, refuse, shun
- savory** [adj] *pleasing, delicious in flavor* agreeable, ambrosial, aperitive, appetizing, aromatic, dainty, decent, delectable, exquisite, fragrant, full-flavored, good, luscious, mellow, mouth-watering, palatable, perfumed, piquant, pungent, redolent, relishing, respectable, rich, rapid, savorous, scrumptious, spicy, sweet, tangy, tasty, tempting, toothsome, wholesome; **CONCEPT 613** —**Ant.** bland, displeasing, distasteful, offensive, tasteless, unappetizing
- savvy** [adj] *shrewd* acute, astute, brainy\*, cagey\*, calculating, canny, clever, crafty, cunning, discerning, experienced, farsighted, foxy\*, heady\*, ingenious, intelligent, in the know\*, judicious, keen, knowing, on the ball\*, perceptive, sagacious, sensible, sharp, slick\*, sly, smart, smooth, streetwise, wise; **CONCEPTS 401,402**
- savvy** [n] *shrewdness* acumen, awareness, comprehension, discernment, experience, grasp, grip, insight, intellect, intelligence, judgment, know-how, knowing, knowledge, mastery, perception, perceptiveness, sense, sharpness, smarts\*, understanding; **CONCEPT 409**
- say** [v] *make declaration* add, affirm, allege, announce, answer, assert, break silence\*, claim, come out with, communicate, conjecture, convey, declare, deliver, disclose, divulge, do, estimate, express, flap\*, gab\*, give voice\*, guess, imagine, imply, jaw, judge, lip\*, maintain, make known, mention, opine, orate, perform, pronounce, put forth, put into words, rap\*, read, recite, rehearse, relate, remark, render, repeat, reply, report, respond, reveal, rumor, speak, spiel\*, state, suggest, tell, utter, verbalize, voice, yak\*; **CONCEPTS 51,266**  
—**Ant.** ask, question, request
- saying** [n] *maxim, proverb* adage, aphorism, apophthegm, axiom, byword, dictum, epigram, motto, precept, saw, statement, truism; **CONCEPT 278**
- scads** [n] *large quantity*, bags\*, barrels\*, bunches, bundles\*, gobs\*, heaps\*, jillion\*, large number, loads, lots, many and then some\*, oodles\*, piles, plenty, scores, stacks, tons, zillions; **CONCEPTS 432,787**
- scale** [n1] *graduated system* calibration, computation, degrees, extent, gamut, gradation, hierarchy, ladder, order, pecking order\*, progression, proportion, range, ranking, rate, ratio, reach, register, role, scope, sequence, series, spectrum, spread, steps, system, way; **CONCEPTS 651,744,770,788**
- scale** [n2] *thin covering, skin* film, flake, incrustation, lamina, layer, plate, scurf; **CONCEPTS 399,484**
- scale** [v1] *ascend, climb* clamber, escalate, escalate, go up, mount, surmount; **CONCEPT 166** —**Ant.** descend
- scale** [v2] *measure* adjust, balance, calibrate, compare, compute, estimate, gauge, graduate, proportion, prorate, regulate, size; **CONCEPT 764**
- scam** [n] *swindle* blackmail, cheating, con, con game, crooked deal\*, deceit, deception, dirty pool\*, double-cross\*, double-dealing\*, extortion, fast one\*, flimflam\*, fraud, hoax, hosing\*, hustle, racket\*, rip-off\*, shady deal\*, shake-down, sham, shell game\*, snow job\*, sting, sucker game\*; **CONCEPTS 59,139,192**
- scamp** [n] *rascal* cheat, cheater, delinquent, fraud, hooligan\*, liar, mischief-maker, prankster, rapsallion, reprobate, roger, rowdy, ruffian, scalawag, scallywag, scoundrel, shyster, sneak, swindler, trickster, troublemaker, villain, whippersnapper; **CONCEPT 412**
- scamper** [v] *run, dash* bolt, dart, flee, fly, hasten, hie, hurry, light out, make off, race, romp, rush off, scoot, scurry, scuttle, shoot, skeddadle\*, skip, speed, speed away, sprint, tear, trot, whip, zip\*; **CONCEPT 150** —**Ant.** stroll
- scan** [v] *look over, scrutinize* lightly browse, check, consider, contemplate, dip into\*, examine, flash\*, flip through, give the once-over\*, glance at, glance over, have a look-see\*, inquire, investigate, leaf through\*, look, look through, look up and down\*, overlook, regard, riff, riffle, rumble, run over, run through, scour,

search, size up, skim, study, survey, sweep, take a gander\*, take stock of\*, thumb through\*; CONCEPTS 103,623

**scandal** [*n*] *public embarrassment* aspersion, backbiting, backstabbing, belittlement, calumny, crime, defamation, depreciation, detraction, dirty linen\*, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, disparagement, disrepute, dynamite, eavesdropping, gossip, hearsay, idle rumor, ignominy, infamy, mud, obloquy, opprobrium, reproach, rumor, scorcher, shame, sin, skeleton in closet\*, slander, tale, talk, turpitude, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 278,645,674

**scandalous** [*adj*] *disreputable* atrocious, backbiting, calumnious, crying, defamatory, desperate, detracting, deductive, disgraceful, gossiping, heinous, ignominious, infamous, libelous, maligning, monstrous, odious, opprobrious, outrageous, red hot\*, scurrilous, shameful, shocking, slanderous, traducing, unseemly, untrue, vilifying; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* proper, reputable, respected

**scant/scanty** [*adj*] *inadequate* bare, barely sufficient, close, deficient, exiguous, failing, insufficient, limited, little, meager, minimal, narrow, poor, rare, restricted, scrimpy, short, shy, skimpy, slender, spare, sparing, sparse, stingy, thin, tight, wanting; CONCEPTS 766,767,789 —*Ant.* abundant, adequate, ample, covering, plentiful, substantial, sufficient

**scapegoat** [*n*] *person who takes blame for another's action* boob\*, chump, doormat\*, dupe, easy mark\*, fall guy\*, fool, goat\*, gull\*, mark\*, patsy, pigeon\*, pushover\*, sacrifice, sap\*, schmuck\*, sitting duck\*, stooge, sucker, victim, weakling; CONCEPT 412

**scar** [*n*] *blemish from previous injury or illness* blister, cicatrice, cicatrix, crater, defect, discoloration, disfigurement, flaw, hurt, mark, pockmark, scar, scab, track, wound; CONCEPT 580 —*Ant.* perfection

**scar** [*v*] *mark, hurt* beat, blemish, brand, cut, damage, deface, disfigure, flaw, injure, maim, mar, pinch, score, scratch, slash, stab, traumatize; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* perfect, smooth

**scarce** [*adj*] *insufficient, infrequent* at a premium, deficient, failing, few, few and far between\*, in short supply, limited, occasional, rare, scant, scanty, seldom, seldom met with, semioccasional, short, shortened, shy, sparse, sporadic, truncated, uncommon, unusual, wanting; CONCEPTS 541,789 —*Ant.* abundant, frequent, plentiful, sufficient

**scarcely** [*adv*] *barely* hardly, imperceptibly, infrequently, just, just barely, only just, rarely, scantily, seldom, slightly; CONCEPTS 541,789 —*Ant.* adequately, commonly, sufficiently

**scare** [*n*] *frightened state* alarm, alert, fright, panic, shock, start, terror; CONCEPTS 230,410 —*Ant.* calmness, comfort, ease

**scare** [*v*] *frighten someone* affright, alarm, awe, chill, daunt, dismay, freeze, give a fright, give a turn\*, intimidate, panic, paralyze, petrify, scare silly\*, scare stiff\*, scare the pants off\*, shake up\*, shock, spook, startle, strike terror in, terrify, terrorize; CONCEPTS 7,19,42 —*Ant.* calm, comfort, reassure, soothe

**scared** [*adj*] *frightened* afraid, aghast, anxious, fearful, having cold feet\*, panicked, panicky,

panic-stricken, petrified, shaken, startled, terrified, terror-stricken; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* confident, encouraged, unafraid

**scarf** [*n*] *muffler* ascot, bandanna, boa, kerchief, neckwear, shawl, stole, wrapping; CONCEPT 451

**scary** [*adj*] *frightening, terrifying* alarming, bloodcurdling, chilling, creepy, eerie, hair-raising, hairy\*, horrendous, horrifying, intimidating, shocking, spine-chilling, spooky, unnerving; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* calming, encouraging, soothing

**scathing** [*adj*] *nasty, critical in remarks* belittling, biting, brutal, burning, caustic, cruel, cutting, harsh, mordacious, mordant, salty, sarcastic, scorching, scornful, searing, severe, sulphurous, trenchant, withering; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* generous, kind, nice, praising

**scatter** [*v*] *strew, disperse* besprinkle, broadcast, cast, derange, diffuse, disband, discard, disject, dispel, disseminate, dissipate, distribute, disunite, diverge, divide, expend, fling, intersperse, litter, migrate, part, pour, put to flight\*, run away, scramble, separate, set, set asunder, sever, shatter, shed, shower, sow, spend, split up, spray, spread, sprinkle, sunder, take off in all directions\*, throw around, throw out; CONCEPTS 179,217,222 —*Ant.* collect, gather

**scatterbrained** [*adj*] *not thinking clearly* birdbrained\*, careless, dizzy, empty-headed\*, featherbrained\*, flighty, forgetful, frivolous, giddy, harebrained\*, illogical, inattentive, irrational, irresponsible, madcap, silly, slaphappy\*, stupid, thoughtless; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* aware, careful, sensible, thoughtful

**scenario** [*n*] *master plan; sequence of events* book, outline, pages, plot, résumé, rundown, scheme, slides, sketch, story line, summary, synopsis; CONCEPTS 282,283,660

**scene** [*n*] *setting of a performance or event* arena, backdrop, background, blackout, display, exhibition, flat, flats, landscape, locale, locality, location, mise en scène, outlook, pageant, picture, place, representation, scenery, seascape, set, setting, show, sight, site, spectacle, spot, stage, tableau, theater, view; CONCEPTS 263,625,628

**scene** [*n*] *part of a dramatic performance* act, bit, episode, incident, part, piece, routine, schtick, spot; CONCEPT 264

**scene** [*n*] *display of emotion* carrying-on\*, commotion, confrontation, exhibition, fit, fuss, performance, row, tantrum, temper tantrum, to-do\*, upset; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* composure

**scene** [*n*] *field of interest* arena, business, compass, culture, environment, field, milieu, setting, sphere, world; CONCEPT 349

**scenery** [*n*] *surroundings* backdrop, decor, flat, flats, furnishings, furniture, landscape, mise en scène, neighborhood, properties, props, prospect, set, setting, spectacle, sphere, stage set, stage setting, terrain, view, vista; CONCEPTS 263,628

**scenic** [*adj*] *beautiful, picturesque* breathtaking, dramatic, grand, impressive, panoramic, spectacular, striking; CONCEPTS 485,579 —*Ant.* despicable, dreary, gloomy, ugly

**scent** [*n*] *smell, aroma* aura, balm, bouquet, essence, fragrance, incense, odor, perfume,

redolence, spice, tang, track, trail, whiff;  
**CONCEPT 599** —*Ant.* odor, stench, stink  
**scent** [*v*] *detect, smell* be on the track of\*, be on the trail of\*, discern, get wind of\*, nose, nose out\*, recognize, sense, sniff; **CONCEPTS 601,602**  
**scented** [*adj*] *fragrant* ambrosial, aromal, aromatic, balmy, delectable, odoriferous, odorous, perfumed, perfumy, redolent, smelling, spicy, sweet-smelling; **CONCEPT 598**  
**schedule** [*n*] *plan for one's time* agenda, appointments, calendar, catalog, chart, diagram, docket, inventory, itinerary, lineup\*, list, order of business, program, record, registry, roll, roster, sked\*, table, timetable; **CONCEPTS 271,283,660** —*Ant.* disorganization  
**schedule** [*v*] *plan one's time* appoint, arrange, be due, book, card, catalog, engage, get on line\*, line up\*, list, note, organize, pencil in\*, program, record, register, reserve, set, set up, sew up\*, slate, time, write in one's book\*; **CONCEPTS 36,125** —*Ant.* disorder, disorganize  
**schematic** [*adj*] *diagrammatic* delineative, graphic, illustrative, representational, simplified, symbolic; **CONCEPT 625**  
**scheme** [*n1*] *course of action* arrangement, blueprint, chart, codification, contrivance, design, device, diagram, disposition, draft, expedient, game plan, layout, order, ordering, outline, pattern, plan, presentation, program, project, proposal, proposition, purpose, schedule, schema, strategy, suggestion, system, tactics, theory; **CONCEPTS 271,625,660**  
**scheme** [*n2*] *plot, maneuver to get result* action, angle\*, branchchild\*, cabal, conspiracy, covin, dodge\*, frame-up\*, game, game plan\*, gimmick, hookup\*, hustle, hype\*, intrigue, layout, machination, picture\*, pitch, ploy, practice, proposition, put-up job\*, ruse, scenario, scene, setup\*, shift\*, story, stratagem, subterfuge, tactics, trick\*, twist\*; **CONCEPTS 59,645,660**  
**scheming** [*adj*] *deceitful, sly* artful, calculating, conniving, crafty, cunning, designing, duplicitous, foxy, slippery, tricky, underhand, wily; **CONCEPT 542** —*Ant.* aboveboard, honest, open  
**schism** [*n*] *separation* alienation, break, breakup, difference, disagreement, discord, dissension, disunion, division, divorce, faction, fissure, fracture, gap, parting, rift, rupture, secession, splinter group, split; **CONCEPTS 135,195,297,388**  
**schlemiel** [*n*] *dolt* blockhead\*, boob\*, bungler, dimwit\*, dope, dork\*, dumbbell\*, dunce, fool, goof\*, goon\*, idiot, ignoramus, jerk, lunkhead\*, meathard\*, nincompoop\*, ninny\*, nitwit\*, sap\*, schmuck, simpleton, stooge\*, stupid; **CONCEPTS 412,423**  
**schlepp** [*v*] *lug* carry, drag, haul, heave, lift, lurch, pull, tote, tow, tug, yank; **CONCEPT 206**  
**scholar** [*n*] *person who is very involved in education and learning* academic, augur, bookish person, bookworm\*, brain\*, critic, disciple, doctor, egghead\*, gnome\*, grind\*, intellectual, learned person, learner, litterateur, person of letters, philosopher, professor, pupil, sage, savant, schoolchild, scientist, student, teacher, tool, wise person; **CONCEPT 350**  
**scholarly** [*adj*] *academic* bookish, cultured, educated, erudite, intellectual, learned, lettered, literate, longhair\*, scholastic, schooled, studious,

taught, trained, well-read; **CONCEPT 402**  
 —*Ant.* uneducated, unscholarly  
**scholarship** [*n1*] *knowledge* ability, awareness, cognition, comprehension, discernment, education, erudition, expertise, grasp, insight, instruction, intelligence, know-how\*, learnedness, learning, lore, philosophy, schooling, wisdom; **CONCEPTS 274,409,529**  
**scholarship** [*n2*] *grant* assistance, award, bursary, charity, donation, fellowship, financial aid, reward; **CONCEPTS 337,344**  
**school** [*n1*] *place, system for educating* academy, alma mater, blackboard\*, college, department, discipline, establishment, faculty, hall, halls of ivy\*, institute, institution, jail\*, schoolhouse, seminary, university; **CONCEPTS 287,289**  
**school** [*n2*] *persons receiving education* academy, adherents, circle, class, clique, denomination, devotees, disciples, faction, followers, following, group, party, pupils, sect, set; **CONCEPTS 288,350**  
**school** [*n3*] *body of philosophy on subject* belief, creed, faith, outlook, persuasion, school of thought, stamp\*, way, way of life; **CONCEPTS 349,689**  
**school** [*v*] *teach* advance, coach, control, cultivate, direct, discipline, drill, educate, guide, indoctrinate, inform, instruct, lead, manage, prepare, prime, show, train, tutor, verse; **CONCEPT 285** —*Ant.* learn  
**science** [*n*] *methodical study of part of material world* art, body of knowledge, branch, discipline, education, erudition, information, learning, lore, scholarship, skill, system, technique, wisdom; **CONCEPTS 274,349,360** —*Ant.* art  
**scientific** [*adj*] *systematic; discovered through experimentation* accurate, clear, controlled, deductive, exact, experimental, logical, mathematical, methodical, objective, precise, sound; **CONCEPT 535** —*Ant.* artistic  
**scientist** [*n*] *researcher* analyst, chemist, examiner, expert, lab technician, physicist, prober, tester; **CONCEPTS 349,362**  
**scintilla** [*n*] *small bit, trace* atom, crumb, dab, dash, drop, flash, hint, iota, particle, pinch, ray, shade, shred, small quantity, smidgen, soupçon, sparkle, speck, spot, whiff, whisper; **CONCEPTS 529,831**  
**scintillating** [*adj*] *bright, stimulating* animated, brilliant, clever, dazzling, ebullient, exciting, flashing, gleaming, glimmering, glinting, glittering, lively, shining, smart, sparkling, sprightly, twinkling, witty; **CONCEPTS 401,529,617** —*Ant.* blah, dull  
**scion** [*n*] *offshoot, descendant* begotten, branch, brood, child, chip off old block\*, graft, heir, heiress, issue, junior, offspring, progeny, seed, shoot, slip, sprout, successor, twig; **CONCEPTS 414,428** —*Ant.* cause, root, source  
**scoff** [*v*] *make fun of; despise* belittle, boo\*, contemn, deride, dig at\*, disbelieve, discount, discredit, disdain, flout, gibe, jeer, knock\*, laugh at, make light of\*, mock, pan\*, poke fun at, pooh-pooh\*, rag\*, rally, reject, revile, ride, ridicule, scorn, show contempt, sneer, tease; **CONCEPT 54** —*Ant.* be nice, praise  
**scold** [*v*] *find fault with* abuse, admonish, asperse, berate, blame, castigate, caviil, censure, chasten, chide, criticize, denounce, disparage,

dress down\*, expostulate, give a talking-to\*, jump on\*, keep aft\*, lay down the law\*, lecture, light into\*, nag, objure, preach, put down, rail, rake over the coals\*, rate, ream, rebuke, recriminate, reprimand, reproach, reprobate, reprove, revile, take to task\*, taunt, tell off\*, upbraid, vilify, vituperate; CONCEPTS 44,52,54 —**Ant.** compliment, flatter, praise

**scoop** [n1] *utensil, tool for shovelling* bail, dipper, ladle, shovel, spade, spoon, trowel; CONCEPTS 493,499

**scoop** [n2] *previously secret information that is suddenly public* beat, exclusive, exposé, inside story\*, news, revelation, sensation; CONCEPT 274

**scoop** [v] *dig up; shovel* bail, clear away, dig, dig out, dip, empty, excavate, gather, gouge, grub, hollow, lade, ladle, lift, pick up, remove, scrape, spade, sweep away, sweep up, take up; CONCEPT 178

**scoot** [v] *hurry* accelerate, beeline\*, be quick, bolt, clear out, dart, dash, expedite, fly, get a move on\*, go like lightning, hasten, hurry up, hustle, make haste, make time\*, make tracks\*, move, move fast, race, run, rush, scamper, scurry, shake a leg\*, skedaddle, speed, split, spur, step on it\*, vamoose, whiz, zip; CONCEPTS 150,234

**scope** [n] *extent or range of something* ambit, amplitude, area, breadth, capacity, compass, comprehensiveness, confines, elbow room\*, extension, field, field of reference, freedom, fullness, latitude, leeway, liberty, margin, opportunity, orbit, outlook, play, purview, radius, reach, room, run, space, span, sphere, wideness; CONCEPTS 651,739,788

**scorch** [v] *burn* bake, blacken, blister, broil, char, cook, melt, parch, roast, scald, sear, seethe, shrivel, simmer, singe, stale, stew, swelter, wither; CONCEPTS 249,255 —**Ant.** freeze

**score** [n1] *total, points* account, addition, aggregate, amount, average, count, final count, grade, mark, number, outcome, rate, reckoning, record, result, stock, sum, summary, summation, tab, tally; CONCEPTS 364,784

**score/scores** [n2] *large group; a great number* army, cloud, crowd, drove, flock, host, hundred, legion, lot, mass, million, multitude, myriad, rout, swarm, throng, very many; CONCEPT 432 —**Ant.** none

**score** [n3] *musical arrangement* charts, composition, music, orchestration, transcript; CONCEPT 262

**score** [n4] *obligation; account payable* account, amount due, bill, charge, debt, grievance, grudge, injury, injustice, invoice, reckoning, statement, tab, tally, total; CONCEPTS 332,645

**score** [v1] *keep count* add, calculate, chalk up, count, enumerate, keep tally, rack up\*, reckon, record, register, tally, total; CONCEPTS 125,764

**score** [v2] *achieve, succeed* accomplish, amass, arrive, attain, chalk up\*, connect, flourish, gain, gain advantage, get\*, hit pay dirt\*, impress, luck out\*, make a killing\*, make an impression\*, make the grade\*, notch, procure, prosper, pull off\*, put over\*, rack up\*, reach, realize, secure, take the cake\*, thrive, triumph, win; CONCEPTS 704,706 —**Ant.** fail, lose

**score** [v3] *cut, nick* cleave, crosshatch, deface, furrow, gash, gouge, graze, groove, indent, line, mark, mill, notch, scrape, scratch, serrate, slash, slit; CONCEPTS 137,176 —**Ant.** mend, smooth

**score** [v4] *write a musical arrangement* adapt, arrange, compose, orchestrate, set; CONCEPTS 79,292

**scorn** [n] *contempt toward something* contemptuousness, contumely, derision, despicable, despisement, despite, disdain, disparagement, disregard, jeering, mockery, ridicule, sarcasm, scoffing, scornfulness, slight, sneer, sport, taunting, teasing; CONCEPTS 29,54 —**Ant.** approval, delight, pleasure

**scorn** [v] *hold in contempt; look down on* abhor, avoid, be above, confute, consider beneath one\*, condemn, defy, deride, despise, disdain, disregard, flout, gibe, hate, ignore, make fun of, mock, put down, refuse, refute, reject, renounce, repudiate, ridicule, run down\*, scoff at, shun, slight, sneer, spurn, taunt, trash\*, turn back on\*, turn nose up at\*; CONCEPTS 21,30,52,54 —**Ant.** admire, approve, like, love

**scoundrel** [n] *person who is deceptive and uncaring of others* bad egg\*, bad news\*, blackguard\*, black sheep\*, catfiff, cheat, creep, crook, dastard, good-for-nothing\*, heel, imp, incorrigible, lowlife\*, maggot\*, mischief-maker, miscreant, ne'er-do-well\*, rascal, reprobate, scalawag, scamp, thief, vagabond, villain, wretch; CONCEPT 412

**scour** [v1] *clean, polish* thoroughly abrade, brush, buff, burnish, cleanse, flush, furbish, mop, pumice, purge, rub, sand, scrub, wash, whiten; CONCEPT 165 —**Ant.** dirty, rust

**scour** [v2] *search* thoroughly beat, comb, ferret out, find, forage, go over with a fine-tooth comb\*, grub, hunt, inquire, leave no stone unturned\*, look for, look high and low\*, look up and down\*, rake, ransack, rout, rummage, seek, track down, turn inside out\*, turn upside down\*; CONCEPT 216 —**Ant.** ignore, overlook

**scourge** [n] *plague, torment* affliction, bane, correction, curse, infliction, misfortune, penalty, pest, pestilence, punishment, terror, visitation; CONCEPTS 674,675 —**Ant.** advantage, benefit, blessing, boon, delight, happiness

**scourge** [v] *beat, punish, often physically* afflict, belt, cane\*, castigate, chastise, force, discipline, excoriate, flail, flog, harass, hit, horsewhip\*, lambaste\*, lash, penalize, plague, scathe, scorch\*, tan\*, terrorize, thrash, torment, trounce, wallop\*, whale\*, whip; CONCEPTS 14,52,122,189 —**Ant.** guard, protect

**scout** [n] *person who is searching, investigating* advance, adventurer, detective, escort, explorer, guard, lookout, outpost, outrider, patrol, picket, pioneer, precursor, reconnoiterer, recruiter, runner, sleuth, spotter, spy, vanguard; CONCEPTS 348,358 —**Ant.** target

**scout** [v] *investigate, check out* case, examine, explore, ferret, have a look-see\*, hunt, inspect, look for, observe, probe, reconnoiter, run reconnoissance, rustle up\*, search, seek, set eyes on\*, spot, spy, stake out, survey, take in, track down, watch; CONCEPTS 103,216,623 —**Ant.** ignore, overlook, shun

**scowl** [*n*] *frown* black look\*, dirty look\*, evil eye\*, glower, grimace; CONCEPTS 185,716

—*Ant.* grin, smile

**scowl** [*v*] *glower* disapprove, glare, gloom, glower, grimace, look daggers at\*, lour, lower, make a face\*; CONCEPT 185 —*Ant.* grin, smile

**scraggly** [*adj*] *ragged* badly dressed, badly worn, bedraggled, dilapidated, dingy, dirty, disheveled, frayed, frazzled, full of holes\*, grubby\*, grungy\*, in tatters\*, messy, moth-eaten, scruffy, shabby, sloppy, tacky\*, tattered, threadbare, torn, unclean, uncombed, ungroomed, unkempt, worse for wear\*; CONCEPTS 485,621

**scram** [*v*] *leave quickly* beat it\*, clear out\*, decamp, depart, disappear, get lost\*, go away, hightail\*, make oneself scarce\*, make tracks\*, scoot\*, skeddadle\*, take off, vamoose\*; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* dally, wait

**scramble** [*n*] *mix-up, confusion* clutter, commotion, competition, conglomeration, free-for-all\*, hash\*, hassle, hustle, jumble, jungle, litter, melee, mishmash, muddle, race, rat race\*, rush, shuffle, struggle, tumble, tussle; CONCEPTS 230,388,432 —*Ant.* order, organization

**scramble** [*v*] *race; get into position clumsily* clamber, climb, contend, crawl, hasten, jockey for position\*, jostle, look alive\*, make haste, move, push, run, rush, scabble, scurry, scuttle, strive, struggle, swarm, trek, vie; CONCEPTS 87,150

**scrap** [*n1*] *tiny bit of something* atom, bite, bits and pieces\*, butt, castoff, chip, chunk, crumb, cutting, discard, end, fragment, glob, gob, grain, hunk, iota, jot, junk, leaving, leftover\*, lump, mite, modicum, morsel, mouthful, odds and ends\*, orts, part, particle, piece, portion, remains, shred, slice, sliver, smithereen\*, snatch, snippet, speck, stump, trace, waste; CONCEPTS 831,835 —*Ant.* load, lot

**scrap** [*n2*] *argument, fight* affray, battle, brawl, broil\*, disagreement, dispute, fracas, fray, quarrel, row, scuffle, set-to\*, squabble, tiff\*, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* agreement, harmony, peace

**scrap** [*v1*] *abandon; throw away* break up, cast, chuck, consign to scrap heap\*, demolish, discard, dismiss, dispense with, ditch, do away with\*, drop, forsake, get rid of, jettison, junk, put out to pasture\*, reject, retire, shed, slough, throw out, toss out, write off; CONCEPTS 121, 180 —*Ant.* hoard, keep, save, store

**scrap** [*v2*] *fight, argue* battle, bicker, caterwaul, come to blows\*, fall out, have shouting match\*, have words\*, quarrel, row, spat, squabble, tiff, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,106 —*Ant.* agree, harmonize, make peace

**scrape** [*n*] *bad or embarrassing situation* awkward situation, corner\*, difficulty, dilemma, discomfiture, distress, embarrassment, fix\*, hole\*, jam\*, mess\*, pickle\*, plight, predicament, tight spot\*, trouble; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* resolution, solution

**scrape** [*v1*] *scratch, remove outer layer* abrade, bark, bray, chafe, clean, erase, file, grate, graze, grind, irritate, pare, peel, rasp, rub, scour, scuff, shave, skin, squeak, thin, triturate; CONCEPTS 165,186,215 —*Ant.* smoothe

**scrape** [*v2*] *be very frugal* cut it close\*, get

along, get by, pinch, save, scrimp, shave, skimp, stint, struggle; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* spend, squander, waste

**scratch** [*n*] *small cut or mark* blemish, claw mark, gash, graze, hurt, laceration, score, scrape; CONCEPTS 309,513 —*Ant.* perfection

**scratch** [*v1*] *cut; make a mark on* claw, damage, etch, grate, graze, incise, lacerate, mark, prick, rasp, rub, scarify, score, scrape, scrawl, scribble; CONCEPTS 79,176 —*Ant.* heal, mend, smooth

**scratch** [*v2*] *cancel* annul, delete, eliminate, erase, pull, pull out, strike, withdraw; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* schedule, set up

**scrawl** [*v*] *write erratically* doodle, inscribe, scabble, scratch, scribble, squiggle; CONCEPT 79

**scrawny** [*adj*] *unhealthily thin* angular, bony, gaunt, lank, lanky, lean, rawboned, scraggy, skeletal, skin-and-bones\*, skinny, spare, undernourished, underweight; CONCEPTS 490,491,773 —*Ant.* chubby, fat, healthy, plump

**scream** [*n1*] *outcry* cry, high-pitched shout, holler\*, howl, screech, shriek, wail, yell, yelp; CONCEPT 595

**scream** [*n2*] *person or thing that is very funny* card\*, character\*, comedian, comedienne, comic, entertainer, guffaw\*, hoot\*, howl\*, joker, laugh, panic\*, riot, sensation, sidesplitter\*, wit; CONCEPTS 423,529 —*Ant.* seriousness

**scream** [*v*] *cry out* bawl, bellow, blare, caterwaul, holler\*, howl, jar, roar, screech, screech, shout, shriek, shrill, sing out, squeal, voice, wail, yell, yip, yowl; CONCEPT 77 —*Ant.* be quiet

**screen** [*n*] *protection used in or as furniture, motion picture display* awning, canopy, cloak, concealment, cover, covering, curtain, divider, envelope, guard, hedge, mantle, mask, net, partition, security, shade, shelter, shield, shroud, veil; CONCEPTS 277,440,443,445,473

**screen** [*v1*] *hide, protect* adumbrate, blind, block out, bulwark, bury, cache, camouflage, cloak, close, conceal, cover, cover up, defend, disguise, ensconce, fend, guard, mask, obscure, obstruct, safeguard, seclude, secrete, secure, separate, shade, shadow, shelter, shield, shroud, shut off, shut out, shutter, stash, umbrage, veil, wall off; CONCEPTS 96,188 —*Ant.* lay open, open, reveal, uncover

**screen** [*v2*] *examine and choose* cull, eliminate, evaluate, extract, filter, gauge, grade, pick out, process, riddle, scan, select, separate, sieve, sift, sort, winnow; CONCEPT 41

**screw** [*v1*] *twist in spiral, tighten, turn, twine, wind, work*; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* unscrew, untwist

**screw** [*v2*] *twist, contort* contract, crimp, crinkle, crumple, distort, pucker, rimple, ruck up, rumple, scrunch, wrinkle; CONCEPT 219 —*Ant.* unscrew, untwist

**screw** [*v3*] *pressure* balk, bleed, cheat, chisel, coerce, constrain, defraud, do\*, exact, extort, extract, force, hold a knife to\*, oppress, pinch\*, pressurize, put screws to\*, ream\*, shake down\*, squeeze, wrench, wrest, wring; CONCEPTS 14,192 —*Ant.* help

**screw up** [*v*] *make a mess of* blow, bobble, bollix\*, botch, bungle, confuse, flub\*, foul up, goof\*, goof up\*, louse, make hash of\*, mess, mess up, mishandle, mismanage, muck up\*,



- muddle, muff, queer, snafu\*, spoil; CONCEPT 101 —*Ant.* succeed
- screwy** [*adj*] *eccentric* abnormal, batty, bizarre, crazy, daft, dotty, far out\*, flaky, funky\*, irregular, kooky, mad, nutty, odd, oddball, offbeat, off-center, off the wall\*, out in left field\*, outlandish, peculiar, queer, quirky, strange, uncommon, unconventional, weird; CONCEPTS 547,564
- scribble** [*v*] *write illegibly* doodle, jot, scratch, scrawl, squiggle, write badly, write erratically; CONCEPT 79
- scrimp** [*v*] *economize* be cheap, be economical, be frugal, be prudent, be sparing, conserve, curtail, cut back, cut corners\*, make ends meet\*, pinch pennies\*, run a tight ship\*, save, skimp, stretch a dollar\*, tighten one's belt\*; CONCEPT 330
- script** [*n1*] *handwriting* calligraphy, characters, chirography, fist, hand, letters, longhand, penmanship, writing; CONCEPTS 79,284
- script** [*n2*] *story for a performance* article, book, copy, dialogue, libretto, lines, manuscript, playbook, scenario, text, typescript, words; CONCEPTS 263,271
- Scrooge** [*n*] *skinflint* cheapskate, meanie, misanthrope, misanthropist, miser, moneygrubber, niggard, penny-pincher, tightwad; CONCEPT 412
- scrounge** [*v*] *beg, forage for* bum, freeload, hunt, sponge, wheedle; CONCEPTS 48,216 —*Ant.* give, offer
- scrub** [*v1*] *clean with force* abrade, brush, buff, cleanse, mop, polish, rub, scour, wash; CONCEPT 165 —*Ant.* dirty
- scrub** [*v2*] *cancel* abandon, abolish, abort, call off, delete, discontinue, do away with, drop, forget about, give up; CONCEPTS 121,234 —*Ant.* organize, schedule, set up
- scruffy** [*adj*] *rough, bedraggled* badly groomed, frowzy\*, mangy\*, messy, ragged, run-down, seedy, shabby, slovenly, tacky\*, tattered, threadbare, ungroomed, unkempt, untidy; CONCEPTS 485,589 —*Ant.* kempt, smooth, tidy
- scrumptious** [*adj*] *delicious* ambrosial, appetizing, delectable, delightful, exquisite, heavenly, inviting, luscious, lush, magnificent, mouthwatering, rich, succulent, tasty, yummy; CONCEPTS 529,613 —*Ant.* unappetizing, untasty
- crunch** [*v*] *crumple* compress, crumple up, crunch, rumple, squash, squeeze; CONCEPT 184
- scruple** [*n*] *misgiving, doubt* anxiety, caution, censor, compunction, conscience, demur, difficulty, faltering, hesitancy, hesitation, pause, perplexity, qualm, reconsideration, reluctance, reluctance, second thought\*, squeamishness, superego, twinge, uneasiness; CONCEPTS 532,690 —*Ant.* ignorance, negligence, unconcern
- scruple** [*v*] *balk, have misgivings* be loath, be reluctant, be unwilling, boggle, demur, doubt, falter, fret, gag, have qualms, hesitate, question, shy, stick, stickle, stumble, think twice about\*, vacillate, waver, worry; CONCEPT 21 —*Ant.* not care
- scrupulous** [*adj*] *extremely careful* conscientious, conscionable, critical, exact, fastidious, fussy, heedful, honest, honorable, just, meticulous, minute, moral, nice, painstaking, particular, precise, principled, punctilious, punctual, right, rigorous, strict, thinking twice\*, true, upright; CONCEPTS 401,538,542 —*Ant.* careless, negligent, unscrupulous
- scrutinize** [*v*] *examine closely* analyze, burn up, candle, canvass, case, check, check out, check over, comb\*, consider, contemplate, dig, dissect, explore, eyeball\*, get a load of\*, go over with a fine-tooth comb\*, inquire into, inspect, investigate, look over, overlook, peg\*, penetrate, perustrate, peruse, pierce, pore over, probe, put under a microscope\*, scan, scope, scrutinate, search, sift, smoke\*, stare, study, survey, take the measure of, view, watch, weigh; CONCEPTS 24,103,623
- scrutiny** [*n*] *close examination* analysis, audit, close-up, eagle eye\*, exploration, inquiry, inspection, investigation, long hard look\*, perustration, perusal, review, scan, search, sifting, study, surveillance, survey, tab\*, the eye\*, view; CONCEPTS 24,103,623
- scuffle** [*n*] *fight* affray, brawl, broil, commotion, disturbance, fracas, fray, fuss\*, go\*, jump, mix-up, row, ruckus, ruction, rumpus, scrap, set-to\*, shuffle, strife, tussle, wrangle; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* agreement, peace
- scuffle** [*v*] *fight* clash, come to blows, contend, cuff, grapple, jostle, skirmish, struggle, tussle, wrestle; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* make peace
- sculpture** [*v*] *form a three-dimensional art object* carve, cast, chisel, cut, engrave, fashion, hew, model, mold, sculp, sculpt, shape; CONCEPTS 137,174,184
- scum** [*n1*] *superficial impurities, dirt* algae, crust, dross, film, froth, residue, scruff, spume, waste; CONCEPT 260 —*Ant.* cleanliness
- scum** [*n2*] *people who are bad, despicable* curs\*, dregs, lowest, mass, mob, proletariat, rabble, riffraff, rubbish\*, scum of the earth\*, trash\*, unwashed, vermin; CONCEPT 412
- scurrilous** [*adj*] *foul-mouthed, vulgar* abusive, coarse, contumelious, defamatory, dirty, filthy, foul, gross, indecent, infamous, insulting, invective, lewd, low, nasty, obscene, offending, offensive, opprobrious, outrageous, raunchy, ribald, salacious, scabrous, scandalous, shameless, slanderous, smutty\*, truculent, vituperative, vituperatory, vituperous; CONCEPTS 267, 542,545 —*Ant.* clean, polite, upright
- scurry** [*v*] *move along swiftly* barrel, bustle, dart, dash, dust, fly, hasten, hop along, hurry, race, rip, run, rush, scamper, scoot, scud, scutter, scuttle, shoot, skim, sprint, step along, tear, whirl, whisk, zip\*; CONCEPT 150 —*Ant.* dawdle, loaf, walk
- scuttlebutt** [*n*] *gossip* babble, back-fence talk\*, blather, chatter, chitchat, dirty laundry\*, grapevine\*, hearsay, meddling, prattle, rumor, talk; CONCEPTS 274,278
- sea** [*n*] *large body of water; large mass* abundance, blue\*, bounding main\*, brine, briny\*, briny deep\*, Davy Jones's locker\*, deep, drink\*, expanse, lake, main, multitude, number, ocean, plethora, pond, profusion, sheet, splash\*, surf, swell, waves; CONCEPT 514 —*Ant.* land
- seafarer** [*n*] *sailor* bluejacket, boater, boatman/woman, deck hand, mariner, mate, middy, midshipman/woman, old salt\*, pirate, sailorman/woman, sea dog\*, seaman/woman, swabbie\*, yachtsman/woman; CONCEPTS 348, 358,366

**seal** [*n*] *authentication; stamp* allowance, assurance, attestation, authorization, cachet, confirmation, imprimatur, insignia, notification, permission, permit, ratification, signet, sticker, tape, tie; CONCEPTS 284,685 —*Ant.* disapproval, refusal

**seal** [*v1*] *make airtight* close, cork, enclose, fasten, gum, isolate, paste, plaster, plug, quarantine, secure, segregate, shut, stop, stopper, stop up, waterproof; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* loosen, open, unseal

**seal** [*v2*] *ensure, finalize* assure, attest, authenticate, clinch, conclude, confirm, consummate, establish, ratify, settle, shake hands on\*, stamp, validate; CONCEPTS 234,324 —*Ant.* delay, put off, refuse

**seam** [*n*] *line where two objects are connected* bond, closure, connection, coupling, gore, gusset, hem, joint, junction, juncture, pleat, stitching, suture, tuck, union; CONCEPTS 452,471

**seaman/woman** [*n*] *sailor* bluejacket, boater, boatman/woman, deck hand, mariner, mate, midddy, midshipman/woman, old salt\*, pirate, sailorman/woman, sea dog\*, seafarer, swab-bie\*, yachtsman/woman; CONCEPTS 348,358,366

**seamy** [*adj*] *corrupt, unwholesome* bad, dark, degraded, disagreeable, disappointing, disreputable, disturbing, low, nasty, rough, sordid, squalid, unpleasant; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* respectable, upright, wholesome

**sear** [*v*] *dry, burn* blight, brand, brown, burn up, cauterize, cook, dehydrate, desiccate, dry out, dry up, exciliate, harden, parch, scorch, seal, shrivel, sizzle, tan, toast, wilt, wither; CONCEPTS 170,249 —*Ant.* freeze

**search** [*n*] *seeking to find something* chase, examination, exploration, fishing expedition\*, frisking\*, going-over\*, hunt, inquest, inquiry, inspection, investigation, legwork\*, perquisition, pursuit, persuaunce, pursuing, pursuit, quest, research, rummage, scrutiny, shake-down\*, wild-goose chase\*, witch hunt\*; CONCEPT 216 —*Ant.* finding

**search** [*v*] *seek to find something* beat, beat about, cast about, chase after, check, comb, examine, explore, ferret, forage, frisk, go in quest of, go over with a fine-tooth comb\*, go through, grope, grub, gun for\*, hunt, hunt for, inquire, inspect, investigate, leave no stone unturned\*, look, look for, look high and low\*, look over, poke into, probe, prospect, pry, quest, rake, ransack, rifle through, root, rummage, run down, scan, scour, scout, scrutinize, seek, shake down, sift, smell around, study, track down, turn inside out\*, turn upside down\*; CONCEPT 216 —*Ant.* find

**searching** [*adj*] *probing* curious, experimental, exploratory, fact-finding, inquiring, inquisitive, penetrating, seeking, sharp, studious; CONCEPT 402

**seashore** [*n*] *beach* bank, coast, littoral, oceanfront, seaboard, seafront, seaside, shingle, shore, strand, waterfront; CONCEPTS 509,514

**season** [*n*] *time of year governed by annual equinoxes* autumn, division, fall, interval, juncture, occasion, opportunity, period, spell, spring, summer, term, time, while, winter; CONCEPT 814

**season** [*v1*] *flavor food* color, enliven, lace, leaven, pep, pepper, salt, spice; CONCEPT 170 —*Ant.* cook plain

**season** [*v2*] *acclimatize, prepare* acclimate, accustom, anneal, climatize, discipline, fit, habituate, harden, inure, mature, qualify, school, steel, temper, toughen, train; CONCEPTS 35,202

**seasonable** [*adj*] *timely, appropriate* apropos, apt, auspicious, convenient, favorable, fit, opportune, pertinent, propitious, prosperous, providential, relevant, seasonal, suitable, timeous, towardly, welcome, well-timed; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inappropriate, inclement, unfitting, unseasonable, unsuitable, untimely

**seasoned** [*adj*] *experienced* accomplished, adept, battle-scarred, been around\*, been there\*, competent, expert, familiar, hardened, instructed, knowledgeable, matured, old hand\*, practiced, prepared, pro, professional, qualified, skillful, tested, toughened, trained, tried, vet, veteran, weathered, wise, worldly, worldly wise\*; CONCEPTS 402,527

**seasoning** [*n*] *flavoring for food* condiment, dressing, gravy, herb, pepper, pungency, relish, salt, sauce, spice, zest; CONCEPTS 457,461

**seat** [*n1*] *furniture for sitting, reclining* bench, chair, chaise lounge, chesterfield, couch, davenport, lounge, loveseat, pew, recliner, settee, settle, stall, stool, wing chair; CONCEPT 443

**seat** [*n2*] *central location of organization* abode, axis, capital, center, cradle, focal point, fulcrum, headquarters, heart, house, hub, location, mansion, nerve center, place, polestar, post, residence, site, situation, source, spot, station; CONCEPT 198 —*Ant.* annex, offshoot

**seat** [*n3*] *base, foundation* basement, basis, bed, bottom, cause, fitting, footing, ground, groundwork, rest, seating, support; CONCEPT 442

**seat** [*n4*] *rear end of animate being* backside, behind, bottom, breech, derrière, duff\*, fanny\*, fundament\*, keister\*, posterior, rear, rear end, rump, tush\*; CONCEPTS 392,825,827

**seat** [*v*] *place in furniture, position* accommodate, deposit, establish, fix, hold, install, locate, lounge, nestle, perch, plant, put, roost, set, settle, sit, squat, take; CONCEPTS 154,201,384 —*Ant.* displace, move, remove

**secede** [*v*] *pull away; split from* abdicate, apostatize, break with, disaffiliate, leave, quit, resign, retire, retract, retreat, separate, withdraw; CONCEPTS 119,298,384 —*Ant.* combine, come in, join, unite

**secession** [*n*] *withdrawal* breakaway, breakup, defection, disaffiliation, dissension, disunion, division, exiting, parting, rift, rupture, schism, separation, splinter group, split; CONCEPTS 135,195,211,297,388,000

**seclude** [*v*] *isolate, hide* blockade, boycott, cloister, closet, conceal, confine, cover, embargo, enclose, evict, immature, ostracize, quarantine, retire, screen, segregate, separate, sequester, shut off, withdraw; CONCEPTS 121,135,188 —*Ant.* join, mingle, socialize

**secluded** [*adj*] *isolated, sheltered* abandoned, alone, aloof, beleaguered, blockaded, cloistered, close, closet, confidential, covert, cut off, deserted, hermetic, hidden, incommunicado, insular, isolate, lonely, lonesome, off the beaten track\*, out-of-the-way\*, personal, private,

quarantined, quiet, reclusive, remote, removed, reserved, retired, screened, seclude, seclusive, secret, segregated, sequestered, shut off, shy, singular, solitary, tucked away\* unapproachable, unfrequented, uninhabited, unsociable, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,576,583 —*Ant.* joining, mingling, open, public, sociable, socializing

**seclusion** [*n*] *isolation* aloneness, aloofness, be-leaguerment, blockade, concealment, desolation, detachment, hiding, privacy, privateness, quarantine, reclusion, reclusiveness, remoteness, retirement, retreat, seclusiveness, separateness, separation, sequestration, shelter, solitude, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 135,188,388,631 —*Ant.* open, public

**second** [*adj*] *next; subordinate* additional, alternative, another, double, duplicate, extra, following, further, inferior, lesser, lower, next in order, other, place, repeated, reproduction, runner-up, secondary, subsequent, succeeding, supporting, twin, unimportant; CONCEPTS 575,585

**second** [*n*1] *shortest interval of time* bat of an eye\*, flash, instant, jiffy\*, moment, nothing flat\*, sec\*, shake\*, split second, twinkling\*, wink; CONCEPTS 803,821

**second** [*n*2] *support; duplicate* assistant, backer, double, exponent, helper, placer, proponent, reproduction, runner-up, supporter, twin; CONCEPTS 423,670

**second** [*v*] *support, advance a suggestion* aid, approve, assist, back, back up, encourage, endorse, forward, further, give moral support, go along with, promote, stand by, uphold; CONCEPTS 298,324,384 —*Ant.* move

**secondary** [*adj*] *subordinate; less important* accessory, alternate, auxiliary, backup, bush-league\*, collateral, consequential, contingent, dependent, dinky\*, extra, inconsiderable, inferior, insignificant, lesser, lower, minor, minor-league\*, petty, relief, reserve, second, second-rate, small, small-fry\*, small-time\*, subject, subservient, subsidiary, substract, supporting, tributary, trivial, under, unimportant; CONCEPTS 574,575 —*Ant.* first-class, first-rate, important, primary, superior

**secondary** [*adj*2] *derivative* auxiliary, borrowed, consequent, dependent, derive, derivational, derived, developed, eventual, indirect, proximate, resultant, resulting, second-hand, subordinate, subsequent, subsidiary, vicarious; CONCEPT 549 —*Ant.* causative, primary, source

**secondhand** [*adj*] *used handed down, hand-me-down, not new, old, pre-owned, previously owned, unnew*; CONCEPTS 578,797

**second-rate/second-class** [*adj*] *inferior, cheap* cheap and dirty\*, common, commonplace, déclassé, hack\*, low-grade, low-quality, mean, mediocre, poor, shoddy\*, substandard, tacky\*, tawdry; CONCEPTS 334,567,574 —*Ant.* excellent, first-class, first-rate, great, superior, wonderful

**secrecy** [*n*] *concealment* clandestineness, confidence, confidentiality, covertness, dark, darkness, furtiveness, hiding, hush, isolation, mystery, privacy, reticence, retirement, seclusion, secretiveness, secretness, silence, solitude, stealth, suppression, surreptitiousness; CONCEPT 631 —*Ant.* forthrightness, honesty, openness, publicity, revelation

**secret** [*adj*1] *hidden, unrevealed* abstruse, ambiguous, arcane, backdoor, camouflaged, classified, cloak-and-dagger\*, close, closet, clouded, conspiratorial, covered, covert, cryptic, dark, deep, disguised, enigmatical, esoteric, furtive, hush-hush\*, mysterious, mystic, mystical, obscure, occult, on the QT\*, out-of-the-way\*, private, recondite, reticent, retired, secluded, shrouded, strange, undercover, underground, under wraps\*, undisclosed, unlightened, unfrequented, unintelligible, unknown, unpublished, unseen, veiled; CONCEPTS 529,576 —*Ant.* clear, defined, explicit, forthright, honest, open, public, revealed, unconcealed

**secret** [*adj*2] *underhand, clandestine* backdoor, backstairs, camouflaged, classified, close, confidential, covert, cryptic, discreet, disguised, dissembled, dissimulated, furtive, hush-hush\*, in ambush, incognito, inside, restricted, secretive, sly, sneak, sneaky, stealthy, sub-rosa, surreptitious, top secret, unacknowledged, under false pretense\*, underhanded, under-the-table\*; CONCEPTS 545,576 —*Ant.* above-board, known, legal, legitimate, public

**secret** [*n*] *something kept hidden, unrevealed* cipher, classified information, code, confidence, confidential information, enigma, formula, key, magic number\*, mystery, occult, oracle, password, privileged information, puzzle, skeleton in cupboard\*, unknown; CONCEPTS 274,631 —*Ant.* known, public knowledge, revelation

**secretary** [*n*1] *office worker* assistant, clerk, executive secretary, receptionist, typist, word processor; CONCEPT 348

**secretary** [*n*2] *desk* bureau, davenport, escritoire, secretaire, writing desk, writing table; CONCEPT 443

**secrete** [*v*1] *hide* bury, cache, conceal, cover, cover up, deposit, disguise, ditch, conceal, finesse, harbor, hide out, keep quiet, keep secret, keep to oneself, keep under wraps\*, palm\*, paper, plant, screen, seclude, secure, shroud, squirrel\*, stash, stash away, stonewall\*, stow, sweep under rug\*, veil, whitewash\*, withhold; CONCEPTS 188,266 —*Ant.* lay bare, reveal, tell, uncover

**secrete** [*v*2] *give off, emit* discharge, emanate, excrete, extravasate, extrude, exude, perspire, produce, sweat; CONCEPTS 146,179 —*Ant.* fill, pour in

**secretive** [*adj*] *uncommunicative* backstairs\*, buttoned up\*, cagey, clammed up\*, close, close-mouthed\*, covert, cryptic, enigmatic, feline, furtive, hushed, in chambers\*, in privacy\*, in private, in the background\*, in the dark\*, on the QT\*, reserved, reticent, silent, taciturn, tight-lipped\*, undercover, unforthcoming, withdrawn, zipped\*; CONCEPTS 267,548 —*Ant.* communicative, forthright, honest, open

**secretly** [*adv*] *in hidden manner* behind closed doors\*, behind someone's back\*, by stealth, clandestinely, confidentially, covertly, furtively, hush-hush\*, in camera\*, in confidence, in holes and corners\*, in secret, insidiously, in strict confidence\*, intimately, obscurely, on the QT\*, on the quiet\*, on the sly\*, personally, privately, privily, quietly, slyly, stealthily, sub rosa, surreptitiously,

underhandedly, under the table\*, unobserved; CONCEPTS 267,548 —*Ant.* openly, publicly

**sect** [*n*] *school of thought* camp, church, communion, connection, creed, crew, cult, denomination, division, faction, faith, following, group, order, party, persuasion, religion, school, splinter group, team, wing; CONCEPTS 381,382

**sectarian** [*adj*] *narrow-minded, exclusive* bigoted, clannish, cliquish, dissident, doctrinaire, dogmatic, factional, fanatic, fanatical, hide-bound, insular, limited, local, nonconforming, nonconformist, parochial, partisan, provincial, rigid, schismatic, skeptical, small-town\*, splinter; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* broad, broad-minded, liberal, nonsectarian

**sectarian** [*n*] *person who is narrow-minded* adherent, bigot, cohort, disciple, dissenter, dissident, dogmatist, extremist, fanatic, heretic, maverick, misbeliever, nonconformist, partisan, radical, rebel, revolutionary, satellite, schismatic, separatist, supporter, true believer, zealot; CONCEPTS 359,423 —*Ant.* liberal, nonsectarian

**section** [*n*] *division, portion* area, belt, bite, branch, category, chunk, classification, component, cross section, cut, department, district, drag, end, field, fraction, fragment, hunk, installment, locality, lump, member, moiety, parcel, part, passage, piece, precinct, quarter, region, sample, sector, segment, share, slice, slot, sphere, split, subdivision, territory, tier, tract, vicinity, zone; CONCEPT 835 —*Ant.* whole

**sectional** [*adj*] *localized, divided* exclusive, factional, local, narrow, partial, regional, selfish, separate, separatist; CONCEPTS 557,785 —*Ant.* general, universal, widespread

**sector** [*n*] *area, subdivision* category, district, division, part, precinct, quarter, region, stratum, zone; CONCEPTS 508,835 —*Ant.* whole

**secular** [*adj*] *not spiritual or religious* civil, earthly, laic, laical, lay, material, materialistic, nonclerical, nonreligious, of this world\*, profane, temporal, unsacred, worldly; CONCEPTS 529,549 —*Ant.* godly, holy, religious, spiritual

**secure** [*adj1*] *safe* defended, guarded, immune, impregnable, out of harm's way, protected, riskless, sheltered, shielded, unassailable, undamaged, unharmed; CONCEPT 587 —*Ant.* endangered, insecure, unprotected, unsafe

**secure** [*adj2*] *fastened, stable* adjusted, anchored, bound, buttoned down\*, fast, firm, fixed, fortified, immovable, iron, locked, nailed, safe and sound\*, set, solid, solid as a rock\*, sound, staunch, steady, strong, sure, tenacious, tight; CONCEPT 488 —*Ant.* loose, moving, unfastened, unfixed, insecure, unstable

**secure** [*adj3*] *certain, definite* able, absolute, assured, at ease, balanced, carefree, cinch, conclusive, confident, determined, easy, established, firm, hopeful, in the bag\*, locked on\*, nailed down\*, on ice\*, reassured, reliable, resolute, sanguine, self-assured, self-confident, settled, shoo-in\*, solid, sound, stable, steadfast, steady, strong, sure, sure thing\*, tried and true\* —*Ant.* unanxious, undoubtful, well-founded; CONCEPTS 403,535 —*Ant.* indefinite, insecure, uncertain, undecided, unsure

**secure** [*v1*] *obtain* access, achieve, acquire, annex, assure, bag\*, buy, capture, catch, chalk up\*, cinch, come by, ensure, gain, get, get hold

of, grasp, guarantee, have, hook, insure, land, lock, lock up, make sure, pick up, procure, rack up\*, take, win; CONCEPT 120 —*Ant.* forfeit, give up, lose

**secure** [*v2*] *attach, tie up* adjust, anchor, batten down, bind, bolt, button, button down, catch, cement, chain, clamp, clinch, close, fasten, fix, hitch, hook on, lash, lock, lock up, make fast, moor, nail, padlock, pinion, rivet, settle, tack, tie, tie down, tighten; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* let go, loose, loosen, unfasten, untie

**secure** [*v3*] *protect, make safe* assure, bulwark, cover, defend, ensure, fend, guarantee, guard, insure, safeguard, screen, shield; CONCEPT 96 —*Ant.* endanger, harm, hurt, injure

**security** [*n1*] *safety, protection* aegis, agreement, armament, armor, asylum, bail, bond, care, collateral, compact, contract, covenant, cover, custody, defense, earnest, freedom, guarantee, guard, immunity, insurance, pact, pawn, pledge, precaution, preservation, promise, redemption, refuge, retreat, safeguard, safekeeping, safeness, safety measure, salvation, sanctuary, shelter, shield, surety, surveillance, token, ward, warrant; CONCEPTS 712,729 —*Ant.* danger, insecurity, peril, trouble

**security** [*n2*] *peace of mind* assurance, calm, certainty, confidence, conviction, ease, freedom, positiveness, reliance, soundness, sureness, surety; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* insecurity, uncertainty, worry

**sedate** [*adj*] *calm, collected* cold sober\*, composed, cool, cool as cucumber\*, decorous, deliberate, demure, dignified, dispassionate, earnest, grave, imperturbable, laid-back\*, no-nonsense, placid, proper, quiet, seemly, serene, serious, sober, solemn, somber, staid, steady, tranquil, unflappable, unruffled; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* agitated, excitable, excited, lively, upset

**sedative** [*adj*] *soothing* allaying, anodyne, calmative, calming, lenitive, relaxing, sleep-inducing, soporific, tranquilizing; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* agitating, excitative, upsetting

**sedative** [*n*] *soothing agent, medicine* analgesic, anodyne, barbiturate, calmant, calmative, depressant, dope\*, downer, drug, hypnotic, knockout pill, medication, narcotic, nerve medicine, opiate, pacifier, pain-killer, pain pill\*, quietive, sleeping pill, tranquilizer; CONCEPT 307 —*Ant.* antidepressant

**sedentary** [*adj*] *motionless, lazy* desk, desk-bound, idle, inactive, seated, settled, sitting, sluggish, stationary, torpid; CONCEPTS 542, 584 —*Ant.* activated, active, energetic, mobile, moving

**sediment** [*n*] *solid residue from liquid solution* debris, deposit, dregs, dross, gook\*, grounds, gunk\*, lees, matter, powder, precipitate, precipitation, residuum, settling, silt, slag, solids, trash, waste; CONCEPT 260 —*Ant.* whole

**sedition** [*n*] *rebellion* agitation, defiance, disobedience, dissent, insubordination, insurgency, insurgency, insurrection, mutiny, revolt, revolution, treason, uprising; CONCEPTS 106,300,320,633

**seditious** [*adj*] *rebellious* anarchistic, bellicose, defiant, disloyal, disobedient, disorderly, dissident, factious, iconoclastic, insurgent,

- insurrectionary, mutinous, radical, rebel, resistant, revolutionary, riotous, subversive, treasonable, warring; CONCEPTS 401,529,542
- seduce** [v1] *tempt, ensnare* bait, beguile, betray, bribe, coax, deceive, decoy, delude, draw, entice, entrap, hook, induce, inveigle, invite, lead astray\*, lead on\*, lure, mislead, mouse-trap\*, persuade, pull, rope in, steer, string along\*, sucker\*, wheedle; CONCEPT 11 —*Ant.* disenchant, turn off
- seduce** [v2] *entice sexually* allure, attract, beguile, captivate, charm, come on to\*, enamour, entrance, sweep off one's feet\*, tempt; CONCEPT 375
- seduction** [n] *enticement* allurement, attraction, cajolery, come-on\*, inducement, lure, persuasion, tantalizing, temptation; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,68
- seductive** [adj] *alluring, sexy* attracting, attractive, beguiling, bewitching, captivating, charming, come-hither\*, desirable, drawing, enchanting, enticing, fascinating, flirtatious, inviting, irresistible, magnetic, provocative, ravishing, siren, specious, tempting; CONCEPTS 372,579 —*Ant.* distasteful, ugly, unpleasing
- sedulous** [adj] *assiduous* active, busy, determined, diligent, hard-working, industrious, laborious, persevering, plugging, tireless; CONCEPTS 538,542
- see** [v1] *perceive with eyes* beam, be apprised of, behold, catch a glimpse of, catch sight of, clock\*, contemplate, descry, detect, discern, distinguish, espy, examine, eye, flash, gape, gawk, gaze, get a load of\*, glare, glimpse, heed, identify, inspect, lay eyes on\*, look, look at, make out, mark, mind, note, notice, observe, pay attention to, peep, peep, peer, peg\*, penetrate, pierce, recognize, regard, remark, scan, scope, scrutinize, sight, spot, spy, stare, survey, take notice, view, watch, witness; CONCEPTS 590,626 —*Ant.* be blind
- see** [v2] *appreciate, comprehend* appraise, ascertain, behold, catch, catch on, conceive, descry, determine, discern, discover, distinguish, envisage, envision, espy, experience, fancy, fathom, feature, feel, find out, follow, get, get the drift\*, get the hang of\*, grasp, have, hear, imagine, investigate, know, learn, make out, mark, mind, note, notice, observe, perceive, ponder, realize, recognize, remark, study, suffer, sustain, take in, think, tumble, undergo, understand, unearth, view, visualize, weigh; CONCEPTS 15,31,43 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect, overlook
- see** [v3] *accompany, guide* associate with, attend, bear company, call, come by, come over, conduct, consort with, date, direct, drop by, drop in, encounter, escort, go out with, go with, keep company with, lead, look up, meet, pilot, pop in, receive, route, run into, shepherd, show, speak to, steer, stop by, stop in, take out, usher, visit, walk; CONCEPTS 187,227,384 —*Ant.* turn loose
- see** [v4] *visualize* anticipate, conceive, divine, envisage, envision, fancy, feature, foresee, foretell, imagine, picture, realize, think, vision; CONCEPT 12
- seed** [n1] *beginning, source* berry, bud, cell, conceit, concept, conception, core, corn, ear, egg, embryo, germ, grain, image, impression, inkling, kernel, notion, nucleus, nut, ovule, ovum, particle, rudiment, semen, spark, sperm, spore, start, suspicion; CONCEPTS 393,428,648 —*Ant.* effect, end, ending, result
- seed** [n2] *children* brood, descendants, heirs, issue, offspring, posterity, progeniture, progeny, race, scions, spawn, successors; CONCEPT 414 —*Ant.* ancestor, parent
- seedy** [adj] *run-down, dilapidated* ailing, beat up, bedraggled, crummy\*, decaying, decrepit, dingy, dog-eared\*, down-at-the-heel\*, drooping, droopy, faded, flagging, frowzy, gone to seed\*, grubby, in a bad way\*, mangy, messy, neglected, old, overgrown, poor, poorly, ragged, ratty, sagging, scruffy, shabby, sickly, sleazy\*, slovenly, squalid, tacky, tattered, threadbare, tired, torn, unkept, untidy, unwell, used up, wilted, wilting, worn; CONCEPTS 485,570 —*Ant.* luxurious, nice, posh
- seek** [v1] *look for* be after, beat the bushes\*, bird-dog\*, bob for, cast about, chase, comb, delve, delve for, dig for, dragnet, explore, fan, ferret out, fish, fish for\*, follow, go after, gun for\*, hunt, inquire, investigate, leave no stone unturned\*, look about, look around, look high and low\*, mouse\*, nose\*, prowl, pursue, quest, ransack, root, run after, scout, scratch, search for, search out, sniff out\*, track down; CONCEPT 216 —*Ant.* find
- seek** [v2] *try, attempt* aim, aspire to, assay, endeavor, essay, have a go at\*, offer, pursue, strive, struggle, undertake; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* neglect
- seek** [v3] *ask, inquire* beg, entreat, find out, invite, petition, query, request, solicit; CONCEPT 48 —*Ant.* answer, reply
- seem** [v] *appear; give the impression* assume, be suggestive of, convey the impression, create the impression, give the feeling of\*, give the idea of\*, have the appearance of, have the aspects of, have the earmarks of\*, have the features of, have the qualities of, hint, imply, insinuate, intimate, look, look as if, look like, look to be, make a show of, pretend, resemble, show, show every sign of, sound, sound like, strike one as being, suggest; CONCEPT 543 —*Ant.* be real
- seeming** [adj] *apparent* appearing, illusive, illusory, ostensible, outward, professed, quasi-, semblant, specious, surface; CONCEPTS 487,573 —*Ant.* real, true
- seemly** [adj] *appropriate, suitable* becoming, befitting, comme il faut, compatible, conforming, congenial, congruous, consistent, consonant, correct, decent, decorous, fit, fitting, in good taste, meet, nice, pleasing, proper, suited, timely; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* inappropriate, unseemly, unsuitable
- seep** [v] *leak* bleed, drain, drip, exude, flow, ooze, percolate, permeate, soak, sweat, transude, trickle, weep, well; CONCEPTS 146,179 —*Ant.* pour
- seer** [n] *clairvoyant* augur, channeller, crystal ball gazer, diviner, forecaster, fortune-teller, medium, oracle, palm reader, prophet, psychic, soothsayer; CONCEPT 423
- seethe** [v] *be very angry* be furious, be incensed, be livid, be mad, be on the warpath\*, blow

one's stack\*, blow up\*, boil, breathe fire\*, bristle, burn, ferment, flare, flip, foam, foam at mouth\*, froth, fume, hit the ceiling\*, rage, see red\*, simmer, smolder, spark, stew\*, storm; CONCEPTS 29,34 —*Ant.* be happy

**segment** [*n*] *part of something* articulation, bit, compartment, cut, division, member, moiety, parcel, piece, portion, section, sector, slice, sub-division, wedge; CONCEPT 835 —*Ant.* whole

**segregate** [*v*] *discriminate and separate* choose, close off, cut off, disconnect, dissociate, divide, insulate, island, isolate, quarantine, select, sequester, set apart, sever, single out, split up; CONCEPTS 21,135,645 —*Ant.* combine, desegregate, gather, join, unite

**segregation** [*n*] *separation* apartheid, discrimination, dissociation, disunion, division, exclusion, isolation, partition, seclusion, splitting up; CONCEPTS 135,195,297,388

**seize** [*v*1] *grab, take* appropriate, catch, catch hold of, clasp, clench, clinch, clutch, compass, embrace, enclose, enfold, envelope, fasten, grapple, grasp, grip, hang onto, hold fast, lay hands on\*, lay hold of\*, pinch, pluck, snag, snatch, squeeze, take hold of; CONCEPTS 142,164,190 —*Ant.* give, let go, offer, release

**seize** [*v*2] *abduct; take by force* ambush, annex, apprehend, appropriate, arrest, arrogate, bag, bust, capture, carry off, catch, claw, clutch, commandeer, confiscate, conquer, exact, force, gain, get, grab, grasp, hijack, hook, impound, incorporate, kidnap, lift, nab, nail\*, occupy, overcome, overpower, overrun, overwhelm, pick up, pounce, secure, snag, snare, spirit away\*, subdue, take, take by storm\*, take captive, take over, take possession of, throttle, trap, usurp, wrench; CONCEPT 90 —*Ant.* free, liberate, release

**seizure** [*n*1] *convulsive attack* access, breakdown, convulsion, fit, illness, paroxysm, spasm, spell, stroke, throe, turn; CONCEPT 308

**seizure** [*n*2] *capture, taking* abduction, annexation, apprehension, arrest, bust\*, collar\*, commandeering, confiscation, drop, grab, grabbing, hook\*, pinch\*, seizing, snatch; CONCEPT 90 —*Ant.* letting go, liberation, release

**seldom** [*adv*] *infrequently* a few times, every now and then, from time to time, hardly, hardly ever, in a few cases, in habitually, irregularly, little, not often, not very often, occasionally, on and off, once in a blue moon\*, once in a while, rarely, scarcely, scarcely ever, semioccasionally, sometimes, sporadically, uncommonly, unoften, unusually, whimsically; CONCEPT 541 —*Ant.* frequently, often, usually

**select** [*adj*] *excellent, elite, preferable* best, blue-chip\*, boss\*, choice, chosen, cool\*, cream\*, culled, delicate, discriminating, eclectic, elect, elegant, exclusive, exquisite, favored, first-class\*, first-rate\*, handicapped, limited, number one\*, pick, picked, posh, preferred, prime, privileged, rare, recherché, screened, selected, selective, special, superior, top, topnotch, tops\*, weeded\*, winner, winnowed, world-class\*; CONCEPTS 574,653 —*Ant.* inferior, poor, second-rate

**select** [*v*] *pick out, prefer* from among choices choose, cull, decide, elect, make, make a choice, make a selection, mark, name, opt,

optate, opt for, peg\*, pick, pin down, say so\*, single out, slot\*, sort out, tab\*, tag\*, take, tap\*, winnow; CONCEPT 41 —*Ant.* refuse, reject

**selection** [*n*] *preference from among choices* alternative, choice, choosing, collection, culling, draft, druthers\*, election, excerpt, option, pick, picking; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* refusal, rejection

**selective** [*adj*] *discriminating* careful, choicy, choosy, discerning, discriminatory, eclectic, fussy, judicious, particular, persnickety\*, picky, scrupulous, select; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* open, uncaring, undiscriminating, unselective

**self-assured** [*adj*] *confident* assured, believing, bold, brave, cocksure\*, cocky, courageous, expectant, expecting, fearless, overconfident, positive, puffed up\*, secure, sure, unafraid; CONCEPTS 403,404

**self-centered** [*adj*] *absorbed with oneself* egocentric, egoistic, egomaniacal, egotistic, egotistical, grandstanding, having a swelled head\*, independent, inward-looking, know-it-all\*, narcissistic, on an ego trip\*, self-absorbed, self-indulgent, self-interested, self-involved, selfish, self-seeking, self-serving, self-sufficient, stuck on oneself\*, wrapped up with oneself\*; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* benevolent, giving, unselfish

**self-confident** [*adj*] *secure with oneself* assured, fearless, hotdog\*, hotshot\*, know-it-all\*, poised, sanguine, self-assured, self-reliant, sure of oneself, undoubtful; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* humble, insecure, meek, unself-confident, unsure

**self-conscious** [*adj*] *insecure with oneself* affected, anxious, artificial, awkward, bashful, diffident, discomfited, embarrassed, ill-at-ease, mannered, nervous, out of countenance, shamefaced, sheepish, shy, stiff, stilted, uncertain, uncomfortable, uneasy, unsure; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* assured, secure, sure, unself-conscious

**self-control** [*n*] *willpower over one's actions* abstemiousness, aplomb, balance, constraint, dignity, discipline, discretion, poise, repression, reserve, restraint, reticence, self-constraint, self-discipline, self-government, sobriety, stability, stoicism, strength of character; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* agitation, rashness

**self-evident/self-explanatory** [*adj*] *obvious* apparent, axiomatic, clear, comprehensible, incontrovertible, inescapable, manifest, patently true, plain, prima facie, undeniable, understandable, unmistakable, unquestionable, visible; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* obscure, questionable

**self-important** [*adj*] *conceited* arrogant, big-headed\*, cocky, egotistical, full of hot air\*, immodest, know-it-all, overbearing, pompous, puffed up\*, smug, stuck up\*, swollen-headed\*, vain, vainglorious; CONCEPT 404

**selfish** [*adj*] *thinking only of oneself* egocentric, egoistic, egotistical, egomaniacal, egotistic, egotistical, greedy\*, hogish\*, mean, mercenary, miserly, narcissistic, narrow, narrow-minded, out for number one\*, parsimonious, prejudiced, self-centered, self-indulgent, self-interested, self-seeking, stingy, ungenerous, wrapped up in oneself\*; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* caring, kind, unselfish

**self-reliant** [*adj*] *independent* autonomous, on one's own, self-contained, self-governing, self-sufficient, self-supporting, self-sustaining, unaided, unallied; CONCEPT 554

**self-respect/self-esteem** [*n*] *pride in oneself* amour-propre, conceit, confidence, dignity, egotism, faith in oneself, morale, narcissism, self-assurance, self-content, self-regard, self-satisfaction, vanity, worth; CONCEPTS 411,689 —*Ant.* self-doubt, uncertainty

**self-righteous** [*adj*] *smug* affected, canting, complacent, egotistical, goody-goody\*, holier-than-thou\*, hypocritical, noble, pharisaic, pietistic, pious, preachy, sanctimonious, self-satisfied, superior; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* caring, humble, thoughtful, understanding

**self-satisfaction** [*n*] *pride, contentment* complacency, conceit, glow, peace of mind, self-approbation, self-approval, self-pleasure, smugness; CONCEPTS 410,689 —*Ant.* humility, meekness, self-doubt

**self-satisfied** [*adj*] *proud, content* complacent, conceited, egotistic, flushed, pleased, puffed up\*, self-congratulatory, smug, vain; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* humble, meek, unsure

**self-sufficient** [*adj*] *able to take care of oneself* arrogant, closed, competent, conceited, confident, doing one's own thing\*, efficient, egotistic, haughty, independent, individual, on one's own, out for number one\*, self-confident, self-dependent, self-sufficing, self-supported, self-supporting, self-sustained, self-sustaining, smug, unit; CONCEPTS 334,404 —*Ant.* incapable, needy, unable

**sell** [*v*1] *exchange an object for money* advertise, auction, bargain, barter, be in business\*, boost, clinch the deal, close, close the deal, contract, deal in, dispose, drum, dump, exchange, handle, hawk, hustle, market, merchandise, move, peddle, persuade, pitch, plug, puff\*, push, put across, put up for sale, retail, retain, snow, soft sell\*, soft soap\*, spiel\*, stock, sweet talk\*, trade, traffic, unload, vend, wholesale; CONCEPT 345 —*Ant.* buy

**seller** [*n*] *person who gives object in exchange for money* agent, auctioneer, businessperson, dealer, marketer, merchant, peddler, representative, retailer, sales help, salesperson, shopkeeper, storekeeper, trader, tradesperson, vendor; CONCEPTS 347,348 —*Ant.* buyer

**sell/sell out** [*v*2] *betray* beguile, break faith, bunk, cross, deceive, deliver up, delude, disappoint, double-cross\*, fail, four-flush\*, give away, give up, mislead, play false, rat on\*, sell down the river\*, stab in the back\*, surrender, take in, violate; CONCEPTS 14,63 —*Ant.* guard, protect

**semblance** [*n*] *aura, appearance* affinity, air, likeness, analogy, aspect, bearing, comparison, facade, face, false front\*, feel, feeling, figure, form, front, guise, image, likeness, mask, mien, mood, pose, pretense, resemblance, seeming, show, showing, similarity, simile, similitude, simulacrum, veil, veneer; CONCEPTS 673,716

**semester** [*n*] *term* course, period, quarter, session; CONCEPTS 807,822

**seminar** [*n*] *conference* convention, discussion, forum, group discussion, meeting, open discussion, palaver, powwow\*, rap session, round

table, symposium, workshop; CONCEPTS 56, 324,386

**semiotics** [*n*] *study of signs as elements of communication* langue, parole, pragmatics, semantics, sign systems, symbolism, syntactics; CONCEPT 349

**send** [*v*1] *transmit, transfer through a system* accelerate, address, advance, assign, broadcast, cast, circulate, commission, commit, communicate, consign, convey, delegate, deliver, detail, direct, dispatch, drop, emit, expedite, express, fire, fling, forward, freight, get under way, give off, grant, hasten, hurl, hurry off, impart, issue, let fly, mail, post, propel, put out, radiate, relay, remit, route, rush off, ship, shoot, televise, troll, wire; CONCEPTS 217,223 —*Ant.* receive

**send** [*v*2] *please* charm, delight, electrify, enrapture, enthral, enthuse, excite, intoxicate, move, ravish, stir, thrill, titillate, turn on; CONCEPTS 7,11,22 —*Ant.* displease

**senile** [*adj*] *failing in physical and mental capabilities due to old age* aged, ancient, anile, decrepit, doddering, doting, enfeebled, feeble, imbecile, infirm, in second childhood\*, old, senescent, shattered, sick, weak; CONCEPTS 314,402,403 —*Ant.* alert, well, young

**senior** [*adj*] *older or of higher rank* chief, elder, higher, leading, major, more advanced, next higher, superior; CONCEPTS 574,578,585,797 —*Ant.* behind, inferior, junior

**senior** [*n*] *older person* ancient, doyen, doyenette, elder, elderly person, first-born, golden-ager\*, grandfather, grandmother, head, matriarch, old folk\*, oldest\*, old-timer\*, patriarch, pensioner, retired person, senior citizen; CONCEPTS 414,424 —*Ant.* inferior, junior, younger

**seniority** [*n*] *rank in organization due to length of service* advantage, antiquity, eldership, precedence, preference, priority, rank, ranking, standing, station, superiority; CONCEPTS 671,727

**sensation** [*n*1] *feeling, perception* awareness, consciousness, emotion, gut reaction\*, impression, passion, response, sense, sensibility, sensitivity, sensitivity, sentiment, susceptibility, thought, tingle, vibes\*; CONCEPTS 34,410,529

**sensation** [*n*2] *something wonderful or awe-inspiring* agitation, bomb\*, bombshell\*, commotion, excitement, flash, furor, hit, marvel, miracle, phenomenon, portent, prodigy, scandal, stir, stunner, surprise, thrill, wonder, wow\*; CONCEPTS 293,529

**sensational** [*adj*1] *startling, exaggerated* amazing, arresting, astounding, breathtaking, coarse, colored, conspicuous, dramatic, electrifying, emotional, excessive, exciting, extravagant, hair-raising, horrifying, juicy\*, livid, lurid, marked, melodramatic, noticeable, outstanding, piquant, pointed, prominent, pungent, remarkable, revealing, rough, salient, scandalous, sensationalistic, shocking, signal, spectacular, staggering, stimulating, sultry, tabloid\*, thrilling, vulgar, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 267,537,545 —*Ant.* ordinary, run-of-the-mill, unexceptional, usual

**sensational** [*adj*2] *excellent, superb* agitating, astonishing, breathtaking, cool\*, dandy\*, divine, dramatic, eloquent, exceptional, exciting,

fabulous, first-class\*, glorious, impressive, incredible, keen, marvelous, mind-blowing, most\*, moving, out of this world\*, smashing, spectacular, stirring, surprising, thrilling, zero cool\*; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** bad, inferior, poor

**sensationalism** [*n*] *exaggeration* agrandizement, boasting, excess, fabrication, fish story\*, hype, hyperbole, overemphasis, puffery, tabloid journalism, tall story\*, whopper\*, yellow journalism\*; CONCEPTS 63, 278, 663

**sense** [*n1*] *feeling of animate being* faculty, feel, function, hearing, impression, kinesthesia, sensation, sensibility, sensitivity, sight, smell, taste, touch; CONCEPT 405

**sense** [*n2*] *awareness, perception* ability, appreciation, atmosphere, aura, brains, capacity, clear-headedness, cleverness, cognizance, common sense, consciousness, discernment, discrimination, feel, feeling, gumption\*, imagination, impression, insight, intellect, intelligence, intuition, judgment, knowledge, mentality, mind, premonition, presentiment, prudence, quickness, reason, reasoning, recognition, sagacity, sanity, sentiment, sharpness, smarts\*, soul, spirit, tact, thought, understanding, wisdom, wit; CONCEPTS 33, 409

**sense** [*n3*] *point, meaning* acceptance, advantage, bottom line\*, burden, core, definition, denotation, drift, gist, good, heart, implication, import, intendment, interpretation, logic, matter, meat\*, meat and potatoes\*, message, name of the game\*, nature of the beast\*, nitty-gritty\*, nuance, nub, nuts and bolts\*, punch line\*, purport, purpose, reason, short, significance, significance, signification, stuff, substance, thrust, understanding, upshot, use, value, worth; CONCEPTS 668, 682

**sense** [*v*] *become aware of* anticipate, appreciate, appreciate, apprehend, believe, be with it, catch, catch on, catch the drift\*, consider, credit, deem, dig\*, discern, divine, feel, feel in bones\*, feel in gut\*, get the drift\*, get the idea\*, get the impression\*, get the picture\*, get vibes\*, grasp, have a feeling\*, have a hunch\*, hold, know, notice, observe, perceive, pick up, read, realize, savvy\*, suspect, take in, think, understand; CONCEPT 34 —**Ant.** be numb, be unaware, overlook

**senseless** [*adj*] *silly, meaningless* absurd, asinine, batty, crazy, daft, doublespeak\*, double talk\*, fatuous, flaky, foolish, idiotic, illogical, imbecilic, inane, incongruous, inconsistent, insignificant, irrational, ludicrous, mad, mindless, moronic, nonsensical, nutty, pointless, purportless, purposeless, ridiculous, simple, stupid, trivial, unimportant, unintelligent, unmeaning, unreasonable, unsound, unwise, wacky\*, without rhyme or reason\*; CONCEPTS 548, 558 —**Ant.** feeling, intelligent, rational, reasonable, sensible, wise

**sensibility** [*n*] *responsiveness; ability to feel* affection, appreciation, awareness, discernment, emotion, feeling, gut reaction\*, heart\*, insight, intuition, judgment, keenness, perceptiveness, rationale, sensation, sense, sensitiveness, sensitivity, sentiment, susceptibility, taste, vibes\*; CONCEPTS 409, 410 —**Ant.** apathy, indifference, insensibility, lethargy

**sensible** [*adj*] *realistic, reasonable* all there\*,

astute, attentive, au courant, aware, canny, cognizant, commonsensical, conscious, consequent, conversant, cool\*, discerning, discreet, discriminating, down-to-earth, far-sighted, having all one's marbles\*, informed, in right mind, intelligent, judicious, knowing, logical, matter-of-fact, practical, prudent, rational, sagacious, sage, sane, sentient, shrewd, sober, sound, together, well-reasoned, well-thought-out, wise, witting; CONCEPTS 402, 542 —**Ant.** indiscreet, senseless, unrealistic, unreasonable, unwise

**sensitive** [*adj1*] *impressionable* acute, cognizant, conscious, delicate, easily affected, emotionable, emotional, feeling, fine, high-strung, hung up\*, hypersensitive, impressible, irritable, keen, knowing, nervous, oversensitive, perceiving, perceptive, precarious, precise, psychic, reactive, receptive, responsive, seeing, sensory, sensible, sensorial, sensory, sentient, supersensitive, susceptible, tense, ticklish, touchy, touchy feely\*, tricky, tuned in\*, turned on to\*, umbrageous, understanding, unstable, wired\*; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** impassive, insensitive, thick-skinned, unsusceptible

**sensitive** [*adj2*] *easily hurt* delicate, easily harmed, painful, sore, tender; CONCEPT 406 —**Ant.** heartless, indifferent, insensitive, numb, unfeeling

**sensitivity** [*n*] *responsiveness to stimuli* acuteness, affectivity, awareness, consciousness, delicacy, feeling, impressionability, nervousness, reactivity, reactivity, receptiveness, sensation, sense, sensitiveness, subtlety, susceptibility, sympathy; CONCEPTS 405, 410 —**Ant.** apathy, impassivity, insensitivity, numbness

**sensory** [*adj*] *affecting animate nerve organs* acoustic, afferent, audible, audiovisual, auditory, aural, auricular, clear, discernible, distinct, gustative, gustatory, hearable, lingual, neural, neurological, ocular, olfactive, olfactory, ophthalmic, optic, perceptible, phonic, plain, receptive, sensational, sensory, sensible, sensual, sonic, tactile, visual; CONCEPT 406

**sensual** [*adj*] *physical, erotic* animal, animalistic, arousing, bodily, carnal, debauched, delightful, epicurean, exciting, fleshly, heavy\*, hedonic, hot\*, lascivious, lecherous, lewd, libidinous, licentious, lustful, moving, pleasing, rough, sensuous, sexual, sexy, sharpened, steamy, stimulating, stirring, tactile, unchaste, unspiritual, voluptuous, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 372, 401 —**Ant.** abstemious, chaste, mental

**sensuous** [*adj*] *gratifying to senses* carnal, epicurean, exciting, fleshly, fleshy, hedonistic, luscious, lush, luxurious, passionate, physical, pleasurable, pleasure-loving, pleasure-seeking, primrose, rich, self-indulgent, sensory, sensual, sensualistic, sumptuous, sybaritic, voluptuous; CONCEPTS 372, 537 —**Ant.** despicable, distasteful

**sentence** [*n*] *punishing decree* book, censure, clock, condemnation, considered opinion, decision, determination, dictum, doom, edict, fall, getup\*, hitch, jolt, judgment, knock, order, penalty, pronouncement, punishment, rap\*, ruling, sending up the river\*, sleep, stretch, term, time, trick, vacation, verdict; CONCEPT 318 —**Ant.** accusation, charge

**sentence** [*v*] *decide punishment* adjudge, adjudicate, blame, condemn, confine, convict,



damn, denounce, devote, doom, impound, imprison, incarcerate, jail, judge, mete out, ordain, pass judgment, penalize, proscribe, punish, put away\*, put on ice\*, railroad\*, rule, send to prison, send up the river\*, settle, take the fall\*, throw the book at\*; CONCEPTS 122,317 —*Ant.* accuse, blame, charge

**sentient** [*adj*] *conscious* able to recognize, alert, apperceptive, attentive, awake, aware, cognizant, feeling, informed, in on\*, in the right mind, knowing, noticing, observing, perceiving, receptive, recognizing, responsive, seeing, sensitive to, understanding, watchful; CONCEPTS 402,539

**sentiment** [*n*] *emotion, belief* affect, affectivity, attitude, bias, conception, conviction, disposition, emotionalism, eye, feeling, hearts and flowers\*, idea, inclination, inclining, judgment, leaning, mind, opinion, overemotionalism, partiality, passion, penchant, persuasion, position, posture, predilection, propensity, romanticism, sensibility, sentimentality, slant, softheartedness, tendency, tender feeling, tenderness, thought, view, way of thinking; CONCEPTS 32, 410,689

**sentimental** [*adj*] *emotional, romantic* affected, affectionate, corny\*, demonstrative, dewy-eyed, dreamy, effusive, gushing, gushy, idealistic, impressionable, inane, insipid, jejune, languishing, lovey-dovey\*, loving, maudlin, moonstruck\*, mushy\*, nostalgic, overacted, overemotional, passionate, pathetic, rosewater\*, saccharine\*, sappy\*, schmaltzy\*, silly, simpering, sloppy\*, slushy\*, soapy\*, soft, softhearted\*, sugary\*, sweet, syrupy\*, tearful, tear-jerking\*, tender, touching, vapid, visionary, weepy; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —*Ant.* hard-hearted, indifferent, pragmatic, unemotional, unromantic, unsentimental

**sentinel** [*n*] *sentry* guard, keeper, lookout, picket, protector, watchman/woman, watchperson; CONCEPT 348

**separate** [*adj*1] *disconnected* abstracted, apart, apportioned, asunder, cut apart, cut in two, detached, disassociated, discrete, disembodied, disjointed, distant, distributed, disunited, divergent, divided, divorced, far between, free, independent, in halves, isolated, loose, marked, parted, partitioned, put asunder, removed, scattered, set apart, set asunder, severed, sovereign, sundered, unattached, unconnected; CONCEPT 577 —*Ant.* combined, connected, joined, mixed, together, united

**separate** [*adj*2] *alone, individual* apart, autonomous, detached, different, discrete, distinct, distinctive, diverse, free, independent, lone, one, only, particular, peculiar, several, single, sole, solitary, unique, various; CONCEPTS 557,564 —*Ant.* associated, together, united

**separate** [*v*1] *remove something from group; keep or set apart* break, break off, cleave, come apart, come away, come between, detach, dichotomize, disconnect, disentangle, disjoint, disjoint, dissect, dissever, distribute, divide, divorce, intersect, part, rupture, sever, split, split up, sunder, uncombine, uncouple, undo; CONCEPT 135 —*Ant.* combine, join, mix, unite

**separate** [*v*2] *isolate, segregate* assign, break up, classify, close off, comb, compartment,

compartmentalize, cut off, discriminate, distribute, draw apart, group, insulate, interval, intervene, island, order, put on one side, rope off, seclude, sequester, sift, single out, sort, space, split up, stand between, winnow; CONCEPTS 158,201 —*Ant.* desegregate, join, unite

**separate** [*v*3] *part company in a romantic relationship or marriage* alienate, bifurcate, break it off\*, break off, break up, dedomicile, depart, discontinue, disunify, disunite, diverge, divorce, drop, estrange, go away, go different ways\*, go separate ways\*, leave, part, pull out, split up, take leave, uncouple, unlink, untie the knot\*; CONCEPTS 297,384 —*Ant.* marry

**separately** [*adv*] *alone, individually* apart, clearly, definitely, disjointly, distinctly, independently, one at a time, one by one, personally, severally, singly, solely; CONCEPTS 544,577 —*Ant.* together

**separation** [*n*] *being apart; break-up* break, dedomiciling, departure, detachment, disconnection, disengagement, disjunction, disrelation, dissociation, dissolution, disunion, division, divorce, divorcement, embarkation, estrangement, farewell, gap, leave-taking\*, parting, parting of the ways\*, partition, pffft\*, rift, rupture, segregation, severance, split, split-up\*; CONCEPTS 135,195,297,388 —*Ant.* togetherness

**sepulchral** [*adj*] *gloomy* black, bleak, cheerless, dark, deathly, dismal, dreary, forlorn, funereal, grave, hollow, morbid, mournful, obscure, somber; CONCEPTS 525,617,618

**sequel** [*n*] *follow-up* aftereffect, aftermath, alternation, causatum, chain, close, closing, conclusion, consecution, consequence, continuation, development, effect, end, ending, epilogue, eventuality, finish, finishing, issue, order, outcome, part two\*, payoff, progression, result, row, sequence, sequent, series, spin-off\*, termination, train, upshot; CONCEPTS 271,293, 824,832 —*Ant.* original

**sequence** [*n*] *series, order* arrangement, array, catenation, chain, classification, concatenation, consecution, consecutiveness, continuance, continuity, continuousness, course, cycle, disposition, distribution, flow, graduation, grouping, ordering, pecking order\*, perpetuity, placement, procession, progression, row, run, sequel, skein, streak, string, subsequence, succession, successiveness, track, train; CONCEPTS 721,727

**sequential** [*adj*] *occurring in an order* consecutive, constant, continuous, following, incessant, later, next, persistent, regular, sequent, serial, steady, subsequent, subsequential, succedent, succeeding, successive; CONCEPTS 482,548,585 —*Ant.* nonsequential

**sequester** [*v*] *isolate, seclude* cloister, close off, cut off, draw back, ensile, hide, insulate, island, secrete, segregate, separate, set apart, set off, withdraw; CONCEPTS 90,188 —*Ant.* bring out, make public, reveal, uncover

**serendipity** [*n*] *accidental discovery* blessing, break\*, dumb luck\*, fluke\*, good luck, happenstance, happy chance, luck, lucky break\*, stumbling upon, tripping over; CONCEPT 693

**serene** [*adj*] *calm, undisturbed* at peace, clear, collected, comfortable, composed, content, cool\*, cool as a cucumber\*, dispassionate, easy, easygoing, fair, halcyon, imperturbable,

laid-back\*, limpid, patient, peaceful, pellucid, phlegmatic, placid, poised, quiescent, quiet, reconciled, resting, satisfied, sedate, self-possessed, smooth, still, stoical, tranquil, unflappable, unruffled, untroubled; CONCEPTS 401,485 —*Ant.* agitated, disturbed, excited, troubled

**serenity** [*n*] *calm, peacefulness* calmness, composure, cool, patience, peace, peace of mind, placidity, quietness, quietude, stillness, tranquillity; CONCEPTS 633,673 —*Ant.* agitation, disruption, disturbance, excitement, trouble

**serf** [*n*] *slave* bondservant, bondsman/woman, chattel, laborer, peon, servant, vassal, villain, villein; CONCEPT 348

**serial** [*adj*] *in continuing order* consecutive, continual, continued, continuing, ensuing, following, going on, sequent, sequential, succedent, succeeding, successional, successive; CONCEPTS 482,585 —*Ant.* disordered

**series** [*n*] *order, succession* alternation, arrangement, array, category, chain, classification, column, consecution, continuity, course, file, gradation, group, line, list, procession, progression, range, row, run, scale, sequel, sequence, set, skein, streak, string, suit, suite, tier, train; CONCEPTS 721,727,769 —*Ant.* disorder, disorganization

**serious** [*adj*1] *somber, humorless* austere, bound, bound and determined\*, businesslike, cold sober\*, contemplative, deadpan\*, deliberate, determined, downbeat\*, earnest, funereal, genuine, go for broke\*, grave, grim, honest, intent, long-faced\*, meditative, no-nonsense\*, pensive, pokerfaced\*, reflective, resolute, resolved, sedate, set, severe, sincere, sober, solemn, staid, steady, stern, thoughtful, unhumorous, unsmiling, weighty; CONCEPTS 403, 542 —*Ant.* flippant, funny, happy, light

**serious** [*adj*2] *crucial, weighty* arduous, dangerous, deep, difficult, far-reaching, fateful, fell, formidable, grave, grievous, grim, hard, heavy, important, laborious, major, meaning business\*, meaningful, menacing, momentous, no joke\*, no laughing matter\*, of consequence, operose, out for blood\*, playing hard ball\*, pressing, severe, significant, smoking\*, sobering, strenuous, strictly business\*, threatening, tough, ugly, unamusing, unhumorous, urgent, worrying; CONCEPTS 538,565,568 —*Ant.* light, minor, trivial, unimportant, unserious

**seriously** [*adv*1] *not humorously* actively, all joking aside\*, cool it\*, cut the comedy\*, determinedly, down, earnestly, fervently, for real\*, gravely, in all conscience, in all seriousness, in earnest, intently, passionately, purposefully, resolutely, sedately, simmer down\*, sincerely, soberly, solemnly, sternly, straightened out, thoughtfully, vigorously, with a straight face\*, with forethought, with sobriety, zealously; CONCEPTS 535,542,544 —*Ant.* feebly, lightly

**seriously** [*adv*2] *dangerously, critically* acutely, badly, decidedly, deplorably, distressingly, gravely, grievously, harmfully, intensely, menacingly, perilously, precariously, quite, regrettably, severely, sorely, threateningly, very; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* casually, minor, trivially

**seriousness** [*n*1] *humorlessness* calmness, coolness, earnest, earnestness, gravity, intent-

ness, sedateness, serious-mindedness, sincerity, sober-mindedness, sobriety, solemnity, staidness, sternness, thoughtfulness; CONCEPTS 410,657 —*Ant.* funniness, humor, lightness

**seriousness** [*n*2] *danger; criticalness* enormity, gravity, importance, moment, significance, urgency, weight; CONCEPTS 668,675 —*Ant.* triviality, unimportance

**sermon** [*n*] *instructional speech with a moral* address, advice, discourse, doctrine, exhortation, harangue, homily, lecture, lesson, moralism, pastoral, preach, preaching, preachment, tirade; CONCEPTS 278,368

**serpentine** [*adj*] *winding; sly* anfractuuous, artful, cagey, circuitous, clever, coiling, convoluted, crafty, cunning, curved, curvy, foxy, indirect, mazy, meandering, meandrous, shrewd, sinuous, slick, slinky, snakelike,

snaky\*, subtle, supple, twisting, twisting and turning\*, wily; CONCEPTS 401,542,581

**serrated** [*adj*] *jagged* denticulate, indented, notched, ragged, sawlike, sawtooth, sawtoothed, scored, serrate, serried, serriform, serrulate, toothed; CONCEPT 486 —*Ant.* smooth

**servant** [*n*] *person who waits on another* assistant, attendant, cleaning person, dependent, domestic, drudge, help, helper, hireling, live-in, menial, minion, retainer, serf, server, slave; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* master

**serve** [*v*1] *aid, help; supply* arrange, assist, attend to be of assistance, be of use, care for, deal, deliver, dish up\*, distribute, do for, give, handle, hit, minister to, nurse, oblige, play, present, provide, provision, set out, succor, wait on, work for; CONCEPTS 110,136,140 —*Ant.* receive, take

**serve** [*v*2] *act, do* accept, agree, attend, be employed by, carry on, complete, discharge, follow, fulfill, function, go through, hearken, labor, obey, observe, officiate, pass, perform, subserv, toil, work; CONCEPT 91 —*Ant.* refrain, refuse

**serve** [*v*3] *subside; do the work of* advantage, answer, answer the purpose, apply, avail, be acceptable, be adequate, be good enough, benefit, be of use, be useful, content, do, do duty as, fill the bill\*, fit, function, make, profit, satisfy, service, suit, work, work for; CONCEPTS 656,658

**service** [*n*1] *aid, help* account, advantage, applicability, appropriateness, assistance, avail, benefit, business, check, courtesy, dispensation, duty, employ, employment, favor, fitness, indulgence, kindness, labor, maintenance, ministrations, office, overhaul, relevance, serviceability, servicing, supply, use, usefulness, utility, value, work; CONCEPTS 110,324,658 —*Ant.* damage, disservice, hurt, injury

**service** [*n*2] *rite of a church* ceremonial, ceremony, formality, function, liturgy, observance, ritual, sermon, worship; CONCEPT 368

**service** [*n*3] *time in military operation* action, active duty, combat, duty, fighting, sting; CONCEPTS 320,321

**serviceable** [*adj*] *useful, functional* advantageous, aiding, assistive, beneficial, convenient, dependable, durable, efficient, handy, hardwearing, helpful, invaluable, operative, practical, profitable, usable, utile, utilitarian, valuable;

CONCEPT 560 — *Ant.* unhelpful, unprofitable, unserviceable, useless, weak, worthless

**servile** [*adj*] *grovelling, subservient* abject, base, beggarly, bootlicking, craven, cringing, despicable, eating crow\*, eating humble pie\*, fawning, humble, ignoble, low, mean, obedient, obeisant, obsequious, passive, slavish, submissive, sycophantic, toadying, unctuous, unresisting; CONCEPTS 401,404 — *Ant.* aggressive, dominant

**servitude** [*n*] *slavery* bondage, bonds, chains, confinement, enslavement, obedience, peonage, serfdom, serfhood, subjection, subjugation, thrall, thralldom, vassalage, yoke; CONCEPTS 388,410 — *Ant.* mastery

**session** [*n*] *meeting, gathering* affair, assembly, concourse, conference, discussion, get-together, hearing, huddle, jam session\*, meet, period, showdown, sitting, term; CONCEPTS 114,324

**set** [*adj1*] *decided* agreed, appointed, arranged, bent, certain, concluded, confirmed, customary, dead set on\*, decisive, definite, determined, entrenched, established, firm, fixed, hanging tough\*, immovable, intent, inveterate, ironclad, locked in\*, obstinate, pat, pigheaded\*, pre-arranged, predetermined, prescribed, regular, resolute, resolved, rigid, rooted, scheduled, set in stone\*, settled, solid as a rock\*, specified, stated, steadfast, stiff-necked, stipulated, stubborn, unflappable, usual, well-set; CONCEPTS 535,542 — *Ant.* indefinite, undecided, unfixed

**set** [*adj2*] *firm, hardened; inflexible* entrenched, fixed, hard and fast, hidebound, immovable, jelled, located, placed, positioned, rigid, settled, sited, situate, situated, solid, stable, stiff, strict, stubborn, unyielding; CONCEPT 488 — *Ant.* flexible, movable, soft, unfixed

**set** [*n1*] *physical bearing* address, air, attitude, carriage, comportment, demeanor, deportment, fit, hang, inclination, mien, port, position, posture, presence, turn; CONCEPT 757

**set** [*n2*] *stage setting* flats, mise en scène, scene, scenery, setting, stage set; CONCEPT 263

**set** [*n3*] *group, assortment* array, assemblage, band, batch, body, bunch, bundle, camp, circle, clan, class, clique, clump, cluster, clutch, collection, company, compendium, coterie, crew, crowd, faction, gaggle, gang, kit, lot, mob, organization, outfit, pack, push, rat pack\*, sect, series; CONCEPTS 417,432,769 — *Ant.* individual, single

**set** [*v1*] *position, place* affix, aim, anchor, apply, arrange, bestow, cast, deposit, direct, embed, ensconce, establish, fasten, fix, head, insert, install, introduce, lay, level, locate, lock, lodge, make fast, make ready, mount, park, plank, plant, plop, plunk, point, post, prepare, put, rest, seat, settle, situate, spread, station, stick, train, turn, wedge, zero in\*; CONCEPTS 201,202 — *Ant.* displace, remove

**set** [*v2*] *decide upon* agree upon, allocate, allot, appoint, arrange, assign, conclude, decree, designate, determine, dictate, direct, establish, estimate, fix, fix price, impose, instruct, lay down, make, name, ordain, prescribe, price, rate, regulate, resolve, schedule, settle, specify, stipulate, value; CONCEPT 18

**set** [*v3*] *harden* become firm, cake, clot, coagulate, condense, congeal, crystallize, fix, gel, gelate, gelatinize, jell, jellyfy, jelly,

solidify, stiffen, thicken; CONCEPT 250

— *Ant.* liquefy, soften

**set** [*v4*] *decline* descend, dip, disappear, drop, go down, sink, subside, vanish; CONCEPT 181 — *Ant.* ascend, go up, rise

**set** [*v5*] *start, incite* abet, begin, commence, foment, initiate, instigate, provoke, put in motion, raise, set on\*, stir up\*, whip up\*; CONCEPT 221 — *Ant.* discourage, dissuade, end, finish, halt, hinder

**setback** [*n*] *disappointment* about-face\*, back-set, bath\*, blow, bottom, check, comedown, defeat, delay, difficulty, drawing board\*, flip-flop\*, hindrance, hitch\*, hold-up, impediment, misfortune, obstacle, rebuff, regress, regression, reversal, reversal of fortune, reverse, slowdown, stumbling block\*, trouble, upset, whole new ballgame\*; CONCEPTS 388,674,679 — *Ant.* achievement, advance, blessing, boon, boost, success

**set back** [*v*] *delay, hinder* bog down\*, decelerate, defeat, detain, embog, hang up\*, hold up, impede, mire, retard, reverse, slow, slow down, slow up; CONCEPT 130 — *Ant.* advance, forward

**setting** [*n*] *scene, background* ambience, backdrop, context, distance, environment, frame, framework, horizon, jungle, locale, location, mise en scène, mounting, perspective, set, shade, shadow, site, stage set, stage setting, surroundings; CONCEPTS 198,263

**settle** [*v1*] *straighten out, resolve* achieve, adjudicate, adjust, appoint, arrange, call the shots\*, choose, cinch, clean up, clear, clear up, clinch, come to a conclusion, come to a decision, come to an agreement, complete, concert, conclude, confirm, decide, determine, discharge, dispose, end, establish, figure, fix, form judgment, judge, make a decision, make certain, mediate, nail down\*, negotiate, order, pay, put an end to, put into order, reconcile, regulate, rule, satisfy, seal, set to rights, square, verify, work out; CONCEPTS 18,126,341 — *Ant.* confuse, mix up, unsettle

**settle** [*v2*] *calm, relieve* allay, assure, becalm, compose, lull, pacify, quell, quiet, quieten, reassure, relax, sedate, soothe, still, tranquilize; CONCEPTS 7,22,469 — *Ant.* confuse, trouble, upset, worry

**settle** [*v3*] *come to rest; fall* alight, bed down, decline, descend, flop, immerse, land, lay, light, lodge, perch, place, plop, plunge, put, repose, roost, seat, set down, settle down, sink, sit, submerge, submerge, subside, touch down; CONCEPT 181 — *Ant.* move

**settle** [*v4*] *make one's home* abide, colonize, dwell, establish, hang up one's hat\*, inhabit, keep house, live, locate, lodge, move to, park, put down roots\*, reside, set up home, squat, take root\*, take up residence; CONCEPT 226 — *Ant.* depart, leave, move

**settlement** [*n1*] *decision, conclusion* adjustment, agreement, arrangement, clearance, compact, compensation, completion, conclusion, confirmation, contract, covenant, deal, defrayal, determination, discharge, disposition, establishment, happy medium\*, liquidation, pay, payment, payoff, quietus, reimbursement, remuneration, resolution, satisfaction, slowdown, termination, trade-off, working out; CONCEPTS 230,684 — *Ant.* confusion, indecision

**settlement** [n2] *community* colonization, colony, encampment, establishment, foundation, habitation, hamlet, inhabitation, occupancy, occupation, outpost, plantation, principality, residence; CONCEPTS 512,515

**set up** [v] *start* arrange, assemble, back, begin, build, build up, compose, constitute, construct, create, elevate, erect, establish, excite, exhilarate, found, inaugurate, initiate, inspire, install, institute, introduce, launch, make provision for, open, organize, originate, prearrange, prepare, put together, put up, raise, rear, stimulate, strengthen, subsidize, usher in; CONCEPT 221 —*Ant.* conclude, end, finish

**sever** [v1] *cut apart* bisect, carve, cleave, cut, cut in two, detach, disconnect, disjoin, dissect, dis sever, dissociate, disunite, divide, part, rend, rive, separate, slice, split, sunder; CONCEPTS 98,176 —*Ant.* combine, join, unite

**sever** [v2] *dissociate* abandon, break off, disjoint, dissolve, divide, divorce, put an end to, separate, terminate; CONCEPTS 297,384 —*Ant.* associate, unite

**several** [adj] *assorted, various* a few, a lot, any, certain, considerable, definite, different, disparate, distinct, divers, diverse, handful, hardly any, indefinite, individual, infrequent, manifold, many, not many, numerous, only a few, particular, personal, plural, proportionate, quite a few, rare, respective, scant, scanty, scarce, scarcely any, separate, single, small number, some, sparse, special, specific, sundry; CONCEPTS 564,762 —*Ant.* individual, none, one, single

**severe** [adj1] *uncompromising, stern* astringent, austere, bitter, caustic, close, cold, cruel, cutting, disapproving, dour, earnest, firm, flinty, forbidding, grave, grim, hard, hard-nosed\*, harsh, inconsiderate, inexorable, inflexible, iron-handed, obdurate, oppressive, peremptory, pitiless, relentless, resolute, resolved, rigid, satirical, scathing, serious, sober, stern, stiff\*, strait-laced\*, strict, tight-lipped\*, unalterable, unbending, unchanging, unfeeling, unrelenting, unsmiling, unsparing; CONCEPTS 401,534,542 —*Ant.* amenable, compromising, easy-going, friendly, willing

**severe** [adj2] *difficult, harsh* acute, arduous, ascetic, austere, bitter, bleak, consequential, critical, dangerous, dear, demanding, despotic, distressing, domineering, drastic, effortful, exacting, extreme, fierce, forbidding, grave, grim, grinding, hard, heavy, hefty, implacable, inclement, intemperate, intense, mordant, oppressive, overbearing, pitiless, punishing, rigorous, rugged, serious, sharp, sore, strenuous, stringent, taxing, toilsome, tough, tyrannical, unpleasant, unrelenting, violent, weighty, wicked; CONCEPTS 565,569 —*Ant.* calm, easy, facile, mild, temperate

**severely** [adv] *harshly* acutely, badly, critically, dangerously, extremely, firmly, gravely, hard, hardly, intensely, markedly, painfully, rigorously, roughly, seriously, sharply, sorely, sternly, strictly, with an iron hand; CONCEPT 569 —*Ant.* compassionately, lightly

**sew** [v] *prepare fabric for clothing, covering* base, bind, embroider, fasten, piece, seam, stitch, tack, tailor, work; CONCEPT 218 —*Ant.* rip, tear

**sewage** [n] *waste* discharge, excess, excrement, garbage, junk, leavings, rubbish, runoff, slop, trash; CONCEPT 260

**sex** [n1] *male or female gender* femininity, manhood, manliness, masculinity, sexuality, womanhood, womanliness; CONCEPT 648

**sex** [n2] *intercourse between animate beings* birds and the bees\*, coition, coitus, copulation, facts of life\*, fornication, generation, intimacy, lovemaking, magnetism, procreation, relations, reproduction, sensuality, sexuality; CONCEPT 375 —*Ant.* abstinence, chastity

**sex appeal** [n] *magnetism* allure, appeal, attraction, attractiveness, charisma, charm, drawing power, enchantment, glamour, it\*, lure, pull, seductiveness; CONCEPTS 411,676

**sexism** [n] *sex discrimination* bias, bigotry, chauvinism, inequality, inequity, partiality, prejudice; CONCEPTS 29,689

**sexual** [adj] *concerning reproduction, intercourse* animal, animalistic, bestial, carnal, erotic, fleshly, generative, genital, genitive, intimate, loving, passionate, procreative, reproductive, sensual, sharing, veneral, voluptuous, wanton; CONCEPT 372 —*Ant.* asexual, nonsexual

**sexual assault** [n] *violation* date rape, grope, molestation, rape, ravishment, sex crime, sexual abuse; CONCEPTS 192,375

**sexual harassment** [n] *unwanted sexual advances* inappropriate behavior, sexual abuse, sexual pressure, suggestive comments, unprofessional behavior, victimization; CONCEPT 246

**sexually transmitted disease** [n] *STD* acquired immune deficiency syndrome, AIDS, chancroid, chlamydia, crab louse, crabs, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, herpes, herpes simplex, HIV, scabies, SIDA, social disease, syphilis, tabs dorsalis, VD, venereal disease; CONCEPT 306

**sexy** [adj] *being erotically attractive to another* arousing, come-hither\*, cuddly, flirtatious, hot\*, inviting, kissable, libidinous, mature, provocative, provoking, racy, risqué, seductive, sensual, sensuous, sleeky\*, spicy\*, steamy\*, suggestive, titillating, voluptuous; CONCEPT 372 —*Ant.* disgusting, unattractive, unsexy

**shabby** [adj1] *broken-down; in poor shape* bare, bedraggled, crummy, decayed, decaying, decrepit, degenerated, desolate, deteriorated, deteriorating, dilapidated, dingy, disfigured, disreputable, dog-eared\*, faded, frayed, gone to seed\*, mangy, meager, mean, miserable, moth-eaten, neglected, pitiful, poor, poverty-stricken, ragged, ramshackle, ratty, rickety, ruined, ruinous, run-down, scrubby, scruffy, seedy, shoddy, sleazy, slipshod, squalid, tacky, tattered, threadbare, tired, worn, worn-out, worse for wear\*, wretched; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* good, nice

**shabby** [adj2] *despicable* beggarly, cheap, contemptible, despicable, dirty, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, ignoble, ignominious, inconsiderate, inglorious, low, low-down, mean, mercenary, miserly, rotten, scummy, selfish, shady, shameful, shoddy, sordid, sorry, stingy, thoughtless, unkind, unworthy; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* honorable, respectable

**shack** [n] *shanty* cabin, camp, cottage, hut,

lean-to, shed, shelter, small house, tiny house; CONCEPT 516

**shackle** [*n*] *restraint* bracelet, chain, cuff, electronic ankle bracelet, fetter, handcuff, irons, leg-iron, manacle, rope, trammel; CONCEPTS 130,191,500

**shackle** [*v*] *restrain* bind, chain, confine, cuff, fetter, handcuff, hog-tie\*, hold, hold captive, manacle, put a straitjacket on\*, secure, tie up, trammel; CONCEPTS 130,191

**shade** [*n1*] *dimness* adumbration, blackness, coolness, cover, darkness, dusk, gloominess, obscuration, obscurity, penumbra, screen, semi-darkness, shadiness, shadow, shadows, umbra, umbrage; CONCEPT 620 —*Ant.* brightness, light

**shade** [*n2*] *blind, shield* awning, canopy, cover, covering, curtain, screen, veil; CONCEPT 445

**shade** [*n3*] *color, hue* brilliance, cast, saturation, stain, tinge, tint, tone; CONCEPTS 620,622

**shade** [*n4*] *slight difference* amount, cast, dash, degree, distinction, gradation, hint, nuance, proposal, semblance, soupçon, spice, streak, suggestion, suspicion, tincture, tinge, trace, variation, variety; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* gap

**shade** [*n5*] *ghost* apparition, bogey, haunt, manes, phantasm, phantom, revenant, shadow, specter, spirit, umbra, wraith; CONCEPT 370

**shade** [*v*] *shut out the light* adumbrate, be overcast, blacken, cast a shadow, cloud, cloud over, cloud up, conceal, cover, darken, deepen, dim, eclipse, gray, hide, inumbrate, mute, obscure, overshadow, protect, screen, shadow, shelter, shield, shutter, tone down, umbrage, veil; CONCEPTS 250,526 —*Ant.* open

**shadow** [*n1*] *darkness* adumbration, cover, dark, dimness, dusk, gloom, obscuration, obscurity, penumbra, protection, shade, shelter, umbra, umbrage; CONCEPTS 620,622 —*Ant.* brightness, light

**shadow** [*n2*] *hint, suggestion* breath, intimation, memento, relic, smack, suspicion, tincture, tinge, touch, trace, vestige; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* information

**shadow** [*v1*] *make dark* adumbrate, becloud, bedim, cast a shadow, cloud, darken, dim, gray, haze, inumbrate, obscure, overcast, overcloud, overhang, overshadow, screen, shade, shelter, shield, umbrage, veil; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* brighten, lighten

**shadow** [*v2*] *follow secretly* dog, keep in sight, pursue, spy on, stalk, tag, tail, trail, watch; CONCEPT 207

**shady** [*adj1*] *dark, covered* adumbral, bosky, cloudy, cool, dim, dusky, indistinct, leafy, out of the sun\*, screened, shaded, shadowed, shadowy, sheltered, umbrageous, umbrous, under a cloud, vague; CONCEPTS 485,617 —*Ant.* bright, light, open

**shady** [*adj2*] *disreputable, suspicious* crooked, disgraceful, dishonest, dishonorable, dubious, fishy, ignominious, infamous, inglorious, notorious, questionable, scandalous, shabby, shameful, shifty, shoddy, slippery, suspect, underhanded, unethical, unrespectable, unscrupulous, untrustworthy; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* aboveboard, honorable, reputable, respectable

**shaggy** [*adj*] *hairy, unkempt* furry, hirsute, long-haired, ragged, rough, ruffled, rugged,

uncombed, unshorn; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* kempt, shaven, smooth

**shake** [*v1*] *quiver, tremble* agitate, brandish, bump, chatter, churn, commove, concuss, convulse, discompose, disquiet, disturb, dither, dodder, flap, flicker, flit, flitter, flourish, fluctuate, flutter, jar, jerk, jog, joggle, jolt, jounce, move, oscillate, palpitate, perturb, quail, quake, quaver, rattle, reel, rock, roll, ruffle, set in motion, shimmer, shimmy, shiver, shudder, stagger, stir up, succuss, sway, swing, totter, tremor, twitter, upset, vibrate, waggle, water, wave, whip, wobble; CONCEPTS 150,152

**shake** [*v2*] *upset deeply* appall, bother, conternate, daunt, discompose, dismay, distress, disturb, frighten, horrify, impair, intimidate, jar, knock props out\*, make waves\*, move, rattle, throw, throw a curve\*, undermine, unnerve, unsettle, unstring, upset, weaken, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* calm, placate, soothe

**shake off** [*v*] *lose by getting away* clear, dislodge, drop, elude, get away from, get rid of, give the slip\*, leave behind, remove, rid oneself of, throw off, unburden; CONCEPTS 102,195 —*Ant.* appear, present

**shake up** [*v*] *upset, unsettle* agitate, break with past\*, cause revolution\*, churn up\*, clean out, clean up, clear out, disturb, liquidate, make a clean sweep\*, mix, overturn, purge, remove, reorganize, rid, shock, stir up, turn upside down\*; CONCEPTS 14,324 —*Ant.* calm, placate, soothe

**shaky** [*adj1*] *trembling* all aquiver\*, aquake, aquiver, ashake, faltering, fluctuant, infirm, insecure, jellylike, jerry-built\*, jittery, nervous, not set, precarious, quaking, quivery, rattletrap, rickety, rocky, rootless, shaking, tottering, tottery, tremorous, tremulous, tumbledown, unfirm, unsettled, unsound, unstable, unsteady, unsure, vacillating, wavering, weak, wobbly, yielding; CONCEPT 488 —*Ant.* firm, steady, unshaky, unwavering

**shaky** [*adj2*] *doubtful* dubious, indecisive, not dependable, not reliable, precarious, problematic, questionable, suspect, uncertain, unclear, undependable, unreliable, unsettled, unsound, unsteady, unsupported, unsure; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* certain, firm, indubious, sure

**shallow** [*adj1*] *not deep* cursory, depthless, empty, flat, hollow, inconsiderable, sand bar, shelf, shoal, slight, superficial, surface, trifling, trivial, unsound; CONCEPTS 737,777 —*Ant.* deep

**shallow** [*adj2*] *unintelligent, ignorant* cursory, empty, empty-headed, farcical, featherbrained, flighty, flimsy, foolish, frivolous, frothy, half-baked\*, hollow, idle, inane, lightweight, meaningless, paltry, petty, piddling, puerile, simple, sketchy, skin-deep\*, slight, superficial, surface, trifling, trivial, uncritical, unthinking, vain, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* aware, considered, deep, intelligent, thoughtful

**sham** [*adj*] *artificial, counterfeit* adulterated, affected, assumed, bogus\*, dummy, ersatz\*, fake, false, feigned, fictitious, forged, fraudulent, imitation, lying, make-believe, misleading, mock, phony, plaster\*, pretend, pretended, pseudo\*, simulated, so-called, spurious, substitute, synthetic, untrue; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* real, true

**sham** [*n*] *hoax, trick* burlesque, cant, caricature,

cheat, counterfeit, cover-up, deceit, deception, facade, fake, fakery, false front, farce, feint, flimflam\*, forgery, fraud, hypocrisy, hypocriticalness, imitation, impostor, imposture, jive\*, mock, mockery, pharisaism, phoniness, pretend, pretense, pretext, pseudo\*, put-on, sell, smoke\*, snow job\*, spoof, travesty, whitewash; CONCEPTS 59,192

**sham** [v] *trick; pull a hoax* act, affect, ape, assume, bluff, copy, counterfeit, create, do a number\*, fake, fake it, feign, imitate, invent, lie, make like, mislead, mock, play possum\*, pretend, put on, put up a front\*, shuck and jive\*, simulate, sucker\*; CONCEPTS 59,111,171 —*Ant.* tell truth

**shaman** [n] *religious specialist* healer, medicine man, priest, sorcerer, witch doctor; CONCEPT 361

**shambles** [n] *a mess* anarchy, babel, bedlam, botch, chaos, confusion, disarray, disorder, disorganization, hash, havoc, hodge-podge, mad-house, maelstrom, mess-up, mix-up, muddle; CONCEPTS 230,674 —*Ant.* order, organization

**shame** [n] *disgrace, embarrassment* abashment, bad conscience\*, blot, chagrin, compunction, confusion, contempt, contrition, degradation, derision, discomposure, discredit, disesteem, dishonor, disrepute, guilt, humiliation, ignominy, ill repute, infamy, irritation, loss of face\*, mortification, obloquy, odium, opprobrium, pang, pudency, remorse, reproach, scandal, self-disgust, self-reproach, self-reproof, shamefacedness, skeleton in the cupboard\*, smear, stigma, stupefaction, teachery; CONCEPTS 388,410 —*Ant.* honor, pride, respect

**shame** [v] *disgrace, embarrass* abash, blot, confound, cut down to size\*, debase, defile, degrade, disconcert, discredit, dishonor, give a black eye\*, humble, humiliate, mortify, reproach, ridicule, shoot down\*, smear, stain, take down\*, take down a peg\*; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* be proud, honor, regard, respect

**shamefaced** [adj] *embarrassed* abashed, chagrined, disgraced, guilty, humble, humbled, humiliated, mortified, regretful, shamed, sorry; CONCEPT 550

**shameful** [adj] *atrocious; disreputable* base, carnal, contemptible, corrupt, dastardly, debauched, degrading, diabolical, disgraceful, dishonorable, drunken, embarrassing, flagrant, heinous, humiliating, ignominious, immodest, immoral, impure, indecent, infamous, intemperate, lewd, low, mean, mortifying, notorious, obscene, opprobrious, outrageous, profligate, reprehensible, reprobate, ribald, scandalous, shaming, shocking, sinful, unbecoming, unclean, unworthy, vile, villainous, vulgar, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,545,571 —*Ant.* good, reputable, respectable

**shameless** [adj] *corrupt, indecent* abandoned, arrant, audacious, barefaced, bold, brash, brassy, brazen, cheeky\*, depraved, dissolute, flagrant, forward, hardened, high-handed\*, immodest, immoral, improper, impudent, incorrigible, insolent, lewd, outrageous, overbold, presumptuous, profligate, reprobate, rude, unabashed, unashamed, unblushing, unchaste, unprincipled, wanton; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* decent, good, moral

**shanghai** [v] *kidnap* abduct, capture, carry away, carry off, grab, hijack, hold for ransom, pirate, run away with, seize, skyjack, snatch; CONCEPTS 90,139

**Shangri-la** [n] *utopia* Arcadia, bliss, Eden, Elysian Fields\*, Erewhon\*, Garden of Eden, heaven, paradise, promised land\*, seventh heaven, Xanadu; CONCEPTS 370,689

**shanty** [n] *shack* cabin, camp, cottage, hut, lean-to, shed, shelter, small house, tiny house; CONCEPT 516

**shape** [n1] *form, structure* appearance, architecture, aspect, body, build, cast, chassis, circumscription, configuration, conformation, constitution, construction, contour, cut, embodiment, figure, format, frame, guise, likeness, lineation, lines, look, make, metamorphosis, model, mold, outline, pattern, profile, semblance, shadow, silhouette, simulacrum, stamp, symmetry; CONCEPTS 436,754,757

**shape** [n2] *condition, health* case, estate, fettle, fitness, kilter, order, repair, state, trim, whack\*; CONCEPTS 316,720

**shape** [v1] *form, create* assemble, block out, bring together, build, carve, cast, chisel, construct, crystallize, cut, embody, fabricate, fashion, forge, frame, hew, knead, make, mint, model, mold, pat, pattern, produce, roughhew, sculpture, sketch, stamp, streamline, throw together\*, trim, whittle; CONCEPTS 137,184 —*Ant.* deform, destroy

**shape** [v2] *devise, plan* accommodate, adapt, become, define, develop, form, frame, grow, guide, modify, prepare, regulate, remodel, tailor, take form, work up; CONCEPT 36 —*Ant.* neglect

**shapeless** [adj] *formless* abnormal, amorphic, amorphous, anomalous, asymmetrical, baggy, deformed, disfigured, embryonic, ill-formed, inchoate, indefinite, indeterminate, indistinct, invisible, irregular, malformed, mishpang, mutilated, nebulous, undeveloped, unformed, ungraceful, unmade, unshapely, unstructured, unsymmetrical, vague, without character, without form; CONCEPTS 486,589 —*Ant.* formed, proportioned, shapely, symmetrical

**shapely** [adj] *well-proportioned* balanced, beautiful, built, comely, curvaceous, elegant, full-figured, graceful, neat, pleasing, proportioned, regular, rounded, slightly, statuesque, sylphlike, symmetrical, trim, well-formed, well-turned; CONCEPTS 406,490 —*Ant.* deformed, disfigured, disproportioned, formless, shapeless, unshapely

**share** [n] *portion, allotment* allowance, apportionment, bite, chunk, claim, commission, contribution, cut, cut in, cut up, divide, dividend, division, divvy\*, dose, drag\*, due, end, fifty-fifty\*, fraction, fragment, halver, helping, heritage, interest, lagniappe, lot, measure, meed, parcel, part, partage, percentage, piece, pittance, plum, points, proportion, quantum, quota, quotient, quorum, rake-off\*, ration, segment, serving, slice, split, stake, taste, whack\*; CONCEPTS 710,835 —*Ant.* whole

**share** [v] *use in common with others* accord, administer, allot, apportion, assign, be a party to, bestow, cut the pie\*, deal, dispense, distribute, divide, divide with, divvy\*, divvy up\*,

dole out, experience, give and take, give out, go Dutch\*, go fifty-fifty\*, go halves\*, go in with, have a hand in, have a portion of, mete out, parcel out, part, partake, participate, portion, pay half, piece up, prorate, quota, ration, receive, shift, slice, slice up, split, split up, take a part of, yield; CONCEPTS 98,100,384 —*Ant.* be selfish, hold, keep

**sharp** [adj1] *knifelike, cutting* aciculate, acuminate, acuminous, acute, apical, barbed, briery, cusped, cuspidate, edged, fine, ground fine, honed, horned, jagged, keen, keen-edged, knife-edged, needlelike, needle-pointed, peaked, pointed, pointy, prickly, pronged, razor-sharp, salient, serrated, sharp-edged, sharpened, spiked, spiky, spiny, splintery, stinging, tapered, tapering, thorny, tined, tipped, unblunted, whetted; CONCEPT 486 —*Ant.* blunt, dull

**sharp** [adj2] *sudden* abrupt, distinct, extreme, intense, marked; CONCEPTS 581,799 —*Ant.* lazy, slow

**sharp** [adj3] *perceptive, quick-witted* acute, adroit, alert, apt, astute, brainy, bright, brilliant, canny, clever, critical, cute, discerning, discriminating, fast, foxy\*, having smarts\*, ingenious, intelligent, keen, knowing, nimble, nobody's fool\*, not born yesterday\*, observant, on the ball\*, original, penetrating, penetrative, quick, quick on the trigger\*, quick on the uptake\*, ready, resourceful, savvy\*, sensitive, slick, smart, smart as a tack\*, subtle, wise; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* ignorant, stupid, unintelligent

**sharp** [adj4] *dishonest, deceitful* artful, bent, crafty, cunning, designing, ornery, salty, shady, shrewd, slick, slippery, sly, smart, snaky, two-faced\*, underhand, unethical, unscrupulous, wily; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* aboveboard, forthright, frank, honest

**sharp** [adj5] *severe, intense* acute, agonizing, biting, cutting, distinct, distressing, drilling, excruciating, fierce, keen, knifelike, painful, paralyzing, penetrating, piercing, shooting, smart, sore, stabbing, stinging, violent; CONCEPTS 537,569 —*Ant.* calm, mild, moderate

**sharp** [adj6] *distinct, well-defined* audible, clear, clear-cut, crisp, definite, explicit, obvious, visible; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* indefinite, indistinct, undefined

**sharp** [adj7] *stylish* chic, classy, dashing, distinctive, dressy, excellent, fashionable, fine, first-class\*, fly\*, in style, smart, snappy\*, swank\*, tony\*, trendy; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* boring, old-fashioned, unstylish

**sharp** [adj8] *hurtful, bitter in speech* acrimonious, angry, barbed, biting, caustic, cutting, double-edged, harsh, incisive, inconsiderate, penetrating, peppery, piercing, pointed, pungent, sarcastic, sardonic, scathing, severe, short, stabbing, stinging, tart, thoughtless, trenchant, unceremonious, ungracious, virulent, vitriolic; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* benevolent, kind, nice

**sharp** [adj9] *having strong affect on animate senses* acerbic, acid, acid, active, astringent, austere, bitter, brisk, burning, harsh, hot, lively, odorous, piquant, pungent, sour, strong-smelling, suffocating, tart, vigorous, vinegary; CONCEPTS 537,598,613 —*Ant.* bland, calm, dull, flat, low, mild, moderate, tasteless

**sharp** [adv] *on time* abruptly, accurately, bang,

exactly, just, on the button\*, on the dot\*, precisely, promptly, punctually, right, smack-dab\*, square, squarely, suddenly; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* late

**sharpen** [v] *make knifelike* acuminate, dress, edge, file, grind, hone, make acute, make sharp, put an edge on, put a point on, sharp, stroke, strop, taper, whet; CONCEPTS 137,250 —*Ant.* blunt, dull

**sharp-tongued** [adj] *critical* belittling, biting, carping, censuring, condemning, cursing, cutting, cynical, demeaning, derogatory, harsh, hypercritical, mean, nasty, sarcastic, satirical; CONCEPT 267

**shatter** [v1] *break into small pieces* blast, blight, burst, crack, crash, crunch, crush, dash, demolish, destroy, disable, exhaust, explode, fracture, fragment, fragmentalize, fragmentize, impair, implode, overturn, pulverize, rend, rive, ruin, scrunch, shiver, smash, smash to smithereens\*, smatter, snap, splinter, splinterize\*, split, torpedo\*, total\*, wrack up\*, wreck; CONCEPTS 246,252 —*Ant.* fix, mend

**shatter** [v2] *hurt someone badly* break a heart\*, crush, destroy, devastate, dumbfound, rattle, ruin, upset; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help

**shave** [v] *cut outer covering off* barber, brush, clip, crop, cut, cut back, cut down, decorticate, graze, kiss, make bare, pare, peel, plane, prune, shear, shingle, shred, skim, skin, slash, slice thin, sliver, strip, touch, trim; CONCEPTS 137,162,176,202

**shave** [v] *clip, cut* crop, cut back, fleece, groom, mow, pare, prune, shave, shorten, snip, trim; CONCEPTS 137,176

**shed** [v] *cast off* afford, beam, cashier, cast, diffuse, disburden, discard, doff, drop, emit, exude, exuviate, give, give forth, jettison, junk, let fall, molt, pour forth, radiate, reject, scatter, scrap, send forth, shower, slip, slough, spill, sprinkle, take off, throw, throw away, throw out, yield; CONCEPTS 179,180,181,211 —*Ant.* put on

**sheen** [n] *brightness, shine* burnish, finish, glaze, gleam, glint, gloss, luster, patina, polish, shimmer, shininess, wax; CONCEPT 620 —*Ant.* darkness, dullness

**sheepish** [adj] *shy, embarrassed* abashed, ashamed, chagrined, diffident, docile, foolish, guilty, mortified, retiring, self-conscious, shamefaced, silly, tame, timid, timorous, uncomfortable; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* aggressive, bold, unashamed, unembarrassed

**sheer** [adj1] *abrupt, steep* arduous, erect, headlong, perpendicular, precipitate, precipitous, sideling, upright; CONCEPTS 490,581 —*Ant.* moderate, slow

**sheer** [adj2] *utter, absolute* altogether, arrant, blasted, blessed, complete, confounded, downright, gross, infernal, out-and-out\*, outright, perfect, pure, quite, rank, simple, single, thoroughgoing, total, unadulterated, unalloyed, undiluted, unmitigated, unmixed, unqualified; CONCEPTS 531,535,544 —*Ant.* indefinite, uncertain

**sheer** [adj3] *see-through, thin* airy, chiffon, clear, cobwebby, delicate, diaphanous, filmy, fine, flimsy, fragile, gauzy, gossamer, lacy,

limpid, lucid, pellucid, pure, slight, smooth, soft, tiffany, translucent, transparent; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* heavy, impermeable, thick

**sheet** [n] *coating, covering; page area, blanket, coat, expanse, film, foil, folio, lamina, layer, leaf, membrane, overlay, pane, panel, piece, plate, ply, slab, stratum, stretch, surface, sweep, veneer*; CONCEPTS 172,270,475,484

**shelf** [n] *jutting, flat area or piece bank, bracket, console, counter, cupboard, ledge, mantelpiece, mantle, rack, reef, ridge, rock, shallow, shoal*; CONCEPTS 445,509,513

**shell** [n] *structure; covering carapace, case, chassis, crust, frame, framework, hull, husk, integument, nut, pericarp, plastron, pod, scale, shard, shuck, skeleton, skin*; CONCEPTS 399,428, 484 —*Ant.* center, inside, interior, middle

**shell out** [v] *give ante up, disburse, expend, fork over\**, hand over, lay out, outlay, pay, pay for, pay out, spend; CONCEPT 341 —*Ant.* receive, take

**shelter** [n] *protection, habitat* apartment, asylum, cave, condo, co-op, cover, covert, crib\*, defense, den, digs\*, dwelling, guard, guardian, harbor, harborage, haven, hermitage, hide, hideaway, hideout, hole in the wall\*, home, home-plate\*, house, housing, hut, joint\*, lodging, pad\*, pen, port, preserve, protector, quarterage, rack, refuge, retirement, retreat, roof, roof over head\*, roost\*, safety, sanctuary, screen, security, shack, shade, shadow, shed, shield, tent, tower, turf, umbrella; CONCEPTS 515,712

**shelter** [v] *provide safety, cover* chamber, conceal, cover up, defend, enclose, guard, harbor, haven, hide, house, lodge, preserve, protect, roof, safeguard, screen, secure, shield, surround, take care of, take in, ward, watch over; CONCEPTS 134,188 —*Ant.* turn away

**shelve** [v] *defer, postpone* delay, dismiss, drop, freeze\*, give up, hang up, hold, hold off, hold over, hold up, lay aside, mothball\*, pigeon-hole\*, prolong, prorogue, put aside, put off, put on back burner\*, put on hold, put on ice\*, scrub\*, sideline, slow up, stay, suspend, table, tie up, waive; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* carry out, do, go ahead

**shenanigans** [n] *mischievous antics, capers, dirty trick\*, fooling around, frolicsomeness, funny business\*, gag, hanky-panky\*, high jinks\*, horseplay, horsing around, misbehavior, mischievousness, monkey business\*, naughtiness, nonsense, prank, trouble, vandalism*; CONCEPTS 192,633,645

**shield** [n] *protection* absorber, aegis, armament, armor, buckler, buffer, bulwark, bumper, cover, defense, escutcheon, guard, mail, rampart, safeguard, screen, security, shelter, ward; CONCEPTS 712,729

**shield** [v] *protect* bulwark, chamber, conceal, cover, cover all bases\*, cover up, defend, fend, give cover, give shelter, go to bat for\*, guard, harbor, haven, house, ride shotgun\*, roof, safeguard, screen, secure, shelter, shotgun\*, stonewall\*, take under one's wing\*, ward off; CONCEPTS 96,134 —*Ant.* endanger, lay bare, open, uncover

**shift** [n1] *switch, fluctuation* about-face\*, alteration, bend, change, changeover, conversion, deflection, deviation, displacement, double,

fault, modification, move, passage, permutation, rearrangement, removal, shifting, substitution, tack, transfer, transference, transformation, transit, translocation, turn, variation, veering, yaw; CONCEPTS 213,697 —*Ant.* deactivation, maintenance, stagnation

**shift** [n2] *trick, stratagem* artifice, contrivance, craft, device, dodge, equivocation, evasion, expediency, expeditious, gambit, hoax, makeshift, maneuver, move, ploy, recourse, refuge, resort, resource, ruse, stopgap\*, strategy, substitute, subterfuge, wile; CONCEPTS 59,660

**shift** [n3] *time served doing work* bout, go, period, spell, stint, time, tour, trick, turn, working time; CONCEPT 802

**shift** [v] *switch, fluctuate* about-face\*, alter, blow hot and cold\*, bottom out\*, budge, change, change gears, cook\*, deviate, dial back\*, dislocate, displace, disturb, do up\*, drift, exchange, fault, flip-flop\*, hem and haw\*, move, move around, move over, rearrange, recalibrate, relocate, remove, replace, reposition, ship, shuffle, slip, stir, substitute, swap places, swerve, switch over, tack, transfer, transmute, transpose, turn, turn around, turn the corner\*, turn the tables\*, vacillate, vary, veer, waffle, yo-yo\*; CONCEPTS 213,232,697 —*Ant.* deactivate, remain, stagnate

**shiftless** [adj] *lazy* apathetic, dallying, directionless, good-for-nothing, idle, inattentive, incompetent, indolent, lackadaisical, laggard, lagging, lethargic, lifeless, loafing, procrastinating, slack, slothful, unambitious, unenergetic, unindustrious, unmotivated; CONCEPTS 401,404

**shifty** [adj] *deceitful, untrustworthy* cagey, collusive, conniving, contriving, crafty, crooked, cunning, devious, dishonest, dodging, duplicitous, elusive, equivocating, evasive, fly-by-night\*, foxy, fraudulent, furtive, insidious, lying, mendacious, prevaricative, prevaricator, roguish, scheming, shady, shrewd, shuffling, slick, slimy\*, slippery, sly, sneaky, treacherous, tricky, underhand, dishonest, unprincipled, untruthful, wily; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* forthright, frank, honest, trustworthy

**shimmer** [n] *gleam* blinking, coruscation, diffused light, flash, glimmer, glint, glisten, glitter, gloss, glow, incandescence, iridescence, luster, phosphorescence, scintillation, sheen, spangle, spark, sparkle, twinkle; CONCEPTS 620,624 —*Ant.* dullness

**shimmer** [v] *glisten* blaze, coruscate, dance, flare, flash, gleam, glint, glow, jiggle, phosphoresce, scintillate, shimmy, shine, sparkle, twinkle; CONCEPT 624

**shindig** [n] *party* affair, ball, banquet, barbecue, bash\*, blowout\*, celebration, dance, dinner, feast, festivity, function, gala, get-together, reception, shindy, social gathering; CONCEPT 383

**shine** [n] *brightness; polish* flash, glare, glaze, gleam, glint, glitz, gloss, lambency, light, luminosity, luster, patina, radiance, rub, sheen, shimmer, show, sparkle; CONCEPT 620 —*Ant.* darkness, dullness

**shine** [v1] *give off or reflect light* beam, bedazzle, blaze, blink, burn, dazzle, deflect, emit light, flare, flash, flicker, give light, glare, gleam, glimmer, glisten, glitter, glow, illuminate, illumine, incandesce, irradiate, luminesce,



mirror, radiate, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, twinkle; CONCEPT 624 —*Ant.* dull

**shine** [v2] *polish, burnish* brush, buff, buff up, finish, furbish, give a sheen, glance, glaze, gloss, make brilliant, put a finish on, put a gloss on, rub, scour, sleek, wax; CONCEPT 202 —*Ant.* dull

**shiny** [adj] *bright, glistening* gleam, burnished, clear, gleaming, glossy, lustrous, polished, satiny, sheeny, slick, sparkling, sunny; CONCEPT 617 —*Ant.* dark, dull

**ship** [v] *send, transport* address, consign, direct, dispatch, drop, embark, export, forward, freight, go aboard, haul, move, put on board, remit, route, shift, ship out, smuggle, transfer, transmit; CONCEPTS 148,217 —*Ant.* hold, keep

**shipshape** [adj] *tidy* businesslike, chipper, clean, in good shape, in tip-top condition, neat, ordered, orderly, spick-and-span\*, trim, uncluttered, well-groomed, well-kept; CONCEPTS 485,585,621

**shirk** [v] *avoid, get out of responsibility* bypass, cheat, creep, dodge, dog\*, duck, elude, eschew, evade, fence, get around, goldbrick\*, lie down on job\*, lurk, malingering, parry, pussyfoot\*, quit, shuffle off, shun, sidestep, skulk, slack, slink, slip, slough off, snake, sneak, steal; CONCEPTS 30,59,681 —*Ant.* do, face, meet

**shirker** [n] *slacker* avoider, bum, deadbeat\*, goldbrick, good-for-nothing, goof-off\*, idler, loafer, quitter, slouch; CONCEPTS 412,423

**shiver** [v1] *shake, tremble* be cold, dither, flutter, freeze, have the quivers, have the shakes, palpitate, quake, quaver, quiver, shudder, tremor, twitter, vibrate, wave; CONCEPTS 152,185 —*Ant.* steady

**shiver** [v2] *shatter; break into small pieces* burst, crack, fragment, fragmentalize, pash, rive, smash, smash to smithereens\*, smatter, splinter, splinterize\*; CONCEPTS 246,252 —*Ant.* fix, mend

**shock** [n] *complete surprise; blow* awe, bombshell\*, breakdown, bump, clash, collapse, collision, concussion, confusion, consternation, crash, distress, disturbance, double whammy\*, earthquake, encounter, excitement, eye-opener\*, hysteria, impact, injury, jarring, jolt, percussion, prostration, ram, scare, start, stroke, stupefaction, stupor, trauma, traumatism, turn, upset, whammy\*, wreck; CONCEPTS 33,309,529 —*Ant.* expectation

**shock** [v] *completely surprise* abash, agitate, anger, antagonize, appall, astound, awe, bowl over\*, daze, disgust, dismay, displease, disquiet, disturb, electrify, flabbergast, flood, floor\*, give a turn\*, hit like ton of bricks\*, horrify, insult, jar, jolt, knock out\*, nauseate, numb, offend, outrage, overcome, overwhelm, paralyze, revolt, rock, scandalize, shake, shake up, sicken, stagger, startle, stun, stupefy, throw a curve\*, traumatize, unsettle; CONCEPT 42

**shocking** [adj] *outrageous; very surprising* abominable, appalling, atrocious, awful, burning, crying, desperate, detestable, direful, disgraceful, disgusting, disquieting, distressing, dreadful, fearful, formidable, foul, frightful, ghastly, glaring, hateful, heinous, hideous, horrible, horrific, horrifying, loathsome, monstrous, nauseating, odious, offensive, repulsive,

revolting, scandalous, shameful, sickening, stupefying, terrible, ugly, unspeakable; CONCEPTS 548,571 —*Ant.* calming, comforting, soothing

**shoddy** [adj] *in bad shape* base, broken-down, cheap, cheesy\*, common, dilapidated, dingy, discreditable, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, gaudy, ignominious, inferior, inglorious, junky, makeshift, mean, not up to snuff\*, paltry, plastic, poor, pretentious, run-down, scruffy\*, second-rate\*, seedy, shabby, shady, shameful, sleazy\*, slipshod, tacky\*, tawdry, trashy, unrespectable; CONCEPTS 485,571 —*Ant.* fine, good, nice

**shoe** [n] *footwear* basketball shoe, boat shoe, boot, cleat, clog, cowboy boot, flip-flops\*, footwear, golf shoe, high heels, hightops\*, loafer, moccasin, penny loafer, platform shoe, pump, running shoe, sandals, slipper, sneaker, tennis shoe, wing-tip, work shoe; CONCEPT 451

**shoot** [v1] *discharge a projectile, often to injure or kill* bag\*, barrage, blast, bombard, bring down, catapult, dispatch, drop the hammer\*, emit, execute, expel, explode, fire, fling, gun, hit, hurl, ignite, kill, launch, let fly, let go with, loose, murder, open fire\*, open up\*, pick off\*, plug, pop\*, project, propel, pull the trigger, pump\*, set off, throw lead\*, torpedo, trigger, zap\*; CONCEPTS 179,246,252 —*Ant.* backfire

**shoot** [v2] *dash* boil, bolt, charge, chase, dart, flash, fling, fly, gallop, hoofcut\*, hurry, hurtle, lash, pass, race, reach, run, rush, scoot, skirr, speed, spring, spurt, streak, tear, whisk, whiz; CONCEPTS 150,152 —*Ant.* walk

**shoot the breeze** [v] *chat, converse* BS\*, chatter, chew the fat\*, gab\*, palaver, prate, prattle\*, run off at the mouth\*, schmooze\*, shoot the bull\*, yack\*, yap\*; CONCEPT 266

**shop** [n] *place of retail business* boutique, chain, deli, department store, emporium, five-and-dime, market, mill, outlet, showroom, stand, store, supermarket; CONCEPTS 439,441,448,449

**shop** [v] *look for merchandise to buy* buy, go shopping, hunt for, look for, market, purchase, try to buy; CONCEPTS 327,330 —*Ant.* sell

**shopkeeper** [n] *merchant* businessperson, dealer, entrepreneur, proprietor, retailer, salesperson, seller, storekeeper, store owner, vendor, wholesaler; CONCEPT 347

**shoplift** [v] *steal* burglarize, carry off, defraud, embezzle, heist, hold up, lift\*, loot, make off with\*, pilfer, pillage, pinch\*, rip off\*, run off with\*, snatch\*, stick up\*, swipe, take, walk off with\*; CONCEPT 139

**shopper** [n] *customer* browser, buyer, client, clientele, consumer, patron, prospect, purchaser, window-shopper; CONCEPT 348

**shopping** [n] *buying* browsing, e-commerce, electronic commerce, purchasing, spending; CONCEPT 327

**shopping center** [n] *concentrated area for shopping* agora, arcade, bazaar, emporium, fair, flea market, galleria, mall, marketplace, mart, piazza, shopping complex, shopping mall, shopping plaza, strip mall; CONCEPT 333

**shore** [n] *waterside* bank, beach, border, brim, brink, coast, coastland, embankment, lakeshore, lakeside, littoral, margin, riverbank, riverside, sand, sands, seaboard, seacoast,

seashore, shingle, strand, waterfront; CONCEPT 509 —*Ant.* inland

**shore** [v] *reinforce* bear up, bolster, brace, bulwark, buttress, carry, hold, prop, strengthen, support, sustain, underpin, uphold, uphold; CONCEPT 110 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade, ruin

**short** [adj1] *abridged* abbreviate, abbreviated, aphoristic, bare, boiled down, brevilouquent, brief, compendiarly, compendious, compressed, concise, condensed, curtailed, curtate, cut short, cut to the bone\*, decreased, decurcate, diminished, epigrammatic, fleeting, in a nutshell\*, laconic, lessened, little, momentary, not protracted, pithy, pointed, precise, sententious, short and sweet\*, shortened, short-lived, short-term, succinct, summarized, summary, terse, undersized, unprolonged, unsustainable; CONCEPTS 267, 272, 798 —*Ant.* large, lengthy, long, unabridged

**short** [adj2] *not tall* abbreviated, chunky, close to the ground, compact, diminutive, little, low, not long, petite, pint-sized\*, pocket, pocket-sized\*, runty, sawed-off\*, skimpy, slight, small, squat, squatty, stocky, stubby, stunted, thick, thickset, tiny, undersized, wee; CONCEPTS 773, 779, 782 —*Ant.* high, lengthy, long, tall

**short** [adj3] *insufficient* deficient, exiguous, failing, inadequate, lacking, limited, low on, meager, needing, niggardly, poor, scant, scanty, scarce, short-handed\*, shy, skimpy, slender, slim, sparse, tight, wanting; CONCEPTS 527, 560, 762 —*Ant.* adequate, enough, sufficient

**short** [adj4] *abrupt, discourteous* bad-tempered, blunt, brevilouquent, brief, brusque, curt, direct, gruff, impolite, inconsiderate, irascible, offhand, rude, sharp, short-spoken, short-tempered, snappy\*, snippety\*, snippy\*, straight, terse, testy, thoughtless, unceremonious, uncivil, ungracious; CONCEPTS 267, 401 —*Ant.* courteous, kind, polite

**short** [adj5] *crumbly* brittle, crisp, crunchy, delicate, fragile, friable; CONCEPT 462 —*Ant.* thick

**short** [adv] *abruptly* aback, by surprise, forthwith, sudden, suddenly, unanticipatedly, unaware, unawares, unexpectedly, without delay, without hesitation, without warning; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* long

**shortage** [n] *deficiency* curtailment, dearth, defalcation, deficit, failure, inadequacy, insufficiency, lack, lapse, leanness, paucity, pinch, poverty, scantiness, scarcity, shortfall, tightness, underage, want, weakness; CONCEPTS 646, 709, 767 —*Ant.* abundance, ample, enough, sufficiency

**shortchange** [v] *cheat* bamboozle\*, bilk, deceive, defraud, double-deal, dupe, finagle, fleece, flimflam, gyp\*, hose, mislead, rip off\*, rook\*, sandbag, scam, screw, shaft, stiff, swindle, take, trick; CONCEPTS 59, 139, 192

**shortcoming** [n] *weak point* bug\*, catch\*, defect, deficiency, demerit, drawback, failing, fault, flaw, frailty, imperfection, infirmity, lack, lapse, sin, weakness; CONCEPTS 411, 666, 674, 679 —*Ant.* advantage, strong point, success

**shorten** [v] *diminish, decrease* abbreviate, abridge, blue pencil\*, bob, boil down\*, chop, clip, compress, condense, contract, curtail, cut, cut back, cut down, cut to the bone\*, dock, edit, elide, excerpt, lessen, lop, make a long story

short\*, minimize, put in a nutshell\*, reduce, retrench, shrink, slash, snip, trim; CONCEPTS 137, 236, 240, 247 —*Ant.* amplify, elongate, enlarge, grow, increase, lengthen

**shortfall** [n] *deficit; imperfection* arrears, default, defectiveness, deficiency, flaw, inadequacy, incompleteness, insufficiency, insufficiency, in the hole\*, in the red, lack, loss, red ink\*, shortage, shortcoming, underage; CONCEPTS 230, 335, 646, 671, 718

**short-lived** [adj] *temporary* brief, ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, fugacious, fugitive, impermanent, momentary, passing, short, short-haul\*, short-run, short-term, transient, transitory; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* enduring, ethereal, lasting, lengthy, long-lived, permanent

**shortly** [adv] *right away* anon, any minute now, before long, by and by, in a little while, presently, proximately, quickly, soon; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* later

**shortsighted** [adj] *unmindful of future consequences* astigmatic, blind, careless, foolish, headlong, ill-advised, ill-considered, imperceptive, impolitic, impractical, improvident, imprudent, injudicious, myopic, nearsighted, rash, stupid, unsagacious, unwary; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* careful, longsighted, prudent, thoughtful, wise

**shot** [n1] *try, chance* attempt, break, conjecture, effort, endeavor, fling\*, go\*, guess, occasion, opening, opportunity, pop\*, show, slap\*, stab\*, surmise, time, turn, whack\*, whirl\*; CONCEPT 693

**shot** [n2] *discharge; ammunition* ball, buckshot, bullet, dart, lead, lob, missile, pellet, projectile, slug, throw; CONCEPT 498 —*Ant.* backfire

**shoulder** [v1] *be responsible for* accept, assume, bear, carry, take on, take upon oneself; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* deny, refuse

**shoulder** [v2] *push, jostle* bulldoze\*, elbow, hustle, nudge, press, push aside, shove, thrust; CONCEPT 208

**shout** [n] *loud outcry* bark, bawl, bellow, call, cheer, clamor, cry, howl, hue, roar, salvo, scream, screech, shriek, squall, squawk, tumult, vociferation, whoop\*, yammer\*, yap\*, yawp\*, yell; CONCEPTS 77, 595 —*Ant.* whimper

**shout** [v] *cry out loudly* bawl, bay, bellow, call out, cheer, clamor, exclaim, holler\*, raise voice, roar, scream, screech, shriek, squall, squawk, vociferate, whoop\*, yammer\*, yap\*, yawp\*, yell; CONCEPT 77 —*Ant.* whimper

**shove** [v] *push without gentleness* boost, buck, bulldoze\*, cram, crowd, dig, drive, elbow, hustle, impel, jab, jam, jostle, nudge, poke, press, prod, propel, shoulder, thrust; CONCEPT 208 —*Ant.* pull

**shove off** [v] *leave quickly* blow, clear out, depart, exit, get off, go, go away, pull out, push off, quit, run along, start out, take off, vamoose\*; CONCEPT 195 —*Ant.* arrive, come

**show** [n1] *demonstration, exhibition* appearance, array, display, expo\*, exposition, fair, fanfare, fireworks, grandstand, manifestation, occurrence, pageant, pageantry, panoply, parade, pomp, presentation, program, representation, shine\*, showboat\*, showing, sight, spectacle, splash\*, view; CONCEPT 261 —*Ant.* concealment, hiding

**show** [n2] *entertainment event* act, appearance, burlesque, carnival, cinema, comedy, drama, entertainment, film, flick\*, motion picture, movie, pageant, picture, play, presentation, production, showing, spectacle; CONCEPTS 263,293

**show** [n3] *false front; appearance given* affectation, air, display, effect, face\*, front, grandstand play\*, guise, illusion, impression, likeness, make-believe\*, ostentation, parade, pose, pretense, pretext, profession, seeming, semblance, sham, shine\*, showboat\*, showing, simulacrum, splash\*; CONCEPTS 633,716 —*Ant.* reality, truth

**show** [v1] *actively exhibit something* afford, air, arrive, attend, bare, blazon, brandish, deal in, demonstrate, display, disport, exhibit, expose, flash, flaunt, flourish, lay bare, lay out, mount, offer, parade, present, produce, proffer, put on, reveal, sell, set out, showcase, show off, sport, spread, stage, streak, submit, supply, trot out, unfold, unfulfill, unveil, vaunt, wave; CONCEPT 138 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**show** [v2] *passively exhibit something* appear, arrive, assert, be visible, blow in, clarify, come, demonstrate, determine, disclose, discover, display, divulge, elucidate, emerge, establish, evidence, evince, explain, get, get in, illustrate, indicate, instruct, lay out, loom, make known, make out, make the scene\*, manifest, mark, materialize, note, ostend, point, present, proclaim, project, prove, put in appearance, reach, register, reveal, show one's face\*, show up, teach, testify to, turn up, unveil; CONCEPT 261 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**show** [v3] *grant* accord, act with, bestow, confer, dispense, give; CONCEPT 108 —*Ant.* deny, refuse, veto

**show** [v4] *accompany* attend, conduct, direct, escort, guide, lead, pilot, route, see, shepherd, steer; CONCEPTS 187,384 —*Ant.* abandon, leave alone

**show business** [n] *entertainment industry* Broadway, Hollywood, motion picture industry, movie industry, show biz, the stage, the theater; CONCEPTS 383,384,386,388

**showdown** [n] *confrontation* breaking point, clash, climax, crisis, culmination, exposé, moment of truth, unfolding; CONCEPTS 388,674 —*Ant.* agreement, peacemaking

**shower** [n] *precipitation* cloudburst, deluge, downpour, drizzle, flood, hail, rain, rainstorm, sleet, storm, thunderstorm; CONCEPTS 524, 526

**shower** [v1] *rain* come down in buckets\*, downpour, drench, drizzle, fall, hail, mist, patter, pour, sleet, spray, sprinkle, storm; CONCEPT 526

**shower** [v2] *lavish* be generous, deluge, give, pamper; CONCEPTS 110,327,341

**showoff** [n] *person who brags about him- or herself* boaster, braggadocio, braggart, egotist, exhibitionist, swaggerer, vulgarian; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* introvert

**show off** [v] *flaunt; brag* advertise, boast, brandish, demonstrate, display, disport, exhibit, expose, flash\*, hand a line\*, make a spectacle of, parade, spread out, swagger, trot out\*; CONCEPTS 49,261 —*Ant.* be modest, cower, shy away

**showpiece** [n] *exhibit* display, masterpiece, model, work of art; CONCEPTS 259,261

**show up** [v1] *arrive, attend* appear, be conspicuous, be visible, blow in\*, come, get, get in, make an appearance, put in appearance, reach, show, stand out, turn up; CONCEPT 159 —*Ant.* be absent, depart, leave, miss

**show up** [v2] *expose, embarrass* belittle, convict, debunk, defeat, discover, discredit, highlight, invalidate, lay bare, let down, mortify, pinpoint, put spotlight on\*, put to shame\*, reveal, shame, show in bad light\*, uncloak, undress, unmask, unshroud, worst; CONCEPTS 54,60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, secrete

**showy** [adj] *flamboyant, flashy* classy, dashing, flash, garish, gaudy, glaring, histrionic, jazzy\*, loud, luxurious, meretricious, opulent, ornate, ostentatious, overdone, overwrought, peacocky, pompous, pretentious, resplendent, screaming, sensational, snazzy\*, splashy, splendiferous, sumptuous, swank\*, tawdry, tinsel\*, tony\*; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* dismal, drab, gloomy, moderate, restrained

**shred** [n] *tiny piece* atom, bit, cantlet, crumb, fragment, grain, iota, jot, modicum, ounce, part, particle, rag, ray, ribbon, scintilla, scrap, shadow, sliver, smidgen, snippet, speck, stitch, tatter, trace, whit; CONCEPT 831 —*Ant.* lot

**shred** [v] *cut into ribbons* cut, fray, frazzle, make ragged, reduce, shave, sliver, strip, tatter, tear; CONCEPT 176 —*Ant.* mend, sew

**shrewd** [adj] *clever, intelligent* acute, argute, artful, astucious, astute, brainy\*, cagey, calculating, canny, crafty, cunning, cutting\*, deep\*, discerning, discriminating, farsighted, foxy\*, heady\*, ingenious, inside, in the know\*, judicious, keen, knowing, on the inside\*, on top of\*, penetrating, perceptive, perspicacious, piercing, probing, profound, prudent, quick-witted, sagacious, savvy\*, sensible, sharp, sharp, slick\*, slippery\*, sly, smart, smooth, streetwise, tricky, underhand, up on\*, wily, wise, wised up\*; CONCEPTS 401,402 —*Ant.* foolish, frivolous, naive, stupid, unthinking

**shriek** [n/v] *high-pitched scream* blare, cry, howl, screech, shout, shrill, squawk, squeal, wail, whoop, yell; CONCEPTS 77,595 —*Ant.* peep

**shrill** [adj] *high-pitched, harsh in sound* acute, argute, blaring, blatant, cacophonous, clanging, clangorous, deafening, discordant, ear-piercing, earsplitting, high, metallic, noisy, penetrating, piercing, piping, raucous, screeching, sharp, strident, thin, treble; CONCEPTS 592,594 —*Ant.* low, soft

**shrine** [n] *tribute to a god, idol, or spirit* altar, chapel, church, enshrinement, grave, hallowed place, holy place, mausoleum, reliquary, sacred place, sanctorium, sanctuary, sanctum, sepulcher, temple; CONCEPTS 368,439,448

**shrink** [v1] *become smaller* compress, concentrate, condense, constrict, contract, decrease, deflate, diminish, drop off, dwindle, fail, fall off, fall short, grow smaller, lessen, narrow, reduce, shorten, shrivel, wane, waste, waste away, weaken, wither, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 137,698,776 —*Ant.* develop, enlarge, expand, grow, stretch

**shrink** [v2] *recoil, shy away* blench, boggle, contract, cower, cringe, crouch, demur, draw back, flinch, hang back, huddle, quail, recede, refuse, retire, retreat, scruple, shudder, slink,

wince, withdraw; CONCEPTS 188,195

—*Ant.* face, meet, take on

**shrivel** [*v*] *dehydrate, dry up* burn, contract, desiccate, dwindle, fossilize, mummify, mummy, parch, scorch, sear, shrink, stale, wither, wilt, wither, wizen, wrinkle; CONCEPTS 137,250,255 —*Ant.* enlarge, expand, grow, unrinkle

**shudder** [*v*] *shake, quiver* convulse, dither, gyrate, jitter, quake, shimmy, shiver, tremble, tremor, twitter, wave; CONCEPTS 34,150,152 —*Ant.* steady

**shuffle** [*v*1] *move along lazily* drag, limp, muddle, pad, scrape, scuff, scuffle, shamble, straggle, stumble, trail; CONCEPT 151 —*Ant.* run

**shuffle** [*v*2] *rearrange, mix up* break the deck\*, change, change the order, confuse, disarrange, disarray, discompose, dislocate, disorder, disorganize, disrupt, disturb, intermix, jumble, mess up\*, shift; CONCEPTS 158,363 —*Ant.* arrange, order, organize

**shun** [*v*] *avoid, ignore* balk, cold-shoulder\*, cut, decline, despise, disdain, ditch\*, dodge, double, duck, elude, escape, eschew, evade, get around, give a wide berth\*, give the runaround\*, have no part of\*, have nothing to do with\*, hide out, keep away from, keep clear of, neglect, palm off\*, pass up, refuse, reject, scorn, shake, shake off, shy, snub, stall, stand aloof from, stay shy of, steer clear of\*, turn back on\*; CONCEPTS 30,384 —*Ant.* accept, face, meet

**shut** [*v*] *close* bar, batten down\*, cage, close down, close up, confine, draw, drop the curtain\*, enclose, exclude, fasten, fold, fold up, imprison, lock, push, put to, seal, secure, shut down, slam, wall off; CONCEPTS 85,121,160,206,208,304 —*Ant.* open

**shut off/shut out** [*v*] *exclude; screen* bar, beleaguer, blockade, block out, close, conceal, cover, debar, discontinue, evict, fence off, hide, keep out, lock out, mask, obstruct, ostracize, refuse, seclude, shroud, veil; CONCEPTS 25,121,188 —*Ant.* include, welcome

**shuttle** [*n*] *space shuttle* airplane, plane, shuttle bus, spacecraft, spaceport, train, transporter; CONCEPT 504

**shuttle** [*v*] *travel back and forth* commute, drive back and forth, go back and forth, transport to and fro, travel; CONCEPT 224

**shut up** [*v*] *be or make quiet* bottle up\*, choke, hold up\*, dummy up\*, fall silent, gag, hold tongue\*, hush, keep trap shut\*, muzzle, pipe down\*, quiet, quieten, quit chattering, shush\*, silence, soft-pedal\*, still, stop talking; CONCEPT 77 —*Ant.* speak, talk

**shy** [*adj*1] *quiet and self-conscious* afraid, apprehensive, averse, backward, bashful, cautious, chary, circumspect, conscious, coy, demure, diffident, disinclined, distrustful, fearful, hesitant, humble, indisposed, introvert, introverted, loath, loner, modest, nervous, recessive, reluctant, reserved, reticent, retiring, self-effacing, shamefaced, sheepish, shrinking, skittish, suspicious, timid, unassertive, unassured, unear, uneffusive, unresponsive, unsocial, unwilling, wary; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* confident, extroverted, unshamed, unreserved, unshy

**shy** [*adj*2] *lacking, failing* deficient, inadequate, insufficient, scant, scanty, scarce, short, insuffi-

cient, wanting; CONCEPTS 546,762,789

—*Ant.* adequate, enough, sufficient

**shyster** [*n*] *unscrupulous lawyer; swindler* ambulance chaser, cheater, chiseler, crooked lawyer, mouthpiece\*, pettifogger, scammer, trickster, unethical lawyer; CONCEPT 412

**sick** [*adj*1] *not healthy, not feeling well* ailing, bedridden, broken down, confined, debilitated, declining, defective, delicate, diseased, disordered, down, feeble, feverish, frail, funny\*, green\*, hospitalized, ill, impaired, imperfect, in a bad way\*, incurable, indisposed, infected, infirm, in poor health, invalid, laid-up, lousy, mean, nauseated, not so hot\*, peaked, poorly, qualmish, queasy, rickety, rocky, rotten, run down, sick as a dog\*, suffering, tottering, under medication, under the weather\*, unhealthy, unwell, weak, wobbly; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* healthy, undiseased, well

**sick** [*adj*2] *morbid, gross* black, ghoulish, macabre, morose, sadistic, sickly; CONCEPTS 537,571 —*Ant.* clean, gentle, moral, nice

**sick** [*adj*3] *fed up, displeased* blasé, bored, disgusted, jaded, revolted, satiated, tired, up to here with\*, weary; CONCEPT 403

—*Ant.* content, happy, pleased, satisfied

**sicken** [*v*] *revolt, make ill* affect, afflict, de-range, disgust, disorder, gross out\*, nauseate, offend, relect, repel, repulse, turn, turn one's stomach\*, unhinge, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 14,246

—*Ant.* cure, heal, help, make well, mend

**sickening** [*adj*] *disgusting, awful* diseased, distasteful, foul, gross\*, icky\*, loathsome, nasty, nauseating, nauseous, noisome, offensive, putrid, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, rotten, stinking, stomach-turning, tainted; CONCEPTS 529,571 —*Ant.* delightful, mild, nice, pleasing

**sickly** [*adj*1] *not healthy* ailing, below par, bilious, cranky, delicate, diseased, down, dragging, faint, feeble, indisposed, infirm, in poor health, lackluster, laid-low, languid, low, mean, off-color\*, out of action\*, out of shape\*, pallid, peaked, peaky, pining, poorly, rocky, run-down, seedy, sickish, unhealthy, wan, weak; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* fine, healthy, hearty, well, wholesome

**sickly** [*adj*2] *revolting* bilious, cloying, insalubrious, mawkish, morbid, morose, nauseating, noisome, noxious, sick, unwholesome; CONCEPTS 537,571 —*Ant.* gentle, nice

**sickness** [*n*] *ill or abnormal condition* affection, affliction, ailment, bug\*, complaint, condition, disease, diseasedness, disorder, ill, ill health, illness, indisposition, infirmity, malady, nausea, queasiness, syndrome, unhealth, unhealthfulness, unwellness; CONCEPT 306 —*Ant.* good health, health, wholesomeness

**side** [*adj*] *minor; flanking* ancillary, incidental, indirect, lateral, lesser, marginal, not the main, oblique, off-center, postern, roundabout, secondary, sidelong, sideward, sideways, sidewise, skirting, subordinate, subsidiary, superficial; CONCEPT 575 —*Ant.* important, major, serious

**side** [*n*1] *edge, exteriority* of object aspect, attitude, border, bottom, boundary, direction, disposition, division, elevation, face, facet, flank, front, hand, haunch, jamb, lee, limit, loin, margin, part, perimeter, periphery,

posture, quarter, rear, rim, sector, stance, stand, surface, top, verge, view, wing; CONCEPTS 513,835 —**Ant.** extremity, inside, middle, torso

**side** [n2] *point of view angle, appearance, aspect, belief, direction, facet, hand, light, opinion, outlook, phase, position, slant, stand, standpoint, viewpoint*; CONCEPT 689

**side** [n3] *opposing person or view behalf, belligerent, camp, cause, combatant, competitor, contestant, crew, enemy, faction, foe, interest, part, party, rival, sect, team*; CONCEPTS 301,365

**sidekick** [n] *companion accompaniment, accomplice, aide, ally, amigo, assistant, associate, buddy, chum, cohort, colleague, comrade, consort, coworker, crony, friend, pal, partner, playmate*; CONCEPT 423

**sideline** [n] *secondary occupation distraction, diversion, hobby, leisure activity, leisure pursuit, moonlighting, recreation, second job, side job, side project, subsidiary*; CONCEPT 360

**sidesplitting** [adj] *extremely funny amusing, entertaining, farcical, good-humored, hilarious, hysterical, joking, knee-slapper\*, silly, slapstick, uproarious, witty*; CONCEPTS 267,529,537

**sidestep** [v] *dodge avoid, bypass, dance around\*, ditch, duck, elude, escape, evade, fudge\*, get around, get out of, give the slip\*, go around, juke, pussyfoot\*, put the move on\*, shake, shake off\*, shirk, skip out on\*, skirt, weasel\**; CONCEPTS 59,102

**sidetrack** [v] *divert alter, avert, change, deflect, digress, redirect, swerve, switch, veer*; CONCEPTS 187,213

**sideways** [adv] *to the edge, exteriority along-side, aside, aslant, aslope, athwart, broadside, crabwise, edgewise, indirectly, laterally, obliquely, side by side, sidelong, sideways, slanting, slantingly, slantwise, sloping, to the side*; CONCEPTS 581,583

**sift** [v] *take out residue; remove impurities analyze, clean, colander, comb, delve into, dig into, drain, evaluate, examine, explore, fathom, filter, go into, go through, grade, inquire, investigate, look into, pan, part, pore over, probe, prospect, purify, riddle, screen, scrutinize, search, separate, sieve, size, sort, strain, winnow*; CONCEPTS 103,165 —**Ant.** put in

**sigh** [v1] *breathe out heavily blow, complain, cry, exhale, gasp, grieve, groan, howl, lament, moan, murmur, pant, respire, roar, sob, sorrow, sigh, suspire, wheeze, whine, whisper, whistle*; CONCEPT 163

**sigh** [v2] *long for ache, crave, dream, hanker, hunger, languish, lust, mourn, pine, suspire, thirst, yearn*; CONCEPT 20 —**Ant.** dislike, hate

**sight** [n1] *ability to perceive with eyes afterimage, appearance, apperception, apprehension, eye, eyes, eyeshot, eyesight, field of vision, ken, perception, range of vision, seeing, view, viewing, visibility, vision*; CONCEPT 629 —**Ant.** blindness

**sight** [n2] *spectacle display, exhibit, exhibition, outlook, pageant, parade, point of interest, scene, show, view, vista*; CONCEPTS 261,293

**sight** [n3] *horrifying person or thing blot, eyesore, fright, mess, monstrosity, ogre, ogress, scarecrow, slob, spectacle, tramp*; CONCEPTS 412,513 —**Ant.** beauty

**sight** [v] *see behold, discern, distinguish, eyeball\*, make out\*, observe, perceive, spot, view, witness*; CONCEPT 626 —**Ant.** be blind

**sign** [n1] *indication, evidence assurance, augury, auspice, badge, beacon, bell, caution, clue, divination, flag, flash, foreboding, foreknowledge, foreshadowing, foretoken, forewarning, gesture, giveaway, handwriting on wall\*, harbinger, herald, high sign\*, hint, light, manifestation, mark, nod, note, omen, portent, precursor, prediction, premonition, presage, presentiment, prognostic, proof, signal, suggestion, symbol, symptom, token, trace, vestige, warning, wave, whistle, wink*; CONCEPTS 274, 529,673,689

**sign** [n2] *document with information; symbol badge, board, character, cipher, crest, device, emblem, ensign, guidepost, insignia, logo, mark, notice, placard, proof, representation, signboard, signpost, symbolization, token, type, warning*; CONCEPTS 271,284

**sign** [v1] *write name acknowledge, authorize, autograph, confirm, endorse, initial, ink, inscribe, put John Hancock on\*, put John Henry on\*, rubber-stamp\*, set one's hand to\*, signature, subscribe, witness*; CONCEPT 79

**sign** [v2] *motion to another beckon, express, flag, gesticulate, gesture, indicate, motion, signal, signalize, signify, use sign language, wave*; CONCEPT 74

**signal** [adj] *extraordinary, outstanding arresting, arrestive, characteristic, conspicuous, distinctive, distinguished, eminent, exceptional, eye-catching, famous, illustrious, individual, marked, memorable, momentous, notable, noteworthy, noticeable, peculiar, prominent, pronounced, remarkable, renowned, salient, significant, striking*; CONCEPTS 568,574 —**Ant.** insignificant, unexceptional, unimpressive, unnoteworthy

**signal** [n] *indication; authorization alarm, alert, beacon, bleep, blinker, cue, flag, flare, gesture, go-ahead\*, green light\*, high sign\*, indicator, mark, Mayday\*, movement, nod, okay\*, omen, sign, SOS\*, tocsin, token, wink*; CONCEPTS 74,284,529,685

**signal** [v] *indicate; give a sign to beckon, communicate, flag, flash, gesticulate, gesture, motion, nod, semaphore, sign, signalize, warn, wave, wink*; CONCEPT 74

**significance** [n1] *meaning acceptance, bottom line\*, connotation, drift, force, heart, implication, import, intentment, kicker\*, meat\*, message, name of the game\*, nature of the beast\*, nitty-gritty\*, nub, nuts and bolts\*, point, punch line\*, purport, score, sense, significance, signification, stuff, understanding*; CONCEPT 682 —**Ant.** insignificance, meaninglessness, unimportance

**significance** [n2] *importance authority, consequence, consideration, credit, excellence, gravity, import, impressiveness, influence, magnitude, matter, merit, moment, momentousness, perfection, pith, prestige, relevance, signification, virtue, weight, weightiness*; CONCEPT 668 —**Ant.** insignificance, triviality, unimportance

**significant** [adj1] *telling, meaningful cogent, compelling, convincing, denoting, eloquent, expressing, expressive, facund, forceful, heavy,*

important, indicative, knowing, meaning, momentous, powerful, pregnant, representative, rich, sententious, serious, sound, suggestive, symbolic, valid, weighty; CONCEPTS 267,567

—*Ant.* insignificant, meaningless, unimportant  
**significant** [adj2] *important, critical* big, carrying a lot of weight\*, consequential, considerable, heavy, material, meaningful, momentous, notable, noteworthy, serious, substantial, vital, weighty; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* minor, trivial, unimportant

**signify** [v1] *mean, indicate* add up to, announce, bear, be a sign of, bespeak, betoken, carry, communicate, connote, convey, denote, disclose, evidence, evince, exhibit, express, flash, imply, import, insinuate, intend, intimate, manifest, matter, portend, proclaim, purport, represent, show, sign, spell, stand for, suggest, symbolize, talk, tell, wink; CONCEPTS 55,266,682

**signify** [v2] *be of importance* be of consequence, be of significance, carry weight, count, import, matter, mean, weigh; CONCEPT 668

**silence** [n] *absence of sound, speech* blackout, calm, censorship, dead air, death, dumbness, hush, hush-hush\*, inarticulateness, iron curtain\*, laconism, lull, muteness, noiselessness, peace, quiescence, quiet, quietness, quietude, quietus, reserve, reticence, saturninity, secrecy, sleep, speechlessness, still, stillness, sulk, sullenness, taciturnity, uncommunicativeness; CONCEPT 65 —*Ant.* clamor, communication, noise, talk

**silence** [v] *make or be quiet* choke off\*, clam, clam up\*, close up, cool it\*, cut off, cut short, dampen, deaden, decrease the volume, dry up\*, dull, dumb, dummy up\*, extinguish, gag, hold one's tongue\*, hush, hush-hush\*, hush one's mouth\*, keep it down\*, lull, muffle, mute, muzzle, overawe, pipe down\*, quash, quell, quiet, quiet down, quieten, say nothing, shush\*, shut up, sit on\*, soft-pedal\*, squelch, stifle, still, strike dumb\*, subdue, suppress, tongue-tie\*; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* be noisy, communicate, talk

**silent** [adj1] *quiet; speechless* bashful, buttoned up\*, checked, clammed up\*, close, closed up, closemouthed, curbed, dumb, dummed up\*, faint, hush, hushed, iced\*, inarticulate, incoherent, inconvertible, indistinct, inhibited, laconic, mousy, mum, mute, muted, noiseless, novocal, not talkative, reserved, restrained, reticent, shy, silentious, soundless, still, struck dumb, taciturn, tongue-tied, unclear, uncommunicative, unheard, unsociable, unspeaking, voiceless, wordless, zipped\*; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* clamorous, communicative, noisy, talkative

**silent** [adj2] *understood, implied* aphonic, implicit, indescribable, inexpressible, nameless, tacit, unexpressed, unpronounced, unspoken, unuttered, unvoiced, wordless; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* explicit, tangible

**silhouette** [n] *outline* contour, delineation, etching, figuration, form, likeness, line, lineament, lineation, portrait, profile, shade, shadow, shape; CONCEPTS 259,625 —*Ant.* body

**silky** [adj] *very smooth; like satin* cottony, delicate, glossy, like silk, luxurious, plush, satiny, silk, silken, sleek, soft, tender, velvety; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* rough

**silly** [adj] *absurd, giddy, foolish* asinine, balmy, brainless, childish, crazy, dippy\*, dizzy\*, empty, empty-headed\*, fatuous, feather-brained\*, flighty, foolhardy, frivolous, hare-brained\*, idiotic, ignorant, illogical, immature, imprudent, inane, inappropriate, inconsistent, irrational, irresponsible, ludicrous, meaningless, muddle-headed\*, nitwitted, nonsensical, pointless, preposterous, puerile, ridiculous, senseless, sheepheaded\*, simple, simpleminded, stupid, unintelligent, unreasonable, unwise, vacuous, witless; CONCEPTS 401,403,542 —*Ant.* mature, mundane, practical, sensible, serious, wise

**silver** [adj] *shiny gray in color* argent, argentine, bright, lustrous, pale, pearly, plated, resplendent, silvered, silvery, sterling, white; CONCEPT 618

**similar** [adj] *very much alike* agnate, akin, allied, analogous, coincident, coincidental, coinciding, collateral, companion, comparable, complementary, congruent, congruous, consonant, consubstantial, correlative, corresponding, homogeneous, identical, in agreement, kin, kindred, like, matching, much the same, parallel, reciprocal, related, resembling, same, twin, uniform; CONCEPTS 487,573 —*Ant.* alien, different, dissimilar, opposite, unlike, unlike

**similarity** [n] *likeness, correspondence* affinity, agreement, alikeness, analogy, approximation, association, closeness, coincidence, collation, community, comparability, comparison, concordance, concurrence, conformity, congruence, congruity, connection, correlation, dead ringer\*, harmony, homogeneity, identity, interrelation, kinship, likes of, look-alike, parallel, parallelism, parity, peas in a pod\*, proportion, reciprocity, relation, relationship, resemblance, sameness, semblance, simile, similitude, synonymy, two of a kind\*; CONCEPT 670 —*Ant.* difference, dissimilarity, opposition, unlikeness

**simmer** [v] *boil, smolder* be agitated, be angry, be tense, be uptight\*, bubble, burn, churn, cook, effervesce, ferment, fizz, fret, fricassee, fume, parboil, rage, seethe, smart, sparkle, stew, stir, warm; CONCEPTS 35,170,410 —*Ant.* freeze

**simple** [adj1] *clear, understandable; easy* child's play\*, cinch\*, clean, easy as pie\*, effortless, elementary, facile, incomplex, intelligible, light, lucid, manageable, mild, no problem\*, no sweat\*, not difficult, picnic\*, piece of cake\*, plain, quiet, self-explanatory, simple as ABC\*, smooth, snap\*, straightforward, transparent, uncomplicated, uninvolved, unmistakable, untroublesome, walkover\*; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* complex, complicated, convoluted, difficult, exacting, intricate, unclear, unintelligible

**simple** [adj2] *uncluttered, natural* absolute, austere, classic, clean, discreet, elementary, folksy, homely, homey, humble, inelaborate, lowly, mere, modest, not complex, open and shut\*, plain, pure, pure and simple\*, rustic, sheer, single, Spartan, unadorned, unadulterated, unaffected, unalloyed, unblended, uncombined, uncomplicated, uncompounded, undecorated, unelaborate, unembellished, unfussy, unmitigated, unmixed, unornamented, unostentatious, unpretentious, unqualified, vanilla\*; CONCEPTS 562,589 —*Ant.* cluttered, decorated, embellished, jumbled, ornate

**simple** [adj3] *childlike, innocent* amateur, artless, bald, basic, childish, direct, frank, green, guileless, honest, ingenuous, naive, naked, natural, plain, sincere, square, stark, trusting, unaffected, unartificial, undeniable, unexperienced, unpretentious, unschooled, unsophisticated, unstudied, unvarnished; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —*Ant.* mature, older, sophisticated

**simple** [adj4] *feeble-minded; not intelligent* amateur, asinine, backward, brainless, credulous, dense, dimwitted, dull, dumb, fat, feeble, foolish, green\*, gullible, half-witted, idiotic, ignorant, illiterate, imbecile, inane, inexperienced, inept, insensate, mindless, moronic, nitwitted, obtuse, senseless, shallow, silly, simple-minded, slow, soft, soft-headed\*, stupid, thick, uneducated, unintelligent, witless; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* aware, intelligent, on-the-ball, smart

**simpleminded** [adj] *unsophisticated* brainless, childlike, clueless, crude, dumb, feeble-minded, idiotic, ignorant, moronic, naive, slow, stupid, uncomplicated, unschooled, unstudied, untutored, unworldly; CONCEPTS 401,548,562

**simpleton** [n] *fool* birdbrain\*, blockhead\*, bonehead\*, boob\*, buffoon, clod\*, clown, dimwit\*, dolt\*, dope\*, dunce, dunderhead\*, fathead\*, idiot, ignoramus, imbecile, jerk\*, lamebrain\*, lunthead\*, moron, nitwit, numskull\*, oaf, stooge\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**simplicity** [n] *absence of complication, sophistication* artlessness, candor, chastity, clarity, classicality, clean lines, clearness, directness, ease, easiness, elementariness, guilelessness, homogeneity, ingenuousness, innocence, integrity, lack of adornment, modesty, monotony, naiveté, naturalness, obviousness, openness, plainness, primitiveness, purity, restraint, severity, singleness, straightforwardness, uniformity, unity; CONCEPTS 633,655,663 —*Ant.* complexity, complication, difficultness, difficulty

**simplify** [v] *make easy, intelligible* abridge, analyze, boil down, break down, break it down, chasten, clarify, clean it up\*, clean up, clear up, cut down, cut the frills\*, decipher, disentangle, disinvolve, draw a picture\*, elucidate, explain, facilitate, get down to basics\*, get to the meat\*, hit the high spots\*, interpret, lay out, let daylight in\*, let sunlight in\*, make clear, make perfectly clear, make plain, order, put in a nutshell\*, put one straight\*, reduce, shorten, spell out, streamline, unscramble; CONCEPTS 57,110,261 —*Ant.* complicate, confuse, make difficult

**simply** [adv1] *plainly, clearly* artlessly, candidly, commonly, directly, easily, frankly, guilelessly, honestly, ingenuously, intelligibly, matter-of-factly, modestly, naturally, openly, ordinarily, quietly, sincerely, straightforwardly, unaffectedly, unpretentiously, without any elaboration; CONCEPTS 544,562 —*Ant.* difficultly

**simply** [adv2] *merely* barely, but, just, only, purely, solely, utterly; CONCEPTS 544,557

**simply** [adv3] *absolutely, completely* in fact, altogether, really, totally, unreservedly, utterly, wholly; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* incompletely, indefinitely

**simulate** [v] *pretend, imitate* act, act like, affect, ape, assume, bluff, borrow, cheat, concoct, copy, counterfeit, crib\*, deceive, disguise,

dissemble, do, do a take-off\*, do like\*, equivocate, exaggerate, fabricate, fake, favor, feature, feign, fence, gloss over, invent, knock off\*, lie, lift, make believe, mimic, mirror, misrepresent, phony, pirate, play, playact, pose, prevaricate, put on\*, put on an act\*, replicate, reproduce, resemble, steal; CONCEPTS 59,63,111,171 —*Ant.* be real

**simulation** [n] *imitation* carbon copy, clone, copy, counterfeit, duplicate, duplication, facsimile, fake, image, likeness, match, mirroring, paralleling, reflection, replica, reproduction, sham; CONCEPTS 171,260,716

**simultaneous** [adj] *happening at about the same time* accompanying, agreeing, at the same time, coetaneous, coeval, coexistent, coexisting, coincident, coinciding, concurrent, concurring, contemporaneous, contemporary, dead heat\*, in sync\*, synchronal, synchronic, synchronous, with the beat\*; CONCEPTS 548,799 —*Ant.* asynchronous, different, divided, following, preceding, separate

**sin** [n] *illegal or immoral action* anger, covetousness, crime, damnation, debt, deficiency, demerit, disobedience, envy, error, evil, evil-doing, fault, gluttony, guilt, immorality, imperfection, iniquity, lust, misdeed, offense, peccability, peccadillo, peccancy, pride, shortcoming, sinfulness, sloth, tort, transgression, trespass, ungodliness, unrighteousness, veniality, vice, violation, wickedness, wrong, wrongdoing, wrongness; CONCEPTS 101,645 —*Ant.* behavior, goodness, morality

**sin** [v] *commit illegal or immoral action* backslide\*, break commandment, break law, cheat, commit crime, deviate, do wrong, err, fall, fall from grace\*, go astray\*, lapse, live in sin, misbehave, misconduct, offend, sow wild oats\*, stray, take the primrose path\*, transgress, trespass, wallow in the mire\*, wander; CONCEPTS 101,375,645 —*Ant.* behave, comply, obey

**sincere** [adj] *straightforward, honest* aboveboard, actual, artless, bona fide, candid, dead-level\*, dear, devout, earnest, faithful, forthright, frank, genuine, guileless, heartfelt, honest to God\*, like it is\*, meant, natural, no fooling\*, no-nonsense\*, on the level\*, on the line\*, on up and up\*, open, outspoken, plain, pretensionless, real, regular, righteous, saintly, serious, square\*, sure enough, true, true-blue\*, trustworthy, twenty-four carat\*, unaffected, undesigning, undissembled, unfeigned, unpretentious, up-front\*, wholehearted; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —*Ant.* dishonest, insincere, tricky, untrustworthy

**sincerely** [adv] *seriously, honestly* aboveboard, candidly, deeply, earnestly, frankly, from bottom of heart, genuinely, in all conscience, in all sincerity, ingenuously, in good faith, naturally, profoundly, really, truly, truthfully, wholeheartedly, without equivocation; CONCEPTS 267,582 —*Ant.* dishonestly, untruthfully

**sincerity** [n] *straightforwardness, honesty* artlessness, bona fides, candor, earnestness, frankness, genuineness, good faith, goodwill, guilelessness, heart, honor, impartiality, innocence, justice, openness, probity, reliability, seriousness, sincereness, singleness, trustworthiness, truth, truthfulness, veracity, whole-

heartedness; CONCEPTS 633,657 —*Ant.* dishonesty, insincerity, untrustworthiness

**sinewy** [*adj*] *stringy, tough* athletic, brawny, fibrous, firm, hard, leathery, muscular, powerful, strong, sturdy, vigorous; CONCEPTS 314, 485,489,490

**sinful** [*adj*] *immoral, criminal* amiss, bad, base, blamable, blameful, blameworthy, censurable, corrupt, culpable, damnable, demeritorious, depraved, disgraceful, erring, evil, guilty, iniquitous, irreligious, low, morally wrong, reprehensible, reprobate, shameful, ungodly, unholy, unregenerate, unrighteous, vicious, vile, wicked, wrong; CONCEPTS 545,548

—*Ant.* honest, moral, righteous, upright

**sing** [*v1*] *carry a tune with one's voice* belt out\*, burst into song\*, buzz\*, canary\*, cantillate, carol, chant, chirp, choir, croon, descant, duet, groan\*, harmonize, hum, hymn, intone, lift up a voice\*, line out\*, lullaby, make melody\*, mouth, pipe, purr\*, resound, roar, serenade, shout, singsong, solo, trill, troll, tune, vocalize, wait, warble, whine, whistle, yodel; CONCEPTS 47,77,292 —*Ant.* be quiet

**sing** [*v2*] *tattle on someone* betray, blow the whistle\*, fink\*, inform, peach\*, rat\*, snitch\*, spill the beans\*, talk, turn in; CONCEPTS 60,317 —*Ant.* conceal

**singer** [*v*] *burn* blacken, blaze, brand, brown, cauterize, char, cook, flame, ignite, incinerate, parch, scald, scorch, sear, toast, torch; CONCEPT 249

**singer** [*n*] *person who can carry a tune* accompanist, artist, artiste, chanter, chanteuse, choralist, chorister, crooner, diva, intoner, melodist, minstrel, musician, nightingale, serenader, soloist, songbird, songsiter, troubadour, vocalist, voice, warbler, yodeler; CONCEPT 352

**single** [*adj1*] *alone, distinct* distinguished, especial, exceptional, exclusive, individual, indivisible, isolated, lone, loner, not general, not public, odd, one, only, original, particular, peerless, personal, private, rare, restricted, secluded, separate, separated, simple, singled-out, singular, sole, solitary, special, specific, strange, unalloyed, unblended, uncommon, uncompounded, undivided, unique, unitary, unmixed, unrivaled, unshared, unusual, without equal; CONCEPTS 564,577,762 —*Ant.* combined, double, mixed, together, united

**single** [*adj2*] *not married* bachelor, companionless, divorced, eligible, free, living alone, loner, separated, sole, solo, spouseless, unattached, unfettered, unmarried, unwed; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* married, together, united, wed, wedded

**single-handed** [*adj*] *unassisted* alone, by oneself, independent, on one's own, solitary, solo, unaided; CONCEPTS 577,583

**singles bar** [*n*] *dating bar* bar, club, cocktail lounge, lounge, meat market\*, nightclub, pickup joint\*, pub; CONCEPTS 325,439

**singly** [*adv*] *individually* apart, independently, one at a time, one by one, particularly, respectively, separately, severally; CONCEPT 577 —*Ant.* together

**singular** [*adj1*] *unique, odd* atypical, avant-garde, bizarre, breaking new ground\*, conspicuous, cool\*, curious, eccentric, eminent, exceptional, extraordinary, loner, noteworthy,

original, outlandish, out-of-the-way, outstanding, peculiar, prodigious, puzzling, queer, rare, remarkable, special, strange, uncommon, unimaginable, unordinary, unparalleled, unprecedented, unthinkable, unusual, unwonted, weird; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* normal, ordinary, regular, usual

**singular** [*adj2*] *alone, separate* certain, definite, discrete, exclusive, individual, one, only, particular, respective, single, sole, solitary, solo, unique, unrepeatable; CONCEPT 577

—*Ant.* attached, combined, mixed, together

**sinister** [*adj*] *nasty, menacing* adverse, apocalyptic, bad, baleful, baneful, blackhearted, corrupt, deleterious, dire, disastrous, dishonest, disquieting, doomful, evil, foreboding, harmful, hurtful, ill-boding, inauspicious, injurious, lowering, malefic, malevolent, malign, malignant, mischievous, obnoxious, ominous, pernicious, perverse, poisonous, portentous, threatening, unfavorable, unfortunate, unlucky, unpropitious, woeful; CONCEPTS 401,548,571 —*Ant.* benevolent, kind, nice

**sink** [*v1*] *fall in, go under* bore, bring down, capsize, cast down, cave in, couch, decline, demit, depress, descend, dig, dip, disappear, drill, drive, droop, drop, drown, ebb, engulf, excavate, fall, flounder, force down, founder, go down, go to the bottom, immerse, lay, let down, lower, overturn, overwhelm, plummet, plunge, put down, ram, regress, run, sag, scuttle, set, settle, shipwreck, slope, slump, stab, stick, stoop, submerge, subside, swamp, thrust, tip over, touch bottom, wreck; CONCEPTS 181,213 —*Ant.* float, rise

**sink** [*v2*] *fall, decrease* abate, collapse, diminish, drop, lapse, lessen, relapse, retrogress, slip, slump, subside, wane; CONCEPTS 698,776 —*Ant.* grow, increase, rise

**sink** [*v3*] *deteriorate* decay, decline, decrease, degenerate, depreciate, descend, die, diminish, disimprove, disintegrate, dwindle, fade, fail, flag, go downhill\*, lessen, retrograde, rot, spoil, waste, weaken, worsen; CONCEPTS 469, 698 —*Ant.* increase, rise, strengthen

**sink** [*v4*] *be humble or humbled* abase, bemean, be reduced to, cast down, debase, degrade, demean, humiliate, lower, stoop, succumb; CONCEPTS 7,19,35 —*Ant.* brave, fight

**sinuous** [*adj*] *winding, twisting* anfractuous, circuitous, coiling, convoluted, crooked, curved, curvy, deviative, devious, flexuous, indirect, meandering, meandrous, serpentine, snaky\*, supple, tortuous, twisting and turning\*, undulating, vagrant; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* straight, untwisted, unwinding

**sip** [*v*] *drink slowly* drink in, extract, imbibe, partake, quaff, sample, savor, sup, swallow, taste, toss; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* down, slurp

**sissy** [*n*] *weaking* baby, chicken\*, coward, cream puff\*, crybaby, daisy\*, jellyfish\*, milk-sop, momma's boy\*, namby-pamby, pansy, pantywaist\*, pushover, wimp\*, wuss\*, yellow belly\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**sister** [*n*] *female sibling* blood sister, kin, kinsperson, relation, relative, twin; CONCEPTS 414,415

**sit** [*v1*] *rest on one's behind* bear on, be seated, cover, ensconce, give feet a rest\*, grab a chair\*,



have a place, have a seat, hunker\*, install, lie, park\*, perch\*, plop down\*, pose, posture, put it there\*, relax, remain, rest, seat, seat oneself, settle, squat, take a load off\*, take a place, take a seat; CONCEPTS 154,201 —*Ant.* stand

**sit** [v2] *hold a meeting* assemble, be in session, come together, convene, deliberate, hold an assembly, meet, officiate, open, preside; CONCEPTS 324,384 —*Ant.* cancel

**site** [n] *place of activity* fix, ground, habitat, hangout, haunt, home, lay, layout, locale, locality, location, locus, mise en scène, plot, point, position, post, range, scene, section, situation, slot, spot, station, wherever, X marks the spot\*; CONCEPT 198

**sit-in** [n] *protest* complaint, demonstration, fast, grievance, love-in\*, march, peace march, rally, revolt, riot, strike, walkout; CONCEPTS 52,54, 261,300

**sit tight** [v] *be patient, wait* anticipate, bide one's time\*, cool it\*, fill time, hang around\*, hang out, hold on, hold the phone\*, keep your shirt on\*, lie in wait\*, lie low\*, linger, mark time\*, put on hold\*, stall, stand by, stay put\*, stick around\*; CONCEPTS 210,681

**situate** [v] *locate* establish, fix, park, place, position, put, put in place, set, settle, stand; CONCEPT 226

**situated** [adj] *located* established, fixed, occupying, parked, placed, planted, positioned, set, settled, stationed; CONCEPT 488

**situation** [n1] *place of activity* bearings, direction, footing, latitude, locale, locality, location, locus, longitude, position, post, seat, setting, site, spot, stage, station, where, whereabouts; CONCEPT 198

**situation** [n2] *circumstances, status* ballgame\*, bargain, capacity, case, character, condition, footing\*, how things stack up\*, like it is\*, mode, picture, place, plight, position, posture, rank, scene, size of it\*, sphere, stage, standing, standpoint, state, state of affairs, station, status quo\*; CONCEPTS 388,696

**situation** [n3] *employment status* appointment, berth, billet, capacity, connection, employment, engagement, hire, job, office, place, placement, position, post, profession, spot, trade; CONCEPTS 351,360,668

**sixth sense** [n] *intuition* clairvoyance, divination, ESP\*, extrasensory perception, feeling, foreknowledge, gut feeling\*, instinct, perception, premonition, second sight\*, vibes; CONCEPTS 409,689

**sizable** [adj] *considerable, large* ample, big, burly, capacious, comprehensive, decent, decent-sized, extensive, good, goodly, great, gross, hefty, husky, jumbo\*, largish, major, massive, ponderous, respectable, sensible, spacious, strapping, substantial, tidy, voluminous, whopping\*; CONCEPT 781 —*Ant.* inadequate, inconsiderable, insufficient, little, short, small, tiny

**size** [n] *extent or bulk of some dimension* admeasurement, amount, amplitude, area, bigness, body, breadth, caliber, capaciousness, capacity, content, diameter, dimensions, enormity, extension, extent, greatness, height, highness, hugeness, immensity, intensity, largeness, length, magnitude, mass, measurement, proportion, proportions, range, scope, spread, stature,

stretch, substance, substantiality, tonnage, vastness, volume, voluminosity, width; CONCEPTS 730,792

**sizzle** [v] *hiss, fry* broil, brown, buzz, cook, crackle, fizz, fizzle, frizzle, grill, roast, sear, sibilate, spit, sputter, swish, wheeze, whisper, whiz; CONCEPTS 65,170

**skate** [v] *slide* coast, flow, glide, glissade, ice skate, roller skate, sail along, skim; CONCEPTS 150,152

**skedaddle** [v] *flee* blow\*, bolt, clear out, dart, dash, decamp, expedite, fly, fly the coop\*, get a move on\*, go like lightning, hasten, hightail it\*, hurry, hurry up, hustle, leave, make haste, make oneself scarce\*, make time\*, make tracks\*, move, move fast, race, run, rush, scamper, scat, scoot, scurry, shake a leg\*, speed, split, spur, step on it\*, take off, vamoose, whiz, zip; CONCEPTS 102,150,195, 234

**skeleton** [n] *structure of bones in animate being or supports in an object* bones, bony structure, cage, design, draft, frame, framework, osteology, outline, scaffolding, sketch, support; CONCEPTS 393,733 —*Ant.* carcass

**skeptic** [n] *person who is leery, unbelieving* agnostic, apostate, atheist, cynic, disbeliever, dissenter, doubter, doubting Thomas\*, free-thinker, heathen, heretic, infidel, materialist, misanthrope, misbeliever, nihilist, pagan, pessimist, profaner, questioner, rationalist, scoffer, unbeliever; CONCEPTS 361,423 —*Ant.* believer, devotee, disciple

**skeptical** [adj] *disbelieving, leery* agnostic, aporetic, cynical, dissenting, doubtful, doubting, dubious, freethinking, hesitating, incredulous, mistrustful, questioning, quizzical, scoffing, show-me\*, suspicious, unbelieving, unconvinced; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* believing, devoted, undoubting

**skepticism** [n] *doubt* agnosticism, apprehension, disbelief, distrust, dubiety, dubiousness, faithlessness, hesitation, incision, lack of confidence, leerness, questioning, reluctance, suspicion, uncertainty; CONCEPTS 21,410,689, 690

**sketch** [n] *drawing, outline* account, adumbration, aperçu, blueprint, cartoon, chart, compendium, configuration, copy, delineation, depiction, description, design, diagram, digest, doodle, draft, figuration, figure, form, illustration, likeness, monograph, painting, picture, piece, plan, portrayal, précis, report, representation, rough, shape, skeleton, summary, survey, syllabus, version, vignette; CONCEPTS 268, 283,625

**sketch** [v] *draw, outline* adumbrate, block out\*, blueprint\*, chalk, characterize, chart, delineate, depict, describe, design, detail, develop, diagram, doodle, draft, lay out\*, line, map out, paint, plan, plot, portray, represent, rough out\*, skeleton, skeletonize, trace; CONCEPTS 36,174

**sketchy** [adj] *rough, incomplete* coarse, crude, cursory, defective, depthless, faulty, imperfect, inadequate, insufficient, introductory, outline, perfunctory, preliminary, scrappy, shallow, skimpy, slight, superficial, uncritical, unfinished, vague; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* complete, detailed, finished, full

**skew** [*v*] *distort* alter, bend, bias, change, color, contort, curve, doctor\*, fake, falsify, fudge\*, misrepresent, misshape, slant, throw off balance, twist, warp; CONCEPTS 63, 137, 232, 250

**skid** [*v*] *slide against* will drift, glide, go into skid, move, sheer, skew, slip, slue, swerve, veer; CONCEPT 152

**skill** [*n*] *ability, talent to do something* accomplishment, address, adroitness, aptitude, art, artistry, cleverness, clout, command, competence, craft, cunning, deftness, dexterity, dodge\*, ease, experience, expertise, expertism, expertness, facility, finesse, goods\*, handiness, ingenuity, intelligence, job, knack\*, know-how\*, line, makings, moxie\*, one's thing\*, profession, proficiency, prowess, quickness, readiness, right stuff\*, savvy\*, skillfulness, sleight, smarts\*, stuff\*, technique, trade, what it takes\*; CONCEPTS 409, 630 —*Ant.* ignorance, inability, incapability, incapacity, inexperience

**skillful** [*adj*] *able, talented* accomplished, adept, adroit, a hand at\*, apt, brainy, clever, competent, cool\*, crack\*, crackerjack\*, dexterous, experienced, expert, good, handy, into\*, learned, old\*, on the ball\*, practical, practiced, prepared, pretty, primed, pro\*, professional, proficient, quick, ready, really into\*, savvy\*, seasoned, sharp, skilled, smart, smooth, there\*, trained, tuned in\*, versant, versed, vet\*, veteran, well-versed, whiz, wicked\*, wised up\*; CONCEPTS 402, 527 —*Ant.* green, ignorant, incapable, incapacitated, inexperienced, unable, unskilled, unskillful, untalented

**skim** [*v1*] *remove the top part* brush, cream, dip, get the cream, glance, graze, ladle, ream, scoop, separate, shave, top; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* pour

**skim** [*v2*] *glide over quickly, lightly* brush, carom, coast, dart, float, fly, graze, kiss, ricochet, sail, scud, shoot, skate, skip, skirr, skitter, smooth along, soar, trip; CONCEPTS 150, 152 —*Ant.* pour

**skim** [*v3*] *look through cursorily* browse, brush over, dip, examine, flip through, get the cream\*, give the once-over\*, glance, glance over, go once over lightly\*, hit the high spots\*, leaf through\*, read, read swiftly, riff, riffle, run eye over\*, scan, skip, thumb through\*, turn the pages\*; CONCEPTS 72, 103, 623 —*Ant.* pour

**skimp** [*v*] *be cheap or frugal about* be mean with, be sparing, cut corners\*, make ends meet\*, pinch, pinch pennies\*, roll back, save, scamp, scant, scrape, screw, scrimp, slight, spare, stint, tighten one's belt\*, withhold; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* spend, use, waste

**skimpy** [*adj*] *sparse, inadequate* deficient, exiguous, failing, insufficient, meager, miserly, niggardly, poor, scant, scanty, scrimp, scrumpy, short, shy, spare, stingy, thin, tight, insufficient, wanting; CONCEPTS 334, 762, 789 —*Ant.* adequate, enough, generous, sufficient

**skin** [*n*] *outer covering, especially of animate* being bark, carapace, case, casing, coating, crust, cutis, derma, dermis, epidermis, fell, flim, fur, hide, hull, husk, integument, jacket, membrane, outside, parchment, peel, pelt, rind, sheath, sheathing, shell, shuck, slough, surface, tegument, vellum; CONCEPTS 392, 428, 484

—*Ant.* body, core, interior, middle

**skin** [*v*] *remove outer covering* abrade, bare,

bark, cast, cut off, decorticate, excoriate, exuviate, flay, gall, graze, hull, husk, lay bare, pare, peel, pull off, remove, rind, scale, scalp, scrape, shave, shed, shuck, slough, strip, trim; CONCEPTS 176, 211 —*Ant.* cover

**skin-deep** [*adj*] *superficial* apparent, casual, cursory, empty, flimsy, meaningless, one-dimensional, on the surface, shallow, trivial; CONCEPTS 557, 777

**skinflint** [*n*] *cheapskate* hoarder, miser, moneygrubber\*, penny-pincher\*, pinchfist\*, pinchpenny\*, Scrooge\*, tightwad; CONCEPTS 348, 412, 423

**skinny** [*adj*] *very thin* angular, bony, emaciated, gaunt, lank, lanky, lean, like a rail\*, malnourished, rawboned, scraggy, scrawny, skeletal, skin-and-bone\*, slender, spare, twiggy, undernourished, underweight; CONCEPTS 490, 491 —*Ant.* chubby, fat, heavy, large, overweight, plump, thick

**skip** [*v1*] *bounce or jump over* bob, bolt, bound, buck, canter, caper, carom, cavort, dance, flee, flit, fly, frisk, gambol, glance, graze, hippety-hop\*, hop, leap, lope, make off, prance, ricochet, run, scamper, scoot, skedaddle\*, skim, skirr, skitter, spring, step, tiptoe, trip; CONCEPTS 150, 194

**skip** [*v2*] *avoid, miss* cut, desert, disregard, escape, eschew, flee, leave out, miss out, neglect, omit, pass over, pass up, play hooky\*, run away, skim over, split; CONCEPTS 30, 681 —*Ant.* face, meet, take on

**skirmish** [*n*] *fight* altercation, argument, battle, bout, brawl, brush, clash, combat, conflict, confrontation, disagreement, dispute, encounter, engagement, feud, fisticuffs\*, fracas, fray, melee, quarrel, row, ruckus, rumble, run-in\*, scrap\*, scuffle, strife, tiff, tussle, war; CONCEPT 106

**skirmish** [*v*] *fight* altercation, argue, battle, bicker, brawl, clash, combat, conflict, cross swords, dispute, do battle, engage, feud, go to war, grapple, mix it up\*, quarrel, scrap, scuffle, spar, struggle, tussle, wage war, war, wrangle, wrestle; CONCEPT 106

**skirt** [*n1*] *border, edge* brim, brink, fringe, hem, margin, outskirts, perimeter, periphery, purlieu, rim, skirting, verge; CONCEPTS 484, 825 —*Ant.* center, inside, interior, middle

**skirt** [*n2*] *ladies' garment that hangs from waist* culottes, dirndl, dress, hoop, kilt, midi, mini, pannier, petticoat, sarong, tutu; CONCEPT 451

**skirt** [*v1*] *border; be on the edge* bound, define, edge, flank, fringe, hem, lie along, lie alongside, margin, rim, surround, verge; CONCEPT 751 —*Ant.* center

**skirt** [*v2*] *avoid; get around* burke, bypass, circumnavigate, circumvent, detour, dodge, duck, elude, equivocate, escape, evade, hedge, ignore, sidestep, skip, steer clear of; CONCEPTS 30, 102, 147 —*Ant.* face, meet, take on

**skit** [*n*] *sketch* act, parody, performance, play, satire, spoof, takeoff; CONCEPT 263

**skittish** [*adj*] *very nervous* agitable, alarmable, capricious, changeable, combustible, dizzy\*, edgy, excitable, excited, fearful, fickle, fidgety, flighty, frivolous, giddy, harebrained, high-strung\*, irresponsible, jumpy, lightheaded, lively, peppy, playful, restive, scatterbrained\*, sensitive, spirited, undependable, unreliable,

volative, whimsical, zippy\*; CONCEPT 401  
 —*Ant.* calm, collected, easy-going, laid-back, unworried

**skulk** [*v*] *lurk*; shirk avoid, bypass, conceal oneself, creep, crouch, dodge, elude, evade, hide, lie in wait, prow, pussyfoot\*, sidestep, slack, slink, snake, sneak, snoop, steal; CONCEPTS 30,59,151,188,681

**sky** [*n*] *Earth's atmosphere* azure, celestial sphere, empyrean, firmament, heavens, lid\*, the blue\*, upper atmosphere, vault, vault of heaven\*, welkin, wild blue yonder\*; CONCEPT 437 —*Ant.* earth

**skyrocket** [*v*] *soar* arise, ascend, catapult, escalate, go through the ceiling\*, go through the roof\*, lift, rise, rocket, shoot, shoot up, take off, tower, vault up, zoom; CONCEPTS 148,150

**skyscraper** [*n*] *tall building* high-rise, high-rise building, superstructure, tower; CONCEPTS 439,441

**slab** [*n*] *chunk of solid object* bar, billet, bit, board, boulder, chip, cut, cutting, hunk, ingot, lump, muck, piece, plate, portion, rod, slice, stave, stick, stone, strip, wedge; CONCEPTS 471,835

**slack** [*adj*1] *loose, baggy*; inactive dull, easy, feeble, flabby, flaccid, flexible, flimsy, inert, infirm, laggard, lax, leisurely, limp, not taut, passive, quaggy, quiet, relaxed, sloppy, slow, slow-moving, sluggish, soft, supine, unsteady, weak; CONCEPTS 485,584,589 —*Ant.* rigid, stiff, taut, tight

**slack** [*adj*2] *lazy, negligent* asleep on the job\*, behindhand, careless, delinquent, derelict, dilatory, disregarding, dormant, dull, easy-going, faineant, idle, inactive, inattentive, indolent, inert, lackadaisical, lax, lethargic, neglectful, not busy, permissive, quiescent, quiet, regardless, remiss, slothful, slow, slow-moving, sluggish, stagnant, tardy; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* active, alert, disciplined

**slack** [*n*] *looseness, excess* give, leeway, play, room, slackening, slowdown, slow-up; CONCEPTS 513,807 —*Ant.* rigidity, stiffness, tautness, tightness

**slacker** [*n*] *shirker* avoider, bum, deadbeat\*, goldbrick, good-for-nothing, goof-off\*, idler, loafer, quitter, slouch; CONCEPTS 412,423

**slack/slacken** [*v*] *do little or nothing*; *loosen* abate, decrease, diminish, dodge, drop off, dwindle, ease, ease off, featherbed\*, flag, goldbrick\*, goof off\*, idle, lax, lay back, lessen, let up, lie down on job\*, loose, moderate, neglect, reduce, relax, release, shirk, slack off, slow down, taper, tire, untighten, wane; CONCEPTS 210,681,698 —*Ant.* stiffen, tighten

**slam** [*n*1] *loud noise from impact* bang, bash, blast, blow, boom, burst, clap, crack, crash, ding, pound, smack, smash, whack, wham; CONCEPTS 189,595

**slam** [*n*2] *harsh criticism* animadversion, aspersion, jab, obloquy, potshot\*, slap\*, slur\*, stricture, swipe\*; CONCEPTS 52,278 —*Ant.* compliment, flattery, praise

**slam** [*v*1] *throw or push very hard* bang, bat, batter, beat, belt, blast, clobber, close, crash, cudgel, dash, fling, hammer, hit, hurl, knock, pound, shut, slap, slug, smash, strike, swat, thump, thwack, wallop; CONCEPTS 189,208,222

**slam** [*v*2] *criticize very harshly* attack, castigate, damn, excoriate, flay, lambaste\*, lash into\*, pan, scathe, scourge, shoot down, slap, slash, vilify; CONCEPTS 52,54 —*Ant.* flatter, praise

**slander** [*n*] *scandalous remark* aspersion, backbiting\*, backstabbing\*, belittlement, black eye\*, calumny, defamation, depreciation, detraction, dirt\*, dirty linen\*, disparagement, hit\*, libel, lie, misrepresentation, muckraking, mud\*, mud-slinging\*, obloquy, rap\*, scandal, slam\*, slime\*, smear\*, tale; CONCEPTS 54,192,278 —*Ant.* glorification, nicety, praise

**slander** [*v*] *make a scandalous remark* asperse, assail, attack, backbite\*, bad-mouth\*, belie, belittle, besmirch, blacken name\*, blaspheme, blister, blot, calumniate, cast a slur on, curse, damage, decry, defame, defile, denigrate, depreciate, derogate, detract, dishonor, disparage, give a bad name\*, hit\*, hurt, injure, libel, malign, muckrake, pan\*, plaster, revile, roast\*, run smear campaign\*, scandalize, scorch, slam\*, sling mud\*, slur, smear, smirch, sneer, strumpet, sully, tarnish, tear down, traduce, vilify; CONCEPTS 54,192 —*Ant.* flatter, glorify, praise

**slang** [*n*] *casual dialect* argot, cant, colloquialism, informal speech, jargon, lingo, neologism, patois, patter, pidgin, shoptalk, slangueage\* street talk, vernacular, vulgarity, vulgarity; CONCEPT 276 —*Ant.* standard

**slant** [*n*1] *angle, slope* camber, cant, declination, diagonal, grade, gradient, inclination, incline, lean, leaning, pitch, rake, ramp, tilt; CONCEPT 738 —*Ant.* evenness, level

**slant** [*n*2] *particular opinion* angle, attitude, bias, direction, emphasis, judgment, leaning, one-sidedness, outlook, point of view, predilection, predisposition, prejudice, prepossession, sentiment, side, standpoint, view, viewpoint; CONCEPT 689

**slant** [*v*1] *angle off, slope* aim, bank, beam, bend, bevel, cant, decline, descend, deviate, direct, diverge, grade, heel, incline, lean, level, lie obliquely, list, point, skew, splay, swerve, tilt, tip, train, veer; CONCEPTS 201,738 —*Ant.* even, level

**slant** [*v*2] *change to suit*; *distort* aim, angle, bias, color, concentrate, direct, focus, influence, orient, point, prejudice, train, twist, warp, weight; CONCEPTS 63,266 —*Ant.* leave alone, maintain

**slap** [*n/v*] *hard hit, often with hand* bang, bash, blip, blow, box, buffet, bust, chop, clap, clout, crack, cuff, pat, percuss, poke, potch, punch, slam, smack, sock, spank, strike, swat, wallop, whack, wham; CONCEPT 189

**slapdash** [*adj*] *careless* clumsy, haphazard, hasty, heedless, improvident, irresponsible, lackadaisical, lax, messy, negligent, nonchalant, reckless, slipshod, sloppy; CONCEPT 542

**slaphappy** [*adj*] *dazed* befuddled, bewildered, dazzled, gaga\*, giddy, groggy\*, hazy, punch-drunk\*, punchy\*, puzzled, senile, silly, staggered, staggering, tipsy, unsteady, weak in the knees\*, weak-kneed\*, wobbly, woozy; CONCEPTS 314,480

**slash** [*v*1] *cut* carve, chop, gash, hack, incise, injure, lacerate, open up, pierce, rend, rip, score, sever, slice, slit, wound; CONCEPTS 137,176 —*Ant.* fix, mend, sew

**slash** [v2] *reduce greatly* abbreviate, abridge, clip, curtail, cut, cut back, cut down, drop, hack, lower, mark down, pare, retrench, shave, shorten; CONCEPTS 236,240,247

—*Ant.* increase, raise

**slaughter** [n] *killing* annihilation, bloodbath, bloodshed, butchery, carnage, destruction, extermination, liquidation, massacre, murder, slaying; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* birth

**slaughter** [v] *kill* butcher, crush, decimate, defeat, destroy, do in\* exterminate, finish, liquidate, maim, mangle, massacre, murder, mutilate, overwhelm, rout, slay, stick, thrash, torture, total\* trounce, vanquish, waste, wipe out\*; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* bear, create, give birth

**slave** [n] *person who serves, often under duress* bondservant, captive, chattel, drudge, help, laborer, menial, peon, retainer, serf, servant, skivvy, subservient, thrall, toiler, vassal, victim, worker, workhorse; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* master

**slave** [v] *work very hard* be servile, drudge, grind, grovel, grub, muck, plod, skivvy, slog, toil, work fingers to bone\*; CONCEPT 87

—*Ant.* be lazy

**slavery** [n] *state of working under duress or without freedom* bondage, bullwork, captivity, chains\* constraint, drudge, drudgery, enslavement, enthrallment, feudalism, grind, helotry, indenture, labor, menial labor, moil, peonage, restraint, serfdom, serfhood, servitude, subjection, subjugation, thrall, thralldom, toil, vassalage, work; CONCEPTS 324,388 —*Ant.* mastery

**slay** [v] *kill* annihilate, assassinate, butcher, cut off, destroy, dispatch, do\*, do away with, do in\*, down\*, eliminate, erase, execute, exterminate, finish, hit, knock off\*, liquidate, massacre, murder, neutralize, put away\*, rub out\*, slaughter, snuff\*, waste\*; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* bear, create, give birth

**slaezabag** [n] *creep* crud\*, degenerate, deviant, dip\*, dirtbag\*, dirtball\*, pervert, pig\*, scum\*, scumbag\*, scuzzbag\*, sleaze\*, sleazeball\*, slimebag\*, slimeball\*, slimebucket\*, slob\*, weirdo\*; CONCEPT 412

**slazy** [adj] *disreputable* base, broken-down, cheap, common, dilapidated, flimsy, limp, low, mean, paltry, poor, run-down, seedy, shabby, shoddy, sordid, squalid, tacky\*, trashy, unsubstantial; CONCEPTS 334,485,589 —*Ant.* fine, good, nice, reputable, respectable

**sled** [n] *sleigh* bobsled, dogsled, horse sleigh, luge, sledge, toboggan; CONCEPTS 187,217

**sleek** [adj] *smooth, glossy* glassy, glistering, lustrous, polished, satin, shiny, silken, silky; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* dull, raised, rough, un-groomed, unkempt

**sleep** [n] *suspension of consciousness* bedtime, catnap, coma, dormancy, doze, dream, dullness, few z's\*, forty winks\*, hibernation, lethargy, nap, nod, repose, rest, sack time\*, sandman\*, shuteye\*, siesta, slumber, slumberland\*, snooze, torpidity, torpor, trance; CONCEPT 315 —*Ant.* awakening, consciousness, wakefulness

**sleep** [v] *suspend consciousness* bed down\*, bunk\*, catch a wink\*, catch forty winks\*, catnap, conk out\*, cop some z's\*, crash\*, doze, dream, drop off\*, drowse, fall asleep, fall out\*, flop\*, hibernate, hit the hay\*, hit the sack\*, languish, nap, nod, nod off, oversleep, relax,

repose, rest, retire, sack out\*, saw wood\*, slumber, snooze, snore, take a nap, turn in\*, yawn, zonk out\*, zzz\*; CONCEPT 315

—*Ant.* wake, waken

**sleepless** [adj] *insomniac, restless* active, alert, antsy\*, anxious, bustling, edgy, fidgeting, fidgety, jumpy, nervous, on edge, strung out\*, tossing and turning\*, troubled, unsettled, wakeful, wide-awake, wired\*, worried; CONCEPTS 403,542,584

**sleepy** [adj] *tired, dull* asleep, blah\*, comatose, dopey\*, dozy, drabby, drowsy, heavy, hypnotic, inactive, lethargic, listless, out\*, out of it\*, quiet, sleeping, sleephead\*, slow, sluggish, slumberous, slumbersome, snoozy\*, somnolent, soporific, torpid, yawning; CONCEPTS 315,539

—*Ant.* animated, awake, energetic, unsleepy

**sleigh** [n] *sled* bobsled, dogsled, horse sleigh, luge, sledge, toboggan; CONCEPTS 187,217

**slender/slim** [adj1] *thin, not heavy* attenuate, beanpole\*, beanstalk\*, fine, insubstantial, lean, lithe, narrow, reedy, skeleton, skinny, slight, spare, stalky, stick, svelte, sylphlike, tenuous, threadlike, trim, twiggy, willowy; CONCEPTS 490,491 —*Ant.* chubby, fat, heavy, overweight, plump, thick

**slender/slim** [adj2] *inadequate, flimsy* bare, deficient, faint, feeble, fragile, inconsiderable, insufficient, little, meager, poor, remote, scant, scanty, scarce, short, shy, slight, small, spare, tenuous, thin, wanting, weak; CONCEPTS 552,771 —*Ant.* adequate, reasonable, sensible, sufficient

**slenth** [n] *detective* agent, bloodhound\*, cop, dick\*, eavesdropper, flatfoot\*, gumshoe\*, investigator, P.I.\*, police officer, private detective, private eye, private investigator, sleuthhound, spy, tail\*, tracker; CONCEPT 348

**slice** [n] *piece; share* allotment, allowance, bite, chop, cut, helping, lot, part, piece of pie\*, portion, quota, segment, sliver, thin piece, triangle, wedge; CONCEPT 835 —*Ant.* whole

**slice** [v] *cut into portions, shares* carve, chiv, cleave, dissect, dis sever, divide, gash, hack, incise, pierce, segment, sever, shave, shred, slash, slit, split, strip, subdivide, sunder; CONCEPTS 98,137,176 —*Ant.* combine, unite

**slick** [adj1] *smooth, polished* glossy, greasy, icy, lubricious, oily, oleaginous, shiny, sleek, sleeky, slippery, slithery, soapy; CONCEPT 606

—*Ant.* coarse, rough, unpolished

**slick** [adj2] *smart, clever* adroit, cagey, canny, deft, dextrous, foxy, glib, knowing, meretricious, plausible, professional, quick, sharp, shrewd, skillful, sly, smooth, smooth-spoken, sophisticated, specious, streetwise\*, unctuous, urbane, wise; CONCEPTS 401,402 —*Ant.* amateurish, clumsy, stupid, unclever, unintelligent

**slide** [v] *move smoothly; move down* accelerate, coast, drift, drive, drop, fall, fall off, flow, glide, glissade, launch, move, move along, move over, propel, sag, scooch\*, shift, shove, skate, skid, skim, slip, slither, slump, smooth along, spill, stream, thrust, toboggan, tumble, veer; CONCEPTS 150,152

**slight** [adj1] *insignificant, small* fat, feeble, inconsiderable, insubstantial, meager, minor, modest, negligible, off, outside, paltry, petty, piddling, remote, scanty, slender, slim, sparse,

- superficial, trifling, trivial, unessential, unimportant, weak; CONCEPTS 575,762,789 —**Ant.** big, great, important, large, significant
- slight** [adj2] *thin, small in build* attenuate, broomstick\*, dainty, delicate, feeble, flimsy, fragile, frail, light, reedy, shadow, skeleton, skinny, slender, slim, spare, stick, twiggy; CONCEPTS 490,491 —**Ant.** chubby, fat, large, tall, thick
- slight** [n] *insult, disrespect* affront, brush-off, call-down, cold shoulder\*, contempt, cut, discourtesy, disdain, disregard, inattention, indifference, kick, neglect, put-down\*, rebuff, rejection, slap in the face\*, snub; CONCEPTS 30,384,529 —**Ant.** compliment, praise, respect
- slight** [v] *offend, insult* affront, blink at, brush off, chill, contemn, cool\*, cut\*, despise, discount, disdain, disparage, disregard, fail, flout, forget, give the brush\*, give the cold shoulder to\*, ignore, make light of, neglect, not give time of day\*, omit, overlook, pooh-pooh\*, reject, scoff, scorn, show disrespect, shrug off, skip, slur, sneeze at\*, snub, treat with contempt, turn deaf ear to\*, upstage; CONCEPTS 7,19,30,384 —**Ant.** compliment, flatter, praise
- slightly** [adv] *a little* hardly, hardly at all, hardly noticeable, imperceptibly, inappreciably, inconsiderably, insignificantly, kind of, lightly, marginally, more or less, on a small scale, pretty, scarcely any, somewhat, to some degree, to some extent; CONCEPTS 544,772 —**Ant.** a lot, considerably, greatly
- slim** [v] *lose weight* diet, reduce, slenderize; CONCEPT 202 —**Ant.** gain
- slime** [n] *muck, gelled waste* fungus, glop\*, goo\*, gunk\*, mire, mucus, mud, ooze, scum, sludge; CONCEPT 260
- slimy** [adj] *oozy, gooey* clammy, glutinous, miry, mucky, mucous, muculent, muddy, scummy, viscous, yukky\*; CONCEPTS 485,621 —**Ant.** dry
- sling** [v] *throw or hang over* bung, cast, catapult, chuck, dangle, fire, fling, heave, hoist, hurl, launch, lob, peg, pitch, raise, send, shoot, suspend, swing, toss, weight; CONCEPTS 181,222
- slink/slither** [v] *creep by* coast, cower, glide, glissade, go stealthily, gumshoe\*, lurk, meander, pass quietly, prowl, pussyfoot\*, shirk, sidle, skitter, skulk, slick, slide, slip, snake, sneak, steal, undulate; CONCEPT 151
- slip** [n1] *error, goof* blooper\*, blunder, bungle, failure, fault, flub\*, fluff\*, foul-up\*, gaff, howler\*, imprudence, indiscretion, lapse, misdeed, misstep, mistake, muff\*, omission, oversight, screw-up\*, slip of the tongue\*, slip-up\*, trip; CONCEPT 101 —**Ant.** correction, perfection, success
- slip** [n2] *piece of paper* label, leaf, page, sheet, sliver, strip, tag, ticket; CONCEPTS 270,475
- slip** [v1] *fall; glide* drop, glissade, lose balance, lose footing, lurch, move, shift, skate, skid, slick, slide, slither, smooth along, totter, trip; CONCEPTS 150,152
- slip** [v2] *err blunder*, drop the ball\*, flub\*, fluff\*, goof\*, go wrong, make a mistake, miscalculate, misjudge, mistake, muff\*, put foot in mouth\*, slip up, stumble, trip; CONCEPT 101 —**Ant.** correct, perfect
- slippery** [adj1] *smooth, slick* glacé, glassy, glazed, glistening, greasy, icy, like a skating rink\*, lubricious, lustrous, perilous, polished, satiny, silky, sleek, slimy, soapy, unctuous, unsafe, unstable, unsteady, waxy, wet; CONCEPT 606 —**Ant.** dry, unslippery
- slippery** [adj2] *uncertain, unreliable* cagey, changeable, crafty, cunning, devious, dishonest, duplicitous, elusive, evasive, false, fly-by-night\*, foxy, inconstant, insecure, mutable, shifty, slick, slithery, smooth, sneaky, treacherous, tricky, two-faced\*, unpredictable, unsafe, unstable, unsteady, untrustworthy, variable; CONCEPTS 401,534,535 —**Ant.** certain, definite, reliable, stable
- slipshod** [adj] *careless; not well done* bedraggled, botched\*, disheveled, faulty, fly-by-night\*, fouled-up\*, haphazard, imperfect, inaccurate, inexact, junky\*, loose, messed-up, messy, neglected, negligent, raunchy, screwed-up\*, scrubby\*, scruffy\*, shabby\*, shoddy\*, slapdash\*, sloppy, slovenly, tacky\*, tattered, threadbare, unkept, unmeticulous, unsystematic, unthorough, untidy; CONCEPTS 485,570,589 —**Ant.** careful, neat, polished, refined, well-done
- slipup** [n] *error* blooper, blunder, boner\*, boo-boo\*, bungle, faux pas, flaw, glitch, goof\*, lapse, miscalculation, miscue, misjudgment, misstep, mistake, misunderstanding, oversight, screwup, slight, stumble, transgression; CONCEPTS 101,230,674,699
- slit** [n] *small opening, cut* aperture, breach, cleavage, cleft, crack, crevice, fissure, gash, hole, incision, rent, split, tear; CONCEPT 513 —**Ant.** closure
- slit** [v] *cut open* gash, incise, knife, lance, pierce, rip, sever, slash, slice, slot, split open, tear; CONCEPT 176 —**Ant.** close, mend, sew
- slither** [v] *slide* coast, crawl, glide, glissade, move, skate, skid, slink, slip, snake\*, sneak, wriggle; CONCEPTS 150,152
- sliver** [n] *tiny piece, usually of wood or metal* bit, flake, fragment, paring, shaving, shred, slice, slip, snip, snippet, splinter, thorn; CONCEPTS 471,831
- slobber** [v] *drool* dribble, drip, drivel, froth, salivate, sllobber, slaver, water at the mouth; CONCEPT 185
- slog** [v] *plod* bear down\*, buckle down\*, drag, drudge, flounder, grind, labor, lumber\*, plough through\*, plug, schlepp\*, slave, stomp, sweat\*, toil, tramp, trample, trudge; CONCEPTS 87,151
- slogan** [n] *motto* byword, catchphrase, catchword, expression, idiom, jingle, phrase, proverb, rallying cry\*, saying, shibboleth\*, trademark\*, war cry\*, watchword; CONCEPT 278
- slop** [v] *splash; make a mess* dash, drip, flounder, let run out, let run over, overflow, slosh, smear, smudge, spatter, spill, splatter, spray, wallow; CONCEPT 250 —**Ant.** clean up
- slope** [n] *slant, tilt* abruptness, bank, bend, bevel, bias, cant, declination, declivity, deflection, descent, deviation, diagonal, downgrade, gradient, hill, inclination, incline, lean, leaning, obliqueness, obliquity, pitch, ramp, rise, rising ground, shelf, skew, steepness, swag, sway, tip; CONCEPTS 738,757 —**Ant.** evenness, level
- slope** [v] *slant, tilt* angle, ascend, bank, bevel, cant, descend, dip, drop, drop away, fall, heel, incline, lean, list, pitch, rake, recline, rise,

shelve, skew, splay, tip; CONCEPTS 201,738

—*Ant.* even, level

**sloppy** [*adj*] messy awkward, bedraggled, botched, careless, clumsy, dingy, dirty, disheveled, inattentive, mediocre, muddy, not clean, poor, slapdash, slipshod, slovenly, sludgy\*, slushy\*, splashy\*, tacky\*, unkempt, unthorough, untidy, watery, wet; CONCEPTS 531,603,621 —*Ant.* clean, neat, orderly, tidy

**slot** [*n*] opening, place aperture, channel, cut, groove, hole, niche, position, recess, slit, socket, space, time, vacancy; CONCEPT 513

**sloth** [*n*] laziness do-nothingness, idleness, inactivity, indolence, inertia, lackadaisicalness, languidness, laxness, lethargy, listlessness, slackness, slothfulness, slowness, sluggishness, supineness; CONCEPTS 411,633

**slothful** [*adj*] lazy comatose, dallying, dull, idle, inactive, inattentive, indolent, inert, lackadaisical, laggard, lagging, languid, lethargic, lifeless, listless, loafing, passive, procrastinating, slack, slow, sluggish, snoozy\*, supine, tired, unenergetic; CONCEPTS 401,404

**slouch** [*v*] slump over be lazy, bend, bow, crouch, droop, lean, loaf, loll, lounge, sag, stoop, wilt; CONCEPTS 154,201 —*Ant.* straighten

**slovenly** [*adj*] dirty, disordered bedraggled, botched, careless, dingy, disheveled, disorderly, dowdy, down-at-the-heel\*, frowzy\*, frumpy\*, grody\*, grubby, grungy\*, heedless, icky\*, loose, messed up\*, messy, mussy, negligent, pigpen\*, raunchy, seedy, slack, slapdash, sleazy\*, slipshod, sloppy, tacky, topsy-turvy, unfastidious, unkempt, unthorough, untidy; CONCEPTS 485,621 —*Ant.* clean, ordered, organized

**slow** [*adj*1] unhurried, lazy apathetic, crawling, creeping, dawdling, delaying, deliberate, dilatory, disinclined, dreamy, drowsy, easy, gradual, heavy, idle, imperceptible, inactive, indolent, inert, lackadaisical, laggard, lagging, leaden, leisurely, lethargic, listless, loitering, measured, moderate, negligent, passive, phlegmatic, plodding, ponderous, postponing, procrastinating, quiet, reluctant, remiss, slack, sleepy, slothful, slow-moving, sluggish, snail-like, stagnant, supine, tardy, torpid, tortoiselike; CONCEPTS 538,584,588 —*Ant.* active, busy, fast, hurried, quick, rapid

**slow** [*adj*2] behind, late backward, behindhand, belated, conservative, dead, delayed, detained, dilatory, down, draggy\*, dull, gradual, hindered, impeded, inactive, lingering, long-delayed, long-drawn-out\*, low, moderate, off, overdue, prolonged, protracted, reduced, slack, sleepy, sluggish, stagnant, stiff, tame, tardy, tedious, time-consuming, uneventful, unproductive, unprogressive, unpunctual; CONCEPTS 529,537, 548 —*Ant.* on cue, on time, ready, waiting

**slow** [*adj*3] unintelligent backward, dense, dim, dimwitted, dull, dumb, dunce, imbecile, limited, moronic, obtuse, simple, slow on the uptake\*, stupid, thick, unresponsive; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* cognizant, intelligent, smart

**slow** [*v*] delay, restrict abate, anchor it, backwater\*, bog down, brake, check, choke, curb, curtail, cut back, cut down, decelerate, decrease, detain, diminish, ease off, ease up, embog, handicap, hinder, hit the brakes\*, hold back, hold up, impede, keep waiting, lag, lessen, let

down flaps\*, loiter, lose speed, lose steam\*, mire, moderate, postpone, procrastinate, qualify, quiet, reduce, reduce speed, reef, regulate, rein in, relax, retard, retardate, set back, slacken, stall, stunt, temper, wind down; CONCEPTS 130,234,250 —*Ant.* advance, forward, push

**slowdown** [*n*] slacking off; gradual decrease arrest, deceleration, decline, delay, downturn, downturn, drop, drop-off, falloff, freeze, inactivity, retardation, slack, slackening, slow-up, stagnation, stoppage, strike; CONCEPTS 121,130 —*Ant.* breakthrough, increase, rise, speed-up

**slowpoke** [*n*] laggard dawdler, dilly-dallyer, idler, plodder, procrastinator, slug, sluggard, snail, straggler; CONCEPTS 121,237,681

**sludge** [*n*] mud glop\*, goo\*, goop\*, grease, gunk\*, mire, muck, oil, ooze, scum, sediment, silt, slime, slop; CONCEPT 260

**slug** [*v*] hit bang, bash, bat, batter, beat, belt, box\*, bump, clobber, clock\*, clout, club, crack, flail, flog, hammer\*, jab, knock, KO\*, lambaste, let have it\*, nail\*, pelt, pop, pound, punch, slam, slap, smack, sock, swat, thrash, thwack, wallop, whack\*, whale; CONCEPTS 189,200

**sluflgest** [*n*] fight altercation, argument, battle, battle royal\*, bout, brawl, clash, conflict, dispute, dogfight, donnybrook, engagement, feud, fisticuffs\*, fracas, fray, free-for-all\*, melee, riot, ruckus, rumble, struggle, tussle, war; CONCEPT 106

**sluggish** [*adj*] dull, slow-moving apathetic, blah\*, comatose, dopey\*, down, dragging, draggy\*, drippy\*, heavy, hebetudinous, inactive, indolent, inert, laid-back\*, languid, languorous, leaden, lethargic, lifeless, listless, lumphish, mooney\*, off, phlegmatic, pokey\*, slack, sleepyheaded\*, slothful, slow, sluggish, slumberous, stagnant, stiff, sullen, torpid, unresponsive; CONCEPTS 401,584 —*Ant.* active, alert, energetic, fast, lively, spirited

**slum** [*n*] ghetto blighted area, public squalor, run-down neighborhood, shanty town, skid row, tenement housing; CONCEPTS 335,709

**slumber** [*n*] sleep coma, dormancy, doze, drowse, forty winks\*, inactivity, languor, lethargy, nap, repose, rest, sack time\*, shuteye\*, snooze, stupor, torpor; CONCEPT 315 —*Ant.* awakening, consciousness, wakefulness

**slump** [*n*] decline, failure bad period, bad times, blight, blue devils\*, blue funk\*, bottom, bust, collapse, crash, depreciation, depression, descent, dip, downer\*, downslide\*, downswing\*, downtrend, downturn, drop, dumps\*, fall, falling-off\*, funk, hard times\*, letdown\*, low, rainy days\*, recession, reverse, rut, sag, slide, slip, stagnation, the skids\*, trough; CONCEPTS 335,410,674 —*Ant.* blessing, boon, increase, success

**slump** [*v*] decline, sink bend, blight, cave in, collapse, crash, decay, deteriorate, droop, drop, fall, fall off\*, go down, go downhill\*, go to ruin\*, hunch, keel over, loll, pitch, plummet, plunge, reach new low\*, sag, slide, slip, slouch, topple, tumble; CONCEPTS 181,698,699,763 —*Ant.* ascend, increase, rise

**slur** [*n*] insult accusation, affront, animadversion, aspersion, bar sinister\*, black eye\*, blemish, blot, blur, brand, brickbat\*, calumny, dirty dig\*, discredit, disgrace, dump, expose, hit,

innuendo, insinuation, knock, obloquy, odium, onus, put-down\*, rap\*, reflection, reproach, slam, smear, stain, stigma, stricture, zinger\*; CONCEPTS 44,54,278 —**Ant.** compliment, flattery, praise

**slur** [v1] *insult* blacken, blemish, blister, blot, blow off\*, brand, calumniate, cap, chop\*, cut to the quick\*, cut up\*, defame, denigrate, detract, discredit, disgrace, dump on\*, give a black eye\*, hit where one lives\*, insinuate, kick in the teeth\*, libel, malign, miff, offend, push, put down\*, reproach, roast\*, scorch\*, skin alive\*, slander, slap in the face\*, slight, smear\*, snub, spatter, stain, tear down, traduce, vilify, zing\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,44,54 —**Ant.** compliment, flatter, praise

**slur** [v2] *mumble words* garble, mispronounce, miss, skip, stutter; CONCEPT 47 —**Ant.** enunciate, pronounce

**slly** [adj] *clever, devious* arch, artful, astute, bluffing, cagey, calculating, canny, captious, conniving, covert, crafty, crooked, cunning, deceitful, deceptive, delusive, designing, dishonest, dishonorable, dissembling, double-dealing, elusive, foxy, furtive, guileful, illusory, impish, ingenious, insidious, intriguing, mean, mischievous, plotting, roguish, scheming, secret, sharp, shifty, shrewd, slick, smart, smooth, sneaking, stealthy, subtle, traitorous, treacherous, tricky, underhand, unscrupulous, wily; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** honest, open, simple, straight, straightforward, unclever

**smack** [adv] *directly, exactly* accurately, bang\*, clearly, just, plumb, point-blank\*, precisely, right, sharp, square, squarely, straight; CONCEPT 557 —**Ant.** indirectly, inexactly, off

**smack** [n/v] *strike, often with hand* bang, blip, blow, box, buffet, chop, clap, clout, crack, cuff, hit, pat, punch, slap, snap, sock, spank, tap; CONCEPT 189

**small** [adj1] *tiny in size, quantity* baby, bantam, bitty\*, cramped, diminutive, humble, immature, inadequate, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insufficient, limited, little, meager, microscopic, mini\*, miniature, minuscule, minute, modest, narrow, paltry, petite, petty, picayune, piddling\*, pint-sized\*, pitiful, pocket-sized\*, poor, puny\*, runty\*, scanty, scrubby, short, shrimp\*, slight, small-scale, stunted, teensy\*, teeny, toy, trifling, trivial, undersized, unpretentious, wee\*, young; CONCEPTS 773,789 —**Ant.** big, enormous, generous, huge, immense, large

**small** [adj2] *unimportant* bush-league\*, inadequate, inconsiderable, ineffectual, inferior, insignificant, lesser, light, limited, lower, mean, minor, minor-league\*, minute, narrow, negligible, paltry, petty, secondary, set, small-fry\*, small-time\*, trifling, trivial, unessential; CONCEPT 575 —**Ant.** distinguished, excellent, famous, fine, important, untrivial

**small** [adj3] *narrow-minded, nasty* base, grudging, ignoble, illiberal, limited, little, mean, narrow, petty, selfish, set, vulgar; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** benevolent, broad-minded, considerate, giving, kind

**small-minded** [adj] *narrow-minded* biased, bigoted, conservative, illiberal, intolerant, opinionated, petty, prejudiced, selfish, shortsighted; CONCEPTS 403,542

**small talk** [n] *casual conversation* babble, blab\*, blather, chatter, chitchat\*, gossip, idle chatter, idle talk, jabber\*, prattle, yakking\*; CONCEPTS 274,278

**small-time** [adj] *minor* bush-league\*, dinky\*, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insignificant, low, petty, piddling, secondary, second-string\*, trivial, two-bit\*, unimportant; CONCEPTS 575, 773,789

**smart** [adj1] *intelligent* acute, adept, agile, alert, apt, astute, bold, brainy\*, bright, brilliant, brisk, canny, clever, crafty, effective, eggheaded\*, fresh, genius, good, impertinent, ingenious, keen, knowing, long-haired\*, nervy, nimble, on the ball\*, pert, pointed, quick, quick-witted, ready, resourceful, sassy, sharp, shrewd, skill, slick\*, whiz\*, wise; CONCEPT 402 —**Ant.** dull, stupid, unintelligent

**smart** [adj2] *stylish, fashionable* chic, dapper, dashing, dressed to kill\*, elegant, exclusive, fine, fly\*, in fashion, last word\*, latest thing\*, modish, natty, neat, snappy, spruce, swank, trendy, trim, well turned-out, with it\*; CONCEPT 589 —**Ant.** dowdy, old, unfashionable, unstylish, worn

**smart** [adj3] *brisk, lively* active, bold, brazen, cracking, energetic, forward, good, jaunty, nervy, pert, quick, saucy, scintillating, spanking, spirited, sprightly, vigorous; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** apathetic, lethargic, slow

**smart** [v] *hurt, pain* ache, be painful, bite, burn, prick, prickle, sting, suffer, throb, tingle; CONCEPTS 246,728 —**Ant.** assuage, help, soothe

**smart-aleck** [n] *wise guy* bigmouth\*, know-it-all\*, smart ass\*, smarty-pants\*, wiseacre, wiseass, wisenheimer; CONCEPT 412

**smarts** [n] *intelligence* acuity, acumen, alertness, aptitude, brainpower, brains\*, brightness, brilliance, cleverness, competence, comprehension, gray matter\*, intellect, IQ\*, judgment, know-how, mind, perception, perspicacity, precocity, reason, savvy, sense, the right stuff\*, understanding, what it takes\*; CONCEPT 409

**smash** [n1] *collision; defeat* accident, bang, bash, blast, blow, boom, breakdown, breaking, breakup, burst, clap, collapse, crack, crack-up, crash, debacle, destruction, disaster, downfall, failure, pile-up, ruin, shattering, slam, smash-up, sock, wallop, welt, whack, wham, wreck; CONCEPTS 674,675

**smash** [n2] *great success* hit, knockout, sensation, wow\*; CONCEPT 706 —**Ant.** failure, loss

**smash** [v1] *break into pieces* bang, belt, blast, break to smithereens\*, burst, clobber, collide, crack, crash, crush, demolish, disintegrate, fracture, fragment, hit, make mincemeat of\*, pound, powder, pulverize, rive, scrunch, shatter, shiver, slam, slug, splinter, squash, squish, trash, wallop; CONCEPTS 246,252 —**Ant.** fix, mend

**smash** [v2] *defeat, destroy* annihilate, break up, decimate, demolish, destruct, disrupt, lay in ruins\*, lay waste\*, overthrow, overturn, put out of action\*, put out of commission\*, raze, ruin, shatter, tear down, topple, trash, tumble, wreck; CONCEPTS 95,252 —**Ant.** fail, lose

**smashup** [n] *wreck* accident, collision, crack-up\*, crash, fender bender, impact, jolt, mess, pile-up\*, rear-ender\*, sideswipe, total, wreckage; CONCEPTS 189,260,674

**smattering** [*n*] *small amount* basics, bit, elements, little, modicum, rudiments, smidge\*, smidgen\*, soupçon, tad\*; CONCEPT 831

**smear** [*v1*] *rub on, spread over* apply, bedaub, besmirch, blur, coat, cover, dab, daub, defile, dirty, discolor, overlay, overspread, patch, plaster, slop, smudge, soil, spatter, spray, sprinkle, stain, sully, taint, tar, tarnish; CONCEPTS 172, 202, 215

**smear** [*v2*] *tarnish a reputation* asperse, bad-mouth\*, befoul, besmirch, blacken, black-guard\*, blister, calumniate, defame, defile, denigrate, discolor, drag through mud\*, give a black eye\*, hit\*, libel, malign, pan\*, poor-mouth\*, rap\*, rip up\*, scorch\*, slam\*, slander, sling mud\*, slur, sully, taint, traduce, vilify; CONCEPTS 54, 63 —*Ant.* honor, laud, upgrade

**smear campaign** [*n*] *mudslinging* character assassination, defamation of character, dragging one's name through the mud\*, slander, whispering campaign; CONCEPTS 54, 192, 278

**smell** [*n*] *odor* aroma, bouquet, emanation, essence, flavor, fragrance, incense, perfume, redolence, savor, scent, spice, stench, stink, tang, trace, trail, whiff; CONCEPTS 590, 599

**smell** [*v1*] *perceive with the nose* breathe, detect, discover, find, get a whiff\*, identify, inhale, nose, scent, sniff, snuff; CONCEPTS 590, 601, 602

**smell** [*v2*] *have an odor* be malodorous, funk\*, reek, smell to high heaven\*, stench, stink, whiff; CONCEPT 600

**smelly** [*adj*] *having a bad odor* evil-smelling, fetid, foul, foul-smelling, funky\*, high, malodorous, mephitic, noisome, olid, putrid, rancid, rank, reeking, stinking, strong, strong-smelling, whiffy\*; CONCEPT 598 —*Ant.* good-smelling, perfumed

**smidgen** [*n*] *tiny amount* atom, chicken feed\*, crumb, dab, dash, drop, fraction, fragment, grain, iota, little bit, mite, morsel, particle, pinch, scintilla, scrap, shard, shaving, shred, sliver, small amount, small bit, small quantity, speck, tad, taste, trace, wee bit\*, whiff, whisper; CONCEPTS 529, 831, 835

**smile** [*v*] *put on a happy expression* beam, be gracious, express friendliness, express tenderness, grin, laugh, look amused, look delighted, look happy, look pleased, simper, smirk; CONCEPT 185 —*Ant.* frown, glower

**smirk** [*n*] *slly smile* beam, grin, leer, simper, smug look, sneer; CONCEPT 185

**smog** [*n*] *air pollution* acid rain, carbon dioxide, fog, haze, smoke, soot; CONCEPT 720

**smoke** [*n*] *fume; cigarette* but\*, cig\*, exhaust, fog, gas, mist, pollution, smog, soot, vapor; CONCEPT 720

**smoke detector** [*n*] *smoke alarm* danger signal, emergency alarm, fire alarm, fire bell, heat sensor, siren; CONCEPTS 269, 463

**smoky** [*adj*] *hazy, sooty* begrimed, black, burning, caliginous, dingy, fumy, gray, grimy, messy, murky, reeking, silvery, smoke-colored, smoldering, thick, vaporous; CONCEPTS 485, 618 —*Ant.* clean, clear, unpolluted

**smolder** [*v*] *burn, simmer* boil, bubble, churn, consume, erupt, explode, ferment, fester, fulminate, fume, seethe, smoke, steam, stir; CONCEPT 35, 249 —*Ant.* freeze

**smooch** [*v*] *kiss* butterfly\*, French\*, greet, lip\*, make out\*, mush\*, neck\*, park\*, peck, pucker up\*, smack; CONCEPTS 185, 375

**smooth** [*adj1*] *level, unwrinkled; flowing* bland, continuous, creamy, easy, effortless, equable, even, flat, fluent, fluid, flush, frictionless, gentle, glassy, glossy, hairless, horizontal, invariable, lustrous, mild, mirrorlike, monotonous, peaceful, plain, planate, plane, polished, quiet, regular, rhythmic, rippleless, serene, shaven, shiny, silky, sleek, soft, soothing, stable, steady, still, tranquil, unbroken, undeviating, undisturbed, uneventful, uniform, uninterrupted, unruffled, untroubled, unvarying, velvety; CONCEPTS 406, 480, 606 —*Ant.* broken, coarse, intermittent, irregular, rough, uneven, wrinkled

**smooth** [*adj2*] *suave in behavior* agreeable, bland, civilized, courteous, courtly, facile, genial, glib, ingratiating, mellow, mild, persuasive, pleasant, polite, slick, smarmy\*, unctuous, urbane; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* coarse, rough, uncool

**smooth** [*v1*] *make level* burnish, clear, even, flatten, flush, glaze, gloss, grade, iron, lay, level, make uniform, perfect, plane, polish, press, refine, round, sand, sleek, slick, varnish; CONCEPTS 137, 250 —*Ant.* coarsen, roughen, wrinkle

**smooth** [*v2*] *make peace* allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, calm, comfort, cool\*, ease, extenuate, facilitate, iron out, mellow, mitigate, mollify, palliate, pat, pave the way\*, soften, stroke, take the edge off\*, take the sting out\*; CONCEPTS 7, 22 —*Ant.* aggravate, agitate, incite, irritate, upset

**smother** [*v*] *extinguish; cover, hide* asphyxiate, choke, collect, compose, conceal, control, cool, cork, douse, envelop, heap, hush up\*, inundate, keep back, kill, muffle, overwhelm, quash, quell, quench, rein, repress, restrain, shower, shroud, simmer down, snuff, squelch, stamp out, stifle, strangle, suffocate, suppress, surround, throttle; CONCEPTS 130, 172, 188, 234 —*Ant.* light, start, uncover

**smudge** [*n*] *dirt smear* blemish, blot, blur, macule, smut, smutch, soiled spot, spot; CONCEPT 723 —*Ant.* cleanliness

**smudge** [*v*] *smear, dirty* begrime, blacken, blotch, blur, daub, defile, foul, grime, mark, plaster, slop, smirch, soil, spatter, sully, taint, tarnish; CONCEPT 254 —*Ant.* clean

**smug** [*adj*] *pleased with oneself* complacent, conceited, egoistic, egotistical, holier-than-thou\*, hotshot\*, pompous, priggish, puffed-up\*, self-contented, self-righteous, self-satisfied, snobbish, stuck on oneself\*, stuck-up\*, stuffy, superior, vainglorious; CONCEPTS 404, 542 —*Ant.* modest, unhappy, unself-confident, unsure

**smuggle** [*v*] *transfer illegal goods* bootleg, deal, export, hide, moonshine\*, pirate, push, run, run contraband\*, run rum\*, snake in\*; CONCEPT 192

**smut** [*n*] *pornography* adult material, adult movie, bawdiness, dirt, dirty movie, erotica, filth, girlie magazine, hard-core pornography, indecency, indecent material, obscene materials, obscenity, porn, porno, porno film, sextploitation, sexually explicit material, skin flick, smut, soft-core pornography, stag film, X-rated material, X-rated movie; CONCEPTS 267, 372, 545



**smutty** [*adj*] *obscene, vulgar* bawdy, blue\*, coarse, crude, dirty, filthy, foul, immoral, improper, indecent, indelicat, lewd, nasty, off-color, pornographic, prurient, racy, raunchy, raw, risqué, rough, salacious, salty, scatological, suggestive, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 267,372,545 —*Ant.* clean, decent, moral

**snack** [*n*] *tiny meal* bite, bite to eat\*, break, eats\*, goodies\*, grub\*, light meal, lunch, luncheon, midnight snack, morsel, munch\*, nibble, nosh\*, pickings, piece, refreshment, tea, tidbit; CONCEPTS 457,459 —*Ant.* meal

**snafu** [*n*] *mistake blower\**, blunder, bungle, confusion, error, false step, faux pas, flub\*, foul-up, goof-up, mess, miscalculation, misjudgment, misunderstanding, mix-up, oversight, screwup\*, slip, slipup\*; CONCEPTS 101,230,410

**snag** [*n*] *complication in situation* bar, barrier, blockade, brake, bug\*, catch, Catch-22, clog, crimp, cropper, crunch, curb, difficulty, disadvantage, drag\*, drawback, fix\*, glitch, hamper, hitch, holdup\*, hole\*, hurdle, impediment, inconvenience, knot, obstacle, obstruction, pickle\*, problem, puzzler, scrape, spot, stumbling block, the rub\*, tight spot\*; CONCEPTS 666,674 —*Ant.* advantage, convenience

**snag** [*v*] *catch on something* hole, nail, rip, run into, tear; CONCEPT 214

**snaky** [*adj1*] *winding* anfractuous, convoluted, entwined, flexuous, indirect, meandering, meandering, serpentine, sinuous, tortuous, twisted, twisting, writhing, zigzag; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* straight, unwinding

**snaky** [*adj2*] *devious, sly* crafty, insidious, lurking, perfidious, slinking, sneaky, subtle, treacherous, venomous, viperous, virulent; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* forthright, honest, upfront

**snap** [*n*] *easy thing to accomplish* breeze\*, child's play\*, cinch, duck soup\*, ease, easy as pie\*, kid stuff\*, no problem, picnic\*, pie\*, smooth sailing\*, soft touch\*, walkover\*; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* difficulty

**snap** [*v1*] *separate, break* click, come apart, crack, crackle, fracture, give way, pop; CONCEPTS 98,246 —*Ant.* combine, fix

**snap** [*v2*] *bite, seize* bite at, catch, clutch, grab, grasp, grip, jerk, lurch, nip, snatch, twitch, yank; CONCEPTS 90,191 —*Ant.* free, liberate, loose

**snap** [*v3*] *speak sharply* bark, flare, flash, fly off the handle\*, get angry, growl, grumble, grunt, jump down throat\*, lash out, retort, roar, snarl, snort, take it out on\*, vent, yell; CONCEPT 54

**snappy** [*adj1*] *nasty, irritable* cross, disagreeable, edgy, fractious, hasty, huffy, petulant, quick-tempered, snappish, tart, testy, touchy, waspish; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* happy, nice, pleasant

**snappy** [*adj2*] *fashionable* chic, classy, dapper, dashing, fly\*, in good taste, modish, natty, sharp, smart, stylish, swank\*, tony\*, trendy, up-to-the-minute, with style; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* old, old-fashioned, outdated, unfashionable

**snappy** [*adj3*] *fast* abrupt, breakneck, expeditious, fleet, harefooted, hasty, immediate, instant, on-the-spot, quick, rapid, speedy, sudden, swift, unpremeditated; CONCEPTS 588,799 —*Ant.* delayed, slow, sluggish

**snare** [*n*] *trap* allurements, bait, booby trap\*, catch, come-on\*, deception, decoy, enticement,

entrapment, inveiglement, lure, net, noose, pitfall, quicksand, seducement, temptation, trick, wire\*; CONCEPTS 529,674 —*Ant.* freedom, liberation

**snare** [*v*] *catch, trap* arrest, bag\*, corral\*, decoy, enmesh, entangle, entrap, get hands on\*, involve, land, lure, net, pull in, round up, seduce, seize, tempt, wire\*; CONCEPTS 11,90 —*Ant.* free, let go, liberate, loosen

**snarl** [*n*] *complication, mess* chaos, clutter, complexity, confusion, disarray, disorder, entanglement, intricacy, intricateness, jam, jungle, knot, labyrinth, maze, mishmash, morass, muddle, muss, skein, swarm, tangle, web; CONCEPTS 663,666,674 —*Ant.* ease, order, organization, simplification

**snarl** [*v1*] *grumble* abuse, bark, bluster, bully, complain, fulminate, gnarl, gnash teeth, growl, mumble, murmur, mutter, quarrel, show teeth, snap, threaten, thunder, yelp; CONCEPT 77 —*Ant.* laugh

**snarl** [*v2*] *complicate, mess up* confuse, embroil, enmesh, ensnarl, entangle, entwine, involve, muck, muddle, perplex, ravel, tangle; CONCEPTS 16,158 —*Ant.* fix, simplify, uncomplicate

**snatch** [*n*] *small part* bit, fragment, piece, smattering, snippet, spell; CONCEPTS 264,832 —*Ant.* whole

**snatch** [*v*] *grab away* abduct, catch, clap hands on, clutch, collar\*, gain, get fingers on\*, grapple, grasp, grip, jerk, jump, kidnap, make off with, nab, nail\*, pluck, pull, rescue, seize, snag, spirit away, steal, take, win, wrench, wrest, yank; CONCEPTS 90,191 —*Ant.* give, receive

**snazzy** [*adj*] *stylish* attractive, beautiful, chic, chichi\*, classy, dapper, dashing, dressed to kill\*, dressy, fashionable, flashy, in vogue, jazzy, nifty, now\*, ritzy, sharp, slick\*, smart, snappy, sophisticated, swank\*, trendy, upscale, uptown, voguish; CONCEPTS 579,589

**sneak** [*n*] *person who is very dishonest* cheater, con artist, coward, cur, dastard, heel\*, informer, louse, rascal, reptile, scoundrel, skunk\*, slink\*, snake\*, snake in grass\*, toad\*, weasel\*, wretch; CONCEPT 412

**sneak** [*v*] *move stealthily* ambush, case, cheat, cower, crawl, creep, deceive, delude, evade, glide, gumshoe\*, hide, lurk, mooch, move secretly, ooze, pad, pass, prowl, pussyfoot\*, secrete, shirk, sidle, skulk, slide, slink, slip, slither, sly, smuggle, snake, snook, spirit, steal, worm; CONCEPTS 151,188

**sneaker** [*n*] *running shoe* basketball shoe, cleat, footgear, footwear, gym shoe, hightop\*, rubber-soled shoe, shoe, sneak, tennis shoe; CONCEPT 451

**sneaky** [*adj*] *underhanded, dishonest* base, contemptible, cowardly, deceitful, devious, disingenuous, double-dealing\*, duplicitous, furtive, guileful, indirect, low, malicious, mean, nasty, recreant, secretive, shifty, slippery, sly, sneaking, snide, stealthy, surreptitious, tricky, underhand, unreliable, unscrupulous, untrustworthy, yellow\*; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —*Ant.* aboveboard, candid, forthright, frank, honest

**sneer** [*v*] *mock, condemn* affront, belittle, burlesque, caricature, crack, curl one's lip at\*, decry, deride, detract, disdain, disparage, dump,

fleur, flout, gibe, gird, give Bronx cheer, grin, hold in contempt\*, hold up to ridicule\*, insult, jeer, jest, lampoon, laugh at, leer, look down on, put down, quip at, rank, rally out, ridicule, satirize, scoff, scorn, slam, slight, smile, sneeze at\*, sniff at\*, snigger, swipe, taunt, travesty, turn up one's nose\*, twist, underrate; CONCEPTS 30,52,54 —**Ant.** compliment, praise

**sneeze at** [*v*] *disregard* blink at\*, brush aside, brush away, brush off, discount, have no use for\*, laugh off\*, let pass\*, look the other way\*, overlook, pass over, pay no attention to, pay no heed to, pay no mind\*, shut eyes to\*, slight, snub, take lightly, take no notice of, turn a blind eye\*, turn a deaf ear\*; CONCEPT 30

**snicker/snigger/sniggle** [*v*] *laugh at* mocking chortle, chuckle, giggle, guffaw, hee-haw, smirk, sneer, teehee, titter; CONCEPT 77

**snide** [*adj*] *hateful, nasty* base, cynical, disparaging, hurtful, insinuating, malicious, mean, sarcastic, scornful, sneering, spiteful, unkind; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** gentle, kind, lovable, loving, nice

**sniff** [*v*] *breathe in* detect, inhale, inspire, nose, scent, smell, sniff, snuff, snuffle; CONCEPTS 601,602 —**Ant.** hold nose

**snippy** [*adj*] *curt* abrupt, blunt, brief, brusque, churlish, gruff, impertinent, rude, sharp, sharp-tongued, snappish, snippety; CONCEPT 267

**snitch** [*n*] *informer* betrayer, blabbermouth\*, canary\*, deep throat\*, double-crosser, fink\*, informant, narc\*, nark\*, rat\*, sneak, snitcher, source, squealer\*, stoolie\*, stool pigeon\*, tattler, tattletale, tipster\*, turncoat, weasel\*, whistle-blower; CONCEPTS 348,354,423

**snitch** [*v1*] *steal* burglarize, carry off, defraud, embezzle, heist, hold up, keep, lift\*, loot, make off with\*, pickpocket, pilfer, pillage, pinch\*, plunder, poach, remove, rip off\*, shoplift, swipe, take, walk off with\*; CONCEPT 139

**snitch** [*v2*] *inform* betray, blab\*, confess, give away, leak, rat on\*, squeal, tattle, tell, tell on, tip, turn in; CONCEPT 360

**snob** [*n*] *person who looks down on others* braggart, highbrow, name-dropper, parvenu, pretender, smarty pants\*, stiff neck\*, upstart; CONCEPT 423

**snobbish** [*adj*] *stuck-up, conceited* aloof, arrogant, condescending, egotistic, haughty, high-and-mighty\*, high-flown\*, high-hat\*, ostentatious, overbearing, patronizing, pernickety\*, pompous, pretentious, putting on airs\*, remote, sniffy\*, snippy\*, snooty\*, snottily\*, supercilious, superior, swanky, tony\*, uppish, uppity\*; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** accepting, benevolent, friendly, generous, sociable, welcoming

**snoop** [*n*] *person who noses around* busybody, butt-in\*, detective, eavesdropper, ferret, gumshoe\*, meddler, peeping Tom\*, pragmatist, pry, pryer, quidnunc, rubberneck\*, scout, sleuth, snooper; CONCEPTS 348,423

**snoop** [*v*] *nose around* busybody\*, interfere, intrude, meddle, mess with, mouse\*, nose, peek, peep, peer, poke, poke nose in\*, pry, snook, spy, stare; CONCEPTS 216,384,623 —**Ant.** ignore, neglect

**snooty** [*adj*] *haughty* arrogant, cavalier\*, conceited, condescending, egotistic, egotistical,

high and mighty\*, hoity-toity, la-di-da\*, lofty, on a high horse\*, pompous, pretentious, snobbish, snotty\*, stuck-up\*, superior, uppity\*; CONCEPT 401

**snooze** [*n*] *light sleep* catnap, doze, forty winks\*, nap, siesta, slumber; CONCEPT 315 —**Ant.** awakening, consciousness, wakefulness

**snooze** [*v*] *sleep lightly* catnap, doze, drop off, drowse, nap, nod off\*, siesta, slumber, take forty winks\*; CONCEPTS 210,315 —**Ant.** awaken, wake up

**snore** [*v*] *make sounds when sleeping* breathe heavily, saw logs\*, saw wood\*, sleep, snort, snuffle, wheeze; CONCEPTS 77,315

**snotty** [*adj*] *arrogant* cheeky, cocky, conceited, fresh, haughty, high and mighty\*, highfalutin\*, impertinent, know-it-all\*, la-de-da\*, pompous, pretentious, puffed up\*, sassy, self-important, smart-alecky, smug, snippy\*, snobby, snooty, stuck-up\*, uppity; CONCEPTS 401,404

**snub** [*v*] *give someone the cold shoulder* act cool\*, boycott, brush off\*, burr, censure, chill, cool, cut, cut dead\*, disdain, disregard, duck, give the brush\*, humble, humiliate, ice\*, ice out\*, ignore, look coldly upon, look right through\*, mortify, neglect, not give time of day\*, offend, ostracize, pass up, put down, put the chill on\*, rebuff, scold, scorn, scratch, shame, shun, slight, slur, snob, swank, upstage; CONCEPTS 30,54,384 —**Ant.** be friendly, include, socialize, welcome

**snug** [*adj*] *cozy, warm* close, comfortable, comfy, compact, convenient, cushy, easeful, easy, homelike, homely, intimate, neat, restful, sheltered, snug as a bug in a rug\*, soft, substantial, tight, trim, well-off; CONCEPT 485 —**Ant.** cold, cool, uncomfortable, uncozy

**snuggle** [*v*] *cuddle* bundle, burrow, curl up, grasp, huddle, hug, nestle, nuzzle, snug, spoon; CONCEPTS 190,201 —**Ant.** separate, stay away

**soak** [*v*] *drench, wet* absorb, assimilate, bathe, damp, dip, drink, drown, dunk, flood, imbue, immerge, immerse, impregnate, infiltrate, infuse, macerate, marinate, merge, moisten, penetrate, percolate, permeate, pour into, pour on, saturate, seethe, soften, sop, souse, steep, submerge, take in, wash, water, waterlog; CONCEPT 256 —**Ant.** dehydrate, dry

**soaked** [*adj*] *saturated* dank, drenched, dripping, drowned, soaking, sodden, soggy, sopping, sippy, soured, water-logged, wet, wringing-wet; CONCEPT 603

**soar** [*v*] *climb, fly* arise, ascend, aspire, escalate, glide, lift, mount, rise, rocket, sail, shoot, shoot up, skyrocket, top, tower, up, uprear, wing; CONCEPTS 148,150 —**Ant.** land

**soaring** [*adj*] *high* aerial, ascending, climbing, elevated, flying, going through the ceiling\*, going through the roof\*, high-reaching, lofty, sky-high, steep, towering; CONCEPTS 779,782

**sob** [*v*] *cry hard* bawl, blub, blubber, boohoo\*, break down, cry a river\*, cry convulsively, cry eyes out\*, howl, lament, shed tears, snivel, turn on waterworks\*, wail, weep, whimper; CONCEPTS 185,410

**sober** [*adj1*] *not partaking of alcohol* abstaining, abstemious, abstinent, ascetic, calm, clear-headed, cold sober\*, continent, controlled, dry, moderate, nonindulgent, not drunk, on

the wagon\*, restrained, sedate, self-possessed, serious, steady, temperate, took the pledge\*;  
 CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* drunk, inebriated

**sober** [adj2] *calm, peaceful; dull* abnegating, abstaining, clear-headed, cold, collected, composed, constrained, cool, dark, disciplined, dispassionate, down-to-earth\*, drab, earnest, eschewing, forgoing, grave, hard-boiled\*, imperturbable, inhibited, levelheaded, low-key, lucid, no-nonsense, pacific, plain, practical, quiet, rational, realistic, reasonable, reserved, restrained, sedate, serene, serious, severe, soft, solemn, somber, sound, staid, steady, subdued, toned down, unexcited, unimpassioned, unruffled; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* excited, immoderate, irrational

**sobriety** [n] *abstinence* abstaining, abstemiousness, continence, moderation, refraining, self-restraint, soberness, teetotalism, temperance; CONCEPT 633

**sobriquet** [n] *nickname* AKA\*, alias, anonym, appellation, assumed name, byname, handle\*, label, moniker, nom de guerre, nom de plume, nomenclature, pen name, pet name\*, professional name, pseudonym, tag\*; CONCEPT 268

**so-called** [adj] *supposed* alleged, allegedly, commonly named, formal, nominal, ostensible, pretended, professed, purported, self-named, self-styled, soi-disant, titular, wrongly named; CONCEPT 552

**sociable** [adj] *friendly, outgoing* accessible, affable, approachable, close, clubby\*, companionable, conversable, convivial, cordial, familiar, genial, good-natured, gregarious, intimate, neighborly, regular, social, warm; CONCEPTS 401,555 —*Ant.* introverted, snobbish, unfriendly, unkind, unsociable

**social** [adj] *public, friendly* amusing, civil, collective, common, communal, communicative, community, companionable, convivial, cordial, diverting, entertaining, familiar, general, gracious, gregarious, group, hospitable, informative, mannerly, neighborly, nice, organized, pleasant, pleasurable, polished, polite, popular, sociable, societal; CONCEPTS 536,555 —*Ant.* hermetical, private, secluded, unfriendly, unsocial

**socialism** [n] *socialist government* Bolshevism, collective ownership, collectivism, communism, Fabianism, Leninism, Maoism, Marxism, state ownership; CONCEPT 301

**socialite** [n] *aristocrat* blueblood, Brahmin, deb\*, debutante, gentleperson, lace curtain\*, member of the upper class, noble, patrician, silk stocking, upper cruster; CONCEPT 423

**socialize** [v] *be friendly at gatherings* associate, chum with\*, club\*, consort, entertain, fraternize, get about, get around, get together, go out, hang around with\*, hang out, hobnob, join, keep company, league, make advances, make the rounds\*, mingle, mix, pal around\*, run with\*, tie up with\*; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* exclude, shun

**society** [n1] *humankind, people* association, camaraderie, civilization, commonality, commonwealth, community, companionship, company, comradeship, culture, friendship, general public, humanity, jungle\*, nation, population, public, rat race\*, social order, world, zoo\*; CONCEPTS 379,417

**society** [n2] *organization, institution* alliance, association, circle, clan, clique, club, companionship, comradeship, corporation, coterie, gang, group, guild, hookup, institute, league, network, order, outfit, ring, sodality, syndicate, tie-in\*, tie-up\*, union; CONCEPTS 381,387

**society** [n3] *upper class of people* aristocracy, beau monde\*, beautiful people\*, country set\*, elite, flower\*, gentry, glitterati\*, haut monde, high society, jet set\*, main line, patriciate, polite society, quality, smart set\*, top drawer\*, upper crust\*, who's who\*; CONCEPTS 387,388,417

**sociopath** [n] *psychopath* antisocial personality, crazy person, deranged person, insane person, lunatic, mad person, maniac, psycho\*, psychotic, schizoid\*; CONCEPT 412

**sock** [n/v] *hit hard* beat, belt, bop, buffet, chop, clout, cuff, ding, nail, paste, punch, slap, smack, smash, soak, whack; CONCEPT 189 —*Ant.* tap

**sofa** [n] *couch* chaise longue, chesterfield, convertible couch, davenport, daybed, divan, futon, love seat, ottoman, settee, sofa bed, window seat; CONCEPT 443

**soft** [adj1] *cushioned, squishy* bendable, comfortable, comfy, cottony, cozy, creamy, cushiony, cushy, delicate, doughy, downy, ductile, easeful, easy, elastic, feathery, fine, flabby, fleecy, fleshy, flexible, flimsy, flocculent, flowing, fluffy, fluid, formless, furry, gelatinous, impressible, limp, malleable, moldable, mushy, pappy, pithy, plastic, pliable, pulpy, quaggy, rounded, satiny, silken, silky, smooth, snug, spongy, squashy, supple, thin, velvety, yielding; CONCEPTS 488,606 —*Ant.* hard, rigid, unyielding

**soft** [adj2] *faint, temperate* ashen, balmy, bland, caressing, comfortable, cool, cushy, delicate, diffuse, dim, dimmed, dulcet, dull, dusky, gentle, hazy, lenient, light, low, low-key, mellifluous, mellow, melodious, mild, misty, murmured, muted, pale, pallid, pastel, pleasing, quiet, restful, shaded, smooth, sober, soothing, subdued, sweet, tinted, toned down, twilight, understated, wan, whispered; CONCEPTS 525,537,592,618 —*Ant.* harsh, loud, rough, severe

**soft** [adj3] *compassionate* affectionate, amiable, benign, courteous, easy, easy-going, effortless, gentle, gracious, indulgent, kind, kindly, lax, lenient, liberal, manageable, overindulgent, permissive, pitying, sensitive, sentimental, simple, spineless, sympathetic, tender, tender-hearted, undemanding, weak; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* callous, severe, stern, strict, uncompassionate

**soft** [adj4] *out of condition* doughy, fat, flabby, flaccid, fleshy, formless, gone to seed\*, limp, out of shape\*, overindulged, pampered, untrained, weak; CONCEPTS 314,485 —*Ant.* firm, healthy, strong, well

**soft** [adj5] *stupid* daft, fatuous, feeble-minded, foolish, silly, simple, witless; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* intelligent, smart

**soften** [v] *calm, soothe* abate, allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, become tender, bend, cushion, diminish, disintegrate, dissolve, ease, enfeeble, give, knead, lessen, lighten, lower, mash, mellow, melt, mitigate, moderate, modify, moisten, mollify, palliate, qualify,

quell, relax, relent, still, subdue, temper, tenderize, thaw, tone down, turn down, weaken, yield; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* irritate, trouble, upset, worry

**softhearted** [*adj*] *tender* all heart\*, benevolent, big-hearted, bleeding-heart\*, caring, charitable, compassionate, considerate, emotional, forgiving, generous, gentle, kind, lenient, merciful, moving, sensitive, sentimental, soft, sympathetic, tenderhearted, warm, warmhearted; CONCEPTS 401,542

**softly** [*adv*] *lightly* agilely, airily, breezily, carelessly, daintily, delicately, faintly, gently, gingerly, gradually, nimbly, quietly, smoothly, tenderly; CONCEPTS 538,544,584

**soft-spoken** [*adj*] *quiet* close-mouthed, gentle, hushed, hushful, low, low-keyed, low-pitched, mild, muffled, peaceful, reserved, silent, soft, still; CONCEPTS 592,594

**software** [*n*] *computer program* application software, bundled software, courseware, file management system, freeware, groupware, operating system, presentation software, productivity software, program, shareware, spreadsheet, systems software, vaporware; CONCEPTS 269,463

**soggy** [*adj*] *damp* or *soaking* clammy, dank, dripping, heavy, humid, moist, mucky, muggy, mushy, pasty, pulpy, saturated, soaked, sodden, soft, sopping, spongy, sticky, sultry, waterlogged; CONCEPT 603 —*Ant.* dehydrated, dry

**soil** [*n1*] *earth, dirt* clay, dry land, dust, grime, ground, land, loam, snot, terra firma; CONCEPT 509

**soil** [*n2*] *land where one lives* country, home, homeland, homestead, region, spread, terra firma; CONCEPTS 198,510,511

**soil** [*v*] *make dirty* bedraggle, befoul, begrime, besmirch, contaminate, crumb, debase, defile, degrade, dirty, discolor, disgrace, foul, grime, maculate, mess, mess up, muck\*, muck up\*, muddy, muss\*, muss up\*, pollute, shame, smear, smudge, spatter, spoil, spot, stain, sully, taint, tar, tarnish; CONCEPT 254 —*Ant.* clean

**sojourn** [*n*] *brief travel; visit* layover, residence, rest, stay, stop, stopover, tarryance, vacation; CONCEPTS 224,226,227

**sojourn** [*v*] *travel briefly; visit* abide, dwell, inhabit, linger, lodge, nest, perch, reside, rest, roost, squat, stay, stay over, stop, tarry, vacation; CONCEPTS 224,226,227

**solace** [*n*] *comfort, peace* alleviation, assuagement, condolence, condolence, consolation, pity, relief; CONCEPTS 7,22,410 —*Ant.* discord, disharmony

**solace** [*v*] *give comfort, peace* allay, alleviate, buck up, cheer, comfort, condole with, console, mitigate, soften, soothe, upraise; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* trouble, upset, worry

**soldier** [*n*] *person serving in military* airforce member, cadet, cavalryperson, commando, conscript, draftee, enlisted person, fighter, GI\*, Green Beret, guard, guerrilla, gunner, infantry, infantryperson, marine, mercenary, military person, musketeer, officer, paratrooper, pilot, private, rank, recruit, scout, selectee, serviceperson, soldier, soldier-at-arms, trooper, veteran, volunteer, warmonger, warrior; CONCEPT 358

**sole** [*adj*] *alone, singular* ace, exclusive, indi-

vidual, lone, one, one and only, onliest, only, only one, particular, remaining, separate, single, solitary, solo, unique, unshared; CONCEPTS 555, 564,577 —*Ant.* shared, together

**solely** [*adv*] *only, alone* barely, but, completely, entirely, exclusively, individually, merely, onliest, purely, simply, single-handedly, singly, singularly, totally, undividually, wholly; CONCEPTS 544,577 —*Ant.* shared, together

**solemn** [*adj1*] *quiet, serious* austere, brooding, cold sober\*, deliberate, dignified, downbeat, earnest, funereal, glum, grave, heavy, intense, matter of life and death\*, moody, no fooling\*, no-nonsense\*, pensive, portentous, reflective, sedate, sober, somber, staid, stern, thoughtful, weighty; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* frivolous, funny, laughing, light

**solemn** [*adj2*] *impressive, sacred* august, awe-inspiring, ceremonial, ceremonious, conventional, devotional, dignified, divine, formal, full, grand, grave, hallowed, holy, imposing, magnificent, majestic, momentous, ostentatious, overwhelming, plenary, religious, reverential, ritual, sanctified, stately, venerable; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* insignificant, ordinary, unimpressive, unsacred, usual

**solicit** [*v*] *plead for; try to sell* accost, apply, approach, ask, beg, beseech, bespeak, bum, cadge, call, canvass, challenge, claim, come on to\*, crave, demand, desire, drum\*, drum up\*, entreat, exact, go, hawk, hit on\*, hit up\*, hustle, implore, importune, inquire, mooch, panhandle, pass the hat\*, peddle, petition, postulate, pray, promote, proposition, query, question, refer, request, require, requisition, resort, seduce, seek, sponge, steer, sue for, supplicate, touch, tout, turn, whistle for\*; CONCEPT 345 —*Ant.* disapprove, refuse, reject

**solicitous** [*adj*] *worried* anxious, appetent, apprehensive, ardent, athirst, attentive, avid, beside oneself, careful, caring, concerned, devoted, eager, earnest, heedful, impatient, keen, loving, mindful, raring, regardful, tender, thirsty, troubled, uneasy, worried sick\*, worried stiff\*, zealous; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* easy-going, laid-back, unafraid, unworried

**solicitude** [*n*] *worry, anxiety* attention, attentiveness, care, amputation, concern, concernment, considerateness, consideration, disquiet, disquietude, heed, presentiment, qualm, regard, scruple, tender loving care\*, TLC\*, unease, uneasiness, watchfulness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* calm, contentedness, ease, peacefulness

**solid** [*adj1*] *hard, dimensional* brick wall\*, close, compact, compacted, concentrated, concrete, consolidated, dense, firm, fixed, heavy, hefty, hulk, hunk, husky, massed, material, physical, rock, rocklike, rooted, secure, set, sound, stable, strong, sturdy, substantial, thick, tight, unshakable; CONCEPTS 483,604 —*Ant.* fluid, gaseous, insubstantial, liquid, soft, vaporous

**solid** [*adj2*] *continuous, complete* agreed, brick wall\*, consecutive, consentient, continued, firm, like a rock, regular, set in stone\*, stable, steady, unalloyed, unanimous, unbroken, undivided, uninterrupted, united, unmixed; CONCEPTS 482, 488,531 —*Ant.* broken, divided, incomplete, incontinuous, intermittent

**solid** [adj3] *dependable, reliable* cogent, constant, decent, estimable, genuine, good, law-abiding, levelheaded, pure, real, satisfactory, satisfying, sensible, serious, sober, sound, stalwart, steadfast, trustworthy, trusty, upright, upstanding, valid, worthy; CONCEPTS 401,534 —*Ant.* tenuous, undependable, unreliable, untrustworthy, vulnerable

**solidarity** [n] *unity* accord, agreement, alliance, comradeship, confederation, consensus, federation, fellowship, harmony, indivisibility, oneness, sameness, support, teamwork, unanimity, undividedness, unification, uniformity, union; CONCEPTS 664,714,837

**solidify** [v] *harden* amalgamate, anneal, bake, cake, cement, clot, coagulate, cohere, congeal, crystallize, dry, firm, freeze, jail, petrify, set, stiffen, strengthen, thicken; CONCEPTS 250,469

**solitary** [adj] *alone, single; unsociable* aloof, antisocial, cloistered, companionless, deserted, desolate, distant, eremitic, forsaken, friendless, hermitical, hidden, individual, introverted, isolated, lone, lonely, lonesome, lorn, misanthropic, offish, only, out-of-the-way\*, particular, reclusive, remote, reserved, retired, secluded, separate, sequestered, singular, sole, solo, stag, standoffish, unaccompanied, unapproachable, unattended, uncompanionable, unfrequented, unique, unsocial, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 555, 577,583 —*Ant.* accompanied, combined, social, together

**solitude** [n] *aloneness* confinement, desert, detachment, emptiness, isolation, loneliness, lonesome, lonesomeness, peace and quiet\*, privacy, quarantine, reclusiveness, retirement, seclusion, separateness, silence, solitariness, waste, wasteland, wilderness, withdrawal; CONCEPTS 388,673,714 —*Ant.* companionship, friendship, togetherness

**solo** [adj] *alone* by oneself, companionless, friendless, individual, in solitary\*, me and my shadow\*, me myself and I\*, on one's own, single, solitary, stag, unaccompanied, unaided, unassisted, unescorted, unmarried; CONCEPTS 577,583

**solution** [n1] *answer, resolution* Band-Aid\*, clarification, elucidation, explanation, explication, key, pay dirt\*, quick fix\*, result, solving, the ticket\*, unfolding, unraveling, unravelment; CONCEPTS 230,661,712 —*Ant.* doubt, problem, quandary, question, trouble

**solution** [n2] *mixture of liquid and another substance* blend, compound, dissolvent, elixir, emulsion, extract, fluid, juice, mix, sap, solvent, suspension; CONCEPTS 260,467 —*Ant.* chemical, element

**solve** [v] *answer, resolve* break\*, clarify, clear up, construe, crack\*, deal with, decide, decipher, decode, determine, disentangle, divine, do, elucidate, enlighten, explain, expound, fathom, figure out, find out, fix, get, get right, get to the bottom\*, have, hit, hit upon\*, illuminate, interpret, iron out\*, lick\*, make a dent\*, make out\*, pan out\*, put two and two together\*, puzzle, reason, settle, think out, unfold, unlock, unravel, unriddle, untangle, work, work out; CONCEPTS 15,18,37 —*Ant.* pose, question, search, wonder

**solvent** [adj] *financially sound* able to pay,

financially stable, firm, fit, in the pink\*, out of the red\*, solid, stable; CONCEPTS 314,488

**somber** [adj] *sad, depressing* black, bleak, blue\*, caliginous, cloudy, dark, depressive, dim, dingy, dire, dismal, dispiriting, doleful, down, drab, dragged, dreary, dull, dusky, earnest, funereal, gloomy, grave, grim, hurting, joyless, lugubrious, melancholy, mournful, murky, no-nonsense, obscure, sedate, sepulchral, serious, shadowy, shady, sober, solemn, sourpuss, staid, tenebrous, weighty; CONCEPTS 403,485,529 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy, joyful

**somebody** [n] *person of fame, importance* celebrity, dignitary, heavyweight\*, household name\*, luminary, name\*, notable, one, personage, person of note, public figure, so-and-so\*, someone\*, some person\*, star, superstar, VIP\*, whoever\*; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* nobody

**someday** [adv] *eventually* after a while, any time, at a future time, finally, in a time to come, on a day, one day, one fine day\*, one of these days, one time, one time or another, sometime, sooner or later, subsequently, ultimately, yet; CONCEPTS 548,820 —*Ant.* never

**somehow** [adv] *by some means* after a fashion, anyhow, anyway, anywise, by hook or crook\*, come what may\*, in one way or another, in some such way, in some way, one way or another, somehow or another, somehow or other; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* no way

**something** [n] *entity* article, being, commodity, existence, existent, individual, object, substance, thing; CONCEPT 433 —*Ant.* nothing

**sometimes** [adv] *every now and then* at intervals, at times, consistently, constantly, ever and again, every so often, frequently, from time to time, here and there, intermittently, now and again, now and then, occasionally, off and on, once in a blue moon\*, once in a while, on occasion, periodically, recurrently; CONCEPT 805 —*Ant.* never

**somewhat** [adv] *to some extent* adequately, a little, bearably, considerably, fairly, far, incompletely, in part, insignificantly, kind of, moderately, more or less, not much, partially, pretty, quite, rather, ratherish, significantly, slightly, some, something, sort of, to a degree, tolerably, well; CONCEPTS 548,569,772 —*Ant.* not at all

**somewhere** [adv] *in, or at some place* about, any old place, around, around somewhere, elsewhere, here and there, in one place or another, kicking around\*, parts unknown\*, scattered, someplace, someplace or another, someplace or other, somewhere; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* nowhere

**somnolent** [adj] *sleepy* asleep, dozy, drowsy, listless, nodding off, out of it\*, sleeping, snoozy\*, soporific, tired; CONCEPTS 315,539

**song** [n] *melody sung or played with musical instrument* air, anthem, aria, ballad, canticle, carol, chant, chorale, chorus, ditty, expression, golden oldie\*, hymn, lay, lullaby, lyric, melody, number, oldie\*, opera, piece, poem, psalm, refrain, rock, rock and roll, round, shanty, strain, tune, verse, vocal; CONCEPT 262

**sonorous** [adj] *resonant* booming, full-voiced, loud, loud-voiced, powerful, resounding, reverberating, rich, ringing, rotund, thundering; CONCEPTS 592,594

**soon** [adv] *in the near future* anon, any minute now, before long, betimes, by and by, coming down the pike\*, directly, early, ere long, expeditiously, fast, fleetly, forthwith, hastily, in a little while, in a minute, in a second, in a short time, in due time, in short order, instantly, in time, lickety-split\*, on time, posthaste, presently, promptly, pronto, quick, quickly, rapidly, short, shortly, speedily; CONCEPTS 548,798,820 —*Ant.* distant, far, later, never

**soothe** [v] *calm, ease* allay, alleviate, appease, assuage, balm, becalm, butter up\*, calm down, cheer, compose, console, cool, cool off\*, dulcify, help, hush, lighten, lull, make nice\*, make up, mitigate, mollify, pacify, patch things up\*, play up to\*, pour oil on\*, quiet, quieten, relieve, settle, smooth down, soften, square, still, stroke, subdue, take the edge off\*, take the sting out\*, tranquilize, unburden, untrouble; CONCEPTS 7,22,110,384 —*Ant.* agitate, distress, upset, worry

**soothing** [adj] *comforting* alleviating, calming, consolatory, consoling, easing, mollifying, pacifying, palliative, reassuring, relaxing, relieving, remedying, softening, tranquilizing, warming; CONCEPT 529

**soothsayer** [n] *seer* augur, channeller, clairvoyant, crystal ball gazer, diviner, forecaster, fortune-teller, medium, oracle, palm reader, prophet, psychic, soothsayer; CONCEPT 423

**sophisticated** [adj1] *cosmopolitan, cultured* adult, artificial, been around, blasé, bored, civilized, cool\*, couch, cultivated, cynical, disenchanting, disillusioned, experienced, in, in the know\*, into\*, jaded, jet-set\*, knowing, laid-back\*, mature, mondaine, on to\*, practical, practiced, refined, schooled, seasoned, sharp, skeptical, smooth, stagy\*, streetwise, studied, suave, svelte, switched on\*, uptown\*, urbane, well-bred, wised up\*, wise to\*, with it\*, worldly, worldly wise, world-weary; CONCEPTS 401,404,589 —*Ant.* naive, uncultivated, uncultured, unrefined, unsophisticated

**sophisticated** [adj2] *complex, advanced* complicated, delicate, elaborate, highly developed, intricate, involved, knotty, labyrinthine, modern, multifaceted, refined, subtle; CONCEPT 562 —*Ant.* easy, simple, slow, unsophisticated

**sophistication** [n] *culture, style* composure, elegance, finesse, poise, refinement, savoir faire, savoir vivre, social grace, tact, urbanity, worldliness, worldly wisdom; CONCEPTS 388,633,655 —*Ant.* ingenuousness, naiveté, simplicity

**sophomoric** [adj] *inexperienced* brash, foolish, naive, reckless, young; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* experienced, expert, knowledgeable, professional

**soporific** [adj] *sleepy; sleep-inducing* anesthetic, balmy, calming, deadening, dozy\*, drowsy, dull, hypnotic, mesmerizing, narcotic, nodding, numbing, opiate, quietening, sedative, slumberous, snoozy\*, somniferous, somnolent, soothing, tranquilizing; CONCEPTS 537,539 —*Ant.* awake, conscious, exciting, invigorating, stimulating

**sopping** [adj] *wet dank*, drenched, dripping, drowned, saturated, soaked, soaking, sodden, soggy, soppy, soured, water-logged, wringing-wet; CONCEPT 603

**sorcerer** [n] *wizard* alchemist, augurer, charmer, clairvoyant, conjurer, diviner, enchanter, fortune-teller, magician, medium, necromancer, occultist, seer, shaman, soothsayer, sorceress, thaumaturge, warlock, witch; CONCEPT 361

**sorcery** [n] *black magic, witchcraft* abracadabra\*, alchemy, bewitchment, black art, charm, conjuring, devilry, divination, enchantment, evil eye, hocus-pocus\*, hoodoo\*, incantation, jinx, magic, mumbo jumbo\*, necromancy, spell, thaumaturgy, voodoo, witchery, witching, wizardry; CONCEPTS 370,689 —*Ant.* reality

**sordid** [adj] *dirty, bad, low* abject, avaricious, base, black, calculated, corrupt, covetous, debauched, degenerate, degraded, despicable, disreputable, dowdy, filthy, foul, grasping, grubby, ignoble, impure, low-down, mean, mercenary, miserable, miserly, nasty, poor, scurvy, seedy, selfish, self-seeking, servile, shabby, shameful, sleazy, slovenly, slum, slummy, small, small-minded, squalid, unclean, uncleanly, ungenerous, venal, vicious, vile, wretched; CONCEPTS 334,545,571 —*Ant.* good, honorable, reputable, wonderful

**sore** [adj1] *hurt physically* abscessed, aching, acute, afflicted, annoying, bruised, burned, burning, chafed, critical, distressing, extreme, hurtful, hurting, inflamed, irritated, pained, painful, raw, reddened, sensitive, severe, sharp, smarting, tender, ulcerated, uncomfortable, unpleasant, vexatious; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* good, well

**sore** [adj2] *angry; hurt mentally* afflicted, aggrieved, annoyed, annoying, critical, distressing, grieved, grieving, indignant, irked, irritated, pained, peeved, pressing, resentful, sensitive, smarting, stung, troubled, upset, urgent, vexed, weighty; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* delighted, happy, pleased

**sorrow** [n] *extreme upset, grief* affliction, agony, anguish, bad news\*, big trouble\*, blow, blues\*, care, catastrophe, dejection, depression, distress, dolor, grieving, hardship, heartache, heartbreak, lamenting, melancholy, misery, misfortune, mourning, pain, rain\*, regret, remorse, repentance, rue, sadness, suffering, trial, tribulation, trouble, unhappiness, weeping, woe, worry, wretchedness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* happiness, joy, relief

**sorrow** [v] *be very upset, grieved* agonize, bemoan, be sad, bewail, carry on, cry a river\*, deplore, eat heart out\*, grieve, groan, hang crepe\*, lament, moan, mourn, regret, sing the blues\*, sob, take on\*, weep; CONCEPTS 34,410 —*Ant.* be happy, be joyful, delight, relieve

**sorrowful** [adj] *very upset; grieving* affecting, afflicted, dejected, depressed, disconsolate, distressing, doleful, dolent, full of sorrow, grievous, heartbroken, heartrending, heavy-hearted, hurting, in mourning, in pain, in sorrow, lamentable, lugubrious, melancholy, miserable, mournful, painful, piteous, plaintive, rueful, ruthless, sad, sick at heart\*, singing the blues\*, sorry, tearful, tear-jerking\*, unhappy, weebegone, woeful, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* delighted, happy, joyful

**sorry** [adj1] *remorseful, regretful* apologetic, attritional, compunctious, conscience-stricken, contrite, guilt-ridden, melted, penitent, penitential, repentant, self-accusing, self-condemnatory,

- self-reproachful, shamefaced, softened, touched; CONCEPTS 403,545 —*Ant.* glad, happy, unremorseful, unsorry
- sorry** [adj2] *sad, heartbroken* bad, disconsolate, distressed, grieved, heavyhearted, melancholy, mournful, pitiful, rueful, saddened, sorrowful, unhappy; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* happy, heartened, joyful
- sorry** [adj3] *despicable, pathetic* abject, base, beggarly, cheap, contemptible, deplorable, despicable, disgraceful, dismal, distressing, inadequate, insignificant, mean, miserable, paltry, piteous, pitiable, pitiful, poor, sad, scruffy\*, scummy\*, scurvy, shabby, shoddy, small, trifling, trivial, unimportant, vile, worthless, wretched; CONCEPTS 485,529 —*Ant.* good, hopeful, nice
- sort** [n] *type, variety* array, batch, battery, body, brand, breed, category, character, class, clutch, denomination, description, family, genus, group, ilk, kind, likes, likes of\*, lot, make, nature, number, order, parcel, quality, race, set, species, stamp, stripe, style, suite; CONCEPT 378
- sort** [v] *place in order* arrange, assort, button down\*, catalogue, categorize, choose, class, classify, comb, cull, distribute, divide, file, grade, group, order, peg, pick, pigeonhole\*, put down as, put down for, put in order, put in shape, put to rights\*, rank, riddle, screen, select, separate, sift, size up, systematize, tab, typecast, winnow; CONCEPTS 84,158 —*Ant.* disorder, disorganize
- sortie** [n] *armed attack* assault, charge, invasion, mission, offense, raid, rush, sally\*, strike; CONCEPTS 86,317
- so-so** [adj] *adequate, passable* average, enough, fair, fairish, fair to middling\*, indifferent, mediocre, medium, middling\*, moderate, not bad\*, okay\*, ordinary, respectable, run-of-the-mill\*, tolerable, undistinguished; CONCEPTS 533,575 —*Ant.* different, distinguished, excellent, exceptional
- soul** [n1] *psyche, inspiration, energy* anima, animating principle, animation, animus, ardor, bosom, bottom, breast, breath of life, cause, conscience, courage, disposition, ego, elan vital, essence, feeling, fervor, force, genius, heart, individuality, intellect, intelligence, life, marrow, mind, nobility, noumenon, personality, pith, pneuma, principle, quintessence, reason, recesses of heart\*, secret self\*, spirit, spiritual being, stuff, substance, thought, vital force, vitality, vivacity; CONCEPTS 409,410,411 —*Ant.* body
- soul** [n2] *being* body, character, creature, ghost, human being, individual, living soul\*, man, mortal, person, personage, phantom, shadow, spirit, umbra, woman; CONCEPT 389
- soulful** [adj] *emotional* ardent, deep, expressive, feeling, fervent, fervid, fiery, impassioned, meaningful, moving, passionate, stirred, stirring, tender, touching; CONCEPTS 403,542
- soul-searching** [n] *introspection* contemplation, deep thought, heart-searching, meditation, reflection, rumination, self-analysis, self-examination, self-questioning; CONCEPTS 24,410
- sound** [adj1] *complete, healthy* alive and kicking\*, effectual, entire, firm, fit, flawless, hale, hearty, intact, in the pink\*, perfect, right, right
- as rain\*, robust, safe, sane, solid, stable, sturdy, substantial, thorough, total, unblemished, undamaged, undecayed, unhurt, unimpaired, uninjured, up to snuff\*, vibrant, vigorous, vital, well, well-constructed, whole, wholesome, wrapped tight\*; CONCEPTS 314,488 —*Ant.* incomplete, infirm, unfit, unhealthy, unsound
- sound** [adj2] *logical, reasonable* accurate, advisable, all there\*, cogent, commonsensical, consequent, convincing, cool\*, correct, deep, exact, fair, faultless, flawless, got it together\*, impeccable, intellectual, judicious, just, level-headed, orthodox, precise, profound, proper, prudent, rational, reliable, responsible, right, right-minded, right-thinking, satisfactory, satisfying, sensible, sober, solid, telling, thoughtful, together\*, true, trustworthy, valid, well-advised, well-founded, well-grounded, wise; CONCEPTS 403,529,558 —*Ant.* illogical, unbelievable, unfathomable, unreasonable, unsound
- sound** [adj3] *accepted, established* all there\*, authoritative, canonical, dependable, fair, faithful, fly\* go\*, hanging together\*, holding together\*, holding up\*, holding up in wash\*, holding water\*, kosher\*, legal, legit\*, loyal, orthodox, proper, proven, received, recognized, reliable, reputable, safe, sanctioned, secure, significant, solid, solvent, stable, standing up\*, tried-and-true\*, true, valid, washing; CONCEPTS 535,552,582 —*Ant.* distrusted, refused, rejected
- sound** [n] *something heard or audible* accent, din, harmony, intonation, loudness, melody, modulation, music, noise, note, pitch, racket, report, resonance, reverberation, ringing, softness, sonance, sonancy, sonority, sonorousness, static, tenor, tonality, tone, vibration, voice; CONCEPT 595 —*Ant.* silence
- sound** [v1] *produce noise* babble, bang, bark, blare, blow, boom, burst, buzz, cackle, chatter, clack, clang, clank, clap, clatter, clink, crash, creak, detonate, echo, emit, explode, hum, jabber, jangle, jar, moan, murmur, patter, play, rattle, reflect, resonate, resound, reverberate, ring, roar, rumble, shout, shriek, shrill, sing, slam, smash, snort, squawk, thud, thump, thunder, toot, trumpet, vibrate, whine, whisper; CONCEPT 65 —*Ant.* quiet
- sound** [v2] *give the impression* appear, appear to be, look, seem, strike as being; CONCEPTS 543,716
- sound bite** [n] *very brief broadcast statement* blurb\*, buzzword, clip, excerpt, fifteen minutes of fame\*, newsbreak, news item, notation, note, one-liner, outtake, passage, photo opportunity, piece, quotation, quote, saying, selection, slogan, snippet, spot news; CONCEPT 277
- soundproof** [adj] *silent* hushed, insulated, noiseless, quiet, soundless; CONCEPT 594
- souppçon** [n] *small amount* atom, crumb, dab, dash, drop, flash, hint, iota, particle, pinch, ray, scintilla, shade, shred, small bit, small quantity, smidgen, sparkle, speck, spot, suggestion, tinge, trace, whiff, whisper; CONCEPTS 529,831
- sour** [adj1] *bad-tasting; gone bad* acerbic, acetic, acetose, acetous, acid, acidic, acidulated, acrid, astringent, bad, biting, bitter, briny, caustic, curdled, cutting, dry, fermented, green, keen, musty, peppery, piquant, pungent, rancid, salty, sharp, soured, sourish, stinging, tart, turned,

unpleasant, unripe, unsavory, unwholesome, vinegary, with a kick\*; CONCEPTS 462,613

—*Ant.* good, pleasant, sweet, tasty

**sour** [adj2] in a bad mood acid, acrid, acrimonious, bitter, choleric, crabby, cynical, disagreeable, discontented, displeasing, embittered, grouchy, grudging, ill-natured, ill-tempered, irritable, jaundiced, on edge\*, peevish, rotten, tart, ungenerous, unhappy, unpleasant, waspish; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* cheerful, cordial, friendly, happy

**sour** [v] alienate acidify, curdle, disenchant, embitter, envenom, exacerbate, exasperate, make sour, spoil, turn, turn off; CONCEPTS 14,250 —*Ant.* encourage, excite, incite

**source** [n] beginning; point of supply antecedent, author, authority, authorship, begetter, birthplace, cause, commencement, connection, dawn, dawning, derivation, determinant, expert, father, fount, fountain, fountainhead, horse's mouth\*, inception, informant, maternity, mother, onset, opening, origin, origination, originator, parent, paternity, provenance, provenience, rise, rising, root, specialist, spring, start, starting point, wellspring; CONCEPT 648 —*Ant.* effect, end, result

**sourpuss** [n] grouch bellyacher\*, crab, crank, crosspatch, curmudgeon, faultfinder, griper, growler, grumbler, grump\*, killjoy, moaner, sorehead\*, sulker, whiner; CONCEPTS 412,423

**souse** [v] make very wet brine, deluge, dip, douse, drench, drown, duck, dunk, immerse, impregnate, marinate, pickle, preserve, seethe, soak, sop, steep, submerge, submerge, waterlog, wet; CONCEPT 256 —*Ant.* dehydrate, dry

**soused** [adj] drunk bashed, boozed up\*, buzzed\*, crocked\*, feeling no pain\*, flushed\*, flying\*, groggy, high\*, inebriated, intoxicated, juiced\*, laced\*, liquored up\*, lit\*, plastered\*, potted\*, seeing double\*, sloshed\*, smashed\*, stewed\*, stoned\*, tanked\*, three sheets to the wind\*, tipsy, totaled\*, under the influence, under the table\*, wasted\*; CONCEPTS 314,545

**souvenir** [n] keepsake from event gift, memento, memorial, relic, remembrance, remembrancer, reminder, token, trophy; CONCEPTS 337,446

**sovereign** [adj] dominant, effective absolute, ascendant, autonomous, chief, commanding, directing, effectual, efficacious, excellent, guiding, highest, imperial, independent, lofty, majestic, monarchical, monarchical, overbearing, paramount, predominant, predominate, preponderant, prevalent, principal, regal, regnant, reigning, royal, ruling, self-governed, supreme, unlimited; CONCEPTS 536,568 —*Ant.* inferior, submissive, subservient

**sovereign** [n] supreme ruler autocrat, chief, czar, emperor, empress, king, leader, majesty, monarch, potentate, prince, princess, queen, ruler; CONCEPT 354 —*Ant.* servant

**sovereignty** [n] domination ascendancy, ascendant, dominance, dominion, jurisdiction, preeminence, prepotence, prepotency, primacy, supremacy, supreme power, sway; CONCEPT 299 —*Ant.* submission

**sow** [v] plant broadcast, disject, disseminate, drill, fling, grow, implant, inseminate, lodge, pitch, propagate, put in, raise, scatter, seed,

strew, toss; CONCEPTS 253,257 —*Ant.* dig, harvest, reap

**spa** [n] resort day spa, fat farm\*, health club, health facility, holiday spot, hotel, hot spring\*, lodge, mineral spring resort, sanitarium, sauna, whirlpool; CONCEPTS 198,516

**space** [n1] room, scope amplitude, area, arena, blank, breadth, capacity, compass, distance, elbowroom, expanse, expansion, extension, extent, field, gap, headroom, headway, infinity, interval, lacuna, leeway, location, margin, omission, play, range, reach, slot, spaciousness, sphere, spot, spread, stretch, territory, tract, turf, volume, zone; CONCEPTS 739,746,756

**space** [n2] time interval bit, duration, period, season, span, spell, stretch, term, time, while; CONCEPT 807

**spacecraft** [n] spaceship flying saucer, rocket, rocket ship, satellite, shuttle, space capsule, space probe, space shuttle, UFO, unidentified flying object; CONCEPT 504

**spacey/spacy** [adj] eccentric beat\*, bizarre, crazy, dizzy, erratic, far out\*, flaky, flighty, freakish, kooky, nutty, odd, oddball, offbeat, off-center, off the wall\*, out in left field, out to lunch\*, peculiar, quirky, spaced out\*, strange, way out\*, weird; CONCEPTS 547,564

**spacious** [adj] extensive, expansive ample, big, boundless, broad, capacious, cavernous, comfortable, commodious, endless, enormous, extended, generous, great, huge, immense, infinite, large, limitless, roomy, sizable, uncrowded, vast, voluminous, wide, widespread; CONCEPTS 481,482,774 —*Ant.* cramped, crowded, small

**span** [n] distance, duration amount, compass, extent, interval, length, measure, period, reach, space, spell, spread, stretch, term, time; CONCEPTS 756,807,822 —*Ant.* extreme

**span** [v] stretch over arch, bridge, connect, cover, cross, extend, ford, go across, link, pass over, range, reach, traverse, vault; CONCEPT 756 —*Ant.* compress, concentrate, condense, shorten

**spank** [v] slap, usually on bottom belt, blip, box, buffet, cane, chastise, clobber, clout, cuff, flax, flog, hide, larrup\*, lash, lather\*, leather\*, lick, paddle, punch, punish, put over one's knee\*, smack, sock, tan\*, tan one's hide\*, thrash, trim, wallop, welt, whip, whup\*; CONCEPT 189

**spare** [adj1] extra, reserve additional, backup, de trop, emergency, free, in excess, in reserve, in store, lagniappe, leftover, more than enough\*, odd, option, over, supererogatory, superfluous, supernumerary, surplus, unoccupied, unused, unwanted; CONCEPTS 771,824 —*Ant.* necessary

**spare** [adj2] thin; sparse angular, bony, economical, exiguous, frugal, gaunt, lank, lanky, lean, meager, modest, poor, rangy, rawboned, scant, scanty, scraggy, scrawny, shadow, skimpy, skinny, slender, slight, slim, sparing, stick, stilt, stingy, wiry; CONCEPTS 490,491,771 —*Ant.* fat, thick

**spare** [v1] do or manage without afford, allow, bestow, dispense with, give, grant, part with, pinch, provide, put by, relinquish, salt away\*, save, scrape, scrimp, short, skimp, stint, supply; CONCEPT 129 —*Ant.* need



**spare** [v2] *forgive; have mercy upon* absolve, bail out, be lenient, be merciful, discharge, dispense, excuse, exempt, forbear, get off the hook\*, get out of hock\*, give a break\*, give quarter to, go easy on\*, leave, let go, let off\*, pardon, pity, privilege from, pull out of the fire\*, refrain from, release, relent, relieve from, save bacon\*, save from, save neck\*, spring; CONCEPTS 50,88,134

**sparing** [adj] *careful, economical* avaricious, canny, chary, close, cost-conscious, frugal, humane, mean, money-conscious, parsimonious, provident, prudent, saving, stewardly, stingy, thrifty, tight, tight-fisted, tolerant, ungriving, unwasteful, wary; CONCEPTS 334,401

—**Ant.** careless, lavish, spendthrift, uncareful

**spark** [n] *flash, trace* atom, beam, fire, flare, flicker, gleam, glint, glitter, glow, hint, jot, nucleus, ray, scintilla, scintillation, scrap, sparkle, spit, vestige; CONCEPTS 519,624,828

**spark** [v] *start, inspire* animate, excite, kindle, precipitate, provoke, set in motion, set off, stimulate, stir, touch off, trigger; CONCEPT 221

—**Ant.** cease, halt, stop

**sparkle** [n] *glitter, shine* animation, brilliance, coruscation, dash, dazzle, élan, flash, flicker, gaiety, gleam, glimmer, glint, glitz, glow, life, panache, radiance, scintillation, shimmer, show, spark, spirit, twinkle, vim, vitality, vivacity, zap\*, zip\*; CONCEPTS 411,624,628

—**Ant.** dullness

**sparkle** [v] *glitter, shine* beam, bubble, coruscate, dance, effervesce, fizz, fizzle, flash, flicker, gleam, glimmer, glint, glisten, glow, scintillate, shimmer, spark, twinkle, wink; CONCEPT 624

—**Ant.** darken, dull

**sparse** [adj] *very few and scattered* dispersed, exiguous, few and far between, inadequate, infrequent, meager, occasional, poor, rare, scant, scanty, scarce, scrumpy, skimpy, spare, sporadic, thin, uncommon; CONCEPTS 762,789

—**Ant.** full, lush, plentiful

**spasm** [n] *twitch, fit* access, attack, burst, contraction, convulsion, eruption, frenzy, jerk, outburst, pain, paroxysm, seizure, throes, yank; CONCEPTS 185,728

**spasmodic** [adj] *twitching, erratic* bits and pieces\*, changeable, choppy, convulsive, desultory, fitful, fits and starts\*, intermittent, irregular, jerky, on-again-off-again\*, periodic, shaky, spastic, sporadic, spotty, spurtive, uncertain; CONCEPTS 482,530,541

—**Ant.** resting, uninterrupted

**spat** [n] *dispute, quarrel* altercation, argument, beef\*, bickering, brouhaha, conflict, difference of opinion, disagreement, discord, dissension, embroilment, falling-out, feud, flare-up, fracas, friction, fuss, hubbub, miff\*, misunderstanding, row, rumpus\*, run-in\*, squabble, strife, tiff, words; CONCEPTS 46,106,278

**spate** [n] *series* deluge, flood, flurry, outpouring, run, rush, string, succession, torrent, wave; CONCEPT 6

**spatter** [v] *splash, sprinkle* bespatter, bestrew, broadcast, dash, daub, dirty, discharge, disperse, dot, douse, dribble, mottle, polka-dot, scatter, shower, slop, smudge, soil, spangle, speck, speckle, splutter, spot, spray, sputter, stipple, strew, swash, wet; CONCEPTS 172,179,256

**spawn** [v] *produce* bring forth, create, father, generate, give rise to, hatch, issue, make, mother, originate, parent, procreate, reproduce, sire; CONCEPTS 173,251,374

—**Ant.** destroy

**speak** [v1] *talk* allege, articulate, assert, aver, blab\*, break silence, chat, chew\*, communicate, converse, convey, declare, deliver, descant, discourse, draw, enunciate, expatiate, express, gab\*, gas\*, go\*, jaw\*, lip\*, make known, make public, modulate, mouth, mumble, murmur, mutter, open one's mouth, perorate, pop off\*, pronounce, put into words, rap\*, say, shout, sound, speak one's piece\*, spiel\*, spill, state, tell, utter, verbalize, vocalize, voice, whisper, yak\*, yakkety-yak\*, yammer; CONCEPTS 47,266

—**Ant.** be quiet, listen

**speak** [v2] *address; give a lecture* argue, declaim, descant, discourse, get across, harangue, hold forth, orate, pitch, plead, prelect, recite, sermonize, spiel\*, spout\*, stump, talk; CONCEPTS 60,285

—**Ant.** listen

**speaker** [n] *talker* after-dinner speaker, announcer, elocutionist, keynoter, lecturer, mouthpiece, orator, public speaker, rhetorician, speechmaker, spokesperson; CONCEPT 348

**speak out/speak up** [v] *make one's position known* assert, come out with, declare, have one's say\*, insist, let voice be heard\*, make oneself heard, make plain, say loud and clear\*, sound off\*, speak loudly, speak one's mind\*, stand up for; CONCEPTS 49,57

—**Ant.** be quiet, shut up

**spearhead** [v] *lead, start* bring, bring on, cause, direct, get the jump on\*, go out in front\*, guide, head, helm, influence, initiate, introduce, launch, motivate, move, originate, persuade, pioneer, produce, prompt, quarterback\*, run things\*, shepherd, spur, trail-blaze\*; CONCEPTS 68,117,221

**special** [adj] *distinguished, distinctive; important in own way* appropriate, best, certain, characteristic, chief, choice, defined, definite, designated, determine, different, earmarked, especial, exceptional, exclusive, express, extraordinary, festive, first, gala, individual, limited, main, major, marked, memorable, momentous, out of the ordinary, particular, peculiar, personal, primary, proper, rare, red-letter\*, reserved, restricted, select, set, significant, smashing\*, sole, specialized, specific, uncommon, unique, unreal\*, unusual; CONCEPTS 557,564,567

—**Ant.** common, commonplace, indistinctive, normal, ordinary, undistinguished, unimportant, usual

**specialist** [n] *person who is an expert in a field* ace, adept, authority, connoisseur, consultant, devotee, doctor, guru\*, old hand\*, old pro\*, pro\*, professional, pundit, sage, savant, scholar, technician, veteran, virtuoso; CONCEPTS 347,357

—**Ant.** general practitioner

**specialize** [v] *concentrate on specific area* be into, develop oneself in, do one's thing\*, go in for, have a weakness for\*, limit oneself to, practice, practice exclusively, pursue, study intensively, train, work in; CONCEPTS 91,324

—**Ant.** broaden

**specially** [adv] *particularly* distinctively, especially, expressly, in specie, specifically, uniquely; CONCEPT 557

—**Ant.** broadly

**specialty** [*n*] *distinctive feature; concentration* career, claim to fame, cup of tea\*, distinguishing feature, field of concentration, forte, game\*, hobby, job, long suit\*, magnum opus, major, masterpiece, minor, number, object of attention, object of study, occupation, pièce de résistance\*, practice, profession, pursuit, racket\*, special, specialty, special project, thing\*, vocation, weakness, work; CONCEPT 349 —*Ant.* generalization

**species** [*n*] *class, variety* breed, category, collection, description, division, group, kind, likes\*, lot, nature, number, order, sort, stripe\*, type; CONCEPT 378

**specific** [*adj*] *particular, distinguishing* bull's eye\*, categorical, characteristic, clean-cut, clear-cut, cut fine\*, dead on\*, definite, definitive, different, distinct, downright, drawn fine, especial, exact, explicit, express, flat out\*, hit nail on head\*, individual, limited, on target, outright, peculiar, precise, reserved, restricted, right on, set, sole, special, specialized, straight-out, unambiguous, unequivocal, unique; CONCEPTS 535,557,564 —*Ant.* general, indefinite, uncertain, vague

**specifically** [*adv*] *expressly, particularly* accurately, categorically, characteristically, clearly, concretely, correctly, definitely, distinctively, especially, exactly, explicitly, in detail, indicatively, individually, in specie, minutely, peculiarly, pointedly, precisely, respectively, specially; CONCEPTS 557,564 —*Ant.* broadly, generally

**specification** [*n*] *requirement, qualification* blueprint, condition, designation, detail, item, particular, particularization, spec\*, stipulation, term; CONCEPTS 270,646 —*Ant.* generalization, uncertainty, vagueness

**specify** [*v*] *designate; decide definitely* be specific, blueprint\*, button down\*, cite, come to the point, condition, define, detail, determine, draw a picture\*, enumerate, establish, finger\*, fix, get down to brass tacks\*, get to the point\*, go into detail, indicate, individualize, instance, inventory, itemize, lay out, limit, list, make, mention, name, particularize, peg, pin down, point out, precise, put down, put finger on\*, set, settle, show clearly, slot, specialize, specify, specificize, spell out, stipulate, tab, tag, tick off; CONCEPTS 18,57 —*Ant.* generalize

**specimen** [*n*] *example, sample* case, case history, copy, cross section, embodiment, exemplar, exemplification, exhibit, illustration, individual, instance, model, part, pattern, proof, representation, representative, sampling, sort, species, type, unit, variety; CONCEPTS 686,831

**specious** [*adj*] *misleading* apparent, apparently right, beguiling, captious, casuistic, colorable, credible, deceptive, delusive, empty, erroneous, fallacious, false, flattering, hollow, idle, illogical, inaccurate, incorrect, likely, nugatory, ostensible, ostentatious, plausible, presumable, presumptive, pretentious, probable, seeming, sophistic, sophisticated, sophisticated, spurious, unsound, untrue, vain, wrong; CONCEPTS 552,582 —*Ant.* real, true, valid

**speck** [*n*] *tiny bit* atom, blemish, blot, crumb, defect, dot, fault, flaw, fleck, flyspeck, grain, iota, jot, mark, mite, modicum, molecule, mote,

particle, point, shred, smidgen, speckle, splotch, spot, stain, trace, whit; CONCEPT 831 —*Ant.* lot  
**speckled** [*adj*] *dotted* brindled, dappled, flaked, flecked, freckled, mosaic, motley, mottled, particolored, patchy, peppered, punctate, spotted, spotty, sprinkled, stippled, studded, variegated; CONCEPTS 485,618 —*Ant.* plain, unspeckled

**spectacle** [*n*] *something showy; exhibition* comedy, curiosity, demonstration, display, drama, event, exposition, extravaganza, marvel, movie, pageant, parade, performance, phenomenon, play, production, representation, scene, show, sight, spectacular, tableau, view, wonder; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* normality, ordinariness  
**spectacles** [*n*] *eyeglasses* bifocals, blinkers\*, contact lenses, contacts, glasses, goggles, lorgnette, monocle, pair of glasses, pince-nez, reading glasses, shades\*, specs\*, sunglasses, trifocals; CONCEPT 466

**spectacular** [*adj*] *wonderful, impressive* amazing, astonishing, astounding, breathtaking, daring, dazzling, dramatic, eye-catching, fabulous, fantastic, grand, histrionic, magnificent, marked, marvelous, miraculous, prodigious, razzle-dazzle\*, remarkable, sensational, splendid, staggering, striking, stunning, stupendous, theatrical, thrilling, wondrous; CONCEPTS 529, 537,574 —*Ant.* normal, ordinary, regular, unspectacular, usual

**spectator** [*n*] *person who watches event* beholder, bystander, clapper, eyewitness, fan, gaper\*, gazer, kibitzer\*, looker, looker-on, moviegoer, observer, onlooker, perceiver, player, seer, showgoer, sports fan, standee, stander-by, theatergoer, viewer, watcher, witness; CONCEPTS 366,423 —*Ant.* participant

**specter** [*n*] *ghost* apparition, appearance, demon, doppelganger, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, presence, shadow, spirit, spook, vision; CONCEPT 370

**spectral** [*adj*] *ghostly* apparitional, eerie, haunted, illusory, phantasmal, phantom, scary, shadowy, spiritual, spooky, supernatural; CONCEPTS 485,537

**speculate** [*v*1] *think about deeply and theorize* beat one's brains\*, brainstorm\*, build castles in air\*, call it, call the turn, cerebrate, chew over\*, cogitate, conjecture, consider, contemplate, deliberate, dope\*, dope out\*, excogitate, figure, figure out\*, guess, guesstimate\*, have a hunch\*, hazard a guess, head trip\*, hypothesize, kick around\*, meditate, muse, pipe-dream\*, psych out\*, read, read between lines\*, reason, reflect, review, ruminate, run it up flagpole\*, scheme, size up, study, suppose, surmise, suspect, weigh, wonder; CONCEPTS 17,24,28,37 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**speculate** [*v*2] *gamble, risk* dare, hazard, make book\*, margin up\*, play, play the market\*, plunge, pour money into\*, spec\*, stick neck out\*, take a chance, take a flier\*, take a fling\*, venture, wildcat; CONCEPTS 28,330,363 —*Ant.* abstain

**speculation** [*n*1] *theory, guess* belief, brain-work\*, cerebration, cogitation, conjecture, consideration, contemplation, deliberation, excogitation, guesstimate\*, guesswork, hunch, hypothesis, meditation, opinion, reflection, review, shot, shot in the dark\*, sneaking

- suspicion\*, stab, stab in the dark\*, studying, supposition, surmise, thinking, thought, weighing; CONCEPTS 24,28,529,689 —*Ant.* fact, information, reality, truth
- speculation** [*n2*] *risk, gamble* backing, flier\*, flutter, gambling, hazard, hunch, piece, plunge, right money\*, risky business\*, risky venture, shot, shot in the dark\*, smart money\*, spec\*, speculative enterprise, stab\*, venture, wager; CONCEPTS 192,330,363 —*Ant.* abstention
- speculative** [*adj*] *theoretical* abstract, analytical, assumed, conceptive, dangerous, dicey, experimental, formulated, hairy, hazardous, hypothetical, ideal, idealized, ideological, iffy, intellectual, in theory, logical, notional, philosophical, presumed, risky, uncertain, unproved, unproven, unsubstantiated; CONCEPT 529
- speech** [*n1*] *talk* accent, articulation, communication, conversation, dialect, dialogue, diction, discussion, doublespeak\*, double talk\*, elocution, enunciation, expressing, expression, idiom, intercourse, jargon, language, lingo, locution, mother tongue, native tongue, oral communication, palaver, parlance, prattle, pronunciation, prose, speaking, spiel, tone, tongue, utterance, verbalization, vernacular, vocal expression, vocalization, vocalizing, voice, voicing; CONCEPTS 47,266,266 —*Ant.* listening, quiet, silence
- speech** [*n2*] *formal talk to audience* address, allocation, appeal, bombast, chalk talk\*, commentary, debate, declamation, diatribe, discourse, disquisition, dissertation, eulogy, exhortation, harangue, homily, invocation, keynote, lecture, opus, oration, oratory, panegyric, paper, parlance, parley, pep talk\*, pitch, prelection, recitation, rhetoric, salutation, sermon, spiel\*, stump\*, tirade, vaudeictory; CONCEPTS 60,285 —*Ant.* listening
- speechless** [*adj*] *without ability to talk* aghast, amazed, aphonic, astounded, buttoned up\*, clammed up\*, close-mouthed, cool\*, cool as cucumber\*, dazed, dumb, dumbfounded, dumbstruck, inarticulate, mum, mute, not saying boo\*, reserved, shocked, silent, taciturn, thunderstruck\*, tight-lipped\*, tongue-tied\*, uncommunicative, unflappable, voiceless, wordless; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* articulate, communicative, responsive
- speed** [*n*] *rate of motion, often a high rate* acceleration, activity, agility, alacrity, breeze, briskness, celerity, clip, dispatch, eagerness, expedition, fleetness, gait, haste, headway, hurry, hustle, legerity, lick, liveliness, momentum, pace, precipitancy, precipitation, promptitude, promptness, quickness, rapidity, rapidness, readiness, rush, rustle, snap, steam, swiftness, urgency, velocity; CONCEPT 755
- speed** [*v*] *move along quickly* advance, aid, assist, barrel, belt, bomb, boost, bowl over, career, cover ground\*, cut along, dispatch, expedite, facilitate, flash, fly, further, gallop, gather momentum, gear up\*, get a move on\*, get moving, get under way, go all out\*, go fast, go like the wind\*, hasten, help, hightail\*, hurry, impel, lose no time\*, make haste, open up throttle\*, press on, promote, quicken, race, ride, run, rush, sail, spring, step on it\*, tear, urge, whiz, zoom; CONCEPTS 110,150,152 —*Ant.* delay, halt, slow
- speedy** [*adj*] *fast, quick* accelerated, agile, alacritous, breakneck, brisk, expeditious, express, fleet, harefooted, hasty, headlong, hurried, immediate, lissome, lively, nimble, precipitate, prompt, quick-fire, rapid, rapid-fire, ready, snappy, summary, supersonic, swift, ultrasonic, winged; CONCEPTS 548,584,588 —*Ant.* delayed, halted, slowed, tardy
- spell** [*n1*] *interval, period* bit, bout, course, go, hitch, interlude, intermission, patch, relay, season, shift, space, stint, streak, stretch, term, time, tour, tour of duty, trick, turn, while; CONCEPTS 807,817,822
- spell** [*n2*] *magical aura over an entity* abracadabra\*, allure, amulet, bewitching, bewitchment, charm, conjuration, enchanting, enchantment, exorcism, fascination, glamour, hex, hexing, hocus-pocus\*, incantation, jinx, magic, mumbo jumbo\*, rune, sorcery, talisman, trance, voodoo\*, whack\*, whammy\*, witchery; CONCEPTS 370,673,689
- spell** [*n3*] *seizure* access, attack, fit, illness, jag, paroxysm, spasm, stroke, throes, turn; CONCEPTS 306,308
- spell** [*v1*] *mean, imply* add up to, amount to, augur, connote, denote, express, herald, import, indicate, intend, point to, portend, presage, promise, signify, suggest; CONCEPTS 55,74,75
- spell** [*v2*] *give rest, relief* allow, breathe, free, lay off, lie by, release, relieve, stand in for, take over, take the place of; CONCEPTS 83,110 —*Ant.* abuse, run ragged, use
- spellbound** [*adj*] *enchanted, fascinated* agape, amazed, bemused, bewildered, bewitched, breathless, captivated, caught up, charmed, enthralled, gripped, held, hooked, mesmerized, open-mouthed, petrified, possessed, rapt, transfixed, transported, under a spell; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* disenchanting, disinterested
- spell out** [*v1*] *clarify, explain* break down, brief, clear up, clue in, decipher, decode, define, describe, diagram, draw a map\*, expound, fill someone in\*, get across\*, go into detail, illustrate, interpret, justify, make plain\*, point out, put across, put in plain English\*, teach, tell, throw light upon\*, translate, unfold, unravel, untangle; CONCEPT 57
- spend** [*v1*] *give, pay out* absorb, allocate, ante up\*, apply, bestow, blow\*, cast away, come across, come through, concentrate, confer, consume, contribute, cough up\*, defray, deplete, disburse, disperse, dissipate, donate, drain, drop, employ, empty, evote, exhaust, expend, foot the bill\*, fritter, give, hand out, invest, lavish, lay out, liquidate, misspend, outlay, pay down, pay up, put in, run through, settle, shell out\*, spring for\*, squander, throw away, use, use up, waste; CONCEPTS 156,169,225,341 —*Ant.* earn, get, receive
- spend** [*v2*] *use time; occupy* consume, devote, drift, employ, fill, fool around\*, fritter, go in, idle, kill, laze, let pass, misuse, pass, put in, squander, waste, while away\*; CONCEPT 100 —*Ant.* be lazy
- spendthrift** [*n*] *person careless with money* big spender\*, dissipater, high-roller\*, improvident, imprudent, prodigal, profligate, spender, sport, squanderer, waster, wastrel; CONCEPTS 348,353,423 —*Ant.* miser, saver
- spent** [*adj*] *used up, gone; tired out* all in\*,

bleary, blown, burnt-out\*, bushed, consumed, dead\*, debilitated, depleted, disbursed, dissipated, dog-tired\*, done-in\*, down the drain\*, drained, effete, enervated, exhausted, expended, fagged, far-gone\*, finished, had it\*, limp, lost, played-out\*, prostrate, ready to drop\*, shattered, shot, thrown away, used, washed-up\*, wasted, weakened, wearied, weary, worn out; CONCEPTS 314,560,771 —*Ant.* hoarded, retained, saved

**spew** [v] *spit out* belch, bring up, cascade, disgorge, eject, erupt, expel, flood, gush, heave, irrupt, puke\*, regurgitate, scatter, spit, spit up, spread, spritz, throw up, urp\*, vomit; CONCEPTS 179,308

**sphere** [n1] *globular object* apple\*, ball, big blue marble\*, circle, Earth, globe, globule, orb, pellet, pill, planet, roudure, round; CONCEPTS 436,511

**sphere** [n2] *domain of influence* bailiwick, capacity, campaign, circle, class, compass, demesne, department, dominion, employment, field, function, ground, jungle, jurisdiction, level, neck of the woods\*, orbit, pale, position, precinct, province, range, rank, realm, scope, station, stomping ground\*, stratum, terrain, territory, turf\*, walk of life, zone; CONCEPTS 349,388,687

**spice** [n] *flavor, zest* aroma, color, excitement, fragrance, gusto, guts\*, kick, pep, piquancy, pungency, relish, salt, savor, scent, seasoning, tang, zap\*, zip\*; CONCEPTS 614,673 —*Ant.* blandness, dullness

**spick-and-span** [adj] *spotless* clean, fresh, gleaming, hygienic, immaculate, neat, polished, pure, sanitary, shining, shipshape, tidy, unsoiled, unstained, untarnished, very clean; CONCEPTS 404,621

**spicy** [adj1] *pungent, flavorful* ambrosial, appetizing, aromal, aromatic, distinctive, fiery, flavorous, fragrant, fresh, herbaceous, highly seasoned, hot, keen, odoriferous, peppery, perfumed, piquant, poignant, racy, redolent, savory, scented, seasoned, snappy, spirited, sweet, tangy, tasty, zesty, zippy\*; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* bland, dull, flavorless, tasteless

**spicy** [adj2] *off-color, vulgar* breezy, broad, erotic, hot\*, indelicate, racy, red hot\*, ribald, risqué, salty\*, scandalous, sensational, sophisticated, suggestive, titillating, unseemly, wicked, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 267,372,545 —*Ant.* clean, decent, moral

**spiel** [n] *patter, sales pitch* chatter, empty talk, jabber\*, jive\*, line\*, pitch\*, sales talk, song and dance\*; CONCEPTS 276,278

**spiffy** [adj] *stylish a la mode\**, beautiful, chic, chichi\*, classy, dandy, dapper, dashing, dressed to kill\*, fashionable, high-class\*, in fashion, in vogue, jazzy\*, mod\*, now\*, ritzy, sharp, showy, sleek, slick\*, smart, snappy\*, snazzy\*, stunning, swank\*, upscale, uptown, voguish; CONCEPTS 579,589

**spike** [v] *pierce* fasten, impale, lance, make fast, nail, pin, prick, skewer, spear, spit, stick, transfix; CONCEPT 220

**spill** [v1] *slop, drop* discharge, disgorge, dribble, drip, empty, flow, lose, overflow, overflow, overrun, overturn, pour, run, run out, run over, scatter, shed, spill over, splash, splatter, spray, sprinkle, spurt, squirt, stream, throw off, upset,

well over; CONCEPTS 179,181 —*Ant.* clean up, pick up

**spill** [v2] *reveal* betray, blab, blow, disclose, divulge, give away, inform, let the cat out of the bag\*, mouth, squeal, tattle, tell; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**spin** [n] *circular motion* circuit, gyration, revolution, roll, rotation, spiral, turn, twist, whirl; CONCEPT 748 —*Ant.* immobility, inaction, inactivity

**spin** [v] *go around, make go around* gyrate, gyre, oscillate, pendulate, pirouette, purl, reel, revolve, rotate, spiral, swim, turn, twirl, twist, wheel, whirl; CONCEPTS 150,152,218 —*Ant.* stand, steady

**spine** [n] *backbone* back, bone, chine, rachis, ridge, spinal column, vertebrae, vertebral column; CONCEPTS 393,420

**spineless** [adj] *cowardly* amoebalike\*, faint-hearted, fearful, feeble, forceless, frightened, gutless\*, impotent, inadequate, ineffective, ineffectual, invertebrate, irresolute, lily-livered\*, nerveless, pithless, soft, spiritless, squeamish, submissive, timid, vacillating, weak, weak-kneed, weak-willed, yellow\*, yellow-bellied\*; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* bold, brave, strong

**spin-off** [n] *offshoot* adjunct, branch, by-product, derivative, descendant, division, offspring, outgrowth, sequel; CONCEPTS 260,824

**spirally** [adj] *curling, winding* circling, circular, circumvolved, cochlear, coiled, corkscrew, curled, helical, helicoid, radial, rolled, screw-shaped, scrolled, tendrillar, tortile, voluted, whorled, wound; CONCEPT 486 —*Ant.* straight, uncurling, unwinding

**spiral** [n] *curled shape* coil, corkscrew, curlicue, flourish, gyration, gyre, helix, quirk, screw, volute, whorl; CONCEPT 436

**spirit** [n1] *soul, attitude* air, animation, ardor, backbone\*, boldness, breath, character, complexion, courage, dauntlessness, disposition, earnestness, energy, enterprise, enthusiasm, essence, fire, force, frame of mind, gameness, grit\*, guts\*, heart, humor, jazz\*, life, life force, liveliness, mettle, mood, morale, motivation, nerve, oomph\*, outlook, psyche, quality, resolution, resolve, sparkle, spunk\*, stoutheartedness, substance, temper, temperament, tenor, vigor, vitality, vital spark, warmth, will, willpower, zest; CONCEPTS 407,411

**spirit** [n2] *atmosphere, essence* feeling, genius, gist, humor, intent, intention, meaning, purport, purpose, quality, sense, substance, temper, tenor, timbre, tone; CONCEPTS 673,682

**spirit** [n3] *ghost* apparition, eidolon, phantasm, phantom, poltergeist, shade, shadow, soul, specter, spook, sprite, supernatural being, umbra, vision, wraith; CONCEPT 370 —*Ant.* being, reality

**spirited** [adj] *lively, vivacious* active, alert, animate, animated, ardent, audacious, avid, bold, bouncy, brave, bright, burning, chirpy, courageous, dauntless, eager, effervescent, energetic, enthusiastic, fearless, fiery, full of life, game, gingery\*, gritty, gutsy\*, high-spirited, hot, hyper\*, intrepid, jumping, keen, mettlesome, nervy, passionate, peppery, peppy, plucky, resolute, rocking, sharp, snappy, sparkling, sprightly, spunky, vigorous, zappy\*,

zealous, zesty, zingy\*, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 404,542 —*Ant.* apathetic, depressed, dispirited, lazy, lethargic, unhappy, unlively

**spiritless** [*adj*] *depressed* apathetic, blah\*, blue\*, broken, cast down, dejected, despondent, disconsolate, dispirited, dopey\*, down, downcast, downhearted, down in the dumps\*, down in the mouth\*, draggy, drippy, droopy, dull, enervated, flat\*, flate tire\*, inanimate, indifferent, lackadaisical, lackluster, languid, languishing, languorous, lifeless, limp, listless, low, melancholic, melancholy, mopy, slothful, subdued, submissive, tame, torpid, unconcerned, unenthusiastic, unmoved, zero\*; CONCEPT 403, —*Ant.* energetic, happy, lively, spirited, uplifted

**spiritual** [*adj*] *religious, otherworldly* airy, asomatous, devotional, discarnate, disembodied, divine, ethereal, extramundane, ghostly, holy, immaterial, incorporeal, intangible, metaphysical, nonmaterial, nonphysical, platonic, pure, rarefied, refined, sacred, supernal, un fleshly, unphysical; CONCEPTS 536,582 —*Ant.* bodily, irreligious, irreverent, physical, unspiritual

**spit** [*n*] *saliva* discharge, dribble, drool, slaver, spittle, sputum, water; CONCEPT 467

**spit** [*v*] *eject saliva or substance* discharge, drool, expectorate, hawk, hiss, sibilate, sizz, slobber, spatter, spew, splutter, spritz, sputter, throw out; CONCEPTS 179,185 —*Ant.* swallow

**spite** [*n*] *hateful feeling* animosity, antipathy, bad blood\*, contempt, despite, enmity, gall, grudge, harsh feeling, hate, hatred, ill will, malevolence, malice, maliciousness, malignity, peeve, pique, rancor, resentment, revenge, spitefulness, spleen, umbrage, vengeance, vengefulness, venom, vindictiveness; CONCEPT 29 —*Ant.* liking, love, loving

**spite** [*v*] *offend, hurt* annoy, begrudge, beset, crab\*, cramp style\*, discomfit, gall, get even\*, grudge, hang up\*, harass, harm, injure, louse up\*, needle, nettle, persecute, pique, provoke, put out\*, upset the apple cart\*, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19,121 —*Ant.* forgive, help, love, please

**spiteful** [*adj*] *hurtful, nasty* accidentally on purpose\*, angry, barbed, catty\*, cruel, cussed\*, spiteful, dirty, evil, hateful, ill-disposed, ill-natured, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, ornery\*, rancorous, snide, spiteful, splenetic, venomous, vicious, vindictive, waspish, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* affectionate, forgiving, helpful, loving, pleasing

**spitting image** [*n*] *look-alike* carbon copy, clone, double, duplicate, exact likeness, likeness, match, replica, ringer\*, twin, very image; CONCEPTS 414,664,670

**splash** [*n*] *spattering, impact* burst, dash, display, effect, patch, sensation, splurge, stir, touch; CONCEPT 676

**splash** [*v*] *throw liquid* bathe, bespatter, broadcast, dabble, dash, douse, drench, drown, get wet, moisten, paddle, splash, plunge, shower, slop, slosh, soak, sop, spatter, splatter, spray, spread, sprinkle, squirt, strew, throw, wade, wallow, wet; CONCEPTS 222,256

**splatter** [*v*] *splash* bespatter, douse, drench, drown, get wet, moisten, plunge, shower, slosh, soak, sop, spatter, spray, sprinkle, squirt, wet; CONCEPTS 222,256

**splendid** [*adj*] *luxurious, expensive* baroque,

beaming, beautiful, bright, brilliant, costly, dazzling, elegant, fab\*, fat\*, flamboyant, glittering, glowing, gorgeous, grand, grandiose, imposing, impressive, lavish, lustrous, mad\*, magnificent, magnifico, marvelous, ornate, plush, posh, radiant, refulgent, resplendent, rich, solid gold\*, splashy, splendid, splendidous, sumptuous, superb, swanky\*; CONCEPTS 334,485,589 —*Ant.* drab, poor, shabby, shoddy

**splendid** [*adj*2] *excellent, illustrious* admirable, brilliant, celebrated, distinguished, divine, eminent, exceptional, exquisite, fantastic, fine, first-class, glorious, gorgeous, grand, great, heroic, impressive, magnificent, marvelous, matchless, outstanding, peerless, premium, proud, rare, remarkable, renowned, resplendent, royal, splendid, splendidous, sterling, sublime, superb, superlative, supreme, transcendent, unparalleled, unsurpassed, very good, wonderful; CONCEPTS 568,574 —*Ant.* humble, insignificant, ordinary, regular, usual

**splendor** [*n*] *radiance, glory* brightness, brilliance, ceremony, dazzle, display, effulgence, gorgeousness, grandeur, luster, magnificence, majesty, pageant, pomp, refugence, renown, resplendence, richness, show, solemnity, spectacle, stateliness, sumptuousness; CONCEPTS 620,655,673 —*Ant.* dullness, insignificance, ordinariness, poorness

**splice** [*v*] *join, interweave* braid, entwine, graft, hitch, interlace, intertwine, intertwist, knit, marry, mate, mesh, plait, tie, unite, weave, wed, yoke; CONCEPT 193 —*Ant.* divide, separate, sever

**splinter** [*n*] *thin piece of solid* bit, chip, flake, fragment, needle, paring, shaving, sliver, wood; CONCEPTS 471,479,831

**splinter** [*v*] *break into thin, small pieces* break to smithereens\*, burst, disintegrate, fracture, fragment, pash, rive, shatter, shiver, smash, split; CONCEPT 246 —*Ant.* combine, fix, mend

**split** [*n*] *opening* breach, chasm, chink, cleavage, cleft, crack, damage, division, fissure, gap, rent, rift, rima, rimation, rime, rip, rupture, separation, slash, slit, tear; CONCEPT 513 —*Ant.* closing, closure

**split** [*n*2] *difference, disunion* alienation, breach, break, break-up, discord, disruption, dissension, divergence, division, estrangement, fissure, fracture, partition, rent, rift, rupture, schism; CONCEPT 388 —*Ant.* juncture, marriage, union

**split** [*v*1] *break up, pull apart* bifurcate, branch, break, burst, cleave, come apart, come undone, crack, dichotomize, disband, disjoin, dissever, disunite, diverge, divide, divorce, fork, gape, give way, go separate ways, hack, isolate, open, part, part company, put asunder, rend, rip, rive, separate, sever, slash, slit, snap, splinter, sunder, tear, whack; CONCEPTS 135,176,297 —*Ant.* combine, join, pull together

**split** [*v*2] *divide into parts* allocate, allot, apportion, carve up, distribute, divide, divvy\*, divvy up\*, dole, go even-steven\*, go fifty-fifty\*, halve, mete out, parcel out, partition, share, slice, slice the pie\*, slice up; CONCEPT 98 —*Ant.* combine, join

**split up** [*v*] *keep apart; segregate; separate* break off, break up, come apart, detach, disband, disconnect, divide, divorce, go separate

ways, group, part, part company, rope off, seclude, sever, sort, stand between, undo; CONCEPTS 135, 158, 201, 297, 384

- splurge** [v] *spend lavishly* be extravagant, binge, celebrate, fling, give a party\*, rampage, spread; CONCEPTS 327, 377 —*Ant.* hoard, save
- spoil** [v1] *ruin, hurt* blemish, damage, debase, deface, defile, demolish, deplete, desecrate, desolate, despoil, destroy, devastate, disfigure, disgrace, harm, impair, injure, make useless, mar, mess up\*, muck up\*, pillage, plunder, prejudice, ravage, sack, smash, spoliolate, squash, take apart, tarnish, trash\*, undo, upset, vitiate, waste, wreck; CONCEPTS 246, 252 —*Ant.* help
- spoil** [v2] *baby, indulge* accommodate, cater to, coddle, cosset, favor, humor, kill with kindness\*, mollycoddle\*, oblige, overindulge, pamper, spoon-feed\*; CONCEPTS 14, 136 —*Ant.* be indifferent, ignore, neglect
- spoil** [v3] *decay, turn bad* addle, become tainted, become useless, break down, crumble, curdle, decompose, deteriorate, disintegrate, go bad, go off, mildew, mold, rot, putrefy, rot, taint, turn; CONCEPTS 456, 469 —*Ant.* grow
- spoils** [n] *possessions stolen or gained* booty\*, cut\*, gain, goods, graft, hot goods\*, loot, make\*, pickings, pillage, plunder, prey, prize, squeeze, swag, take; CONCEPTS 337, 710
- spoken** [adj] *by word of mouth* announced, articulate, communicated, expressed, lingual, mentioned, oral, phonetic, phonic, put into words, said, sonant, told, traditional, unwritten, uttered, verbal, viva voce, voiced; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* heard, written
- spokesperson** [n] *person who communicates for another* agent, champion, delegate, deputy, mediator, mouth, mouthpiece\*, prolocutor, prophet, protagonist, representative, speaker, stand-in, substitute, talker; CONCEPTS 348, 354
- sponge** [n] *moocher* bum\*, cadger, deadbeat\*, freeloader\*, hanger-on, leech\*, panhandler, parasite, scrounger; CONCEPTS 412, 423
- sponge** [v] *mooch* beg, bum\*, cadge, chisel\*, freeload\*, hit up\*, hustle, live off of, panhandle, scrounge; CONCEPT 53
- spongy** [adj] *cushioned, absorbent* absorptive, cushiony, elastic, light, mushy, pappy, porous, pulpy, spongy, resilient, rubbery, soft, springy, squishy, yielding; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* hard, impermeable, inflexible
- sponsor** [n] *person who helps, promotes* another adherent, advocate, angel\*, backer, benefactor, godparent, grubstaker, guarantor, mainstay, patron, promoter, supporter, surety, sustainer, underwriter; CONCEPTS 348, 423
- sponsor** [v] *help, promote* answer for, back, bankroll, be responsible for, finance, fund, grubstake, guarantee, patronize, put up money, stake, subsidize, vouch for; CONCEPTS 110, 341 —*Ant.* disapprove, discourage, hurt
- spontaneous** [adj] *impulsive, willing* ad-lib\*, automatic, break loose, casual, down, extemporaneous, extempore, free, free spirited, from the hip\*, impetuous, impromptu, improvised, inevitable, instinctive, involuntary, irresistible, natural, offhand, off-the-cuff\*, off top of head\*, simple, unartful, unavoidable, unbidden, uncompelled, unconscious, unconstrained, uncontrived, uncontrolled, unforced, uninten-

- tional, unplanned, unpremeditated, unprompted, unsophisticated, unstudied, up front, voluntary; CONCEPTS 401, 542, 548 —*Ant.* deliberate, intended, planned, premeditated
- spook** [n] *trick, mockery* bluff, bon mot, burlesque, caricature, cheat, deceit, deception, fake, flim-flam\*, game, hoax, imposture, jest, joke, lampoon, parody, phony, prank, put-on, quip, satire, sell, send-up\*, sham, take-off, travesty, trickery, wisecrack; CONCEPTS 59, 273
- spook** [v] *frighten, scare* alarm, curdle the blood\*, discomfort, horrify, make one's blood run cold\*, make one's teeth chatter\*, panic, petrify, scare away, scare stiff\*, scare the pants off of\*, scare to death\*, startle, strike terror into\*, terrify, unnerv; CONCEPTS 7, 14, 19, 42
- spooky** [adj] *frightening* chilling, creepy, eerie, ghostly, mysterious, ominous, scary, spine-chilling, supernatural, uncanny, unearthly, weird; CONCEPTS 529, 537 —*Ant.* natural, unthreatening
- spoon-feed** [v] *pamper* baby, cater to, coddle, give in, indulge, mollycoddle\*, overindulge, spoil, spoil rotten\*; CONCEPTS 136, 295
- sporadic** [adj] *on and off* bits and pieces\*, desultory, few, fitful, fits and starts\*, hit-or-miss\*, infrequent, intermittent, irregular, isolated, occasional, on-again-off-again\*, random, rare, scarce, scattered, seldom, semioccasional, spasmodic, spotty, uncommon, infrequent; CONCEPT 541 —*Ant.* constant, continuous, dependable
- sport** [n1] *recreational activity; entertainment* action, amusement, athletics, ball, disport, diversion, exercise, frolic, fun, fun and games\*, gaiety, game, games, pastime, physical activity, picnic, play, pleasure, recreation; CONCEPT 363 —*Ant.* vocation, work
- sport** [n2] *fun, joking* badinage, banter, derision, drollery, escapade, frolic, horseplay, jest, jesting, joke, jollification, jollity, kidding, laughter, merriment, mirth, mockery, mummery, nonsense, pleasantry, practical joke, raiillery, scorn, teasing, tomofoolery, trifling; CONCEPTS 59, 273 —*Ant.* seriousness
- sport** [n3] *person who takes kidding* buffoon, butt, jestee, joke, laughingstock, mock, mockery, object of derision, object of ridicule, plaything, target; CONCEPT 423
- sport** [v] *display, wear* be dressed in, don, exhibit, have on, model, show off; CONCEPTS 167, 261
- sporting/sportive** [adj] *playful and fair* antic, coltish, considerate, devil-may-care\*, frisky, frolicsome, full of fun\*, game, gamesome, gay, generous, impish, jaunty, joyous, larkish, lively, merry, mischievous, reasonable, roguish, rollicking, sportspersonlike, sprightly, square, wild; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* unfair, unplayful, unsporting
- sportsmanship** [n] *integrity* fairness, forthrightness, gamesmanship, goodness, honesty, honor, honorableness, principle, righteousness, sincerity, virtue; CONCEPT 411
- sporty** [adj] *casual; flashy* brazen, flamboyant, flaunting, gaudy, glittering, glittery, glitzy, informal, jazzy\*, loud, natty, ornate, showy, snazzy; CONCEPTS 401, 542, 589
- spot** [n1] *mark, stain* atom, blemish, blot, blotch, daub, discoloration, dollop, dram, drop,

- flaw, iota, jot, little bit, mite, molecule, mote, nip, particle, pimple, pinch, shot, smidgen, smudge, snort, speck, taint, whit; CONCEPTS 284,831 —*Ant.* plainness
- spot** [n2] *location* hangout\*, hole\*, joint\*, layout, locality, locus, office, pad, place, plant, point, position, post, roof, scene, seat, section, sector, site, situation, slot, station, wherever\*, X\*, X marks the spot\*; CONCEPT 198
- spot** [n3] *bad situation* box\*, corner\*, difficulty, dilemma, fix, hole\*, jam, mess, pickle\*, plight, predicament, quandary, scrape, trouble; CONCEPT 666 —*Ant.* benefit, boon, success
- spot** [n4] *position in organization* appointment, berth, billet, connection, job, office, place, post, responsibility, situation, station, work; CONCEPTS 351,362
- spot** [v1] *mark, stain* besmirch, bespatter, blot, blotch, dapple, dirty, dot, fleck, maculate, marble, mottle, pepper, pimple, soil, spatter, speck, speckle, splash, splotch, stipple, streak, stripe, stud, sully, taint, tarnish; CONCEPTS 79,179 —*Ant.* clean, unspotted
- spot** [v2] *see, recognize* catch, catch sight of, discern, detect, determinate, diagnose, discern, discover, distinguish, encounter, espy, ferret out, find, identify, locate, make out, meet with, observe, pick out, pinpoint, place, point out, sight, trace, track, turn up; CONCEPTS 38,183,626 —*Ant.* overlook
- spotless** [adj] *very clean; innocent* above reproach, blameless, chaste, clean, decent, faultless, flawless, gleaming, hygienic, immaculate, irreproachable, modest, pure, sanitary, shining, snowy, stainless, unblemished, undefiled, unimpeachable, unsoiled, unstained, unsullied, untarnished; CONCEPTS 404,621 —*Ant.* dirty, soiled, spotted, stained
- spotlight** [n] *attention; bright beam of light* center stage, fame, flashlight, floodlight, interest, light, limelight, notoriety, public attention, public eye, publicity; CONCEPTS 388,624,668 —*Ant.* obscurity
- spotlight** [v] *focus attention on* accentuate, draw attention, feature, floodlight\*, give prominence, highlight, illuminate, limelight\*, point up, publicize, put on center stage\*; CONCEPTS 261,292 —*Ant.* turn aside
- spotted** [adj] *speckled* blotched, dappled, dotted, flaked, flecked, freckled, mosaic, motley, patchy, pied, spotty, sprinkled; CONCEPTS 485, 618
- spotty** [adj] *blotchy, irregular* desultory, erratic, flickering, fluctuating, not uniform, on-again-off-again\*, patchy, pimply, spasmodic, sporadic, unequal, uneven; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* constant, regular, unbroken
- spouse** [n] *one of a married couple* better half\*, bride, companion, groom, helpmate, husband, man, mate, partner, roommate, wife, woman; CONCEPT 414
- spout** [v1] *spurt, emit* cascade, discharge, eject, erupt, expel, exude, gush, jet, pour, roll, shoot, spill, spray, squirt, stream, surge; CONCEPT 179 —*Ant.* drain
- spout** [v2] *talk forcefully* boast, brag, chatter, declaim, expatiate, go on, gush, harangue, hold forth, orate, pontificate, ramble, rant, sermonize, shoot off one's mouth\*, speechify, spellbind, spiel, vapor, yell; CONCEPTS 49,51 —*Ant.* be quiet
- sprawl** [v] *sit or lie spread out* drape, extend, flop, lie, lie spread-eagle\*, loll, lounge, ramble, recline, sit, slouch, slump, spread, straddle, straggle, stretch, trail; CONCEPT 201 —*Ant.* straighten
- spray** [n] *fine mist* aerosol, atomizer, drizzle, droplets, duster, fog, froth, moisture, spindrift, splash, sprayer, sprinkler, vaporizer; CONCEPTS 514,680
- spray** [v] *sprinkle, diffuse* atomize, drizzle, dust, scatter, shoot, shower, smear, spatter, splash, spritz, squirt, throw around; CONCEPTS 179,256 —*Ant.* collect, gather
- spread** [n1] *expansion, development; extent* advance, advancement, compass, diffusion, dispersion, dissemination, enlargement, escalation, expanse, extension, increase, period, profusion, proliferation, radiation, ramification, range, reach, scope, span, spreading, stretch, suffusion, sweep, term, transfusion, transmission; CONCEPTS 651,704,721,788 —*Ant.* stagnation, suppression
- spread** [n2] *outlay of food, meal* array, banquet, blowout, dinner, feast, lunch, regale, repast; CONCEPT 459
- spread** [v1] *open or fan out* arrange, array, be displayed, be distributed, bloat, branch off, broaden, cast, circulate, coat, cover, dab, develop, diffuse, dilate, disperse, diverge, enlarge, escalate, even out, expand, extend, flatten, flow, gloss, increase, lay, lengthen, level, lie, multiply, mushroom, open, out-stretch, overlay, paint, pervade, prepare, proliferate, radiate, reach, roll out, set, settle, smear, sprawl, spray, stretch, strew, suffice, swell, uncoil, unfold, unfurl, unroll, untwist, unwind, widen; CONCEPTS 158,172,201 —*Ant.* close, collect, compress, gather
- spread** [v2] *publicize* advertise, blazon, broadcast, cast, circulate, declare, diffuse, disseminate, distribute, make known, make public, proclaim, promulgate, propagate, publish, radiate, scatter, shed, sow, strew, transmit; CONCEPT 60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide
- spree** [n] *wild activity* bacchanalia, ball, bash, binge, caper, carousal, carouse, carousing, celebration, field day\*, fling, frolic, high jinks\*, high time\*, jag, jamboree, junket, lark, merry-go-round\*, orgy, party, rampage, revel, rip\*, spending expedition, splurge, tear\*; CONCEPTS 327,377,384 —*Ant.* care, thriftiness
- springly** [adj] *fun, vivacious* active, agile, airy, alert, animate, animated, blithe, bouncy, breezy, bright, brisk, cheerful, cheery, chipper, chirpy, clever, dapper, dashing, energetic, fairylike, frolicsome, gay, good, grooving, hyper, jaunty, jolly, joyous, jumping, keen, keen-witted, light, lively, nimble, peppy, perky, playful, quick, quick-witted, saucy, scintillating, smart, snappy, spirited, sportive, spry, swinging, zappy\*, zingy\*, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 401,404,542 —*Ant.* dull, inactive, lazy, lethargic
- spring** [n1] *jump, skip* bounce, bounciness, bound, buck, buoyancy, elasticity, flexibility, give, hop, leap, recoil, resilience, saltation, springiness, vault; CONCEPTS 194,731
- spring** [n2] *season following winter* blackberry

winter\*, budding, budtime, flowering, prime, seedtime, springtide, springtime, vernal equinox, vernal season; CONCEPT 814

**spring** [n3] *origin* beginning, cause, consideration, fount, fountain, fountainhead, impetus, motive, root, source, stimulus, well, wellspring, whence; CONCEPTS 648,661 —*Ant.* end, result

**spring** [n4] *body of rushing waters* artesian well, baths, fountain, geyser, hot spring, hydrolysate, spa, thermal spring, watering place, wells; CONCEPT 514

**spring** [v1] *jump, skip* bolt, bounce, bound, hippety hop\*, hop, hurdle, leap, lop, lope, rebound, recoil, skitter, start, startle, trip, vault; CONCEPT 194

**spring** [v2] *originate, emerge* appear, arise, arrive, be derived, be descended, begin, birth, burgeon, come, come into being, come into existence, come out, commence, derive, descend, develop, emanate, flow, grow, hatch, head, issue, loom, mushroom, proceed, rise, shoot up, start, stem, upspring; CONCEPTS 105,302,373

**springy** [adj] *elastic* adaptable, bouncy, flexible, limber, malleable, pliable, pliant, resilient, rubberlike, rubbery, stretchable, stretchy; CONCEPTS 490,606

**sprinkle** [v] *scatter, disseminate* baptize, christen, dampen, dot, dredge, dust, freckle, mist, moisten, pepper, powder, rain, shake, shower, smear, speck, speckle, spit, spot, spray, spritz, squirt, strew, stud; CONCEPTS 179,222,256 —*Ant.* collect, gather

**sprinkling** [n] *hint, dash* admixture, dust, dusting, few, handful, lick, mixture, powdering, scattering, several, smattering, sprinkle, strain, taste, tinge, touch, trace; CONCEPT 831 —*Ant.* lot

**sprint** [v] *run very fast* dart, dash, go at top speed, hotfoot\*, race, rush, scamper, scoot, scurry, shoot, tear, whiz; CONCEPT 150 —*Ant.* walk

**sprout** [v] *develop* bud, burgeon, germinate, grow, push, shoot, shoot up, spring, take root, vegetate; CONCEPT 257 —*Ant.* die, shrink, shrivel

**spruce** [adj] *stylish, neat* classy, clean, dainty, dapper, elegant, prim, smart, tidy, trim, well-groomed; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* unkempt, unstylish, untidy

**spruce up** [v] *make neat, well-groomed* brush, deck out\*, dress up, fix up, groom, prim, primp, sleek, slick, smarten, tidy, titivate, wash; CONCEPTS 162,167,202 —*Ant.* dirty, mess up

**spry** [adj] *active, vivacious* agile, alert, brisk, energetic, fleet, full of pep, healthy, in full swing\*, lithe, nimble, on the go\*, prompt, quick, quick on the draw\*, ready, robust, rocking, sound, spirited, sprightly, supple, vigorous; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* inactive, lethargic, old, unawake, unenergetic

**spunk** [n] *courage, nerve* backbone, determination, doggedness, fortitude, gameness, grit\*, gumption\*, guts\*, intestinal fortitude\*, mettle, moxie\*, pluck, resolution, spirit, toughness, true grit\*; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* cowardice

**spunky** [adj] *spirited* active, alert, animated, bold, bouncy, brave, chirpy, courageous, eager, energetic, enthusiastic, fearless, fiery, full of life, full of spirit, game, gritty, gutsy\*, high-

spirited, peppy, plucky, snappy, sprightly, tough, vigorous, zesty, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 404,542

**spur** [n] *incitement, stimulus* activation, actualization, catalyst, excitant, goad, goose\*, impetus, impulse, incentive, incitation, inducement, motivation, motive, needle\*, prick, stimulant, trigger, turn-on\*, urge; CONCEPT 661 —*Ant.* curb, hindrance

**spur** [v] *incite, prompt* animate, arouse, awaken, countenance, drive, egg on\*, exhort, favor, fire up\*, goad, goose\*, impel, instigate, key up, press, prick, prod, propel, push, put up to, rally, rouse, sic\*, spark, stimulate, stir, trigger, turn on, urge, work up; CONCEPTS 14,68 —*Ant.* disapprove, discourage, dissuade

**spurious** [adj] *counterfeit, fake* affected, apocryphal, artificial, assumed, bastard\*, bent, bogus, bum, contrived, deceitful, deceptive, dummy\*, ersatz, faked, false, feigned, forged, framed, illegitimate, imitation, make-believe, mock, phony, pirate, pretend, pretended, pseudo\*, put-on\*, sham\*, simulated, specious, substitute, unauthentic, unguenuine, unreal; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* authentic, genuine, real, true

**spurn** [v] *turn away; ignore* air, contempt, cut, decline, despise, disapprove, disdain, dismiss, disregard, drop, dump, flout, flush\*, give the cold shoulder\*, hold in contempt, look down on\*, nix\*, not hear of\*, pass by, rebuff, refuse, reject, reprobate, repudiate, repulse, scoff, scorn, slight, sneer, sneeze at\*, snub, steer clear\*, turn down, turn nose up at\*; CONCEPTS 21,30,384 —*Ant.* embrace, want, welcome

**spurt** [n] *burst of activity* access, commotion, discharge, eruption, explosion, fit, jet, outburst, rush, spate, spritz, squirt, stream, surge; CONCEPTS 1,119,179 —*Ant.* continuity

**spurt** [v] *erupt* burst, emerge, flow, flow out, gush, issue, jet, ooze, pour out, shoot, spew, spout, spritz, squirt, stream, surge, well; CONCEPT 179

**spy** [n] *person who secretly finds out about another's business* agent, detective, double agent, emissary, espionage agent, foreign agent, informer, inside agent, intelligence, investigator, lookout, mole\*, observer, operative, patrol, picket, plant\*, scout, secret agent, secret service, sleeper, sleuth, snoop, spook, spotter, undercover agent, watcher; CONCEPTS 348,412

**spy** [v] *secretly follow, watch another's actions* case, catch sight of, discover, examine, eyeball\*, fish out\*, get a load of\*, glimpse, keep under surveillance, look for, meddle, notice, observe, peep, pry, recon\*, reconnoiter, scout, scrutinize, search, set eyes on, shadow, sleuth, snoop, spot, stag, stake out, tail, take in, take note, trail, view, watch; CONCEPTS 103,623

**squabble** [n] *argument* altercation, bickering, controversy, difference, difference of opinion, disagreement, dispute, feud, fight, flap\*, fuss\*, hassle, quarrel, row\*, scene\*, scrap\*, set-to\*, spat\*, tiff\*, words\*, wrangle; CONCEPT 46 —*Ant.* agreement, concurrence

**squabble** [v] *argue* arguify, bicker, brawl, clash, disagree, dispute, encounter, fall out\*, fight, hassle, have words\*, quarrel, quibble, row, scrap, spat, tiff\*, wrangle; CONCEPT 46 —*Ant.* agree, concur



**squad** [*n*] *team, crew* band, battalion, company, division, force, gang, group, regiment, squadron, troop; CONCEPTS 322,365,417

**squalid** [*adj*] *poor, run-down* abominable, base, broken-down, decayed, despicable, dingy, dirty, disgusting, disheveled, fetid, filthy, foul, grimy, gruesome, horrible, horrid, ignoble, impure, low, mean, miry, moldy, muddy, musty, nasty, odorous, offensive, poverty-stricken, ramshackle, reeking, repellent, repulsive, scurvy, seedy, shabby, shoddy, sloppy, slovenly, soiled, sordid, ugly, unclean, unkempt, vile, wretched; CONCEPTS 334,485,570 —*Ant.* clean, good, kept-up, rich

**squalor** [*n*] *filth, poverty* decay, destitution, dirtiness, foulness, grunginess, impoverishment, indigence, poorness, seediness, starvation, wretchedness; CONCEPTS 335,709

**squander** [*v*] *fritter away, use up* be prodigal with, be wasteful, blow\*, cash out\*, consume, dissipate, expend, frivol, frivol away, go through, lavish, misspend, misuse, prodigalize, put out\*, run through, scatter, spend, spend like water\*, spring for\*, throw away, throw money around\*, trifle, waste; CONCEPTS 156,225,327 —*Ant.* hoard, save, set aside

**square** [*adj*] *honest, genuine* aboveboard, decent, equal, equitable, ethical, even, fair, fair-and-square, impartial, impersonal, just, nonpartisan, objective, on-the-level, sporting, sportspersonlike, straight, straightforward, unbiased, unprejudiced, upright; CONCEPTS 267,542 —*Ant.* deceiving, dishonest, fake

**square** [*adj*] *four-sided* boxlike, boxy, equal-sided, equilateral, foursquare, orthogonal, quadrate, quadratic, quadratical, rectangular, rectilinear, right-angled, squared, squarish; CONCEPT 486

**square** [*adj*] *old-fashioned, conventional* behind the times, bourgeois, button-down\*, conservative, dated, orthodox, out-of-date, straight\*, strait-laced\*, stuffy\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* current, in vogue, new, popular, stylish

**square** [*n*] *person who is old-fashioned, conventional* antediluvian, conservative, diehard\*, fuddy-duddy\*, reactionary, stick-in-the-mud\*, traditionalist; CONCEPT 423

**square** [*n*] *municipal park* area, center, circle, common, green, plaza, space, village green; CONCEPT 509

**square** [*v*] *correspond, agree* accord, balance, check out, coincide, conform, dovetail\*, fit, fit in, gee, harmonize, jibe, match, reconcile, tally; CONCEPT 664 —*Ant.* disagree

**square** [*v*] *pay off, satisfy* balance, bribe, buy, buy off, clear, clear off, clear up, corrupt, discharge, fix, have, liquidate, make even, pay, pay up, quit, rig, settle, tamper with; CONCEPT 341 —*Ant.* owe

**square** [*v*] *adapt, regulate* accommodate, adjust, align, conform, even up, fit, level, quadrate, reconcile, suit, tailor, tailor-make\*, true; CONCEPTS 126,202

**squash** [*v*] *compress* annihilate, bear, bruise, crowd, crush, distort, extinguish, flatten, jam, kill, macerate, mash, pound, press, pulp, push, put down, quash, quell, scrunch, shut down, sit on, smash, squeeze, squish, stamp on,

suppress, trample, triturate; CONCEPTS 121,208,219 —*Ant.* fan, open, uncompress

**squat** [*adj*] *short and stocky* broad, chunky, dumpy\*, fat, heavy, heavyset, splay, thick, thick-bodied, thickset; CONCEPTS 491,773,779 —*Ant.* lanky, skinny, slender, tall, thin

**squat** [*v*] *lower body by bending knees* bow, cower, crouch, hunch, hunker down, perch, roost, settle, sit, stoop; CONCEPT 201 —*Ant.* straighten, stretch

**squawk** [*v*] *make high-pitched, animal-like* sound cackle, caw, crow, cry, hoot, screech, yap, yawp, yelp; CONCEPTS 64,77

**squawk** [*v*] *gripe* bellyache\*, complain, kick up a fuss\*, protest, raise Cain\*, squeal, yammer; CONCEPTS 52,54 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**squeak** [*v*] *make sharp, high-pitched sound* cheep, creak, cry, grate, peep, pipe, scream, screech, scritch, shrill, sing, sound, squeal, talk, whine, yelp; CONCEPTS 64,65

**squeal** [*n/v*] *yell in a loud and high-pitched manner* bleat, cheep, creak, grate, howl, peep, rasp, scream, scream bloody murder\*, screech, shout, shriek, shrill, squawk, wail, yelp, yip, yowl; CONCEPTS 64,77

**squeal** [*v*] *inform on* betray, blab\*, complain, protest, rat on\*, sell down the river\*, sing\*, snitch\*, squawk\*, talk, tattle, tattletale\*, tell; CONCEPTS 54,60 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**squeamish** [*adj*] *nauseated; finicky* annoyed, captious, delicate, disgusted, dizzy, exacting, fastidious, fussy, hypercritical, mincing, particular, prim, prudish, puritanical, qualmish, queasy, queer, scrupulous, shaky, sick, sickly, sick to one's stomach\*, strait-laced, unsettled, upset, vertiginous; CONCEPTS 314,401,404 —*Ant.* ready, unpicky, willing

**squeeze** [*n*] *pressure, crushing* clasp, clutch, congestion, crowd, crunch, crush, embrace, force, handclasp, hold, hug, influence, jam, press, restraint, squash; CONCEPTS 219,674,687 —*Ant.* opening

**squeeze** [*v*] *exert pressure on* sides, parts of something bear, choke, clasp, clip, clutch, compress, contract, cram, crowd, crush, cuddle, embrace, enfold, force, grip, hold tight, hug, jam, jostle, nip, pack, pinch, press, quash, ram, scrunch, squash, squish, strangle, stuff, throttle, thrust, wedge, wring; CONCEPT 219 —*Ant.* expand, uncompress

**squeeze** [*v*] *try to get money out of* bleed\*, bring pressure to bear, eke out, extort, extract, lean on\*, milk\*, oppress, pinch\*, pressure, pressurize\*, put screws to\*, shake down\*, wrench, wring; CONCEPTS 53,192,342 —*Ant.* donate, give

**squelch** [*v*] *suppress, restrain* black out, censure, crush, extinguish, kill, muffle, oppress, quelch, quench, repress, settle, shush, sit on, smother, squash, stifle, strangle, thwart; CONCEPT 130 —*Ant.* allow, release

**squint** [*v*] *scrunch up eyes when viewing* cock the eye, look, look askance, look cross-eyed, peek, peep, screw up eyes, squinch\*; CONCEPTS 185,623 —*Ant.* open

**squire** [*v*] *accompany* assist, attend, chaperon, companion, date, escort, serve; CONCEPTS 384,714 —*Ant.* abandon, leave

**squirm** [*v*] *wiggle, fidget* agonize, flounder,

shift, skew, squiggle, toss, twist, wind, worm, wriggle, writhe; **CONCEPT 213** —**Ant.** sit still  
**squirt** [v] *squeeze out liquid* eject, emit, flow, jet, pour, spatter, spit, splash, splur, spray, sprinkle, spritz, spurt, stream, surge; **CONCEPTS 179,256**

**squish** [v] *squash* crush, flatten, jam, mash, pound, press, scrunch, sit on, smash, squeeze, stamp on, trample; **CONCEPTS 121,208,219**

**stab** [n1] *piercing cut* ache, blow, gash, hurt, incision, jab, jag, pang, piercing, prick, puncture, rent, stick, thrust, transfixion, twinge, wound; **CONCEPT 309**

**stab** [n2] *attempt* crack\*, endeavor, essay, fling\*, go\*, one's best\*, shot\*, try, venture, whack\*, whirl\*; **CONCEPT 87**

**stab** [v] *puncture, pierce with sharp, pointed object* bayonet, brand, carve, chop, cleave, clip, cut, drive, gore, hit, hurt, injure, jab, jag, knife, open up, penetrate, pierce, plow, plunge, prick, prong, punch, ram, run through, saber, shank, sink, slice, spear, stick, thrust, transfix, wound; **CONCEPT 220**

**stability** [n] *resistance of some degree* adherence, aplomb, assurance, backbone, balance, cohesion, constancy, dependability, determination, durability, endurance, establishment, firmness, immobility, immovability, maturity, permanence, perseverance, resoluteness, security, solidity, solidness, soundness, stableness, steadfastness, steadiness, strength, substantiality, support, toughness; **CONCEPTS 411,731**

—**Ant.** insecurity, instability, unsteadiness, variability, wavering

**stabilize** [v] *make or keep in steady state; make resistant to change* balance, ballast, bolt, brace, buttress, counterbalance, counterpoise, equalize, fasten, firm, firm up\*, fix, freeze\*, maintain, ossify, poise, preserve, prop, secure, set, settle, stabilize, steady, stiffen, support, sustain, uphold; **CONCEPTS 110,250** —**Ant.** change, shake, vary, weaken, wobble

**stab in the back** [v] *betray* abandon, be disloyal, be unfaithful, break promise, commit treason, cross, deceive, double-cross, finger\*, go back on, inform on, play Judas\*, sell down the river\*, sell out, trick, turn in, turn informer, turn traitor; **CONCEPT 384**

**stable** [adj] *constant, fixed; resistant* abiding, anchored, balanced, brick-wall\*, calm, deep-rooted, durable, enduring, equitable, established, even, fast, firm, immutable, invariable, lasting, nailed, perdurable, permanent, poised, reliable, resolute, safe, secure, set, set in stone\*, solid, solid as a rock\*, sound, stable, stalwart, stationary, staunch, staying put, steadfast, steady, stout, strong, sturdy, substantial, sure, together, tough, unalterable, unchangeable, unfluctuating, uniform, unvarying, unwavering, well-built, well-founded; **CONCEPTS 404,488** —**Ant.** inconstant, shaky, unfixated, unstable, wobbly

**stack** [n] *pile* assemblage, bank, bundle, cock, drift, heap, hill, hoard, load, mass, mound, mountain, pack, pyramid, sheaf; **CONCEPTS 432,440,509**

**stack** [v] *pile up* accumulate, amass, bank up, cock, drift, heap, hill, load, mound, pile, rick, stockpile; **CONCEPTS 109,158** —**Ant.** unstack

**stadium** [n] *arena for recreation or spectating* amphitheater, athletic field, bowl, coliseum, diamond, field, garden, gridiron, gymnasium, pit, ring, stade, strand; **CONCEPT 438**

**staff** [n1] *employees of organization* agents, assistants, cadre, cast, crew, deputies, faculty, force, help, officers, operatives, organization, personnel, servants, shop, teachers, team, workers, work force; **CONCEPT 325**

**staff** [n2] *stick, usually for walking* cane, club, pikestaff, pole, prop, rod, stave, walking stick, wand; **CONCEPTS 311,479**

**stage** [n1] *level, period within structure or system* date, degree, division, footing, grade, juncture, lap, leg, length, moment, node, notch, phase, plane, point, point in time, rung, standing, status, step; **CONCEPTS 727, 744,816**

**stage** [n2] *theater platform; theater life* arena, boards\*, Broadway, dais, drama, footlights, frame, legit\*, limelight\*, mise-en-scène, off-Broadway, play, scaffold, scaffolding, scene, scenery, set, setting, show biz\*, show business, spotlight, stage set, staging, theater; **CONCEPTS 263,349,438,439,448**

**stage** [v] *arrange, produce* bring out, do, engineer, execute, give, mount, open, orchestrate, organize, perform, play, present, put on, show; **CONCEPTS 94,292** —**Ant.** close

**stagger** [v1] *walk falteringly* alternate, careen, dither, falter, halt, hesitate, lurch, overlap, pitch, reel, shake, stammer, step, sway, swing, teeter, titubate, topple, totter, vacillate, waver, wheel, whiffle, wobble, zigzag; **CONCEPT 151**

**stagger** [v2] *astound, shock* amaze, astonish, boggle, bowl over\*, confound, consternate, devastate, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor\*, give a shock, nonplus, overpower, overwhelm, paralyze, perplex, puzzle, shake, shatter, startle, strike dumb\*, stump, stun, stupefy, surprise, take aback, take breath away\*, throw off balance\*; **CONCEPTS 7,19,42**

**staggering** [adj] *overwhelming* amazing, astonishing, astounding, distressing, mind-blowing, mind-boggling, shocking, stunning; **CONCEPTS 548,571**

**stagnant** [adj] *motionless, dirty* brackish, dead, dormant, filthy, foul, idle, immobile, inactive, inert, lifeless, listless, passive, putrid, quiet, sluggish, stale, standing, static, stationary, still, unmoving; **CONCEPTS 584,621** —**Ant.** moving

**stagnate** [v] *deteriorate by lack of action* conspire, decay, decline, fester, go to seed\*, hibernate, idle, languish, lie fallow, not move, putrefy, rot, rust, stall, stand, stand still, stifle, stultify, trammel, vegetate; **CONCEPTS 698,748** —**Ant.** grow, strengthen

**staid** [adj] *restrained, set* calm, cold sober\*, collected, composed, cool, decorous, demure, dignified, earnest, formal, grave, no-nonsense\*, quiet, sedate, self-restrained, serious, settled, sober, solemn, somber, starchy, steady, stuffy, weighty; **CONCEPTS 401,404** —**Ant.** adventurous, frivolous, fun, sporting, willing

**stain** [n] *spot of dirt, blot, bar* black eye\*, blemish, blotch, blur, brand, color, discoloration, disgrace, dishonor, drip, dye, **Ant.** ink spot, mottle, odium, onus, reproach, shame, sinister\*, slur, smirch, smudge, spatter, speck, splotch,

- spot, stigma, tint; CONCEPTS 230,622 —*Ant.* blank, cleanliness
- stain** [v] *dirty, taint* animalize, bastardize, besmirch, bestialize, blacken, blemish, blot, brutalize, color, contaminate, corrupt, daub, debase, debauch, defile, demoralize, deprave, discolor, disgrace, drag through the mud\*, dye, mark, pervert, smear, smudge, soil, spot, sully, tar, tarnish, tinge, tint; CONCEPTS 54,250,254 —*Ant.* clean
- stake** [n1] *pole* pale, paling, picket, post, rod, spike, stave, stick; CONCEPTS 471,479
- stake** [n2] *bet, wager* ante, chance, hazard, peril, pledge, pot, risk, venture; CONCEPT 329
- stake** [n3] *share, investment* award, claim, concern, interest, involvement, prize, purse; CONCEPTS 344,710,835 —*Ant.* whole
- stake** [v] *bet, wager* back, bankroll\*, capitalize, chance, finance, gamble, game, grubstake\*, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, lay, play, pledge, put, put on, risk, set, stake down, venture; CONCEPTS 330,363
- stale** [adj1] *old, decayed* dried, dry, faded, fetid, flat, fusty, hard, insipid, malodorous, musty, noisome, parched, rank, reeking, smelly, sour, spoiled, stagnant, stenchy, stinking, tasteless, watery, weak, zestless; CONCEPTS 462,485,598 —*Ant.* fresh, new
- stale** [adj2] *overused, out-of-date* antiquated, banal, bent, cliché, clichéd, cliché-ridden, common, commonplace, corny\*, dead, drab, dull, dusty, effete, flat, fusty, hackneyed, insipid, like a dinosaur\*, mawkish, moth-eaten\*, out\*, passé, past, platitudinous, repetitious, shop-worn, stereotyped, threadbare, timeworn, tired, trite, unoriginal, well-worn, worn-out, yesterday's\*, zestless; CONCEPTS 267,578,589,797 —*Ant.* current, fresh, new, underused
- stalemate** [n] *deadlock* arrest, Catch-22\*, check, delay, draw, gridlock, impasse, pause, standoff, standstill, tie; CONCEPTS 230,807,832 —*Ant.* headway, progress
- stalk** [n] *stem of plant* axis, bent, helm, pedicel, pedicle, reed, shaft, spike, spire, support, trunk, twig, upright; CONCEPT 428
- stalk** [v] *follow, creep up* on ambush, approach, chase, drive, flush out, haunt, hunt, pace, pursue, shadow, straddle, stride, tail, track, trail, walk up to; CONCEPTS 149,159,749
- stall** [v] *delay for own purposes* arrest, avoid the issue\*, beat around the bush\*, brake, check, die, drag one's feet\*, equivocate, fence, filibuster, halt, hamper, hedge, hinder, hold off, interrupt, not move, play for time\*, postpone, prevaricate, put off, quibble, shut down, slow, slow down, stand, stand off, stand still, stay, still, stonewall\*, stop, suspend, take one's time\*, tarry, temporize; CONCEPTS 121,234 —*Ant.* advance, allow, further, help
- stalwart** [adj] *strong, valiant* athletic, bold, bound, bound and determined\*, brave, brawny, brick-wall\*, courageous, daring, dauntless, dead set on\*, dependable, fearless, forceful, gutsy\*, hanging tough\*, hefty, husky, indomitable, intrepid, lusty, muscular, nervy\*, powerhouse\*, redoubtable, robust, rugged, sinewy, solid, spunky\*, staunch, steamroller\*, stout, stouthearted, strapping, sturdy, substantial, tenacious, tough, unafraid, undaunted,
- valorous, vigorous; CONCEPTS 404,489 —*Ant.* cowardly, meek, weak
- stamina** [n] *strength, vigor* backbone\*, endurance, energy, force, fortitude, grit\*, guts\*, gutsiness, heart, indefatigability, intestinal fortitude\*, legs\*, lustiness, moxie\*, power, power of endurance, resilience, resistance, starch\*, staying power, tolerance, toleration, vim, vitality, zip\*; CONCEPTS 411,732 —*Ant.* apathy, lack, laziness, lethargy, weakness
- stammer** [v] *stutter in speech* falter, halt, hammer, hem and haw\*, hesitate, jabber, lurch, pause, repeat, splutter, sputter, stop, stumble, wobble; CONCEPTS 47,266 —*Ant.* enunciate, pronounce
- stamp** [n1] *impression, symbol, seal* brand, cast, earmark, emblem, hallmark, impress, imprint, indentation, mark, mold, print, signature, sticker; CONCEPTS 259,284
- stamp** [n2] *character* breed, cast, cut, description, fashion, form, ilk, kind, lot, mold, sort, stripe, type; CONCEPT 411
- stamp** [v1] *step on hard* beat, clomp, clump, crush, stomp, stump, tramp, trample, tromp; CONCEPT 149
- stamp** [v2] *imprint; press mark* on brand, cast, drive, engrave, etch, fix, grave, hammer, impress, infix, inscribe, letter, mark, mold, offset, pound, print; CONCEPTS 79,174
- stampede** [n] *rush of animals* charge, chase, crash, dash, flight, fling, hurry, panic, rout, run, scattering, shoot, smash, tear; CONCEPT 152
- stamp out** [v] *extinguish* abolish, blot out\*, crush, destroy, eliminate, end, eradicate, expunge, exterminate, kill, put down, quell, snuff out, suppress, wipe out\*; CONCEPTS 95,252
- stance** [n] *position, posture* attitude, bearing, carriage, color, department, posture, say-so\*, slant, stand, standpoint, viewpoint; CONCEPTS 689,757
- stand** [n1] *position, opinion* angle, attitude, belief, carriage, determination, notion, poise, pose, sentiment, slant, sound, stance, standpoint, twist, two cents' worth\*, view; CONCEPT 689
- stand** [n2] *base, stage* board, booth, bracket, counter, dais, frame, gantry, grandstand, place, platform, rack, rank, staging, stall, station, support, table; CONCEPTS 442,443
- stand** [v1] *be or get upright* be erect, be on feet, be vertical, cock, dispose, erect, jump up, locate, mount, place, poise, position, put, rank, rise, set, settle; CONCEPT 201 —*Ant.* lay, lie, sit
- stand** [v3] *be in force, exist* be located, belong, be situated, be valid, continue, endure, fill, halt, hold, last, obtain, occupy, pause, prevail, remain, rest, stay, stop, take up; CONCEPT 407 —*Ant.* refuse, reject, veto
- standard** [adj] *regular, approved* accepted, authoritative, average, basic, boilerplate\*, canonical, classic, common, common, variety, definitive, established, everyday, garden variety\*, general, normal, official, orthodox, popular, prevailing, recognized, regulation, run-of-the-mill\*, set, staple, stock, typical, usual, vanilla\*; CONCEPT 533 —*Ant.* abnormal, different, irregular, unusual
- standard** [n1] *guideline, principle* archetype, average, axiom, barometer, beau ideal, belief, benchmark, canon, code, criterion, ethics,

example, exemplar, fundamental, gauge, grade, guide, ideal, ideals, law, mean, measure, median, mirror, model, morals, norm, par, paradigm, pattern, requirement, rule, rule of thumb\*, sample, specification, test, touchstone, type, yardstick; CONCEPT 688

**standard** [n2] *flag* banderole, banner, bannerol, color, colors, emblem, emblem, figure, insignia, jack, pennant, streamer, symbol; CONCEPT 475

**standardize** [v] *make regular, similar* assimilate, bring into line, homogenize, institute, institutionalize, mass produce, normalize, order, regiment, stereotype, systematize; CONCEPT 126

—*Ant.* change, differ, differentiate, vary, waver

**standby** [n] *substitute* assistant, backup, deputy, double, fill-in, pinch-hitter\*, relief, replacement, reserve, stalwart, stand-in, sub\*, successor, temp\*, temporary, understudy; CONCEPTS 423,712

**stand for** [v] *signify, mean* answer for, appear for, betoken, denote, exemplify, imply, indicate, represent, suggest, symbol, symbolize; CONCEPT 682

**standing** [adj] *permanent* continuing, existing, fixed, perpetual, regular, repeated; CONCEPT 551 —*Ant.* fleeting, impermanent, temporary

**standing** [n] *position, rank* cachet, capacity, character, condition, consequence, credit, dignity, eminence, estimation, footing, place, prestige, reputation, repute, scene, situation, slot, state, station, stature, status, term; CONCEPTS 388,727

**standoff** [n] *draw, tie* dead heat\*, deadlock, drawn battle\*, even game, impasse, level, Mexican standoff\*, stalemate, toss-up, wash; CONCEPTS 364,667

**standoffish** [adj] *cold, distant* aloof, antisocial, cool, eremitic, haughty, indifferent, misanthropic, reclusive, remote, reserved, solitary, unapproachable, uncompanionable, unsociable, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* friendly, sociable, warm

**stand out** [v] *be conspicuous, prominent* attract attention, be distinct, beetle, be highlighted, be striking, bulge, bulk, catch the eye, emerge, jut, loom, overhang, poke, pouch, project, protrude, stick out; CONCEPT 716 —*Ant.* obscure

**standpoint** [n] *belief, position* angle, attitude, judgment, opinion, outlook, point of view, stance, stand, view, viewpoint; CONCEPT 689

**stand/stand for** [v2] *endure, bear* abide, allow, bear with, brook, cope, countenance, experience, handle, hang on, hold, last, live with, put up with, resign oneself to, stay the course\*, stomach\*, submit, suffer, support, sustain, swallow, take, tolerate, undergo, wear, weather, withstand; CONCEPT 23

—*Ant.* disobey, forget, overlook

**standstill** [n] *stop* arrest, cessation, check, checkmate, corner\*, dead end\*, deadlock, dead stop\*, delay, gridlock, halt, hole, impasse, inaction, pause, stalemate, standoff, wait; CONCEPTS 119,832 —*Ant.* advance, progress

**staple** [adj] *necessary, basic* chief, essential, fundamental, important, in demand, key, main, popular, predominant, primary, principal, standard; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* auxiliary, extra, minor, secondary, unnecessary

**star** [adj] *famous, illustrious* brilliant, capital,

celebrated, chief, dominant, leading, main, major, outstanding, paramount, predominant, preeminent, principal, prominent, talented, well-known; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* minor, unimportant, unknown

**star** [n] *person who is famous* celebrity, draw\*, favorite, headliner, hero, idol, lead, leading role, luminary, name, starlet, superstar, topliner\*; CONCEPTS 352,366 —*Ant.* commoner

**starchy** [adj] *formal, stiff* ceremonious, conventional, inflexible, mannered, prim, reserved, rigid, starched\*, stilted, strait-laced, strict, stuffy\*; CONCEPT 401

**star-crossed** [adj] *doomed* catastrophic, cursed, damned, disastrous, ill-fated, ill-omened, ill-starred, jinxed, luckless, misfortunate, unfortunate, unlucky; CONCEPTS 537,548

**stardom** [n] *fame* acclaim, celebrity, distinction, éclat, eminence, esteem, glory, greatness, honor, illustriousness, immortality, nobility, notoriety, popularity, preeminence, prestige, prominence, public esteem, recognition, renown, standing; CONCEPTS 388,668

**stare** [v] *gape, watch* beam\*, bore\*, eagle eye\*, eye, eyeball\*, fix, focus, gawk, gaze, glare, glim\*, goggle\*, lay eyes on\*, look, look fixedly, ogle, peer, rivet, rubberneck\*, take in; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* ignore

**stark** [adj1] *uter, absolute* abrupt, arrant, bald, bare, blasted, blessed, blunt, complete, confounded, consummate, downright, entire, firm, flagrant, gross, infernal, out-and-out\*, outright, palpable, patent, pure, rank, severe, sheer, simple, stiff, unalloyed, unmitigated; CONCEPTS 531,569 —*Ant.* indefinite

**stark** [adj2] *bare, unadorned* au naturel, austere, bald, barren, bleak, chaste, clear, cold, depressing, desolate, dreary, empty, forsaken, grim, harsh, naked, nude, plain, raw, severe, solitary, stripped, unclad, unclothed, uncovered, undraped, vacant, vacuous, void; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* clothed, covered

**starry-eyed** [adj] *unrealistic* dreaming, half-baked\*, hoping, impossible, improbable, ivory-tower\*, nonrealistic, not sensible, on cloud nine\*, optimistic, romantic, silly; CONCEPTS 552,560

**start** [n1] *beginning* alpha\*, birth, bow, commencement, countdown, dawn, dawning, day one\*, derivation, embarkation, exit, first step, flying start\*, foundation, inauguration, inception, initiation, jump-off, kickoff\*, leaving, onset, opening, origin, outset, running start, setting out, source, spring, square one\*, start-off, takeoff; CONCEPTS 648,832 —*Ant.* completion, conclusion, death, end, ending, finish, stop

**start** [n2] *advantage* allowance, backing, break, bulge, chance, draw, edge, handicap, head start, helping hand, introduction, lead, odds, opening, opportunity, sponsorship, vantage; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* disadvantage

**start** [n3] *flinch* convulsion, jar, jump, scare, shock, spasm, turn, twitch; CONCEPTS 150,194

**start** [v1] *begin; come into existence* activate, appear, arise, arouse, come into being, commence, create, depart, embark, engender, enter upon, establish, found, get going, get under way\*, go ahead, hit the road\*, inaugurate, incite, initiate, instigate, institute, introduce,

issue, launch, lay foundation, leave, light, make a beginning, open, originate, pioneer, rise, rouse, sally forth, see light, set in motion, set out, set up, spring, take first step\*, take the plunge\*, turn on; CONCEPTS 221,241 —*Ant.* complete, conclude, die, end, finish, stop

**start** [v2] *flinch* blanch, blench, bolt, bounce, bound, buck, dart, draw back, jerk, jump, jump the gun\*, leap, quail, recoil, shrink, shy, spring, squinch, startle, twitch, wince; CONCEPTS 150,194 —*Ant.* ignore

**startle** [v] *frighten, surprise* affright, agitate, alarm, amaze, astonish, astound, awe, bolt, consternate, floor, fright, give a turn\*, jump, make jump, rock, scare, scare to death\*, shake up, shock, spook, spring, spring something on\*, stagger, start, stun, take aback, terrify, terrorize; CONCEPTS 7,19,42 —*Ant.* calm, comfort, compose, expect

**starving/starved** [adj] *deprived of food* could eat a horse\*, craving, dehydrated, drawn, dying, emaciated, empty, faint, famished, haggard, hungering, hungry, malnourished, peaked, peckish, perishing, pinched, ravenous, skinny, thin, underfed, undernourished, weakened; CONCEPTS 406,546 —*Ant.* fed, full, satisfied

**state** [n1] *condition or mode of being* accompaniment, attitude, capacity, case, category, chances, character, circumstance, circumstances, contingency, element, environment, essential, estate, event, eventuality, fix, footing, form, frame of mind, humor, imperative, juncture, limitation, mood, nature, occasion, occurrence, outlook, pass, phase, plight, position, posture, predicament, prerequisite, proviso, reputation, requirement, shape, situation, spirits, stand, standing, state of affairs, station, status, stipulation, time, welfare; CONCEPTS 410,639,696,701,720

**state** [n2] *dignity, grandeur* cachet, ceremony, consequence, display, glory, majesty, pomp, position, prestige, rank, splendor, standing, stature, status, style; CONCEPT 388

**state** [n3] *government, country* body politic, commonwealth, community, federation, land, nation, republic, sovereignty, territory, union; CONCEPTS 508,510

**state** [v] *declare, assert* affirm, air, articulate, asseverate, aver, bring out, chime in\*, come out with, deliver, describe, elucidate, enounce, enumerate, enunciate, explain, expound, express, give, give blow-by-blow\*, give rundown\*, interpret, narrate, pitch, present, pronounce, propound, put, recite, recount, rehearse, relate, report, say, set forth, speak, specify, spiel\*, tell, throw out\*, utter, vent, ventilate, voice; CONCEPTS 49,51,55 —*Ant.* ask, question

**stately** [adj] *dignified, impressive* august, ceremonial, ceremonious, conventional, courtly, deliberate, elegant, elevated, formal, gallant, gracious, grand, grandiose, haughty, high, high-faluting\*, high-minded\*, imperial, imperious, imposing, kingly, large, lofty, luxurious, magnificent, majestic, massive, measured, monumental, noble, opulent, palatial, pompous, portly, proud, queenly, regal, royal, solemn, stiff, sumptuous, superb, towering; CONCEPTS 401,574,589 —*Ant.* common, ignoble, informal, undignified, unimpressive, unstately

**statement** [n1] *declaration, assertion* ABCs\*, account, acknowledgment, affidavit, affirmation, allegation, announcement, articulation, aside, asseveration, assurance, averment, avowal, blow-by-blow\*, charge, comment, communication, communiqué, description, dictum, ejaculation, explanation, make\*, manifesto, mention, narrative, observation, picture, presentation, presentment, proclamation, profession, protestation, recital, recitation, relation, remark, report, rundown, testimony, utterance, ventilation, verbalization, vocalization, voice, word; CONCEPTS 271,274,278 —*Ant.* question, request

**statement** [n2] *account of finances* affidavit, audit, bill, budget, charge, invoice, reckoning, record, report, score, tab; CONCEPT 331

**state-of-the-art** [adj] *up-to-date* advanced, all the rage\*, au courant, avant-garde, brand-new, contemporary, cutting edge\*, fashionable, in, in-thing\*, leading edge, modernistic, new, newest, newfangled, red-hot\*, stylish, trendsetting, trendy, ultramodern, up-to-the-minute; CONCEPTS 578,589,797,799

**static** [adj] *motionless, changeless* at a standstill, constant, deadlocked, fixed, format, gridlocked, immobile, immovable, inactive, inert, latent, passive, rigid, stabile, stable, stagnant, stalled, standing still, stationary, sticky, still, stopped, stuck, unchanging, unfluctuating, unmoving, unvarying; CONCEPTS 534,584 —*Ant.* active, changeable, continuous, mobile, moving, variable

**station** [n1] *headquarters, base* base of operations, depot, home office, house, location, locus, main office, place, position, post, seat, site, situation, spot, stop, terminal, whereabouts; CONCEPT 198

**station** [n2] *social or occupational status* appointment, business, calling, capacity, caste, character, class, duty, employment, estate, footing, grade, level, occupation, order, place, position, post, rank, service, situation, sphere, standing, state, stratum; CONCEPTS 349,376,388

**station** [v] *place at a location* allot, appoint, assign, base, commission, establish, fix, garrison, install, lodge, park, plant, post, put, set; CONCEPTS 50,88,201,320,351 —*Ant.* displace, move, remove

**stationary** [adj] *not moving; fixed* anchored, at a standstill, immobile, inert, moored, motionless, nailed\*, nailed down\*, parked\*, pat\*, permanent, stable, stagnant, standing, static, stock-still, unmoving; CONCEPTS 488,551 —*Ant.* mobile, moving, restless, unfixed, unsteady

**stationery** [n] *writing materials* envelopes, letterhead, office supplies, pen and paper, writing paper; CONCEPTS 260,475

**statue** [n] *trophy or memorial* bronze, bust, cast, effigy, figure, icon, image, ivory, likeness, marble, piece, representation, sculpture, simulacrum, statuary, statuette, torso; CONCEPT 259

**statuesque** [adj] *tall and dignified* beautiful, graceful, grand, imposing, majestic, regal, shapely, stately, trim, well-proportioned; CONCEPTS 579,589,779 —*Ant.* short, small

**stature** [n] *importance* ability, cachet, caliber, capacity, competence, consequence, development, dignity, elevation, eminence, growth,

merit, position, prestige, prominence, qualification, quality, rank, size, standing, state, station, status, tallness, value, virtue, worth; CONCEPTS 668,741 —*Ant.* insignificance, unimportance

**status** [*n*] *rank* cachet, caliber, capacity, character, condition, consequence, degree, dignity, distinction, eminence, footing, grade, merit, mode, place, position, prestige, prominence, quality, rating, renown, situation, stage, standing, state, station, stature, worth; CONCEPTS 388,668

**status quo** [*n*] *existing conditions* circumstances, how things stand, no change, state, state of affairs; CONCEPTS 410,639,696,701,720

**statute** [*n*] *rule, law* act, assize, bill, canon, decree, decretum, edict, enactment, measure, ordinance, precept, regulation; CONCEPT 318

**staunch** [*adj*] *resolute, dependable* allegiant, ardent, constant, faithful, fast, firm, inflexible, liege, loyal, reliable, secure, sound, stable, stalwart, steadfast, stiff, stout, strong, sure, tough, tried-and-true, true, true-blue, trustworthy, trusty; CONCEPTS 401,534,542 —*Ant.* irresolute, undependable, unreliable, weak

**stay** [*n*1] *visit* break, halt, holiday, sojourn, stop, stopover, vacation; CONCEPT 227

**stay** [*n*2] *hold, delay* deferment, halt, pause, postponement, remission, reprieve, standstill, stop, stopping, suspension; CONCEPTS 121,832 —*Ant.* abet, advance, assist, go, help, leave

**stay** [*n*3] *support, underpinning* brace, buttress, column, hold, prop, reinforcement, shore, shoring, stanchion, truss, underpropping; CONCEPTS 440,445

**stay** [*v*1] *wait* abide, bide, bunk, continue, dally, delay, endure, establish oneself, halt, hang, hang about, hang around, hang in, hang out, hold the fort\*, hover, lag, last, linger, loiter, nest, outstay, pause, perch, procrastinate, put down roots\*, remain, reprieve, reside, respite, roost\*, settle, sit tight\*, sojourn, squat, stand, stay out, stay put, stick around\*, stop, sweat\*, sweat it out\*, tarry; CONCEPTS 210,681 —*Ant.* advance, go, leave

**stay** [*v*2] *visit* be accommodated, bide, dwell, live, lodge, put up, sojourn, stop, stop over, tarry; CONCEPTS 226,227

**stay** [*v*3] *hold in abeyance* adjourn, arrest, check, curb, defer, delay, detain, discontinue, halt, hinder, hold, hold over, impede, intermit, interrupt, obstruct, postpone, prevent, prorogue, put off, shelve, stall, stop, suspend, ward off; CONCEPT 121

**staying power** [*n*] *stamina* backbone\*, endurance, fortitude, grit\*, guts\*, gutsiness, heart, intestinal fortitude\*, legs\*, power of endurance, resilience, tolerance, vitality; CONCEPTS 411,732

**steadfast** [*adj*] *loyal, steady* abiding, adamant, allegiant, ardent, bound, changeless, constant, dedicated, dependable, enduring, established, faithful, fast, firm, fixed, immobile, immovable, inexorable, inflexible, intense, intent, liege, never-failing, obdurate, persevering, relentless, reliable, resolute, rigid, single-minded, stable, staunch, stubborn, sure, tried-and-true\*, true, true-blue\*, unbending, unflinching, unflinching, unmovable, unqualified, unquestioning, unswerving, unwavering, unyielding, wholehearted; CONCEPTS 401,534,542 —*Ant.* disloyal, unreliable, untrustworthy

**steady** [*adj*1] *stable, fixed* abiding, brick-wall\*, certain, changeless, constant, durable, enduring, equable, even, firm, immovable, never-failing, patterned, regular, reliable, safe, set, set in stone\*, solid, solid as a rock\*, stable, steadfast, steady-going, substantial, sure, unchangeable, unchanging, unflinching, unfluctuating, uniform, unqualified, unquestioning, unshaken, unvarying, unwavering; CONCEPTS 488,534 —*Ant.* unfixd, unstable, unsteady, weak, wobbly

**steady** [*adj*2] *continuing* ceaseless, confirmed, consistent, constant, continuous, equable, eternal, even, faithful, habitual, incessant, never-ending, nonstop, persistent, regular, rhythmic, stable, stable, steady-going, unbroken, unflinching, unfluctuating, uniform, uninterrupted, unremitting, unvarying, unwavering; CONCEPT 798 —*Ant.* broken, discontinuous, intermittent

**steady** [*adj*3] *balanced, faithful in mind* allegiant, ardent, calm, constant, cool, dependable, equable, fast, imperturbable, intense, level-headed, liege, loyal, poised, reliable, reserved, resolute, sedate, self-possessed, sensible, serene, serious-minded, settled, single-minded, sober, staid, staunch, steadfast, unswerving, unwavering, wholehearted; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* imbalanced, unfaithful, untrustworthy

**steal** [*v*1] *take something without permission* abduct, appropriate, blackmail, burglarize, carry off, cheat, cozen, defraud, despoil, divert, embezzle, heist, hold for ransom, hold up, house-break\*, keep, kidnap, lift\*, loot, make off with\*, misappropriate, peculate, pilfer, pillage, pinch\*, pirate, plagiarize, plunder, poach, purloin, ransack, remove, rifle, rip off\*, run off with\*, sack\*, shoplift, snitch\*, spirit away\*, stick up\*, strip, swindle, swipe, take, take possession of, thieve, walk off with\*, withdraw; CONCEPT 139 —*Ant.* give, receive

**steal** [*v*2] *sneak around* creep, flit, glide, go stealthily, insinuate, lurk, pass quietly, skulk, slide, slink, slip, snake, tiptoe; CONCEPTS 151,207

**stealthy** [*adj*] *quiet and secretive* catlike, catty\*, clandestine, covert, crafty, cunning, enigmatic, feline, furtive, hush-hush\*, noiseless, private, secret, shifty, silent, skulking, slinking, sly, sneak, sneaking, sneaky, subrosa\*, surreptitious, undercover, underhand, under wraps\*, wily; CONCEPTS 401,576 —*Ant.* open, public

**steam** [*n*] *energy* beef, force, might, muscle, potency, power, puissance, sinew, strength, vigor, vim; CONCEPT 633

**steel** [*v*] *prepare oneself* animate, brace, buck up\*, cheer, embolden, encourage, fortify, gird, grit teeth\*, harden, hearten, inspirit, make up one's mind\*, prepare, rally, ready, reinforce, strengthen; CONCEPT 35 —*Ant.* fail, weaken

**steep** [*adj*1] *extreme in direction, course* abrupt, arduous, breakneck, declivitous, elevated, erect, headlong, high, hilly, lifted, lofty, perpendicular, precipitate, precipitous, prurpt, raised, sharp, sheer, straight-up; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* gentle, mild, moderate

**steep** [*adj*2] *very expensive* dizzying, excessive, exorbitant, extortionate, extreme, high, immoderate, inordinate, overpriced, stiff, towering,

uncalled-for, undue, unmeasurable, unreasonable; CONCEPTS 334,762 —*Ant.* cheap, inexpensive, moderate

**steep** [v] *let soak* bathe, damp, drench, fill, imbue, immerse, impregnate, infuse, ingrain, invest, macerate, marinate, moisten, permeate, pervade, saturate, soak, sodden, sop, souse, submerge, suffuse, waterlog; CONCEPT 256 —*Ant.* dehydrate, dry

**steer** [v] *guide, direct on a course* beacon, be in the driver's seat\*, captain, conduct, control, drive, escort, govern, head for, helm, herd, lead, pilot, point, route, run, run things, see, shepherd, show, skipper\*, take over, take the helm, take the reins; CONCEPTS 94,187

**stem** [n] *stalk of plant* axis, branch, pedicel, pedicle, peduncle, petiole, shoot, stock, trunk; CONCEPT 428 —*Ant.* root

**stem** [v1] *come from* arise, be bred, be brought about, be caused, be generated, derive, develop, emanate, flow, head, issue, originate, proceed, rise, spring; CONCEPT 648 —*Ant.* cause

**stem** [v2] *prevent, stop* arrest, bring to a standstill, check, contain, control, curb, dam, hinder, hold back, oppose, resist, restrain, stay, withstand; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* abet, aid, encourage, help

**stench** [n] *foul odor* fetor, funk\*, malodor, mephitic, noisomeness, redolence, smell, stink\*; CONCEPTS 599,600 —*Ant.* perfume, sweetness

**step** [n1] *pace of feet in walking* footfall, footprint, footstep, gait, impression, mark, print, spoor, stepping, stride, trace, track, trail, tread, vestige, walk; CONCEPT 149

**step** [n2] *action, move* act, advance, advancement, deed, degree, expedient, gradation, grade, level, maneuver, means, measure, motion, notch, phase, point, procedure, proceeding, process, progression, rank, remove, rung, stage, start; CONCEPTS 1,832

**step** [n3] *one level of stairs* doorstep, gradation, notch, rest, round, run, rung, stair, tread; CONCEPTS 440,445

**step** [v] *move foot to walk* advance, ambulate, ascend, dance, descend, go backward, go down, go forward, go up, hoof, mince, move backward, move forward, pace, prance, skip, stride, tiptoe, traipse, tread, trip, troop, walk; CONCEPT 149

**step down** [v] *resign* abandon, abdicate, bow out, cease work, drop out, give notice, hand in resignation, hang it up\*, leave, quit, retire, sign off, terminate, throw in the towel\*, walk out; CONCEPTS 119,195,351

**step in** [v] *become involved* arrive, be invited, chip in\*, come, enter, intercede, interfere, intermediate, interpose, intervene, lend a hand\*, mediate, negotiate, take action; CONCEPTS 100, 324,384 —*Ant.* abandon, leave, wash hands

**step up** [v] *accelerate* augment, boost, escalate, hasten, hurry, improve, increase, intensify, lift, quicken, raise, shake up, speed, speed up, up; CONCEPTS 236,244,245 —*Ant.* decelerate, halt, hinder, slow

**stereotype** [n] *idea held as standard, example* average, boilerplate\*, convention, custom, fashion, formula, institution, mold, pattern, received idea; CONCEPT 686 —*Ant.* difference

**stereotype** [v] *categorize as being example,*

*standard* catalogue, conventionalize, define, dub, institutionalize, methodize, normalize, pigeonhole\*, regulate, standardize, systematize, take to be, typecast\*; CONCEPTS 38,49 —*Ant.* differentiate, dissimilate

**stereotyped** [adj] *standard, conventional* banal, clichéd, cliché-ridden, commonplace, corny\*, dull, hackneyed, mass-produced, ordinary, overused, platitudeinous, played out\*, stale, standardized, stock, threadbare\*, tired\*, trite, unoriginal, well-worn, worn-out, worn thin; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* different, dissimilar, unconventional, unlike

**sterile** [adj] *unproductive, clean* antiseptic, arid, aseptic, bare, barren, bleak, dead, decontaminated, desert, desolate, disinfected, dry, effete, empty, fallow, fruitless, futile, gaunt, germ-free, hygienic, impotent, infecund, infertile, pasteurized, sanitary, septic, sterilized, unfruitful, uninfected, unprofitable, unprolific, vain, waste, without issue; CONCEPTS 485,621 —*Ant.* dirty, fruitful, productive

**sterilize** [v] *make clean or unproductive* alter, antisepticize, autoclave, castrate, change, clean, decontaminate, desexualize, disinfect, emasculate, fix, fumigate, incapacitate, make sterile, neuter, pasteurize, purify, sanitize, spay; CONCEPTS 231,250 —*Ant.* dirty

**sterling** [adj] *high-quality* admirable, choice, excellent, exquisite, fine, first-rate, grand, magnificent, marvelous, outstanding, pure, splendid, stunning, superior, the best, very best; CONCEPT 574

**stern** [adj] *serious, authoritarian* ascetic, astringent, austere, bitter, bullheaded, by the book\*, cruel, disciplinary, dyed-in-the-wool\*, flinty, forbidding, frowning, grim, hang-tough\*, hard, hard-boiled\*, hard-core\*, hardheaded\*, hard-line\*, hard-nosed\*, hard-shell\*, harsh, implacable, inexorable, inflexible, mortified, mulish, relentless, rigid, rigorous, rough, severe, steely, stiff-necked\*, strict, stubborn, tough, unrelenting, unsparring, unyielding; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* cheerful, funny, lenient, light, smiling, tolerant

**stew** [n1] *mixture, miscellany* brew, goulash\*, hash, jumble, medley, mélange, mishmash, mulligan\*, olio\*, pasticcio\*, pie\*, potpourri, salmagundi\*, soup; CONCEPTS 432,457,460,461 —*Ant.* element

**stew** [n2] *commotion; mental upset* agitation, confusion, dither, flap, fretting, fuming, fuss, lather, pother, snit, sweat, tizzy, tumult, turbulence, turmoil, worry; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* calm, control, ease, happiness

**stew** [v] *worry; steam* boil, chafe, cook, fret, fume, fuss, pother, seethe, simmer; CONCEPT 35 —*Ant.* not care

**stick** [n] *pole, often wooden* bar, bat, baton, billet, birch, bludgeon, board, branch, cane, club, cudgel, drumstick, ferrule, ingot, mast, rod, rule, ruler, shoot, slab, slat, staff, stake, stalk, stave, stem, strip, switch, timber, twig, wand, wedge; CONCEPTS 470,479

**stick** [v1] *adhere, affix* attach, be bogged down, become embedded, become immobilized, bind, bond, brace, catch, cement, clasp, cleave, cling, cling like ivy\*, clog, cohere, fasten, fix, freeze to, fuse, glue, hold, hold fast, hold on, hug, jam,

join, linger, lodge, paste, persist, remain, snag, solder, stay, stay put, stick like barnacle\*, stick together, unite, weld; CONCEPTS 85, 160

—*Ant.* loosen, unfasten, unfix, unstick

**stick** [v2] *poke with pointed object* dig, drive, gore, impale, insert, jab, penetrate, pierce, pin, plunge, prod, puncture, ram, run, sink, spear, stab, thrust, transfix; CONCEPT 220

**stick** [v3] *position, lay deposit, drop, establish, fix, install, place, plant, plonk, plunk, put, set, settle, store, stuff*; CONCEPT 201 —*Ant.* displace, remove

**stick** [v4] *endure* abide, bear, bear up under, brook, get on with, go, grin and bear it\*, last, persist, put up with, see through, stand, stay, stomach\*, suffer, support, take, take it, tolerate, weather; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* disobey, forget, refuse

**stick-in-the-mud** [n] *person set in ways* antediluvian, conservative, diehard\*, fossil\*, mossback\*, old fogey\*, reactionary; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* adventurer

**stick out** [v] *bulge* beetle, come through, extend, extrude, jut, obtrude, outthrust, overhang, poke, pouch, pout, project, protrud, protrude, push, show, stand out; CONCEPT 751 —*Ant.* depress

**stickup** [n] *holdup* armed robbery, burglary, crime, mugging, robbery, stealing, theft; CONCEPT 192

**sticky** [adj1] *gummy, adhesive* agglutinative, clinging, gluey, glutinous, ropy, syrupy, tacky, tenacious, viscid, viscous; CONCEPT 606

—*Ant.* dry, smooth, unsticky

**sticky** [adj2] *humid and hot* clammy, close, dank, mucky, muggy, oppressive, soggy, sultry, sweltering; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* cool, dry

**sticky** [adj3] *difficult, embarrassing* awkward, delicate, discomfoting, formidable, hairy\*, hard, heavy\*, knotty, laborious, nasty, operse, painful, rough, rugged, strenuous, thorny, tricky, unpleasant; CONCEPT 565 —*Ant.* easy, facile, pleasant

**stiff** [adj1] *hard, inflexible* annealed, arthritic, benumbed, brittle, buckram, cemented, chilled, congealed, contracted, creaky, firm, fixed, frozen, graceless, hardened, immalleable, impliable, incompilant, indurate, inelastic, jelled, mechanical, numbed, ossified, petrified, refractory, resistant, rheumatic, rigid, set, solid, solidified, starched, starchy, stark, steely, stiff as a board\*, stony, taut, tense, thick, thickened, tight, unbending, unflexible, ungraceful, unsupple, unyielding, wooden; CONCEPT 604

—*Ant.* flexible, pliable, pliant, soft

**stiff** [adj2] *formal, standoffish* angular, artificial, austere, ceremonious, cold, constrained, forced, hardheaded, headstrong, inflexible, intractable, labored, mannered, obstinate, pertnacious, pompous, priggish, prim, punctilious, reluctant, starchy, stilted, strong, stubborn, uneasy, ungainly, ungraceful, unnatural, unrelaxed, unrelenting, wooden; CONCEPT 401

—*Ant.* casual, graceful, informal

**stiff** [adj3] *difficult* arduous, exacting, fatiguing, formidable, hard, laborious, tough, trying, uphill; CONCEPT 565 —*Ant.* easy

**stiff** [adj4] *extreme, severe* austere, brisk, cruel, drastic, exact, excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, great, hard, harsh, heavy, immoderate,

inexorable, inordinate, oppressive, pitiless, potent, powerful, rigorous, sharp, steep, strict, stringent, strong, towering, unconscionable, undue, vigorous; CONCEPTS 540, 569 —*Ant.* calm, moderate, normal

**stiffen** [v] *make or become harder* anneal, benumb, brace, cake, candy, cement, chill, clot, coagulate, condense, congeal, crystallize, curdle, firm, fix, freeze, gel, harden, inflate, inspissate, jell, jelly, ossify, petrify, precipitate, prop, reinforce, set, solidify, stabilize, starch, steady, strengthen, tauten, tense, thicken; CONCEPTS 137, 250, 469 —*Ant.* liquefy, loosen, melt

**stifle** [v] *prevent, restrain* asphyxiate, black out, bring to screeching halt\*, burke, check, choke, choke back, clamp down\*, clam up\*, constipate, cork, cover up, crack down\*, curb, dry up\*, extinguish, gag, hold it down, hush, hush up, kill\*, muffle, muzzle, put the lid on\*, repress, shut up, silence, sit on\*, smother, spike, squash, squelch, stagnate, stop, strangle, stultify, suffocate, suppress, torpedo\*, trammel; CONCEPTS 121, 130, 191 —*Ant.* encourage, help, persuade

**stigma** [n] *shame* bar sinister\*, bismirchment, black mark\*, blame, blemish, blot, brand, disfigurement, disgrace, dishonor, imputation, lost face\*, mark, odium, onus, reproach, scar, slur, spot, stain, taint; CONCEPTS 230, 388, 689

—*Ant.* credit, pride

**stigmatize** [v] *brand, label* characterize, class, classify, defame, denounce, designate, disgrace, mark, stamp, tag; CONCEPTS 62, 79

**still** [adj] *calm, motionless, quiet* at rest, buttoned up\*, clammed up\*, closed, close-mouthed, deathlike, deathly, deathly quiet, deathly still, fixed, halcyon, hushed, hushful, inert, lifeless, noiseless, pacific, peaceful, placid, restful, sealed, serene, silent, smooth, soundless, stable, stagnant, static, stationary, stock-still, tranquil, undisturbed, unruffled, unstirring, untroubled, whist; CONCEPTS 584, 594 —*Ant.* agitated, moving, stirred, unquiet

**still** [conj] *however* after all, besides, but, even, for all that, furthermore, howbeit, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, still and all, though, withal, yet; CONCEPT 544

**still** [n] *quiet* hush, noiselessness, peace, quietness, quietude, silence, soundlessness, stillness, tranquillity; CONCEPTS 65, 748

—*Ant.* commotion, disturbance, noise

**still** [v] *make quiet, motionless, calm* allay, alleviate, appease, arrest, balm, becalm, calm, choke, compose, decrease volume, fix, gag, hush, lull, muffle, muzzle, pacify, quiet, quieten, settle, shush\*, shut down, shut up, silence, slack, smooth, smooth over, soothe, squash, squelch, stall, stop, subdue, tranquilize; CONCEPTS 7, 22, 65, 121 —*Ant.* agitate, disturb, irritate, move

**stillness** [n] *silence* calm, calmness, hush, inaction, inactivity, lull, noiselessness, peace, placidity, quiet, quietness, quietude, serenity, still, tranquility; CONCEPTS 65, 388, 411, 720

**stilted** [adj] *artificial, pretentious* affected, angular, aureate, bombastic, constrained, decorous, egotistic, euphuistic, flowery, forced, formal, genteel, grandiloquent, high-flown,



high-sounding, inflated, labored, magniloquent, mincing, overblown, pedantic, pompous, prim, rhetorical, sonorous, stiff, unnatural, wooden; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* genuine, honest, true

**stimulant** [*n*] *substance that invigorates* analeptic, bracer, catalyst, drug, energizer, excitant, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, incitation, incitement, motivation, motive, pick-me-up\*, restorative, reviver, shot in the arm\*, spark plug\*, spur, stimulus, tonic, upper; CONCEPTS 240,307,661 —*Ant.* depressant

**stimulate** [*v*] *excite, provoke* activate, animate, arouse, build a fire under\*, commove, dynamize, elate, encourage, energize, enliven, exhilarate, fan, fire, fire up\*, foment, foster, galvanize, get one going\*, get one started\*, goad, grab, hook, impel, incite, inflame, innervate, innerve, inspire, instigate, jazz\*, juice\*, key up\*, motivate, move, perk, pique, prod, prompt, quicken, rouse, send, set up, spark, spirit, spur, steam up\*, stir up\*, support, trigger, turn on\*, urge, vitalize, vivify, wake up\*, whet, work up\*; CONCEPTS 14,242 —*Ant.* calm, depress, discourage

**stimulating** [*adj*] *exciting* adrenalizing, appealing, arousing, bracing, breathtaking, challenging, electrifying, energizing, exhilarating, gripping, hair-raising\*, hectic, inspiring, interesting, invigorating, lively, moving, provocative, rousing, spine-tingling\*, stirring, thought-provoking, thrilling, titillating; CONCEPTS 529,542,548

**stimulus** [*n*] *provocation* bang\*, boost, catalyst, cause, charge, encouragement, eye-opener\*, fillip, fireworks\*, flash\*, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, incitation, incitement, induce-ment, instigation, invitation, kick\*, motivation, motive, piquing, repellent, push, shot in the arm\*, spur, stimulant, stimulation, sting\*, turn-on\*, urging; CONCEPTS 240,307,661 —*Ant.* discouragement, hindrance, tranquilizer

**sting** [*v*] *prick, pain* bite, burn, electrify, hurt, injure, inspire, needle, pique, poke, prickle, smart, tingle, wound; CONCEPTS 220,246,313, 728

**stingy** [*adj*] *penny-pinching, averse to spending money* acquisitive, avaricious, chary, cheap, chintzy\*, churlish, close, close-fisted, covetous, covetous, curmudgeonly, economical, extortionate, frugal, grasping, greedy, grudging, ignoble, illiberal, inflexible, mean, miserly, narrow, near, parsimonious, pennywise\*, penurious, petty, pinchpenny\*, rapacious, saving, scrimping, scurvy, selfish, skimping, sordid, sparing, thrifty, tightfisted, uncharitable, ungenerous, unyielding; CONCEPTS 326,334,401 —*Ant.* generous, spendthrift, wasteful

**stink** [*n*] *bad smell* fetor, foulness, foul odor, malodor, noisomeness, offensive smell, stench; CONCEPTS 599,600 —*Ant.* perfume, sweetness

**stink** [*v1*] *smell badly* be offensive, be rotten, funk\*, have an odor, offend, reek\*, smell up, stink to high heaven\*; CONCEPT 600 —*Ant.* perfume

**stink** [*v2*] *be lousy, bad* be abhorrent, be detestable, be held in disrepute, be no good, be offensive, be rotten, have a bad name\*, smell; CONCEPTS 230,388 —*Ant.* be excellent, be good

**stinking** [*adj*] *smelly* fetid, foul, foul-smelling, funky\*, malodorous, mephitic, noisome, odiferous, offensive, putrid, rancid, rank, reeking, stenchy, strong-smelling; CONCEPT 598

**stint** [*n*] *period of responsibility* assignment, bit, chore, consignment, duty, job, participation, quota, share, shift, spell, stretch, task, term, time, tour, turn, work; CONCEPTS 362,807,822

**stint** [*v*] *economize; hold back* be frugal, begrudge, be parsimonious, be sparing, be stingy, confine, cut corners\*, define, go easy on, grudge, limit, make ends meet\*, penny-pinch\*, pinch, restrain, roll back\*, save, save for rainy day\*, scrape, scrimp, skimp on\*, sock away\*, spare, squirrel\*, stash, tighten belt\*, withhold; CONCEPT 330 —*Ant.* spend

**stipend** [*n*] *payment for services* allowance, award, consideration, emolument, fee, gratuity, hire, pay, pension, salary, take, wage; CONCEPT 344

**stipulate** [*v*] *decide on conditions* agree, arrange, bargain, condition, contract, covenant, designate, detail, engage, guarantee, impose, insist upon, lay down, lay finger on, make, make a point, name, particularize, pin down, pledge, postulate, promise, provide, put down for, require, settle, slot, specify, specify, specify, spell out, state; CONCEPTS 8,18,60 —*Ant.* imply, wish

**stipulation** [*n*] *condition of agreement* agreement, arrangement, circumscription, clause, contract, designation, engagement, fine print\*, limit, obligation, precondition, prerequisite, provision, proviso, qualification, requirement, reservation, restriction, settlement, sine qua non, small print\*, specification, string attached\*, term, terms; CONCEPTS 270,318,684 —*Ant.* implication, request, wish

**stir** [*n*] *commotion, excitement* activity, ado, agitation, backwash\*, bustle, din, disorder, disquiet, disturbance, ferment, flap\*, flurry, furor, fuss, movement, pandemonium, pother, racket, row, scene, to-do\*, tumult, turmoil, uproar, whirl, whirlwind; CONCEPTS 230,388 —*Ant.* calm, calmness, moderation, peace

**stir** [*v1*] *mix up, agitate* beat, blend, disturb, flutter, mix, move, move about, quiver, rustle, shake, toss, tremble, whip, whisk; CONCEPTS 158,170 —*Ant.* leave alone

**stir** [*v2*] *incite, stimulate* abet, actuate, add fuel to fire\*, adjy\*, affect, agitate, animate, arouse, awaken, bestir, challenge, craze, drive, electrify, energize, excite, feed the fire\*, foment, galvanize, impel, inflame, inspire, kindle, make waves\*, motivate, move, prompt, provoke, psych\*, quicken, raise, rally, rile, rouse, roust, rout, set, spark, spook\*, spur, stir embers\*, stir up, switch on, thrill, touch, trigger, urge, vitalize, wake, waken, whet, whip up\*, work up\*; CONCEPTS 14,221 —*Ant.* calm, discourage

**stir** [*v3*] *get up and going* awake, awaken, bestir, be up and about, budge, exert, get a move on, get moving, hasten, look alive, make an effort, mill about, move, rouse, shake a leg\*, wake, waken; CONCEPT 149 —*Ant.* laze, rest, wait

**stirring** [*adj*] *moving, rousing* arousing, awakening, dynamic, electrifying, emotional, exhilarating, gripping, heartbreaking, heartrending,

inspirational, inspiring, motivating, provoking, stimulating, touching; CONCEPTS 529,537

**stock** [adj] *commonplace* banal, basic, common, conventional, customary, dull, established, formal, hackneyed, normal, ordinary, overused, regular, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, set, standard, staple, stereotyped, traditional, trite, typical, usual, worn-out; CONCEPTS 530,547 —*Ant.* different, original, unusual

**stock** [n1] *merchandise* accumulation, array, articles, assets, assortment, backlog, cache, choice, commodities, fund, goods, hoard, inventory, nest egg\*, produce, range, reserve, reservoir, selection, stockpile, store, supply, variety, wares; CONCEPT 338

**stock** [n2] *animals raised on a farm* animals, beasts, cattle, cows, domestic, farm animals, flock, fowl, herd, hogs, horses, livestock, pigs, sheep, swine; CONCEPTS 394,397

**stock** [n3] *ancestry* background, breed, clan, descent, extraction, family, folk, forebears, house, kin, kindred, line, lineage, line of descent, parentage, pedigree, race, species, strain, tribe, type, variety; CONCEPTS 296,378

**stock** [n4] *investment in company* assets, blue chips, bonds, capital, convertible, funds, over-the-counter\*, paper, property, share; CONCEPT 332

**stock** [n5] *estimation, faith* appraisal, appraisement, assessment, confidence, count, dependence, estimate, evaluation, figure, hope, inventory, judgment, reliance, review, trust; CONCEPTS 37,689,764 —*Ant.* fact, truth

**stock** [v] *supply with merchandise* accumulate, amass, carry, deal in, equip, fill, furnish, gather, handle, have, hoard, keep, keep on hand, lay in, provide, provision, put away, reserve, save, sell, stockpile, store, stow away, trade in; CONCEPTS 140,182,324 —*Ant.* deplete, use up, waste

**stockade** [n] *enclosure; jail* barrier, cage, camp, can\*, cell, clink\*, cooler\*, coop, corral, detention camp, dungeon, fence, jailhouse, joint\*, pen, penal institution, penitentiary, pound, prison, protection, slammer\*, sty; CONCEPTS 439,448,449,513,516

**stock market** [n] *stock exchange* American Stock Exchange, AMEX, Big Board, Chicago Board of Trade, commodities exchange, Dow Jones, futures exchange, NASDAQ, National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations, New York Stock Exchange, Wall Street; CONCEPTS 323,333,449

**stockpile** [n] *supply* accumulation, buildup, cache, hoard, inventory, nest egg, reserve, source, stash, stock, store, surplus; CONCEPT 712

**stockpile** [v] *stock* accumulate, amass, build up, gather, hoard, keep on hand, put away, reserve, save, squirrel away, stash, stock up, store, stow away; CONCEPTS 140,182,324

**stocky** [adj] *short and overweight; short and muscular* chunky, corpulent, fat, heavysset, plump, solid, squat, stout, stubby, sturdy, thick, thickset; CONCEPTS 491,773 —*Ant.* lanky, skinny, tall, thin, underweight

**stodgy** [adj] *dull, stuffy* banalistic, boring, dim, dreary, formal, heavy, labored, monotonous, pedantic, pedestrian, plodding, ponderous, staid, tedious, turgid, unexciting, unimaginative, uninspired, uninteresting, weighty; CONCEPTS

401,404 —*Ant.* adventurous, exciting, ready, willing

**stoic/stoical** [adj] *philosophic, calm* aloof, apathetic, cool, cool as cucumber\*, detached, dispassionate, dry, enduring, impassive, imperturbable, indifferent, indomitable, long-suffering, matter-of-fact, patient, phlegmatic, resigned, rolling with punches\*, self-controlled, sober, stolid, unconcerned, unemotional, unflappable, unmoved; CONCEPTS 401,404

—*Ant.* anxious, depressed, stressed, upset  
**stolid** [adj] *apathetic, stupid* blunt, bovine, dense, doltish, dry, dull, dumb, heavy, impassive, inactive, indifferent, inert, lumphish, matter-of-fact, obtuse, passive, phlegmatic, slow, stoic, supine, unemotional, unexcitable, wooden; CONCEPTS 401,402 —*Ant.* aware, intelligent, interested

**stomach** [n1] *digestive organ of animate being; exterior* abdomen, abdominal region, belly, below the belt\*, breadbasket\*, gut, inside, insides, maw\*, paunch, pot\*, potbelly\*, solar plexus, spare tire\*, tummy\*; CONCEPTS 393,420

**stomach** [n2] *appetite* aptencence, desire, inclination, mind, relish, taste, tooth; CONCEPT 20

**stomach** [v] *endure, tolerate* abide, bear, bear with, bite the bullet\*, brook, digest, grin and bear it\*, live with\*, put up with, reconcile oneself, resign oneself, stand, submit to, suffer, swallow, sweat, take, tolerate; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* refuse, reject

**stone** [n] *hard piece of earth's surface* boulder, crag, crystal, gem, grain, gravel, jewel, metal, mineral, ore, pebble, rock; CONCEPTS 474,477

**stoned** [adj] *high on alcohol or drugs* baked\*, bombed\*, boozed up\*, buzzed\*, doped, drugged, drunk, feeling no pain\*, flying\*, fried, inebriated, intoxicated, loaded, on a trip\*, plastered, ripped\*, sloshed\*, smashed\*, spaced out\*, stewed\*, strung out\*, tanked\*, tipsy, totaled\*, tripping\*, wasted\*; CONCEPT 314

**stony** [adj] *hard, icy in appearance, response* adamant, blank, callous, chilly, cold, cold-blooded, coldhearted, cruel, expressionless, firm, frigid, hard-boiled\*, hardened, heartless, hostile, indifferent, inexorable, inflexible, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, rough, tough, uncompassionate, unfeeling, unforgiving, unrelenting, unresponsive, unsympathetic; CONCEPTS 401,485 —*Ant.* friendly, smiling, soft, warm

**stooge** [n] *dupe* chump\*, easy mark\*, fall guy, flunky, fool, lackey, patsy\*, pawn, pigeon\*, puppet, pushover\*, sap\*, sucker, victim; CONCEPT 423

**stool pigeon** [n] *informant* betrayer, blabbermouth\*, canary\*, decoy, deep throat\*, double-crosser, fink\*, informant, narc\*, mark\*, rat\*, sneak, snitch, snitcher, source, squealer\*, stoolie\*, tattler, tattletale, tipster\*, turncoat, weasel\*, whistle-blower; CONCEPTS 348,354,423

**stoop** [n] *slouched posture* droop, round shoulders, sag, slouch, slump; CONCEPT 757 —*Ant.* straightening

**stoop** [v1] *bow down* be bowed, bend, be servile, bow, cringe, crouch, descend, dip, duck, hunch, incline, kneel, lean, relax, sink, slant, squat; CONCEPTS 181,201 —*Ant.* straighten

**stoop** [v2] *condescend; lower oneself to another* accommodate, act beneath oneself, concede, debase oneself, deign, demean oneself, descend, favor, oblige, patronize, relax, resort, sink, thaw, unbend, vouchsafe; CONCEPTS 35, 384 —*Ant.* rise above

**stop** [n1] *end, halt; impediment* bar, barricade, blank wall\*, block, blockade, break, break off, brick wall\*, cease, cessation, check, close, closing, conclusion, control, cutoff, desistance, discontinuation, ending, fence, finish, freeze\*, grinding halt\*, hindrance, layoff, letup, lull, pause, plug, roadblock\*, screeching halt\*, standstill, stay, stoppage, termination, wall; CONCEPTS 240,832 —*Ant.* beginning, continuation, go, start

**stop** [n2] *visit; place of rest* break, depot, destination, halt, rest, sojourn, stage, station, stay, stopover, termination, terminus; CONCEPTS 198,227

**stop** [v1] *bring or come to a halt or end* be over, blow off\*, break, break off, call it a day\*, cease, close, cold turkey\*, come to a standstill\*, conclude, cool it\*, cut out\*, cut short, desist, discontinue, draw up, drop, end, finish, halt, hang it up\*, hold, kill, pause, pull up, put an end to, quit, quit cold\*, refrain, run its course\*, scrub\*, shut down, sign off\*, stall, stand, stay, tarry, terminate, wind up\*, wrap up\*; CONCEPTS 119,234,237 —*Ant.* advance, begin, continue, go, start

**stop** [v2] *prevent, hold back* arrest, avoid, bar, block, bottle, break, check, choke, choke off, clog, close, congest, cut off, disrupt, fill, fix, forestall, frustrate, gag, hinder, hush, impede, intercept, interrupt, muzzle, obstruct, occlude, plug, put a stop to, rein in, repress, restrain, seal, shut down, shut off, shut out, silence, stall, staunch, stay, stem, still, stopper, suspend, throw over, turn off, ward off; CONCEPT 121 —*Ant.* allow, continue, encourage

**stopgap** [adj] *temporarily helping* Band-Aid\*, emergency, expedient, impromptu, improvised, makeshift, practical, provisional, rough-and-ready\*, rough-and-tumble\*, substitute, temp, temporary, throwaway\*; CONCEPTS 551,560

—*Ant.* completed, finished, permanent, solved  
**stopgap** [n] *temporary help* Band-Aid\*, expediency, expedient, improvisation, makeshift, pis aller\*, recourse, refuge, resort, resource, shift, substitute, temporary expedient; CONCEPT 712 —*Ant.* permanency, permanent, solution

**stoppage** [n] *halt, curtailment* abeyance, arrest, blockade, check, close, closure, cutoff, deduction, discontinuance, down, downtime\*, hindrance, interruption, layoff, lockout, obstruction, occlusion, shutdown, sit-down, standstill, stopping, walkout; CONCEPT 832 —*Ant.* beginning, continuation, go, start

**store** [n1] *collection, supply* abundance, accumulation, backlog, cache, fount, fountain, fund, hoard, inventory, lode, lot, mine, nest egg\*, plenty, plethora, provision, quantity, reserve, reservoir, savings, spring, stock, stockpile, treasure, wares, wealth, well; CONCEPTS 432, 710 —*Ant.* debt, need

**store** [n2] *place for keeping* supply arsenal, bank, barn, box, cache, conservatory, depository, depot, magazine, pantry, repository, reservoir,

stable, storehouse, storeroom, tank, treasury, vault, warehouse; CONCEPTS 439,441, 448,494

**store** [n3] *business establishment that sells goods* boutique, chain store, convenience store, deli, department store, discount house, discount store, drugstore, emporium, five-and-dime\*, five-and-ten\*, grocery store, market, mart, outlet, repository, shop, shopping center, show-room, specialty shop, stand, storehouse, super\*, superette\*, supermarket; CONCEPTS 325,439, 448,449

**store** [v] *collect and put aside* accumulate, amass, bank, bin, bottle, bury, cache, can, cumulate, deposit, freeze, garner, hide, hoard, hoard, hutch, keep, keep in reserve, lay away, lay up\*, lock away, lock up, mothball\*, pack, pack away, park, plant, put, put away, put by, put in storage, reserve, roll up, salt away\*, save, save for rainy day\*, sock away\*, squirrel\*, stash, stock, stockpile, treasure, victual, warehouse; CONCEPTS 109,129 —*Ant.* squander, use, waste

**storekeeper** [n] *shopkeeper* businessperson, dealer, entrepreneur, grocer, merchant, proprietor, retailer, salesperson, seller, store owner, vendor, wholesaler; CONCEPT 347

**storeroom** [n] *repository* archive, arsenal, cellar, depository, depot, granary, magazine, safe, silo, stockroom, storage place, storehouse, vault, warehouse; CONCEPTS 435,439,449

**storm** [n1] *strong weather* blast, blizzard, blow, cloudburst, cyclone, disturbance, downpour, gale, gust, hurricane, monsoon, precip\*, precipitation, raining cats and dogs\*, snowstorm, squall, tempest, tornado, twister, whirlwind, windstorm; CONCEPT 526 —*Ant.* calm, clearness

**storm** [n2] *commotion, turmoil* agitation, anger, annoyance, assault, attack, barrage, blitz, blitzkrieg, bluster, bomb, bombardment, broadside, burst, bustle, cannonade, clamor, clatter, convulsion, disturbance, drumfire, furor, fury, fusillade, hail, hassle, hysteria, offensive, onset, onslaught, outbreak, outburst, outcry, passion, perturbation, pother, rabidity, racket, rage, rampancy, roar, row, ruction, rumpus, rush, salvo, squall, stir, strife, temper, tumult, upheaval, violence, volley; CONCEPTS 86,230, 674 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**storm** [v] *attack, rush* aggress, assail, assault, beset, blow violently, bluster, breathe fire\*, burn up, carry on\*, charge, come at\*, complain, drizzle, drop, fly, fume, go on, howl, pour, rage, rain, rant, rave, rip, roar, scold, set in, sizzle, sound off, spit, squall, stalk, steam up\*, stomp, strike, take by storm\*, take on\*, tear, thunder\*; CONCEPTS 52,86,150,526

**stormy** [adj] *rough (referring to weather)* bitter, blowy, blustering, blustery, boisterous, cold, coming down\*, damp, dirty, foul, frigid, furious, gusty, howling, menacing, murky, pouring, raging, raining cats and dogs\*, rainy, riproaring\*, roaring, savage, squally, stormful, storming, tempestuous, threatening, torrid, turbulent, violent, wet, wild, windy; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* calm, clear, clement

**story** [n1] *account, news* adventure, allegory, anecdote, apologue, article, autobiography, beat, biography, book, chronicle, cliffhanger\*,

comedy, conte, description, drama, epic, fable, fairy tale, fantasy, feature, fiction, folktale, gag, history, information, legend, long and short of it\*, memoir, myth, narration, narrative, news item, nonfiction, novel, old saw\*, parable, potboiler\*, recital, record, relation, report, romance, saga, scoop\*, sequel, serial, spiel\*, tale, tragedy, version, yarn\*; CONCEPTS 270, 274, 282

**story** [*n*2] *lie canard, cock-and-bull story\**, fabrication, falsehood, falsity, fib, fiction, misrepresentation, prevarication, tale, untruism, untruth, white lie\*; CONCEPTS 278, 282 —*Ant.* truth

**stout** [*adj*1] *overweight* big, bulky, burly, corpulent, fat, fleshy, heavy, obese, plenitudinous, plump, porcine, portly, rotund, substantial, thick-bodied, tubby, upholstered, weighty, zaftig\*; CONCEPTS 491, 773 —*Ant.* skinny, thin, underweight

**stout** [*adj*2] *strong, brawny* able-bodied, athletic, hard, hardy, hulking, husky, indomitable, invincible, lusty, muscular, robust, stable, stalwart, staunch, strapping, sturdy, substantial, tenacious, tough, vigorous; CONCEPTS 489, 490 —*Ant.* weak

**stout** [*adj*3] *courageous* bold, brave, dauntless, fearless, gallant, heroic, intrepid, lionhearted, plucky, resolute, stalwart, undaunted, valiant, valorous; CONCEPTS 403, 542 —*Ant.* afraid, timid, weak

**stouthearted** [*adj*] *brave, courageous* adventurous, bold, daring, dashing, fearless, gallant, game, gritty, gutsy, hardy, heroic, lionhearted, plucky, spunky, stalwart, unafraid, undaunted, unfeared, valiant; CONCEPT 401

**stove** [*n*] *range; furnace* boiler, convection oven, cooker, electric stove, heater, kiln, microwave, oven, toaster oven, warmer, wood stove; CONCEPT 463

**stow** [*v*] *reserve, store* bundle, deposit, load, pack, pack like sardines\*, put away, secrete, stash, stuff, top off, tack, warehouse\*; CONCEPT 209 —*Ant.* throw overboard, use, waste

**straggle** [*v*] *wander, stray* be late, dawdle, drift, lag, loiter, maunder, meander, poke, poke around, ramble, range, roam, rove, scramble, spread, straddle, string out, tail, trail; CONCEPT 151 —*Ant.* hurry, run, rush

**straight** [*adj*1] *aligned; not curved* beeline\*, collinear, consecutive, continuous, direct, erect, even, horizontal, in a line, in a row, inflexible, in line, invariable, level, like an arrow\*, lineal, linear, near, nonstop, perpendicular, plumb, precipitous, rectilinear, rectilinear, right, running, sheer, short, smooth, solid, square, straightforward, successive, through, true, unbent, unbroken, uncurled, undeviating, undistorted, uninterrupted, unrelieved, unswerving, upright, vertical; CONCEPTS 482, 486, 581 —*Ant.* curved, indirect, twisted

**straight** [*adj*2] *honest, fair* aboveboard, accurate, authentic, bald, blunt, candid, categorical, decent, equitable, fair and square\*, forthright, frank, good, honorable, just, law-abiding, moral, outright, plain, point-blank\*, reliable, respectable, straightforward, summary, trustworthy, unqualified, upright; CONCEPTS 267, 542 —*Ant.* corrupt, dishonest, unfair, unjust

**straight** [*adj*3] *orderly* arranged, correct, exact,

in order, neat, organized, put to rights, right, shipshape\*, sorted, tidy; CONCEPTS 535, 585

—*Ant.* disordered, disorderly, disorganized

**straight** [*adj*4] *unmixed* concentrated, neat, out-and-out\*, plain, pure, strong, thoroughgoing, unadulterated, undiluted, unmodified, unqualified; CONCEPTS 462, 621 —*Ant.* diluted, mixed

**straight** [*adj*5] *conventional, square* bourgeois, buttoned-down\*, conservative, orthodox, traditional; CONCEPT 404 —*Ant.* different, unconventional, untraditional

**straight** [*adv*1] *immediately, directly* as the crow flies\*, at once, away, dead\*, direct, due, exactly, first off, forthwith, in direct line, instanter, instantly, lineally, now, point-blank\*, right, right away, straightaway, straightforwardly, straightly, undeviatingly; CONCEPTS 581, 820 —*Ant.* later

**straight** [*adv*2] *honestly* candidly, frankly, in plain English\*, no holds barred\*, no punches\*, point-blank\*; CONCEPTS 267, 544 —*Ant.* dishonestly, indirectly

**straighten** [*v*] *put in neat or aligned order* align, arrange, compose, correct, even, level, make plumb, make straight, neat, order, put in order, put perpendicular, put straight, put to rights, put upright, put vertical, rectify, set to rights, smarten up\*, spruce up\*, tidy, unbend, uncoil, uncurl, unfold, unravel, unsnarl, untwist; CONCEPTS 158, 202, 231 —*Ant.* bend, curve, move, twist

**straightforward** [*adj*1] *honest* aboveboard, barefaced\*, candid, direct, forthright, frank, genuine, guileless, honorable, just, laid on the line\*, level, like it is\*, mellow\*, open, outspoken, plain, plain-dealing\*, pretenseless, right-on\*, sincere, square-shooting\*, straight, straight-arrow\*, talking turkey\*, truthful, unconcealed, undisguised, undissembled, undissembling, unequivocal, unvarnished, up front\*, upright, upstanding, veracious; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* deceitful, devious, dishonest

**straightforward** [*adj*2] *simple, easy* apparent, clear, clear-cut, direct, distinct, elementary, evident, manifest, palpable, patent, plain, routine, straight, through, unambiguous, uncomplicated, undemanding, unequivocal, uninterrupted; CONCEPTS 535, 538 —*Ant.* complicated, difficult, hard, indirect, involved

**strain** [*n*1] *pain, due to exertion* ache, anxiety, bruise, brunt, burden, constriction, effort, endeavor, exertion, force, injury, jerk, pressure, pull, sprain, stress, stretch, struggle, tautness, tension, tensility, twist, wrench; CONCEPT 728 —*Ant.* health, wellness

**strain** [*n*2] *ancestry* blood, breed, descent, extraction, family, lineage, pedigree, race, species, stock; CONCEPTS 296, 380

**strain** [*n*3] *suggestion, hint* humor, manner, mind, shade, soupçon, spirit, streak, style, suspicion, temper, tendency, tinge, tone, touch, trace, trait, vein, way; CONCEPTS 410, 529, 682

**strain** [*n*4] *melody* air, descendant, diapason, lay, measure, song, tune, warble; CONCEPTS 262, 595

**strain** [*v*1] *stretch, often to limit* constrict, distort, distort, draw tight, drive, exert, extend, fatigue, injure, overexert, overtax, overwork, pull, push, push to the limit, rack, sprain, task, tauten, tax, tear, tighten, tire, twist, weaken,

wrench; CONCEPTS 156,206,208,313 —*Ant.* compress, concentrate

**strain** [v2] *work very hard* bear down, endeavor, exert, go all out\*, go for broke\*, grind, hammer, hustle, labor, mool, peg away\*, plug, push, strive, struggle, sweat, toll, try; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* idle, laze, rest

**strain** [v3] *filter* exude, percolate, purify, refine, riddle, screen, seep, separate, sieve, sift; CONCEPTS 135,202

**strain** [v4] *cause mental stress* distress, harass, hassle, irk, pain, pick at, push, stress, trouble, try; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* calm, placate, soothe

**strained** [adj] *forced, pretended* artificial, at end of rope\*, awkward, choked, constrained, difficult, embarrassed, false, farfetched, hard put\*, in a state\*, labored, nervous wreck\*, put, self-conscious, stiff, strung out\*, taut, tense, tight, uncomfortable, uneasy, unglued, unnatural, unrelaxed, uptight, wired\*, wreck\*; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* genuine, unforced

**strait** [n1] *crisis, difficulty* bewilderment, bind, bottleneck\*, choke point\*, contingency, crossroad, dilemma, distress, embarrassment, emergency, exigency, extremity, hardship, hole\*, mess\*, mystification, pass, perplexity, pinch\*, plight, predicament, rigor, squeeze\*, turning point\*, vicissitude, zero hour\*; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* advantage, solution, success

**strait** [n2] *water channel* inlet, narrows, sound; CONCEPT 514

**strait-laced** [adj] *prudish* old-maidish, priggish\*, prim, prissy\*, proper, puritanical, rigid, square, starchy, stiff\*, strict, stuffy, uptight\*, Victorian\*; CONCEPT 401

**strand** [n] *fine thread* fiber, filament, length, lock, rope, string, tress; CONCEPTS 392,452,475 —*Ant.* hunk

**stranded** [adj] *marooned, abandoned* aground, ashore, beached, cast away, godforsaken\*, grounded, helpless, high and dry\*, homeless, left at the altar\*, left in the lurch\*, on the rocks\*, out in left field\*, passed up, penniless, run aground, shipwrecked, sidelined, sidetracked\*, wrecked; CONCEPT 577 —*Ant.* found

**strange** [adj1] *deviating, unfamiliar* aberrant, abnormal, astonishing, astounding, atypical, bizarre, curious, different, eccentric, erratic, exceptional, extraordinary, fantastic, far-out\*, funny, idiosyncratic, ignorant, inexperienced, irregular, marvelous, mystifying, new, newfangled\*, odd, oddball\*, off, offbeat\*, outlandish, out-of-the-way\*, peculiar, perplexing, quaint, queer, rare, remarkable, singular, unaccountable, unaccustomed, uncanny, uncommon, unheard of, unseasoned, unusual, weird, wonderful; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* common, familiar, normal, regular, standard, usual

**strange** [adj2] *exotic, foreign* alien, apart, awkward, detached, external, faraway, irrelevant, isolated, lost, new, novel, out of place, outside, remote, romanesque, romantic, unexplored, unfamiliar, unknown, unrelated, untried; CONCEPTS 549,576 —*Ant.* common, native

**stranger** [n] *person who is unfamiliar* alien, drifter, foreign body, foreigner, guest, immigrant, incomer, interloper, intruder, itinerant person, migrant, migratory worker, new arrival, newcomer, outcomer, outlander, out-

of-stater\*, outsider, party crasher\*, perfect stranger\*, squatter\*, transient, uninvited person, unknown, unknown person, visitor, wanderer; CONCEPTS 413,423 —*Ant.* acquaintance, friend, local, native

**strangle** [v] *choke, stifle* asphyxiate, gag, garrote/garrotte, inhibit, kill, muffle, quelch, repress, restrain, shush, smother, quelch, strangulate, subdue, suffocate, suppress, throttle; CONCEPTS 130,191,252 —*Ant.* free, let go, loose

**strap** [n] *long piece of material* band, belt, harness, leash, strop, switch, thong, tie, whip; CONCEPTS 471,475

**strapped** [adj] *destitute* beggared, broke\*, dirt poor\*, flat\*, fortuneless, impoverished, out of money, penniless, penurious, poor, stone-broke\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* rich, wealthy

**strapping** [adj] *big and strong* brawny, burly, hefty, hulk, hulking, hunk, husky, ox, powerful, powerhouse, robust, stalwart, stout, sturdy, tall, vigorous, well-built; CONCEPTS 489,773 —*Ant.* attenuated, skinny, slight, small, thin

**strategem** [n] *trick* action, angle, artifice, bit\*, booby trap\*, brainchild\*, con, deception, device, dodge, feint, gambit, game, game plan\*, gimmick, grift, intrigue, layout, maneuver, method, pitch, plan, play, plot, ploy, pretext, proposition, racket, ruse, scenario, scene, scheme, setup, shift, slant, stall, story, subterfuge, switch, twist, wile; CONCEPTS 59,660

**strategic** [adj1] *crucial* cardinal, critical, decisive, imperative, important, key, necessary, vital; CONCEPTS 546,567 —*Ant.* unimportant, unnecessary

**strategic** [adj2] *clever, calculated* cunning, deliberate, diplomatic, dishonest, planned, politic, tricky; CONCEPT 544 —*Ant.* loose, unplanned

**strategy** [n] *plan of action* action, angle, approach, artifice, blueprint\*, brainchild\*, craft, cunning, design, game, game plan\*, gimmick, grand design, layout, maneuvering, method, plan, planning, policy, procedure, program, project, proposition, racket\*, scenario, scene, scheme, setup, slant, story, subtlety, system, tactics; CONCEPT 660

**stratum** [n] *layer* bed, gradation, grade, lamina, level, lode, seam, sheet, stratification, thickness, vein; CONCEPT 744

**stray** [adj] *abandoned, wandering* devious, erratic, homeless, lost, roaming, roving, vagrant; CONCEPT 583

**stray** [v1] *deviate, err* circumlocute, depart, digress, divagate, diverge, do wrong, excursion, get off the subject\*, get off the track\*, get sidetracked\*, go off on a tangent\*, ramble, sin, wander; CONCEPTS 101,266 —*Ant.* remain, stay

**stray** [v2] *wander; get lost* be abandoned, be lost, deviate, drift, err, gad\*, gallivant, go all over the map\*, go amiss, go astray, lose one's way, meander, ramble, range, roam, rove, straggle, swerve, trapeze, turn, wander away, wander off; CONCEPT 149 —*Ant.* go direct

**streak** [n] *vein, line; small part* band, bar, beam, dash, element, hint, intimation, layer, ray, ridge, rule, shade, slash, smear, strain, stream, strip, stripe, stroke, suggestion, suspicion, touch, trace; CONCEPTS 436,628,657,727

**streak** [v] *make a line on* band, dapple, daub,

fleck, marble, slash, smear, spot, strake, striate, stripe, variegate, vein; CONCEPT 250

**stream** [*n*] *small river* beck, branch, brook, burn, course, creek, current, drift, flood, flow, freshet, race, rill, rindlet, rivulet, run, runnel, rush, spate, spritz, surge, tide, torrent, tributary, watercourse; CONCEPT 514

**stream** [*v*] *flow from* cascade, continue, course, emerge, emit, flood, glide, gush, issue, move past, pour, roll, run, shed, sluice, spill, spout, spritz, spurt, surge; CONCEPTS 146,179 —*Ant.* flow into

**street** [*n*] *path upon which travel occurs* artery, avenue, back alley\*, boulevard, byway, court, dead end\*, drag\*, drive, highway, lane, parkway, passage, pavement, place, road, roadway, route, row, stroll, terrace, thoroughfare, track, trail, turf\*, way; CONCEPT 501

**street person** [*n*] *homeless person* bag lady, beggar, bum, derelict, drifter, hobo, vagabond, vagrant, wino; CONCEPT 539

**street smart** [*adj*] *shrewd* artful, astute, cagey, calculating, canny, clever, crafty, cunning, experienced, foxy\*, ingenious, intelligent, perceptive, quick-witted, savvy\*, seasoned, sharp, slick\*, sly, smart, smooth, streetwise, wily, wise; CONCEPTS 401,402

**strength** [*n*1] *stamina, mental or physical* backbone, body, brawn, brawniness, brute force\*, clout, courage, durability, energy, firmness, force, fortitude, hardness, health, healthiness, lustiness, might, muscle, nerve, physique, pith, potency, pow\*, power, powerhouse\*, robustness, security, sinew, sock\*, soundness, stability, steadiness, stalwartness, steadiness, steamroller, stoutness, strong arm\*, sturdiness, substance, tenacity, toughness, verdure, vigor, vim, vitality, zip\*; CONCEPTS 410,732 —*Ant.* lack, weakness

**strength** [*n*2] *intensity* clout, cogency, concentration, depth, effectiveness, efficacy, energy, extremity, fervor, force, juice\*, kick\*, potency, power, resolution, spirit, vehemence, vigor, virtue; CONCEPT 669 —*Ant.* enervation, lethargy, weakness

**strength** [*n*3] *advantage, substance* anchor, asset, body, burden, connection, core, gist, guts, in, intestinal fortitude, license, mainstay, meat, pith, purport, security, sense, strong point, succor, upper hand, weight, wire; CONCEPTS 682,693 —*Ant.* disadvantage, weakness

**strengthen** [*v*1] *make more forceful, powerful* add, add fuel to fire\*, affirm, ascend, bolster, brace, build up, buttress, conical, corroborate, empower, enhance, enlarge, establish, extend, fortify, harden, heighten, increase, intensify, invigorate, justify, make firm, mount, multiply, regenerate, reinforce, rejuvenate, renew, restore, rise, set up, sinew\*, steel, step up, substantiate, support, sustain, temper, tone, tone up, toughen, wax\*; CONCEPTS 244,250 —*Ant.* break down, hurt, weaken

**strengthen** [*v*2] *encourage, hearten* animate, back, back up, bear out, bloom, brace, brace up, burgeon, carry weight, cheer, consolidate, embolden, enhearten, enliven, flourish, flower, fortify, gather resources, gird, give weight, harden, inspirit, invigorate, nerve, nourish, prepare, prosper, rally, ready, refresh, rejuvenate,

restore, steel, substantiate, temper, thrive, toughen, uphold; CONCEPTS 7,22,35 —*Ant.* discourage, dishearten, dissuade, weaken

**strenuous** [*adj*1] *difficult; requiring hard work* arduous, demanding, effortful, energy-consuming, exhausting, hard, Herculean, laborious, mean, operose, taxing, toilful, toilsome, tough, tough going\*, uphill\*, wicked; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* easy, effortless, facile

**strenuous** [*adj*2] *energetic, zealous* active, aggressive, ardent, bold, determined, dynamic, eager, earnest, lusty, persistent, red-blooded, resolute, spirited, strong, tireless, vigorous, vital; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* apathetic, enervated, lethargic, unenthusiastic

**stress** [*n*1] *emphasis* accent, accentuation, beat, force, import, importance, significance, urgency, weight; CONCEPTS 65,668 —*Ant.* ignorance, unimportance

**stress** [*n*2] *physical or mental pressure* affliction, agony, alarm, albatross\*, anxiety, apprehensiveness, burden, clutch, crunch, disquiet, disquietude, distention, draw, dread, expectancy, extension, fear, fearfulness, ferment, flutter, force, hardship, hassle, heat, impatience, intensity, misgiving, mistrust, nervousness, nervous tension, oppression, overextension, passion, protraction, pull, restlessness, spring, strain, stretch, tautness, tenseness, tension, tensity, tightness, traction, trauma, trepidation, trial, urgency, worry; CONCEPTS 410,720,728 —*Ant.* indifference, relaxation

**stress** [*v*1] *accentuate, emphasize* accent, belabor, dwell on, feature, harp on\*, headline\*, italicize\*, lay emphasis on, make emphatic, play up, point up, repeat, rub in\*, spot, spotlight\*, underline\*, underscore\*; CONCEPTS 49,68 —*Ant.* attenuate, reduce, relax

**stress** [*v*2] *put under physical or mental pressure* afflict, burden, crunch, distend, force, fret, hassle, overdo, overextend, pull, put in traction\*, put on trial\*, spring, strain, stretch, tense, tense up\*, traumatize, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19,246,313

**stretch** [*n*1] *expanse* amplitude, area, branch, breadth, bridge, compass, dimension, distance, expansion, extension, extent, gamut, length, orbit, proliferation, purview, radius, range, reach, region, scope, space, span, spread, sweep, tract, wing; CONCEPTS 651,721,746

**stretch** [*n*2] *period of time* bit, continuance, duration, extent, length, run, space, span, spell, stint, term, time, while; CONCEPTS 807,822

**stretch** [*v*] *extend, elongate* amplify, branch out, bridge, burst forth, cover, crane, develop, distend, drag out, draw, draw out, expand, fill, go, grow, inflate, lengthen, lie out, magnify, make, make taut, make tense, open, overlap, pad, prolong, prolongate, protract, pull, pull out, pyramid, rack, range, reach, recline, repose, run, shoot up, span, spin out, spread, spread out, spring up, strain, string out, swell, tauten, tighten, unfold, unroll, widen; CONCEPTS 137,250 —*Ant.* compress, concentrate

**strict** [*adj*1] *authoritarian* austere, dead set\*, disciplinary, dour, draconian\*, exacting, firm, forbidding, grim, hard, hard-boiled\*, harsh, iron-fisted\*, no-nonsense\*, oppressive, picky, prudish, punctilious, puritanical, rigid, rigorous,

scrupulous, set, severe, square, stern, sticking, straight, strait-laced\*, stringent, stuffy\*, tough, unpermissive, unsparing, uptight\*; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** amenable, easy-going, flexible, lenient, tolerant, tractable, yielding

**strict** [adj2] *accurate, absolute* close, complete, exact, faithful, just, meticulous, particular, perfect, precise, religious, right, scrupulous, total, true, undistorted, utter, veracious, veridical; CONCEPTS 535,557 —**Ant.** inaccurate, indefinite, uncertain

**stride** [v] *walk purposefully* clump, drill, march, pace, parade, pound, stalk, stamp, stomp, striddle, stump, traipse, tramp, tromp; CONCEPT 149

**strident** [adj] *harsh, shrill* blatant, boisterous, clamorous, clashing, discordant, grating, hoarse, jangling, jarring, loud, noisy, obstreperous, rasping, raucous, screeching, squawky, squeaky, stentorian, stertorous, stridulant, stridulous, unmusical, vociferant, vociferous; CONCEPTS 592,594 —**Ant.** low, mild, moderate, soft

**strife** [n] *struggle, battle* affray, altercation, animosity, argument, bickering, blowup, brawl, clash, combat, competition, conflict, contention, contest, controversy, difference, disagreement, discord, dispute, dissension, dissent, dissidence, disunity, emulation, faction, factionalism, fighting, friction, fuss, hassle, quarrel, rivalry, spat, squabble, squabbling, static, striving, tug of war\*, variance, warfare, words\*, wrangle, wrangling; CONCEPTS 46,106,674 —**Ant.** success, victory

**strike** [v1] *hit hard* bang, bash, beat, boff, bonk, box, buffet, bump into, chastise, clash, clobber, clout, collide, conk\*, crash, cuff\*, drive, force, hammer, impel, knock, percuss, plant\*, pop\*, pound, pummel, punch, punish, run into, slap, slug, smack, smash into, sock, swat, thrust, thump, touch, wallop, whop\*; CONCEPT 189 —**Ant.** tap

**strike** [v2] *make an impact* affect, be plausible, carry, come to mind\*, dawn on\*, get\*, have semblance, hit\*, impress, influence, inspire, look, move, occur to, reach, register\*, seem, sway, touch; CONCEPTS 7,19,22,716

**strike** [v3] *find, discover* achieve, arrive at, attain, catch, chance upon\*, come across, come upon, dig up\*, effect, encounter, happen upon\*, hit upon\*, lay bare\*, light upon, open up, reach, seize, stumble across\*, take, turn up\*, uncover, unearth; CONCEPTS 120,183 —**Ant.** lose, miss

**strike** [v4] *devastate, affect* afflict, aggress, assail, assault, attack, beset, deal a blow, excruciate, fall upon, harass, hit, invade, martyr, rack, set upon, smite, storm, torment, torture, try, wring; CONCEPTS 7,19 —**Ant.** not touch, pass up

**strike** [v5] *walk out of job in protest* arbitrate, be on strike, boycott, go on strike, hit the bricks\*, hold out, mediate, mutiny, negotiate, picket, quit, refuse to work, resist, revolt, sit down\*, sit in\*, slow down, stick out, stop, tie up; CONCEPT 351

**strike out** [v] *leave to begin new venture* bear, begin, get under way\*, head, initiate, light out\*, make, set out, start, start out, take off\*; CONCEPT 195 —**Ant.** remain, stay

**striking** [adj] *extraordinary; beautiful* arresting, arrestive, astonishing, attractive, bizarre, charming, cogent, commanding, compelling,

confounding, conspicuous, dazzling, distinguished, dynamite, electrifying, eye-catching, fascinating, forceful, forcible, handsome, impressive, jazzy\*, lofty, marked, memorable, noteworthy, noticeable, out of the ordinary\*, outstanding, powerful, prominent, remarkable, salient, showy, signal, singular, staggering, startling, stunning, surprising, telling, unusual, wonderful, wondrous; CONCEPTS 574,579 —**Ant.** homely, horrifying, ugly, unimpressive

**string** [n1] *long fiber* cord, rope, strand, twine, twist; CONCEPT 475

**string** [n2] *succession, series* chain, consecution, echelon, file, line, order, procession, queue, rank, row, sequel, sequence, strand, tier, train; CONCEPTS 727,769 —**Ant.** individual

**string along** [v] *play with; keep dangling* bluff, coquet, dally, deceive, dupe, flirt, fool, hoax, lead on\*, put one over on\*, take for a ride\*, toy, trifle, wanton; CONCEPT 59 —**Ant.** let go, release

**stringent** [adj] *rigid, tight* acrimonious, binding, brick-wall\*, by the book\*, by the numbers\*, compelling, confining, convincing, dead set on\*, demanding, draconian, drawing, dyed-in-the-wool\*, exacting, forceful, hard, hard-nosed\*, harsh, inflexible, ironclad, iron-fisted, picky, poignant, powerful, rigorous, rough, set, severe, stiff, strict, tough, unpermissive, valid; CONCEPTS 401,535,569 —**Ant.** flexible, inexact, tolerant

**stringy** [adj] *long, thin* fibrous, gangling, gristly, lank, lanky, muscular, reedy, ropy, sinewy, spindling, spindly, threadlike, tough, wiry; CONCEPT 490

**strip** [n] *thin piece of material* band, banding, bar, belt, billet, bit, fillet, ingot, layer, ribbon, rod, section, segment, shred, slab, slip, stick, stripe, swathe, tape, tongue; CONCEPTS 471,834 —**Ant.** whole

**strip** [v] *bare, uncover* decorticate, denude, deprive, despoil, dismantle, displace, disrobe, divest, empty, excorticate, expose, gut, hull, husk, lay bare, lift, peel, pillage, plunder, ransack, ravage, remove, rob, scale, shave, shed, shuck, skin, slip out of, spoil, take off, tear, unclothe, undress, withdraw; CONCEPT 211 —**Ant.** clothe, cover

**stripe** [n] *line, strip* band, banding, bar, border, decoration, division, fillet, layer, ribbon, rule, streak, striation, stroke; CONCEPTS 284,622

**strive** [v] *try for, exert oneself* aim, assay, attempt, bear down, bend over backward\*, break one's neck\*, compete, contend, do one's best\*, do one's utmost\*, drive, endeavor, essay, fight, go after, go all out\*, go for broke\*, go for the jugular\*, go the limit\*, hassle, jockey\*, knock oneself out\*, labor, leave no stone unturned\*, make every effort, moil, offer, push, scramble, seek, shoot for\*, strain, struggle, sweat, tackle, take on, toil, try hard, tug\*, work; CONCEPT 87 —**Ant.** forget, skip

**stroke** [n1] *accomplishment* achievement, blow\*, feat, flourish, hit\*, move, movement; CONCEPT 706 —**Ant.** failure, loss

**stroke** [n2] *seizure* apoplexy, attack, collapse, convulsion, fit, shock; CONCEPTS 33,308

**stroke** [v] *pat lengthwise* brush, caress, chuck, comfort, fondle, pet, rub, smooth, soothe, tickle; CONCEPT 612

**stroll** [*n*] *lazy walk* airing, breath of fresh air\*, constitutional, cruise, excursion, promenade, ramble, saunter, turn; **CONCEPT 151** —*Ant.* run

**stroll** [*v*] *walk along lazily* amble, cruise, drift, gallivant, linger, make one's way\*, mope\*, mosey\*, promenade, ramble, roam, rove, sashay\*, saunter, toddle, traipse, tramp, wander; **CONCEPT 151** —*Ant.* run

**strong** [*adj1*] *healthy, powerful* able, able-bodied, active, athletic, big, capable, durable, enduring, energetic, firm, fixed, forceful, forcible, hale, hard as nails\*, hardy, hearty, heavy, heavy-duty\*, in fine feather\*, mighty, muscular, reinforced, robust, rugged, secure, sinewy, solid, sound, stable, stalwart, stark, staunch, steady, stout, strapping, sturdy, substantial, tenacious, tough, unyielding, vigorous, well-built, well-founded, well-made; **CONCEPTS 314,489,540** —*Ant.* feeble, infirm, unhealthy, unpowerful, weak

**strong** [*adj2*] *determined, resolute* aggressive, brave, clear, cogent, courageous, dedicated, deep, eager, fervent, fervid, fierce, firm, forceful, gutsy\*, handfuf\*, hard-nosed\*, independent, intelligent, intense, iron-willed, keen, mean, perceptive, plucky, potent, pushy, resilient, resourceful, sagacious, self-assertive, severe, staunch, steadfast, take charge\*, tenacious, tough, unbending, uncompromising, unyielding, vehement, violent, wicked\*, zealous; **CONCEPTS 403,542** —*Ant.* agreeable, complacent, easy-going, irresolute, laid-back, uncaring, weak

**strong** [*adj3*] *distinct, unmistakable* clear, clear-cut, cogent, compelling, convincing, effective, fast, firm, forceful, formidable, great, hard, influential, marked, mighty, overpowering, persuasive, potent, powerful, redoubtable, secure, sharp, sound, stiff, stimulating, telling, trenchant, urgent, weighty, well-established, well-founded; **CONCEPTS 535,537** —*Ant.* indistinct, mistakable, obscure, vague

**strong** [*adj4*] *extreme* acute, draconian, drastic, forceful, intense, keen, severe, sharp, strict; **CONCEPT 569** —*Ant.* mild, moderate

**strong** [*adj5*] *forceful on the senses* biting, bold, bright, brilliant, concentrated, dazzling, effective, fetid, full-bodied, glaring, hard, heady, high, highly flavored, highly seasoned, hot, inebriating, intoxicating, loud, malodorous, noisome, piquant, potent, powerful, pungent, pure, rancid, rank, rich, robust, sharp, spicy, stark, stimulating, stinking, straight, strong-flavored, undiluted, unmixed; **CONCEPTS 462,598,618** —*Ant.* delicate, low, mild, moderate, pale, soft

**stronghold** [*n*] *refuge* bastion, bulwark, castle, citadel, fastness, fort, fortification, fortress, garrison, keep, presidio, redoubt; **CONCEPTS 439,712**

**structure** [*n1*] *makeup, form* anatomy, architecture, arrangement, build, complex, configuration, conformation, construction, design, fabric, fabrication, format, formation, frame, framework, interrelation, make, morphology, network, order, organization, skeleton, system, texture; **CONCEPT 733**

**structure** [*n2*] *building* cage, construction, edifice, erection, fabric, house, pile, pile of bricks\*, rockpile, skyscraper; **CONCEPT 439**

**struggle** [*n*] *hard try; fight to win* attempt,

battle, brush, clash, combat, conflict, contest, effort, encounter, endeavor, essay, exertion, free-for-all\*, grind, hassle, jam, jump, labor, long haul\*, pains\*, roughhouse\*, row, scramble, set-to\*, skirmish, strife, striving, toil, trial, tussle, undertaking, work, wrangle; **CONCEPTS 87,106,674** —*Ant.* giving in

**struggle** [*v1*] *labor, work* assay, attempt, bend over backwards\*, break one's back\*, break one's neck\*, cope, dig, endeavor, exert oneself, give it one's best shot\*, give the old college try\*, go all out\*, grind, hassle, have one's nose to grindstone\*, hustle, make every effort\*, offer, plug, plug away\*, scratch, seek, slave, strain, strive, sweat, tackle, take a crack\*, take a stab\*, take on, toil, try, try one's hardest\*, undertake, work like a dog\*; **CONCEPT 87** —*Ant.* idle, laze, rest

**struggle** [*v2*] *fight, wrestle* battle, brawl, buck, bump heads\*, compete, contend, contest, cross swords\*, go up against\*, grapple, hassle, lock horns\*, put up a fight\*, romp, rough-house\*, row, scrap, scuffle, shuffle, slug, smack, tangle; **CONCEPT 106** —*Ant.* surrender, yield

**strumpet** [*n*] *prostitute* call girl\*, harlot, hooker, hussy, lady of the evening\*, slut, streetwalker, whore, woman of the street\*; **CONCEPT 412**

**strut** [*v*] *walk pompously* flaunt, flounce, grandstand\*, mince, parade, peacock\*, play to audience, prance, put on airs\*, sashay\*, show off, stalk, stride, swagger, swank, sweep; **CONCEPTS 149,261**

**stub** [*n*] *stumpy end* butt, counterfoil, snag, remainder, remnant, root, short end\*, dock, stump, tag, tail, tail end\*; **CONCEPTS 825,827**

**stubborn** [*adj*] *obstinate, unyielding* adamant, balky, bullheaded, cantankerous, contumacious, cussed\*, determined, dogged, firm, fixed, hard-headed, headstrong, inextorable, inflexible, insubordinate, intractable, mulish, obdurate, opinionated, ornery\*, persevering, persistent, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded\*, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, relentless, rigid, self-willed, set in one's ways\*, single-minded, steadfast, stiff-necked\*, tenacious, tough, unbending, unmanageable, unreasonable, unshakable, untoward, willful; **CONCEPTS 401,404** —*Ant.* broad-minded, complacent, compliant, giving, willing, yielding

**stubby** [*adj*] *short and thick* fat, heavysset, squat, stocky, stout, stumpy, thick-bodied, thickset; **CONCEPTS 491,773,779** —*Ant.* lanky, long, thin

**stuck-up** [*adj*] *snobbish* arrogant, big-headed, cocky, conceited, condescending, egotistic, haughty, high-and-mighty\*, hoity-toity, nose in the air\*, ostentatious, patronizing, pompous, pretentious, puffed up, snippy\*, snooty\*, snotty\*, too big for one's britches\*, uppity\*, vain; **CONCEPT 401**

**student** [*n*] *person actively learning* apprentice, disciple, docent, first-year student, grad, graduate, junior, learner, novice, observer, pupil, registrant, scholar, schoolchild, skill, sophomore, undergrad\*, undergraduate; **CONCEPT 350** —*Ant.* professor, teacher

**studied** [*adj*] *intentional* advised, affected, aforethought, calculated, conscious, considered,



deliberate, designed, examined, gone into, investigated, planned, plotted, premeditated, prepared, prepen, purposeful, reviewed, studious, thought-about, thoughtful, thought-out, thought-through, voluntary, well-considered, willful, willing; CONCEPTS 538,548 —*Ant.* natural, spontaneous, unintentional, unplanned

**studious** [adj] *scholarly, attentive* academic, assiduous, bookish\*, bookworm\*, busy, careful, contemplative, diligent, eager, earnest, grubbing, hard-working, industrious, intellectual, learned, lettered, meditative, reflective, sedulous, serious, thoughtful, well-informed, well-read; CONCEPTS 402,538 —*Ant.* ignorant, inattentive, lazy, unscholarly

**study** [n] *learning, analysis* abstraction, academic work, analyzing, application, attention, class, cogitation, comparison, concentration, consideration, contemplation, course, cramming, debate, deliberation, examination, exercise, inquiry, inspection, investigation, lesson, meditation, memorizing, muse, musing, pondering, questioning, reading, reasoning, reflection, research, reverie, review, rumination, schoolwork, scrutiny, subject, survey, thought, trance, weighing; CONCEPTS 31,103

**study** [v1] *contemplate, learn* apply oneself, bone up\*, brood over, burn midnight oil\*, bury oneself in\*, coach, cogitate, consider, crack the books\*, cram, dig\*, dive into\*, examine, excogitate, go into, go over, grind\*, hit the books\*, inquire, learn, learn the ropes\*, lucubrate, meditate, mind, mull over, perpend, peruse, plug\*, plunge, polish up\*, ponder, pore over\*, read, read up, refresh, think, think out, think over, tutor, weigh; CONCEPT 31 —*Ant.* forget, ignore, neglect

**study** [v2] *examine, analyze* brainstorm\*, canvass, case, check out, check over, check up, compare, deliberate, do research, figure, give the eagle eye\*, inspect, investigate, keep tabs\*, look into, peruse, read, research, scope, scrutinize, sort out, survey, view; CONCEPT 103

**stuff** [n1] *personal belongings* being, effects, equipment, gear, goods, impedimenta, individual, junk\*, kit, luggage, objects, paraphernalia, possessions, substance, tackle, things, trappings; CONCEPTS 432,446

**stuff** [n2] *essence, substance* bottom, bottom line\*, essentiality, heart, marrow\*, matter, meat\*, nitty-gritty\*, nuts and bolts\*, pith, principle, quintessence, soul, staple, virtuality; CONCEPTS 668,682

**stuff** [n3] *fabric* cloth, material, raw material, textile, woven material; CONCEPT 167

**stuff** [v] *load with* choke up, clog up, compress, congest, cram, crowd, fill, fill to overflowing, fill to the brim, force, glut, gobble, gorge, gormandize, guzzle, jam, jam-pack\*, overflow, overindulge, overstuff, pack, pad, push, ram, sate, satiate, shove, squeeze, stow, wad, wedge; CONCEPTS 169,209 —*Ant.* unload, unstuff

**stuffed** [adj] *crammed* bursting, crowded, filled, full, glutted, gorged, jammed, jam-packed\*, loaded, overflowing, packed, packed like sardines\*, running over, satisfied, saturated, tight; CONCEPTS 481,483,773,774,786

**stuffy** [adj1] *close, oppressive* airless, breathless, confined, fetid, heavy, humid, muggy,

stagnant, stale, stifling, suffocating, sultry, thick, unventilated; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* airy, breezy, open, ventilated

**stuffy** [adj2] *old-fashioned, prim* arrogant, bloated, conventional, dreary, dull, fusty, genteel, humorless, important, magisterial, musty, narrow-minded, pompous, priggish, prim and proper\*, prissy, prudish, puffy, puritanical, self-important, staid, stifled, stodgy, straitlaced\*, uninteresting, Victorian\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* current, informal, modern, new

**stumble** [v1] *slip, stagger* blunder, bumble, careen, err, fall, fall down, falter, flounder, hesitate, limp, lose balance, lumber, lurch, muddle, pitch, reel, shuffle, stammer, swing, tilt, topple, totter, trip, wallow, waver, wobble; CONCEPTS 101,181

**stumble** [v2] *happen upon* blunder upon\*, bump, chance, chance upon\*, come across, come up against, discover, encounter, fall upon, find, hit, light, light upon\*, luck\*, meet, run across, stub toe on\*, tumble, turn up; CONCEPTS 183,693 —*Ant.* lose, overlook

**stumbling block** [n] *impediment* barricade, barrier, blockage, catch\*, Catch-22\*, clog, delay, difficulty, drag\*, drawback, handicap, hindrance, holdup, hurdle, obstacle, obstruction, road block\*, setback, snag; CONCEPT 666

**stump** [n] *end piece* butt, end, projection, stub, tail end, tip; CONCEPTS 825,827

**stump** [v1] *confuse, bewilder* baffle, bring up short, confound, dumbfound, foil, mystify, nonplus, outwit, perplex, puzzle, stagger, stick, stop, stymie; CONCEPT 16 —*Ant.* explain, explicate, help

**stump** [v2] *walk with deliberation* barge, clomp, clump, galumph, lumber, plod, stamp, stomp, stumble, trudge; CONCEPT 149

**stunned** [adj] *dazed* aghast, amazed, astonished, astounded, bewildered, blown away\*, bowled over\*, breathless, confounded, confused, dismayed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, floored, frozen, numb, overcome, overwhelmed, shocked, speechless, startled, stumped, stupefied, surprised, taken aback; CONCEPT 403

**stunning** [adj] *beautiful, marvelous* beautiful, bonny, brilliant, comely, dazzling, devastating, excellent, fair, famous, fine, first-class\*, first-rate\*, gorgeous, great, handsome, heavenly, impressive, lovely, number one\*, out of this world\*, pretty, ravishing, remarkable, royal, sensational, smashing, spectacular, striking, superior, top, wonderful; CONCEPTS 574,579 —*Ant.* homely, ugly

**stun/stupefy** [v] *amaze, shock* astonish, astound, bemuse, bewilder, blow away\*, bowl over\*, confound, confuse, daze, dumbfound, flabbergast, floor\*, fog\*, give a turn\*, hit like ton of bricks\*, knock out\*, knock over\*, knock unconscious, muddle, overcome, overpower, overwhelm, paralyze, petrify, rock\*, shake up\*, stagger, strike dumb\*, surprise, take breath away\*, throw a curve\*; CONCEPT 42 —*Ant.* expect

**stunt** [n] *deed, trick* achievement, act, antic, caper, exploit, feat, feature, performance, sketch, skit, tour de force; CONCEPTS 264,384

**stunted** [*adj*] *kept from growing* bantam, diminutive, dwarf, dwarfed, dwarfish, half-pint\*, little, measly, mite, peanut\*, peewee\*, pint-sized\*, runted, runtish, runty, scrub, short, shot, shrimp\*, small, small fry\*, tiny, undergrown, undersized, wee\*, yea big\*, yea high\*; CONCEPTS 773,779 —*Ant.* developing, growing

**stupefied** [*adj*] *dazed* amazed, astonished, astounded, bewildered, blown away\*, bowled over\*, breathless, confounded, confused, dismayed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, floored, frozen, numb, overcome, overwhelmed, puzzled, shocked, speechless, startled, stumped, stunned, surprised, taken aback; CONCEPT 403

**stupendous** [*adj*] *wonderful, amazing* astonishing, astounding, breathtaking, colossal, dynamite, enormous, fab\*, fabulous, fantastic, fat\*, gigantic, great, huge, marvelous, mind-blowing\*, mind-boggling\*, miraculous, monster, monumental, overwhelming, phenomenal, prodigious, radical\*, smashing, spectacular, staggering, stunning, super, superb, surprising, terrific, titanic, too much\*, tremendous, unreal\*, utmost\*, vast, wondrous; CONCEPTS 574,781

—*Ant.* terrible, unimportant, unimpressive  
**stupid** [*adj*] *not intelligent; irresponsible* brainless, dazed, deficient, dense, dim, doltish, dopey\*, dull, dumb, dummy\*, foolish, futile, gullible, half-baked\*, half-witted\*, idiotic, ill-advised, imbecilic, inane, indiscreet, insensate, irrelevant, laughable, loser\*, ludicrous, meaningless, mindless, moronic, naive, nonsensical, obtuse, out to lunch\*, pointless, puerile, rash, senseless, shortsighted, simple, simpleminded, slow, sluggish, stolid, stupefied, thick, thick-headed\*, trivial, unintelligent, unthinking, witless; CONCEPTS 402,548 —*Ant.* cognizant, intelligent, responsible, smart

**stupor** [*n*] *daze, unconsciousness* amazement, anesthesia, apathy, asphyxia, bewilderment, coma, dullness, fainting, hebeticude, hypnosis, inertia, inertness, insensibility, languor, lassitude, lethargy, narcosis, numbness, petrification, sleep, slumber, somnolence, sopor, stupefaction, suspended animation, swoon, swooning, torpor, trance; CONCEPTS 315,316 —*Ant.* consciousness, sensibility

**sturdy** [*adj*] *solid, durable* athletic, built to last\*, bulky, determined, firm, flourishing, hardy, hearty, hefty, hulking, husky, lusty, muscular, powerful, powerhouse\*, resolute, robust, rugged, secure, sound, stalwart, staunch, steadfast, stiff, stout, stouthearted, strapping, strong, strong-arm\*, substantial, tenacious, tough, unyielding, vigorous, well-built, well-made; CONCEPTS 314,488,489

—*Ant.* unstable, weak, wobbly

**stutter** [*v*] *speak haltingly* dribble, falter, hesitate, splutter, sputter, stammer, stumble; CONCEPT 77 —*Ant.* continue

**style** [*n1*] *fashion, manner* appearance, approach, bearing, behavior, carriage, characteristic, cup of tea\*, custom, cut\*, description, design, druthers\*, flash\*, form, genre, groove\*, habit, hand, idiosyncrasy, kind, method, mode, number, pattern, peculiarity, rage\*, sort, spirit, strain, technique, tenor, thing\*, tone, trait, trend, type, variety, vein, vogue, way; CONCEPT 411

**style** [*n2*] *fashionableness* chichi\*, comfort, cosmopolitanism, craze, dash, delicacy, dernier cri, dressiness, ease, élan, elegance, fad, flair, grace, grandeur, luxury, mode, panache, polish, rage, refinement, savoir-faire, smartness, sophistication, stylishness, taste, thing\*, urbanity, vogue; CONCEPTS 655,668 —*Ant.* unstylishness

**style** [*n3*] *way of speaking, writing, expressing oneself* diction, expression, mode of expression, phraseology, phrasing, treatment, turn of phrase\*, vein, wording; CONCEPT 276

**style** [*v*] *name, title* address, baptize, call, christen, denominate, designate, dub, entitle, label, term; CONCEPT 62

**stylish** [*adj*] *fashionable* a la mode\*, beautiful, chic, chichi\*, classy, dap, dapper, dashing, dressed to kill\*, dressed to the teeth\*, dressy, fly\*, groovy\*, high-class\*, in, in fashion, in the mainstream\*, in vogue, jazzy\*, latest, mod\*, modernistic, new, nifty, now\*, ostentatious, polished, pretentious, rakish, ritzy, sassy\*, sharp, showy, sleek, slick\*, smart, snappy\*, snazzy\*, swank\*, swell, tony\*, trendy, upscale, up-to-date, uptown, urbane, vogueish; CONCEPTS 579,589 —*Ant.* old-fashioned, unfashionable, unstylish

**stymie** [*v*] *frustrate, hinder* balk, block, choke off, confound, corner, crab\*, cramp, cramp one's style\*, crimp, cut off, dead-end\*, defeat, foil, give the run around\*, hang fire\*, hang up\*, hold off, hold up, impede, mystify, nonplus, obstruct, pigeonhole\*, prevent, put on back burner\*, put on hold, puzzle, shelve, snooker\*, stall, stonewall\*, stump, throw a monkey wrench into\*, thwart; CONCEPTS 121,130

—*Ant.* aid, assist, encourage, help

**suave** [*adj*] *charming, smooth* affable, agreeable, bland, civilized, cordial, courteous, courtly, cultivated, cultured, diplomatic, distingué, fulsome, genial, glib, gracious, ingratiating, obliging, oily\*, pleasant, pleasing, polished, polite, politic, refined, smooth-tongued\*, sociable, soft\*, soft-spoken, sophisticated, unctuous, urbane, well-bred, worldly; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* awkward, clumsy, unpolished, unsophisticated

**subconscious** [*adj*] *innermost in thought* hidden, inmost, inner, intuitive, latent, mental, repressed, subliminal, suppressed, unconscious; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* conscious, outer

**subconscious** [*n*] *inner thoughts* essence, mind, psyche, soul, subconsciousness, subliminal, subliminal self, submerged mind, underconsciousness, underense; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* conscious, consciousness

**subdivision** [*n*] *smaller entity of whole* class, community, development, group, lower group, minor group, subclass, subsidiary, tract; CONCEPTS 513,835 —*Ant.* whole

**subdue** [*v*] *keep under control; moderate* bear down, beat down, break, break in, check, conquer, control, crush, defeat, discipline, dominate, drop, extinguish, gentle, get the better of\*, get the upper hand\*, get under control, humble, mellow, overcome, overpower, overrun, put down, quash, quell, quench, quiet, quieten, reduce, repress, restrain, shut down, soften, squelch, subjugate, suppress, tame, temper, tone down, trample, triumph over, vanquish;

- CONCEPTS 121,130,252 —*Ant.* arouse, incite, release, rouse, start
- subdued** [*adj*] *quiet, controlled* chastened, crestfallen, dejected, dim, domestic, domesticated, downcast, down in the mouth\*, grave, hushed, inobtrusive, low-key\*, mellow\*, moderated, muted, neutral, out of spirits\*, repentant, repressed, restrained, sad, serious, shaded, sober, soft, softened, solemn, submissive, subtle, tasteful, tempered, toned down, unobtrusive; CONCEPTS 401,403,594 —*Ant.* aroused, boisterous, communicative, excited, roused, talkative, uncontrolled
- subject** [*adj*] *at the mercy of; answerable* accountable, apt, at one's feet\*, bound by, captive, collateral, conditional, contingent, controlled, dependent, directed, disposed, enslaved, exposed, governed, in danger of, inferior, liable, likely, obedient, open, prone, provisional, ruled, satellite, secondary, sensitive, servile, slavish, sub\*, subaltern, subjugated, submissive, subordinate, subservient, subtract, susceptible, tentative, tributary, under, vulnerable; CONCEPTS 552,575 —*Ant.* master
- subject** [*n1*] *issue, matter* affair, argument, business, case, chapter, class, core, course, discussion, field of reference, gist, head, idea, item, material, matter at hand, meat\*, motif, motion, motive, object, point, principal object, problem, proposal, question, resolution, study, subject matter, substance, text, theme, theorem, thesis, thought, topic; CONCEPTS 529,532,689
- subject** [*n2*] *one under authority of another* case, client, customer, dependent, guinea pig\*, liege, national, patient, serf, subordinate, vassal; CONCEPTS 413,423 —*Ant.* master
- subjective** [*adj*] *emotional; based on inner experience rather than fact* abstract, biased, fanciful, idiosyncratic, illusory, individual, instinctive, introspective, introverted, intuitive, nonobjective, nonrepresentative, personal, prejudiced, unobjective; CONCEPTS 529,542 —*Ant.* objective, unbiased, unemotional, unprejudiced
- subjugate** [*v*] *overpower, defeat* bear down, beat down, bring to heel\*, bring to knees\*, coerce, compel, conquer, crush, enslave, enthrall, force, hold sway, keep under thumb\*, kick around\*, overcome, overthrow, put down, quell, reduce, reel back in\*, rule, rule over, subdue, suppress, tame, triumph, vanquish; CONCEPTS 95,117,133 —*Ant.* free, liberate
- sublime** [*adj*] *great, magnificent* abstract, august, divine, dynamite, elevated, eminent, exalted, glorious, gorgeous, grand, heavenly, high, holy, ideal, imposing, lofty, majestic, noble, outrageous, proud, resplendent, sacred, spiritual, splendiferous, splendid, stately, super, superb, the most\*, too much\*, transcendent, transcendental; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* lowly, poor, secondary, second-rate
- submarine** [*n1*] *sub* nuclear submarine, submersible, U-boat, underwater craft, underwater robot; CONCEPT 506
- submarine** [*n2*] *sandwich* grinder, hero, hoagie, sub\*, torpedo; CONCEPTS 457,460,461
- submerge** [*v*] *dunk in liquid* deluge, descend, dip, douse, drench, drown, duck, engulf, flood, go down, go under, immerse, impregnate, inundate, overflow, overwhelm, plunge, sink, sound, souse, submerge, subside, swamp, whelm; CONCEPTS 181,256 —*Ant.* dry, surface
- submission** [*n*] *compliance* acquiescence, appeasement, assent, backing down, bowing, capitulation, cringing, defeatism, deference, docility, giving in, humbleness, humility, malleability, meekness, nonresistance, obedience, passivity, pliability, prostration, recreancy, resignation, servility, subjection, submissiveness, submitting, surrender, tractability, unassertiveness, yielding; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* fight, resistance
- submissive** [*adj*] *compliant* abject, accommodating, acquiescent, amenable, bowing down, comfortable, complying, deferential, docile, domesticated, dutiful, giving-in\*, humble, ingratiating, lowly, malleable, meek, menial, nonresistant, nonresisting, obedient, obeisant, obeying, obsequious, passive, patient, pliable, pliant, resigned, servile, slavish, subdued, tame, tractable, uncomplaining, unresisting, yes\*, yielding; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* disobedient, fighting, intractable, resistant, unyielding
- submit** [*v1*] *comply, endure* abide, accede, acknowledge, acquiesce, agree, appease, bend, be submissive, bow, buckle, capitulate, cave, cede, concede, defer, eat crow\*, fold, give away, give ground, give in, give way, go with the flow\*, grin and bear it\*, humor, indulge, knuckle, knuckle under\*, kowtow\*, lay down arms, obey, put up with, quit, relent, relinquish, resign oneself, say uncle\*, stoop, succumb, surrender, throw in the towel\*, toe the line\*, tolerate, truckle, withstand, yield; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* disobey, fight, resist
- submit** [*v2*] *present, offer; argue for* advance, advise, affirm, argue, assert, claim, commit, contend, hand in, make a pitch\*, move, proffer, propose, proposition, propound, put, put forward, refer, state, suggest, table, tender, theorize, urge, volunteer; CONCEPT 66 —*Ant.* conceal, dissuade, hide
- subordinate** [*adj*] *lesser, supplementary* accessory, adjuvant, ancillary, auxiliary, baser, below par, collateral, contributory, dependent, inferior, insignificant, junior, low, lower, minor, paltry, satellite, secondary, second-fiddle\*, second-string\*, smaller, sub, subaltern, subalternate, subject, submissive, subnormal, subservient, subsidiary, subtract, tributary, under, underaverage, unequal; CONCEPT 575 —*Ant.* chief, important, major, necessary, superior, vital
- subordinate** [*n*] *person that serves another* aide, assistant, attendant, dependent, deputy, flunky\*, gofer\*, helper, inferior, junior, peon, poor relation\*, scrub\*, second, second fiddle\*, second string\*, serf, servant, slave, subaltern, third string\*, underling; CONCEPTS 348,423 —*Ant.* boss, chief, leader, major, manager, master, superior
- subpoena** [*n*] *writ* command, court order, decree, mandate, summons, warrant, written order; CONCEPT 318
- subpoena** [*v*] *issue a writ* cite, order to testify, serve a court order, serve notice, summon; CONCEPT 318
- subscribe** [*v1*] *pay for use; contribute* advocate, ante up\*, buy, chip in\*, come through\*, consent, donate, do one's part\*, endorse, enroll,

give, grant, ink\*, make a deal\*, offer, pitch in\*, pledge, promise, put up\*, register, second, set, sign, signature, sign up\*, support; CONCEPTS 129,341

**subscribe** [v2] *agree* accede, acquiesce, advocate, approve, assent, autograph\*, back, bless, boost, consent, cosign, countenance, ditto\*, endorse, favor, get behind\*, give stamp of approval\* give the go-ahead\*, go along with\*, hold with\*, ink\*, obey, okay\*, put John Hancock on\*, rubber-stamp\*, sanction, sign, signature, support, take, undersign, underwrite, yes\*; CONCEPTS 10,50,88 —*Ant.* disagree

**subsequent** [adj] *after* consecutive, consequent, consequential, ensuing, following, later, next, posterior, postliminary, proximate, resultant, resulting, sequent, sequential, serial, subsequent, succeeding, successional, successive; CONCEPTS 585,820 —*Ant.* antecedent, earlier, former, previous, prior

**subsequently** [adv] *afterward* after, afterwards, after while, at a later date, behind, by and by, consequently, finally, infra, in the aftermath, in the end, later, latterly, next; CONCEPTS 585,820 —*Ant.* earlier, former, prior

**subservient** [adj1] *extremely compliant* abject, acquiescent, a slave to\*, at one's beck and call\*, at one's mercy\*, bootlicking, cowering, cringing, dancing, deferential, docile, fawning, ignoble, inferior, in one's clutches\*, in one's pocket\*, in one's power\*, mean, menial, obeisant, obsequious, resigned, servile, slavish, subject, submissive, sycophantic, under one's thumb\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* controlling, domineering

**subservient** [adj2] *secondary, useful* accessory, adjuvant, ancillary, appurtenant, auxiliary, bush-league\*, collateral, conducive, contributory, flunky, helpful, inferior, instrumental, minor, serviceable, subordinate, subsidiary, supplemental, supplementary; CONCEPTS 560,575 —*Ant.* unhelpful, unnecessary, useless

**subside** [v] *die down; decrease* abate, cave in, collapse, decline, de-escalate, descend, die away, diminish, drop, dwindle, ease, ease off, ebb, fall, let up, level off, lower, lull, melt, moderate, peter out\*, quieten, recede, settle, sink, slacken, taper, wane; CONCEPTS 181,698,776 —*Ant.* grow, increase, rise

**subsidiary** [adj] *secondary, helpful* accessory, adjuvant, aiding, ancillary, appurtenant, assistant, assisting, auxiliary, backup, branch, collateral, contributory, cooperative, lesser, minor, serviceable, subject, subordinate, subservient, supplemental, supplementary, tributary, useful; CONCEPTS 560,575 —*Ant.* chief, important, necessary

**subsidize** [v] *give money to get started* angel\*, back, bankroll\*, contribute, endow, finance, fund, grubstake\*, help, juice\*, pick up the check\*, pick up the tab\*, prime the pump\*, promote, put up the money for, sponsor, stake, support, underwrite; CONCEPTS 110,341

**subsidiy** [n] *money given to help another* aid, alimony, allowance, appropriation, assistance, bequest, bonus, bounty, contribution, endowment, fellowship, financial aid, gift, grant, gratuity, help, honorarium, indemnity, payment, pension, premium, reward, scholarship,

subsidization, subvention, support, tribute;

CONCEPTS 337,344

**subsist** [v] *keep going, living* barely exist\*, be, breathe, continue, eke out a living\*, eke out an existence\*, endure, exist, get along\*, get by\*, hang in\*, hang on\*, hang tough\*, just make it\*, last, live, make ends meet\*, make it\*, manage, move, remain, remain alive, ride out\*, scrape by\*, stay alive, stick it out\*, stick with it\*, survive, sustain; CONCEPTS 23,330,407

**subsistence** [n] *provisions for survival* affluence, aliment, alimention, bread\*, bread and butter\*, capital, circumstances, competence, earnings, existence, food, fortune, gratuity, income, independence, keep, legacy, livelihood, living, maintenance, means, money, necessities, nurture, pension, property, provision, ration, resources, riches, salary, salt\*, substance, support, sustenance, upkeep, victuals, wages, wealth, wherewithal; CONCEPTS 446,457,646,710

**substance** [n1] *entity, element* actuality, animal, being, body, bulk, concreteness, core, corpus, fabric, force, hunk, individual, item, mass, material, matter, object, person, phenomenon, reality, something, staple, stuff, texture, thing; CONCEPTS 433,478,523

**substance** [n2] *essence, meaning* ABCs\*, amount, basis, body, bottom, bottom line\*, brass tacks\*, burden, center, core, corpus, crux, drift, effect, essentiality, focus, general meaning, gist, gravamen, guts\*, heart, import, innards, kernel, marrow, mass, matter, meat\*, name of the game\*, nitty-gritty\*, nub, nuts and bolts\*, pith, point, purport, quintessence, sense, significance, soul, staple, strength, stuff, subject, sum total\*, tenor, theme, thrust, upshot, virtuality, way of it\*; CONCEPTS 682,689

**substance** [n3] *wealth* affluence, assets, estate, fortune, means, property, resources, riches, worth; CONCEPT 335 —*Ant.* poverty

**substance abuse** [n] *chemical abuse* addiction, alcoholic addiction, alcoholism, drug abuse, drug dependence, habit; CONCEPTS 20,316,709

**substandard** [adj] *inferior* bad, base, below average, below par, below standard, cheap, inadequate, junk\*, lemon\*, lousy, low-grade, poor, second-rate, shoddy, subpar, unacceptable; CONCEPT 574

**substantial** [adj1] *important, ample* abundant, big, big-deal\*, bulky, consequential, considerable, durable, extraordinary, firm, generous, goodly, heavy, heavyweight, hefty, key, large, major-league\*, massive, material, meaningful, momentous, plentiful, principal, serious, significant, sizable, solid, sound, stable, steady, stout, strong, sturdy, superabundant, tidy, valuable, vast, weighty, well-built, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 568,773,781 —*Ant.* insignificant, little, minor, small, unimportant, unsubstantial

**substantial** [adj2] *material, real* actual, card-carrying\*, concrete, corporeal, existent, for real\*, honest-to-god\*, legit\*, objective, phenomenal, physical, positive, righteous, sensible, solid, sure enough\*, tangible, true, twenty-four-carat\*, valid, visible, weighty; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* ethereal, mental, spiritual

**substantial** [adj3] *rich* affluent, comfortable, easy, opulent, prosperous, snug, solid, solvent,

wealthy, well, well-heeled, well-off, well-to-do; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* impoverished, poor

**substantially** [*adv*] *to a large extent* considerably, essentially, extensively, heavily, in essence, in fact, in reality, in substance, in the main, largely, mainly, materially, much, really; CONCEPTS 569,772 —*Ant.* insignificantly, slightly

**substantiate** [*v*] *back up a statement, idea* actualize, affirm, approve, attest to, authenticate, bear out, check out, check up, complete, confirm, corroborate, debunk, demonstrate, establish, incarnate, justify, manifest, materialize, objectify, personify, prove, ratify, realize, reify, support, test, try, try on, try out, validate, verify; CONCEPTS 49,138,317 —*Ant.* break, disprove

**substitute** [*adj*] *alternative* acting, additional, alternate, another, artificial, backup, counterfeit, dummy, ersatz\*, experimental, false, imitation, makeshift, mock, near, other, provisional, proxy, pseudo\*, replacement, representative, reserve, second, sham, simulated, spurious, stopgap\*, substitutive, supplemental, supplementary, supposititious, surrogate, symbolic, temporary, tentative, vicarial, vicarious; CONCEPTS 560,575

**substitute** [*n*] *someone or something that takes the place of another* agent, alternate, assistant, auxiliary, backup, changeling, delegate, deputy, dernier ressort\*, double, dummy, equivalent, expediency, expedient, fill-in, ghost, ghost writer, locum, locum tenens, makeshift, pinch-hitter\*, procurator, proxy, recourse, refuge, relay, relief, replacement, representative, reserve, resort, resource, standby, stand-in, stopgap\*, sub\*, succedaneum, successor, supplanter, supply, surrogate, symbol, temp\*, temporary, temporary expedient, understudy, vicar; CONCEPTS 423,712 —*Ant.* permanent

**substitute** [*v*] *interchange, exchange* act for, alternate, answer for, back up, be in place of, change, commute, cover for, deputize, displace, do the work of, double for, fill in for, fill one's position, go as, proxy, relieve, replace, serve in one's stead, spell, stand for, stand in for, sub\*, supersede, supplant, swap, swap places with\*, switch, take another's place, take over; CONCEPTS 87,104

**subterranean** [*adj*] *hidden, underground* below ground, buried, covered, covert, hush-hush\*, on the QT\*, private, secret, subterranean, subversive, sunken, underfoot, under wraps\*; CONCEPT 583

**subtle** [*adj*1] *nice, quiet, delicate* attenuate, attenuated, deep, discriminating, ethereal, exquisite, faint, fine, finespun, hairline, hairsplitting, illusive, implied, inconspicuous, indirect, indistinct, inferred, ingenious, insinuated, mental, penetrating, profound, refined, slight, sophisticated, suggestive, tenuous, thin, understated; CONCEPTS 537,544 —*Ant.* hard, harsh, noisy, unsubtle

**subtle** [*adj*2] *clever, cunning* analytic, analytical, artful, astute, complex, crafty, deep, designing, detailed, devious, dexterous, exacting, foxy, guileful, insidious, intriguing, keen, penetrating, perceptive, precise, ratiocinative, scheming, shrewd, skillful, sly, wily; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* forthright, honest, open

**subtract** [*v*] *take away* decrease, deduct, detract, diminish, discount, draw back, knock off, remove, take, take from, take off, take out, withdraw, withhold; CONCEPTS 211,764 —*Ant.* add

**suburb** [*n*] *neighborhood outside of but reliant on nearby large city* bedroom community\*, burb\*, country, countryside, environs, fringe, hamlet, hinterland, outlying area, outpost, outskirts, precinct, purlieu, residential area, slub, suburbia, village; CONCEPTS 508,512 —*Ant.* center, metropolis

**subversive** [*adj*] *rebellious, destructive* incendiary, inflammatory, insurgent, insurrectionary, overthrowing, pervasive, riotous, ruinous, seditious, treasonous, underground, undermining; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* loyal, obedient

**subvert** [*v*] *rebel, destroy* capsize, contaminate, corrupt, debase, defeat, demolish, deprave, depress, extinguish, invalidate, invert, level, overthrow, overturn, pervert, poison, pull down, raze, reverse, ruin, sabotage, supersede, supplant, suppress, topple, tumble, undermine, upset, vitiate, wreck; CONCEPTS 86,95,252 —*Ant.* be loyal, comply, obey, uphold

**succeed** [*v*1] *attain good outcome* accomplish, achieve, acquire, arrive, avail, benefit, be successful, carry off\*, come off\*, conquer, distance, do all right\*, do the trick\*, earn, flourish, fulfill, gain, get, get to the top\*, grow famous, hit\*, make a fortune\*, make good\*, make it\*, make out\*, obtain, outdistance, outwit, overcome, possess, prevail, profit, prosper, pull off\*, realize, reap, receive, recover, retrieve, score, secure, surmount, thrive, triumph, turn out\*, vanquish, win, work, worst; CONCEPTS 141,706 —*Ant.* fail

**succeed** [*v*2] *come after; take the place of* accede, assume, be subsequent, come into, come into possession, come next, displace, ensue, enter upon, follow, follow after, follow in order, go next, inherit, postdate, replace, result, supersede, supervene, supplant, take over; CONCEPTS 727,749,813 —*Ant.* precede

**succeeding/successive** [*adj*] *following* alternating, consecutive, ensuing, following after, in a row, in line, next, next in line for, next in order, next off, next up, rotating, sequent, sequential, serial, seriate, subsequent, sub-sequential, succedent, successive; CONCEPTS 585,811,812,818,820 —*Ant.* antecedent, antedating, preceding, previous

**success** [*n*] *favorable outcome* accomplishment, achievement, advance, arrival, ascendancy, attainment, bed of roses\*, benefit, big hit\*, boom\*, clover\*, consummation, do well, Easy Street\*, éclat, eminence, fame, flying colors\*, fortune, fruition, gain, good luck\*, good times\*, grand slam\*, gravy train\*, happiness, happy days\*, hit, killing, lap of luxury\*, laughter\*, maturation, profit, progress, prosperity, realization, reward, savvy, sensation, snap, strike, successfulness, triumph, victory, walkaway\*, walkover\*, win; CONCEPTS 693,706 —*Ant.* failure, loss

**successful** [*adj*] *favorable, profitable* acknowledged, advantageous, ahead of the game\*, at the top\*, at top of ladder\*, auspicious, bestselling, blooming, blossoming, booming,

champion, crowned, efficacious, extraordinary, flourishing, fortuitous, fortunate, fruitful, happy, lucky, lucrative, moneymaking, notable, noteworthy, on track\*, out in front\*, outstanding, paying, prosperous, rewarding, rolling, strong, thriving, top, triumphant, unbeaten, undefeated, victorious, wealthy; CONCEPT 528 —*Ant.* forfeiting, losing, unfavorable, unprofitable, unsuccessful

**successor** [*n*] *heir* beneficiary, descendant, follower, heritor, inheritor, next in line, replacement, scion; CONCEPTS 355,414

**succinct** [*adj*] *brief, to the point* blunt, boiled down\*, brevilouquent, brusque, compact, compendiary, compendious, concise, condensed, curt, cut to the bone\*, in a nutshell\*, in few words\*, laconic, pithy, short, summary, terse; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* lengthy, long-winded, wordy

**succulent** [*adj*] *juicy, delicious* divine, heavenly, luscious, lush, mellow, moist, mouthwatering, pulpy, rich, sappy, tasty, yummy\*; CONCEPTS 462,613 —*Ant.* dry, unjuicy

**succumb** [*v*] *die or surrender* accede, bow, break down, buckle, capitulate, cave, cave in\*, cease, collapse, croak, decessate, defer, demise, depart, drop, eat crow\*, expire, fall, fall victim to, flake out\*, fold, give in, give in to, give out, give up the ghost\*, give way, go, go down, go under, knuckle, knuckle under\*, meet Waterloo\*, pack it in\*, pass, pass away, perish, quit, show white flag\*, submit, take the count\*, throw in the towel\*, wilt, yield; CONCEPTS 35, 105,385 —*Ant.* conquer, create, overcome, win  
**such** [*adv/pron*] *aforementioned, specific* aforesaid, akin, alike, analogous, comparable, corresponding, equivalent, like, parallel, said, similar, such a one, such a person, such a thing, suchlike, that, the like, this; CONCEPT 557

**sudden** [*adj*] *unexpected; happening quickly* abrupt, accelerated, acute, expeditious, fast, flash, fleet, hasty, headlong, hurried, immediate, impetuous, impromptu, impulsive, out of the blue\*, precipitant, precipitate, precipitous, quick, quickened, rapid, rash, rushing, spasmodic, speeded, subito, swift, unforeseen, unusual; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* expected, slow

**suddenly** [*adv*] *unexpectedly* aback, abruptly, all at once, all of a sudden, asudden, forthwith, on spur of moment\*, quickly, short, sudden, swiftly, unanticipatedly, unaware, unawares, without warning; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* expectedly, slowly

**sue** [*v*] *bring legal charges against* accuse, appeal, beg, beseech, bring an action, charge, claim, claim damages, contest, demand, drag into court, enter a plea, entreat, file, file a claim, file suit, follow up, haul into court, have the law on, have up, indict, institute legal proceedings, litigate, petition, plead, prefer charges against, prosecute, pull up, put away, see in court, solicit, summon, supplicate, take out after, take to court; CONCEPT 317

**suffer** [*v*] *be in pain* ache, agonize, ail, be affected, be at disadvantage, be convulsed, be handicapped, be impaired, be racked, be wounded, brave, complain of, deteriorate, droop, endure, experience, fall off, feel wretched, flag, get, go through, grieve, have

a bad time\*, hurt, languish, pain, sicken, smart, undergo, writhe; CONCEPTS 308,313

—*Ant.* aid, alleviate, assist, comfort, help, relieve

**suffer** [*v*] *endure, permit* abide, accept, acquiesce, admit, allow, bear, bear with, bleed, bow, brave, brook, carry the torch\*, concede, countenance, encounter, experience, feel, go through, have, hurt, indulge, know, let, license, live with, put up with, receive, sanction, see, sit and take it, stand, stomach\*, submit, support, sustain, swallow\*, sweat\*, take\*, take it\*, tolerate, undergo, wait out, yield; CONCEPTS 23,83 —*Ant.* disallow, fight, refuse, reject

**suffering** [*n*] *pain, agony* adversity, affliction, anguish, difficulty, discomf, distress, dolor, hardship, martyrdom, misery, misfortune, ordeal, passion, torment, torture; CONCEPT 728 —*Ant.* happiness, health, joy

**suffice** [*v*] *be adequate, enough* answer, avail, be good enough, be sufficient, be the ticket\*, content, do, do the trick\*, fill the bill\*, get by, go over big\*, hack it\*, hit the spot\*, make a hit\*, make the grade\*, meet, meet requirement, satisfy, serve, suit; CONCEPT 713 —*Ant.* dissatisfy

**sufficient** [*adj*] *enough, adequate* acceptable, agreeable, all right\*, ample, aplenty, appreciate, comfortable, commensurable, commensurate, common, competent, copious, decent, due, galore, pleasing, plenteous, plentiful, plenty, proportionate, satisfactory, sufficing, tolerable, unexceptionable, unexceptional, unobjectionable; CONCEPTS 558,560,771 —*Ant.* deficient, inadequate, insufficient, lacking, poor, wanting

**suffocate** [*v*] *choke* asphyxiate, drown, smother, stifle, strangle; CONCEPTS 163,246 —*Ant.* free, let go, loose

**sugarcoat** [*v*] *sweeten* add sugar, add sweetening, alleviate, candy-coat, make more appealing, make sweet, mollify, pacify, soften up, soothe; CONCEPTS 7,22,170

**suggest** [*v*] *convey advice, plan, desire* advance, advise, advocate, broach, commend, conjecture, exhort, give a tip\*, move, offer, plug\*, pose, prefer, propose, propose, proposition, propound, put, put forward, put in two cents\*, put on to something\*, recommend, steer, submit, theorize, tip, tip off\*, tout; CONCEPT 75 —*Ant.* declare, demand, order, tell

**suggest** [*v*] *imply; bring to mind* adumbrate, advert, allude, be a sign of, connote, cross the mind, denote, evoke, hint, indicate, infer, insinuate, intimate, lead to believe, occur, point, point in direction of, promise, put in mind of, refer, represent, shadow, signify, symbolize, typify; CONCEPTS 74,682

**suggestion** [*n*] *advice, plan* advancement, angle, approach, bid, big idea\*, bit\*, brainchild\*, charge, commendation, exhortation, game plan\*, gimmick, hot lead\*, idea, injunction, instruction, invitation, lead, motion, opinion, outline, pitch, presentation, proffer, proposal, proposition, recommendation, reminder, resolution, scheme, setup, sneaking suspicion\*, steer\*, submission, telltale, tender, testimonial, thesis, tip, tip-off\*; CONCEPTS 278, 689 —*Ant.* declaration, demand, order, telling

**suggestion** [*n2*] *hint, implication* allusion, association, autosuggestion, breath, clue, connotation, cue, indication, inkling, innuendo, insinuation, intimation, notion, overtone, reminder, self-suggestion, shade, signification, smack, soupçon, strain, suspicion, symbol, symbolism, symbolization, symbology, telltale, thought, tinge, trace, undertone, vein, whisper, wind; CONCEPT 529

**suggestive** [*adj1*] *signifying* evocative, evocatory, expressive, giving an inkling\*, indicative, intriguing, pregnant, redolent, reminding, reminiscent, significant, symbolic, symptomatic; CONCEPTS 267,529 —*Ant.* meaningless, simple

**suggestive** [*adj2*] *dirty, vulgar* bawdy, blue\*, broad, erotic, immodest, improper, indecent, indelicate, obscene, off-color\*, provocative, prurient, racy, ribald, risqué, rude, seductive, sexy, shady, tempting, titillating, unseemly, wicked; CONCEPTS 372,545 —*Ant.* clean, moral, unprovocative

**suit** [*n1*] *matching top and bottom clothing* clothing, costume, dress, ensemble, getup\*, gray flannel\*, habit, livery, outfit, threads\*, tuxedo, uniform, wardrobe; CONCEPT 451

**suit** [*n2*] *legal action* case, cause, lawsuit, litigation, proceeding, prosecution, trial; CONCEPT 318

**suit** [*n3*] *appeal, request* address, application, asking, attention, court, courtship, entreaty, imploration, imprecation, invocation, petition, plea, prayer, requesting, solicitation, soliciting, supplication, wooing; CONCEPT 662 —*Ant.* demand, order

**suit** [*v1*] *be acceptable, appropriate* accord, agree, answer, answer a need, become, befit, benefit, be proper for, beseem, be seemly, check, check out, conform, correspond, cut the mustard\*, do, enhance, fill the bill\*, fit, fit in, flatter, fulfill, get by, go, go together, go with, gratify, harmonize, make the grade\*, match, pass muster\*, please, satisfy, serve, square, suffice, tally; CONCEPT 656 —*Ant.* disagree, displease, dissatisfy

**suit** [*v2*] *adapt, tailor* accommodate, adjust, amuse, change, conform, entertain, fashion, fill, fit, fit in, gratify, modify, please, proportion, quadrate, readjust, reconcile, revise, satisfy, tailor-make\*, toe the mark\*; CONCEPTS 126,697 —*Ant.* refuse, reject

**suitable** [*adj*] *appropriate, acceptable* advisable, applicable, apposite, apt, becoming, befitting, commodious, condign, convenient, copacetic, correct, cut out for\*, deserved, due, expedient, felicitous, fit, fitting, good, good enough\*, handy, happy, in character, in keeping\*, just, kosher\*, legit\*, meet, merited, nice, okay\*, opportune, peachy, pertinent, politic, presentable, proper, reasonable, relevant, requisite, right, righteous, rightful, satisfactory, seemly, sufficient, suited, swell, up to snuff\*, useful, user friendly; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* improper, inappropriate, irrelevant, unacceptable, unfitting, unsuitable

**suite** [*n1*] *set of rooms or furniture* apartment, array, batch, body, chambers, collection, flat, group, lodging, lot, parcel, rental, series, set, tenement; CONCEPTS 441,516

**suite** [*n2*] *entourage of people* array, attendants,

batch, body, clutch, cortege, court, escort, faculty, followers, group, lot, retainers, retinue, servants, set, staff, train; CONCEPT 417

**suite** [*n3*] *series* chain, concatenation, consecution, line, order, progression, row, scale, sequel, sequence, string, succession, train; CONCEPT 77

**suitor** [*n*] *person who desires another* admirer, beau, boyfriend, cavalier\*, courter, date, follower, girlfriend, lover, man, paramour, supplicant, swain, woman, wooer; CONCEPT 423

**sulk** [*v*] *pout* be down in the mouth\*, be in a huff\*, be morose, be out of sorts\*, be silent, brood, frown, gloom, glower, gripe, grouse, grump\*, look sullen, lower, moon\*, mope\*, scowl, take on; CONCEPTS 35,52 —*Ant.* be happy, grin, smile

**sulky** [*adj*] *sullen* brooding, cheerless, crabby\*, depressed, dismal, dour, fretful, frowning, gloomy, glum, gruff, grumpy\*, ill-humored, irritable, mean, moody, moping, morose, obstinate, ornery\*, pouting, pouty, sour, sourpussed\*, sulking, withdrawn; CONCEPT 403

**sullen** [*adj*] *brooding, upset* bad-tempered, cheerless, churlish, crabbed\*, crabby\*, cross, cynical, dismal, dour, dull, fretful, frowning, gloomy, glowering, glum, gruff, grumpy\*, heavy, hostile, ill-humored, inert, irritable, malevolent, malicious, malign, mean, moody, morose, obstinate, ornery\*, out of sorts\*, peevish, perverse, pessimistic, petulant, pouting, pouty, querulous, saturnine, silent, somber, sour, sourpussed\*, stubborn, sulking, sulky, surly, tenebrious, tenebrous, ugly, unsovable, uptight\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* bright, cheerful, grinning, happy

**sully** [*v*] *soil, stain* besmirch, blacken, blot, contaminate, corrupt, debase, debauch, defile, dirty, discolor, disgrace, dishonor, drag through the mud\*, make unclean, mark, smear, smudge, spot, taint, tar, tarnish; CONCEPTS 54,250,254

**sultry** [*adj1*] *hot and humid* baking, broiling, burning, close, hot, mucky, muggy, oppressive, red-hot\*, scorching, sizzling, smothering, soggy, sticky, stifling, stuffy, suffocating, sweltering, sweltry, torrid, wet; CONCEPTS 525, 605 —*Ant.* cool, dry

**sultry** [*adj2*] *sensuous* desirable, erotic, heavy\*, hot\*, lurid, passionate, provocative, seductive, sexy, steamy\*, voluptuous, X-rated\*; CONCEPT 372 —*Ant.* cold, cool, frigid, ugly, unappealing

**sum** [*n*] *total* aggregate, all, amount, body, bulk, entirety, entity, epitome, gross, integral, mass, quantity, reckoning, résumé, score, structure, summary, summation, sum total\*, synopsis, system, tally, totality, value, whole, works\*; worth; CONCEPTS 432,784,787 —*Ant.* fraction, part

**summarily** [*adv*] *without delay* arbitrarily, at short notice, expeditiously, forthwith, immediately, on the spot, peremptorily, promptly, readily, speedily, swiftly, without waste; CONCEPTS 544,799 —*Ant.* slowly

**summarize** [*v*] *give a rundown* abridge, abstract, boil down\*, cipher, compile, condense, cut, cut back, cut down, digest, encapsulate, epitomize, get to meat\*, give main points, inventory, outline, pare, précis, prune\*, put in a nutshell\*, recap\*, recapitulate, rehash\*, retrograde, review, run down\*, run through\*, shorten, skim, snip, sum, summate, sum up,

synopsise, trim; CONCEPTS 55,236,247

—*Ant.* break down

**summary** [adj] *concise, to the point* arbitrary, boiled down\*, brevilouquent, brief, compact, compacted, compendiary, compendious, condensed, cursory, curt, hasty, in a nutshell\*, laconic, perfunctory, pithy\*, recapped, rehased, run-down, run-through, short, short and sweet\*, succinct, terse; CONCEPTS 267,272 —*Ant.* lengthy, long, long-winded, unabridged, wordy

**summary** [n] *short statement of main points* abbreviation, abridgment, abstract, analysis, aperçu, brief, capitulation, case, compendium, condensation, conspectus, core, digest, epitome, essence, extract, inventory, long and short of it\*, nutshell\*, outline, pandect, précis, prospectus, recap\*, recapitulation, reduction, rehash\*, report, résumé, review, roundup, rundown, run-through, sense, skeleton\*, sketch, sum and substance\*, summing-up\*, survey, syllabus, synopsis, version, wrap-up\*; CONCEPT 283 —*Ant.* detail, dissertation, thesis

**summer** [n] *hot season of the year* daylight savings time\*, dog days\*, heat, midsummer, picnic days\*, riot time\*, summer solstice, summertime, summertime, sunny season, vacation; CONCEPT 814 —*Ant.* winter

**summit** [n] *top, crowning point* acme, apex, apogee, capstone, climax, crest, crown, culmination, head, height, max, meridian, most, peak, pinnacle, roof, vertex, zenith; CONCEPT 836 —*Ant.* base, bottom, nadir

**summon** [v] *call to a place* arouse, ask, assemble, beckon, beep, bid, call, call back, call for, call forth, call in, call into action, call together, call upon, charge, cite, command, conjure, convene, convoke, direct, draft, draw on, enjoin, gather, hail, invite, invoke, mobilize, motion, muster, order, petition, rally, recall, request, ring, rouse, send for, sign, signal, subpoena, toll; CONCEPT 53 —*Ant.* dismiss, send away

**sumptuous** [adj] *luxurious, splendid* awe-inspiring, beautiful, costly, dear, deluxe, elegant, expensive, extravagant, gorgeous, grand, grandiose, imposing, impressive, lavish, luscious, luxuriant, magnificent, opulent, out of this world, palatial, plush, pompous, posh, prodigal, profuse, rich, ritzy\*, splendidiferous, superb, swank\*, ultra\*, upholstered; CONCEPTS 334,485,574 —*Ant.* mean, poor, wanting

**sum up** [v] *form an opinion of; summarize* close, conclude, condense, digest, epitomize, estimate, examine, get the measure of, inventory, put in a nutshell\*, recapitulate, review, size up, sum, synopsis, total; CONCEPT 55

**sunder** [v] *separate, sever* break, break apart, break off, come apart, cut in two, detach, disconnect, disjoin, divide, part, rend, slice, split, split up, uncouple, undo, wedge apart; CONCEPT 135

**sundry** [adj] *miscellaneous* assorted, different, divers, manifold, many, quite a few, several, some, varied, various; CONCEPTS 564,772 —*Ant.* dissimilar, individual, single, singular

**sunken** [adj] *depressed, hollowed; submerged* buried, caved-in, concave, fallen-in, immersed, indented, recessed; CONCEPT 490

**sunny** [adj] *bright, clear* (referring to weather) brilliant, clarion, cloudless, fine, light, luminous,

pleasant, radiant, rainless, shining, shiny, summery, sunlit, sunshiny, unclouded, undarkened; CONCEPTS 525,617 —*Ant.* cloudy, gloomy, rainy, stormy

**sunny** [adj] *happy* beaming, blithe, buoyant, cheerful, cheery, chirpy, genial, joyful, light-hearted, lightsome, optimistic, pleasant, smiling, sunbeamy; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* gloomy, sorrowful, sullen, unhappy, upset

**sunrise** [n] *rise of sun above horizon* aurora, break of day\*, bright, cockcrow\*, dawn, dawning, daybreak, daylight, early bright\*, light, mom, morning, sunup; CONCEPT 810 —*Ant.* sunset

**sunscreen** [n] *sunblock* skin protection, sunblocker, sun cream, suntan lotion; CONCEPTS 466,467,468

**sunset** [n] *fall of sun below horizon* close of day, crepuscular light, dusk, eve, evening, eventide, gloaming, nightfall, sundown, twilight; CONCEPT 810 —*Ant.* sunrise

**super** [adj] *excellent* cool\*, divine, glorious, great, groovy\*, hot\*, incomparable, keen, magnificent, marvelous, matchless, neat, outstanding, peerless, sensational, smashing\*, superb, terrific, topnotch, wonderful; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* bad, inferior, poor, second-rate

**superabundance** [n] *overabundance* excess, glut, great quantity, more than enough, overflow, overmuch, oversupply, plenty, plethora, superfluity, surfeit, surplus, too much\*; CONCEPTS 767,787

**superb** [adj] *excellent, first-rate* admirable, august, best, breathtaking, choice, elegant, elevated, exalted, exquisite, fine, glorious, gorgeous, grand, great, lofty, magnificent, majestic, marvelous, matchless, noble, optimal, optimum, outstanding, peerless, prime, proud, resplendent, solid, splendid, splendidiferous, splendorous, standout, state-of-the-art\*, stunning, sublime, super, superior, superlative, unrivaled, very best; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* bad, inferior, poor, second-rate

**supercilious** [adj] *arrogant, stuck-up* bossy, cavalier, cocky\*, condescending, contemptuous, disdainful, egotistic, haughty, high-and-mighty\*, imperious, insolent, loud, nery\*, overbearing, patronizing, proud, putting on airs\*, scornful, snobby, superior, uppity\*, vain-glorious; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* humble, modest

**superficial** [adj] *without depth, detail* apparent, casual, cosmetic, cursory, depthless, desultory, empty, evident, exterior, external, flash, flimsy, frivolous, general, glib, half-baked\*, hasty, hurried, ignorant, inattentive, lightweight, nodding, one-dimensional\*, on the surface\*, ostensible, outward, partial, passing, perfunctory, peripheral, quick-fix\*, seeming, shallow, shoal, silly, sketchy, skin-deep\*, slapdash\*, slight, smatter, summary, surface, tip of the iceberg\*, trivial, uncritical, warped; CONCEPTS 557,777 —*Ant.* analytical, careful, deep, detailed, genuine, thorough

**superficially** [adv] *lightly; without care* apparently, at first glance, carelessly, casually, externally, extraneously, flimsily, frivolously, hastily, ignorantly, not profoundly, not thoroughly, once over lightly\*, on the surface\*, ostensibly, outwardly, partially, skim, to the



- casual eye\*; CONCEPTS 531,544 —*Ant.* carefully, deeply, thoroughly
- superfluous** [*adj*] *extra, unnecessary* abounding, de trop, dispensable, excess, excessive, exorbitant, expendable, extravagant, extreme, gratuitous, inessential, in excess, inordinate, lavish, leftover, needless, nonessential, overflowing, overmuch, pleonastic, profuse, redundant, remaining, residuary, spare, superabundant, supererogatory, superfluent, supernumerary, surplus, unasked, uncalled-for, unneeded, unrequired, unwanted, useless; CONCEPTS 546,560 —*Ant.* important, necessary, needed
- superintendent** [*n*] *person who oversees organization* administrator, boss, caretaker, chief, conductor, controller, curator, custodian, director, foreperson, governor, head, head person, inspector, manager, overseer, sitter, slave driver\*, straw boss\*, super\*, supervisor, zookeeper\*; CONCEPT 347
- superior** [*adj*1] *better, greater, higher; excellent* above, a cut above\*, admirable, capital, choice, dandy, deluxe, distinguished, exceeding, exceptional, exclusive, expert, famous, fine, finer, first-class, first-rate, first-string\*, five-star\*, good, good quality, grander, high-caliber, high-class, major, more advanced, more skillful, noteworthy, of higher rank, over, overlying, paramount, predominant, preferable, preferred, premium, prevailing, primary, remarkable, senior, superhuman, superincumbent, surpassing, unrivalled; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* bad, below, inferior, lower, minor, poor
- superior** [*adj*2] *arrogant, haughty* airy, bossy, cavalier, cocky\*, condescending, cool, disdainful, high-and-mighty\*, high-hat\*, insolent, lofty, overbearing, patronizing, pretentious, proud, snobbish, stuck-up\*, supercilious, uppity\*, upstage\*, wise-guy\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* humble, meek
- superior** [*n*] *person higher or highest in rank* boss, brass\*, CEO\*, chief, chieftain, director, elder, exec\*, executive, head, head honcho\*, heavyweight\*, higher-up\*, key player\*, leader, manager, principal, ruler, senior, supervisor, VIP\*; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* inferior, servant
- superiority** [*n*] *advantage, predominance* ahead, ascendancy, authority, better, bulge, dominance, edge, eminence, excellence, influence, lead, meliority, nobility, perfection, position, power, predominance, preeminence, preponderance, prestige, prevalence, pull, rank, spark, supremacy, top, transcendence, upper hand\*, vantage, victory, whip hand\*; CONCEPT 671 —*Ant.* disadvantage, inferiority, subservience
- superlative** [*adj*] *excellent, first-class* A-1\*, accomplished, all-time\*, best, capital, consummate, crack, effusive, exaggerated, excessive, extreme, finished, gilt-edge\*, greatest, highest, hundred-proof\*, inflated, magnificent, matchless, of highest order\*, optimum, outstanding, peerless, standout\*, superb, supreme, surpassing, tops\*, transcendent, unexcelled, unparalleled, unrivalled, unsurpassed, winning, world-class\*; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* low, lowest, poor, second-class
- supernal** [*adj*] *celestial* angelic, astral, elevated, empyreal, empyrean, ethereal, heavenly, lofty, otherworldly, seraphic, uplifted; CONCEPTS 536,673
- supernatural** [*adj*] *mysterious, not of this world* abnormal, celestial, concealed, dark, fabulous, fairy, ghostly, heavenly, hidden, impenetrable, invisible, legendary, metaphysical, miraculous, mystic, mythical, mythological, numinous, obscure, occult, paranormal, phantom, phenomenal, preternatural, psychic, rare, secret, spectral, superhuman, superior, supermundane, superordinary, supranatural, transcendental, uncanny, uncomprehensible, unearthly, unfathomable, unintelligible, unknowable, unknown, unnatural, unrevealed, unusual; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* earthly, existent, genuine, natural, real, true
- supersede** [*v*] *take the place of; override* abandon, annul, desert, discard, displace, forsake, oust, outmode, outplace, overrule, reject, remove, replace, repudiate, set aside, succeed, supplant, supplement, suspend, take over, usurp; CONCEPTS 128,141 —*Ant.* access, lower, submit
- superstition** [*n*] *belief in sign of things to come* false belief, fear, irrationality, notion, shibboleth\*, unfounded fear; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* fact, reality, truth
- supervise** [*v*] *manage people, project* administer, be in charge\*, be in driver's seat\*, be in the saddle, be on duty, be responsible for, boss, call the play\*, call the shots\*, chaperon, conduct, control, crack the whip\*, deal with, direct, handle, inspect, keep an eye on\*, look after, overlook, oversee, preside over, quarterback\*, ride herd on\*, run, run the show\*, run things\*, sit on top of\*, superintend, survey, take care of; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* serve
- supervision** [*n*] *management of people, project* administration, auspices, care, charge, conduct, control, direction, guidance, handling, instruction, intendance, oversight, running, superintendence, superintendency, surveillance; CONCEPT 117 —*Ant.* serve, work
- supervisor** [*n*] *person who manages people, project* administrator, boss, brass hat\*, caretaker, chief, curator, custodian, director, executive, foreperson, head, inspector, manager, overseer, slave driver\*, straw boss\*, super\*, superintendent, zookeeper\*; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* employee, worker
- supine** [*adj*1] *lying down* decumbent, flat, flat on one's back, horizontal, level, procombent, prone, prostrate, reclining, recumbent, stretched out; CONCEPT 583
- supine** [*adj*2] *inactive* do-nothing\*, dormant, dull, idle, indolent, inert, lackadaisical, lax, lazy, lethargic, listless, motionless, passive, quiet, sedentary, slack, sleepy, slothful, sluggish, unoccupied, unresponsive; CONCEPTS 401,560,584
- supplant** [*v*] *displace, replace* back up, bounce, cast out, crowd, cut out, eject, expel, fill in, force, force out, front for, oust, outplace, overthrow, remove, ring, ring in, sit in, stand in, substitute, succeed, supersede, swap places with, take out, take over, take the place of, transfer, undermine, unseat, usurp; CONCEPT 128
- supple** [*adj*] *bendable* adaptable, agile, bending, ductile, elastic, flexible, graceful, limber, lissome, lithe, lithesome, malleable, moldable,

plastic, pliable, pliant, resilient, rubber, springy, stretch, stretchy, svelte, willowy, wiry, yielding; CONCEPTS 488,604 —*Ant.* hard, rigid, stiff, unflexible

**supplement** [*n*] *something added* added feature\*, addendum, addition, additive, appendix, bell\*, bells and whistles\*, codicil, complement, continuation, extra, insert, option, postscript, pullout, rider, sequel, spin-off\*, subsidiary; CONCEPTS 270,824 —*Ant.* base, core

**supplement** [*v*] *add to add fuel to fire\**, augment, beef up\*, build up, buttress, complement, complete, enhance, enrich, extend, fill out, fill up, fortify, heat up\*, improve, increase, jazz up\*, pad\*, punch up\*, reinforce, step up, strengthen, subsidize, supply, top; CONCEPTS 236,244,245 —*Ant.* subtract

**supplementary** [*adj*] *additional* accompanying, added, ancillary, appended, augmenting, auxiliary, extra, increased, more; CONCEPT 771

**supplicate** [*v*] *ask for, pray for* appeal, beg, beseech, desire, petition, pray, put in for\*, seek, solicit; CONCEPT 53

**supplies** [*n*] *equipment, provisions* food, food-stuffs, items, material, materials, necessities, provender, rations, raw materials, replenishments, stock, store, stores; CONCEPTS 446, 451,457

**supply** [*n*] *reserve of goods* accumulation, amount, backlog, cache, fund, hoard, inventory, number, quantity, reservoir, source, stock, stockpile, store, surplus; CONCEPT 712 —*Ant.* debt, lack

**supply** [*v*] *furnish, provide, give a resource* afford, cater, cater to, come across with\*, come through\*, come up with, contribute, deliver, dispense, drop, endow, equip, feed, fill, find, fix up, fulfill, give with, grant, hand, hand over, heel\*, kick in\*, minister, outfit, pony up\*, produce, provision, purvey, put out, put up, replenish, satisfy, stake, stock, store, transfer, turn over, victual, yield; CONCEPTS 107,140 —*Ant.* seize, take

**support** [*n*1] *something that holds up* structure abutment, agency, back, backing, base, bed, bedding, block, brace, buttress, collar, column, cornerstone, device, flotation, foothold, footing, foundation, fulcrum, groundwork, guide, hold, lining, means, medium, pillar, platform, pole, post, prop, rampart, reinforcement, rest, rib, rod, shore, stake, stanchion, stave, stay, stiffener, still, substratum, substructure, sustentation, timber, underpinning; CONCEPTS 440,442, 445,471

**support** [*n*2] *help, approval* aid, assist, assistance, backing, blessing, championship, comfort, encouragement, friendship, furtherance, hand, lift, loyalty, moral support, patronage, protection, relief, succor, sustenance; CONCEPTS 10,110,388,712 —*Ant.* block, disapproval, discouragement, frustration, opposition, stop

**support** [*n*3] *food, money, possessions for staying alive* alimentionation, alimony, allowance, care, keep, livelihood, living, maintenance, necessities, nutriment, payment, provision, relief, responsibility, stock, stores, subsidy, subsistence, sustenance, upkeep, victuals; CONCEPTS 340,446,457,712

**support/supporter** [*n*4] *person who helps*

*another* adherent, advocate, ally, angel\*, apologist, backbone, backer, benefactor, champion, cohort, comforter, confederate, coworker, defender, disciple, endorser, espouser, exponent, expounder, fan, follower, friend, helper, mainstay, maintainer, partisan, patron, pillar, preserver, prop, proponent, satellite\*, second, sponsor, stalwart, stay, subscriber, supporter, sustainer, tower of strength\*, upholder, well-wisher\*; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* enemy, foe

**support** [*v*1] *hold up* base, be a foundation for, bear, bed, bolster, bottom, brace, buttress, carry, cradle, crutch, embed, found, ground, hold, keep from falling, keep up, maintain, poise, prop, reinforce, shore, shore up, shoulder, stand, stay, strut, sustain, undergird, up-bear, uphold; CONCEPT 190 —*Ant.* let down, let go, release

**support** [*v*2] *take care of, provide for* angel\*, attend to, back, bankroll\*, be a source of strength\*, bring up, buoy up, care for, champion, cherish, earn one's keep, encourage, feed, finance, fortify, foster, fund, give a leg up\*, guard, keep, keep an eye on\*, look after, maintain, make a living, nourish, nurse, pay expenses of, pay for, pick up the check\*, prop, put up money for\*, raise, set up, sponsor, stake, stiffen, strengthen, stroke, subsidize, succor, sustain, underwrite, uphold; CONCEPTS 7,19, 22,140,295,341 —*Ant.* let go, neglect, refuse, reject

**support** [*v*3] *defend, advocate belief* abet, advance, agree with, aid, approve, assist, back, bear out, bolster, boost, boost morale, carry, champion, cheer, comfort, countenance, endorse, establish, forward, foster, get behind\*, go along with, go to bat for\*, help, hold, justify, keep up, maintain, plead for, promote, pull for, put forward, rally round, second, side with, stand behind, stand up for, stay, stick by\*, stick up for\*, substantiate, sustain, take one's side\*, take the part of\*, throw in one's lot with\*, throw in with\*, uphold, verify; CONCEPTS 10,49,110 —*Ant.* contradict, disapprove, oppose

**support** [*v*4] *endure* abide, bear, bear with, brook, carry on, continue, countenance, go, go through, handle, keep up, live with\*, maintain, put up with\*, stand, stand for\*, stay the course\*, stick it out\*, stomach\*, submit, suffer, swallow\*, sweat out\*, take, tolerate, undergo, wait out; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* refuse, reject

**suppose** [*v*1] *assume, guess* accept, admit, brainstorm, calculate, conjecture, cook up\*, dare-say\*, deem, divine, dream, estimate, expect, figure, go out on a limb\*, grant, guesstimate\*, hazard a guess\*, hypothesize, imagine, infer, judge, opine, posit, predicate, presume, presuppose, pretend, spark, speculate, surmise, suspect, take, take for granted, theorize, think, understand; CONCEPT 28 —*Ant.* calculate, know, measure

**suppose** [*v*2] *believe* assume, be afraid, conceive, conclude, conjecture, consider, deem, dream, expect, fancy, feel, gather, have a hunch\*, have sneaking suspicion\*, hypothesize, imagine, judge, postulate, pretend, reckon, regard, suspect, swear by, take, take as gospel truth\*, take stock in\*, think, understand, view; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* disbelieve, know

**supposition** [*n*] *guess, belief* apriorism, assumption, condition, conjecture, doubt, guessing, guesstimate\*, guesswork, hunch, hypothesis, idea, likelihood, notion, opinion, posit, postulate, postulation, premise, presumption, presupposition, rough guess\*, shot in the dark\*, sneaking suspicion\*, speculation, stab in the dark\*, suppose, surmise, suspicion, theory, thesis, view; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* fact, knowledge, proof, reality

**suppress** [*v*] *restrain, hold in check* abolish, annihilate, beat down, bottle, bring to naught, burke, censor, check, clamp, conceal, conquer, contain, cover up, crack down on, crush, curb, cut off, extinguish, hold back, hold down, hold in, interrupt, keep in, keep secret, muffle, muzzle, overcome, overpower, overthrow, put an end to, put down, put kibosh on\*, put lid on\*, quash, quell, quench, repress, shush\*, silence, sit on\*, smother, snuff out\*, spike, squash\*, stamp out\*, stifle, stop, subdue, trample, withhold; CONCEPTS 121, 130, 252 —*Ant.* encourage, let go, release

**supremacy** [*n*] *total domination* absolute rule, ascendancy, authority, command, control, dominance, dominion, driver's seat\*, paramouncy, power, predominance, preeminence, preponderance, prepotence, primacy, principality, sovereignty, superiority, supreme authority, sway, transcendence; CONCEPTS 133, 376 —*Ant.* subservience

**supreme** [*adj*] *greatest, principal* absolute, best, cardinal, chief, closing, crowning, culminating, excellent, extreme, final, first, foremost, head, highest, incomparable, last, leading, marvelous, matchless, maximum, paramount, peerless, perfect, predominant, preeminent, prevailing, prime, sovereign, superb, superlative, surpassing, terminal, top, top-drawer\*, towering, transcendent, ultimate, unequaled, unmatched, unparalleled, unsurpassable, unsurpassed, utmost; CONCEPTS 568, 574 —*Ant.* inferior, least, littlest, lowly, minor, poor, serving

**surcharge** [*n*] *fee* additional charge, cost, expense, extra, overcharge, overload, payment, price, surtax, tax; CONCEPTS 329, 344

**sure** [*adj*1] *certain, definite* abiding, assured, changeless, clear, confident, constant, convinced, convincing, decided, doubtless, enduring, firm, fixed, for a fact, free from doubt\*, genuine, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, never-failing, persuaded, positive, real, satisfied, set, steadfast, steady, telling, unchangeable, unchanging, unpromising, undeniable, unequivocal, unfailing, unflinching, unqualified, unquestionable, unquestioning, unshakable, unshaken, unvarying, unwavering, valid; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* doubtful, dubious, indefinite, uncertain, unsure, variable, wavering

**sure** [*adj*2] *physically stable* fast, firm, fixed, safe, secure, solid, staunch, steady, strong; CONCEPT 488 —*Ant.* swerving, unsteady, unsure, wavering, wobbly

**sure** [*adj*3] *inevitable* assured, bound, certain, guaranteed, indisputable, ineluctable, inerrant, inescapable, infallible, irrevocable, surefire, unavoidable, unerring, unfailing; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* doubted, doubtful, dubious, unsure

**sure** [*adj*4] *self-confident* arrogant, assured, certain, composed, confident, decided, decisive, positive, self-assured, self-possessed; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* humbled, uncertain, unconfident, unself-confident, unsure

**surely** [*adv*] *without doubt* absolutely, admittedly, assuredly, beyond doubt, beyond shadow of doubt\*, certainly, clearly, come what may\*, conclusively, decidedly, definitely, distinctly, doubtlessly, evidently, explicitly, fixedly, for certain, for real, indeed, indubitably, inevitably, inexorably, infallibly, irrefutably, manifestly, nothing else but, plainly, positively, rain or shine\*, to be sure, undoubtedly, unequivocally, unerringly, unfailingly, unmistakably, unquestionably, unshakably, with certainty, without fail; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* doubtfully, questionably, uncertain

**sure thing** [*n*] *certainty* all sewn up\*, belief, cinch, definiteness, foregone conclusion, lock\*, open and shut case\*, positiveness, rain or shine\*, safe bet, shoo-in\*, small risk, sure bet\*, surefire\*, surety; CONCEPTS 638, 725

**surface** [*adj*] *external* apparent, covering, depthless, exterior, facial, outer, outside, outward, shallow, shoal, superficial, top; CONCEPTS 485, 583 —*Ant.* central, core, inside, interior, middle

**surface** [*n*] *external part of something* area, cover, covering, expanse, exterior, exteriority, externality, facade, face, facet, level, obverse, outside, peel, periphery, plane, rind, side, skin, stretch, superficiality, superficialities, top, veneer; CONCEPT 484 —*Ant.* core, inside, interior, middle

**surface** [*v*] *come to the top of* appear, arise, come to light, come up, crop up, emerge, flare up, materialize, rise, transpire; CONCEPTS 166, 716 —*Ant.* dive, drop, fall, sink, submerge

**surfeit** [*n*] *excess* bellyful\*, glut\*, overabundance, overflow, overfullness, overindulgence, overkill, overmuch, overplus, plenitude, plethora, profusion, remainder, repletion, satiety, satisfaction, saturation, superabundance, superfluity, surplus, up to here\*; CONCEPT 740 —*Ant.* base, core, lack, main, necessity, need, want

**surfeit** [*v*] *overflow* cloy, cram, eat, fill, glut, gorge, jade, overfeed, overindulge, pall, sate, satiate, satisfy, stuff; CONCEPTS 209, 740 —*Ant.* deplete, use up

**surge** [*n*] *rush, usually of liquid* billow, breaker, deluge, efflux, flood, flow, growth, gush, intensification, outpouring, rise, roll, surf, swell, upsurge, wave; CONCEPTS 432, 467, 787

**surge** [*v*] *rush, usually in liquid form* arise, billow, climb, deluge, eddy, flow, grow, gush, heave, mount, pour, ripple, rise, roll, sluice, stream, swell, swirl, tower, undulate, well forth; CONCEPTS 146, 179

**surly** [*adj*] *gruff, bearish* boorish, brusque, churlish, cross, crusty, curmudgeonly, discourteous, dour, fractious, glum, grouchy, ill-mannered, ill-natured, irritable, morose, perverse, rude, saturnine, sulky, sullen, testy, ugly, uncivil, ungracious; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* gentle, pleasant

**surmise** [*n*] *guess, conclusion* assumption, attempt, conjecture, deduction, guesstimate\*,

guesswork, hunch, hypothesis, idea, inference, notion, opinion, possibility, presumption, sneaking suspicion\*, speculation, supposition, suspicion, theory, thought; CONCEPTS 529,689

—*Ant.* calculation, knowledge, measurement

**surmise** [v] *come to a conclusion* assume, conclude, conjecture, consider, deduce, fancy, guess, guesstimate\*, hazard a guess\*, hypothesize, imagine, infer, opine, presume, pretend, regard, risk assuming, speculate, suppose, suspect, take a shot\*, take a stab\*, theorize, think, venture a guess; CONCEPTS 18,28

—*Ant.* question, wonder

**surmount** [v] *overcome, triumph over* best, better, cap, clear, conquer, crest, crown, defeat, down, exceed, hurdle, leap, lick\*, negotiate, outdo, outstrip, over, overpower, overtop, pass, prevail over, rise above, subdue, surpass, throw\*, top\*, vanquish, vault; CONCEPTS 95, 141 —*Ant.* give in, surrender, yield

**surname** [n] *family name* cognomen, last name, matronymic, metronymic, patronymic; CONCEPTS 268,683

**surpass** [v] *outdo something or someone* beat, best, better, cap, eclipse, exceed, excel, go beyond, go one better\*, improve upon, outdistance, outgo, outmatch, outpace, outperform, outrank, outrival, outrun, outshine, outstep, outstrip, outweigh, override, overshadow, overstep, pass, put to shame\*, rank\*, surmount, top, tower, tower above\*, transcend, trump\*; CONCEPT 141 —*Ant.* fail, fall behind, lose

**surplus** [adj] *extra* de trop, excess, in excess, leftover, odd\*, over, remaining, spare, superfluous, superfluous, supernumerary, too much, unused; CONCEPTS 560,781,824 —*Ant.* essential, lacking, necessary, needing, wanting

**surplus** [n] *extra material* balance, excess, overage, overflow, overkill, overmuch, overrun, overstock, oversupply, plethora, plus, remainder, residue, something extra, superabundance, superfluity, surfeit, surplusage, the limit, too much; CONCEPTS 260,658,824 —*Ant.* lack, necessity, need, want

**surprise** [n] *something amazing; state of amazement* abruptness, amazement, astonishment, astoundment, attack, awe, bewilderment, bombshell\*, consternation, curiosity, curveball\*, disappointment, disillusion, eye-opener\*, fortune, godsend\*, incredulity, jolt\*, kick\*, marvel, miracle, miscalculation, phenomenon, portent, precipitance, precipitation, precipitousness, prodigy, rarity, revelation, shock, start, stupefaction, suddenness, thunderbolt\*, unexpected, unforeseen, whammy\*, wonder, wonderment; CONCEPTS 410,529 —*Ant.* expectation

**surprise** [v] *astonish; cause amazement* amaze, astound, awe, bewilder, blow away\*, bowl over\*, cause wonder, confound, confuse, consternate, daze, dazzle, discomfit, disconcert, dismay, dumbfound, electrify, flabbergast, floor, jar, jolt, leave aghast, leave open-mouthed, nonplus, overwhelm, perplex, petrify, rattle, rock, shake up, shock, spring something on, stagger, startle, strike dumb\*, strike with awe, stun, stupefy, take aback, take one's breath away\*, throw a curve\*, unsettle; CONCEPT 42 —*Ant.* expect

**surprise** [v2] *sneak up on; catch* ambush, burst

in on, bushwhack\*, capture, catch in the act\*, catch off-balance\*, catch off-guard\*, catch red-handed\*, catch unawares\*, come down on, discover, drop in on, grab, grasp, lay for, lie in wait\*, nab, seize, spring on, startle, take, take by surprise, waylay; CONCEPTS 42,86 —*Ant.* expect

**surprising** [adj] *unexpected* accidental, amazing, astonishing, chance, electrifying, extraordinary, fortuitous, from left field\*, impulsive, out of the blue\*, remarkable, shocking, startling, stunning, sudden, unanticipated, unforeseen, unpredictable, unpredicted, without warning, wonderful; CONCEPTS 544,548

**surrender** [n] *giving up; resignation* abandonment, abdication, acquiescence, appeasement, capitulation, cessation, dedition, delivery, giving way, relenting, relinquishment, renunciation, submission, succumbing, white flag\*, yielding; CONCEPTS 67,108,119,320 —*Ant.* fight, fighting, victory, win

**surrender** [v] *give up; resign* abandon, buckle under\*, capitulate, cave in\*, cede, commit, concede, consign, cry uncle\*, deliver up, eat crow\*, eat humble pie\*, entrust, fall, fold, forego, give in, go along with, go down, go under, hand over, knuckle, knuckle under\*, leave, let go, pack it in\*, part with, play dead\*, put up white flag\*, quit, relinquish, renounce, roll over\*, submit, succumb, throw in the towel\*, toss it in\*, waive, yield; CONCEPTS 67,108,119 —*Ant.* conquer, fight, surpass, win

**surreptitious** [adj] *sneaky, secret* clandestine, covert, fraudulent, furtive, hidden, hole-and-corner\*, hush-hush\*, on the QT\*, on the sly\*, private, skulking, slinking, sly, sneaking, stealthy, sub-rosa, unauthorized, undercover, underhand, under-the-table\*, under wraps\*, veiled; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* aboveboard, authorized, honest, open

**surrogate** [n] *person or thing that acts as substitute* agent, alternate, backup, delegate, deputy, expediency, expedient, fill-in, makeshift, pinch hitter\*, proxy, recourse, refuge, replacement, representative, resort, resource, stand-in, stopgap\*, sub\*; CONCEPTS 348,414,423 —*Ant.* real

**surround** [v] *enclose, encircle something* beleague, beset, besiege, blockade, border, bound, box in, circle, circumscribe, circumvent, close around, close in, close in on, compass, confine, edge, enclave, encompass, envelop, environ, fence in, fringe, gird, girdle, go around, hem in, inundate, invest, lay siege to, limit, loop, margin, outline, rim, ring, round, shut in, skirt, verge; CONCEPT 758 —*Ant.* free, let go, release

**surroundings** [n] *environment* ambience, atmosphere, background, climate, community, environs, home, location, medium, milieu, neighborhood, setting, vicinity; CONCEPTS 198, 673

**surveillance** [n] *close observation, following* body mike\*, bug\*, bugging\*, care, control, direction, eagle eye\*, examination, eye, inspection, lookout, peeled eye\*, scrutiny, spying, stakeout, superintendence, supervision, surveyance, tab\*, tail\*, tap\*, track\*, vigil, vigilance, watch, wiretap; CONCEPTS 103,298, 749 —*Ant.* indifference, unobservance

**survey** [*n*] *scrutiny, examination* analysis, aperçu, audit, check, compendium, critique, digest, inquiry, inspection, outline, overview, pandect, perustration, perusal, précis, review, sample, scan, sketch, study, syllabus, view; CONCEPTS 37,103,197,271,291 —*Ant.* ignorance, neglect, negligence

**survey** [*v*] *scrutinize, take stock of* appraise, assay, assess, canvass, case, check, check out, check over, check up, contemplate, estimate, evaluate, examine, give the once over\*, inspect, look over, look upon, measure, observe, overlook, oversee, plan, plot, prospect, rate, read, reconnoiter, research, review, scan, scope, set at, size, size up, stake out, study, summarize, superintend, supervise, test the waters\*, value, value, view; CONCEPTS 37,48,103,197,291 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**survive** [*v*] *continue to live* bear, be extant, be left, carry on, carry through, come through, cut it, endure, exist, get on, get through, go all the way\*, go the limit\*, handle, hold out, keep, keep afloat, last, live, live down, live on, live out, live through, make a comeback\*, make the cut\*, outlast, outlive, outwear, persevere, persist, pull out of it\*, pull through, recover, remain, remain alive, revive, ride out\*, see through, stand up, subsist, suffer, sustain, tough it out\*, weather, withstand; CONCEPTS 23,239,407 —*Ant.* cease, die

**susceptible** [*adj*] *exposed, naive* affected, aroused, be taken in, disposed, easily moved, easy, fall for, given, gullible, impressed, impressionable, inclined, influenced, liable, mark, movable, nonresistant, obnoxious, open, out on a limb\*, persuadable, predisposed, prone, pushover, ready, receptive, responsive, roused, sensible, sensile, sensitive, sentient, sitting duck\*, soft, stirred, subject, sucker\*, suggestible, susceptible, swallow, swayed, tender, touched, tumble for\*, vulnerable, wide open; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* resistant, resisting, unsusceptible

**suspect** [*adj*] *doubtful* doubtful, dubious, fishy\*, incredible, open, problematic, pseudo\*, questionable, ridiculous, shaky\*, suspected, suspicious, thick\*, thin\*, unbelievable, uncertain, unclear, unlikely, unsure; CONCEPTS 529,582 —*Ant.* innocent, known, trusted, trustworthy

**suspect** [*v*] *distrust; guess* assume, be afraid, believe, conceive, conclude, conjecture, consider, disbelieve, doubt, expect, feel, gather, harbor suspicion\*, have a hunch\*, have doubt, have sneaking suspicion\*, hazard a guess\*, hold, imagine, mistrust, presume, reckon, smell a rat\*, speculate, suppose, surmise, think, think probable, understand, wonder; CONCEPTS 21,28 —*Ant.* know, trust

**suspend** [*v*1] *hang from above* append, attach, be pendent, dangle, depend, hang down, hang up, hook up, sling, swing, wave; CONCEPTS 181,190 —*Ant.* rise

**suspend** [*v*2] *delay, hold off* adjourn, arrest, bar, break up, can, cease, check, count out, cut short, debar, defer, discontinue, eject, eliminate, exclude, file, halt, hang, hang fire\*, hang up, hold up, inactivate, intermit, interrupt, lay aside, lay off, lay on the table\*, lay over, omit, pigeonhole\*, pink-slip\*, postpone,

procrastinate, prorogue, protract, put an end to, put a stop to, put off, put on back burner\*, put on hold, put on ice\*, put on the shelf\*, reject, retard, rule out, shelve, stave off, stay, waive, withhold; CONCEPTS 119,121,130,351 —*Ant.* complete, continue, finish, go, persist, sustain

**suspense** [*n*] *anticipation* anxiety, apprehension, chiller\*, cliff-hanger\*, cloak and dagger\*, confusion, dilemma, doubt, eagerness, expectancy, expectation, grabber\*, hesitancy, hesitation, impatience, indecision, indecisiveness, insecurity, irresolution, page-turner\*, perplexity, potboiler\*, tension, thriller\*, uncertainty, wavering; CONCEPTS 410,679 —*Ant.* knowledge

**suspension** [*n*] *delay* abeyance, abeyancy, adjournment, break, breather\*, breathing spell\*, cessation, coffee break\*, concluding, conclusion, cutoff, deferment, disarmament, discontinuation, discontinuing, doldrums, dormancy, downtime\*, end, ending, finish, five\*, freeze, halt, heave-ho\*, intermission, interruption, latency, layoff, letup, moratorium, pause, period, postponement, quiescence, quiescency, remission, respite, stay, stoppage, suspense, ten\*, termination, time-out; CONCEPTS 119,807,832 —*Ant.* completion, continuation, finish, persistence

**suspicion** [*n*1] *doubt* bad vibes\*, chariness, conjecture, cynicism, distrust, dubiety, dubiousity, funny feeling\*, guess, guesswork, gut feeling\*, hunch, idea, impression, incertitude, incredulity, jealousy, lack of confidence, misgiving, mistrust, nonbelief, notion, qualm, skepticism, sneaking suspicion\*, supposition, surmise, uncertainty, wariness, wonder; CONCEPTS 532,689,690 —*Ant.* trust

**suspicion** [*n*2] *hint, trace* cast, glimmer, intimation, shade, shadow, smell, soupçon, strain, streak, suggestion, tinge, touch, whiff; CONCEPTS 529,831 —*Ant.* information, knowledge

**suspicious** [*adj*1] *distrustful* apprehensive, cagey, careful, cautious, doubtful, green-eyed\*, incredulous, in doubt, jealous, leery, mistrustful, not born yesterday\* on the lookout\*, questioning, quizzical, skeptical, suspect, suspecting, unbelieving, uptight\*, wary, watchful, without belief, without faith, wondering; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* innocent, trustworthy, trusty

**suspicious** [*adj*2] *doubtful, fishy* borderline, debatable, different, disputable, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, farfetched, funny\*, irregular, not kosher\*, open, open to doubt, open to question, out of line\*, overt, peculiar, phony, problematic, shady, questionable, reaching, rings untrue\*, queer, shaky\*, suspect, too much\*, uncertain, uncommon, unsure, unusual, won't wash\*; CONCEPTS 529,564 —*Ant.* believable, indubious, palpable, undoubted, unquestionable

**sustain** [*v*1] *keep up, maintain* aid, approve, assist, back, bankroll, bear, befriend, bolster, brace, buoy, buttress, carry, comfort, confirm, continue, convey, defend, endorse, favor, feed, foster, go for, help, keep alive, keep from falling, keep going, lend a hand\*, lug, nourish, nurse, nurture, pack, preserve, prolong, protract, provide for, ratify, relieve, save, shore up, stand by, stick up for, supply, support, tote, transfer, transport, uphold, validate, verify;

- CONCEPTS 110,140,190 —*Ant.* discontinue, halt, stop
- sustain** [v2] *endure, experience* abide, bear, bear up under, bear with, brook, digest, encounter, feel, go, hang in, have, know, live with\*, put up with\*, see, stand\*, stand up to, stomach\*, suffer, take it, tolerate, undergo, withstand; CONCEPTS 23,678 —*Ant.* abstain, discontinue, stop
- sustenance** [n] *necessities for existence* aid, aliment, bacon\*, bread\*, bread and butter\*, comestible, daily bread\*, eatables, edibles, food, keep, livelihood, maintenance, nourishment, nutrition, pap\*, provender, provision, ration, refreshment, salt\*, subsistence, support, victual, wherewithal; CONCEPTS 340,446,457,709 —*Ant.* extras
- svelte** [adj] *thin and well-built* graceful, lean, lissom, lithe, slender, slinky, smooth, sylphlike, willowy; CONCEPTS 490,491 —*Ant.* chubby, corpulent, fat, thick
- swagger** [v] *show off; walk pompously* bluster, boast, brag, brandish, bully, cock, flourish, gasconade, gloat, grandstand\*, hector, look big\*, lord, parade, parade one's wares\*, peacock\*, play to the crowd\*, pontificate, prance, put on, put on airs\*, sashay\*, saunter, strut, swank\*, swashbuckle\*, sway, sweep, swell; CONCEPTS 49,149,716
- swallow** [v1] *consume* absorb, belt\*, bolt\*, chugalug\*, devour, dispatch, dispose, down, drink, drop, eat, gobble, gulp, imbibe, ingest, ingurgitate, inhale, put away, quaff, sip, slurp, swig, will, take, toss, wash down\*; wolf; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* expel, regurgitate, spit out
- swallow** [v2] *believe without much thought* accept, be naive, buy, fall for; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* disbelieve, doubt
- swami** [n] *religious teacher* guiding light\*, guru, master, mentor, mystic, sage, teacher, yogi; CONCEPT 350
- swamp** [n] *wet land covered with vegetation* bog, bottoms, everglade, fen, glade, holm, marsh, marshland, mire, moor, morass, mud, muskeg, peat bog, polder, quag, quagmire, slough, swale, swampland; CONCEPT 509
- swamp** [v] *overwhelm, flood* beset, besiege, crowd, drench, drown, engulf, inundate, over-crowd, overflow, overload, satiate, saturate, sink, snow\*, submerge, submerge, surfeit, swallow up, upset, wash, waterlog, whelm; CONCEPTS 146,179,641 —*Ant.* pass up, underwhelm
- swank/swanky** [adj] *plush, stylish* chichi\*, classy, deluxe, exclusive, expensive, fancy, fashionable, flamboyant, flashy, glamorous, grand, lavish, luxurious, ostentatious, peacocky, plushy\*, posh, pretentious, rich, ritzy\*, sharp, showy, smart, snappy, splashy, sumptuous, tony\*, trendy, with-it\*; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* modest, poor
- swan song** [n] *final appearance or performance* adieu, climax, closer\*, conclusion, crowning achievement, crowning glory\*, culmination, end piece, finis, goodbye, last act, last hurrah, peroration, windup\*; CONCEPT 832
- swap/swap** [v] *exchange* bandy, bargain, barter, change, interchange, substitute, switch, trade, traffic, truck; CONCEPT 104 —*Ant.* keep, maintain
- swarm** [n] *large, moving group* army, bevy, blowout, concourse, covey, crowd, crush, drove, flock, herd, horde, host, jam, mass, mob, multitude, myriad, pack, press, push, school, shoal, throng, troop, turnout; CONCEPTS 397,417,432
- swarm** [v] *move forward as a group* abound, be alive, be numerous, cluster, congregate, crawl, crowd, flock, flow, gather, gather like bees\*, jam, mass, mob, move in a crowd, overrun, pullulate, rush together, stream, teem, throng; CONCEPTS 113,114,159 —*Ant.* retreat
- swarthy** [adj] *dark-complexioned* black, brown, brunet, dark, dark-hued, darkish, dark-skinned, dusky, swart, tan, tawny; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* blonde, fair, light, pale
- swat** [v] *hit* beat, belt, biff, box, buffet, clobber, clout, cuff, ding, knock, slap, slug, smack, smash, sock, strike, wallop, whack; CONCEPT 189
- sway** [n] *strong influence* amplitude, authority, clout, command, control, dominion, empire, expanse, government, jurisdiction, mastery, might, power, predominance, range, reach, regime, reign, rule, run, scope, sovereignty, spread, stretch, sweep; CONCEPTS 376,687
- sway** [v1] *move back and forth* bend, blow hot and cold\*, careen, fluctuate, hem and haw\*, incline, lean, lurch, oscillate, pendulate, pulsate, rock, roll, stagger, swagger, swing, undulate, vibrate, wave, waver, weave, wobble, yo-yo\*; CONCEPTS 13,145,151 —*Ant.* stay, steady
- sway** [v2] *influence, affect* bias, brainwash, carry, conduct, control, crack\*, direct, dispose, dominate, get\*, govern, guide, hold sway over, hook, impact on, impress, incline, induce, inspire, lead by the nose\*, manage, move, overrule, persuade, predispose, prevail on, put across, reign, rule, rule over, sell\*, soften up\*, strike, suck in\*, touch, turn one's head\*, twist one's arm\*, whitewash\*, win over, work on; CONCEPTS 14,68,117 —*Ant.* leave alone
- swear** [v1] *declare under oath* affirm, assert, attest, avow, covenant, cross one's heart\*, depend on, depose, give one's word\*, give witness, have confidence in, maintain, make an affidavit, pledge oneself, plight, promise, rely on, say so\*, state, stand under oath, swear by, swear to God\*, swear up and down\*, take an oath, testify, trust, vouch, vow, warrant; CONCEPT 49
- swear** [v2] *speak profanely; be vulgar* bedamn, be foul-mouthed, blasphemous, curse, cuss\*, excrete, flame\*, imprecate, take name in vain\*, talk dirty\*, use bad language\*, utter profanity; CONCEPTS 52,54
- swear by** [v] *be certain, recommend* advocate, back, bank on, believe in, be satisfied with, compliment, depend on it, endorse, go on the record for\*, have faith in, plug\*, praise, put in a good word\*, speak highly of, speak well of, stand by, suggest, think highly of, vouch for; CONCEPTS 10,75
- swearing** [n] *foul language* bad language\*, blasphemy, cursing, cuss\*, cussing\*, dirty language\*, dirty name\*, dirty talk\*, dirty word\*, execration, expletives, four-letter word\*, imprecation, malediction, no-no\*, profanity, swearword; CONCEPTS 54,276,278

**sweat** [n1] *body's perspiring* diaphoresis, excretion, exudation, perspiration, steam, transudation; CONCEPTS 185,467

**sweat** [n2] *hard work* backbreaker\*, chore, drudgery, effort, grind, labor, toil, slavery, task, toil, travail, work; CONCEPTS 362,677 —*Ant.* entertainment, recreation

**sweat** [v1] *perspire* break out in a sweat, drip, eject, exude, glow, ooze, secrete, seep, spout, swelter, transude, wilt; CONCEPT 185

**sweat** [v2] *worry about; bear* abide, agonize, be on pins and needles\*, be on tenterhooks\*, brook, chafe, endure, exert, fret, go, labor, lose sleep over\*, stand, stay the course\*, stick it out\*, stomach\*, suffer, take, toil, tolerate, torture, work hard; CONCEPTS 23,35 —*Ant.* be calm, ignore

**sweaty** [adj] *damp with perspiration* bathed, clammy, covered with sweat, drenched, dripping, drippy, glowing, hot, moist, perspiring, perspiry, soaked, sticky, stinky, sweating, wet; CONCEPT 406 —*Ant.* dry

**sweep** [n1] *range, extent* ambit, breadth, compass, extension, latitude, length, orbit, purview, radius, reach, region, scope, span, stretch, vista; CONCEPTS 651,756,788

**sweep** [n2] *movement* arc, bend, course, curve, gesture, move, play, progress, stroke, swing; CONCEPTS 145,748

**sweep** [v1] *brush off, away* broom, brush, brush up, clean, clear, clear up, mop, ready, remove, scrub, tidy, vacuum; CONCEPT 165

**sweep** [v2] *fly, glide* career, fleet, flit, flounce, glance, hurtle, pass, sail, scud, skim, tear, wing, zoom; CONCEPTS 150,152

**sweeping** [adj] *wide-ranging* across-the-board, all-around, all-embracing, all-encompassing, all-inclusive, all-out, bird's-eye\*, blanket, broad, complete, comprehensive, exaggerated, exhaustive, extensive, full, general, global, inclusive, indiscriminate, out-and-out\*, overall, overdrawn, overstated, radical, thorough, thorough-going, unqualified, vast, wall-to-wall\*, whole-hog\*, wholesale\*, wide; CONCEPTS 531,772 —*Ant.* exclusive, narrow

**sweet** [adj1] *sugary* candied, candy-coated, cloying, delicious, honeyed, like candy, like honey, luscious, nectarous, saccharine, sugar-coated, sugared, sweetened, syrupy, toothsome; CONCEPT 462 —*Ant.* acid, bitter, salty, sour

**sweet** [adj2] *friendly, kind* affectionate, agreeable, amiable, angelic, appealing, attractive, beautiful, beloved, charming, cherished, companionable, considerate, darling, dear, dearest, delectable, delicious, delightful, dulcet, engaging, fair, generous, gentle, good-humored, good-natured, heavenly, lovable, loving, luscious, mild, mushy, patient, pet, pleasant, pleasing, precious, reasonable, saccharine, sweet-tempered, sympathetic, taking, tender, thoughtful, treasured, unselfish, winning, winsome; CONCEPTS 401,404,542 —*Ant.* mean, unfriendly, unpleasant

**sweet** [adj3] *nice-smelling* ambrosial, aromal, aromatic, balmy, clean, fragrant, fresh, new, perfumed, perfumy, pure, redolent, savory, scented, spicy, sweet-smelling, wholesome; CONCEPT 598 —*Ant.* malodorous, stinking, stinky, unpleasant

**sweet** [adj4] *nice-sounding* dulcet, euphonic, euphonious, harmonious, mellifluous, mellow, melodic, melodious, musical, orotund, rich, rotund, silver-tongued, silvery, smooth, soft, sonorous, soothing, sweet-sounding, tuneful; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* cacophonous, discordant, ugly

**sweet** [n] *sugary food* bonbon, candy, chocolate, confection, confectionery, confiture, delight, dessert, enjoyment, final course, gratification, joy, pleasure, pudding, snack, sugarplum, sweetmeat; CONCEPTS 457,461

**sweeten** [v1] *add sugar* add sweetening, candy, candy-coat, honey, make sweet, make toothsome, mull, sugar, sugar-coat; CONCEPT 170 —*Ant.* salt, sour

**sweeten** [v2] *make happy; appease* alleviate, assuage, conciliate, mollify, pacify, placate, propitiate, soften up, soothe; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* displease, disrupt, trouble, worry

**sweetheart** [n] *person whom another loves* admirer, beau, beloved, boyfriend, companion, darling, dear, dear one, flame, girlfriend, heart-throb, honey\*, innamorata, innamorato, love, lovebird\*, lover, one and only\*, paramour, pet, significant other, steady\*, suitor, swain, sweet, treasure\*, truelove, valentine; CONCEPTS 414,423 —*Ant.* enemy, foe

**swell** [adj] *wonderful* awesome, cool\*, dandy\*, deluxe, desirable, excellent, exclusive, fashionable, fine, fly\*, grand, groovy\*, keen, marvelous, neat, nifty, plush, posh, ritzy\*, smart, stylish, super, terrific; CONCEPTS 548,574 —*Ant.* bad, horrible, shabby

**swell** [n] *large increase, flow* billow, crescendo, growth, ripple, rise, seat, surf, surge, undulation, uprise, wave; CONCEPT 780 —*Ant.* decline, decrease

**swell** [v] *become larger* accumulate, add to, aggravate, amplify, augment, balloon, become bloated, become distended, become swollen, be inflated, belly, billow, blister, bloat, bulge, dilate, distend, enhance, enlarge, expand, extend, fatten, fill out, grow, grow larger, heighten, increase, intensity, mount, plump, pouch, pout, protrude, puff, puff up, rise, round out, surge, tumefy, uprise, well up; CONCEPTS 236,245,780 —*Ant.* compress, concentrate, contract, shrink

**swelling** [n] *physical growth; lump* abscess, blister, boil, bruise, bulge, bump, bunion, carbuncle, contusion, corn, dilation, distention, enlargement, hump, increase, inflammation, injury, knob, knurl, node, nodule, pimple, pock, protuberance, puff, puffiness, pustule, ridge, sore, tumescence, tumor, wale, wart, weal, welt; CONCEPTS 306,309 —*Ant.* depression

**sweltering** [adj] *very hot* airless, baking, broiling, burning, close, fiery, humid, oppressive, perspiring, scorching, sizzling, stewing, sticky, stifling, stuffy, sultry, sweaty, sweltry, torrid; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* cold, cool, freezing

**swerve** [v] *turn aside, often to avoid collision* bend, deflect, depart, depart from, deviate, dip, diverge, err, get off course, go off course, incline, lurch, move, sheer, sheer off, shift, sideslip, sidestep, skew, skid, slue, stray, swing, tack, train off, turn, veer, wander, waver, wind; CONCEPTS 150,195,201 —*Ant.* straighten

**swift** [*adj*] *very fast* abrupt, alacritous, barreling, breakneck, cracking\*, double-quick\*, expeditious, express, fleet, fleet-footed\*, flying, hasty, headlong, hurried, in nothing flat\*, like crazy\*, like mad\*, nimble, on the double\*, precipitate, prompt, pronto, quick, rapid, ready, screaming, shaking a leg\*, short, short-lived, snappy\*, spanking\*, speedball\*, speedy, sudden, supersonic, unexpected, winged; CONCEPTS 588,799 —*Ant.* delayed, slow, sluggish

**swiftly/swift** [*adv*] *very fast* apace, double-quick\*, expeditiously, flat-out\*, fleetly, full tilt\*, hastily, hurriedly, in no time\*, posthaste, promptly, quick, quickly, rapidly, speedily, without losing time\*, without warning\*; CONCEPTS 588,799 —*Ant.* slowly, sluggishly

**swim** [*v*] *make way through water using arms, legs* bathe, breast-stroke, crawl, dive, dog-paddle, float, freestyle, glide, go for a swim, go swimming, go wading, high-dive, move, paddle, practice, race, skinny-dip\*, slip, stroke, submerge, take a dip, wade; CONCEPT 363

**swimmingly** [*adv*] *very well* as planned, cosily, easily, effectively, effortlessly, favorably, fortunately, happily, like a dream\*, like clockwork\*, prosperously, quickly, satisfyingly, smoothly, successfully, well, with flying colors\*, with no trouble, without a hitch\*; CONCEPTS 528,544 —*Ant.* lousy

**swimsuit** [*n*] *bathing suit* bathing costume, beach costume, beachwear, bikini, jams, maillot, one-piece, swimwear, thong, trunks, two-piece; CONCEPT 451

**swindle** [*n*] *cheating, stealing* blackmail, cheat, con, crooked deal\*, deceit, deception, dirty pool\*, double cross\*, double-dealing\*, extortion, fake, fast one\*, fast shuffle\*, frame-up, fraud, hoax, hustle, imposition, imposture, knavery, racket\*, rip-off\*, scam, sell, shady deal\*, shakedown, sham, sharp practice\*, shell game\*, sting, trick, trickery; CONCEPTS 59,139,192 —*Ant.* benevolence, donation, gift

**swindle** [*v*] *cheat, steal* bamboozle, beat\*, bilk, clip\*, con\*, cozen, deceive, defraud, diddle\*, do\*, dupe, extort, fleece\*, flimflam\*, fool, frame\*, fudge\*, gouge\*, gull\*, hoodwink, overcharge, pluck, pull a fast one\*, put one over on\*, rip off\*, rook, run a game on\*, sandbag, scam, sell a bill of goods\*, set up, shaft, stiff\*, sting\*, sucker, take for a ride\*, take to the cleaners\*, trick, trim\*, victimize; CONCEPTS 59,139,192 —*Ant.* donate, give

**swindler** [*n*] *person who cheats another* absconder, charlatan, cheat, cheater, chiseler, clip, con artist, confidence artist, counterfeiter, crook, deceiver, defrauder, dodger, double-dealer, falsifier, forger, four-flusher\*, fraud, gouger, grifter, impostor, mechanic, mount-bank, operator, rascal, rook, scammer, scoundrel, shark, sharp, sharper, slicker, thief, trickster; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* philanthropist

**swing** [*n*] *moving back and forth* beat, cadence, cadency, fluctuation, lilt, measure, meter, motion, oscillation, rhythm, stroke, sway, swaying, tempo, undulation, vibration; CONCEPTS 65,748

**swing** [*v*] *move back and forth; be suspended* avert, away, be pendent, curve, dangle, deflect, divert, flap, fluctuate, hang, lurch, oscillate, palpitate, pendulate, pitch, pivot, reel, revolve,

rock, roll, rotate, sheer, shunt, suspend, sway, swerve, swivel, turn, turn about, turn on an axis, twirl, undulate, vary, veer, vibrate, volte-face, wag, waggie, wave, wheel, whirl, wiggle, wobble; CONCEPT 145

**swipe** [*n/v*] *hit* bash, blow, clip, clout, clump, cuff, knock, lash out, lick, rap, slap, smack, sock, strike, swat, wallop, wipe; CONCEPT 189

**swipe** [*v*] *steal* appropriate, cop, filch, heist, hook, lift, make off with, nab, nick, pilfer, pinch, purloin, sneak, snitch; CONCEPT 139

**swirl** [*v*] *spin around* agitate, boil, churn, coil, crimp, crisp, curl, eddy, purr, roll, snake, surge, swoosh\*, twirl, whirl, whirlpool, whorl, wriggle; CONCEPTS 145,738

**swish** [*adj*] *fashionable, elegant* classy, deluxe, exclusive, grand, in, plush, posh, ritzy\*, smart, stylish, sumptuous, swank, swell, tony\*, trendy, with-it\*; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* inelegant, unfashionable, unstylish

**switch** [*n*] *change, exchange* about-face, alteration, change of direction, reversal, shift, substitution, swap, transformation; CONCEPT 697 —*Ant.* inactivity, stagnation

**switch** [*v*] *change, exchange* change course, convert, deflect, deviate, divert, interchange, rearrange, replace, shift, shunt, sidetrack, substitute, swap, trade, turn, turnabout, turn aside, veer; CONCEPTS 104,232,697

**swivel** [*v*] *spin around* axis hinge, pirouette, pivot, revolve, rotate, swing around, turn, whirl; CONCEPT 145

**swollen** [*adj*] *enlarged* bloated, bulgy, distended, distent, inflamed, inflated, puffed, puffy, tumescent, tumid; CONCEPT 485

—*Ant.* compressed, contracted, shrunken

**swoon** [*v*] *faint* become unconscious, be overcome, black out, collapse, drop, feel giddy, feel lightheaded, go out like a light\*, keel over, lose consciousness, pass out, weaken; CONCEPTS 303,308

**swoop** [*v*] *descend quickly* dive, fall, plummet, plunge, pounce, rush, slide, stoop, sweep; CONCEPTS 150,181 —*Ant.* ascend

**sympochant** [*n*] *person who caters to another* adulator, backscratcher\*, backslapper\*, bootlicker\*, brownnoser\*, doormat\*, fan, fawner, flatterer, flunky\*, groupie\*, groveler, handshaker\*, hanger-on\*, lackey, minion, parasite, politician, puppet, slave; CONCEPT 423

**syllabus** [*n*] *summary* aperçu, capitulation, conspectus, curriculum, outline, program, review, rundown, schedule, sketch, synopsis; CONCEPT 283

**symbol** [*n*] *letter, character, sign of written communication* attribute, badge, denotation, design, device, emblem, figure, image, indication, logo, mark, motif, note, numeral, pattern, regalia, representation, stamp, token, type; CONCEPT 284

**symbolic** [*adj*] *representative* allegorical, characteristic, denotative, emblematic, figurative, indicative, indicator, significant, suggestive, symptomatic, token, typical; CONCEPT 267

**symbolize** [*v*] *represent; stand for* betoken, body forth, connote, denote, emblematize, embody, epitomize, exemplify, express, illustrate, indicate, mean, mirror, personify,



- show, signify, suggest, symbol, typify; CONCEPTS 74,138,682
- symmetrical** [*adj*] *well-proportioned* balanced, commensurable, commensurate, equal, in proportion, proportional, regular, shapely, well-formed; CONCEPTS 480,485,579 —*Ant.* asymmetrical, different, disproportioned, irregular, uneven, unsymmetrical
- symmetry** [*n*] *proportion* agreement, arrangement, balance, centrality, conformity, correspondence, equality, equilibrium, equipoise, equivalence, evenness, finish, form, harmony, order, proportionality, regularity, rhythm, shapeliness, similarity; CONCEPTS 716,717 —*Ant.* asymmetry, difference, disproportion, imbalance, irregularity, unevenness
- sympathetic** [*adj*1] *concerned, feeling* affectionate, all heart\*, appreciating, benign, benignant, caring, commiserating, compassionate, comprehending, condoling, considerate, having heart in right place\*, interested, kind, kindhearted, kindly, loving, pitying, responsive, sensitive, soft, softhearted, supportive, sympathizing, tender, thoughtful, understanding, vicarious, warm, warmhearted; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* callous, merciless, uncaring, unconcerned, unfeeling, unsympathetic
- sympathetic** [*adj*2] *agreeable, friendly* amenable, appreciative, approving, companionable, compatible, congenial, congruous, consistent, consonant, cool, down, encouraging, favorably disposed, having a heart\*, in sympathy with, like-minded, on same wavelength\*, open, open-minded, pro\*, receptive, responsive, simpatico, tuned in\*, vicarious, well-disposed, well-intentioned; CONCEPTS 401,542,563 —*Ant.* cold, cool, disagreeable, unfriendly, unsociable, unsympathetic
- sympathize** [*v*] *feel for, be compassionate* ache, agree, appreciate, be in accord, be in sympathy, be kind to, be there for\*, be understanding, bleed for\*, comfort, commiserate, compassionate, comprehend, condole, empathize, feel heart go out to\*, go along with, grieve with, have compassion, identify with, love, offer consolation, pick up on, pity, relate to\*, share another's sorrow, show kindness, show mercy, show tenderness, side with\*, tune in\*, understand; CONCEPTS 34,110 —*Ant.* disapprove, disregard, ignore
- sympathy** [*n*1] *shared feeling* accord, affinity, agreement, alliance, attraction, benignancy, close relation, commiseration, compassion, concord, congeniality, connection, correspondence, empathy, feelings, fellow feeling, harmony, heart, kindness, kindness, mutual attraction, mutual fondness, rapport, responsiveness, sensitivity, tenderness, understanding, union, unity, warmheartedness, warmth; CONCEPTS 388,410,664 —*Ant.* disdain, incompatibility, indifference
- sympathy** [*n*2] *pity* aid, cheer, comfort, commiseration, compassion, condolence, consolation, empathy, encouragement, reassurance, rue, ruth, solace, tenderness, thoughtfulness, understanding; CONCEPTS 410,633 —*Ant.* callousness, indifference, mercilessness
- symposium** [*n*] *conference* colloquium, convention, discussion, discussion group, forum, gabfest\*, huddle, meeting, panel discussion, parley, powwow, rap session, round table, seminar, talk; CONCEPTS 56,324,386
- symptom** [*n*] *sign of illness or problem* evidence, expression, index, indication, indicia, manifestation, mark, note, significant, syndrome, token, warning; CONCEPTS 306,316
- symptomatic** [*adj*] *indicative* associated, characteristic, demonstrative, denotative, denotive, designative, emblematic, evidential, indicating, pointing to, significant, suggestive, symbolic; CONCEPT 267
- synagogue** [*n*] *church* abbey, cathedral, chapel, house of God, house of prayer, house of worship, mosque, parish, shrine, shul, tabernacle, temple; CONCEPTS 368,449
- synchroize** [*v*] *coordinate* adjust, agree, atune, harmonize, integrate, keep time with, match, mesh, organize, pool, proportion, pull together, put in sync\*, set; CONCEPTS 36,84,158
- syndicate** [*n*] *group of business entities* association, board, bunch, cabinet, cartel, chain, chamber, combine, committee, company, conglomerate, council, crew, gang, group, megacorp\*, mob, multinational\*, organization, outfit, partnership, pool, ring, trust, union; CONCEPTS 323,325
- syndrome** [*n*] *disease, condition* affection, ailment, complaint, complex, diagnostics, disorder, infirmity, malady, problem, prognostics, sickness, sign, symptoms; CONCEPTS 306,674
- synergy** [*n*] *collaboration, cooperation* alliance, coaction, combined effort, harmony, symbiosis, synergism, team effort, teaming, teamwork, union, unity, working together; CONCEPTS 110,112,388,677
- synonymous** [*adj*] *equivalent* alike, apposite, coincident, compatible, convertible, correspondent, corresponding, equal, identical, identified, interchangeable, like, one and the same, same, similar, synonymic, tantamount; CONCEPTS 487,573 —*Ant.* different, dissimilar, opposite, polar, unequal
- synopsis** [*n*] *digest, summary* abridgment, abstract, aperçu, breviary, brief, capsule, compendium, condensation, conspectus, epitome, outline, précis, recap\*, résumé, review, rundown, run-through, sketch; CONCEPT 283
- synthesis** [*n*] *combining; combination* amalgam, amalgamation, blend, building a whole, coalescence, composite, compound, constructing, construction, entirety, forming, fusion, integrating, integration, making one, organism, organization, structure, unification, union, unit, welding, whole; CONCEPTS 113,837 —*Ant.* division, separation
- synthesize** [*v*] *combine; make whole* amalgamate, arrange, blend, harmonize, incorporate, integrate, manufacture, orchestrate, symphonize, unify; CONCEPTS 113,205 —*Ant.* divide, separate
- synthetic** [*adj*] *artificial* constructed, counterfeit, ersatz\*, fabricated, factitious, fake, false, hokey\*, made, makeshift, manufactured, mock, phony, plastic, unnatural; CONCEPTS 485,582 —*Ant.* genuine, natural, real
- system** [*n*1] *order, whole* arrangement, classification, combination, complex, conformity, coordination, entity, fixed order, frame of

reference, ideology, integral, integrate, logical order, orderliness, organization, philosophy, red tape\*, regularity, rule, scheme, setup, structure, sum, theory, totality; CONCEPTS 770, 837 —*Ant.* cog, part

**system** [*n*2] *method, plan* arrangement, artifice, course of action, custom, definite plan, fashion, logical process, manner, methodicalness, methodology, mode, modus, modus operandi, operation, orderliness, orderly process, pattern, policy, practice, procedure, proceeding, process, regularity, routine, scheme, strategy, structure, systematic process, systematization, tactics, technique, theory, usage, way, wise; CONCEPT 6 —*Ant.* disorder, disorganization

**systematic** [*adj*] *orderly* analytical, arranged, businesslike, complete, efficient, logical, methodic, methodical, ordered, organized, out-and-out\*, precise, regular, standardized, systematized, thoroughgoing, well-ordered; CONCEPT 557 —*Ant.* chaotic, confused, disorderly, mixed up, unmethodical, unsystematic

**systematize** [*v*] *put in order* arrange, array, contrive, design, devise, dispose, establish, frame, get act together, institute, make uniform, marshal, methodize, order, organize, plan, project, pull together, rationalize, regulate, schematize, shape up, standardize, straighten up, systemize, tighten up; CONCEPTS 84, 94 —*Ant.* confuse, disorder, disorganize, mix up

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**tab** [*n*1] *ticket, label* bookmark, clip, flag, flap, holder, logo, loop, marker, slip, sticker, stop, strip, tag; CONCEPTS 270, 475

**tab** [*n*2] *bill for service* account, charge, check, cost, invoice, price, price tag, rate, reckoning, score, statement, tariff; CONCEPT 329

**table** [*n*1] *furniture upon which to work, eat* bar, bench, board, buffet, bureau, console, counter, desk, dining table, dinner table, dresser, lectern, pulpit, sideboard, sink, slab, stand, wagon; CONCEPT 443

**table** [*n*2] *meal* bill of fare, board, cuisine, diet, fare, food, meat and drink, menu, spread, victuals; CONCEPT 459

**table** [*n*3] *flatland* flat, mesa, plain, plateau, tableland, upland; CONCEPT 509

**table** [*n*4] *diagram with columns of information* agenda, appendix, canon, catalogue, chart, compendium, digest, graph, illustration, index, inventory, list, plan, record, register, roll, schedule, statistics, summary, synopsis, table of contents, tabulation; CONCEPTS 283, 625

**table** [*v*] *postpone a proposition* cool\*, defer, delay, enter, hang\*, hold off, hold up, move, pigeonhole\*, propose, put aside, put forward, put off, put on back burner\*, put on hold\*, put on ice\*, put on the shelf\*, shelve, submit, suggest; CONCEPTS 121, 324 —*Ant.* decide, vote

**tableau** [*n*] *scene, often painted* illustration, picture, representation, spectacle, view; CONCEPTS 625, 716

**tablet** [*n*1] *sheaf of papers that are connected* book, folder, memo pad, notebook, pad, quire, ream, scratch, scratch pad, sheets; CONCEPT 475

**tablet** [*n*2] *encapsulated medicine* cake, cap-

sule, dose, lozenge, medicine, pellet, pill, square, troche; CONCEPT 307

**tableware** [*n*] *flatware* dishes, forks, glasses, glassware, knives, silverware, spoons, utensils; CONCEPTS 433, 499

**tabloid** [*n*] *newspaper* paper, rag\*, scandal sheet\*, sheet; CONCEPTS 279, 280

**taboo** [*adj*] *not allowed, permitted* anathema, banned, beyond the pale\*, disapproved, forbidden, frowned on\*, illegal, off limits\*, outlawed, out of bounds\*, prohibited, proscribed, reserved, restricted, ruled out, unacceptable, unmentionable, unthinkable; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* acceptable, allowed, mentionable, ok

**taboo** [*n*] *something not allowed, permitted* anathema, ban, disapproval, don't\*, forbiddance, inhibition, interdiction, law, limitation, no-no\*, prohibition, proscription, regulation, religious convention, reservation, restraint, restriction, sanction, social convention, stricture, superstition, thou-shalt-not\*; CONCEPTS 532, 688 —*Ant.* allowance, mentionable

**tabulate** [*v*] *figure, classify* alphabetize, arrange, catalogue, categorize, chart, codify, digest, enumerate, formulate, grade, index, list, methodize, order, range, register, systematize, tabularize; CONCEPTS 84, 764 —*Ant.* estimate, guess

**tactic** [*adj*] *taken for granted; not said aloud* alluded to, allusive, assumed, hinted at, implicit, implied, inarticulate, indirect, inferred, intimated, silent, suggested, undeclared, understood, unexpressed, unsaid, unspoken, un stated, unvoiced, wordless; CONCEPTS 529, 548 —*Ant.* explicit, express

**tacturn** [*adj*] *uncommunicative* aloof, antisocial, brooding, clammed up\*, close, close-mouthed\*, cold, curt, distant, dour, dried-up\*, dumb, laconic, mum, mute, quiet, reserved, reticent, sententious, silent, sparing, speechless, tight-lipped\*, unexpressive, unforthcoming, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 267, 401 —*Ant.* communicative, fluent, talkative, wordy

**tack** [*n*1] *course of movement* aim, alteration, approach, bearing, bend, deflection, deviation, digression, direction, double, echelon, heading, line, method, oblique course, path, plan, point of sail, procedure, set, shift, siding, sidling, sweep, swerve, switch, tactic, tangent, turn, variation, way, yaw, zigzag; CONCEPTS 692, 738

**tack** [*n*2] *short pin for attaching* brad, nail, point, pushpin, staple, thumbtack; CONCEPT 475

**tack** [*v*] *attach* add, affix, annex, append, baste, fasten, fix, hem, mount, nail, paste, pin, sew, staple, stitch, tag, tie; CONCEPTS 85, 160, 218 —*Ant.* detach, separate, unfasten, untack

**tackle** [*n*] *equipment for activity* accoutrement, apparatus, appliance, gear, goods, habiliments, hook, impedimenta, implements, line, machinery, materiel, outfit, paraphernalia, rig, rigging, tools, trappings; CONCEPT 496

**tackle** [*v*1] *make an effort* accept, apply oneself, attack, attempt, bang away at\*, begin, come to grips with\*, deal with, devote oneself to, embark upon, engage in, essay, give a try\*, give a whirl\*, go for it\*, launch, make a run at\*, pitch into, set about, square off\*, start the ball rolling\*, take a shot at\*, take in hand\*, take on, take up, try, try on for size\*, turn one's

hand to\*, turn to, undertake, work on; CONCEPTS 87,100 —*Ant.* avoid, dodge, forget, idle, neglect

**tackle** [v2] *jump on and grab* attack, block, bring down, bring to the ground\*, catch, challenge, clutch, confront, down, grapple, grasp, halt, intercept, nail, put the freeze on\*, sack, seize, smear, stop, take, take hold of, throw, throw down, upset; CONCEPTS 90,164,191 —*Ant.* avoid, dodge

**tacky** [adj] *cheap, tasteless* broken-down, crude, dilapidated, dingy, dowdy, down-at-heel\*, faded, frumpy\*, gaudy, inelegant, mangy\*, messy, nasty\*, outmoded, out-of-date, poky\*, ratty, run-down, seedy, shabby, shoddy, sleazy\*, sloppy\*, slovenly, stodgy, threadbare, unbecoming, unkempt, unstylish, unsuitable, untidy, vulgar; CONCEPTS 485,589 —*Ant.* classy, expensive, tasteful

**tact** [n] *finesse, thoughtfulness* acumen, acuteness, address, adroitness, amenity, aptness, care, common sense, consideration, control, courtesy, delicacy, delicatessen, diplomacy, discernment, discretion, discrimination, gallantry, good taste, head, horse sense\*, intelligence, judgment, penetration, perception, perspicacity, poise, policy, politeness, presence, prudence, refinement, repose, savoir faire, sensitivity, skill, smoothness, suavity, subtlety, tactfulness, understanding, urbanity; CONCEPT 633 —*Ant.* carelessness, indiscretion, tactlessness, thoughtlessness

**tactful** [adj] *thoughtful, careful* adroit, aware, cautious, civil, considerate, courteous, deft, delicate, diplomatic, discreet, gentle, judicious, observant, perceptive, poised, polished, polite, politic, prudent, sensitive, skilled, skillful, suave, subtle, sympathetic, tactical, understanding, urbane, wise; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* careless, indiscreet, tactless, unthoughtful

**tactical** [adj] *strategic* calculated, clever, cunning, deliberate, diplomatic, planned, politic, prudent, skillful, smart, well-planned; CONCEPT 544

**tactics** [n] *strategy* approach, campaign, channels, course, defense, device, disposition, generalship, line, maneuver, maneuvering, means, method, move, plan, plan of attack, ploy, policy, procedure, red tape\*, scheme, stratagem, system, tack, technique, trick, way; CONCEPT 660

**tactile** [adj] *touchable* material, palpable, physical, solid, tactual, tangible; CONCEPTS 529,582

**tactless** [adj] *unthinking, careless* awkward, blundering, boorish, brash, bungling, clumsy, crude, discourteous, gauche, gruff, harsh, hasty, impolite, impolitic, imprudent, inconsiderate, indelicate, indiscreet, inept, injudicious, insensitive, maladroit, misunderstanding, rash, rough, rude, sharp, stupid, thoughtless, uncivil, unconsiderate, undiplomatic, unfeeling, unkind, unperceptive, unpolished, unsuitable, unsympathetic, untactful, vulgar; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* careful, discreet, tactful, thoughtful

**tag** [n] *label, ticket* badge, button, card, check, chip, docket, emblem, flap, ID\*, identification, inscription, insignia, logo, mark, marker, motto, note, pin, slip, stamp, sticker, stub, tab, tally, trademark, voucher; CONCEPTS 270,284,475

**tag** [v1] *label; attach* label add, adjoin, affix, annex, append, call, check, christen, designate, docket, dub, earmark, fasten, hold, identify,

mark, name, nickname, style, tack, tally, tap, term, ticket, title, touch; CONCEPTS 62,85,160

**tag** [v2] *follow* accompany, attend, bedog, chase, dog, heel, hunt, pursue, shadow, tail, trace, track, track down, trail; CONCEPT 207 —*Ant.* run away

**tail** [n] *end piece, part* appendage, behind, butt\*, buttocks, caudal appendage, conclusion, empenage, end, extremity, fag end\*, hind end, hindmost part, hind part, last part, posterior, rear, rear end, reverse, rudder, rump\*, stub, tag, tag end, tailpiece, train, tush\*, wagger\*; CONCEPTS 392,825,827 —*Ant.* front, head

**tail** [v] *follow* bedog, dog, eye\*, hound, keep an eye on, pursue, shadow, stalk, tag, track, trail; CONCEPT 207 —*Ant.* run away

**tailor** [n] *person who sews clothing* clothier, costumier, couturier, dressmaker, garment maker, needle worker\*, outfitter, suit maker; CONCEPT 348

**tailor** [v] *make to fit; adjust* accommodate, adapt, alter, conform, convert, custom-make, cut, cut to fit, dovetail\*, fashion, fit, make to order, modify, mold, quadrate, reconcile, shape, shape up, square, style, suit, tailor-make\*; CONCEPTS 126,202,218

**tailor-made** [adj] *custom-made* comfortable, custom-built, custom-fit, fitted, made-to-measure, made to order, perfect, snug, suitable, suited, tailored; CONCEPT 558

**taint** [n] *contamination, corruption* black mark, blemish, blot, contagion, defect, disgrace, dishonor, fault, flaw, infection, pollution, shame, smear, spot, stain, stigma; CONCEPTS 230,388 —*Ant.* cleanliness, perfection

**taint** [v] *dirty, contaminate; ruin* adulterate, besmirch, blacken, blemish, blight, blot, blur, brand, break down, cast a slur, cloud, cook, corrupt, crud up\*, crumble, cut, damage, debase, decay, decompose, defile, deprave, discolor, discredit, disgrace, dishonor, disintegrate, doctor, foul, give a bad name\*, harm, hurt, infect, muddy, poison, pollute, putrefy, rot, shame, smear, soil, spike, spoil, stain, stigmatize, sully, tar, tarnish, trash\*, turn, water, water down; CONCEPTS 246,254,384 —*Ant.* clean, right

**take** [n] *profit* booty\*, catch, catching, cut, gate, haul\*, holding, part, proceeds, receipts, return, returns, revenue, share, takings, yield; CONCEPT 344 —*Ant.* debt, loss

**take** [v1] *get; help oneself to* abduct, accept, acquire, arrest, attain, capture, carry off, carve out, catch, clasp, clutch, collar\*, collect, earn, ensnare, entrap, gain possession, gather up, get hold of, grab, grasp, grip, handle, haul in, have, hold, lay hold of, obtain, overtake, pick up,prehend, pull in, reach, reap, receive, secure, seize, snag, snatch, strike, take hold of, take in, win; CONCEPTS 120,142 —*Ant.* give, receive

**take** [v2] *steal* abduct, abstract, accroach, annex, appropriate, arrogate, borrow, carry off, commandeer, confiscate, expropriate, filch\*, haul in, liberate, lift\*, misappropriate, nab\*, nail\*, nip\*, pick up, pinch\*, pluck, pocket\*, preempt, pull in, purloin, rip off\*, run off with\*, salvage, seize, sequester, snag, snare, snatch\*, snitch\*, swipe\*, take in; CONCEPT 139 —*Ant.* give, offer

**take** [v3] *buy*; reserve book, borrow, charter, choose, cull, decide on, derive, draw, elect, engage, gain, get, hire, lease, mark, obtain, optate, opt for, pay for, pick, prefer, procure, purchase, rent, select, single out; CONCEPTS 41,327 —*Ant.* refuse, reject

**take** [v4] *endure* abide, accept, accommodate, bear, bear with, brave, brook, contain, give access, go, go through, grin and bear it\*, hack\*, hang in\*, hang on\*, hang tough\*, hold, let in, live with, put up with, receive, ride out\*, stand, stand for, stick it out\*, stomach, submit to, suffer, swallow, take it, take it lying down\*, take it on the chin\*, tolerate, undergo, weather, welcome, withstand; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* avoid, discontinue, dodge, refuse, reject, stop

**take** [v5] *consume* devour, down, drink, eat, feed, feed on, imbibe, ingest, inhale, meal, partake of, swallow; CONCEPT 169 —*Ant.* abstain

**take** [v6] *accept, adopt; use* accommodate, admit, appropriate, assume, be aware of, behave, bring, deal with, delight in, do, effect, enjoy, enter upon, execute, exercise, exert, experience, function, give access, have, include, let in, like, luxuriate in, make, observe, operate, perform, play, practice, put in practice, react, receive, relish, sense, serve, take in, treat, undertake, utilize, welcome, work; CONCEPTS 100,124,225 —*Ant.* disallow, refuse, reject

**take** [v7] *understand* accept, apprehend, assume, be aware of, believe, catch, compass, comprehend, consider, deem, expect, experience, feel, follow, gather, grasp, hold, imagine, interpret as, know, look upon, observe, perceive, presume, receive, reckon\*, regard, see, see as, sense, suppose, suspect, take in, think, think of as; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misconceive, misunderstand

**take** [v8] *win; be successful* beat, be efficacious, do the trick, have effect, operate, prevail, succeed, triumph, work; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* fail, lose

**take** [v9] *carry, transport; accompany* attend, back, bear, bring, buck, cart, conduct, convey, convoy, drive, escort, ferry, fetch, go with, guide, gun, haul, heel, jag, journey, lead, lug, move, pack, piggyback\*, pilot, ride, schlepp\*, shoulder, steer, tote, tour, trek, truck, usher; CONCEPTS 114,187 —*Ant.* hold, keep, maintain

**take** [v10] *captivate, enchant* allure, attract, become popular, bewitch, charm, delight, draw, entertain, fascinate, magnetize, overwhelm, please, wile, win favor; CONCEPT 11 —*Ant.* disenchant, repulse

**take** [v11] *require* ask, call for, crave, demand, necessitate, need; CONCEPT 646

**take** [v12] *subtract* deduct, discount, draw back, eliminate, knock off, remove, take away, take off, take out; CONCEPTS 211,236,247 —*Ant.* add

**take** [v13] *cheat, deceive* bamboozle\*, beat\*, bilk, con, cozen, defraud, do\*, dupe, fiddle, flimflam\*, gull, hoodwink, pull a fast one\*, swindle, take for a ride\*, trick; CONCEPTS 59,192 —*Ant.* be honest

**take** [v14] *contract, catch* be seized, come down with\*, derive, draw, get, sicken with, take sick with; CONCEPT 308 —*Ant.* be immune

**take a crack at** [v] *try* attempt, do one's best\*, drive for, give a go\*, give a whirl\*, go after, go

all out\*, go for, have a crack\*, have a go\*, have a rip\*, have a shot\*, have a stab\*, have a whack\*, make an attempt, make an effort, make a pass at\*, make a stab\*, risk, shoot for\*, tackle, undertake, vie for; CONCEPT 87

**take after** [v] *emulate* act like, be like, copy, ditto\*, do like\*, follow, follow in the footsteps of\*, follow suit\*, follow the example of\*, imitate, inherit, look like, make like\*, mimic, mirror, pattern after\*, rival; CONCEPTS 87,171

**take back** [v] *retract* abjure, back down, backpedal, call off, cancel, change one's mind, eat one's words\*, forget it, go back on, have change of heart\*, recall, recant, reclaim, renege, repeal, repossess, repudiate, rescind, revoke, withdraw; CONCEPTS 25,49,119,697

**take down** [v1] *write* down inscribe, jot down, make a note of, minute, note, note down, put on record, record, set down, transcribe; CONCEPT 125

**take down** [v2] *humble* deflate, humiliate, let down, lower, mortify, pull down, put down, take apart; CONCEPTS 7,19,52 —*Ant.* build up

**take in** [v1] *deceive, fool* beguile, betray, bilk, bluff, cheat, con, defraud, delude, do\*, double-cross\*, dupe, flimflam\*, four-flush\*, gull, hoodwink, lie, mislead, pull wool over eyes\*, swindle, trick; CONCEPT 59

**take in** [v2] *understand* absorb, assimilate, comprehend, digest, get, grasp, perceive, receive, savvy, see, soak up, take; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misconceive, misunderstand

**take it** [v] *accept, endure* acknowledge, agree, bear with, bite the bullet, capitulate, don't make waves\*, don't rock the boat\*, face the music\*, go along with, grin and bear it\*, hang tough, live with, play the game\*, put up with, sit still for\*, stand for, stick it out, stomach, submit to, suffer, swallow, take, take one's lumps\*, take one's medicine\*, tolerate; CONCEPT 23

**takeoff** [n1] *leaving* ascent, climb, departure, hop, jump, launch, liftoff, rise, upward flight; CONCEPT 148 —*Ant.* arrival, coming, landing

**takeoff** [n2] *mockery, satire* burlesque, caricature, cartoon, comedy, imitation, lampoon, mocking, parody, ridicule, send-up, spoof, travesty; CONCEPTS 111,263,292

**take off** [v1] *leave; leave the ground* ascend, bear, beat it, become airborne, begone, blast off, blow\*, clear out\*, decamp, depart, disappear, exit, get off, get out, go, go away, head, hightail\*, hit the road\*, hit the trail\*, lift off, light out\*, make\*, pull out, quit, scam\*, set out\*, shove off\*, soar, split, take to the air\*, vamoose\*, withdraw; CONCEPTS 148,195,224 —*Ant.* arrive, come, stay

**take off** [v2] *mock, satirize* ape, burlesque, caricature, imitate, lampoon, mimic, parody, ridicule, send up, spoof, travesty; CONCEPTS 111,273,292

**take on** [v1] *assume, accept* acquire, add, address oneself to, adopt, agree to do, annex, append, attempt, become, begin, come to have, commence, develop, embrace, employ, endeavor, engage, enlist, enroll, espouse, handle, have a go at\*, hire, launch, put on, retain, set about, tackle, take in hand\*, take up, take upon oneself\*, try, turn, undertake, venture; CONCEPTS 87,221 —*Ant.* refuse, reject

**take on** [v2] *compete* attack, battle, contend, contest, encounter, engage, face, fight, match, meet, oppose, pit, vie; CONCEPT 92

**take on** [v3] *challenge, oppose* brave, buck\*, call out, confront, dare, defy, denounce, dispute, face off, go eyeball to eyeball with\*, go one on one with\*, go toe to toe with\*, go up against, hang in\*, insist upon, investigate, invite competition, make a stand, object to, question, stand up to, throw down the gauntlet\*; CONCEPT 53

**take up** [v] *begin or start again* adopt, assume, become involved in, carry on, commence, continue, embrace, engage in, enter, espouse, follow through, get off, go on, initiate, kick off, open, pick up, proceed, recommence, renew, reopen, restart, resume, set to, start, tackle, take on, tee off, undertake; CONCEPTS 221,239 —*Ant.* complete, conclude, end, finish

**tale** [n1] *story* account, anecdote, fable, fairy tale, fiction, folk tale, legend, myth, narration, narrative, novel, relation, report, romance, saga, short story, yarn; CONCEPT 282

**tale** [n2] *made-up story* canard, chestnut\*, clothesline\*, cock-and-bull story\*, defamation, detraction, exaggeration, fabrication, falsehood, falsity, fib, fiction, lie, misrepresentation, prevarication, rigmarole\*, rumor, scandal, slander, spiel\*, tall story\*, untruth, untruth, yarn\*; CONCEPTS 278,282 —*Ant.* non-fiction

**talent** [n] *ability* aptitude, aptness, art, a way with\*, bent\*, capability, capacity, craft, endowment, expertise, facility, faculty, flair, forte, genius, gift, green thumb\*, head\*, inventiveness, knack\*, know-how\*, nose\*, power, savvy\*, set, skill, smarts\*, the formula\*, the goods\*, the right stuff\*, thing\*, turn\*, what it takes\*; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* inability, incapacity, lack, weakness

**talented** [adj] *gifted* able, accomplished, adept, adroit, artistic, brilliant, capable, clever, cut out for, endowed, expert, having a knack\*, ingenious, intelligent, masterly, proficient, shining at\*, skilled, smart; CONCEPTS 402,527,528

**talisman** [n] *charm* fetish, good-luck piece, juju, lucky piece, phylactery, rabbit's foot; CONCEPTS 260,284,446

**talk** [n1] *speech, address to group* allocution, chalk talk\*, declamation, descendant, discourse, disquisition, dissertation, epilogue, exhortation, expatiation, harangue, homily, lecture, monologue, oration, peroration, prelection, recitation, creed, sermon, spiel\*; CONCEPTS 60,285 —*Ant.* listening

**talk** [n2] *gossip* allusion, badinage, banter, blather\*, bombast, bunk\*, buzz\*, cant, chat, chatter, chitchat, conversation, cry, gab, grapevine\*, hearsay, hint, hot air\*, idle talk, innuendo, insinuation, jaw\*, jive\*, lip\*, noise, nonsense\*, palaver, persiflage, prose, racket\*, raiillery, report, rot\*, rubbish\*, rumble\*, rumor, scuttlebutt\*, small talk, tête-à-tête, trash\*, yarn\*; CONCEPTS 51,278

**talk** [n3] *discussion* argument, colloquy, conclave, confabulation, conference, consultation, conversation, deliberation, dialogue, earful, encounter, eyeball-to-eyeball\*, huddle\*, interlocution, interview, meeting, negotiation, palaver, parlance, parley, powwow\*, seminar,

spiel\*, straight talk, symposium, ventilation, visit; CONCEPT 56 —*Ant.* silence

**talk** [n4] *communication with language* argot, chatter, dialect, discourse, jargon, lingo, locution, parlance, patois, slang, speaking, speech, utterance, verbalization, vocalization, words; CONCEPTS 47,65 —*Ant.* silence

**talk** [v1] *produce words; inform* articulate, babble, broach, chant, chat, chatter, comment on, communicate, confess, converse, describe, divulge, drawl, drone, express, flap one's tongue\*, gab, gabble\*, give voice to, gossip, influence, intone, notify, palaver, parley, patter, persuade, prate, prattle, pronounce, reveal, rhapsodize, run on\*, say, sing\*, soliloquize, speak, spill the beans\*, spout, squeak\*, squeal\*, talk one's leg off\*, tell, tell all\*, use, utter, ventriloquize, verbalize, voice, yak\*; CONCEPTS 60,266 —*Ant.* listen

**talk** [v2] *discuss with another* argue, be in contact, canvass, carry on conversation, chew\*, colloque, commune, confabulate, confer, confide, consult, contact, deliberate, dialogue, engage in conversation, exchange, go into a huddle\*, groupthink\*, have a meet\*, hold discussion, huddle\*, interact, interface, interview, join in conversation, keep in touch\*, negotiate, network\*, palaver, parley, reach out, reason, relate, thrash out\*, touch\*, touch base\*, vent, visit; CONCEPT 56 —*Ant.* refrain, refuse

**talk** [v3] *address group* accost, deliver a speech, discourse, give a talk, give speech, harangue, hold forth, induce, influence, lecture, orate, persuade, pitch, prelect, sermonize, speak, spiel\*, spout\*, stump\*, sway\*; CONCEPTS 60,285 —*Ant.* listen

**talkative** [adj] *excessively communicative* articulate, big-mouthed\*, chattering, chatty\*, effusive, eloquent, fluent, full of hot air\*, gabby\*, garrulous, glib, gossipy, long-winded\*, loose-lipped\*, loquacious, loudmouthed\*, mouthy\*, multiloquent, prolix, rattling, slick\*, smooth\*, talky, verbal, verbose, vocal, voluble, windy\*, wordy; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* quiet, reserved, silent, uncommunicative

**tall** [adj1] *high in stature, length* alpine, altitudinous, beanstalk\*, big, elevated, giant, great, high-reaching, lank, lanky, lofty, rangy, sizable, sky-high, skyscraping, soaring, statuesque, towering; CONCEPTS 779,782 —*Ant.* little, low, short, small

**tall** [adj2] *exaggerated, unreasonable* absurd, demanding, difficult, embellished, exorbitant, farfetched, hard, implausible, impossible, outlandish, overblown, preposterous, steep, unbelievable; CONCEPTS 529,565 —*Ant.* believable, reasonable, sensible

**tally** [n] *count, record* account, mark, poll, reckoning, running total, score, summation, tab, total; CONCEPTS 283,787

**tally** [v] *add up; count, record* catalog, compute, enumerate, inventory, itemize, keep score, mark, mark down, number, numerate, reckon, register, sum, tale, tell, total, write down; CONCEPTS 125,764 —*Ant.* subtract

**tame** [adj1] *domesticated, compliant* acclimatized, amenable, biddable, bridled, broken, busted, civilized, cultivated, disciplined, docile, domestic, fearless, gentle, gentile as a lamb\*,

habituated, harmless, harnessed, housebroken, kindly, manageable, meek, mild, muzzled, obedient, overcome, pliable, pliant, subdued, submissive, tractable, trained, unafraid, unremitting, yoked\*; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** unmanageable, untamed, violent, wild

**tame** [adj2] *dull, uninteresting* bland, bloodless, boiled down\*, boring, conventional, diluted, feeble, flat\*, halfhearted, humdrum\*, insipid, lifeless, limp, mild, monotonous, prosaic, routine, spiritless, tedious, unexciting, uninspiring, vapid, weak, wearisome, white-bread\*, without punch\*; CONCEPTS 529,542,548 —**Ant.** bright, exciting, interesting

**tame** [v] *domesticate, make compliant* break, break in, break the spirit\*, bridle, bring to heel\*, bust, check, conquer, curb, discipline, domesticate, domiciliate, enslave, gentle, housebreak, house-train, humble, mitigate, mute, pacify, repress, restrain, soften, subdue, subjugate, suppress, temper, tone down, train, vanquish, water down\*; CONCEPTS 14,250

**tamper** [v1] *interfere, alter* busybody\*, butt in\*, change, cook, cut, damage, destroy, diversify, doctor, fiddle with\*, fool, horn in\*, interlope, interpose, intrude, irrigate, manipulate, meddle, mess around with\*, monkey around\*, muck about\*, phony up\*, plant\*, poke nose into\*, spike\*, tinker, vary, water\*; CONCEPT 232 —**Ant.** leave alone

**tamper** [v2] *bribe* buy, buy off, corrupt, fix, get to, have, influence, lubricate, manipulate, reach, rig, square\*; CONCEPT 192

**tan** [n/adj] *light brown* beige, biscuit, bronze, brown, brownish, buff, cream, drab, ecru, gold, khaki, leather-colored, natural, olive, olive-brown, saddle, sand, suntan, tawny, umber, yellowish; CONCEPTS 618,622

**tan** [v] *flog, whip* baste, beat, belt, cane, dust someone's britches\*, flay, hide, hit, lambaste, lash, leather, paddle, paddleshack, punish, spank, strap, strike, switch, tan one's hide\*, thrash, warm someone's seat\*, wax, whack, whale\*, whomp\*; CONCEPT 189

**tang** [n] *biting taste or odor* aroma, bite, flavor, guts\*, kick\*, nip, piquancy, pungency, reek, relish, sapidity, sapor, savor, scent, smack\*, smell, spiciness, tanginess, thrill, twang, zest, zip\*; CONCEPTS 599,600,614 —**Ant.** blandness, dullness

**tangible** [adj] *real, concrete* actual, appreciable, corporeal, definite, detectable, discernible, distinct, embodied, evident, factual, gross, incarnated, manifest, material, objective, observable, obvious, palpable, patent, perceivable, perceptible, phenomenal, physical, plain, positive, sensible, solid, stable, substantial, tactile, touchable, verifiable, visible, well-grounded; CONCEPTS 529,582 —**Ant.** abstract, conceptual, imperceptible, intangible, unreal

**tangle** [n] *knot, confusion* coil, complication, entanglement, jam, jungle, labyrinth, mass, mat, maze, mesh, mess, mix-up, morass, muddle, rummage, skein, snag, snarl, twist, web; CONCEPTS 230,674,720 —**Ant.** line, order, peace

**tangle** [v] *knot, complicate* catch, coil, confuse, derange, discompose, disorganize, drag into, embroil, enmesh, ensnare, entangle, entrap, foul up\*, hamper, implicate, interlace, interlock,

intertwist, interweave, involve, jam, kink, make a party to\*, mat, mesh, mess up\*, mix up\*, muck up\*, obstruct, perplex, ravel, snarl, tie up, trap, twist, unbalance, upset; CONCEPTS 112,190 —**Ant.** straighten, uncomplicate, untangle, untwist

**tangy** [adj] *sharp, spicy* appetizing, aromatic, biting, bitter, fiery, flavorful, flavorsome, harsh, highly seasoned, hot, peppery, piquant, pungent, salty, seasoned, sweet, tart, tasty, vinegary, zesty, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 537,598,613

**tantalize** [v] *provoke, tease* annoy, badger, baffle, bait, bedevil, beleague, charm, entice, fascinate, frustrate, gnaw, harass, harry, keep hanging\*, lead on, make mouth water\*, pester, plague, taunt, thwart, titillate, torment, torture, worry; CONCEPTS 7,11,19,22 —**Ant.** disenchanted, repulse, turn off

**tantamount** [adj] *same* alike, as good as, commensurate, duplicate, equal, equivalent, identical, indistinguishable, like, parallel, same as, selfsame, synonymous, uniform, very; CONCEPTS 487,573 —**Ant.** different, opposite, polar, reverse

**tantrum** [n] *fit* anger, animosity, connoption, dander\*, flare-up, hemorrhage\*, huff\*, hysterics, outburst, storm\*, temper, temper tantrum, wax; CONCEPTS 306,384 —**Ant.** calm, contentment, peace

**tap** [n] *faucet* bibcock, cock, egress, hydrant, nozzle, petcock, spigot, spout, stopcock, valve; CONCEPTS 445,464

**tap** [v1] *hit lightly* beat, bob, dab, drum, knock, palpate, pat, percuss, rap, strike, tag, thud, thump, tip, touch; CONCEPT 189

**tap** [v2] *pierce to drain* bleed, bore, broach, draft, drain, draw, draw forth, draw off, draw out, drill, empty, lance, milk, mine, open, penetrate, perforate, pump, riddle, siphon, spear, spike, stab, unplug, unstopper, use, utilize; CONCEPTS 142,220

**tape** [n] *ribbon of material* band, braid, edging, line, rope, strip; CONCEPT 475

**tape** [v1] *stick together with material* bandage, bind, bond, fasten, hold together, rope, seal, secure, support, swathe, tie, tie up, truss, wire, wrap; CONCEPTS 85,160 —**Ant.** loosen, unfasten, unglue, unstick, untape

**tape** [v2] *record sounds, sights* audiotape, make a tape, register, tape-record, video, videotape; CONCEPTS 125,292

**taper/taper off** [v] *decrease to a point* abate, bate, close, come to a point, die away, die out, diminish, drain, dwindle, fade, lessen, narrow, recede, reduce, rescind, subside, thin, thin out, wane, weaken, wind down; CONCEPTS 137,698, 776 —**Ant.** go up, increase, rise

**tardy** [adj] *late* backward, behindhand, belated, dawdling, delayed, delinquent, detained, dilatory, held up, hung up\*, in a bind, jammed, laggard, loitering, not arrived, not done, overdue, procrastinating, retarded, slack, slow, sluggish, strapped for time\*, too late, unpunctual; CONCEPTS 542,548,799 —**Ant.** early, on time, prompt, punctual, ready

**target** [n1] *aim, goal* ambition, bull's-eye\*, destination, duty, end, function, ground zero\*, intention, mark, object, objective, point, purpose, spot, use; CONCEPT 659

**target** [n2] *person as object of ridicule* butt\*, byword, game, mark\*, pigeon\*, prey, quarry, scapegoat\*, scorn, sitting duck\*, sport, victim; CONCEPT 423

**tariff** [n] *tax or fee* assessment, charge, cost, duty, excise, impost, levy, price, price tag, rate, tab, tax, toll; CONCEPT 329

**tarnish** [v] *dirty, corrupt* befoul, begrime, blacken, blemish, blot, contaminate, damage, darken, defame, defile, dim, discolor, disgrace, dull, embarrass, grime, harm, hurt, impair, injure, lose luster, lose shine, mar, muddy, pale, pollute, rust, slander, smear, smudge, soil, spoil, spot, stain, sully, taint, tar, vitiate; CONCEPT 246 —*Ant.* clean, fix, polish, uncorrupt

**tarry** [v] *dawdle, delay* abide, bide, dalli, drag, drag one's feet\*, dwell, filibuster, get no place fast\*, goof around\*, hang around\*, hold the phone\*, lag, linger, lodge, loiter, lose time, pause, poke, procrastinate, put off, remain, rest, sojourn, stall, stay, stick around, stop, stop over, tail, take one's time\*, temporize, tool\*, trail, visit, wait, warm a chair\*; CONCEPTS 35, 151 —*Ant.* carry on, complete, finish, go

**tart** [adj] *bitter, sour in taste or effect* acerb, acerbic, acetose, acid, acidulous, acrimonious, astringent, barbed, biting, caustic, cutting, dry, harsh, nasty, piquant, pungent, scathing, sharp, short, snappish, snappy, snippy, tangy, testy, trenchant, vinegary, wounding; CONCEPTS 267,613 —*Ant.* sweet

**tart** [n] *pastry* bun, Danish, éclair, fruit tart, pie, popover, roll, turnover; CONCEPT 457

**task** [n] *job or chore, often assigned* assignment, bother, burden, business, calling, charge, daily grind\*, deadweight\*, duty, effort, employment, enterprise, errand, exercise, fun and games\*, function, gig\*, grind\*, grindstone\*, headache\*, labor, load, long row to hoe\*, millstone\*, mission, nuisance, occupation, office, onus, pain, project, province, responsibility, stint, strain, tax, toil, trouble, undertaking, vocation, work; CONCEPTS 362,666 —*Ant.* entertainment, fun, pastime

**task** [v] *assign, burden* charge, encumber, entrust, exhaust, lade, load, oppress, overload, push, saddle, strain, tax, test, weary, weigh, weight; CONCEPTS 14,112,666 —*Ant.* unburden

**taskmaster** [n] *slave driver* boss, director, disciplinarian, dominator, employer, foreperson, head honcho\*, manager, overseer, owner, person in charge, supervisor, taskperson, tyrant; CONCEPT 347

**taste** [n1] *flavor of some quality* aftertaste, aroma, bang\*, bitter, drive, ginger, jolt, kick\*, oomph\*, palatableness, piquancy, punch\*, relish, salt, sapidity, sapor, savor, savoriness, smack, sour, sting\*, suggestion, sweet, tang\*, wallop, zest, zing\*, zip\*; CONCEPT 614

**taste** [n2] *tiny sample* appetizer, bit, bite, canapé, chaw, dash, delicacy, drop, fragment, hint, hors d'oeuvre, morsel, mouthful, nip, sampling, sip, souçon, spoonful, sprinkling, suggestion, swallow, tidbit, tincture, tinge, titbit, touch, trifle, whiff\*, wink\*; CONCEPTS 458,835 —*Ant.* lot

**taste** [n3] *inclination, preference* affection, appetite, attachment, bent\*, comprehension, cup of tea\*, desire, disposition,

druthers\*, fancy, fondness, gusto, heart, leaning, liking, palate, partiality, penchant, predilection, predisposition, prepossession, relish, soft spot\*, stomach\*, tendency, thing\*, type, understanding, weakness, zest; CONCEPTS 20,32,529,659 —*Ant.* disinclination, dislike, hate, hatred

**taste** [n4] *capacity to sense flavor* aptitude, appetite, gout, gustation, palate, stomach, taste buds, tongue; CONCEPTS 590,615

**taste** [n5] *judgment, propriety* acumen, acuteness, aestheticism, appreciation, correctness, cultivation, culture, decorum, delicacy, discernment, discretion, discrimination, distinction, elegance, feeling, finesse, good taste, grace, nicety, penetration, perception, polish, politeness, refinement, restraint, style, susceptibility, tact, tactfulness, tastefulness; CONCEPTS 388,411

**taste** [v1] *judge, try* assay, bite, chew, criticize, differentiate, discern, distinguish, eat, enjoy, lick, nibble, partake, perceive, relish, sample, savor, sense, sip, test, touch, try the flavor of; CONCEPTS 169,616 —*Ant.* abstain

**taste** [v2] *experience* appreciate, be exposed to, come up against, encounter, feel, have knowledge of, know, meet with, partake of, perceive, run up against, savor, undergo; CONCEPT 678 —*Ant.* abstain, refrain

**tasteful** [adj] *nice, refined* aesthetically pleasing, artistic, beautiful, charming, chaste, classical, classy, cultivated, cultured, delectable, delicate, discriminating, elegant, esthetic, exquisite, fastidious, fine, graceful, gratifying, handsome, harmonious, in good taste, pleasing, plush, polished, posh, precise, pure, quiet, restrained, rich, savory, smart, snazzy\*, spiffy\*, splendiferous, stylish, subdued, swank\*, tasty, unaffected, unobtrusive, uptown\*; CONCEPTS 529,574,589 —*Ant.* tasteless, unrefined, unsophisticated, unstylish

**tasteless** [adj1] *without flavor* big zero\*, blah\*, bland, boring, distasteful, dull, flat, flavorless, insipid, mild, nowhere\*, pabulum\*, plain, plain vanilla\*, savorless, stale, tame, thin, unappetizing, uninspired, uninteresting, unpalatable, unpleasurable, unsavory, unseasoned, vanilla\*, vapid, watered-down, watery, weak, without spice, zero\*; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* appetizing, flavorful, savory, tasty

**tasteless** [adj2] *cheap, vulgar* artificial, barbaric, barbarous, coarse, crass, crude, flashy, foolish, garish, gaudy, graceless, hideous, impolite, improper, indecorous, indelicate, indiscreet, inelegant, loud, low, low-down, low-down-and-dirty\*, makeshift\*, off-color\*, ornate, ostentatious, outlandish, pretentious, raunchy\*, rough, rude, showy, stupid, tacky, tasteless, tawdry, trivial, uncouth, unlovely, unpolished, unrefined, unseemly, unsightly, useless, wild; CONCEPTS 401,570,589 —*Ant.* couth, moral, nice, tasteful

**tasty** [adj] *delicious* appetizing, delectable, delish\*, divine, flavorful, flavorsome, flavory, full-flavored, good-tasting, heavenly, luscious, mellow, palatable, piquant, pungent, rapid, savory, scrumptious, spicy, sugar-coated, sweetened, tasteful, toothsome, toothy, yummy, zestful; CONCEPT 613 —*Ant.* tasteless, unappetizing

**tattered** [*adj*] *shredded* badly dressed, badly worn, battered, broken, dilapidated, frayed, frazzled, full of holes\*, in rags, in shreds, in tatters\*, moth-eaten, poorly made, ripped, rugged, scraggy, seedy, shabby, shaggy, shoddy, threadbare, torn, torn to pieces, unkempt; CONCEPT 485

**tattle** [*v*] *gossip; tell rumor* babble, blab\*, chat, chatter, give away, give the show away\*, gossip, have a big mouth\*, jabber, leak, noise, prate, prattle\*, rumor, snitch, spill, spill the beans\*, spread rumor\*, squeal, talk, talk idly, tell on, tell tale\*, yake\*; CONCEPTS 54,60  
—*Ant.* conceal, hide

**tattletale/tattler** [*n*] *person who gossips, tells rumors* bigmouth\*, blabberer, blabbermouth\*, busybody, canary\*, fat mouth\*, fink\*, gossip, informer, rat\*, rumormonger, scandalmonger, snitch\*, squealer\*, stool pigeon\*, talebearer, talteller, telltale\*, tipster, troublemaker, whistleblower, windbag\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**taunt** [*n*] *provocation; teasing* backhanded compliment\*, barb, brickbat\*, censure, comeback, crack, cut, derision, dig, dirty dig\*, dump, gibe, insult, jab, jeer, mockery, outrage, parting shot\*, put-down\*, reproach, ridicule, sarcasm, slam\*, slap\*, snappy comeback\*, swipe\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,266 —*Ant.* compliment, praise, respect

**taunt** [*v*] *provoke, reproach; tease* affront, bother, deride, dig\*, disdain, dump on\*, flout, insult, jab\*, jeer, lout, mock, offend, outrage, put down, quiz, rally, revile, ridicule, scoff at, scorn, scout, slam\*, slap\*, sneer, swipe at, tantalize, torment, twitter, upbraid; CONCEPTS 7,19,54 —*Ant.* compliment, praise, respect

**taut** [*adj*] *rigid, tight* close, firm, flexed, snug, stiff, strained, stressed, stretched, tense, tightly drawn, trim, unyielding; CONCEPTS 488,604  
—*Ant.* droopy, flabby, loose, slack

**tavern** [*n*] *business establishment for serving drink, food* alehouse, bar, barroom, beer joint\*, dive\*, drinkery, gin mill\*, grog shop\*, honky tonk\*, hostelry, hotel, inn, joint\*, lodge, lounge, night spot, nineteenth hole\*, pub, public house, roadhouse, saloon, speakeasy\*, suds\*, taphouse\*, taproom, watering hole\*; CONCEPTS 439,448,449

**tawdry** [*adj*] *cheap, tasteless* blatant, brazen, chintzy\*, common, crude, dirty, flaring, flashy, flaunting, garish, gaudy, gimcrack, glaring, glittering, glitzy, jazzy, junky\*, loud, meretricious, obtrusive, offensive, plastic, poor, raffish, screaming, showy, sleazy\*, sporty, tacky\*, tinsel, vulgar; CONCEPTS 334,589  
—*Ant.* nice, sophisticated, tasteful

**tax** [*n*] *charge levied by government on property, income* assessment, bite\*, brokerage, capitation, contribution, cost, custom, dues, duty, excise, expense, fine, giveaway\*, imposition, impost, levy, obligation, pork barrel\*, price, rate, salvage, tariff, tithe, toll, towage, tribute; CONCEPT 329

**tax** [*n*] *burden* albatross\*, charge, deadweight\*, demand, difficulty, drain, duty, imposition, load, millstone\*, onus, pressure, strain, task, weight; CONCEPTS 362,666

**tax** [*v*] *levy charge on property, income* assess, charge, charge duty, demand, demand toll,

enact, exact, exact tribute, extract, impose, lay an impost, rate, require contribution, tithe; CONCEPT 298

**tax** [*v*] *burden* charge, cumber, drain, encumber, enervate, exhaust, lade, load, make demands on, oppress, overburden, overtax, overuse, overwork, press hard on, pressure, prey on, push, put pressure on, saddle, sap, strain, stress, stretch, task, tire, try, weaken, wear out, weary, weigh, weigh down, weigh heavily on, weight; CONCEPTS 14,208,240  
—*Ant.* unburden

**tax** [*v*] *accuse* arraign, blame, censure, charge, criminate, impeach, impugn, impute, incriminate, inculcate, indict, reproach, reprove; CONCEPT 44 —*Ant.* exonerate, release

**taxing** [*adj*] *burdensome* demanding, difficult, disturbing, enervating, exacting, exigent, grievous, heavy, onerous, oppressive, punishing, sapping, stressful, tedious, tiring, tough, troublesome, trying, wearing, wearisome, weighty; CONCEPT 565 —*Ant.* easy, untroubling

**teach** [*v*] *educate; instill knowledge* advise, brainwash\*, break in\*, brief, catechize, coach, communicate, cram, demonstrate, develop, direct, discipline, drill, edify, enlighten, exercise, explain, expound, fit, form, give instruction, give lessons, give the facts, ground, guide, illustrate, imbue, impart, implant, improve mind, inculcate, indoctrinate, inform, initiate, instruct, interpret, lecture, nurture, open eyes\*, polish up\*, pound into\*, prepare,

profess, rear, school, sharpen, show, show the ropes\*, train, tutor; CONCEPT 285 —*Ant.* learn

**teacher** [*n*] *person who educates* abecedary, adviser, assistant, coach, disciplinarian, educator, faculty member, guide, instructor, lecturer, mentor, pedagogue, preceptor, professor, pundit, scholar, schoolteacher, supervisor, teach\*, trainer, tutor; CONCEPT 350  
—*Ant.* pupil, student

**teaching** [*n*] *education* apprenticeship, book learning\*, coaching, cultivation, culture, discipline, drilling, enlightenment, guidance, instruction, learning, reading, schooling, training, tutelage, tutoring; CONCEPTS 285,287,409

**team** [*n*] *group, crew* aggregation, band, body, bunch, club, company, contingent, duo, faction, foursome, gang, lineup, organization, outfit, pair, partners, party, rig, sect, set, side, span, squad, stable, string, tandem, tri, trio, troupe, unit, workers, yoke; CONCEPTS 365,397,417  
—*Ant.* individual, teammate

**teamwork** [*n*] *collaboration, cooperation* alliance, assistance, coalition, combined effort, confederacy, confederation, doing business with, esprit de corps, federation, harmony, help, joint effort, partisanship, partnership, pulling together, symbiosis, synergism, synergy, team effort, teaming, union, unity, working together; CONCEPTS 110,112,388,677

**tear** [*n*] *rip, cut* breach, break, crack, damage, fissure, gash, hole, imperfection, laceration, mutilation, rent, run, rupture, scratch, split, tatter; CONCEPT 513 —*Ant.* perfection

**tear/tears** [*n*] *droplets from eyes, often caused by emotion* blubbering\*, crying, discharge, distress, drops, grieving, lachryma, lamentation, lamenting, moisture, mourning, pain, regret,



sadness, sob, sob act\*, sobbing, sorrow, teardrop, wailing, water, waterworks\*, weep, weeping, weeps\*, whimpering, woe; CONCEPTS 185,467

**tear** [n3] *wild action* bender, binge, bust, carousal, carouse, drunk, spree, wassail; CONCEPTS 383,384

**tear** [v1] *cut, rip an object* break, claw, cleave, crack, damage, divide, evulse, extract, fray, frazzle, gash, grab, impair, incise, injure, lacerate, mangle, mutilate, pluck, pull, pull apart, rend, ribbon, rift, rive, run, rupture, scratch, seize, separate, sever, shred, slash, slit, snatch, split, sunder, wrench, wrest, yank; CONCEPTS 206,214 —*Ant.* fix, mend, sew

**tear** [v2] *move very fast* boil, bolt, career, charge, chase, course, dart, dash, fling, fly, gallop, hurry, lash, race, run, rush, shoot, speed, spring, zoom; CONCEPTS 150,152 —*Ant.* idle, wait

**tear down** [v] *demolish, raze* annihilate, bulldoze, crush, decimate, devastate, devour, dilapidate, disassemble, dismantle, flatten, knock down, level, obliterate, pulverize, ruin, smash, take apart, total\*, trash\*, wipe off the map\*, wreck; CONCEPTS 169,252

**tearful** [adj] *crying, very upset* bawling\*, blubbing\*, blubbery\*, distressed, dolorous, in tears, lachrymose, lamentable, lamenting, moist, mournful, pathetic, pitiable, pitiful, poignant, sad, sniveling\*, sobbing, sorrowful, teary, watery, weeping, weepy, wet, whimpering, woeful; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* cheerful, happy

**tease** [v] *aggravate, provoke* annoy, badger, bait, banter, be at, bedevil, beleaguer, bother, chaff, devil, disturb, dog\*, gibe, give a hard time\*, gnaw, goad, harass, harry, hector, importune, jive\*, josh, lead on\*, mock, needle\*, nudge, pester, pick on\*, plague, put down\*, rag\*, rally, razz\*, rib\*, ride, ridicule, roast\*, send up\*, slam, snap, sound, spoof, swipe at, tantalize, taunt, torment, vex, worry; CONCEPTS 7,11,19,22

**technical** [adj] *concerning details, mechanics* abstruse, high-tech\*, industrial, mechanical, methodological, occupational, professional, restricted, scholarly, scientific, special, specialized, technological, vocational; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* unmechanical, untechnical

**technicality** [n] *loophole; minor detail* escape clause, formality, minor point, nothing to speak of, nothing to write home about; CONCEPT 633

**technique** [n] *method* address, approach, art, artistry, capability, capacity, course, craft, delivery, execution, facility, fashion, knack\*, know-how\*, manner, means, mode, modus, modus operandi, performance, procedure, proficiency, routine, skill, style, system, tactics, technique, touch, usage, way, wise; CONCEPTS 6,630

**technology** [n] *electronics, science* applied science, automation, computers, electronic components, high tech\*, hi tech\*, industrial science, machinery, mechanics, mechanization, robotics, scientific know-how, scientific knowledge, technical knowledge, telecommunications; CONCEPTS 463,499

**tedious** [adj] *dull, monotonous* annoying, arid, banal, boring, bromidic, drab, dragging,

draggy\*, dreary, drudging, dry, dull as dishwater\*, dusty\*, endless, enervating, exhausting, fatiguing, ho-hum\*, humdrum, insipid, irksome, laborious, lifeless, long-drawn-out\*, mortal, pabulum\*, poky\*, prosaic, prosy, slow, snooze\*, soporific, tiresome, tiring, unexciting, uninteresting, vapid, weariful, wearisome; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* entertaining, exciting, interesting

**tedium** [n] *dullness, monotony* banality, boredom, deadness\*, doldrums, drabness, dreariness, ennui, irksomeness, lack of interest, lifelessness, routine, sameness, tediousness, tiresomeness, wearisomeness, yawn\*; CONCEPTS 388,410,668 —*Ant.* diversion, entertainment, excitement

**teem** [v] *be abundant, full* abound, bear, be crawling with, be full of, be numerous, be plentiful, be prolific, brim, bristle, burst, burst at seams\*, bustle, crawl, crowd, flow, grow, jam, overflow, overrun, pack, pour, pour out, produce, prosper, pullulate, rain, roll in, shower, superabound, swarm, swell, swim in, wallow in; CONCEPTS 146,179,740 —*Ant.* lack, need, want

**teeming** [adj] *abundant, full* alive, brimful, brimming, bristling, bursting, chock-full, crammed, crawling, filled, fruitful, multitudinous, numerous, overflowing, packed, plentiful, populous, pregnant, replete, rife, swarming, thick, thronged; CONCEPTS 481,483,774 —*Ant.* empty, lacking, needing, wanting

**teenager** [n] *adolescent* juvenile, minor, stripling, sweet sixteen\*, teen, teenybopper\*, youngster, youth; CONCEPT 424

**teeny/teensy** [adj] *very small* diminutive, Lilliputian, microscopic, miniature, minuscule, minute, teeny-weensy\*, teeny-weensy\*, tiny, wee, weeny\*; CONCEPTS 773,789 —*Ant.* big, enormous, huge, large

**teeter** [v] *wobble back and forth* balance, dangle, falter, flutter, lurch, pivot, quiver, reel, rock, seasaw, stagger, stammer, stumble, sway, teeter-totter\*, topple, totter, tremble, tremble precariously, waver, weave, wiggle; CONCEPT 145 —*Ant.* stabilize, steady

**telecast** [n] *broadcast* air time, newscast, program, show, simulcast, transmission; CONCEPTS 274,293

**telegram** [n] *message sent by coded radio signals* buzzer, cable, cablegram, call, coded message, flash, radiogram, report, signal, summons, telegraph, telegraphic message, teletype, telex, wire; CONCEPTS 269,271

**telepathy** [n] *ability to know another's thoughts* clairvoyance, ESP\*, extrasensory perception, insight, mind-reading, parapsychology, premonition, presentiment, second sight\*, sixth sense\*, spiritualism, telepathic transmission, telesthesia, thought transference; CONCEPTS 410,630

**telephone** [v] *communicate through telephone system* buzz\*, call, call up, contact, dial, get back to\*, get on the horn\*, get on the line\*, give a call, give a jingle\*, give a ring\*, make a call, phone, pick up\*, put a call through\*, ring, ring up, touch base with\*; CONCEPTS 225,266,269

**telewise** [v] *broadcast* air, announce, beam,

be on the air, communicate, go on the air, go on the airwaves, put on television, put on the air, show, simulcast, transmit; CONCEPTS 60,292

**television** [*n*] *visual and audio entertainment transmitted via radio waves* audio, baby-sitter\*, boob tube\*, box\*, eye\*, idiot box\*, receiver, small screen, station, telly\*, tube, TV, TV set, vid\*, video; CONCEPTS 277,279,293,463

**tell** [*v*1] *communicate* acquaint, advise, announce, apprise, authorize, bid, break the news\*, call upon, clue in\*, command, confess, declare, direct, disclose, divulge, enjoin, explain, express, fill in\*, give facts, give out, impart, inform, instruct, keep posted\*, lay open\*, leak, leave word, let in on\*, let know, let slip\*, level, make known, mention, notify, open up, order, proclaim, put before, recite, reel off\*, report, represent, require, reveal, say, speak, spit it out\*, state, summon, utter; CONCEPT 266 —*Ant.* listen

**tell** [*v*2] *narrate, describe* chronicle, depict, express, give an account of, portray, recount, rehearse, relate, report, set forth, speak, state; CONCEPT 55 —*Ant.* listen

**tell** [*v*3] *understand, discern* ascertain, be sure, clinch, comprehend, deduce, determine, differentiate, discover, discriminate, distinguish, divine, find out, identify, know, know for certain, learn, make out, perceive, recognize, see; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misunderstand

**tell** [*v*4] *carry weight* count, have effect, have force, make presence felt, make presence known, militate, register, take effect, take its toll\*, weigh; CONCEPT 676

**tell** [*v*5] *calculate* compute, count, count one by one, enumerate, number, numerate, reckon, tale, tally; CONCEPT 764 —*Ant.* estimate, figure, guess

**telling** [*adj*] *effective, significant* cogent, considerable, conspicuous, convincing, crucial, decisive, devastating, effectual, forceful, forcible, important, impressive, influential, marked, operative, potent, powerful, satisfactory, satisfying, solid, sound, striking, trenchant, valid, weighty; CONCEPTS 537,567 —*Ant.* ineffective, insignificant, secondary, unimportant

**tell off** [*v*] *reprimand; criticize harshly* berate, censure, chide, give piece of one's mind\*, give tongue-lashing\*, lecture, rail, rake over the coals\*, rebuke, reproach, reprove, revile, scold, take to task\*, tick off\*, upbraid, vituperate; CONCEPTS 44,52 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**tell tale** [*adj*] *revealing* disclosing, evidential, giveaway, indicative, informative, meaningful, pointing to, prognostic, significant, significant, suggestive; CONCEPT 267

**temerity** [*n*] *nerve, audacity* assurance, boldness, brass\*, carelessness, daring, effrontery, foolhardiness, forwardness, gall, hardihood, hastiness, heedlessness, impertinence, impetuosity, imprudence, impudence, impulsiveness, indiscretion, intrepidity, intrusiveness, overconfidence, pluck, precipitancy, precipitativeness, precipitation, presumption, rashness, recklessness, rudeness, thoughtlessness, venturesomeness; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* care, caution, cowardice, forethought, hesitation

**temper** [*n*1] *state of mind* atmosphere, attitude, attribute, aura, character, climate, complexion,

condition, constitution, disposition, drift, frame of mind, humor, individualism, individuality, leaning, makeup, mind, mood, nature, orientation, outlook, peculiarity, personality, posture, property, quality, scene, soul, spirit, state, strain, style, temperament, tendency, tenor, thing\*, timbre, tone, trend, type, vein, way; CONCEPTS 410,411

**temper** [*n*2] *angriness; bad mood* acerbity, anger, annoyance, bad humor, cantankerousness, crossness, dander\*, excitability, fit, fretfulness, furor, fury, grouchiness, heat\*, hotheadedness, huffiness, ill-humor, impatience, irascibility, ire, irritability, irritation, miff, outburst, passion, peevishness, petulance, pugnacity, rage, resentment, sensitivity, short fuse\*, slow burn\*, snit, sourness, stew\*, sullenness, surliness, tantrum, tartness, tear\*, tiff, tizzy\*, touchiness, wax; CONCEPTS 29, 410 —*Ant.* happiness

**temper** [*n*3] *calmness* calm, composure, cool, coolness, equanimity, good humor, moderation, poise, self-control, tranquility; CONCEPTS 32, 410 —*Ant.* upset, wrath

**temper** [*v*1] *calm, moderate* abate, adjust, admix, alloy, alleviate, assuage, chill out\*, cool, cool out\*, curb, dilute, ease, fine tune, lessen, make reasonable, mitigate, modulate, mollify, monkey around with\*, pacify, palliate, relieve, restrain, revamp, soften, soft-pedal\*, soothe, switch, take the bite out of\*, take the edge off\*, take the sting out of\*, tone down, transmogrify, weaken; CONCEPTS 7,22,110,126 —*Ant.* aggravate, agitate, excite, infuriate, upset

**temper** [*v*2] *harden* anneal, bake, braze, cement, chill, congeal, dry, indurate, mold, petrify, set, solidify, starch, steel, stiffen, strengthen, toughen, toughen up; CONCEPTS 250,726 —*Ant.* bend, flex, soften

**temperament** [*n*] *disposition, personality* attitude, bent, capacity, cast, character, complexion, constitution, distinctiveness, ego, emotions, frame of mind, humor, idiosyncrasy, inclination, individualism, individuality, inner nature, intellect, kind, makeup, mentality, mettle, mood, nature, outlook, peculiarity, quality, soul, spirit, stamp, structure, susceptibility, temperament, tendency, turn, type, way; CONCEPTS 410,411

**temperamental** [*adj*] *angry most of the time; moody* capricious, changeable, cussed\*, easily upset, emotional, erratic, excitable, explosive, fickle, fiery, froward, headstrong, high-strung\*, hotheaded\*, hyper\*, hypersensitive, impatient, in bad mood, inconsistent, irritable, mean, mercurial, neurotic, ornery, passionate, petulant, sensitive, thin-skinned\*, ticklish, touchy, uncertain, undependable, unpredictable, unreliable, unstable, variable, volatile, willful; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* easygoing, happy, laid-back, peaceful, pleased

**temperance** [*n*] *self-restraint; abstinence* abnegation, abstemiousness, asceticism, astringency, austerity, conservatism, constraint, continence, control, discretion, eschewal, forbearance, forgoing, frugality, golden mean\*, happy medium\*, measure, moderateness, moderation, moderatism, mortification, prohibition, prudence, reasonableness, refrainment, restraint,

sacrifice, self-control, self-denial, self-deprivation, self-discipline, soberness, sobriety, stoicism, teetotalism, uninebriation, unintoxication; CONCEPTS 410,633 —*Ant.* excess, intemperance, wildness

**temperate** [*adj*1] *calm, moderate* agreeable, balmy, checked, clement, collected, composed, conservative, constant, cool, curbed, discreet, dispassionate, equable, even, even-tempered, fair, gentle, levelheaded, medium, mild, modest, pleasant, reasonable, regulated, restrained, self-controlled, self-restrained, sensible, sober, soft, stable, steady, unexcessive, unextreme, unimpassioned, warm; CONCEPTS 525,542,547 —*Ant.* immoderate, stormy, violent

**temperate** [*adj*2] *controlled, sober* abstemious, abstinence, abstinent, continent, moderate, restrained, self-restraining; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* drunk, excessive, inebriated, uncontrolled

**temperature** [*n*] *hottness, coldness of some degree* body heat, calefaction, climate, cold, condition, degress, febricity, feverishness, heat, incalcescence, pyrexia, thermal reading, warmth; CONCEPT 610

**tempest** [*n*] *wild storm; commotion* blizzard, bluster, chaos, convulsion, cyclone, disturbance, ferment, furor, gale, hurricane, squall, tornado, tumult, typhoon, upheaval, uproar, wildness, windstorm; CONCEPTS 230,526 —*Ant.* calm

**tempestuous** [*adj*] *wild, stormy* agitated, blustering, blustery, boisterous, breezy, coarse, emotional, excited, feverish, furious, gusty, heated, hysterical, impassioned, intense, passionate, raging, rough, rugged, squally, storming, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent, unbridled, uncontrolled, unrestrained, violent, windy; CONCEPTS 401,525,542 —*Ant.* calm, gentle, mild, moderate

**temple** [*n*] *house of worship* cathedral, chapel, church, holy place, house, house of God\*, house of prayer\*, mosque, pagoda, pantheon, place of worship, sanctuary, shrine, synagogue, tabernacle; CONCEPTS 368,439

**tempo** [*n*] *beat, rhythm* bounce, cadence, downbeat, measure, meter, momentum, pace, pulse, rate, speed, time, velocity; CONCEPT 65

**temporal** [*adj*1] *material, worldly* banaisic, carnal, civil, earthly, earthy, fleshly, lay, materialistic, mortal, mundane, nonsacred, nonspiritual, physical, profane, secular, sensual, subcelestial, sublunary, terrestrial, unhallowed, unsacred, unsanctified, unspiritual; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* mental, otherworldly, spiritual

**temporal** [*adj*2] *momentary* chronological, ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, fugacious, fugitive, impermanent, of time, passing, short-lived, temporary, transient, transitory; CONCEPT 799 —*Ant.* endless, lasting, permanent, perpetual, persistent

**temporary** [*adj*] *lasting only a short while* acting, ad hoc, ad interim, alternate, Band-Aid\*, brief, changeable, ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, for the time being\*, fugacious, fugitive, impermanent, interim, limited, make-do\*, makeshift\*, momentary, mortal, overnight, passing, perishable, pro tem, pro tempore, provisional, provisory, shifting, short, short-lived, slapdash\*, stopgap\*, substitute, summary,

supply, temp\*, transient, transitory, unfixed, unstable, volatile; CONCEPTS 551,798

**tempt** [*v*] *lure, entice* allure, appeal to, attract, bait, butter up\*, captivate, charm, coax, court, dare, decoy, draw, draw out, entrap, fascinate, honey\*, hook\*, incite, induce, influence, instigate, intrigue, inveigle, invite, lead on, make mouth water\*, motivate, mousetrap\*, move, oil, persuade, play up to, promote, provoke, risk, rouse, seduce, solicit, stimulate, tantalize, test, train, try, turn one's head\*, wheedle, whet, woo\*; CONCEPTS 11,68 —*Ant.* discourage, repulse, turn off

**temptation** [*n*] *lure, attraction* allurements, appeal, attractiveness, bait, blandishment, coaxing, come-on\*, decoy, draw, enticement, fancy, fascination, hankering, inducement, inveiglement, invitation, provocation, pull, seducement, seduction, snare, tantalization, trap\*, yen; CONCEPTS 20,529,532,690,709 —*Ant.* discouragement, dislike, repulsion

**tempting** [*adj*] *alluring, inviting* appetizing, attractive, charming, divine, enticing, fascinating, fetching, heavenly, intriguing, luring, magnetic, mouth-watering\*, provoking, rousing, scrumptious, seductive, tantalizing, yummy\*; CONCEPTS 462,529 —*Ant.* disenchanting, repulsive, revolting, unattractive

**tenable** [*adj*] *reasonable* arguable, believable, condonable, credible, defensible, defensible, excusable, impregnable, justifiable, maintainable, plausible, rational, reliable, secure, sound, strong, trustworthy, viable, vindicable, warrantable; CONCEPTS 552,558 —*Ant.* irrational, unbelievable, unjustifiable, unreasonable, untenable

**tenacious** [*adj*1] *strong, unyielding* adamant, bound, clinging, coherent, cohesive, determined, dogged, fast, firm, forceful, inflexible, intransigent, iron, meaning business\*, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, persevering, persistent, persisting, pertinacious, possessive, purposeful, relentless, resolute, retentive, set, solid, spunky, stalwart, staunch, steadfast, stout, strong-willed, stubborn, sturdy, sure, tight, tough, true, unforgettable, unshakable, unswerving; CONCEPTS 326,401,489,542 —*Ant.* surrendering, weak, yielding

**tenacious** [*adj*2] *sticky* adhesive, clinging, clingy, fast, firm, fixed, glutinous, gummy, inseparable, mucilaginous, resisting, retentive, secure, set, tacky, tight, viscid, viscose, viscous, waxy; CONCEPTS 488,606 —*Ant.* loose, slack, unattached

**tenacity** [*n*] *diligence, stubbornness* application, backbone, chutzpah\*, clock\*, courage, determination, doggedness, firmness, grit, guts\*, gutsiness\*, guttiness\*, heart\*, inflexibility, intestinal fortitude\*, intransigence, moxie\*, nerve, obduracy, obstinacy, perseverance, persistence, pertinacity, resoluteness, resolution, resolve, spunk, starch\*, staunchness, steadfastness, stick-to-itiveness\*, stomach\*, strength of purpose, true grit\*, what it takes\*, willfulness; CONCEPTS 411,657 —*Ant.* indifference, irresolution, slackness, weakness

**tenant** [*n*] *person who leases a place* addressee, boarder, dweller, holder, householder, indweller, inhabitant, leaseholder, lessee, lodger, occupant,

occupier, possessor, renter, rent payer, resident, roomer; CONCEPTS 348,423 —*Ant.* landlord

**tend** [v1] *be apt, likely* aim, bear, be biased, be conducive, be disposed, be inclined, be in the habit of, be liable, bend, be predisposed, be prejudiced, conduce, contribute, dispose, drift, favor, go, gravitate, have an inclination, have a tendency, head, impel, incline, influence, lead, lean, look, make for, move, move toward, point, redound, result in, serve to, trend, turn, verge on; CONCEPTS 411,650

**tend** [v2] *care for* accomplish, administer, attend, baby-sit, cater to, cherish, control, corral, cultivate, defend, direct, do, do for, feed, foster, guard, handle, keep, keep an eye on\*, keep tabs on\*, look after, maintain, manage, mind, minister to, nurse, nurture, oversee, perform, protect, ride herd on\*, safeguard, see after, see to, serve, shepherd, shield, sit, superintend, supervise, take care of, take under wing\*, wait on, watch, watch out for, watch over; CONCEPTS 136,257, 295 —*Ant.* abandon, ignore, neglect

**tendency** [n1] *inclination to think or do in a certain way* addiction, affection, bent\*, bias, current, custom, disposition, drift, habit, impulse, inclining, leaning, liability, mind, mindset\*, partiality, penchant, predilection, predisposition, proclivity, proneness, propensity, readiness, run, set, shift, slant, susceptibility, temperament, thing\*, trend, turn, type, usage, way\*, weakness; CONCEPT 657

**tendency** [n2] *direction of movement* aim, bearing, bent, bias, course, current, curve, drift, drive, heading, inclination, leaning, movement, purport, run, shift, tenor, trend, turn, turning, way; CONCEPTS 692,738

**tender** [adj1] *fragile, soft* breakable, dainty, delicate, effete, feeble, frail, supple, weak; CONCEPTS 604,606 —*Ant.* hard, rough, tough

**tender** [adj2] *young, inexperienced* callow, childish, childlike, green\*, immature, impressionable, new, raw\*, rookie\*, sensitive, unripe, vernal, vulnerable, wet behind the ears\*, youthful; CONCEPTS 578,797 —*Ant.* experienced, mature, older

**tender** [adj3] *affectionate, loving* all heart\*, amorous, benevolent, bleeding-heart\*, caring, charitable, commiserative, compassionate, considerate, demonstrative, emotional, evocative, fond, forgiving, gentle, humane, kind, lenient, lovey-dovey\*, merciful, mild, moving, mushy\*, poignant, responsive, romantic, sensitive, sentimental, soft, softhearted, solicitous, sympathetic, tenderhearted, thoughtful, ticklish, tolerant, touching, touchy, warm, warmhearted, yielding; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* callous, uncaring, unfeeling, unloving

**tender** [adj4] *painful, sore* aching, acute, bruised, delicate, hypersensitive, inflamed, irritated, oversensitive, raw, sensitive, smarting, thin-skinned, ticklish, touchy; CONCEPTS 314,403,548 —*Ant.* healthy, ok, unpaired

**tenderfoot** [n] *newcomer* amateur, beginner, colt\*, greenhorn\*, Johnny-come-lately\*, neophyte, new kid on the block\*, novice, novitiate, rookie, tyro; CONCEPTS 413,423

**tenderhearted** [adj] *tender* affectionate, all heart\*, benevolent, bleeding heart\*, caring, charitable, compassionate, considerate,

emotional, forgiving, gentle, humane, kind, kindhearted, lenient, loving, merciful, mushy\*, sensitive, sentimental, soft, softhearted, sweet, sympathetic, thoughtful, understanding, warm, warmhearted; CONCEPTS 401,542

**tenebrous** [adj] *dark, ominous* ambiguous, amphibological, caliginous, dim, dingy, dusk, dusky, equivocal, gloomy, lightless, murky, obscure, shadowy, shady, somber, sunless, uncertain, unclear, unexplicit, unilluminated, unintelligible, unlit, vague; CONCEPTS 535,617 —*Ant.* inviting, light

**tenement** [n] *apartment house* apartment complex, boarding house, coop, cooperative, den\*, digs\*, dump\*, flat, high-rise, high-rise apartment building, living quarters, pad\*, project housing, rental, slum; CONCEPTS 448,516

**tenet** [n] *belief, principle* article of faith, assumption, canon, conception, conviction, credo, creed, doctrine, dogma, faith, impression, maxim, opinion, persuasion, position, precept, presumption, profession, rule, self-conviction, system, teaching, thesis, trust, view; CONCEPTS 688,689

**tenor** [n1] *meaning, intent* aim, body, burden, core, course, course of thought, current, direction, drift, evolution, gist, inclination, meat, mood, path, pith, purport, purpose, run, sense, stuff, substance, tendency, theme, tone, trend, way; CONCEPTS 529,682

**tenor** [n2] *high male voice* alto, countertenor, falsetto; CONCEPT 65 —*Ant.* bass

**tense** [adj1] *tight, stretched* close, firm, rigid, stiff, strained, taut; CONCEPTS 485,604 —*Ant.* limp, limpid, loose, relaxed, slack

**tense** [adj2] *under stress, pressure* agitated, anxious, apprehensive, beside oneself\*, bundle of nerves\*, choked, clutched, concerned, edgy, excited, fidgety, fluttery, high-strung\*, hung up\*, hyper\*, in a tizzy\*, jittery, jumpy, keyed up\*, moved, moving, nerve-racking, nervous, nervous wreck\*, on edge, overanxious, overwrought, queasy, restive, restless, shaky, shot\*, shot to pieces\*, strained, stressful, strung out\*, uneasy, unnerved, unquiet, up the wall\*, uptight\*, white knuckled\*, wired\*, worried, worrying, wound up\*, wreck\*; CONCEPTS 401,403,548 —*Ant.* calm, easy-going, laid-back, relaxed, uncaring

**tension** [n1] *tightness* astriction, balance, constriction, force, pressure, rigidity, stiffness, strain, straining, stress, stretching, tautness, tenseness, tensity; CONCEPTS 723,726 —*Ant.* limpness, looseness, relaxation, slack

**tension** [n2] *mental stress* agitation, antsiness\*, ants in pants\*, anxiety, apprehension, bad feeling\*, brunt, concern, discomfort, disquiet, edginess, hostility, jitters\*, jumps\*, nail-biting\*, nerves, nervousness, pins and needles\*, pressure, restlessness, shakes\*, strain, suspense, unease, uneasiness, worriment, worry; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* calmness, contentedness, ease, peace, relaxation

**tent** [n] *portable canvas shelter* big top\*, canvas, pavilion, tabernacle, tepee, tupik, wigwam, yurt; CONCEPTS 515,712

**tentative** [adj1] *conditional, experimental* acting, ad interim, conjectural, contingent, dependent, iffy\*, indefinite, makeshift, not

final, not settled, on trial, open for consideration, probationary, provisional, provisionary, provisory, speculative, subject to change, temporary, test, trial, unconfirmed, undecided, unsettled; CONCEPTS 551,552 —*Ant.* certain, decisive, definite, final, sure

**tentative** [adj2] *indefinite, uncertain* backward, cautious, diffident, disinclined, doubtful, faltering, halting, hesitant, irresolute, reluctant, timid, undecided, unsure, vacillating, vacillatory, wobbly; CONCEPTS 534,535,542 —*Ant.* certain, conclusive, definite, sure

**attenuate** [adj] *weak, thin* aerial, airy, attenuate, attenuated, delicate, doubtful, dubious, ethereal, fine, flimsy, gossamer, insignificant, insubstantial, light, narrow, nebulous, questionable, rare, rarefied, reedy, shaky, sketchy, slender, slight, slim, subtle, twiggy; CONCEPTS 489,491,575 —*Ant.* healthy, significant, stable, strong, substantial, thick

**tenure** [n] *time in position of responsibility* administration, clamp, clasp, clench, clinch, clutch, dynasty, grasp, grip, hold, holding, incumbency, occupancy, occupation, ownership, possession, proprietorship, regime, reign, residence, security, tenancy, term; CONCEPTS 287,816

**tepid** [adj] *lukewarm* apathetic, cool, disinterested, dull, halfhearted, indifferent, languid, lifeless, mild, milk-warm, moderate, slightly warm, spiritless, temperate, unenthusiastic, unlively, warm, warmish; CONCEPTS 542,605 —*Ant.* cold, hot

**term** [n1] *description of a concept* appellation, article, caption, denomination, designation, expression, head, indication, language, locution, moniker\*, name, nomenclature, phrase, style, terminology, title, vocable, word; CONCEPTS 275,683

**term** [n2] *time period* course, cycle, duration, go\*, hitch\*, interval, phase, quarter, season, semester, session, space, span, spell, standing, stretch, time, tour, turn, while; CONCEPTS 807,822

**term** [n3] *limit* bound, boundary, close, conclusion, confine, confines, culmination, end, finish, fruition, limitation, terminus; CONCEPTS 745,832

**term** [v] *name something* baptize, call, christen, denominate, describe, designate, dub, entitle, label, style, subtitle, tag, title; CONCEPT 62

**terminal** [adj] *final, deadly* bounding, check out\*, closing, concluding, eventual, extreme, fatal, hindmost, incurable, killing, lag, last, latest, latter, lethal, limiting, mortal, on way out\*, period, ultimate, utmost; CONCEPTS 314, 548 —*Ant.* beginning, initial, opening, reviving, starting

**terminal** [n1] *end of road; limit* boundary, depot, end, end of the line, extremity, station, termination, terminus; CONCEPTS 198,745

**terminal** [n2] *computer screen, computer input/output device* cathode ray tube, CRT\*, display, input device, monitor, screen, VDT\*, video display; CONCEPT 463

**terminate** [v] *stop, finish* abolish, abort, achieve, adjourn, annul, bounce, bound, bring to an end, cancel, cease, close, come to an end, complete, conclude, confine, cut off, define,

desist, determine, discharge, discontinue, dismiss, dissolve, drop, eliminate, end, expire, extinguish, fire, halt, issue, lapse, limit, perfect, prorogate, prorogue, put an end to, recess, restrict, result, run out, sack, scratch, scrub\*, tether, ultimate, wind down, wind up\*, wrap\*, wrap up\*; CONCEPTS 119,121,234 —*Ant.* begin, initiate, open, start

**termination** [n] *end* abortion, ballgame\*, cease, cessation, close, completion, conclusion, consequence, curtains\*, cut-off\*, desistance, discontinuation, effect, ending, end of the line\*, expiry, finale, finis, finish, issue, kiss-off\*, outcome, payoff\*, period, result, stop, terminus, windup\*, wrap-up\*; CONCEPTS 119,832 —*Ant.* beginning, initiation, opening, start

**terminology** [n] *wording* choice of words, diction, jargon, language, lingo, locution, nomenclature, onomastics, phraseology, phrasing, turn of phrase, vocabulary, wordage, words; CONCEPTS 278,682

**terms** [n1] *conditions, agreement* charge, circumstances, conclusion, condition, details, fee, fine print\*, items, nitty-gritty\*, particulars, payment, points, premise, premises, price, provision, provisions, proviso, provisos, qualifications, rate, reservation, size of it\*, small print\*, specifications, stipulation, stipulations, strings\*, treaty, understanding, what it is\*; CONCEPTS 270,318,684

**terms** [n2] *status of relationship* balance, equality, equivalence, footing, par, parity, position, relations, relationship, standing; CONCEPT 388

**terrain** [n] *landscape* area, balliwick, contour, country, domain, dominion, field, form, ground, land, profile, province, region, shape, soil, sphere, territory, topography, turf; CONCEPTS 508,509 —*Ant.* sky

**terrestrial** [adj] *earthly* earthbound, earthlike, earthy, global, mundane, physical, profane, prosaic, secular, sublunary, subsolar, telluric, temporal, terrene, uncelestial, unspiritual, worldly; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* cosmic, heavenly, otherworldly

**terrible** [adj] *bad, horrible* abhorrent, appalling, atrocious, awe-inspiring, awesome, awful, beastly, dangerous, desperate, dire, disastrous, disturbing, dread, dreaded, dreadful, extreme, fearful, frightful, ghastly, gruesome, harrowing, hateful, hideous, horrendous, horrid, horrifying, inconvenient, loathsome, monstrous, obnoxious, odious, offensive, petrifying, poor, repulsive, revolting, rotten, serious, severe, shocking, unfortunate, unnerving, unpleasant, unwelcome, vile; CONCEPT 571 —*Ant.* good, great, nice, wonderful

**terribly** [adv] *very* awfully, badly, decidedly, desperately, discouragingly, disturbingly, drastically, dreadfully, exceedingly, extremely, fearfully, frightfully, gravely, greatly, highly, horribly, intensely, markedly, mightily, much, notoriously, remarkably, seriously, staggeringly, thoroughly, unbelievably, unfortunately, unhappily; CONCEPTS 569,570 —*Ant.* little

**terrific** [adj1] *intense* agitating, appalling, awesome, awful, deafening, disquieting, dreadful, enormous, excessive, extreme, fearful, fierce, formidable, frightful, gigantic, great, harsh, horrible, horrific, huge, immense, large,

monstrous, severe, shocking, terrible, terrorizing, thunderous, tremendous, upsetting; CONCEPT 569 —*Ant.* calm, moderate

**terrific** [adj2] *wonderful* ace\*, amazing, breathtaking, divine, excellent, fabulous, fantastic, fine, glorious, great, groovy\*, hot\*, keen\*, magnificent, marvelous, outstanding, sensational, smashing\*, stupendous, super, superb, swell, very good; CONCEPT 572 —*Ant.* bad, inferior, low, nasty, poor

**terrify** [v] *scare* alarm, appall, awe, chill, dismay, freeze, fright, frighten, horrify, intimidate, paralyze, petrify, scare stiff\*, scare the pants off of\*, scare to death\*, shock, spook, startle, strike fear into\*, stun, stupefy, terrorize; CONCEPTS 7,19,42 —*Ant.* calm, delight, please

**territory** [n] *domain, region* area, belt, block, boundary, colony, commonwealth, country, district, dominion, empire, enclave, exclave, expanse, extent, field, land, mandate, nation, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, province, quarter, section, sector, sphere, state, stomping grounds\*, street, terrain, terrene, township, tract, turf\*, walk, zone; CONCEPTS 198,349,508

**terror** [n] *intense fear* alarm, anxiety, awe, consternation, dismay, dread, fearfulness, fright, horror, intimidation, panic, shock, trepidation, trepidity; CONCEPTS 27,690 —*Ant.* cheer, glee, happiness, joy

**terrorize** [v] *upset, threaten* alarm, appall, awe, bludgeon, browbeat, bulldoze\*, bully, coerce, cow, dismay, dragoon, fright, frighten, hector, horrify, intimidate, menace, oppress, petrify, scare, scare to death\*, shock, spook, startle, strike terror into\*, strong-arm\*, terrify; CONCEPT 7 —*Ant.* assuage, calm, help, please

**terse** [adj] *brief, short* abrupt, aphoristic, boiled down\*, brevilogue, brusque, clear-cut, clipped, close, compact, compendiarly, compendious, concise, condensed, crisp, cryptic, curt, cut to the bone\*, elliptical, epigrammatic, exact, gnomic, in a nutshell\*, incisive, laconic, lean, neat, pithy, pointed, precise, sententious, short and sweet\*, snappy, succinct, summary, taut, to the point, trenchant; CONCEPTS 267,272

—*Ant.* lengthy, long-winded, prolix, wordy

**test** [n] *examination, quiz* analysis, approval, assessment, attempt, blue book\*, catechism, check, comp\*, confirmation, corroboration, countdown, criterion, dry run\*, elimination, essay, evaluation, exam, experiment, final, fling\*, go\*, inquest, inquiry, inspection, investigation, lick\*, oral\*, ordeal, pop quiz, preliminary, probation, probing, proof, questionnaire, scrutiny, search, shibboleth, standard, substantiation, touchstone\*, trial, trial and error\*, trial run, try, tryout, verification, yardstick\*; CONCEPTS 5,290

**test** [v] *examine, quiz* analyze, assay, assess, check, confirm, demonstrate, experiment, experimentalize, give a tryout, inquire, investigate, look into, make a trial run, match up, prove, prove out, put to the test\*, question, run idea by someone\*, run it up a flagpole\*, see how it flies\*, see how wind blows\*, send up a balloon\*, shake down\*, stack up, substantiate, try, try on, try on for size\*, try out, validate, verify; CONCEPTS 5,103,291

**testament** [n] *tribute; last wishes* attestation,

colloquy, confirmation, covenant, demonstration, earnest, evidence, exemplification, instrument, proof, testimonial, testimony, will, witness; CONCEPT 318

**tested** [adj] *proven* approved, certified, creditworthy, dependable, loyal, proved, reliable, safe, tried-and-true\*, trustworthy, trusty; CONCEPT 535

**testify** [v] *vouch for; give testimony* affirm, announce, argue, assert, attest, bear witness, bespeak, betoken, certify, corroborate, cross one's heart\*, declare, demonstrate, depone, depose, evince, give evidence, give facts, give one's word\*, indicate, make evident, mount, point to, prove, say so\*, show, sing\*, stand up for, state, swear, swear to, swear up and down\*, token, warrant, witness; CONCEPTS 49,317

**testimonial** [n] *tribute* affidavit, appreciation, attestation, certificate, character, commemoration, commendation, confirmation, credential, degree, endorsement, evidence, homage, honor, indication, manifestation, memorial, memorialization, monument, ovation, plug\*, proof, recommendation, reference, remembrance, salute, salvo, say-so\*, show, sign, symbol, testament, testimony, token, voucher, witness; CONCEPTS 49,278,318

**testimony** [n] *declaration about truth; proof* affidavit, affirmation, attestation, avowal, confirmation, corroboration, data, demonstration, deposition, documentation, evidence, facts, grounds, illustration, indication, information, manifestation, profession, statement, submission, substantiation, support, testament, verification, witness; CONCEPTS 49,278,318

**testy** [adj] *irritable, touchy* annoyed, bad-tempered, cantankerous, captious, choleric, crabbed, cranky\*, cross, crotchety, edgy, exasperated, fretful, grouchy, grumpy\*, impatient, irascible, mean, ornery\*, out of sorts, peevish, peppery, petulant, quarrelsome, quick-tempered, short-tempered, snappy\*, splenetic, sullen, thin-skinned\*, uptight\*, waspish; CONCEPTS 401,403,542 —*Ant.* happy, pleasant

**tête-à-tête** [n] *conversation* chat, colloquy, confabulation, confidential discussion, consultation, cozy chat, dialogue, discussion, exchange, face-to-face talk, fireside chat, friendly chat, heart-to-heart talk, intimate discussion, one-on-one talk, pillow talk\*, powwow\*, talk; CONCEPT 266

**tether** [n] *fastening* binding, bond, chain, cord, fetter, halter, harness, lead, leash, picket, restraint, rope, shackle; CONCEPT 475

**tether** [v] *fasten* batten, bind, chain, fetter, leash, manacle, moor, picket, restrain, rope, secure, shackle, tie; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* unchain, unfasten, unshackle

**text** [n1] *subject matter of document* argument, body, consideration, content, contents, context, document, extract, fundamentals, head, idea, issue, line, lines, main body, matter, motif, motive, paragraph, passage, point, quotation, sentence, stanza, subject, theme, thesis, topic, verse, vocabulary, wording, words; CONCEPTS 270,682

**text** [n2] *book used in education* assignment, class book, course book, handbook, manual,

reader, reference, reference book, required reading, schoolbook, source, syllabus, textbook, workbook; CONCEPTS 280,287

**textbook** [n] *text* assigned text, class book, course book, primer, reader, required reading, schoolbook, workbook; CONCEPTS 280,287

**texture** [n] *characteristics of a surface* arrangement, balance, being, character, coarseness, composition, consistency, constitution, disposition, essence, essentiality, fabric, feel, feeling, fiber, fineness, flexibility, form, framework, grain, intermixture, make, makeup, nap, nature, organization, pattern, quality, roughness, scheme, sense, smoothness, stiffness, strategy, structure, surface, taste, tissue, touch, warp, weave, web, woof; CONCEPTS 611,673, 682

**thank** [v] *express gratitude* acknowledged, be grateful, be indebted, be obligated, be obliged, bless, bow down\*, give thanks, kiss\*, praise, say thank you, show appreciation, show courtesy, show gratitude, smile on\*; CONCEPTS 60, 69,76

**thankful** [adj] *appreciative* beholden, content, contented, grateful, gratified, indebted, much obliged, obliged, overwhelmed, pleased, relieved, satisfied; CONCEPTS 401,403 —**Ant.** critical, thankless, unappreciative, ungrateful, unthankful

**thankless** [adj1] *unappreciated* barren, disagreeable, distasteful, fruitless, futile, miserable, not worth it\*, ungrateful, unpleasant, unprofitable, unrecognized, unrequited, unrewarded, unrewarding, useless, vain, wretched; CONCEPTS 538,548 —**Ant.** appreciated, contented, grateful, rewarded, satisfied, thankful

**thankless** [adj2] *unappreciative, inconsiderate (in behavior)* careless, cruel, heedless, inappreciative, rude, self-centered, thoughtless, ungracious, ungrateful, unmindful, unthankful; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** appreciative, considerate, grateful, thankful

**thanks** [n] *spoken or written appreciation* acknowledgment, benediction, blessing, credit, grace, gramercy, gratefulness, gratitude, praise, recognition, thankfulness, thanksgiving, thank you note; CONCEPTS 60,69,278 —**Ant.** criticism

**thaw** [v] *unfreeze, warm* become liquid, become soft, defrost, deliquesce, dissolve, flow, flux, fuse, liquefy, loosen, melt, mollify, open up, relax, relent, run, soften, unbend, warm up; CONCEPTS 13,255,469 —**Ant.** freeze

**theater/theatre** [n] *stage, building for performance* amphitheater, arena, assembly hall, auditorium, barn, boards\*, cinema, coliseum, concert hall, deck, drama, drive-in, footlights, hall, hippodrome, house, locale, movie, movie house, oak\*, odeum, opera house, playhouse, room, scene, show hall, site; CONCEPTS 263,293,439,448

**theatrical** [adj] *dramatic* affected, amateur, artificial, campy\*, ceremonious, comic, dramaturgic, exaggerated, ham\*, hammy\*, histrionic, legitimate, mannered, melodramatic, meretricious, operatic, ostentatious, pompous, schmaltzy\*, show, showy, staged, stilted, superficial, theatric, thespian, tragic, unnatural, unreal, vaudeville; CONCEPTS 401,536 —**Ant.** comedic, real, undramatic, untheatrical

**theft** [n] *stealing* annexation, appropriation,

break-in, burglary, caper, cheating, crime, defrauding, deprivation, embezzlement, extortion, filch, fleece\*, fraud, grab\*, heist, holdup, hustle\*, job\*, larceny, lift\*, looting, mugging, peculation, pilferage, pilfering, pillage, pinch\*, piracy, plunder, purloining, racket\*, rapacity, rip-off\*, robbery, robbing, score\*, shoplifting, snatch\*, snitch\*, steal, stickup, swindle, swindling, swiping\*, thievery, thieving, touch\*, vandalism; CONCEPTS 139,192 —**Ant.** return

**theme** [n1] *idea, subject matter* affair, argument, burden, business, case, head, keynote, leitmotif, line, matter, matter in hand, motif, motive, point, point at issue, problem, proposition, question, stuff, subject, text, thesis, thought, topic; CONCEPTS 278,682,689

**theme** [n2] *written composition* article, description, dissertation, essay, exercise, exposition, manuscript, paper, report, statement, thesis; CONCEPT 271

**then** [adv1] *before; at another time* again, all at once, anon, at that instant, at that moment, at that point, at that time, before long, formerly, later, next, on that occasion, soon after, suddenly, thereupon, when, years ago; CONCEPT 799

**then** [adv2] *therefore* accordingly, consequently, ergo, from that time, from then on, from there on, hence, so, hence, thenceforth, thereupon, thus, whence; CONCEPT 548

**theological** [adj] *religious, concerning a god-centered philosophy* apostolic, canonical, churchly, deistic, divine, doctrinal, ecclesiastical, metaphysical, scriptural, theistic; CONCEPT 536 —**Ant.** irreligious

**theorem** [n] *explanation based on hypothesis and experiments* assumption, axiom, belief, deduction, dictum, doctrine, formula, fundamental, law, postulate, principium, principle, proposition, rule, statement, theory, thesis; CONCEPTS 529,688,689 —**Ant.** fact, proof

**theoretical** [adj] *hypothetical* abstract, academic, analytical, as a premise, assumed, codified, conjectural, contingent, formalistic, formula-rized, general, ideal, idealized, ideational, ideological, imaginative, impractical, instanced, intellectual, in the abstract, in theory, logical, metaphysical, notional, on paper\*, pedantic, philosophical, postulated, presumed, problematical, pure, quixotic, speculative, suppositional, tentative, transcendent, transcendental, unearthly, unproved, unsubstantiated, vague; CONCEPT 529 —**Ant.** certain, definite, factual, proven, real

**theorize** [v] *hypothesize* conjecture, formulate, guess, project, propound, speculate, submit, suggest, suppose, think; CONCEPT 43 —**Ant.** prove

**theory** [n] *hypothesis, belief* approach, argument, assumption, base, basis, code, codification, concept, conditions, conjecture, doctrine, dogma, feeling, formalization, foundation, grounds, guess, guesswork, hunch, idea, ideology, impression, method, outlook, philosophy, plan, position, postulate, premise, presentiment, presumption, proposal, provision, rationale, scheme, shot\*, speculation, stab\*, supposal, suppose, supposition, surmise,

suspicion, system, systemization, theorem, thesis, understanding; CONCEPTS 529,689

—**Ant.** certainty, fact, proof, reality

**therapeutic** [*adj*] *healing ameliorative, analgesic, beneficial, corrective, curative, good, remedial, restorative, salubrious, salutary, sanative*; CONCEPT 537 —**Ant.** damaging, harmful, hurtful, injurious, untherapeutic

**therapist** [*n*] *counselor adviser, analyst, clinician, doctor, physician, psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, psychologist, psychotherapist, shrink\**; CONCEPT 357

**therapy** [*n*] *healing treatment analysis, cure, healing, medicine, remedial treatment, remedy, therapeutics*; CONCEPT 310 —**Ant.** damage, harm, hurt, injury

**thereabout** [*adv*] *about there almost, approximately, around, close at hand, in the neighborhood, in the vicinity, just about, near, nearby, nearly, roughly*; CONCEPTS 581,586

**thereafter** [*adv*] *from that time forward after that, consequently, following, forever after, from that day forward, from that day on, from there on, hereafter, thenceforth, thenceforward*; CONCEPT 799

**therefore** [*adv*] *as a result; for that reason accordingly, and so, consequently, ergo, for, forasmuch as, for this reason, hence, inasmuch as, in consequence, in that event, on account of, on the grounds, since, so, then, thence, therefrom, thereupon, thus, to that end, whence, wherefore*; CONCEPTS 230,676

**thermal** [*adj*] *warm heated, hot, lukewarm, melting, roasting, scorching, sizzling, snug, summery, sweltering, thermic, toasty*; CONCEPT 605

**thesaurus** [*n*] *dictionary of synonyms and antonyms glossary, language reference book, lexicon, onomasticon, reference book, sourcebook, storehouse of words, terminology, treasury of words, vocabulary, word list*; CONCEPT 280

**thesis** [*n*1] *belief, assumption to be tested apriorism, contention, contestation, hypothesis, idea, line, opinion, point, posit, position, postulate, postulation, premise, presumption, presupposition, principle, proposal, proposition, sentiment, statement, supposition, surmise, theory, view*; CONCEPTS 529,689 —**Ant.** certainty, fact, proof, reality

**thesis** [*n*2] *written dissertation argument, argumentation, composition, discourse, disquisition, essay, exposition, memoir, monograph, monography, paper, research, theme, tractate, treatise*; CONCEPTS 271,287

**thespian** [*n*] *actor, actress artist, bit player, character, entertainer, extra, ham\*, headliner, idol, lead, performer, play-actor, player, star, straight person, thesp\**; understudy; CONCEPT 352

**thick** [*adj*1] *deep, bulky blubbery, broad, burly, chunky, compact, concrete, consolidated, fat, firm, hard, heavy, high, husky, massive, obese, pudgy, solid, squat, stocky, stubby, stumpy, substantial, thickset, wide*; CONCEPTS 491,773 —**Ant.** attenuated, slight, thin

**thick** [*adj*2] *concentrated, dense caked, clabbered, close, clotted, coagulated, compact, compressed, concrete, condensed, congealed,*

*consolidated, crowded, curdled, deep, firm, fixed, gelatinous, gloppy\*, gooey, gummy, gummy, gunky\*, heavy, impenetrable, impervious, jelled, jellied, opaque, ossified, rosy, set, sloppy, solid, solidified, stiff, syrupy, thickened, turbid, viscid, viscous, vitrified*; CONCEPTS 483,606 —**Ant.** diluted, loose, thin, watery

**thick** [*adj*3] *crowded, packed abundant, brimming, bristling, bursting, chock-full\*, close, compact, compressed, concentrated, condensed, considerable, covered, crammed, crawling with\*, dense, frequent, full, great, heaped, impenetrable, impervious, inspissated, like sardines\*, localized, multitudinous, numerous, populated, populous, profuse, rank, replete, several, solid, swarming, teeming, tight*; CONCEPT 771 —**Ant.** thin, uncrowded

**thick** [*adj*4] *stupid blockheaded, boneheaded, brainless, dense, dim-witted, doltish, hopey\*, dull, dumb, ignorant, insensitive, moronic, numbskulled, obtuse, slow, slow-witted, thick-headed*; CONCEPT 402 —**Ant.** intelligent, smart

**thick** [*adj*5] *dense (referring to weather) cloudy, dull, foggy, heavy, impenetrable, indistinct, muddy, obscure, soupy\**; turbid; CONCEPT 525 —**Ant.** clear

**thick** [*adj*6] *friendly chummy\*, close, confidential, cordial, devoted, familiar, hand in glove\*, inseparable, intimate, on good terms*; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** unfriendly, un sociable

**thick** [*adj*7] *unreasonable excessive, flimsy\*, implausible, improbable, inconceivable, incredible, thin\*, too much\*, unbelievable, unconvincing, unfair, unjust, unsubstantial*; CONCEPTS 529,548 —**Ant.** reasonable, sensible, wise

**thicken** [*v*] *set; make more dense add, buttress, cake, clabber, clot, coagulate, condense, congeal, curdle, deepen, enlarge, expand, freeze, gel, grow thick, harden, inspissate, jell, jelly, ossify, petrify, reinforce, solidify, stiffen, swell, widen*; CONCEPTS 137,250,469 —**Ant.** dilute, liquefy, melt, thin, water down

**thick-skinned** [*adj*] *hardened benumbed, callous, coldhearted\*, hard-as-nails\*, hard-hearted\*, insensitive, seasoned, tough, toughened, unbending, unfeeling*; CONCEPTS 404,542

**thief** [*n*] *person who steals bandit, burglar, cat burglar, cheat, clip\*, criminal, crook, defalcator, embezzler, heister\*, highway robber, hijacker, holdup artist, housebreaker, kleptomaniac, larcener, larcenist, lifter\*, moonlighter\*, mugger, owl\*, pickpocket, pilferer, pirate, plunderer, porch climber\*, prowler, punk\*, purloiner, robber, scrounger, shoplifter, sniper, spider\*, stealer, stickup artist\*, swindler*; CONCEPT 412

**thieving/thievish** [*adj*] *criminal crooked, cunning, dishonest, fraudulent, furtive, kleptomaniacal\*, larcenous, light-fingered\*, pilfering, piratic\*, plunderous, predatory, rapacious, secretive, sly, spoliative, stealthy, sticky-fingered\**; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** benevolent, philanthropic

**thin** [*adj*1] *fine, light, slender attenuate, attenuated, beanpole\*, beanstalk\*, bony\*, cadaverous, delicate, emaciated, ethereal, featherweight, fragile, gangling, gangly, gaunt, haggard, lank, lanky, lean, lightweight, meager, narrow, peaked, pinched, pole\*, puny\*, rangy, rarefied, rawboned, reedy, rickety, scraggy\*,*



scrawny, shadow, shriveled, skeletal, skinny, slight, slim, slinky, small, spare, spindly, stalky\*, starved, stick\*, stilt\*, subtle, thread-like, twiggy\*, twiglike, undernourished, underweight, wan, wasted, wizened; **CONCEPT 491**

—**Ant.** dense, fat, heavy, inflated, obese, thick  
**thin** [adj2] *transparent, fine* attenuate, attenuated, delicate, diaphanous, filmy, flimsy, gossamer, paper-thin, permeable, rare, rarefied, refined, see-through, sheer, slight, slim, subtle, subtle, tenuous, translucent, unsubstantial, wafer-thin, wispy; **CONCEPT 606** —**Ant.** dense, solid, thick

**thin** [adj3] *deficient, weak* diluted, feeble\*, flat\*, flimsy\*, implausible, improbable, inadequate, inconceivable, incredible, insubstantial, insufficient, lame, meager, poor, questionable, scant, scanty, scarce, scattered, shallow, sketchy, skimpy\*, slight, sparse, stretched, superficial, thick\*, transparent, unbelievable, unconvincing, unpersuasive, unsubstantial, untenable, vapid, weak-kneed\*; **CONCEPT 771**

—**Ant.** efficient, solid, strong  
**thin** [adj4] *diluted* diffuse, dilute, dispersed, fine, light, rarefied, refined, runny, subtle, watery, weak, wishy-washy\*; **CONCEPT 485**

—**Ant.** concentrated, thick, undiluted  
**thin** [v] *make diluted or less dense* attenuate, cook, cut, cut back, decrease, delete, diminish, disperse, doctor, edit, emaciate, expand, extenuate, irrigate, lace\*, needle\*, prune, rarefy, reduce, refine, shave, spike, trim, water, water down, weaken, weed out; **CONCEPTS 137,250**

—**Ant.** beef up, thicken  
**thing** [n1] *something felt, seen, perceived* affair, anything, apparatus, article, being, body, business, circumstance, commodity, concept, concern, configuration, contrivance, corporeality, creature, device, element, entity, everything, existence, existent, fact, figure, form, gadget, goods, implement, individual, information, instrument, item, machine, material, materiality, matter, means, mechanism, object, part, person, phenomenon, piece, point, portion, shape, situation, stuff, subject, substance, tool, word; **CONCEPT 433**

**thing** [n2] *act* accomplishment, action, circumstance, deed, doing, duty, episode, event, eventuality, exploit, feat, happening, incident, job, movement, obligation, occasion, occurrence, phenomenon, proceeding, stunt, task, work; **CONCEPT 3**

**thing** [n3] *aspect, characteristic* article, attribute, detail, element, facet, factor, feature, item, particular, point, property, quality, statement, thought, trait; **CONCEPTS 411,657,834**

**thing** [n4] *idea, obsession* attitude, bee in bonnet\*, craze, fad, fetish, fixation, hang-up\*, idée fixe, impression, mania, notion, opinion, phobia, preoccupation, quirk, style, thought; **CONCEPT 529** —**Ant.** dislike, hate, hatred

**thing/things** [n5] *personal possessions* apparel, attire, baggage, belongings, chattels, clothes, clothing, duds\*, effects, equipment, gear, goods, habiliments, impedimenta, luggage, odds and ends\*, paraphernalia, personal effects, personals\*, property, raiment, stuff, trappings, tricks; **CONCEPTS 446,451**

**think** [v1] *believe; anticipate* assume, be

convinced, comprehend, conceive, conclude, consider, credit, deem, determine, envisage, envision, esteem, estimate, expect, fancy, feature, feel, foresee, gather, guess, hold, image, imagine, judge, plan for, presume, project, realize, reckon, regard, see, sense, suppose, surmise, suspect, take, understand, vision, visualize; **CONCEPTS 12,26** —**Ant.** disbelieve, disregard, excogitate

**think** [v2] *contemplate* analyze, appraise, appreciate, brood, celebrate, cogitate, comprehend, conceive, consider, deduce, deliberate, estimate, evaluate, examine, figure out, have in mind, ideate, imagine, infer, intellectualize, judge, logicalize, meditate, mull, mull over, muse, ponder, rack one's brains\*, rationalize, reason, reflect, resolve, revolve, ruminate, sort out, speculate, stew\*, stop to consider, study, take under consideration, turn over, use one's head\*, weigh; **CONCEPTS 17,33,43** —**Ant.** forget, ignore, neglect

**think** [v3] *remember* call to mind, recall, recollect, reminisce; **CONCEPT 40** —**Ant.** forget

**thinkable** [adj] *believable, feasible* cogitate, comprehensible, comprehensible, conceivable, convincing, imaginable, likely, possible, practicable, practical, presumable, reasonable, supposable, within realm of possibility\*, within the limits; **CONCEPT 529** —**Ant.** impossible, inconceivable, unbelievable, unfeasible, unlikely, unthinkable

**thin-skinned** [adj] *sensitive* delicate, easily hurt, hypersensitive, oversensitive, soft, touchy, vulnerable; **CONCEPT 406**

**third world** [n] *underdeveloped countries* developing countries, developing nations, economically developing countries, economically developing nations, emergent nations, underdeveloped nations; **CONCEPTS 378,391**

**thirst** [n] *craving (especially for liquid)* appetite, aridity, desire, drought, dryness, eagerness, hankering, hunger, keenness, longing, lust, passion, thirstiness, yearning, yen; **CONCEPTS 20,709**

**thirsty** [adj] *dry, desirous (especially for liquid)* agog\*, anxious, appetent, ardent, arid, athirst, avid, bone-dry\*, breathless, burning, cotton-mouthed\*, craving, crazy for\*, dehydrated, droughty, dry as dust\*, dying for\*, eager, greedy, hankering, hungry, impatient, inclined, itching for\*, juiceless, keen, longing, lusting, parched, partial to, sapless, thirsting, waterless, wild for\*, yearning; **CONCEPTS 403,603**

—**Ant.** moist, quenched, satisfied, wet  
**thorny** [adj1] *sharp, pointed* barbed, briery, bristling, bristly, prickly, spiked, spiky, spinous, spiny, stinging, thistly; **CONCEPT 485** —**Ant.** dull, smooth, unpointed

**thorny** [adj2] *difficult, problematic* awkward, baffling, bothersome, formidable, harassing, hard, irksome, nettlesome, perplexing, prickly, severe, sticky, ticklish, tough, tricky, troublesome, trying, unpleasant, upsetting, vexatious, worrying; **CONCEPT 565** —**Ant.** easy, solvable, untroublesome

**thoroughbred** [adj] *pure, unmixed* blood, full-blooded, graded, papered, pedigree, pedigreed, pure-blooded, purebred; **CONCEPT 549** —**Ant.** half-breed, impure, mixed

**thoroughly** [*adv*1] *exhaustively* all, assiduously, carefully, completely, comprehensively, conscientiously, earnestly, efficiently, exceedingly, exceptionally, extremely, flat out\*, from A to Z\*, from top to bottom\*, fully, hard, highly, hugely, in and out\*, in detail, inside out\*, intensely, intensively, meticulously, notably, painstakingly, remarkably, scrupulously, strikingly, sweepingly, through and through\*, throughout, unremittingly, up and down\*, very, whole hog\*, wholly; CONCEPTS 531,538 —*Ant.* incompletely, inexhaustively, partially, superficially

**thoroughly** [*adv*2] *utterly* absolutely, altogether, completely, downright, entirely, fully, perfectly, plumb, quite, totally, to the full, well, wholly, without reservation; CONCEPTS 531, 535,557 —*Ant.* deficiently, inadequately

**thorough/thoroughgoing** [*adj*1] *exhaustive* absolute, all-embracing, all-inclusive, all-out\*, all the way\*, assiduous, blow-by-blow\*, careful, circumstantial, clocklike, complete, comprehensive, conscientious, detailed, efficient, exact, from A to Z\*, full, full-dress\*, in-depth, intensive, itemized, meticulous, minute, painstaking, particular, particularized, plenty, royal, scrupulous, slam-bang\*, soup to nuts\*, sweeping, tough, whole-hog\*; CONCEPTS 531,538 —*Ant.* incomplete, inexhaustive, partial, superficial, unfinished

**thorough/thoroughgoing** [*adj*2] *absolute, utter* arrant, complete, consummate, downright, entire, out-and-out\*, outright, perfect, pure, rank, sheer, straight-out\*, total, unmitigated, unqualified; CONCEPTS 531,535,557 —*Ant.* deficient, imperfect, inadequate

**though** [*adv*] *however* after all, all the same, for all that, howbeit, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, still, still and all, withal, yet; CONCEPT 544

**though** [*conj*] *while* albeit, allowing, although, but, despite, despite the fact, even if, even supposing, even though, granted, howbeit, if, much as, notwithstanding, when, whereas; CONCEPT 544

**thought** [*n*1] *formation of mental objects* anticipation, apprehending, attention, brainwork, cerebration, cogitation, cognition, concluding, consideration, considering, contemplation, deducing, deduction, deliberation, deriving, discerning, heed, hope, ideation, inducing, inferring, introspection, intuition, judging, knowing, logic, meditation, musing, perceiving, rationalization, rationalizing, realizing, reasoning, reflection, regard, rumination, scrutiny, seeing, speculation, study, theorization, thinking, understanding; CONCEPTS 17,43,409,410 —*Ant.* vacancy, vacuity

**thought** [*n*2] *idea, concept* aim, anxiety, appreciation, aspiration, assessment, assumption, attentiveness, belief, brainchild\*, brainstorm\*, caring, compassion, conception, concern, conclusion, conjecture, conviction, design, dream, drift, estimation, expectation, fancy, feeling, guess, hope, hypothesis, image, inference, intention, intuition, judgment, kindness, knowledge, notion, object, opinion, plan, premise, prospect, purpose, regard, reverie, solicitude, supposition, sympathy, theory, thinking,

understanding, view, worry; CONCEPT 529

—*Ant.* concrete, thing

**thoughtful** [*adj*1] *caring, mindful* anxious, astute, attentive, aware, benign, canny, careful, cautious, charitable, chivalrous, circumspect, civil, concerned, considerate, cooperative, courteous, deliberate, diplomatic, discreet, friendly, gallant, gracious, heedful, helpful, indulgent, kind, kindly, neighborly, obliging, observant, observative, observing, polite, prudent, regardful, responsive, sensitive, social, solicitous, tactful, unselfish, wary, well-bred, well thought-out; CONCEPTS 401,555 —*Ant.* careless, heedless, inattentive, inconsiderate, uncaring, unmindful, unthoughtful

**thoughtful** [*adj*2] *contemplative, introspective* absorbed, analytical, attentive, brainy\*, calculating, cerebral, cogitative, deep, deliberative, discerning, earnest, engrossed, farsighted, grave, intellectual, intent, keen, levelheaded, logical, lost in thought\*, meditative, melancholy, museful, musing, pensive, philosophic, pondering, preoccupied, rapt, rational, reasonable, reasoning, reflecting, reflective, retrospective, ruminative, serious, sober, studious, subjective, thinking, wise, wistful; CONCEPTS 402,403,542 —*Ant.* idiotic, negligent, obtuse, remiss, stupid, thoughtless

**thoughtless** [*adj*1] *inconsiderate* antisocial, apathetic, asocial, blind, boorish, brash, deaf, discourteous, egocentric, hasty, heedless, hot-headed, impolite, inattentive, incautious, indelicate, indifferent, indiscreet, insensitive, listless, madcap, neglectful, negligent, primitive, rash, reckless, rude, self-centered, selfish, sharp, short, tactless, uncaring, unceremonious, unconcerned, undiplomatic, ungracious, unheeding, unkind, unmindful, unrefined; CONCEPTS 401,555 —*Ant.* considerate, kind, thinking, thoughtful, unselfish

**thoughtless** [*adj*2] *absent-minded, unobservant* bovine, careless, confused, doltish, dull, empty-headed, flighty, foolish, heedless, ill-adviced, ill-considered, imprudent, inadvertent, inane, inattentive, incomprehensible, inept, injudicious, irrational, irreflective, lamebrained\*, loony\*, mindless, neglectful, negligent, obtuse, puerile, rash, reckless, regardless, remiss, senseless, silly, stupid, undiscerning, unheeding, unmindful, unreasonable, unreasoning, unreflective, unthinking, vacuous, witless; CONCEPTS 402, 403,542 —*Ant.* attentive, heeding, mindful, observant, thoughtful

**thought-provoking** [*adj*] *stimulating* absorbing, captivating, exciting, fascinating, gripping, inspirational, interesting, intriguing, inviting, provocative, refreshing, riveting, stirring; CONCEPTS 372,529,537,572

**trash** [*v*] *flail about; beat* batter, beat up, belabor, belt, birch, buffet, bury, cane, chasten, chastise, clobber, crush, defeat, flagellate, flog, jerk, kill, lambaste\*, lick, maul, murder, overwhelm, paste, pelt, pitch, pound, pummel, punish, rout, rush, scourge, seesaw, slaughter, spank, stir, strike, surge, tan, tan one's hide\*, thresh, toss, toss and turn\*, trash, trim, trounce, wallop, wax\*, whip, work over\*, write; CONCEPTS 95,189 —*Ant.* be still

**threadbare** [*adj*1] *worn, frayed* beat up\*,

damaged, dilapidated, dingy, dog-eared, down-at-the-heel\*, faded, frowzy\*, impaired, injured, old, ragged, ratty\*, run-down, scruffy, seedy, shabby, shopworn, tacky, tattered, timeworn, used, used-up, worn-out, worse for wear\*;  
 CONCEPTS 485,606 —**Ant.** fresh, new, unused

**threadbare** [adj2] *trite, corny* banal, bathetic, cliché, clichéd, cliché-ridden, common, commonplace, conventional, dull, everyday, familiar, hackneyed, imitative, moth-eaten\*, musty, overused, poor, set, stale, stereotyped, stock, tedious, tired, uncreative, well-worn, worn-out;  
 CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** fresh, unused, unworn

**threads** [n] *clothes, clothing* accouterment, apparel, attire, civvies\*, costume, dress, duds\*, finery, garb, garments, gear, habiliment, outfit, personal attire, rags\*, raiment, Sunday best\*, wardrobe, weeds\*; CONCEPT 451

**threat** [n] *warning; danger* blackmail, bluff, commination, fix, foreboding, foreshadowing, fulmination, hazard, impendence, intimidation, menace, omen, peril, portent, presage, risk, thunder, writing on the wall\*; CONCEPT 278

**threaten** [v1] *warn, pressure* abuse, admonish, augur, blackmail, bluster, browbeat, bully, caution, comminate, cow, enforce, flex muscles\*, forebode, forewarn, fulminate, growl, intimidate, look daggers\*, make threat, menace, portend, presage, pressurize, push around\*, scare, scowl, shake fist at\*, snarl, spook, terrorize, torment, walk heavy\*; CONCEPTS 7,19,78 —**Ant.** alleviate, help, protect, relieve

**threaten** [v2] *endanger* advance, approach, be dangerous, be gathering, be imminent, be in the air\*, be in the offing\*, be on the horizon\*, brewing, come on, forebode, foreshadow, frighten, hang over\*, impend, imperil, jeopardize, loom, overhang, portend, presage, put at risk, put in jeopardy, warn; CONCEPTS 231,407 —**Ant.** guard, protect, save

**threatening** [adj] *menacing, ominous* aggressive, alarming, apocalyptic, at hand, baleful, baneful, black, bullying, cautionary, close, comminatory, dangerous, dire, fateful, forthcoming, grim, ill-boding, imminent, impendent, impending, inauspicious, intimidatory, looming, lousy, lowering, lowery, minacious, minatory, near, overhanging, portending, portentous, scowling, sinister, terrorizing, ugly, unlucky, unpropitious, unsafe, upcoming, warning; CONCEPTS 525,548,570 —**Ant.** nice, pleasant

**threshold** [n] *opening; beginning* brink, dawn, door, doorstep, doorway, edge, entrance, gate, inception, origin, outset, point, point of departure, sill, start, starting point, verge, vestibule; CONCEPTS 440,513,648,832

**thrift** [n] *economy* austerity, carefulness, economizing, frugality, parsimony, providence, prudence, saving, stinginess, thriftiness; CONCEPT 335 —**Ant.** extravagance, spending, waste

**thrifty** [adj] *economical* canny, careful, chary, cheap, chintzy\*, close\*, close-fisted, conserving, frugal, mean, parsimonious, penny-pinching, preserving, provident, prudent, saving, scrimpy\*, sparing, steal, stingy\*, tight\*, unwasteful; CONCEPTS 334,401 —**Ant.** extravagant, spend-thrift, uneconomical, wasteful

**thrill** [n] *sudden excitement* adventure, bang\*, blast, charge\*, circus, fireworks, flash\*, flush\*,

fun, good feeling, inspiration, kicks\*, lift\*, pleasure, refreshment, response, sensation, stimulation, tingle\*, titillation, turn-on\*, twitter\*, upper\*, wallop\*; CONCEPTS 32,529 —**Ant.** calm, depression

**thrill** [v] *excite, stimulate* animate, arouse, blow away\*, delight, electrify, enchant, enthuse, fire up\*, flush, flutter, galvanize, glow, go over big\*, grab\*, inspire, juice\*, key up\*, knock one's socks off\*, move, palpitate, quicken, quiver, race one's motor\*, rally, rouse, score, send, stir, stir up, tickle\*, tingle\*, titillate, tremble, turn on\*, wow\*; CONCEPTS 7,22 —**Ant.** bring down, depress, discourage, dishearten

**thrilling** [adj] *exciting* blood-tingling\*, boss\*, breathtaking, electrifying, enchanting, exquisite, fab\*, fabulous, frantic, gripping, hair-raising\*, large, mad, magnificent, mind-bending\*, mind-blowing\*, miraculous, overwhelming, rip-roaring\*, riveting, rousing, sensational, shivering, stimulating, stirring, swinging, trembling, wild, wondrous, zero cool\*; CONCEPTS 548,572 —**Ant.** depressing, discouraging, upsetting

**thrive** [v] *do well* advance, arrive, batten, bear fruit, bloom, blossom, boom, burgeon, develop, flourish, get ahead\*, get fat\*, get on\*, get places\*, get there\*, grow, grow rich, increase, make a go\*, mushroom\*, progress, prosper, radiate, rise, score\*, shine, shoot up, succeed, turn out well, wax; CONCEPTS 704,706 —**Ant.** decline, fail, languish, lose

**thriving** [adj] *successful* advancing, arrived, blooming, booming, burgeoning, cooking\*, developing, doing well, flourishing, going strong\*, growing, have it made\*, have the wherewithal\*, healthy, home free\*, on top of heap\*, progressing, prolific, prospering, prosperous, rich, roaring, robust, rolling\*, sitting pretty\*, wealthy; CONCEPTS 334,528 —**Ant.** declining, failing, languishing, losing

**throb** [v] *pulsate, beat* flutter, palpitate, pitpat, pound, pulse, resonate, thrill, thump, tingle, tremble, twitter, vibrate; CONCEPTS 152,185

**throng** [n] *large crowd* assemblage, assembly, bunch, collection, concourse, congregation, crush, drove, everybody, flock, gathering, horde, host, jam, mass, mob, multitude, pack, press, push, sellout, swarm; CONCEPTS 417,432

**throttle** [v] *choke* burke, control, gag, inhibit, silence, smother, stifle, strangle, strangulate, suppress; CONCEPT 191 —**Ant.** free, release

**through** [adj1] *done* buttoned up\*, complete, completed, concluded, ended, finis\*, finished, in the bag\*, over, terminated, wound up\*, wrapped up\*; CONCEPTS 531,548 —**Ant.** incomplete, unfinished

**through** [adj2] *direct* constant, free, nonstop, one-way, opened, rapid, regular, straight, straightforward, unbroken, unhindered, uninterrupted; CONCEPTS 482,581 —**Ant.** indirect, stopping

**through** [prep1] *by way of* as a consequence, as a result, at the hand of, because of, by, by dint of, by means of, by reason, by the agency of, by virtue of, for, in consequence of, in virtue of, per, through the medium of, using, via, with, with the help of; CONCEPT 544

**through** [prep2] *between, during* about, by,

clear, for the period, from beginning to end, in, in and out, in the middle, into, past, round, straight, throughout, within; CONCEPTS 583, 798 —*Ant.* around

**throughout** [*adj*] *during the whole of* all over, all the time, all through, around, at full length, completely, during, every bit, everywhere, everywhere, far and near, far and wide, for the duration, from beginning to end, from end to end, from one end to the other, from start to finish, from the start, from the word go\*, high and low, in all respects, in every place, in everything, inside and out, on all accounts\*, over, overall, right through, round, the whole time, through the whole of, to the end, up and down; CONCEPTS 482,531,798

**throw** [*v1*] *propel something through the air* bandy, barrage, bombard, buck, bunt, butt, cant, cast, catapult, chuck, dash, deliver, discharge, dislodge, drive, fell, fire, flick, fling, fling off, flip, floor, force, heave, hurl, impel, lapidate, launch, let fly\*, let go, lift, lob, overturn, overwhelm, peg, pellet, pelt, pepper, pitch, precipitate, project, push, put, scatter, send, shove, shower, shy, sling, splatter, spray, sprinkle, start, stone, strew, thrust, toss, tumble, unhorse, unseat, upset, volley, waf; CONCEPT 222 —*Ant.* catch, receive

**throw** [*v2*] *confuse* addle, astonish, baffle, befuddle, bewilder, confound, disconcert, distract, disturb, dizzy, dumbfound, fluster, mix up\*, throw off\*, unsettle, upset; CONCEPT 16 —*Ant.* explain, help

**throw away** [*v1*] *dispose of* abandon, cast, cast off, chase, clear, discard, dismiss, dispense with, ditch\*, drop\*, dump\*, eject, eliminate, evict, extrude, free oneself of, get rid of, jettison, junk\*, lose, refuse, reject, rid oneself of, scrap\*, shake off\*, shed, shuck, slip, throw off, throw out, turn down, unburden; CONCEPT 180 —*Ant.* hold, keep

**throw away** [*v2*] *waste* be wasteful, blow, consume, dissipate, fail to exploit, fritter, lose, refuse, reject, squander, trifle, turn down; CONCEPT 156 —*Ant.* hoard, save

**throw off** [*v*] *elude, escape* abuse, deceive, evade, get away from, give the slip\*, leave behind, lose, outdistance, outrun, shake off, trick; CONCEPT 102 —*Ant.* face, meet

**throw out** [*v*] *comment* bring forward, bring to light\*, bring up, chime in\*, come out with, declare, deliver, produce, reveal, say, state, suggest, tell, utter; CONCEPT 51 —*Ant.* be quiet

**throw over** [*v*] *abandon, leave* break up with, break with, desert, discard, drop, eighty-six\*, finish with, forsake, jilt\*, quit, renounce, split up with, walk out on\*; CONCEPTS 195,384 —*Ant.* accompany, join, take on, unite

**throw up** [*v1*] *vomit, be nauseous* be sick, bring up, disgorge, heave, puke\*, regurgitate, retch, spew, spit up, upchuck\*; CONCEPTS 179,308

**throw up** [*v2*] *build quickly* build overnight\*, jerrybuild\*, knock together\*, patch, put together, roughcast, roughhew, run up\*, slap together\*, throw together; CONCEPT 168 —*Ant.* destroy, raze, tear down

**thrust** [*n1*] *point of communication* burden, core, effect, gist, meaning, meat\*, pith\*,

purport, sense, short, substance, upshot;

CONCEPT 682

**thrust** [*n2*] *forward movement* advance, blitz, boost, drive, impetus, impulsion, jump, lunge, momentum, onset, onslaught, poke, pressure, prod, propulsion, punch, push, shove, stab, whack, wham; CONCEPTS 208,222 —*Ant.* pull

**thrust** [*v*] *push hard* advance, assail, assault, attack, bear down, boost, buck, butt, chuck, chunk, clip, clout, crowd, cut, dig, drive, elbow\*, embed, fire, force, heave, hump, impale, impel, interject, jab, jam, jostle, lob, lunge, nick, nudge, peg, pierce, pitch, plunge, poke, pour it on\*, press, prod, propel, punch, push forward, put, railroad\*, ram, run, shove, sink, sling, smack, stab\*, stick, toss, transfix, urge, wham\*; CONCEPTS 208,222 —*Ant.* pull

**thud/thump** [*n/v*] *dull crash; dull sound* bang, beat, blow, clonk, clout, clump, clunk, fall, flutter, hammer, hit, knock, plop, puke, pound, pounding, pulse, rap, slap, smack, strike, throb, thunk\*, thwack\*, wallop\*, whack\*; CONCEPTS 65,181,189

**thug** [*n*] *hoodlum* assassin, bandit, bully, criminal, delinquent, gang member, gangster, goon\*, gorilla\*, gunman, hired killer, hood, hooligan, killer, mobster, murderer, professional killer, punk, rioter, rowdy, ruffian, trouble-maker; CONCEPT 412

**thumbnail** [*adj*] *condensed* abbreviated, abridged, brief, compact, concise, contracted, curtailed, epigrammatic, short, short and sweet\*, succinct, summary, to the point, truncated; CONCEPT 773

**thunder** [*n*] *crashing sound* barrage, blast, boom, booming, cannonade, clap, cracking, crash, crashing, detonation, discharge, drumfire, explosion, fulmination, outburst, peal, pealing, roar, rumble, rumbling, thunderbolt, thunder-crack, uproar; CONCEPTS 524,595

**thunder** [*v1*] *boom, crash* blast, clamor, clap, crack, deafen, detonate, drum, explode, peal, resound, reverberate, roar, rumble, storm; CONCEPTS 65,521,526

**thunder** [*v2*] *yell* at bark, bellow, curse, declaim, denounce, fulminate, gnarl, growl, rail, roar, shout, snarl, threaten, utter threat; CONCEPTS 52,54

**thunderstruck** [*adj*] *amazed, astonished* agape, aghast, astounded, awestruck, bowled over\*, confounded, dazed, dismayed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted, floored, overwhelmed, petrified, shocked, staggered, startled, stunned; CONCEPTS 403,690

**thus** [*adv1*] *in this manner* along these lines, as follows, hence, in kind, in such a way, in this fashion, in this way, just like that, like so, like this, so, thus and so, thus and thus, thusly, to such a degree; CONCEPT 544

**thus** [*adv2*] *accordingly* consequently, ergo, for this reason, hence, on that account, so, then, therefore, thereupon; CONCEPT 544

**thwart** [*v*] *stop, hinder* baffle, balk, beat, balk, check, circumvent, confuse, counter, crab\*, cramp, crimp, cross, curb, dash, defeat, disappoint, ditch, dodge, double-cross\*, duck, foil, foul up\*, frustrate, give the slip\*, hold up, impede, louse up\*, match, obstruct, oppose, outwit, pit, play off, prevent, queer\*, restrain,

ruin, scotch\*, skin, snafu\*, stymie, take down, take wind out of\*, trammel, upset, upset one's apple cart\*; CONCEPTS 121,130 —**Ant.** aid, assist, encourage, forward, help

**tiara** [*n*] crown chaplet, circlet, coronal, coronet, crown jewels, diadem, garland, headband, headdress, miter, royal crown, wreath; CONCEPT 452

**tic** [*n*] spasm contraction, fit, jerk, twitch; CONCEPT 308

**tick** [*n1*] clicking sound; one beat beat, blow, clack, click, clicking, flash, instant, metallic sound, minute, moment, pulsation, pulse, rap, second, shake, tap, tapping, throb, ticktock, twinkling, wink; CONCEPTS 595,808,810

**tick** [*n2*] checkmark check, cross, dash, flick, indication, line, mark, stroke, X\*; CONCEPT 284

**tick** [*v*] click beat, clack, pulsate, tap, thump, ticktock; CONCEPTS 65,189

**ticket** [*n*] authorization on paper admission, badge, board, card, certificate, check, chit, coupon, credential, docket, document, invite, key, label, license, marker, note, notice, open sesame, paper, pass, passage, passport, pass-word, permit, raincheck, receipt, record, slip, sticker, stub, tab, tag, token, voucher; CONCEPTS 271,685

**tickle** [*v*] make laugh amuse, brush, caress, convulse, delight, divert, enchant, entertain, excite, gratify, itch, pat, pet, please, stimulate, stroke, thrill, tingle, titillate, touch, vellicate; CONCEPTS 7,22,612

**ticklish** [*adj*] difficult, tricky awkward, capricious, chancy, changeable, critical, dangerous, delicate, fickle, inconstant, mercurial, nice, precarious, risky, rocky, sensitive, temperamental, thorny, touchy, trying, uncertain, unstable, unsteady, variable, volatile; CONCEPTS 548,565 —**Ant.** easy, straightforward, unproblematic

**tidbit** [*n*] tiny portion bit, bite, delicacy, goody\*, morsel, mouthful, snack, soupçon, titbit, treat; CONCEPTS 458,835 —**Ant.** lot

**tide** [*n*] flow, current course, direction, drag, drift, ebb, eddy, flood, flux, movement, race, run, rush, sluice, spate, stream, tendency, torrent, trend, undercurrent, undertow, vortex, wave, whirlpool; CONCEPT 514

**tide over** [*v*] help along aid, assist, bridge the gap\*, keep head above water\*, keep one going, see through; CONCEPT 110 —**Ant.** hinder, hurt

**tidings** [*n*] greetings, news advice, bulletin, communication, dirt, information, intelligence, message, report, word; CONCEPT 274

**tidy** [*adj1*] clean, neat apple-pie order\*, businesslike, chipper\*, cleanly, in good shape, methodical, neat as a pin\*, ordered, orderly, shipshape\*, sleek, snug, spick-and-span\*, spruce, systematic, to rights\*, trim, uncluttered, well-groomed, well-kept, well-ordered; CONCEPTS 485,585,621 —**Ant.** chaotic, dirty, disordered, disorganized, littered, messy, sloppy, slovenly, unclean, untidy

**tidy** [*adj2*] considerable ample, fair, generous, good, goody, handsome, healthy, large, largish, respectable, sizable, substantial, vast; CONCEPTS 762,781 —**Ant.** inconsequential, inconsiderable, little, small, unsubstantial

**tidy** [*v*] make neat and orderly clean, clear the decks\*, fix up, frame\*, get act together\*,

groom, neaten, order, police, pull together, put in good shape, put in order, put in shape, put to rights\*, shape up, spruce, spruce up\*, straighten, straighten up, tauten, whip into shape\*; CONCEPT 250 —**Ant.** dirty, disheveled, disorder, disorganize, jumble, litter

**tie** [*n1*] fastening attachment, band, bandage, bond, brace, connection, cord, fastener, fetter, gag, hookup, joint, knot, ligament, ligature, link, network, nexus, outfit, rope, strap, string, tackle, tie-in, tie-up, yoke, zipper; CONCEPT 680

**tie** [*n2*] deadlock dead heat\*, draw, drawn battle\*, equivalence, even game, level, photo finish\*, push, stalemate, standoff; CONCEPTS 364,667 —**Ant.** loss, win

**tie** [*n3*] relationship affiliation, allegiance, association, bond, commitment, connection, duty, hookup, kinship, liaison, network, obligation, outfit, tie-in; CONCEPT 388 —**Ant.** break, divorce

**tie** [*v1*] connect, interlace anchor, attach, band, bind, cinch, clinch, do up, fasten, gird, join, knot, lash, link, make a bow, make a hitch, make a knot, make fast, marry, moor, rivet, rope, secure, splice, tether, tie up, tighten, truss, unite, wed; CONCEPTS 85,160,193 —**Ant.** detach, disconnect, loose, loosen, unfasten, unlace, untie

**tie** [*v2*] equal balance, be even, be neck and neck\*, be on a par, break even\*, deadlock\*, draw, even up, keep up with, match, measure up, meet, parallel, rival, touch; CONCEPTS 92,667 —**Ant.** fail, fall behind, go ahead, lose, succeed, surpass

**tie/tie up** [*v3*] hamper, hinder bind, clog, confine, curb, delay, entrap, fetter, hog-tie\*, hold, leash, limit, lock up, obstruct, restrain, restrict, shackle, stop, tie one's hands\*, trammel; CONCEPT 130 —**Ant.** aid, assist, encourage, free, help

**tier** [*n*] level bank, category, class, course, echelon, file, grade, group, grouping, layer, league, line, order, pigeonhole\*, queue, range, rank, row, series, story, stratum, string; CONCEPTS 378,727,744

**tiff** [*n*] argument altercation, bad mood, bickering, difference, disagreement, dispute, falling-out\*, fit, huff\*, miff\*, pet, quarrel, row\*, run-in\*, scrap, spat, squabble, sulk, tantrum, temper, words\*, wrangle; CONCEPTS 46,674 —**Ant.** agreement, harmony

**tight** [*adj1*] close, snug bound, clasped, close-fitting, compact, constricted, contracted, cramped, crowded, dense, drawn, enduring, established, fast, firm, fixed, hidebound, inflexible, invulnerable, narrow, quick, rigid, secure, set, skintight, solid, stable, steady, stiff, strained, stretched, strong, sturdy, taut, tenacious, tense, thick, tightened, unbending, unyielding; CONCEPTS 483,485 —**Ant.** comfortable, free, loose, open, slack

**tight** [*adj2*] sealed airtight, blind, blocked, bolted, choking, clumped, cramping, crushing, cutting, fast, fastened, firm, fixed, hermetic, hermetically sealed, impenetrable, impermeable, impervious, locked, nailed, obstructed, padlocked, pinching, plugged, proof, secure, short, shrunken, shut, skintight, slammed, smothering, snapped, sound, stopped up, tied,

tied up, uncomfortable, watertight; CONCEPTS 489,576 —*Ant.* loose, open, unsealed, wide

**tight** [*adj*3] *stingy* cheap, close, grasping, mean, miserly, parsimonious, penny-pinching\*, penurious, sparing, tightfisted; CONCEPTS 334, 401 —*Ant.* free, giving

**tight** [*adj*4] *difficult, troublesome* arduous, close, critical, dangerous, distressing, disturbing, exacting, hazardous, near, perilous, precarious, punishing, rough, sticky, tense, ticklish, tough, tricky, trying, upsetting, worrisome; CONCEPTS 548,565 —*Ant.* easy, untroubled

**tight** [*adj*5] *intoxicated* boozey\*, buzzed\*, drunk, drunken, high\*, inebriated, loaded\*, pickled\*, plastered\*, smashed\*, stewed\*, stoned\*, tipsy, under the influence; CONCEPTS 401,406 —*Ant.* sober

**tighten** [*v*] *constrict* bind, clench, close, compress, condense, congeal, contract, cramp, crush, fasten, fix, grip, harden, narrow, pinch, pressure, rigidify, screw, secure, squeeze, stiffen, strain, strangle, stretch, tauten, tense, toughen; CONCEPTS 250,469,697 —*Ant.* free, let go, loose, loosen, relax, release

**tightfisted** [*adj*] *cheap* chintzy\*, closefisted, economical, frugal, greedy, mean, mingy, miserly, money-conscious, parsimonious, penny-pinching, pennywise\*, penurious, pinchpenny\*, saving, scrimping, stingy, thrifty, tight\*, tightwad\*, ungenerous; CONCEPTS 326, 332,334,401

**tight-lipped** [*adj*] *silent* buttoned up\*, clammed up\*, closemouthed, dumb, hushed, mum, mute, muted, not talkative, quiet, reserved, restrained, reticent, secretive, taciturn, tongue-tied, zipped; CONCEPT 594

**tightwad** [*n*] *miser* cheapskate\*, churl, hoarder, moneygrubber\*, penny-pincher\*, pinchfist\*, pinchpenny\*, Scrooge\*, skinflint, stiff; CONCEPTS 348,412,423

**till** [*n*] *cash box* box, cash drawer, cash register, kitty\*, money box, safe, tray, treasury, vault; CONCEPT 339

**till** [*v*] *cultivate* land dig, dress, farm, grow, harrow, hoe, labor, mulch, plant, plough, plow, prepare, raise crops, sow, tend, turn, turn over, work; CONCEPTS 253,257 —*Ant.* plant, sow

**tilt** [*n*1] *lean, slope* angle, cant, dip, drop, fall, grade, gradient, inclination, incline, leaning, list, pitch, rake, slant, slide; CONCEPT 738

**tilt** [*n*2] *fight* attack, bout, clash, collision, combat, conflict, contest, duel, encounter, fracas, joust, meet, scrimmage, scuffle, set-to, skirmish, struggle, tournament, tourney, tussle; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* agreement, surrender

**tilt** [*v*1] *lean, slant* bend, cant, careen, dip, heel, incline, list, lurch, pitch, rake, recline, seesaw, set at an angle, shift, slope, slouch, swag, sway, tip, turn, yaw; CONCEPT 147 —*Ant.* straighten

**tilt** [*v*2] *attack, fight* break, charge, clash, combat, contend, cross swords\*, duel, encounter, joust, overthrow, spar, thrust; CONCEPT 106 —*Ant.* surrender, yield

**timber** [*n*] *trees, wood* balk, beam, board, boom, club, forest, frame, girder, grove, hardwood, log, mast, plank, pole, rafter, rib, stake, timberland, weald, woodland, woodlot, woods; CONCEPTS 430,479

**time** [*n*1] *temporal length of event or entity's*

*existence, period* age, allotment, bit, bout, chronology, clock, continuance, date, day, duration, epoch, era, eternity, extent, future, generation, go\*, hour, infinity, instance, instant, interval, juncture, lastingness, life, life span, lifetime, many a moon\*, moment, month, occasion, pace, past, point, present, season, second, shift, space, span, spell, stage, stint, stretch, tempo, term, tide, tour, turn, week, while, year; CONCEPTS 801,806,809,819,823

**time** [*n*2] *opportunity* break, chance, heyday, look-in\*, occasion, opening, peak, shot, show, squeak\*; CONCEPT 693

**time-honored** [*adj*] *traditional* accustomed, ancestral, classic, classical, conventional, customary, fixed, folk, historic, long-established, old, popular, regular, rooted, standard, taken for granted, universal, usual, vintage, widespread; CONCEPTS 530,533,547

**timeless** [*adj*] *eternal* abiding, ageless, always, amaranthine, constant, continual, continued, dateless, deathless, endless, enduring, everlasting, forever, illimitable, immemorial, immortal, indefinite, infinite, lasting, never-ending, perennial, permanent, perpetual, persistent, undying, unending, without end; CONCEPTS 482,798

**timely** [*adj*] *at the right time* appropriate, auspicious, convenient, favorable, fit, fitting, in good time\*, in the nick of time\*, judicious, likely, meet, modern, now, opportune, pat, promising, prompt, proper, propitious, prosperous, punctual, reasonable, suitable, timeless, towardly, up-to-date, up-to-the-minute, well-timed, with it\*; CONCEPTS 558,799 —*Ant.* inappropriate, inopportune, unsuitable, untimely

**timetable** [*n*] *schedule* agenda, appointments, calendar, chart, chronology, docket, itinerary, list, order of business, plan, program, record; CONCEPTS 271,283,660

**timid** [*adj*] *shy* afraid, ambivalent, apprehensive, badgered, bashful, browbeaten, bullied, capricious, cowardly, cowed, cowering, coy, daunted, demure, diffident, fainthearted, fearful, feeble, frightened, gentle, having cold feet\*, humble, intimidated, irresolute, milquetoast, modest, mousy, nervous, pusillanimous, retiring, shaky, shrinking, soft, spineless, spiritless, submissive, timid, timorous, trembling, unassertive, unassured, unnerved, vacillating, wavering, weak, yellow\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* bold, brave, daring, extroverted, fearless

**tinge** [*n*1] *color* cast, colorant, coloration, coloring, dye, dyestuff, hue, nib, pigment, shade, stain, tincture, tint, tone, wash; CONCEPT 622 —*Ant.* white

**tinge** [*n*2] *hint* bit, dash, drop, intimation, nib, pinch, shade, smack, smattering, soupçon, sprinkling, strain, streak, suggestion, tincture, touch, trace; CONCEPTS 529,831 —*Ant.* information

**tinge** [*v*] *color* complexion, dye, imbue, impregnate, infiltrate, saturate, shade, stain, streak, suffuse, tincture, tint; CONCEPT 250 —*Ant.* pale, whiten

**tingle** [*v*] *feel tickled, itchy* creep, get excited, have goose bumps\*, itch, prickle, shiver, sting, thrill, throbb, tickle, twitter; CONCEPT 612

**tinker** [*v*] *fiddle with* dabble, doodle\*, fix, mess\*, mess with\*, monkey\*, muck about\*,

niggle\*, play, play with, puddle, putter, repair, take apart, toy, trifle with; CONCEPTS 87,212 —**Ant.** leave alone

**tinkle** [v] *jingle, ring* chime, chink, chinkle, clink, ding, jangle, make bell sound, plink, sound, ting, tingle, tintinnabulate; CONCEPT 65

**tint** [n] *shade of color* cast, chroma, color, coloration, complexion, dash, dye, flush, glow, hint, hue, luminosity, pigmentation, rinse, stain, suggestion, taint, tinct, tincture, tinge, tone, touch, trace, wash; CONCEPT 622 —**Ant.** white

**tint** [v] *color with a certain shade* affect, complexion, dye, influence, rinse, shade, stain, taint, tincture, tinge, touch, wash; CONCEPT 250 —**Ant.** pale, whiten

**tiny** [adj] *very small* bitsy\*, bitty, diminutive, infinitesimal, insignificant, itty-bitsy\*, itty-bitsy\*, Lilliputian, little, microscopic, midget, mini\*, miniature, minikin, minimum, minuscular, minuscule, minute, negligible, pee-wee\*, petite, pint-sized\*, pocket, pocket-size\*, puny, slight, teensy\*, teensy-weensy\*, teeny\*, trifling, wee, yea big\*; CONCEPTS 762,773,789 —**Ant.** big, enormous, gigantic, great, huge, large, vast

**tip/tipoff** [n] *inside information* bang\*, bug\*, buzz\*, clue, cue, dope\*, forecast, hint, in\*, information, inkling, inside wire, knowledge, news, point, pointer, prediction, prompt, secret information, steer\*, suggestion, two cents' worth\*, warning, whisper, word, word of advice, word to the wise\*; CONCEPT 274 —**Ant.** silence

**tip** [n2] *very top* apex, cap, crown, cusp, edge, end, extremity, head, nip, peak, point, stub, summit, tiptop, vertex; CONCEPT 836 —**Ant.** bottom, nadir

**tip** [n3] *gratuity paid* compensation, cue, fee, gift, handout, lagniappe, money, one-way\*, perk, perquisite, pourboire, reward, small change, something\*, sweetener; CONCEPT 344

**tip** [v1] *knock over; cause to lean* bend, cant, capsize, careen, dump, empty, heel, incline, lean, list, overset, overturn, pour, recline, shift, slant, slope, spill, tilt, topple, topple over, turn over, unload, upend, upset, upturn; CONCEPTS 189,201,208 —**Ant.** straighten

**tip** [v2] *give inside information* advise, caution, clue, cue, forewarn, give a clue, give a hint, give the low-down\*, hint, prompt, steer, suggest, tip off, warn; CONCEPT 60 —**Ant.** conceal, hide

**tipsy** [adj] *inebriated* addled, dazed, drunk, drunken, fuddled, happy, high\*, intoxicated, irrigated\*, lit\*, loaded\*, mellow, merry, stewed\*, tight, unsteady, woozy; CONCEPTS 401,406 —**Ant.** sober

**tirade** [n] *abuse, outburst* anger, berating, censure, condemnation, denunciation, diatribe, dispute, fulmination, harangue, invective, jeremiad\*, lecture, malediction, philippic\*, ranting, revilement, screed, sermon, tongue-lashing\*, vituperation; CONCEPTS 44,54,278 —**Ant.** calm, harmony, peace

**tire** [v] *exhaust, weary* annoy, bore, burn out\*, bush\*, collapse, crawl, debilitate, deject, depress, disgust, dishearten, dispirit, displease, distress, drain, droop, drop, enervate, ennu, exasperate, fag, fail, faint, fatigue, flag, fold,

give out, go stale, grow weary, harass, irk, irritate, jade, nauseate, overburden, overstrain, overtax, overwork, pain, pall, peter out\*, poop out\*, prostrate, put to sleep, sap, sicken, sink, strain, tax, vex, weaken, wear, wear down, wear out, wilt, worry, yawn\*; CONCEPTS 13, 14,469 —**Ant.** activate, energize, fire up, invigorate, refresh

**tired** [adj] *exhausted, weary* all in\*, annoyed, asleep, beat\*, bored, broken-down, burned out\*, collapsing, consumed, dead on one's feet\*, distressed, dog-tired\*, done for\*, done in\*, drained, drooping, droopy, drowsy, empty, enervated, exasperated, fagged, faint, fatigued, fed up\*, finished, flagging, haggard, irked, irritated, jaded, narcoleptic, overtaxed, overworked, petered out\*, played out\*, pooped\*, prostrated, run-down, sick of, sleepy, spent, stale, tuckered out\*, wasted, worn, worn out; CONCEPTS 314,403,406 —**Ant.** activated, active, energized, fired up, fresh, invigorated, refreshed, rested

**tireless** [adj] *determined* active, ball of fire\*, eager, energetic, enthusiastic, grind, hard-working\*, hyper\*, incessant, indefatigable, industrious, jumping, on the go\*, perky, persevering, resolute, steadfast, strenuous, unflagging, untiring, unwearied, unwearied, vigorous; CONCEPTS 538,542 —**Ant.** beat, tired, unenthusiastic, weary, worn out

**tiresome** [adj] *irritating, exasperating* a bit much\*, annoying, arduous, boring, boring, burdensome, demanding, difficult, drag, dragging, drudging, dull, enervative, exacting, exhausting, fatiguing, flat, hard, heavy, hefty, ho-hum\*, humdrum, irksome, jading, laborious, monotonous, nowhere, onerous, oppressive, strenuous, tedious, tired, tired, too much\*, tough, trying, uncool\*, uninteresting, unrelieved, vexatious, wearing, wearisome, wearying, yawn\*; CONCEPTS 529,537,538 —**Ant.** easy, facile, fun, nice, stimulating

**titanic** [adj] *gigantic, very large* Brobdingnagian\*, colossal, elephantine, enormous, epic, gargantuan, giant, Herculean\*, huge, immense, jumbo\*, larger-than-life, mammoth, massive, monstrous, monumental, titan, towering, tremendous, vast; CONCEPTS 491,773,779,781

**titillate** [v] *excite, stimulate* amuse, arouse, entertain, grab, grapple, hook, interest, palpate, provoke, switch on, tantalize, tease, thrill, tickle, tickle pink\*, turn on; CONCEPTS 7,11,22 —**Ant.** disenchant, repulse, turn off

**title** [n1] *heading, label* appellation, banner, caption, close, description, head, headline, inscription, legend, name, rubric, salutation, sign, streamer, style, subtitle; CONCEPT 283

**title** [n2] *name* appellation, appellative, brand, cognomen, denomination, designation, epithet, handle\*, honorific, label, moniker\*, nom de plume, nomen, pseudonym, sobriquet, style, tab\*, tag\*, term; CONCEPT 683

**title** [n3] *possession, laurel* authority, championship, claim, commission, crest, crown, decoration, deed, degree, desert, dibs\*, due, entitlement, holding, justification, license, medal, merit, ownership, power, prerogative, pretense, pretension, privilege, proof, ribbon, right; CONCEPTS 376,710

**title** [v] *name* baptize, call, christen, denominate, designate, dub, entitle, label, style, term; CONCEPT 62

**toady** [n] *sycophant* adulator, apple polisher, ass-kisser\*, backscratcher\*, backslapper\*, bootlicker\*, brownnoser\*, doormat, doter, fan, fawner, flatterer, flunky, groupie\*, hanger-on\*, kiss-up\*, lackey, minion, teacher's pet, yes-person\*; CONCEPT 423

**toady** [v] *fawn* apple-polish\*, be servile, bootlick\*, brownnose\*, butter up\*, cajole, fall all over, fall on one's knees\*, flatter, honey up\*, kiss one's feet\*, kiss-up\*, kowtow\*, lay it on\*, lick boots\*, massage\*, oil\*, pay court\*, play up to\*, scratch one's back\*, stroke\*, suck up to\*, truckle, woo\*; CONCEPTS 110,384

**toast** [n] *salutation when drinking alcohol* acknowledgment, celebration, ceremony, commemoration, compliment, down, drink, health, honor, pledge, proposal, salute, sentiment, shingle, thanksgiving, tribute; CONCEPT 278

**toast** [v] *brown with heat* cook, crisp, dry, grill, heat, parch, roast, warm; CONCEPT 170

**toddler** [n] *baby* child, infant, kid, little one\*, preschooler, rug rat\*, tot, youngster; CONCEPTS 414,424

**to-do** [n] *commotion, excitement* agitation, bother, brouhaha\*, bustle, clamor, disorder, disturbance, flap\*, furor, fuss, hassle, hoo-ha\*, hoopla\*, hubbub\*, hurly-burly\*, hurrah, performance, pother, quarrel, racket, ruction, rumpus, stir, tumult, turmoil, unrest, uproar, whirl; CONCEPTS 230,674 —**Ant.** peace, rest

**together** [adj] *composed calm, cool*\*, in sync\*, stable, well-adjusted, well-balanced, well-organized; CONCEPT 542 —**Ant.** imbalanced, unstable, upset, worried

**together** [adv1] *as a group; all at once* all together, as one, at one fell swoop\*, closely, coincidentally, collectively, combined, commonly, concertedly, concomitantly, concurrently, jointly, contemporaneously, en masse, hand in glove\*, hand in hand\*, in a body, in concert, in cooperation, in one breath\*, in sync\*, in unison, jointly, mutually, on the beat\*, side by side, simultaneously, synchronically, unanimsously, unitedly, with one accord, with one voice, with the beat; CONCEPTS 538,544, 548 —**Ant.** apart, individually, separately

**together** [adv2] *in a row consecutively*, continually, continuously, in succession, night and day, one after the other, on end, running, successively, unintermittedly, without a break, without interruption; CONCEPTS 482, 585 —**Ant.** separately

**toil** [n] *hard work* application, drudgery, effort, exertion, industry, labor, toil, nine-to-five\*, occupation, pains\*, sweat, travail; CONCEPTS 100,362,677 —**Ant.** entertainment, fun, pastime

**toil** [v] *work hard* drive, drudge, grind, knock oneself out\*, labor, toil, peg away\*, plod, plug, push oneself, slave, strain, strive, struggle, sweat, tug, work, work like a dog\*; CONCEPTS 100,677 —**Ant.** idle, laze, neglect

**toilsome** [adj] *laborious* arduous, backbreaking, burdensome, demanding, difficult, exhausting, hard, labored, onerous, operose, rough, strenuous, taxing, tiresome, uphill\*; CONCEPT 538

**token** [n] *indication, remembrance* badge, clue, demonstration, earnest, evidence, expression, favor, gift, index, indicia, keepsake, manifestation, mark, memento, memorial, note, omen, pawn, pledge, presage, proof, relic, reminder, representation, sample, security, sign, significant, souvenir, symbol, symptom, trophy, warning, warrant; CONCEPTS 284,337,529

**tolerable** [adj] *acceptable, good enough* adequate, allowable, all right, average, bearable, better than nothing\*, common, decent, endurable, fair, fairly good, fair to middling\*, goodish\*, indifferent, livable, mediocre, middling\*, not bad\*, okay\*, ordinary, passable, presentable, respectable, run-of-the-mill\*, satisfactory, so-so\*, sufferable, sufficient, supportable, sustainable, tidy, unexceptional, unexceptional, unimpeachable; CONCEPTS 529,548 —**Ant.** bad, intolerable, unacceptable, unbearable

**tolerance** [n1] *open-mindedness* altruism, benevolence, broad-mindedness, charity, clemency, compassion, concession, endurance, forbearance, freedom, good will, grace, humanity, indulgence, kindness, lenience, leniency, lenity, liberalism, liberality, liberalness, license, magnanimity, mercifulness, mercy, patience, permission, permissiveness, sensitivity, sufferance, sympathy, toleration, understanding; CONCEPTS 410,657 —**Ant.** bias, disapproval, intolerance, narrow-mindedness, prejudice

**tolerance** [n2] *fortitude, grit* endurance, guts\*, hardness, hardness, opposition, patience, resilience, resistance, stamina, staying power\*, steadfastness, steadiness, strength, sufferance, toughness, vigor; CONCEPT 732 —**Ant.** intolerance, weakness

**tolerant** [adj] *open-minded, easygoing* advanced, benevolent, big, broad, broad-minded, catholic, charitable, clement, complaisant, condoning, easy on, easy with, excusing, fair, forbearing, forgiving, free and easy\*, humane, indulgent, kindhearted\*, lax, lenient, liberal, long-suffering\*, magnanimous, merciful, patient, permissive, progressive, radical, receptive, soft, sophisticated, sympathetic, understanding, unprejudiced, wide; CONCEPTS 403,542 —**Ant.** biased, disapproving, intolerant, narrow-minded, prejudiced

**tolerate** [v] *allow, indulge* abide, accept, admit, authorize, bear, bear with, blink at\*, brook, condone, consent to, countenance, endure, go, go along with, have, hear, humor, live with, permit, pocket, put up with, receive, sanction, sit and take it\*, sit still for\*, stand, stand for, stay the course\*, stomach\*, string along, submit to, suffer, sustain, swallow\*, take, tough out\*, undergo, wink at\*; CONCEPTS 23,83 —**Ant.** check, disallow, disapprove, halt, stop, veto

**toll** [n1] *fee* assessment, charge, cost, customs, demand, duty, exaction, expense, impost, levy, payment, price, rate, tariff, tax, tribute; CONCEPT 329

**toll** [n2] *damage, deaths* casualties, cost, expense, inroad, loss, losses, penalty, price; CONCEPT 230

**toll** [v] *ring out* announce, bell, bong, call, chime, clang, knell, peal, signal, sound, strike, summon, warn; CONCEPT 65



**tomb** [*n*] *burial place* box, burial, burial chamber, catacomb, coffin, crypt, grave, mausoleum, monument, pit, sepulcher, trough, vault; CONCEPT 305

**tome** [*n*] *large, scholarly book* classic, great work, magnum opus, novel, opus, publication, reference book, schoolbook, textbook, title, tradebook, volume, work, writing; CONCEPT 280

**tomfoolery** [*n*] *nonsense* absurdity, antics, bunk, carrying-on\*, clowning, craziness, folly, foolery, fooling around, foolishness, fun, funny business, giddiness, high jinks, horseplay, insanity, irresponsibility, joking, kidding around, ludicrousness, lunacy, madness, ridiculousness, senselessness, shenanigans\*, silliness; CONCEPTS 230,388,633

**tone** [*n1*] *pitch, volume* accent, emphasis, force, inflection, intonation, modulation, resonance, strength, stress, timbre, tonality; CONCEPT 65

**tone** [*n2*] *attitude, spirit* air, approach, aspect, character, condition, current, drift, effect, expression, fashion, feel, frame, grain, habit, humor, manner, mind, mode, mood, movement, nature, note, quality, state of things, strain, style, temper, tenor, trend, vein; CONCEPTS 655, 673,682

**tone** [*n3*] *color* blend, cast, coloration, hue, shade, tinge, tint, value; CONCEPT 622

**tone** [*n4*] *condition of the body* elasticity, health, healthiness, resiliency, strength, tonicity, tonus, vigor; CONCEPT 316

**tone down** [*v*] *moderate* chill out\*, cloud, dampen, darken, deepen, dim, mitigate, modulate, play down, reduce, restrain, shade, sober, soften, soft-pedal\*, subdue, temper; CONCEPT 240 —*Ant.* aggravate, increase, raise

**tongue** [*n*] *language* argot, articulation, dialect, discourse, expression, idiom, lingo, parlance, patois, speech, talk, utterance, vernacular, voice; CONCEPT 276

**tongue-in-cheek** [*adj*] *facetious* amusing, blithe, clever, comic, comical, dry, farcical, flip\*, flippant, funny, humorous, in fun, in jest, ironic, ironical, irreverent, jesting, jocular, joking, joshing, laughable, not serious, playful, pulling one's leg\*, putting one on\*, sarcastic, satirical, smart, whimsical, wisecracking, witty; CONCEPT 267

**tongue-tied** [*adj*] *speechless* aghast, amazed, astounded, at a loss for words, bashful, choked up, dazed, dumbfounded, dumbstruck, inarticulate, mum, mute, shocked, shy, silent, stammering, uncommunicative, voiceless; CONCEPT 267

**tonic** [*n*] *restorative drink, medicine* analeptic, boost, bracer, conditioner, cordial, drug, fillip, invigorator, livener, pick-me-up\*, pickup, refresher, restorative, roborant, shot in the arm\*, stimulant, strengthener; CONCEPT 307

**too** [*adv1*] *also* additionally, along, as well, besides, further, furthermore, in addition, into the bargain, likewise, more, moreover, to boot, withal; CONCEPTS 544,771

**too** [*adv2*] *excessively* awfully, beyond, ever, exceptionally, exorbitantly, extremely, greatly, highly, immensely, immoderately, in excess, inordinately, notably, over, over and above, overly, overmuch, remarkably, strikingly, unconscionably, unduly, unreasonably, very; CONCEPTS 569,772 —*Ant.* little

**tool** [*n1*] *instrument used to shape, form, finish* apparatus, appliance, contraption, contrivance, device, engine, gadget, gizmo\*, implement, job, machine, means, mechanism, utensil, weapon, whatchamacallit\*; CONCEPT 499

**tool** [*n2*] *person who allows himself to be used* accessory, accomplice, agent, auxiliary, chump\*, creature, dupe, easy mark\*, figure-head, flunky\*, go-between, greenhorn\*, hireling, idiot, intermediary, jackal, lackey, mark\*, medium, messenger, minion, patsy\*, pawn, peon, puppet, stooge, stool pigeon\*, sucker\*; CONCEPTS 348,412,423

**toothsome** [*adj*] *delicious* adorable, ambrosial, appetizing, delectable, delightful, divine, flavorful, good, heavenly, luscious, lush, mouthwatering, nectarous, nice, palatable, pleasant, pleasing, rich, savory, scrumptious, sweet, tasteful, tasty, titillating, yummy\*; CONCEPTS 572,613

**top** [*adj*] *best, most important; highest* apical, capital, chief, crack, crowning, culminating, dominant, elite, excellent, fine, finest, first, first-class, first-rate, five-star\*, foremost, greatest, head, lead, leading, loftiest, maximal, maximum, outside, paramount, preeminent, primary, prime, principal, ruling, sovereign, superior, supreme, tiptop\*, top-drawer\*, top-most, top-notch, upper, uppermost; CONCEPTS 567,574,583 —*Ant.* least, low, lower, lowest, second-rate, unimportant

**top** [*n1*] *highest point* acme, apex, apogee, cap, capital, ceiling, climax, cork, cover, crest, crown, culmination, cusp, face, fastigium, finial, head, height, high point, lid, limit, maximum, meridian, peak, pinnacle, point, roof, spire, stopper, summit, superficies, surface, tip, utmost, vertex, zenith; CONCEPT 836 —*Ant.* base, bottom, foot, lowest, nadir

**top** [*n2*] *highest rank* best, captain, chief, choice, cream, elite, first place, flower, head, lead, leader, pick, pride, prime, prize, utmost; CONCEPT 668 —*Ant.* bottom, lowest

**top** [*v1*] *place on or reach highest part* ascend, cap, climb, cloak, clothe, cover, crest, crown, face, finish, garnish, piggyback\*, protect, reinforce, roof, scale, spread over, superimpose, surmount, tip; CONCEPTS 172,201,750 —*Ant.* descend, drop, fall, lower

**top** [*v2*] *surpass* bash, beat, be first, best, better, blow away\*, clobber\*, eclipse, exceed, excel, fake out\*, finagle\*, fox\*, go beyond, goose\*, outdo, outfox, outshine, outstrip, overrun, run circles around\*, shut out\*, total\*, transcend; CONCEPTS 95,141 —*Ant.* fall behind, lose

**top** [*v3*] *remove the upper part* amputate, cream, crop, curtail, cut off, decapitate, detruncate, dock, file off, lop off, pare, pollard, prune, ream, scrape off, shave off, shear, shorten, skim, trim, truncate; CONCEPT 211 —*Ant.* add, replace

**topic** [*n*] *subject matter* affair, argument, business, case, division, field, head, issue, material, matter, matter in hand, moot point, motif, motion, motive, point, point in question, problem, proposition, question, resolution, subject, text, theme, theorem, thesis; CONCEPT 532

**topical** [*adj1*] *current* contemporary, modern, newsworthy, nominal, popular, subjective,

thematic, up-to-date; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* irrelevant, old, past

**topical** [*adj*2] *restricted, local* confined, insular, limited, parochial, particular, regional, sectional; CONCEPTS 557, 583 —*Ant.* general, unrestricted

**top-level** [*adj*] *high-ranking, important* aristocratic, distinguished, esteemed, famous, first-class\*, foremost, four-star\*, front-page\*, grand, high-level, high-profile, high-up, honored, illustrious, leading, majestic, major-league\*, noble, notable, noted, noteworthy, powerful, preeminent, prominent, top-drawer\*, top-notch\*, upper-class, VIP\*, well-known; CONCEPTS 555, 574

**top-notch** [*adj*] *first-rate* A-1, ace, blue-chip\*, choice, excellent, fine, first-class, first-string\*, five-star, highest quality, in a class all by itself\*, prime\*, sound, superior, supreme, tiptop\*, top-level, uppermost, very best, very good; CONCEPT 574

**topple** [*v*] *fall or knock over; overthrow* bring down, capsize, collapse, do a pratfall\*, fall, falter, founder, go belly up\*, go down, hit the dirt\*, keel over, knock down, land, lose it\*, lurch, nose-dive, oust, overbalance, overturn, pitch, plunge, slump, stagger, stumble, take a header\*, teeter, tip over, totter, tumble, turn over, unhorse, unseat, upset; CONCEPTS 95, 147, 181, 208 —*Ant.* place, put, straighten

**topsy-turvy** [*adj*] *mixed-up* chaotic, cluttered, cockeyed, confused, disarranged, disheveled, disjointed, dislocated, disordered, disorderly, disorganized, downside-up\*, inside-out, inverted, jumbled, littered, messy, muddled, overturned, pell-mell\*, riotous, tangled, tumultuous/tumultuous, unhinged, untidy, upended, upside-down, upturned; CONCEPTS 485, 548, 585 —*Ant.* ordered, organized, straight

**torment** [*n*] *severe mental distress* affliction, agony, anguish, annoyance, bane, bother, excruciation, harassment, hell, irritation, misery, nag, nagging, nuisance, pain, pain in the neck\*, persecution, pest, plague, provocation, rack, scourge, suffering, torture, trouble, vexation, worry; CONCEPTS 410, 728 —*Ant.* contentment, glee, happiness, joy

**torment** [*v*] *be or make very upset* abuse, afflict, agonize, annoy, bait, bedevil, bone, bother, break, crucify, devil, distress, drive bananas\*, drive up the wall\*, excruciate, give a hard time\*, harass, harrow, harry, heckle, hound, hurt, irritate, mistreat, molest, nag, pain, persecute, pester, plague, play cat and mouse\*, provoke, punish, put through wringer\*, rack, rub salt in wound\*, smite, tease, torture, trouble, try, vex, worry, wring; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 313 —*Ant.* delight, make happy, please

**tor** [*adj*1] *cut open* broken, burst, cleaved, cracked, damaged, divided, fractured, gashed, impaired, lacerated, mangled, ragged, rent, ripped, ruptured, severed, shabby, slashed, sliced, slit, snapped, split, wrenched; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* fixed, healed, mended, perfect

**tor** [*adj*2] *undecided* divided, irresolute, of two minds\*, split, uncertain, unsure, vacillating, wavering; CONCEPTS 403, 542 —*Ant.* certain, decided, resolute, sure

**torpid** [*adj*] *lazy, slow* apathetic, benumbed, comatose, dopey\*, dormant, drowsy, dull,

faineant, heavy, hebetudinous, idle, inactive, indifferent, indolent, inert, lackadaisical, languid, languorous, latent, leaden, lethargic, listless, lymphatic, motionless, numb, paralyzed, passive, slothful, slow-moving, sluggish, slumberous, sodden, somnolent, stagnant, static, stupid, stuporous; CONCEPTS 401, 538 —*Ant.* active, energetic, lively, moving, quick

**torpor** [*n*] *lethargy* apathy, disinterest, dormancy, drowsiness, dullness, idleness, impassivity, inaction, inactivity, languor, laziness, lifelessness, listlessness, passiveness, sleepiness, sloth, slowness, sluggishness, slumber, stupor, torpidity, torpidness; CONCEPTS 315, 410, 633, 748

**torrent** [*n*] *heavy flow* cascade, cataclysm, cataract, cloudburst, deluge, downpour, effusion, flood, flooding, flux, gush, inundation, niagara, outburst, overflow, pour, rush, shower, spate, stream, tide, waterfall; CONCEPTS 146, 179, 526 —*Ant.* drip

**torrid** [*adj*1] *very hot* arid, austral, blazing, blistering, boiling, broiling, burning, dried, dry, fiery, heated, parched, parching, red-hot\*, scalding, scorched, scorching, sizzling, stifling, sultry, sweltering, tropic, tropical; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* arctic, cold, freezing

**torrid** [*adj*2] *sensuous* ardent, blazing, burning, erotic, fervent, flaming, hot\*, hot-blooded\*, impassioned, intense, passionate, red-hot\*, sexy, steamy\*, sultry, white-hot\*; CONCEPT 372 —*Ant.* cold, cool, frigid, unsensual

**tortuous** [*adj*1] *very twisted* anfractuoso, bent, circuitous, convoluted, crooked, curved, flexuous, indirect, involute, labyrinthine, mazy, meandering, meandrous, roundabout, serpentine, sinuous, snaky, twisting, vermiculate, winding, zigzag; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* direct, straight, untwisted

**tortuous** [*adj*2] *complicated* ambiguous, convoluted, cunning, deceptive, devious, indirect, involute, involved, misleading, perverse, roundabout, tricky; CONCEPT 362 —*Ant.* easy, straightforward, uncomplicated, uninvolved

**torture** [*n*] *severe mental or physical pain* ache, affliction, agony, anguish, cruciation, crucifixion, distress, dolor, excruciation, impalement, laceration, martyrdom, misery, pang, persecution, rack, suffering, third degree\*, torment, tribulation, tinge; CONCEPTS 410, 728 —*Ant.* alleviation, contentment, happiness, relief

**torture** [*v*] *upset or hurt severely* abuse, afflict, agonize, annoy, beat, bother, crucify, distress, disturb, excruciate, grill, harrow, impale, injure, irritate, lacerate, maim, mangle, martyr, martyrize, mistreat, mutilate, oppress, pain, persecute, rack, smite, torment, try, whip, wound, wring, wrong; CONCEPTS 7, 19, 246, 313 —*Ant.* alleviate, make happy, please, relieve

**toss** [*n/v*1] *throw* bung, cast, chuck, chunk, fire, fling, flip, heave, hurl, launch, lob, peg, pitch, project, propel, sling, twirl, wing; CONCEPT 222 —*Ant.* catch

**toss** [*v*2] *move back and forth* agitate, agonize, bob, buffet, disturb, flounder, heave, jiggle, joggle, jolt, labor, lurch, move restlessly, oscillate, pitch, rise and fall, rock, roll, seesaw,

- shake, squirm, stir, sway, swing, thrash, tumble, undulate, wallow, wave, wobble, wriggle, writhe; CONCEPT 147 —*Ant.* lie still
- total** [*adj*] *complete, thorough* absolute, all-out, comprehensive, consummate, downright, entire, every, full, full-blown, full-scale, gross, inclusive, integral, out-and-out, outright, overall, perfect, plenary, positive, sheer, sweeping, thoroughgoing, totalitarian, unconditional, undisputed, undivided, unlimited, unmitigated, unqualified, unreserved, unrestricted, utter, whole; CONCEPTS 531,762 —*Ant.* incomplete, partial, unfinished
- total** [*n*] *whole* aggregate, all, amount, body, budget, bulk, entirety, flat out\*, full amount, gross, jackpot\*, mass, quantity, quantum, result, sum, sum total\*, tale, the works\*: totality; CONCEPTS 787,837 —*Ant.* part
- total** [*v*] *add up* add, aggregate, amount to, calculate, cast, come, come to, comprise, consist of, equal, figure, foot, mount up to, number, pile up, reach, reckon, result in, ring up\*, run into, run to, stack up, summate, sum up, totalize, tote\*, yield; CONCEPT 764 —*Ant.* subtract, take away
- totalitarian** [*adj*] *dictatorial* absolute, authoritarian, autocratic, communist\*, despotic, fascistic, monolithic, Nazi\*, one-party, oppressive, total, totalistic, tyrannical, undemocratic; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* democratic
- totally** [*adv*] *completely* absolutely, all, all in all, altogether, comprehensively, consummately, entirely, exactly, exclusively, flat out\*, full blast\*, fully, in toto\*, just, perfectly, quite, thoroughly, top to bottom\*, unconditionally, unmitigatedly, utterly, wholeheartedly, wholly; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* incompletely, partially
- totter** [*v*] *move falteringly* blunder, careen, dodder, falter, flounder, hesitate, lurch, quake, quiver, reel, rock, roll, seesaw, shake, shimmy, slide, slip, stagger, stammer, stumble, sway, teeter, topple, tremble, trip, walk unsteadily, waver, weave, wheel, wobble, zigzag; CONCEPT 151
- touch** [*n1*] *physical contact* blow, brush, caress, collision, communication, contact, contiguity, crash, cuddling, embrace, feel, feeling, fondling, graze, grope, handling, hit, hug, impact, junction, kiss, lick, manipulation, nudge, palpation, pat, peck, perception, percussion, petting, push, rub, rubbing, scratch, shock, stroke, stroking, tactility, taction, tap, taste, touching; CONCEPTS 590,608,612
- touch** [*n2*] *tiny amount* bit, dash, detail, drop, hint, inkling, intimation, jot, pinch, scent, shade, smack, small amount, smattering, soupçon, speck, spot, streak, suggestion, suspicion, taste, tincture, tinge, trace, whiff; CONCEPTS 529,831,832 —*Ant.* lot
- touch** [*n3*] *manner, method* ability, acquaintance, adeptness, adroitness, approach, art, artistry, awareness, characteristic, command, communication, contact, deftness, direction, effect, facility, faculty, familiarity, finish, flair, hand, handiwork, influence, knack, mastery, skill, style, talent, technique, trademark, understanding, virtuosity, way; CONCEPTS 6,630,655
- touch** [*v1*] *make physical contact* abut, adjoin, be in contact, border, brush, butt on, caress, come together, communicate, contact, converge, dab, examine, feel, feel up\*, finger, fondle, frisk, glance, graze, grope, handle, hit, impinge upon, inspect, join, kiss, lay a finger on\*, lick, line, manipulate, march, massage, meet, neighbor, osculate, palm, palpate, partake, pat, paw, percuss, pet, probe, push, reach, rub, scrutinize, sip, smooth, strike, stroke, suck, sweep, tag, tap, taste, thumb, tickle, tip, toy, verge; CONCEPT 612 —*Ant.* cower, shrink, shy away
- touch** [*v2*] *have an effect on* affect, arouse, carry, disturb, excite, feel out, get through to\*, get to\*, grab, impress, influence, inspire, make an impression\*, mark, melt, move, quicken, soften, stimulate, stir, strike, strike a chord\*, stroke, sway, tug at the heart\*, upset; CONCEPTS 7,19,22
- touch** [*v3*] *have to do with; regard* affect, be a party to, bear on, bear upon, be associated with, belong to, center upon, concern, concern oneself with, consume, deal with, drink, eat, get involved in, handle, interest, involve, partake of, pertain to, refer to, use, utilize; CONCEPT 532
- touch** [*v4*] *make mention* allude to, bring in, cover, deal with, discuss, go over, mention, note, refer to, speak of, treat; CONCEPT 51 —*Ant.* secrete
- touch** [*v5*] *compare with; correspond to* amount, approach, be a match for\*, be in the same league\*, be on a par\*, come near, come to, come up to, equal, hold a candle to\*, match, measure up, meet, parallel, partake of, rival, tie, verge on; CONCEPT 561
- touched** [*adj1*] *deeply moved emotionally* affected, disturbed, grabbed\*, impressed, melted\*, softened, stirred, swayed, turned on by\*, turned on to\*, upset; CONCEPTS 403,542 —*Ant.* unemotional, unmoved, untouched
- touched** [*adj2*] *crazy batty\*, bizarre, bonkers\*, cuckoo\*, daft, eccentric, fanatic, flighty, insane, neurotic, not all there\*, not right\*, nuts\*, nutty\*, obsessed, out of one's mind\*, peculiar, pixilated, queer, unhunged; CONCEPTS 402,403 —Ant.* ok, sane, well
- touching** [*adj1*] *affecting, moving emotionally* compassionate, emotive, heartbreaking, heart-rending, impressive, melting, mind-blowing\*, pathetic, piteous, pitiable, pitiful, poignant, responsive, sad, stirring, stunning, sympathetic, tear-jerking, tender, wistful; CONCEPTS 529,537 —*Ant.* unaffacting, unmoving
- touch up** [*v*] *fix up; improve* amend, brush up, do up, enhance, finish off, give a face-lift\*, gloss, make improvements, modify, patch up, perfect, polish, put finishing touches on\*, remodel, renew, renovate, repair, retouch, revamp, rework, round off, tease\*: CONCEPTS 212,244 —*Ant.* break, damage, harm, hurt
- touchy** [*adj*] *easily offended* bad-tempered, bundle of nerves\*, cantankerous, capitious, choleric, crabbed, cranky, cross, delicate, dicey\*, grouchy, grumpy, hazardous, hypersensitive, irascible, irritable, jumpy\*, mean, ornery\*, oversensitive, peevish, perturbable, pettish, petulant, precarious, querulous, quick-tempered, risky, sensitive, splenetic, surly, temperamental, testy, thin-skinned\*, ticklish\*,

- tricky, unpredictable, unsafe, uptight\*, volatile, wired up\*, wound up\*; CONCEPTS 401, 542, 548 —*Ant.* calm, easygoing, laid-back, unflappable
- tough** [*adj1*] *sturdy, strong* brawny, cohesive, conditioned, dense, durable, fibrous, firm, fit, flinty, hard, hard as nails\*, hard-bitten\*, hardened, hardy, healthy, indigestible, inflexible, leathery, lusty, mighty, molded, resilient, resistant, rigid, robust, rugged, seasoned, sinewy, solid, stalwart, steeled, stiff, stout, strapping, tenacious, tight, tough as nails\*, unbreakable, unyielding, vigorous, withstanding; CONCEPTS 314, 489 —*Ant.* delicate, fragile, unstable, vulnerable, weak, wobbly
- tough** [*adj2*] *obstinate, rough* adamant, arbitrary, callous, confirmed, cruel, desperate, drastic, exacting, ferocious, fierce, firm, fixed, hard, hard-bitten\*, hard-boiled\*, hard-line\*, hard-nosed\*, hard-shelled\*, harsh, headstrong, immutable, inflexible, intractable, merciless, narrow, obdurate, pugnacious, refractory, resolute, ruffianly, ruthless, savage, severe, stern, stiff, strict, stubborn, taut, terrible, unalterable, unbending, uncompromising, uncontrollable, unforgiving, unmanageable, unyielding, vicious, violent; CONCEPTS 403, 542 —*Ant.* gentle, kind, nice, tender
- tough** [*adj3*] *difficult, laborious* arduous, back-breaking\*, baffling, burdensome, demanding, effortful, exacting, exhausting, exigent, grievous, hairy\*, handful\*, hard, heavy, intractable, intricate, irksome, knotty\*, labored, mean, no piece of cake\*, onerous, oppressive, perplexing, puzzling, resisting, severe, stiff, strenuous, taxing, thorny, toilsome, troublesome, trying, unyielding, uphill\*, weighty\*, wicked; CONCEPTS 538, 565 —*Ant.* controllable, easy, facile
- tough** [*n*] *person who is rowdy, mean* bruiser, brute, bully, criminal, gangster, goon\*, hood\*, hoodlum, hooligan, punk\*, rough\*, roughneck, rowdy, ruffian, thug, villain; CONCEPT 412
- toughen** [*v*] *harden* acclimate, acclimatize, anneal, brutalize, climatize, develop, inure, make difficult, season, strengthen, temper; CONCEPTS 202, 250 —*Ant.* flex, soften, tenderize
- toupee** [*n*] *wig* false hair, hair extension, hair implant, hairpiece, hair wearing, periwig, peruke, postiche, rug\*; CONCEPT 392
- tour** [*n*] *journey; stint* bout\*, circle tour\*, circuit, course, cruise, excursion, expedition, getaway\*, go\*, hitch\*, hop\*, jaunt\*, junket, outing, overnight\*, peregrination, progress, road, round\*, roundabout\*, round trip, run, shift, spell, stretch, stump\*, swing\*, time, travel, trek, trick\*, trip, turn, voyage, weekend, whistle-stop\*; CONCEPTS 81, 224, 807
- tour** [*v*] *visit, journey* barnstorm\*, cruise, explore, globe-trot\*, go on the road\*, holiday\*, hop\*, jaunt, jet, junket, peregrinate, sightsee, stomp\*, swing\*, take a trip, travel, vacation, voyage; CONCEPTS 224, 227
- tour de force** [*n*] *great achievement* accomplishment, attainment, conquest, deed, exploit, masterpiece, performance, stroke of genius, success, triumph, victory; CONCEPTS 1, 706
- tourist** [*n*] *person who visits a place* day-tripper, excursionist, globetrotter, jet-setter, journeyer, rubberneck\*, sightseer, stranger, traveler, tripper\*, vacationist, visitor, voyager, wayfarer; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* inhabitant, local, native
- tournament** [*n*] *sporting competition* clash, contest, duel, event, fight, games, joust, match, meet, meeting, series, sport, test, tilt, tourney; CONCEPT 363
- tousled** [*adj*] *disarrayed* beat-up\*, dirty, disarranged, disheveled, disordered, grubby\*, messed-up\*, messy, mussed-up\*, ruffled, rumpled, sloppy, tangled, uncombed, unkempt; CONCEPTS 485, 589 —*Ant.* kempt, neat, ordered
- tout** [*v*] *brag about, show off* acclaim, ballyhoo\*, boost, give a boost\*, herald, laud, plug\*, praise, proclaim, promote, publicize, push, steer, tip, tip off\*, trumpet; CONCEPTS 69, 138 —*Ant.* conceal, hide
- tow** [*v*] *pull along* drag, draw, ferry, haul, lug, propel, push, trail, trawl, tug, yank; CONCEPT 206 —*Ant.* push
- toward/towards** [*prep1*] *on the way to; near* against, almost, approaching, close to, coming up, contra, en route, facing, for, fronting, headed for, in relation to, in the direction of, in the vicinity, just before, moving, nearing, nearly, not quite, on the road to, over against, pointing to, proceeding, shortly before, to, via, vis-à-vis; CONCEPT 586
- toward/towards** [*prep2*] *concerning* about, against, anent, apropos, as for, as to, for, in re, re, regarding, with regard to, with respect to; CONCEPT 532
- tower** [*n*] *very high building or building part* belfry, castle, citadel, cloud buster\*, column, fort, fortification, fortress, high rise\*, keep, lookout, mast, minaret, monolith, obelisk, pillar, refuge, skyscraper, spire, steeple, stronghold, turret; CONCEPTS 439, 440
- tower** [*v*] *rise above* ascend, be above, dominate, exceed, extend above, look down, look over, loom, mount, overlook, overtop, rear, soar, surmount, surpass, top, transcend; CONCEPTS 141, 752
- towering** [*adj*] *huge, excessive* aerial, airy, colossal, elevated, extraordinary, extravagant, extreme, fantastic, gigantic, great, high, immoderate, imperial, imposing, impressive, inordinate, intense, lofty, magnificent, massive, mighty, monumental, outstanding, paramount, preeminent, prodigious, skyscraping, soaring, spring, stately, stupendous, sublime, superior, supreme, surpassing, tall, towery, transcendent, tremendous, ultimate, undue, unmatched, unmeasurable; CONCEPTS 567, 779 —*Ant.* dwarfed, little, minor, short, small, tiny
- town** [*n*] *incorporated community* apple\*, boondocks, borough, burg\*, city, hamlet, metropolis, municipality, seat, sticks\*, township, whistle-stop\*; CONCEPTS 507, 508
- toxic** [*adj*] *poisonous* baneful, deadly, harmful, lethal, mephitic, noxious, pernicious, pestilential, poison, septic, toxicant, venomous, virulent; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* harmless, nonpoisonous
- toxin** [*n*] *poison* blight, cancer, contagion, contamination, germ, infection, noxious substance, poisonous substance, toxicant, toxoid, venom, virus; CONCEPTS 307, 475, 674, 675
- toy** [*n*] *entertainment article* bauble, curio, doll, game, knickknack, novelty, plaything, trifle, trinket; CONCEPT 446

**toy** [*v*] *play with amuse oneself, coquet, cosset, dally, dandle, fiddle, flirt, fool, fool around\**, jest, lead on, mess around\*, pet, play, play around, play games, sport, string along\*, tease, trifle, wanton; CONCEPT 384 —*Ant.* work

**trace** [*n*] *evidence; small bit breath, crumb, dab, dash, drop, element, footprint, footprint, fragment, hint, indication, intimation, iota, jot, mark, memento, minimum, nib, nuance, particle, pinch, proof, record, relic, remains, remnant, scintilla, shade, shadow, shred, sign, slot, smell, smidgen, snippet, soupçon, speck, spoor, spot, sprinkling, strain, streak, suggestion, survival, suspicion, taste, tincture, tinge, tittle, token, touch, track, trail, tread, trifle, vestige, whiff, whisper; CONCEPTS 529,831* —*Ant.* lot

**trace** [*v1*] *seek, follow ascertain, detect, determine, discern, discover, ferret out, find, hunt, perceive, pursue, run down, search for, shadow, smell out, spoor, spot, stalk, track, trail, unearth; CONCEPTS 207,216* —*Ant.* ignore, run away

**trace** [*v2*] *draw around chart, copy, delineate, depict, duplicate, map, mark out, outline, record, reproduce, show, sketch; CONCEPTS 79,174*

**track** [*n1*] *mark, print made by something clue, footprint, footprint, footprint, groove, impress, impression, imprint, indication, memorial, monument, path, print, record, remains, remnant, rut, scent, sign, slot, spoor, step, symbol, token, trace, tract, trail, tread, vestige, wake; CONCEPTS 513,628*

**track** [*n2*] *path, way alley, artery, avenue, beaten path\*, boulevard, clearing, course, cut\*, drag\*, footpath, highway, lane, line, orbit, passage, pathway, rail, rails, road, roadway, route, street, thoroughfare, trackway, trail, trajectory, walk; CONCEPT 501*

**track/track down** [*v*] *follow, pursue apprehend, beat the bushes\*, be hot on the trail\*, bird-dog\*, bring to light\*, capture, catch, chase, cover, dig up, discover, do, dog\*, dog footsteps of\*, draw an inference, expose, ferret out, find, go after, hunt, piece together, put together, run down, scout, shadow, smell out\*, sniff out\*, stalk, stick to, tail, trace, trail, travel, traverse, unearth; CONCEPTS 183,207, 216* —*Ant.* run away

**tract** [*n*] *area, lot amplitude, belt, district, estate, expanse, extent, field, parcel, part, piece, plat, plot, portion, quarter, region, section, sector, spread, stretch, zone; CONCEPTS 508,513*

**tractable** [*adj*] *manageable acquiescent, amenable, biddable, complaisant, compliant, controllable, docile, ductile, facile, flexible, game, going along with\*, governable, hanging loose\*, malleable, meek, obedient, persuadable, plastic, pliable, pliant, putty in hands\*, rolling with punches\*, subdued, submissive, tame, tractile, willing, workable, yielding; CONCEPTS 401,488,542* —*Ant.* intractable, obstinate, stubborn, uncontrollable, unmanageable, unruly

**traction** [*n*] *physical resistance, friction absorption, adherence, adhesion, constriction, contraction, drag, draught, drawing, grip, haulage, pull, pulling, purchase, resorption, strain, stress, stretch, suck, suction, towage; CONCEPTS 731, 748* —*Ant.* slipperiness

**trade** [*n1*] *buying and selling barter, business, clientele, commerce, contract, custom, customers, deal, dealing, enterprise, exchange, industry, interchange, market, merchantry, patronage, public, sales, swap, traffic, transaction, truck; CONCEPTS 324,327,330,345*

**trade** [*n2*] *profession, work art, avocation, business, calling, craft, employment, game, handicraft, job, line, line of work, métier, nine-to-five\*, occupation, position, pursuit, skill, thing\*, vocation; CONCEPTS 349,360* —*Ant.* entertainment, fun, pastime

**trademark** [*n*] *logo, symbol brand, brand name, identification, initials, label, logotype, mark, stamp, tag; CONCEPTS 259,284*

**tradition** [*n*] *established practice attitude, belief, birthright, conclusion, convention, culture, custom, customs, ethic, ethics, fable, folklore, form, habit, heritage, idea, inheritance, institution, law, legend, lore, mores, myth, mythology, myths, opinion, practice, praxis, ritual, unwritten law, usage, wisdom; CONCEPT 688*

**traditional** [*adj*] *usual, established acceptable, accustomed, acknowledged, ancestral, classic, classical, common, conventional, customary, doctrinal, fixed, folk, habitual, historic, immemorial, long-established, old, oral, popular, prescribed, regular, rooted, sanctioned, taken for granted, time-honored, transmitted, universal, unwritten, widely used, widespread; CONCEPTS 530,533* —*Ant.* fresh, new, unestablished, unfixed, untraditional, unusual

**traffic** [*n1*] *coming and going cartage, flux, freight, gridlock, influx, jam, movement, parking lot\*, passage, passengers, rush hour, service, shipment, transfer, transit, transport, transportation, travel, truckage, vehicles; CONCEPTS 224,505,770*

**traffic** [*n2*] *buying and selling barter, business, closeness, commerce, communication, communion, connection, custom, dealing, dealings\*, doings\*, exchange, familiarity, industry, interchange, intercourse, intimacy, merchantry, patronage, peddling, relations, relationship, soliciting, trade, transactions, truck\*; CONCEPTS 330,335*

**traffic** [*v*] *buy and sell; do business bargain, barter, black-market\*, bootleg\*, connect with, contact, deal, deal in\*, dicker, exchange, fence, handle, have dealings, have transaction, horse trade\*, interact, interface, make a deal, market, moonshine\*, negotiate, network, peddle, push, reach out, relate, shove, swap, touch, touch base\*, trade, truck\*, work out; CONCEPTS 324, 327,330,345*

**tragedy** [*n*] *disaster adversity, affliction, bad fortune, bad luck, blight, blow, calamity, cataclysm, catastrophe, contrempts, curse, curtains\*, dole, dolor, doom, downer\*, failure, hard knocks\*, hardship, humiliation, lot, misadventure, mischance, misfortune, mishap, reverse, shock, struggle, the worst\*, unluckiness, Waterloo\*, woe, wreck; CONCEPTS 674, 675* —*Ant.* advantage, blessing, boon, success, victory

**tragic** [*adj*] *catastrophic, very bad adverse, anguished, appalling, awful, calamitous, cataclysmic, crushing, deadly, deathly, deplorable, desolate, destructive, dire, disastrous, doleful,*

dreadful, fatal, fateful, forlorn, grievous, grim, hapless, harrowing, heartbreaking, heart-rending, ill-fated, ill-starred, lamentable, miserable, mournful, painful, pathetic, pitiable, pitiful, ruinous, sad, shocking, sorrowful, terrible, unfortunate, unhappy, woeful, wretched; CONCEPTS 548,571 —*Ant.* advantageous, blessed, good, happy, successful

**trail** [*n*] *path, track* aisle, beaten track\*, byway, footpath, footprints, footsteps, groove\*, mark, marks, pathway, road, route, rut, scent, spoor, stream, stroll, tail, trace, train, wake, way; CONCEPT 501

**trail** [*v*] *lag behind, follow* bedog, bring up the rear\*, chase, dally, dangle, dawdle, delay, dog\*, drag, draggle, draw, droop, drop back, extend, fall back, fall behind, falter, flag, follow a scent\*, halt, hang, hang back, hang down, haul, hunt, lag, linger, loiter, nose out\*, plod, poke, poke along\*, procurstinate, pull, pursue, shadow, shag, spook\*, spoor, stalk, straggle, stream, string along\*, tag along\*, tail, take out after, tarry, tow, trace, track, traipse, trudge; CONCEPTS 207,727,753 —*Ant.* lead

**train** [*n*] *series* alternation, appendage, caravan, chain, column, concatenation, consecution, convoy, cortege, course, court, entourage, file, following, gradation, line, order, procession, progression, retinue, row, run, scale, sequel, sequence, set, string, succession, suite, tail, thread, tier, track, trail, wake; CONCEPTS 432, 727

**train** [*v1*] *prepare* accustom, brainwash\*, break in, care for, coach, cultivate, develop, discipline, drill, drum into, dry run\*, educate, enlighten, equip, exercise, get a workout, get in shape, ground, grow strong, guide, habituate, harden, hone, improve, instruct, inure, make ready, mold, prime, qualify, rear, rehearse, run through, school, season, shape, sharpen, show the ropes\*, study, tame, teach, tutor, update, warm up\*, whip into shape\*, wise up\*, work out; CONCEPTS 35,202,285 —*Ant.* forget, neglect

**train** [*v2*] *aim* at beam, bring to bear, cast, cock, direct, draw a bead\*, focus, get in one's sights\*, head, incline, lay, level, line up, point, slant, turn, zero in\*; CONCEPT 201

**trainee** [*n*] *beginner* abecedarian, amateur, apprentice, buckwheater\*, cadet, colt\*, greenhorn, learner, neophyte, newcomer, new kid on the block\*, novice, novitiate, pupil, recruit, rookie, starter, student, tenderfoot\*, tyro; CONCEPTS 423,424

**trainer** [*n*] *instructor, teacher* adviser, breeder, coach, demonstrator, drill sergeant, guide, handler, lecturer, mentor, professor, tutor; CONCEPT 350

**training** [*n*] *preparation* background, basics, buildup, chalk talk\*, coaching, cultivation, discipline, domestication, drill, education, exercise, foundation, grounding, groundwork, guidance, indoctrination, instruction, practice, preliminaries, principles, readying, schooling, seasoning, sharpening, teaching, tuition, tune-up\*, tutelage, upbringing, warm-up\*, workout\*; CONCEPTS 202,285,678

**traipse** [*v*] *walk* amble, ambulate, gad, go on foot\*, hike, knock about\*, lumber, march,

meander, pace, parade, plod, prance, promenade, roam, rove, shuffle, step, stride, stroll, strut, take a walk, tour, travel on foot, traverse, trek, troop, trudge, wander; CONCEPT 149

**trait** [*n*] *characteristic* affection, attribute, birthmark, cast, character, custom, denominator, feature, habit, idiosyncrasy, lineament, manner, mannerism, mark, nature of the beast\*, oddity, peculiarity, point, property, quality, quirk, savor, thing\*, trick, virtue; CONCEPTS 411,644,834

**traitor** [*n*] *person who is disloyal* apostate, backslider\*, back-stabber\*, Benedict Arnold\*, betrayer, conspirator, deceiver, defector, deserter, double-crosser\*, fink\*, hypocrite, impostor, informer, intriguer, Judas\*, miscreant, quisling, rebel, renegade, snake\*, sneak\*, snitch\*, snitcher\*, spy, squealer\*, stool pigeon\*, tattletale, traducer, treasonist, turncoat, two-timer\*, whistle-blower\*, wolf\*; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* loyalist

**traitorous** [*adj*] *disloyal* apostate, betraying, double-crossing, faithless, perfidious, recreant, subversive, treacherous, treasonable, treasonous, two-faced\*, two-timing, un dutiful, unfaithful, unpatriotic, untrue, wormlike; CONCEPT 401

**trajectory** [*n*] *course* curve, direction, flight, flow, line, movement, orbit, path, range, route, track, trail; CONCEPTS 501,514

**tramp** [*n1*] *person who is poor, desperate* beggar, bum, derelict, down-and-out\*, drifter, floater, hitchhiker, hobo, homeless person, loafer, outcast, panhandler, vagabond, vagrant, wanderer; CONCEPT 412

**tramp** [*n2*] *heavy walk* cruise, excursion, expedition, footfall, footstep, hike, jaunt, march, ramble, saunter, slog, stomp, stroll, tour, traipse, tread, trek, turn, walking trip; CONCEPTS 151,224 —*Ant.* tiptoeing

**tramp** [*v*] *walk heavily* crush, footslog, gallop, hike, hop, march, navigate, plod, pound, ramble, range, roam, rove, slog, stomp, stodge, stomp, stroll, stump, thud, toil, tour, traipse, trample, tread, trek, trip, tromp, trudge, walk over; CONCEPTS 151,224 —*Ant.* tiptoe

**trample** [*v*] *walk forcibly* over bruise, crush, encroach, flatten, grind, hurt, infringe, injure, invade, overwhelm, pound, ride roughshod over\*, run over, squash, stamp, step on, stomp, tramp, tread, tromp, violate; CONCEPTS 137,208

**trance** [*n*] *hypnotic state* abstraction, coma, daze, dream, ecstasy, glaze, insensibility, muse, petrification, rapture, reverie, spell, study, stupor, transfixion, transfixure, unconsciousness; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* consciousness

**tranquil** [*adj*] *quiet, peaceful* agreeable, amicable, at ease, at peace, balmy, calm, collected, comforting, composed, cool, easy, easygoing, even, even-tempered, gentle, halcyon, hushed, lenient, low, measured, mild, moderate, murmuring, pacific, paradisiacal, pastoral, patient, placid, pleasing, poised, possessed, reasonable, restful, sedate, sedative, serene, smooth, sober, soft, soothing, stable, still, tame, temperate, undisturbed, unexcitable, unexcited, unperturbed, unruffled, untroubled, whispering; CONCEPTS 525,542,594 —*Ant.* chaotic, loud, noisy, turbulent, unpeaceful, violent, wild

**tranquility** [*n*] *peace, quiet* ataraxia, calm, calmness, composure, coolness, equanimity, hush, imperturbability, imperturbation, law and order, order, peacefulness, placidity, quietness, quietude, repose, rest, restfulness, sedateness, serenity, stillness; CONCEPTS 65,673 —**Ant.** chaos, disturbance, loudness, noise, turbulence, violence, wakefulness

**tranquelize** [*v*] *make calm, quiet* balm, calm, calm down, compose, hush, lull, pacify, put at rest, quell, quiet, quieten, relax, sedate, settle one's nerves\*, soothe, still, subdue, unruffle; CONCEPTS 7,22,310 —**Ant.** aggravate, agitate, incite, stir up, upset

**transact** [*v*] *do business, carry out* accomplish, button down\*, button up\*, buy, carry on, clinch, close, conclude, conduct, discharge, do\*, effectuate, enact, execute, finish, handle, jell, manage, move, negotiate, operate, perform, prosecute, pull off, run with the ball\*, see to, sell, settle, sew up\*, take care of, TCB\*, work out a deal\*, wrap up\*; CONCEPTS 91,223,324,330,706 —**Ant.** deny, refuse

**transaction** [*n*] *business dealing; undertaking* act, action, activity, affair, agreement, bargain, bond, business, buying, compact, contract, convention, coup, covenant, deal, deed, disposal, doings\*, enterprise, event, execution, goings-on\*, happening, intercourse, matter, negotiation, occurrence, pact, performance, play, proceeding, purchase, purchasing, sale, selling, step; CONCEPTS 223,324,330,684 —**Ant.** denial, refusal, rejection

**transcend** [*v*] *go beyond; surpass* beat, best, be superior, better, eclipse, exceed, excel, go above, leave behind, leave in the dust\*, outdo, outrival, outshine, outstrip, outvie, overstep, overtop, rise above, top, transform; CONCEPT 141 —**Ant.** fail, lose

**transcendent/transcendental** [*adj*] *extraordinary, superior* absolute, abstract, accomplished, beyond grasp, boundless, consummate, entire, eternal, exceeding, fantastic, finished, hypothetical, ideal, incomparable, infinite, innate, intact, intellectual, intuitive, matchless, obscure, original, otherworldly, peerless, perfect, preeminent, primordial, second to none\*, sublime, supernatural, supreme, surpassing, theoretical, towering, transcending, transmundane, ultimate, unequalable, unequalled, unique, unparalleled, unrivalled, whole; CONCEPT 574 —**Ant.** inferior, ordinary, simple

**transcribe** [*v*] *transfer to another medium* copy out, decipher, duplicate, engross, interpret, note, record, render, reprint, reproduce, rewrite, set out, take down, tape, tape-record, transfer, translate, transliterate, write out; CONCEPTS 79, 125,171

**transcript** [*n*] *copy* carbon copy\*, ditto\*, duplicate, facsimile, hard copy, imprint, manuscript, mimeograph, minutes, notes, print, record, recorded material, recording, reprint, reproduction, transcription, translation; CONCEPTS 269,667,716

**transfer** [*n*] *change of possession* alteration, assignment, conduction, convection, deportation, displacement, move, relegation, relocation, removal, shift, substitution, transference, translation, transmission, transmittal, transposition,

variation; CONCEPTS 108,143,217,223

—**Ant.** hold, keeping

**transfer** [*v*] *pass possession* to assign, bear, bring, carry, cart, cede, change, consign, convert, convey, deed, delegate, deliver, dislocate, dispatch, dispense, displace, disturb, express, feed, ferry, find, forward, give, hand, hand over, haul, lug, mail, make over, metamorphose, move, pass on, pass the buck\*, post, provide, relegate, relocate, remove, sell, send, shift, ship, shoulder, sign over, supply, taxi, tote, transfigure, translate, transmit, transmogrify, transmute, transplant, transport, transpose, turn over; CONCEPTS 108,143,217,223 —**Ant.** hold, keep

**transfix** [*v1*] *hold one's attention* bewitch, captivate, enchant, engross, fascinate, hold, hypnotize, mesmerize, palsy, paralyze, petrify, rivet, root, spellbind, stop in one's tracks\*, stop one dead\*, stun; CONCEPTS 11,14 —**Ant.** bore, look away

**transfix** [*v2*] *pierce* fix, impale, lance, nail down, penetrate, pin down, puncture, run through, skewer, skiver, spear, spike, spit, stick, transpierce; CONCEPT 220

**transform** [*v*] *change completely* alter, commute, convert, cook, denature, doctor, make over, metamorphose, mold, mutate, reconstruct, remodel, renew, revamp, revolutionize, shift gears\*, sing different tune\*, switch, switch over, transfer, transfigure, translate, transmogrify, transmute, transpose, turn around, turn over new leaf\*, turn the corner\*, turn the tables\*; CONCEPTS 232,697 —**Ant.** leave alone, preserve, stagnate

**transformation** [*n*] *complete change* about-face\*, alteration, changeover, conversion, flip-flop\*, metamorphosis, radical change, renewal, revolution, shift, switch, transfiguration, transmogrification, transmutation; CONCEPT 697 —**Ant.** preservation, sameness, stagnation

**transgression** [*n*] *violation, misbehavior* breach, breaking of the law, contravention, crime, defiance, disobedience, encroachment, erring, error, fault, infraction, infringement, iniquity, lapse, misdeed, misdemeanor, offense, overstepping, sin, slip, trespass, vice, wrong, wrongdoing; CONCEPTS 101,192,645 —**Ant.** behavior, good manners, obedience, right

**transient/transitory** [*adj*] *temporary, brief* changeable, deciduous, emigrating, ephemeral, evanescent, flash, fleeting, flitting, fly-by-night\*, flying, fugacious, fugitive, going by, impermanent, insubstantial, migrating, momentary, moving, passing, provisional, short, short-lived, short-term, temporal, transigratory, unstable, vacating, volatile; CONCEPT 798 —**Ant.** enduring, incessant, lasting, long-lasting, neverending, permanent, persistent, undying

**transit** [*n*] *transportation* alteration, carriage, carrying, conveyance, crossing, infiltration, motion, movement, osmosis, passage, penetration, permeation, portage, shift, shipment, transfer, transference, transport, transporting, travel, traverse; CONCEPTS 155,224

**transition** [*n*] *change, often major* alteration, changeover, conversion, development, evolution, flux, growth, metamorphosis, metastasis, passage, passing, progress, progression,

realignment, shift, transformation, transit, transmutation, turn, turning point, upheaval; CONCEPT 697 —*Ant.* beginning, conclusion, end, finish, introduction, sameness, stagnation, start

**translate** [v1] *interpret, explain* construe, convert, decipher, decode, do into, elucidate, explicate, gloss, make clear, metaphorize, paraphrase, put, render, reword, simplify, spell out, transcribe, transliterate, transpose, turn; CONCEPTS 55,57

**translate** [v2] *change* alter, commute, convert, metamorphose, transfigure, transform, transmogrify, transmute, transpose, turn; CONCEPT 232 —*Ant.* stagnate

**translation** [n] *rewording; interpretation* adaptation, construction, crib\*, decoding, elucidation, explanation, gloss, key, metaphorize, paraphrase, reading, rendering, rendition, rephrasing, restatement, simplification, transcription, transliteration, version; CONCEPTS 268,277,278

**translator** [n] *interpreter* adapter, cryptographer, cryptologist, decoder, dragoman, explainer, glossator, linguist, polyglot; CONCEPTS 57,292

**translucent** [adj] *clear* clear-cut, crystal, crystalline, diaphanous, glassy, limpid, lucent, lucid, luminous, pellucid, see-through, semi-opaque, semitransparent, translucent, unblurred; CONCEPT 618 —*Ant.* blocked, cloudy, opaque

**transmit** [v] *communicate, send* address, bear, bequeath, break, broadcast, carry, channel, conduct, consign, convey, diffuse, dispatch, disseminate, drop a line\*, drop a note\*, forward, funnel, give a call\*, give a ring\*, hand down, hand on, impart, instill, issue, mail, pass on, pipe, put on the air\*, radio, relay, remit, route, send out, ship, siphon, spread, take, trajet, transfer, transfuse, translate, transport; CONCEPTS 217,266,292 —*Ant.* get, receive, take

**transparent** [adj1] *see-through* cellophane, clear, crystal-clear, crystalline, diaphanous, filmy, gauzy, glassy, gossamer, hyaline, limpid, lucent, lucid, pellucid, permeable, plain, sheer, thin, tiffany, translucent, transpicious, vitreous; CONCEPTS 606,618 —*Ant.* blocked, cloudy, dark, opaque

**transparent** [adj2] *obvious, understandable* apparent, articulate, artless, candid, clear-cut, direct, distinct, distinguishable, easily seen, easy, evident, explicit, forthright, frank, guileless, honest, ingenuous, manifest, open, patent, perspicuous, plain, plain-spoken, recognizable, self-explanatory, sincere, straight, straightforward, unambiguous, undisguised, unequivocal, unmistakable, unsophisticated, visible; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* cloudy, questionable, unclear, unintelligible, vague

**transpire** [v1] *occur, happen* arise, befall, betide, chance, come about, come to pass, develop, ensue, eventuate, fall out\*, gel, go, result, shake, take place, turn up; CONCEPT 3

**transpire** [v2] *become known* be disclosed, be discovered, be made public, break, come out, come to light, emerge, get out, leak; CONCEPTS 261,266

**transplant** [v] *relocate* displace, emigrate, graft, immigrate, move, readapt, recondition, remove, reorient, reset, resettle, revamp, shift,

transfer, transpose, uproot; CONCEPTS 213,310

—*Ant.* preserve, save

**transport** [n1] *move, transfer* carriage, carrier, carrying, carting, conveyance, conveying, conveyor, freightage, hauling, lift, movement, mover, moving, passage, removal, shipment, shipping, transference, transferring, transit, transportation, transporting, transshipment, truckage, vehicle; CONCEPTS 155,503 —*Ant.* idle, remain, stay

**transport** [n2] *delight* ardor, bliss, cloud nine\*, ecstasy, enchantment, enthusiasm, euphoria, fervor, happiness, heaven, passion, rapture, ravishment, rhapsody, seventh heaven\*; CONCEPTS 32,410 —*Ant.* boredom, dislike, indifference

**transport** [v1] *move, transfer* back, bear, bring, carry, conduct, convey, ferry, fetch, haul, heel\*, jag, lug, pack, piggyback\*, remove, ride, run, schlepp\*, ship, shoulder, take, tote, truck; CONCEPTS 147,187,217 —*Ant.* hold, keep

**transport** [v2] *exile* banish, cast out, deport, displace, expel, expulse, oust, relegate, sentence; CONCEPTS 211,317 —*Ant.* remain

**transport** [v3] *capivate, delight* agitate, carry away, electrify, elevate, enchant, enrapture, entrance, excite, inflame, move, provoke, quicken, ravish, send, slay, spellbind, stimulate, stir, thrill, trance, uplift, wow; CONCEPTS 7,22 —*Ant.* disenchant, repulse, turn off

**transpose** [v] *swap, switch* alter, backtrack\*, change, commute, convert, double back, exchange, flip-flop\*, interchange, invert, invert, metamorphose, move, put, rearrange, relocate, render, reorder, reverse, revert, shift, substitute, transfer, transfigure, transform, translate, transmogrify, transmute, turn, turn the tables\*; CONCEPTS 104,232,697 —*Ant.* leave alone

**trap** [n] *snare, trick* allurements, ambushade, ambush, artifice, bait, booby trap\*, come-on\*, conspiracy, deception, decoy, device, dragnet, enticement, feint, gambit, hook\*, intrigue, inveiglement, lasso\*, lure, machination, maneuver, net, noose, pitfall, plot, ploy, prank, quagmire, quicksand, ruse, seducement, snag\*, stratagem, subterfuge, temptation, wile; CONCEPT 674

**trap** [v] *catch, snare; trick* ambushade, ambush, beguile, box in\*, circumvent, collar\*, corner\*, corral\*, deceive, decoy, dupe, enmesh, ensnare, entangle, entrap, fool, grab, hook, inveigle, land\*, mousetrap\*, nab, nail\*, net, overtake, rope in\*, seduce, snag, suck in\*, surprise, take, tangle, trammel, trip up\*; CONCEPTS 59,90 —*Ant.* let go, release

**trappings** [n] *paraphernalia, equipment* accouterment, adornment, apparel, appointment, decoration, dress, embellishment, finery, fitting, fixture, furnishing, gear, livery, ornament, panoply, personal effects, raiment, rigging, things, trimming; CONCEPTS 446,451,496

**trash** [n1] *garbage* debris, dregs, droppings, dross, excess, filth, fragments, junk, leavings, litter, oddsments, odds and ends\*, offal, pieces, refuse, residue, rubbish, rubble, rummage, scourings, scrap, scraps, scum\*, sediment, shavings, sweepings, waste; CONCEPTS 260, 834 —*Ant.* assets, possessions, valuables

**trash** [n2] *ridiculous communication* balderdash, bilge\*, drivel, foolish talk, hogwash, inanity, malarkey\*, nonsense, rot, rubbish,



tripe, twaddle; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* information, sense

**trashy** [*adj*] *worthless* abandoned, barren, bogus, cheap, cheesy, crappy\*, cruddy\*, crummy\*, despicable, empty, flimsy, garbage, good-for-nothing\*, grungy, inferior, junky, lousy, low in quality, no-good\*, ratty, raunchy, shabby, shoddy, sleazy, tawdry, useless, valueless; CONCEPTS 560,570,575,589

**trauma** [*n*] *severe mental or physical pain* agony, anguish, blow, collapse, confusion, damage, derangement, disturbance, hurt, injury, jolt, ordeal, outburst, shock, strain, stress, suffering, torture, traumatization, upheaval, upset, wound; CONCEPT 728 —*Ant.* alleviation, healing, help, relief

**travel** [*n*] *journey* biking, commutation, cruising, drive, driving, excursion, expedition, flying, globe-trotting\*, hop\*, junket, movement, navigation, overnight, passage, peregrination, ramble, ride, riding, sailing, seafaring, sightseeing, swing, tour, touring, transit, trek, trekking, trip, voyage, voyaging, walk, wandering, wanderlust, wayfaring, weekend; CONCEPT 224

**travel** [*v*] *journey on a trip or tour* adventure, carry, cover, cover ground, cross, cruise, drive, explore, fly, get through, go, go abroad, go camping, go into orbit\*, go riding, hop\*, jaunt, jet\*, junket\*, knock around, make a journey, make one's way, migrate, motor, move, overnight\*, proceed, progress, ramble, roam, rove, sail, scour, set forth, set out, sightsee, take a boat, take a plane, take a train, take a trip, tour, transmit, traverse, trek, vacation, visit, voyage, walk, wander, weekend\*, wend; CONCEPT 224 —*Ant.* remain, stay

**traveler** [*n*] *person who journeys* adventurer, barnstormer\*, bum\*, commuter, displaced person, drifter, excursionist, expeditionist, explorer, floater, gadabout\*, globetrotter, gypsy, haj, hiker, hobo, itinerant, jet-setter, journeyer, junketer, migrant, navigator, nomad, passenger, peddler, pilgrim, Rambler, roamer, rover, sailor, seafarer, sightseer, tourist, tramp, transmigrant, trekker, tripper, trouper, truant, vagabond, vagrant, voyager, wanderer, wayfarer; CONCEPTS 348,423

**traverse** [*v*] *cross over; travel* bisect, bridge, cover, crisscross, cross, cut across, decussate, do, go across, go over, intersect, move over, negotiate, pace, pass over, pass through, perambulate, peregrinate, ply, quarter, range, roam, span, track, transverse, travel over, tread, walk, wander; CONCEPTS 147,201,692,750

**traverse** [*v*] *resist, contradict* balk, buck, check, combat, contest, contravene, counter, counteract, cross, deny, disaffirm, dispute, duel, fight, frustrate, gainsay, go against, hinder, impede, impugn, negate, negative, obstruct, oppose, repel, thwart, withstand; CONCEPTS 54,121 —*Ant.* back up, confirm

**travesty** [*n*] *spoof, ridicule* burlesque, caricature, distortion, exaggeration, farce, lampoon, lampoonery, mimicry, mock, mockery, parody, perversion, play, put-on\*, roast\*, satire, send-up\*, sham\*, takeoff\*; CONCEPTS 273,292 —*Ant.* seriousness, solemnity

**travesty** [*v*] *ridicule, spoof* ape, burlesque, caricature, deride, distort, imitate, lampoon,

make a mockery of, make fun of, mimic, mock, parody, pervert, play on\*, put on\*, satirize, send up\*, sham\*, take off\*; CONCEPTS 273,292 —*Ant.* be serious

**treacherous** [*adj*] *dishonest, disloyal* betraying, catchy, deceitful, deceptive, double-crossing\*, double-dealing\*, duplicitous, faithless, false, false-hearted, fly-by-night\*, insidious, misleading, perfidious, recreant, shift\*, slick\*, slippery\*, snake in the grass\*, traitorous, treasonable, tricky, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, undependable, unfaithful, unloyal, unreliable, untrue, untrustworthy; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* forthright, honest, loyal, true

**treacherous** [*adj*] *dangerous* alarming, chancy, deceptive, difficult, dissembled, faulty, hairy\*, hazardous, icy\*, insecure, jeopardous, menacing, misleading, ominous, perilous, precarious, risky, shaky, slippery, ticklish, tricky, undependable, unhealthy, unreliable, unsafe, unsound, unstable, wicked; CONCEPTS 565,587 —*Ant.* harmless, untreacherous

**treachery** [*n*] *disloyalty, dishonesty* betrayal, bunco, corruption, dirty dealing\*, dirty pool\*, dirty trick\*, dirty work\*, disaffection, dodge, double-cross\*, double-dealing\*, duplicity, faithlessness, fake, falseness, fast shuffle\*, flimflam\*, grift, gyp\*, infidelity, perfidiousness, perfidy, put-on\*, racket\*, recreancy, scam\*, sellout, shell game\*, skin game\*, spoof, stab in the back\*, sweet talk\*, treacherousness, treason, two-timing\*, whitewash\*; CONCEPTS 633,645 —*Ant.* constancy, devotion, faithfulness, fidelity, honesty, love, loyalty

**tread** [*n*] *walk* footstep, footsteps, gait, march, pace, step, stride, trace, track, tramp; CONCEPTS 149,284

**tread** [*v*] *walk; bear down* ambulate, crush, foot, hike, hoof, march, oppress, pace, plod, quell, repress, squash, stamp, stamp on, step, step on, stride, subdue, subjugate, suppress, trapse, tramp, trample, troop, trudge; CONCEPT 149

**treason** [*n*] *disloyalty* breach of faith, crime, deceit, deceitfulness, deception, disaffection, dishonesty, duplicity, faithlessness, lèse-majesté, mutiny, perfidy, revolt, revolutionary, sedition, seditious act, seditiousness, subversion, traitorousness, treachery; CONCEPTS 192,645 —*Ant.* allegiance, devotion, faithfulness, fidelity, loyalty

**treasonous** [*adj*] *disloyal* apostate, betraying, double-crossing, faithless, insubordinate, mutinous, perfidious, recreant, subversive, traitorous, treacherous, treasonable, two-faced\*, two-timing, undutiful, unfaithful, unpatriotic, untrue, wormlike; CONCEPT 401

**treasure** [*n*] *prized possession or entity* abundance, apple of one's eye\*, cache, capital, cash, catch\*, darling, find, fortune, funds, gem, gold, hoard, jewel, money, nest egg\*, nonpareil, paragon, pearl\*, pile\*, plum\*, pride and joy\*, prize, reserve, riches, richness, store, treasure trove, valuable, wealth; CONCEPTS 332,337,446,710

**treasure** [*v*] *hold dear* adore, appreciate, appraise, cherish, conserve, dote on, esteem, guard, idolize, love, preserve, prize, revere, reverence, save, value, venerate, worship; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* dislike, disparage, hate

**treasury** [*n*] *place where money, valuables are kept* archive, bank, bursar, bursary, cache, chest, coffer, damper, depository, exchange, exchequer, Fort Knox\*, gallery, hoard, museum, register, repository, safe, storage, store, storehouse, strongbox, treasure house, vault; CONCEPTS 339,439,449

**treat** [*n*] *pleasing entity or occurrence* amusement, banquet, celebration, dainty, delicacy, delight, enjoyment, entertainment, feast, fun, gift, goody\*, gratification, joy, party, pleasure, refreshment, satisfaction, surprise, sweet, thrill, tidbit; CONCEPTS 457,529,693 —*Ant.* bad fortune

**treat** [*v1*] *act, behave towards* account, act with regard to, appraise, conduct, conduct oneself toward, consider, deal with\*, employ, estimate, evaluate, handle, have business with\*, have recourse to\*, have to do with\*, hold, look upon, manage, negotiate, play, rate, react toward, regard, respect, serve, take, use, value, wield; CONCEPT 633

**treat** [*v2*] *doctor, medicate* administer, apply treatment, attend, care for, cure, dose, dress, heal, medicament, minister to, nurse, operate, prescribe; CONCEPT 310 —*Ant.* harm, hurt, injure

**treat** [*v3*] *pay the bill for someone else* amuse, blow, buy for, divert, entertain, escort, feast, foot the bill\*, give, indulge, pay for, pick up the check\*, pick up the tab\*, play host\*, provide, regale, satisfy, set up, spring for\*, stake, stand\*, take out, wine and dine\*; CONCEPTS 327,384

**treat** [*v4*] *be concerned with; discuss* advise, approach, arrange, comment, confabulate, confer, consider, consult, contain, criticize, deal with, deliberate, discourse on, enlarge upon, explain, go into, interpret, manipulate, reason, review, speak about, study, tackle, talk about, think, touch upon, weigh, write about; CONCEPTS 17,56 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**treatise** [*n*] *written study of a subject* argument, book, commentary, composition, discourse, discussion, disquisition, dissertation, essay, exposition, memoir, monograph, pamphlet, paper, review, script, thesis, tract, tractate, work, writing; CONCEPTS 271,280

**treatment** [*n1*] *medical care* analysis, cure, diet, doctoring, healing, hospitalization, medication, medicine, operation, prescription, regimen, remedy, surgery, therapeutics, therapy; CONCEPT 310 —*Ant.* harm, hurt, injury

**treatment** [*n2*] *handling of entity, situation* action towards, angle, approach, behavior towards, conduct, custom, dealing, employment, execution, habit, line, management, manipulation, manner, method, mode, modus operandi, practice, procedure, proceeding, processing, reception, strategy, usage, way; CONCEPTS 117,633

**treaty** [*n*] *agreement, contract* accord, alliance, arrangement, bargain, bond, cartel, charter, compact, concord, concordat, convention, covenant, deal, entente, league, negotiation, pact, reconciliation, sanction, settlement, understanding; CONCEPTS 684,685 —*Ant.* disagreement

**tree** [*n*] *large plant enclosed in bark and shedding leaves* forest, hardwood, pulp,

sapling, seedling, shrub, softwood, stock, timber, wood, woods; CONCEPT 430

**trek** [*n*] *long journey* expedition, footslog, hegira, hike, long haul, march, odyssey, peregrination, slog, tramp, travel, trip; CONCEPT 224

**trek** [*v*] *journey be on the move\**, be on the trail\*, foot, hike, hit the road\*, march, migrate, plod, range, roam, rove, slog, traipse, tramp, travel, trudge, walk; CONCEPT 224 —*Ant.* stay

**tremble** [*v*] *shake, vibrate* flutter, have the shakes\*, jar, jitter, oscillate, palpitate, quake, quaver, quiver, rock, shiver, shudder, teeter, throb, totter, tremor, wobble; CONCEPT 152 —*Ant.* be calm, calm, steady

**tremendous** [*adj*] *huge, overwhelming* amazing, appalling, astounding, awesome, awful, blimp, colossal, cracking, deafening, dreadful, enormous, excellent, exceptional, extraordinary, fabulous, fantastic, fearful, formidable, frightful, gargantuan, gigantic, great, great big\*, humongous, immense, incredible, jumbo\*, large, mammoth, marvelous, massive, mondo\*, monstrous, monumental, prodigious, stupendous, super, terrible, terrific, titanic, towering, vast, whale\*, whopper, whopping, wonderful; CONCEPTS 574,773,781 —*Ant.* insignificant,

little, small, tiny, underwhelming, unimportant

**tremor** [*n*] *shaking, shock* agitation, earthquake, flutter, quake, quaking, quaver, quiver, quivering, ripple, shake, shiver, shivering, tremble, trembling, trepidation, upheaval, vibration, wobble; CONCEPTS 145,526 —*Ant.* stillness

**trench** [*n*] *ditch, channel dug in earth* arroyo, canal, cut, depression, dike, drain, drill, dugout, earthwork, entrenchment, excavation, fosse, foxhole, furrow, gorge, gulch, gully, gutter, hollow, main, moat, pit, rut, sink, trough, tube, waterway; CONCEPTS 509,513

**trenchant** [*adj*] *sarcastic, scathing* acerbic, acid, acidulous, acute, astringent, biting, caustic, clear, clear-cut, crisp, critical, crushing, cutting, distinct, driving, dynamic, effective, effectual, emphatic, energetic, explicit, forcible, forcible, graphic, hurtful, impressive, incisive, intense, keen, mordant, penetrating, piquant, pointed, potent, powerful, pungent, razor-sharp\*, salient, salty\*, sardonic, sententious, severe, sharp, significant, strong, tart, to the point, unequivocal, unsparing, vigorous, weighty, well-defined; CONCEPTS 267,537 —*Ant.* frivolous, gentle, impotent, kind, nice, weak

**trend** [*n1*] *flow, current* aim, bearing, bent, bias, course, direction, drift, inclination, leaning, movement, orientation, progression, run, swing, tendency, tenor, wind; CONCEPTS 230,657,738

**trend** [*n2*] *style, fashion that is in favor* craze, cry, fad, furor, in-thing\*, latest thing\*, look, mode, newest wrinkle\*, rage, thing\*, vogue; CONCEPT 655

**trendy** [*adj*] *in fashion, style à la mode\**, contemporary, fashionable, fly\*, in, in vogue, latest, modish\*, now\*, popular, stylish, swank\*, tony\*, up-to-the-minute, voguish, with-it\*; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* old-fashioned, unfashionable, unstylish

**trepidation** [*n*] *anxiety, worry* agitation, alarm, apprehension, blue funk\*, butterflies\*, cold

feet\*, cold sweat\*, consternation, creeps\*, dismay, disquiet, disturbance, dread, emotion, excitement, fear, fright, goose bumps\*, horror, jitters, nervousness, palpitation, panic, perturbation, shock, terror, trepidity, uneasiness, worryment; CONCEPT 27 —*Ant.* calm, contentment, happiness

**trespass** [*n*] *invasion, offense* breach, contravention, crime, delinquency, encroachment, entrenchment, error, evildoing, fault, infraction, infringement, iniquity, injury, intrusion, misbehavior, misconduct, misdeed, misdemeanor, obstruction, poaching, sin, transgression, unlawful entry, violation, wrongdoing, wrongful entry; CONCEPTS 101, 192, 645, 691 —*Ant.* retreat

**trespass** [*v*] *infringe, offend* butt in\*, chisel in\*, crash, crash the gates\*, deviate, displease, do wrong by, encroach, entrench, err, horn in\*, interlope, intrude, invade, kibitz\*, lapse, meddle, misbehave, mix in, muscle in\*, nose in\*, obtrude, overstep, penetrate, poach, poke, sin, stick nose in\*, transgress, violate, wrong; CONCEPTS 101, 159, 192, 384 —*Ant.* retreat

**trial** [*adj*] *experimental* balloon, exploratory, pilot, preliminary, probationary, provisional, tentative, test, testing; CONCEPTS 548, 560 —*Ant.* definite, known, proven

**trial** [*n*] *test* analysis, assay, attempt, audition, check, crack\*, dry run\*, effort, endeavor, essay, examination, experience, experiment, experimentation, fling\*, go\*, hassle\*, investigation, lick\*, probation, proof, R and D\*, research and development, shakedown\*, shot\*, showcase\*, stab\*, striving, struggle, testing, test run, trial and error\*, trial run, try on\*, tryout, undertaking, venture, whack\*, workout; CONCEPTS 87, 290, 291

**trial** [*n*2] *legal proceeding* action, arraignment, case, citation, claim, contest, counterclaim, court action, court martial, cross-examination, habeas corpus, hearing, impeachment, indictment, lawsuit, litigation, prosecution, rap\*, seizure, suit, tribunal; CONCEPTS 317, 691

**trial** [*n*3] *trouble, big problem* adversity, affliction, albatross\*, anguish, annoyance, bane, blow, bother, burden, calvary, care, complication, cross to bear\*, crucible\*, difficulty, distress, drag\*, grief, hardship, hard time\*, hassle\*, heartbreak, inconvenience, irritation, load, misery, misfortune, nightmare, nuisance, ordeal, pain, pain in the neck\*, pest, plague, rigor, severe test, sorrow, suffering, thorn, tribulation, trying time\*, unhappiness, vexation, vicissitude, visitation, woe, wretchedness; CONCEPTS 674, 728 —*Ant.* happiness, peace

**tribe** [*n*] *ethnic group; family* association, blood, caste, clan, class, division, dynasty, horde, house, ilk, kin, kind, kindred, lineage, people, race, seed, society, sort, stock, type; CONCEPTS 296, 380, 421

**tribulation** [*n*] *pain, unhappiness* adversity, affliction, albatross\*, bad luck\*, blow\*, bumper\*, burden, care, cross to bear\*, crucible\*, curse, difficulty, distress, double whammy\*, downer\*, drag\*, grief, hard knock\*, hard time\*, headache\*, heartache\*, misery, misfortune, oppression, ordeal, persecution, rainy day\*, reverse, sorrow, suffering, trial, trouble, vexation, visitation, woe, worry, wretchedness,

wronging; CONCEPTS 666, 728 —*Ant.* calm, comfort, happiness, peace

**tribunal** [*n*] *court* bar, bench, board, committee, council, court of justice, forum, judge, judiciary, justice, law court, magistrate, seat of judgment; CONCEPTS 299, 318

**tributary** [*adj*] *secondary; branch* accessory, dependent, feeding, minor, satellite, shoot, side, sub, subject, subordinate, under; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* original, primary, source

**tribute** [*n*] *testimonial, praise* accolade, acknowledgment, applause, appreciation, citation, commendation, compliment, encomium, esteem, eulogy, gift, gratitude, honor, laudation, memorial, offering, panegyric, recognition, recommendation, respect, salutation, salvo; CONCEPTS 69, 278 —*Ant.* accusation, blame, criticism

**trick** [*n*1] *deceit* ambush, artifice, blind, bluff, casuistry, cheat, chicanery, circumvention, con\*, concealment, conspiracy, conundrum, cover, deception, decoy, delusion, device, disguise, distortion, dodge\*, double-dealing, duplicity, equivocation, evasion, fabrication, fake, falsehood, feint, forgery, fraud, game, gimmick, hoax, illusion, imposition, imposture, intrigue, invention, machination, maneuver, perjury, plot, ploy, pretense, ruse, snare, stratagem, subterfuge, swindle, trap, treachery, wile; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* frankness, honesty

**trick** [*n*2] *prank, joke* accomplishment, antic, caper, catch, device, escapade, feat, frolic, funny business, gag\*, gambol, jape, jest, lark, monkeyshine\*, practical joke, put-on\*, shenanigan\*, sleight of hand, sport, stunt, tomfoolery; CONCEPTS 59, 273, 384 —*Ant.* seriousness

**trick** [*n*3] *expertise, know-how* ability, art, command, craft, device, facility, gift, hang, knack, method, secret, skill, swing, technique; CONCEPT 630 —*Ant.* ignorance, misunderstanding

**trick** [*n*4] *characteristic, habit* crotchet, custom, foible, habitude, idiosyncrasy, manner, mannerism, peculiarity, practice, praxis, quirk, trait, usage, use, way, wont; CONCEPTS 411, 657

**trick** [*n*5] *time working at something* bout, go\*, hitch, shift, spell, stint, tour, turn; CONCEPT 807

**trick** [*v*] *fool; play joke* on bamboozle, catch\*, cheat, con, deceive, defraud, delude, disinform, double deal\*, dupe, fake, flimflam\*, gull, hoax, hocus-pocus\*, hoodwink, impose upon, jive\*, mislead, outwit, play for a fool\*, pull wool over\*, put one over on\*, rook\*, screw\*, set up\*, swindle, take for a ride\*, take in\*, throw, trap, victimize; CONCEPT 59 —*Ant.* be serious

**trickery** [*n*] *deception, joke* bait and switch\*, cheat, cheating, chicanery, chicanery, con, deceit, dishonesty, dodge, double-cross\*, double-dealing\*, dupery, fast shuffle\*, flimflam\*, fourberie, fraud, funny business\*, guile, hoax, imposture, pretense, quackery, razzle-dazzle\*, scam, sharp practice, shell game\*, shenanigans\*, snow job\*, sting\*, stunt, swindling, underhandedness; CONCEPTS 59, 645

**trickle** [*v*] *run out* crawl, creep, distill, dribble, drip, drop, exude, flow, issue, leak, ooze, percolate, seep, stream, trill, weep; CONCEPTS 146, 179 —*Ant.* flow

**tricky** [*adj*1] *complicated, difficult* catchy, complex, critical, delicate, intricate, involved,

knotty\*, perplexing, precarious, problematic, quirky, risky, rocky, sensitive, sticky, thorny, ticklish, touch-and-go\*, touchy, undependable, unstable; CONCEPT 562 —*Ant.* easy, uncomplicated

**tricky** [adj2] *deceptive, sly* artful, astute, cagey, catchy, clever, crafty, cunning, deceitful, deep, delusive, delusory, devious, dishonest, foxy, greasy\*, guileful, insidious, intelligent, keen, misleading, scheming, shady, sharp, shifty, shrewd, slick\*, slippery\*, smooth, streetwise\*, subtle, treacherous, wily, witted, wry; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* aboveboard, frank, honest

**tried** [adj] *reliable* approved, certified, constant, demonstrated, dependable, faithful, proved, secure, staunch, steadfast, tested, tried-and-true\*, true-blue\*, trustworthy, trusty, used; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* unreliable, untried

**tried-and-true** [adj] *tested* approved, certified, creditworthy, dependable, loyal, proved, proven, reliable, safe, tried, trustworthy, trusty; CONCEPT 535

**trifle** [n1] *novelty item* bagatelle, bauble, bibelot, curio, gewgaw\*, knickknack, nothing\*, novelty, objet d'art, plaything, toy, trinket, triviality, whatnot\*; CONCEPT 446

**trifle** [n2] *very small amount* bit, dash, diddly\*, drop, eyelash\*, fly speck\*, fraction, hint, jot, little, no big deal\*, particle, picayune\*, piece, pinch, shade, smack, soupçon, speck, spice, spot, squat, suggestion, suspicion, touch, trace; CONCEPTS 668,831 —*Ant.* lot

**trifle** [v] *toy with; mess around* amuse oneself, be insincere, coquet, dabble, dally, dawdle, dilly-dally\*, doodle, fidget, flirt, fool, fool around\*, fool with\*, fribble\*, fritter, futz around\*, horse around\*, idle, indulge in, lead on, loiter, lollygag\*, lounge, mess with\*, misuse, monkey, monkey with\*, palter, philander, play, play games with\*, play with, potter, putter, squander, string along\*, toy, twiddle, use up, wanton, waste, waste time, wink at\*; CONCEPTS 210,292,363

**trifling** [adj] *insignificant, worthless* banal, dinky\*, empty, forget it\*, frivolous, hollow, idle, idling, inane, inconsequential, inconsiderable, insipid, jejune, loitering, measly, minuscule, negligible, niggling\*, no big deal\*, no big thing\*, nugatory, paltry, petty, picayune, piddling, puny, shallow, silly, slight, small, tiny, trivial, unimportant, vain, valueless, vapid; CONCEPTS 575,789 —*Ant.* important, significant, useful, worthwhile

**trigger** [v] *cause to happen* activate, bring about, cause, elicit, generate, give rise to, produce, prompt, provoke, set in motion, set off, spark, start; CONCEPT 242 —*Ant.* block, check, halt, stop

**trim** [adj1] *neat, orderly* apple-pie order\*, clean, clean-cut, compact, dapper, fit, in good shape, neat as a pin\*, nice, shipshape\*, slick, smart, snug, spick-and-span\*, spruce, streamlined, symmetrical, tidy, to rights\*, uncluttered, well-groomed; CONCEPTS 485,621 —*Ant.* disorderly, rough, sloppy, unkempt

**trim** [adj2] *shapely* beautiful, clean, comely, fit, graceful, in fine fettle\*, in good shape, sleek, slender, slick, slim, statuesque, streamlined, svelte, well-balanced, well-proportioned,

willowy; CONCEPTS 314,490,491 —*Ant.* chubby, fat, overweight

**trim** [n1] *decoration* adornment, border, edging, embellishment, fringe, garnish, gingerbread\*, ornamentation, piping, trimming; CONCEPTS 475,824

**trim** [n2] *condition, health* commission, fettle\*, fitness, form, killer\*, order, repair, shape, situation, state, whack\*; CONCEPT 316

**trim** [v1] *cut shorter* abbreviate, barber, blue pencil\*, bob, boil down\*, clip, crop, curtail, cut, cut back, cut down, dock, edit, even up, lop, mow, pare, pare down, plane, prune, put in a nutshell\*, shave, shear, shorten, slice off, snip, tidy, truncate, whittle down\*; CONCEPTS 176,236,247 —*Ant.* develop, let grow

**trim** [v2] *decorate* adorn, array, beautify, bedeck, beribbon, deck, dress, dress up, embellish, emblazon, embroider, garnish, ornament, prank, pretty up\*, prink\*, spangle, spruce up\*; CONCEPTS 162,177

**trim** [v3] *beat, defeat* clobber, drub, lambaste, lick, smother, thrash, trounce, wax\*, whip; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* lose

**trimmings** [n] *accessories, extras* accent, accompaniments, additions, clippings, decorations, fixings, frills, garnish, ornaments, supplements, trappings; CONCEPT 834

**trinket** [n] *knickknack* bagatelle, bauble, bead, bibelot, curio, doodad\*, gadget, gewgaw\*, gimcrack\*, glass\*, hardware, jewel, jewelry, junk, nothing\*, novelty, objet d'art, ornament, plaything, rock\*, sparkle\*, stone, toy, trifle, whatnot\*; CONCEPT 446

**trio/triple** [n] *three of something* leash, set of three, ternion, threesome, trey, triad, triangle, trilog, trine, trinity, triplet, triplicate, triptych, triumvirate, triune, troika; CONCEPTS 784,787

**trip** [n1] *journey, excursion* cruise, errand, expedition, foray, hop\*, jaunt, junket, outing, overnigh, peregrination, ramble\*, run, swing\*, tour, travel, trek, voyage, weekend; CONCEPT 224

**trip** [n2] *error, blunder* bungle, fall, false move, false step, faux pas\*, indiscretion, lapse, misstep, mistake, slip, stumble; CONCEPTS 101,230 —*Ant.* correction, fix

**trip** [v] *fall, err* buck, canter, confuse, disconcert, fall over, founder, frolic, go headlong\*, go wrong, hop, lapse, lose, lose balance, lose footing, lurch, make a faux pas\*, miscalculate, misstep, pitch, play, plunge, skip, slide, slip, slip on, slip up, sprawl, spring, stumble, throw off, topple, tumble, unsettle; CONCEPTS 101,149 —*Ant.* correct, fix

**tripe** [n] *nonsense, rubbish* balderdash, baloney\*, bilge, bosh, BS\*, bull\*, bunk\*, drivel, garbage, gibberish, hogwash, hokey\*, hot air\*, poppycock, trash; CONCEPTS 230,278

**trite** [adj] *silly, commonplace* banal, bathetic, bromidic, chain, cliché, clichéd, common, cornball\*, corny\*, drained, dull, exhausted, familiar tune\*, flat, hackneyed, hokey\*, jejune, mildewed\*, moth-eaten\*, musty\*, old hat\*, ordinary, pedestrian, platitudinous, prosaic, ready-made, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, set, shopworn, stale, stereotyped, stock, threadbare, timeworn, tired, uninspired, unoriginal, used-up, vapid, warmed-over\*, well-worn, worn,

worn-out; CONCEPTS 267,530 —*Ant.* desirable, important, impressive, original, pertinent, relevant, uncommon

**triumph** [n1] *extreme happiness* celebration, elation, exultance, exultation, festivity, joy, jubilation, jubilee, jubilee, merriment, pride, rejoicing, reveling; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* sadness, sorrow, unhappiness

**triumph** [n2] *victory, achievement* accomplishment, ascendancy, attainment, big hit\*, big win\*, cinch, clean sweep\*, conquest, coup, feat, feather in cap\*, gain, grand slam\*, hit, hole in one\*, homer\*, pushover\*, riot, score, sell, sensation, shoo-in\*, smash-hit\*, splash, success, sure bet\*, sure thing\*, surmounting, takeover, the gold\*, tour de force\*, vanquishing, vanquishment, walkover\*, win; CONCEPT 706 —*Ant.* disaster, failure, forfeit, loss

**triumph** [v1] *be very happy* celebrate, crow, delight, exult, gloat, glory, jubilate, rejoice, revel, swagger; CONCEPT 32 —*Ant.* be sad

**triumph** [v2] *achieve, succeed* beat the game\*, beat the system\*, best, blow away\*, carry the day\*, come out on top\*, conquer, dominate, flourish, get last laugh\*, overcome, overwhelm, prevail, prosper, sink, strike it big\*, subdue, sweep, take it all\*, take the cake\*, thrive, trounce, vanquish, win, win hands down\*, win out\*; CONCEPTS 95,141,706 —*Ant.* fail, forfeit, lose

**triumphant** [adj] *successful* boastful, celebratory, champion, conquering, dominant, elated, exultant, glorious, happy, in the lead\*, jubilant, looking good, lucky, on top, out front\*, prizewinning, proud, rejoicing, swaggering, triumphal, unbeaten, undefeated, victorious, winning; CONCEPT 528 —*Ant.* defeated, failing, losing, unsuccessful

**trivia** [n] *details* fine points, memorabilia, minutiae, trifles, trivialities; CONCEPTS 274,543 —*Ant.* generality, importance, significance, weight

**trivial** [adj] *not important* atomic, beside the point\*, commonplace, diminutive, evanescent, everyday, flimsy, frivolous, immaterial, inappreciable, incidental, inconsequential, inconside- rable, insignificant, irrelevant, little, meager, mean, meaningless, microscopic, minor, minute, momentary, negligible, nonessential, nugatory, of no account, paltry, petty, piddling\*, puny, scanty, skin-deep\*, slight, small, superficial, trifling, trite, unimportant, value- less, vanishing, worthless; CONCEPT 575 —*Ant.* consequential, important, significant, useful, valuable, weighty, worthwhile

**troll** [n] *elf demon, dwarf, giant, gnome, goblin, hobgoblin, kobold, leprechaun, monster, mythical creature, ogre*; CONCEPT 412

**troop/troops** [n] *group, often military* armed forces, army, assemblage, assembly, band, body, bunch, collection, combatants, company, contingent, corps, crew, crowd, delegation, drove, fighting forces, flock, forces, gang, gathering, herd, horde, host, legion, military, multitude, number, outfit, pack, party, person- nel, service personnel, soldiers, soldiery, squad, swarm, team, throng, troopers, troupe, unit; CONCEPTS 322,417

**trophy** [n] *physical award* blue ribbon\*, booty,

citation, crown, cup, decoration, gold\*, gold star\*, guerdon, keepsake, laurels, medal, memento, memorial, palm, prize, reminder, ribbon, souvenir, spoils\* token; CONCEPT 337

**tropical** [adj] *warm and humid* close, equatorial, hot, lush, steamy, sticky, stifling, sultry, sweaty, sweltering, torrid, tropic; CONCEPTS 525,605 —*Ant.* arctic, freezing, frigid, polar

**trot** [v] *move along briskly* amble, canter, go, hurry, jog, lope, pad, rack, ride, run, scamper, step lively; CONCEPT 150

**trot out** [v] *bring forward* brandish, bring up, come out with, display, disport, drag up, ex- hibit, expose, flash, flaunt, parade, recite, re- hearse, reiterate, relate, repeat, represent, show, show off; CONCEPT 138 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**trobador** [n] *singer* accompanist, artist, balladeer, bard, crooner, jongleur, minnesinger, minstrel, musician, poet, serenader, songster, songwriter, trouvère, vocalist; CONCEPT 352

**trouble** [n1] *annoyance, worry* agitation, anxiety, bad news\*, bind, bother, commotion, concern, danger, difficulty, dilemma, dire straits, discontent, discord, disorder, disquiet, dissatisfaction, distress, disturbance, grief, hang-up\*, heartache, hindrance, hot water\*, inconvenience, irritation, mess, misfortune, nuisance, pain, pest, pickle\*, predicament, problem, puzzle, row, scrape, sorrow, spot, strain, stress, strife, struggle, suffering, task, torment, tribulation, tumult, unrest, vexation, woe; CONCEPTS 532,674,675,690,728 —*Ant.* contentment, happiness, peace

**trouble** [n2] *something requiring great effort* ado, attention, bother, bustle, care, concern, difficulty, effort, exertion, flurry, fuss, hardship, inconvenience, labor, pains, pother, rigor, strain, stress, struggle, thought, trial, while, work, worry; CONCEPTS 666,677 —*Ant.* advantage, aid, assistance, blessing, help

**trouble** [n3] *bad health* affliction, ailment, complaint, curse, defect, disability, disease, disorder, failure, illness, malady, malfunction, upset; CONCEPT 316 —*Ant.* fitness, good health

**trouble** [v1] *bother, worry* afflict, agitate, ail, annoy, bug\*, burden, burn up\*, concern, discommode, discompose, disconcert, disoblige, disquiet, distress, disturb, drive up the wall\*, flip out\*, fret, get to, give a bad time\*, give a hard time\*, grieve, harass, harry, impose on, inconvenience, irk, irritate, make a fuss\*, make a scene\*, make waves\*, pain, perplex, perturb, pester, plague, psych\*, put out\*, sadden, spook\*, stir up, strain, stress, torment, try, upset, vex; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* be content, be happy

**trouble** [v2] *make an effort* be concerned with, exert, go to the effort of, take pains\*, take the time\*; CONCEPT 100 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help

**troublemaker** [n] *person who causes a problem* agent provocateur, agitator, bad actor\*, firebrand\*, gremlin\*, heel\*, hellion, incendiary, inciter, inflamer, instigator, loose cannon\*, meddler, mischief-maker, nuisance, phony\*, punk\*, rabble-rouser\*, rascal, recreant, smart aleck\*, snake\*, stormy petrel\*, weasel\*; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* peacemaker

**troubleshooter** [n] *fixer, repair person* main- tenance person, mender, Mr. Fixit\*, service person, technician; CONCEPTS 126,212

**troublesome** [*adj*] *bothersome, worrisome* alarming, annoying, arduous, burdensome, damaging, dangerous, demanding, difficult, disquieting, harassing, hard, heavy, importunate, inconvenient, infestive, intractable, irksome, irritating, laborious, mean, messy, murder, oppressive, painful, pesky, pestiferous, pestilential, problematic, refractory, repressive, rough, taxing, tiresome, tough, tricky, troublous, trying, ugly, ungovernable, unruly, uphill, upsetting, vexatious, vexing, wearisome, wicked, worrying; CONCEPTS 529,565 —*Ant.* easy, helpful, nice, useful

**trough** [*n*] *gutter, depression* canal, channel, crib, cup, dike, dip, ditch, duct, flume, furrow, gully, hollow, manger, moat, trench, watercourse; CONCEPTS 509,513

**trounce** [*v*] *defeat overwhelmingly* bash, beat, blank, bury, bust\*, cap, clobber, conquer, cook one's goose\*, crush, drub, dust\*, fix one's wagon\*, flog, hammer\*, lambaste\*, lather\*, lick\*, make mincemeat of\*, murder, overcome, overwhelm, paste\*, pommel\*, put away\*, rout, swamp, thrash\*, total\*, trash\*, walk over\*, wallop\*, waste\*, wax\*, whip, win, wipe off the mat\*; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* fail, forfeit, lose

**troupe** [*n*] *company* acting company, actors, association, band, cast, crew, ensemble, gang\*, group, party, performers, repertory company, stock company, team, troop; CONCEPT 417

**trousers** [*n*] *pants* bloomers, blue jeans, breeches, britches\*, chaps\*, chinos, cords\*, corduroys, denims, dungarees, jeans, knickers, overalls, pantaloons, rompers, slacks; CONCEPT 451

**truant** [*adj*] *absent* absent without leave, astray, away, AWOL\*, cutting class\*, gone, hooky\*, missing, no-show\*, not present, playing hooky\*, skipping school\*; CONCEPT 583

**truant** [*n*] *absentee* delinquent, deserter, draft dodger, hooky player, malingering, no-show\*, runaway, shirker; CONCEPTS 358,412,423

**truce** [*n*] *peaceful solution* accord, agreement, amnesty, armistice, break, breather\*, cease-fire, cessation, de-escalation, detente, halt, intermission, interval, letup, lull, moratorium, olive branch\*, pause, peace, reconciliation, reprieve, respite, rest, stay, suspension, temporary peace, terms, treaty, white flag\*, wind-down\*; CONCEPTS 230,298,684 —*Ant.* disagreement, fight, war

**truck** [*n1*] *commerce, merchandise* barter, business, buying and selling, commercial goods, commodities, communication, communion, connection, contact, dealings, exchange, goods\*, intercourse, relations, stock, stuff\*, trade, traffic, wares\*; CONCEPTS 324,330,338

**truck** [*n2*] *wheeled vehicle for hauling* buggy\*, car, carryall, crate\*, dump, eighteen-wheeler\*, four by eight\*, four by four\*, four-wheel drive\*, freighter, jeep, lorry, pickup, rig\*, semi\*, van, wagon, wheels\*; CONCEPT 505

**truck** [*v*] *buy and sell* bargain, barter, deal, deal in\*, do business, exchange, handle, have dealings, negotiate, peddle, retail, swap, trade, traffic, transact, wholesale\*; CONCEPTS 324,327

**truckle** [*v*] *fawn apple-polish\**, be servile, bootlick\*, brownnose\*, butter up\*, cajole, fall all over, fall on one's knees\*, flatter, grovel,

honey up\*, kiss one's feet\*, kiss-up\*, kowtow\*, lay it on\*, lick boots\*, massage\*, oil\*, pay court\*, play up to\*, scratch one's back\*, stroke\*, suck up to\*, toady, woo\*; CONCEPTS 110,384

**truculent** [*adj*] *belligerent, hateful* abusive, aggressive, antagonistic, bad-tempered, barbarous, bellicose, browbeating, brutal, bullying, caustic, combative, contentious, contumelious, cowing, cross, defiant, ferocious, fierce, frightening, harsh, hostile, inhuman, inhumane, intimidating, invective, mean, militant, mordacious, mordant, obstreperous, opprobrious, ornery\*, pugnacious, quarrelsome, rude, savage, scathing, scrappy, scurrilous, sharp, sullen, terrifying, terrorizing, trenchant, violent, vituperative, vituperous; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* cooperative, gentle, mild, nice, tame

**trudge** [*v*] *walk heavily* clump, drag oneself\*, footslog, hike, lumber, march, plod, plug along\*, schlepp\*, slog, step, stumble, stump, traipse, tramp, tread, trek, wade; CONCEPT 151 —*Ant.* tiptoe

**true** [*adj1*] *real, valid; concordant with facts* accurate, actual, appropriate, authentic, authoritative, bona fide, correct, dependable, direct, exact, factual, fitting, genuine, honest, indubitable, kosher\*, lawful, legal, legitimate, natural, normal, on target\*, perfect, precise, proper, pure, regular, right, rightful, sincere, straight, sure-enough\*, trustworthy, truthful, typical, undeniable, undesigned, undoubted, unerring, unfaked, unfeigned, unquestionable, veracious, veridical, veritable, very, wash\*; CONCEPTS 267,535,582 —*Ant.* corrupt, counterfeit, deceitful, false, fraudulent, invalid, unreal

**true** [*adj2*] *loyal* allegiant, ardent, confirmed, conscientious, constant, creditable, dedicated, dependable, devoted, dutiful, estimable, faithful, fast, firm, high-principled, honest, honorable, just, liege, no lie\*, on the up and up\*, pure, reliable, resolute, right, right-minded, scrupulous, sincere, square, staunch, steadfast, steady, straight, strict, sure, true-blue\*, truehearted, trustworthy, trusty, unaffected, undistorted, unfeigned, unwavering, up front\*, upright, veracious, veridical, wholehearted, worthy; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —*Ant.* cheating, dishonest, disloyal, evil, faithless, hateful, untrustworthy

**true** [*adv*] *honestly, accurately* correctly, on target, perfectly, precisely, properly, rightly, truthfully, unerringly, veraciously, veritably; CONCEPTS 267,535,544 —*Ant.* dishonestly, inaccurately, wrongly

**true-blue** [*adj*] *faithful, loyal* allegiant, ardent, behind one, dedicated, dependable, devoted, die-hard, dutiful, firm, genuine, hard-core\*, honorable, patriotic, staunch, steadfast, sure, tried, tried-and-true\*, trustworthy, truthful, upright; CONCEPTS 401,545

**truly** [*adv*] *really, doubtlessly* absolutely, accurately, actually, authentically, beyond doubt, beyond question, confirmedly, constantly, correctly, de facto, definitely, devotedly, exactly, factually, faithfully, firmly, genuinely, honestly, honorably, in actuality, in fact, in reality, in truth, legitimately, loyally, positively, precisely, reliably, righteously, rightly, sincerely,

staunchly, steadily, surely, truthfully, unequivocally, veraciously, veritably, very, with all one's heart\*, with devotion, without a doubt; CONCEPTS 267,535,582 —*Ant.* doubtfully, dubiously, indefinite

**trumped up** [*adj*] *false* bogus, concocted, cooked-up\*, deceitful, dishonest, fabricated, fake, falsified, fictitious, fishy, framed, fraudulent, imaginary, incorrect, invalid, invented, lying, made up, misleading, phony, sham, unfounded, unsound, untrue; CONCEPTS 267,570,582

**truncate** [*v*] *shorten* abbreviate, abridge, clip, crop, curtail, cut, cut off, cut short, lop, pare, prune, shear, top, trim; CONCEPTS 137,236,247 —*Ant.* elongate, expand, lengthen, stretch

**trunk** [*n1*] *body, core* block, bole, butt, column, log, soma, stalk, stem, stock, thorax, torso; CONCEPTS 392,428,826 —*Ant.* extremities

**trunk** [*n2*] *long nose of animal* beak, proboscis, prow, snoot\*, snout; CONCEPT 399

**trunk** [*n3*] *container, box* bag, baggage, bin, case, chest, coffer, coffin, crate, foot locker, locker, luggage, portmanteau, suitcase, wardrobe; CONCEPTS 494,502

**trust** [*n1*] *belief in something as true, trustworthiness* assurance, certainty, certitude, confidence, conviction, credence, credit, dependence, entrustment, expectation, faith, gospel truth\*, hope, positiveness, reliance, stock, store, sureness; CONCEPT 689 —*Ant.* disbelief, distrust, mistrust

**trust** [*n2*] *responsibility, custody* account, care, charge, duty, guard, guardianship, keeping, liability, moment, obligation, protection, safekeeping, trusteeship, ward; CONCEPTS 376,645

**trust** [*n3*] *large company* bunch, business, cartel, chain, combine, conglomerate, corporation, crew, crowd, gang, group, institution, megacorp\*, mob, monopoly, multinational organization, outfit, pool, ring, syndicate; CONCEPTS 323,325

**trust** [*v1*] *believe, place confidence in* accredit, assume, bank on, be convinced, bet bottom dollar on\*, bet on, build on, calculate on, confide in, count on, depend on, expect, gamble on, have faith in, hope, imagine, lay money on\*, lean on, look to, place confidence in, place trust in, presume, reckon on, rely upon, suppose, surmise, swear by, take, take at face value\*, think likely; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* disbelieve, distrust, mistrust

**trust** [*v2*] *give to for safekeeping* advance, aid, assign, command, commission, commit, confer, confide, consign, delegate, entrust, give over, grant, lend, let, let out, loan, make trustee, patronize, put into hands of, sign over, store, transfer, turn over; CONCEPT 115 —*Ant.* hold, keep

**trustee** [*n*] *administrator* agent, custodian, executor, executrix, fiduciary, guardian, keeper, warden; CONCEPTS 414,423

**trusting** [*adj*] *trustful* believing, confiding, credulous, gullible, innocent, naive, undoubting, unquestioning, unsuspecting, unsuspecting; CONCEPTS 401,542,678

**trustworthy/trusty** [*adj*] *reliable, believable* accurate, always there\*, authentic, authoritative, convincing, credible, dependable, ethical, exact, honest, honorable, kosher\*, levelheaded,

mature, on the level\*, on up and up\*, open, plausible, principled, realistic, responsible, righteous, rock solid\*, saintly, secure, sensible, solid, square, steadfast, straight, there\*, to be trusted, tried, tried-and-true\*, true, true-blue\*, trustworthy, truthful, unflinching, up-front\*, upright, valid, veracious; CONCEPTS 267,404,535 —*Ant.* corrupt, unbelievable, undependable, unreliable, untrustworthy

**truth** [*n1*] *reality, validity* accuracy, actuality, authenticity, axiom, case, certainty, correctness, dope\*, exactitude, exactness, fact, facts, factualism, factuality, factualness, genuineness, gospel\*, gospel truth\*, honest truth\*, infallibility, inside track\*, legitimacy, maxim, naked truth\*, nitty-gritty\*, perfection, picture, plain talk, precision, principle, rectitude, rightness, scoop, score, trueness, truism, truthfulness, unvarnished truth, veracity, verisimilitude, verity, whole story\*; CONCEPTS 278,638,725 —*Ant.* falsehood, invention, untruth

**truth** [*n2*] *honesty, loyalty* authenticity, candor, constancy, dedication, devotion, dutifulness, faith, faithfulness, fidelity, frankness, integrity, openness, realism, revelation, sincerity, uprightness, veridicality, verity; CONCEPT 657 —*Ant.* dishonesty, disloyalty, falsehood, lie, misrepresentation

**truthful** [*adj*] *accurate, honest* believable, candid, correct, exact, factual, faithful, forthright, frank, guileless, ingenuous, just, kosher\*, legit\*, like it is\*, literal, on the level\*, on the up and up\*, open, outspoken, plainspoken, precise, real, realistic, reliable, righteous, scrupulous, sincere, square, straight, straightforward, true, true-blue\*, trustworthy, truth-telling, unfeigned, unreserved, veracious, veritable; CONCEPTS 267,542 —*Ant.* dishonest, hypocritical, inaccurate, lying, untruthful

**try** [*n*] *attempt* all one's got\*, best shot\*, bid, crack\*, dab, effort, endeavor, essay, fling\*, go\*, jab\*, pop\*, shot\*, slap\*, stab\*, striving, struggle, trial, undertaking, whack\*, whirl\*; CONCEPTS 87,677 —*Ant.* abstention

**try** [*v1*] *attempt* aim, aspire, attack, bear down, chip away at\*, compete, contend, contest, do one's best\*, drive for, endeavor, essay, exert oneself, go after, go all out\*, go for, have a crack\*, have a go\*, have a shot\*, have a stab\*, have a whack\*, knock oneself out\*, labor, lift a finger\*, make a bid, make an attempt, make an effort, make a pass at\*, propose, put oneself out\*, risk, seek, shoot for\*, speculate, strive, struggle, tackle, undertake, venture, vie for, work, wrangle; CONCEPT 87 —*Ant.* abstain

**try** [*v2*] *experiment, test* appraise, assay, check, check out, evaluate, examine, inspect, investigate, judge, prove, put to the proof\*, put to the test\*, sample, scrutinize, taste, try out, weigh; CONCEPTS 103,291 —*Ant.* abstain

**try** [*v3*] *bother, afflict* agonize, annoy, crucify, distress, excruciate, harass, inconvenience, irk, irritate, martyr, pain, plague, rack, strain, stress, tax, tire, torment, torture, trouble, upset, vex, weary, wring; CONCEPT 7 —*Ant.* delight, please

**try** [*v4*] *bring before a judge* adjudge, adjudicate, arbitrate, decide, examine, give a hearing, hear, judge, referee, sit in judgment; CONCEPT 317

**trying** [*adj*] *difficult, bothersome* aggravating, annoying, arduous, demanding, exacting, exasperating, exigent, fatiguing, hard, irksome, irritating, onerous, oppressive, pestilent, provocative, rough, severe, sticky, strenuous, stressful, taxing, tight, tiresome, tough, tricky, troublesome, upsetting, vexing, wearisome, weighty; CONCEPTS 548,565 —*Ant.* easy, facile, mild, moderate, unstressful

**try on/try out** [*v*] *evaluate, test* appraise, audition, check out, demonstrate, experiment, fit, give a try, have a dry run\*, have a fitting\*, inspect, practice, probe, prove, put into practice, put to the test, sample, scrutinize, taste, try for size, wear; CONCEPTS 103,167 —*Ant.* abstain

**tryst** [*n*] *meeting during a love affair* appointment, assignation, date, engagement, meet, meeting, rendezvous, union; CONCEPTS 375,384

**tubby** [*adj*] *fat beefy\**, big, brawny, broad, bulging, bulky, burly, chubby\*, chunky\*, dumpy, elephantine, fleshy, gargantuan, gross, heavy, heavyset\*, hefty, husky, large, obese, oversize, overweight, plump, portly, potbellied, pudgy\*, roly-poly\*, stout, weighty; CONCEPT 491

**tuck** [*v*] *fold together* constrict, contract, draw together, enfold, gather, hem, insert, make snug, pinch, plait, pleat, push, put in, seam, squeeze in, swaddle, wrap; CONCEPTS 193,218

**tuckered out** [*adj*] *tired asleep, beat\**, burned out\*, collapsing, dead on one's feet\*, dog-tired\*, done for\*, done in\*, drained, drooping, droopy, drowsy, enervated, exasperated, exhausted, fatigued, finished, overworked, played out\*, pooped\*, run-down, sleepy, spent, wasted, weary, worn out; CONCEPTS 314, 403

**tuft** [*n*] *clump of strands of something* bunch, cluster, collection, cowlick, feathers, group, knot, plumage, ruff, shock, topknot, tussock; CONCEPTS 392,432,471

**tug** [*n/v*] *quick pull* drag, draw, haul, heave, jerk, lug, strain, toil, tow, traction, wrench, yank; CONCEPT 206 —*Ant.* push

**tuition** [*n*] *education; education costs* charge, expenditure, fee, instruction, lessons, price, schooling, teaching, training, tutelage, tutoring; CONCEPT 287

**tumble** [*v*] *fall or make fall awkwardly* bowl down, bring down, descend, dip, disarrange, disarray, disorder, disturb, do a pratfall, down, drop, fall headlong\*, flatten, floor, flop, go belly up\*, go down, hit the dirt\*, jumble, keel, keel over, knock down, knock over, level, lose footing, lose it\*, mess up, nose-dive, pitch, plummet, plunge, roll, sag, skid, slip, slump, spill, stumble, take a header\*, tip over, topple, toss, trip, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 147,149,181

**tumescant** [*adj*] *swollen* bloated, bulging, bulgy, bursting, distended, distent, enlarged, expanding, inflated, puffed, puffy, tumid; CONCEPT 485

**tummy** [*n*] *stomach* abdomen, belly, below the belt\*, breadbasket\*, gut, insides, paunch, pot\*, solar plexus, spare tire\*; CONCEPTS 393,420

**tumor** [*n*] *abnormal growth in animate being* bump, cancer, carcinoma, cyst, lump, neoplasm, sarcoma, swelling, tumefaction; CONCEPT 316

**tumult** [*n*] *uproar, confusion* ado, affray, agitation, altercation, babel, bedlam, brawl, clamor,

commotion, convulsion, din, disorder, disturbance, dither, excitement, ferment, fight, fracas, fuss, hassle\*, jangle, lather\*, maelstrom, noise, outbreak, outcry, pandemonium, paroxysm, pother, quarrel, racket, riot, row, ruction, seething, stir, strife, turbulence, turmoil, unrest, unsettlement, upheaval, upturn, wildness; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* calmness, order, peace

**tumultuous/tumultuous** [*adj*] *confused; in an uproar* agitated, boisterous, clamorous, disorderly, disturbed, excited, fierce, hectic, irregular, lawless, noisy, obstreperous, passionate, raging, rambunctious, raucous, restless, riotous, rowdy, rowdydowdy, rumbunctious, stormy, termagant, turbulent, unrestrained, unruly, uproarious, violent, vociferous, wild; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* calm, orderly, peaceful

**tundra** [*n*] *plain* expanse, field, flat, flatland, open country, plateau, prairie, steppe, wasteland; CONCEPT 509

**tune** [*n1*] *melody, harmony* air, aria, carol, chorus, composition, concert, consonance, descant, diapason, ditty\*, harmony, jingle, lay, measure, melodia, motif, number, piece, song, strain, theme, warble; CONCEPTS 264, 595 —*Ant.* silence

**tune** [*n2*] *agreement* accord, chime, chorus, concert, concord, concordance, consonance, euphony, harmony, pitch, sympathy, unison; CONCEPTS 670,714 —*Ant.* disagreement

**tuneful** [*adj*] *melodic, melodious* canorous, catchy\*, dulcet, euphonic, euphonious, harmonic, harmonious, in tune, musical, pleasing, pleasing to the ear, resonant, songful, sonorous, sweet-sounding, symphonic, symphonious, tuned, well-tuned; CONCEPT 594

**tune/tune up** [*v*] *bring into harmony* accommodate, adapt, adjust, attune, conform, coordinate, dial, fix, harmonize, integrate, modulate, pitch, proportion, reconcile, regulate, set, string, tighten; CONCEPTS 65,126 —*Ant.* break, destroy, harm, hurt

**tunnel** [*n*] *covered passageway* adit, burrow, channel, crawl passage, crawlway, crosscut, drift, hole, hole in the wall\*, mine, passage, pit, shaft, subway, tube, underpass; CONCEPTS 509,513

**tunnel** [*v*] *dig a passage through* burrow, excavate, mine, penetrate, sap, scoop out, undermine; CONCEPT 178

**turbulent** [*adj1*] *unsettled, raging* (referring to weather) agitated, bitter, blustering, blustery, boiling, bumpy, choppy, coarse, confused, destructive, disordered, disturbed, fierce, foaming, furious, howling, inclement, moiling, noisy, restless, riotous, roaring, rough, ruffled, rugged, stirred up, stormful, storming, stormy, swirling, tempestuous, thunderous, tremulous, tumultuous/tumultuous, unstable, violent, wild; CONCEPT 525 —*Ant.* calm, mild, moderate, settled

**turbulent** [*adj2*] *rebellious, unmanageable* agitated, anarchic, angry, bitter, boisterous, chaotic, demonstrative, destructive, disorderly, excited, fierce, fiery, foaming, insubordinate, lawless, mutinous, obstreperous, passionate, perturbed, quarrelsome, rabid, rambunctious, rampant, raucous, refractory, riotous, rough, roughhouse\*, rowdy, rude, seditious, shaking, stern, storming, termagant, tumultuous/tumultuous, unbridled, uncontrolled, undisciplined,



ungovernable, unruly, untamed, uproarious, vehement, violent, vociferous, wild; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* calm, manageable, moderate, obedient, stable

**turmoil** [*n*] *chaos* agitation, ailment, anxiety, anxiousness, bedlam, bustle, commotion, confusion, disorder, disquiet, disquietude, distress, disturbance, dither, ferment, flap\*, flurry, free-for-all\*, fuss, hassle\*, hectic, hubbub\*, lather\*, mix-up, noise, pandemonium, pother, restiveness, restlessness, riot, row, ruckus, stir, strife, to-do\*, topsy-turvy, trouble, tumult, turbulence, unrest, uproar, violence, whirl; CONCEPTS 230,674 —*Ant.* calm, harmony, order, peace

**turn** [*n1*] *revolution, curving* about-face, angle, bend, bias, bow, branch, change, changeabout, circle, circuit, circulation, circumvolution, corner, curve, cycle, departure, detour, deviation, direction, drift, flection, flexure, fork, gyration, gyre, heading, hook, pirouette, pivot, quirk, retroversion, reversal, reverse, reversion, right-about, roll, rotation, round, shift, spin, spiral, swing, tack, tendency, trend, turnabout, turning, twist, twisting, wheel, whirl, wind, winding, yaw; CONCEPTS 198,738,754

**turn** [*n2*] *sudden change* alteration, bend, branch, crotch, deflection, departure, detour, deviation, digression, distortion, divarication, double, fork, modification, mutation, shift, tack, twist, variation, warp, yaw; CONCEPT 697 —*Ant.* stagnation

**turn** [*n3*] *chance, opportunity* accomplishment, act, action, bit, bout, crack\*, deed, favor, fling\*, gesture, go\*, go around\*, move, period, round, routine, say\*, service, shift, shot\*, spell, stint, succession, time, tour, trick, try; CONCEPT 693 —*Ant.* failure, miss

**turn** [*n4*] *walk, outing* airing, circuit, constitutional, drive, excursion, jaunt, promenade, ramble, ride, saunter, spin, stroll; CONCEPTS 147,224,363

**turn** [*n5*] *aptitude, knack* affinity, aptness, bent, bias, bump, disposition, faculty, flair, genius, gift, head, inclination, leaning, predisposition, propensity, talent; CONCEPTS 411,630 —*Ant.* inability

**turn** [*n6*] *scare* attack, blow, fit, fright, jolt, seizure, shock, spell, start, surprise; CONCEPTS 230,410

**turn** [*v1*] *revolve, curve* arc, bend, circle, circulate, circumduct, come around, corner, cut, eddy, go around, go round, ground, gyrate, gyre, hang a left\*, hang a right\*, incline, loop, make a left, make a right, move in a circle, negotiate, orbit, oscillate, pass, pass around, pirouette, pivot, roll, rotate, round, spin, sway, swing, swivel, take a bend\*, twirl, twist, vibrate, weave, wheel, whirl, wind, yaw; CONCEPTS 147, 201,738,748

**turn** [*v2*] *reverse; change course* about-face, aim, alter, alternate, backslide, call off, capsize, change, change position, convert, curve, depart, detour, detract, deviate, digress, direct, diverge, double back, face about, go back, incline, inverse, invert, loop, move, pivot, rechannel, recoil, redirect, regress, relapse, retrace, return, revert, sheer, shift, shunt, shy away, sidetrack, subvert, sway, swerve, swing, swirl, switch, tack, transform, twist, upset, vary, veer, volte-

face, wheel, whip, whirl, zigzag; CONCEPTS 195,198,213

**turn** [*v3*] *adapt, fit* alter, become, change, change into, come, convert, divert, fashion, form, get, go, grow into, metamorphose, modify, mold, mutate, pass into, put, refashion, remake, remodel, render, run, shape, transfigure, transform, translate, transmute, transpose, vary, wax; CONCEPTS 232,697

**turn** [*v4*] *become sour or tainted* acidify, become rancid, break down, crumble, curdle, decay, decompose, disintegrate, dull, ferment, go bad, molder, putrefy, rot, sour, spoil, taint; CONCEPTS 456,469

**turn** [*v5*] *use; resort* to address, appeal, apply, approach, bend, be predisposed to, devote, direct, employ, favor, give, go, have recourse, incline, lend, look, prefer, repair, run, tend, throw, turn one's energies to\*, turn one's hand to\*, undertake, utilize; CONCEPTS 100,225

**turn** [*v6*] *sicken* derange, discompose, disgust, disorder, make one sick\*, nauseate, revolt, unbalance, undo, unhinge\*, unsettle, upset; CONCEPTS 7,19,250 —*Ant.* make well

**turn** [*v7*] *change one's mind; defect* apostatize, bring round, change sides, desert, go over, influence, persuade, prejudice, prevail upon, rat\*, renege, renounce, repudiate, retract, talk into, tergiversate, tergiverse; CONCEPTS 21,41,54

**turn** [*v8*] *twist a body part* bruise, crick, dislocate, hurt, sprain, strain, wrench; CONCEPT 246

**turnabout** [*n*] *about-face* changeabout, change of direction, doubleback, flip-flop, reversal, reverse, shift, turnaround, U-turn, volte-face; CONCEPT 697

**turncoat** [*n*] *traitor* apostate, back-stabber\*, Benedict Arnold\*, betrayer, conspirator, deceiver, defector, deserter, double-crosser\*, fink\*, informer, Judas\*, quisling, rat\*, rebel, renegade, snake\*, sneak\*, snitch\*, spy, squealer\*, stool pigeon\*, tattletale, tergiversator, traitorist, two-timer\*, whistle-blower\*; CONCEPT 412

**turn down** [*v*] *reject* decline, disapprove, dismiss, rebuff, refuse, reprobate, repudiate, say no, scorn, spurn, throw out; CONCEPTS 18, 54 —*Ant.* accept, ok, take

**turn in** [*v*] *go to bed* bed, catch some z's\*, flop\*, go to sleep, hit the hay\*, hit the sack\*, lie down, nap, pile in, rest, retire, roll in; CONCEPT 210 —*Ant.* awaken, get up, wake

**turning point** [*n*] *crucial occurrence* axis, change, climactic, climax, contingency, crisis, critical moment, critical period, crossing, crossroads, crux, culmination, decisive moment, development, emergency, exigency, hinge, juncture, moment of truth\*, pass, peak, pinch, pivot, shift, strait, transition, twist, zero hour\*; CONCEPTS 679,832

**turn off** [*v1*] *disgust* alienate, bore, disenchant, disinterest, displease, irritate, lose one's interest, make one sick\*, nauseate, offend, put off, repel, sicken; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* appeal, cheer, delight, enchant, fascinate

**turn off** [*v2*] *stop from operating* close, cut, cut out, douse, extinguish, halt, hit the switch\*, kill\*, log off, put out, shut, shut down, shut off, switch off, turn out, unplug; CONCEPTS 121,234 —*Ant.* begin, open, start, turn on

**turn on** [v1] *excite, please* arouse, attract, captivate, enchant, get started, initiate, introduce, show, stimulate, stir up, thrill, titillate, work up; **CONCEPT 11** —**Ant.** disenchant, disgust, displease, turn off

**turn on** [v2] *start the operation of* activate, begin, energize, get started, ignite, initiate, introduce, log on, put in gear, put on, set in motion, start up, switch on; **CONCEPT 221**

—**Ant.** close, end, finish, shut down, turn off

**turnout** [n1] *group assembling for event* assemblage, assembly, attendance, audience, congregation, crowd, gate, gathering, number, throng; **CONCEPT 417**

**turnout** [n2] *amount produced* aggregate, output, outturn, product, production, productivity, quota, turnover, volume, yield; **CONCEPTS 338,787** —**Ant.** origin, resource, source

**turn out** [v1] *equip; produce* accouter, appoint, arm, bear, bring out, build, clothe, dress, fabricate, finish, fit, fit out\*, furnish, make, manufacture, outfit, process, put out, rig\*, rig out\*, yield; **CONCEPTS 167,205,234**

**turn out** [v2] *get out of bed* appear, arise, come, emerge, get up, pile out\*, rise, rise and shine\*, roll out\*, show up, uprise, wake, wake up; **CONCEPT 159** —**Ant.** nap, sleep

**turn over** [v1] *give, transfer* assign, come across with, commend, commit, confer, confide, consign, convey, delegate, deliver, entrust, feed, find, furnish, give over, give up, hand, hand over, pass on, provide, relegate, relinquish, render, supply, surrender, yield; **CONCEPTS 108, 143** —**Ant.** receive, take

**turn over** [v2] *think about seriously* consider, contemplate, deliberate, give thought to, meditate, mull over, muse, ponder, reflect on, revolve, roll, ruminate, think over, wonder about; **CONCEPTS 17,24** —**Ant.** ignore

**turnpike** [n] *highway* expressway, four-lane\*, freeway, interstate, parkway, pike\*, roadway, state highway, superhighway, toll road; **CONCEPT 501**

**turn up** [v1] *come, arrive* appear, attend, blow in\*, come in, enter, get in, make an appearance\*, materialize, pop in\*, punch in\*, put in an appearance\*, reach, roll in\*, show, show up\*, weigh in\*; **CONCEPT 159** —**Ant.** abandon, go, leave

**turn up** [v2] *discover or be discovered* become known, be found, bring to light\*, catch, come across, come to light\*, come to pass, crop up, descry, detect, dig up\*, disclose, encounter, espy, expose, find, hit upon\*, learn, meet, meet with\*, pop up\*, reveal, see, spot, track, track down\*, transpire, uncover, unearth; **CONCEPTS 31,183** —**Ant.** lose, miss

**turpitude** [n] *depravity* baseness, corruption, criminality, debasement, debauchery, degradation, evil, immorality, improbity, lewdness, licentiousness, perversion, sinfulness, vice, viciousness, vileness, wickedness; **CONCEPT 645**

**tussle** [n] *struggle* battle, brawl, brush, clash, combat, conflict, contest, donnybrook, encounter, fight, fray, free-for-all\*, grind, hassle, jam, roughhouse, row, rumble\*, scramble, scrap\*, scuffle, skirmish, strife, undertaking; **CONCEPTS 87,106,674**

**tussle** [v] *struggle* battle, box, brawl, bump

heads\*, conflict, contest, fight, go up against\*, grapple, hassle, lock horns\*, put up a fight\*, romp, rough-house\*, row, scrap, scuffle, tangle, wrestle; **CONCEPT 106**

**tutelage** [n] *guardianship; teaching* apprenticeship, care, coaching, custody, drilling, education, guidance, instruction, lesson, preparation, protection, schooling, supervision, training, tutoring; **CONCEPTS 274,285**

**tutor** [n] *person who teaches another privately* coach, educator, governor, grind, guardian, guide, instructor, lecturer, mentor, preceptor, private teacher, prof\*, teach\*, teacher; **CONCEPT 350** —**Ant.** pupil, student

**tutor** [v] *teach someone privately* clue, coach, direct, discipline, drill, drum into\*, edify, educate, guide, instruct, lay it out for\*, lecture, let in on\*, ready, school, train, update; **CONCEPT 285** —**Ant.** learn

**TV** [n] *visual and audio entertainment transmitted via radio waves* audio, baby-sitter\*, boob tube\*, box\*, eye\*, idiot box\*, receiver, small screen, station, television set, telly\*, tube, TV set, vid\*, video; **CONCEPTS 277,279,293,463**

**twaddle** [n] *nonsense* babble, balderdash\*, baloney\*, BS\*, bull, bunk\*, chatter, crap\*, drivel, foolishness, gibberish, hogwash\*, hooey\*, hot air\*, idle talk, jive\*, mumbo jumbo\*, palaver, poppycock\*, prattle, rubbish, silliness, trash\*, tripe; **CONCEPTS 230,388,633**

**twilight** [n] *onset of darkness at end of day* afterglow, afterlight, crepuscular light, decline, dimness, dusk, early evening, ebb, end, evening, eventide, gloaming, half-light, last phase\*, late-afternoon, night, nightfall, sundown, sunset; **CONCEPTS 810,832** —**Ant.** daybreak, sunrise

**twin** [adj] *duplicate, similar* accompanying, bifold, binary, copied, corresponding, coupled, double, dual, duplicating, geminate, identical, joint, like, matched, matching, paired, parallel, same, second, selfsame, twofold, very same; **CONCEPTS 487,563,573** —**Ant.** dissimilar, individual, singular, unlike

**twin** [n] *something exactly like another* clone, companion, coordinate, corollary, counterpart, doppelganger, double, duplicate, fraternal twin, identical twin, likeness, look-alike, match, mate, reciprocal, ringer\*, Siamese twin; **CONCEPT 414**

**twine** [n] *rope, cord* braid, coil, convolution, cordage, knot, snarl, string, tangle, thread, twist, whorl, yarn; **CONCEPT 475**

**twine** [v] *coil, twist together* bend, braid, corkscrew, curl, encircle, enmesh, entangle, entwine, interlace, interweave, knit, loop, meander, plait, spiral, splice, surround, tangle, twist, undulate, weave, wind, wrap, wreath; **CONCEPTS 147,201,742** —**Ant.** straighten, untwist

**twinge** [n] *sharp pain* ache, bite, gripe, lancination, misery, pang, pinch, prick, shiver, smart, spasm, stab, stitch, throb, throe, tic, tweak, twist, twitch; **CONCEPT 728**

**twinkle** [v] *glimmer, shine* blink, coruscate, flash, flicker, gleam, glint, glisten, glitter, glow, illuminate, light, light up, scintillate, shimmer, sparkle, wink; **CONCEPT 624**

**twirl** [v] *turn around circularly* gyrate, gyre, pirouette, pivot, purl, revolve, rotate, spin, turn, twist, wheel, whirl, whirligig, wind; **CONCEPTS 150,152** —**Ant.** straight, untwirl, untwist

**twist** [*n*1] *curl, spin* arc, bend, braid, coil, convolution, curlicue, curve, flourish, hank, helix, jerk, meander, plug, ply, pull, roll, spiral, swivel, torsion, turn, twine, undulation, warp, wind, wrench, yank, zigzag; CONCEPTS 738,754

**twist** [*n*2] *sudden development; oddity* aberration, bent, change, characteristic, confusion, crotchet, eccentricity, entanglement, foible, idiosyncrasy, kink, knot, mess, mix-up, peculiarity, proclivity, quirk, revelation, screw-up\*, slant, snarl, surprise, tangle, trait, turn, variation; CONCEPTS 411,832

**twist** [*v*1] *curl, spin* coil, contort, corkscrew, encircle, entwine, intertwine, rick, screw, spiral, sprain, squirm, swivel, turn, turn around, twine, twirl, warp, weave, wiggle, wind, wrap, wrap around, wreath, wrench, wriggle, wring, writhe, zigzag; CONCEPTS 80,147,184,201,206,704 —*Ant.* straighten, uncurl, untwist

**twist** [*v*2] *misrepresent* alter, belie, change, color, contort, distort, falsify, garble, misquote, misstate, pervert, warp; CONCEPT 63 —*Ant.* explain, explicate

**twitch** [*v*] *have a spasm* beat, blink, clasp, clutch, flutter, grab, grasp, grip, jerk, jiggle, jump, kick, lug, lurch, nip, pain, palpitate, pluck, pull, seize, shiver, shudder, snap, snatch, squirm, tic, tremble, tug, twinge, vellicate, yank; CONCEPTS 185,206

**two-bit** [*adj*] *cheap, worth very little* base, catchpenny, cheesy, crappy\*, cruddy, garbage, gaudy, inferior, junky\*, lousy, no good, piddling, poor, ratty, rinky-dink\*, second-rate, shoddy, sleazy, small-time\*, tatty, trashy, valueless, worthless; CONCEPT 589

**two-faced** [*adj*] *deceitful* artful, backstabbing, beguiling, crafty, cunning, deceiving, deceptive, dishonest, double-dealing, foxy, fraudulent, guileful, hypocritical, insincere, knavish, lying, misleading, shifty, sly, sneaky, tricky, underhanded, untruthful; CONCEPT 401

**two-time** [*v*] *deceive* backstab, be dishonest, be disloyal, betray, be unfaithful, burn, cheat, con, defraud, double-cross, dupe, mislead, take advantage of, trick, victimize; CONCEPTS 7,19,59

**tycoon** [*n*] *person who has a lot of money, power* administrator, big shot\*, boss, business person, capitalist, captain of industry\*, director, entrepreneur, executive, fat cat\*, financier, industrialist, investor, magnate, mogul, wealthy person; CONCEPT 347 —*Ant.* pauper

**type** [*n*1] *class, kind* blazon, brand, breed, cast, category, character, classification, cut, description, feather, form, genre, group, ilk, likes, lot, mold, nature, number, order, persuasion, rubric, sample, sort, species, specimen, stamp, standard, strain, subdivision, variety, way; CONCEPTS 378,411

**type** [*n*2] *example, model* archetype, epitome, essence, exemplar, original, paradigm, pattern, personification, prototype, quintessence, representative, sample, specimen, standard; CONCEPT 686

**type** [*n*3] *printed characters* case, emblem, face, figure, font, point size, print, printing, sign, symbol; CONCEPTS 79,284

**type** [*v*1] *classify* arrange, button down\*, categorize, class, peg, pigeonhole\*, put away, put

down as, sort, standardize, stereotype, tab\*, typecast; CONCEPTS 18,84

**type** [*v*2] *hit keys on machine to print document* copy, dash off\*, enter data, hunt-and-peck\*, teletype, touch, touch-type, transcribe, type-write, write; CONCEPTS 79,199,203

**typical** [*adj*] *usual, conventional* archetypal, archetypal, average, characteristic, classic, classical, common, commonplace, emblematic, essential, everyday, exemplary, expected, general, habitual, ideal, illustrative, in character\*, indicative, in keeping, matter-of-course\*, model, natural, normal, old hat\*, ordinary, orthodox, paradigmatic, patterned, prevalent, prototypal, prototypical, quintessential, regular, representative, standard, standardized, stock, suggestive, symbolic, typical, unexceptional; CONCEPTS 530,533,547 —*Ant.* atypical, different, rare, unconventional, unorthodox, unusual

**typify** [*v*] *represent, characterize* body forth, describe, emblemize, embody, epitomize, exemplify, feature, illustrate, incarnate, mean, mirror, model, personify, stand for, sum up, symbolize; CONCEPTS 55,261,682

**tyrannical** [*adj*] *despotic, oppressive* authoritarian, autocratic, brutal, cruel, demanding, dictatorial, domineering, harsh, heavy-handed\*, ironhanded\*, mean, overbearing, repressive, ruthless, totalitarian, tough, unjust; CONCEPTS 537,548

**tyranny** [*n*] *dictatorship* absolutism, authoritarianism, autocracy, coercion, cruelty, despotism, domination, fascism, high-handedness, imperialism, monarchy, oligarchy, oppression, peremptoriness, reign of terror\*, severity, terrorism, totalitarianism, totality, unreasonable; CONCEPTS 299,301 —*Ant.* democracy

**tyrant** [*n*] *person who dictates, oppresses* absolute ruler, absolutist, authoritarian, autocrat, bully, despot, dictator, Hitler\*, inquisitor, martinet, oppressor, slave driver\*, Stalin\*; CONCEPTS 354,412 —*Ant.* democrat

**tyro** [*n*] *beginner* abecedarian, amateur, apprentice, buckwheat\*, cadet, colt\*, greenhorn, learner, neophyte, newcomer, new kid on the block\*, novice, novitiate, pupil, recruit, rookie, starter, student, tenderfoot\*, trainee; CONCEPTS 423,424

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**ubiquitous** [*adj*] *ever-present* all-over, everywhere, omnipresent, pervasive, ubiquitous, universal, wall-to-wall\*; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* rare, scarce

**UFO** [*n*] *unidentified flying object* extraterrestrial spacecraft, flying saucer, rocket, rocketship, spaceship; CONCEPT 504

**ugly** [*adj*1] *unattractive* animal, appalling, awful, bad-looking, beastly, deformed, disfigured, foul, frightful, grisly, gross, grotesque, hard-featured, hideous, homely, horrid, ill-favored, loathsome, mishapen, monstrous, not much to look at\*, plain, repelling, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, unbecomingly, uncomely, uninviting, unlovely, unprepossessing, unseemly, unsightly; CONCEPT 579 —*Ant.* attractive, beautiful, lovely, pleasing

**ugly** [*adj*2] *unpleasant, disagreeable* base,

despicable, dirty, disgusting, distasteful, filthy, foul, frightful, hideous, horrid, ignoble, low, low-down, mean, messy, monstrous, nasty, nauseous, noisome, objectionable, odious, offensive, pesky, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, scandalous, servile, shocking, sickening, sordid, sorry, terrible, troublesome, troublous, vexatious, vile, wicked, wretched; CONCEPTS 403,571 —*Ant.* agreeable, good, kind, nice, pleasant, pleasing

**ugly** [adj3] *dangerous, threatening* angry, bellicose, black, cantankerous, crabbed, crabby, dark, disagreeable, dour, evil, fell, forbidding, formidable, gloomy, glum, grave, grievous, major, malevolent, menacing, morose, nasty, obnoxious, ominous, pugnacious, quarrelsome, rough, saturnine, scowling, serious, sinister, spiteful, sullen, surly, treacherous, truculent, vicious, violent, wicked; CONCEPTS 401,548 —*Ant.* delicate, gentle, safe

**ulterior** [adj] *secret; pertaining to a hidden goal* ambiguous, buried, concealed, covert, cryptic, dark, enigmatic, equivocal, guarded, hidden, implied, obscure, selfish, personal, privy, remote, secondary, selfish, shrouded, under cover, under wraps\*, undisclosed, undivulged, unexpressed, unsaid; CONCEPTS 544,576 —*Ant.* expressed, known, overt, public

**ultimate** [adj1] *last, final* capping, chips down\*, closing, concluding, conclusive, decisive, end, eventual, extreme, far out\*, farthestmost, farthest, final curtain\*, furthestmost, furthest, hindmost, latest, latter, lattermost, most distant, terminal; CONCEPTS 799,820

—*Ant.* beginning, first, introductory, opening

**ultimate** [adj2] *best, greatest* extreme, highest, incomparable, max\*, maxi\*, maximum, most, paramount, preeminent, significant, superlative, supreme, surpassing, the most, topmost, towering, transcendent, unequalable, unmatchable, unsurpassable, utmost; CONCEPTS 568,574

—*Ant.* least, lowest, worst

**ultimate** [adj3] *fundamental* absolute, basic, categorical, elemental, empyreal, empyrean, primary, radical, sublime, transcendental; CONCEPTS 535,546 —*Ant.* auxiliary, extra, inessential, secondary, unnecessary

**ultimately** [adv] *eventually* after all, after a while, as a conclusion, at last, at long last, at the close, basically, by and by, climactically, conclusively, finally, fundamentally, hereafter, in conclusion, in consummation, in due time, in future, in the end, in the sequel, presently, sequentially, someday, sometime, somewhere, sooner or later, yet; CONCEPT 820 —*Ant.* never

**ultimatum** [n] *final offer* conditions, demand, final notice, final proposal, final terms, final warning, final word, last chance, last offer, last word, sticking point, warning; CONCEPT 662

**ultra** [adj] *extreme* all out\*, drastic, excessive, extremist, fanatical, far-out\*, gone\*, immoderate, outlandish, out of bounds\*, outré, rabid\*, radical, revolutionary, too much\*; CONCEPTS 562,569 —*Ant.* middle, moderate

**ultramodern** [adj] *up-to-date* advanced, ahead of its time, avant-garde, contemporary, current, cutting-edge\*, fresh, futuristic, latest, leading-edge\*, modernistic, modish, new, new-fashioned, nontraditional, now, present-day,

revolutionary, state-of-the-art\*, stylish, today, twenty-first century\*, up-to-the-minute; CONCEPTS 168,177,202

**umbrage** [n] *personal displeasure* anger, annoyance, chagrin, exasperation, fury, grudge, high dudgeon\*, huff, indignation, injury, ire, irking, irritation, miff\*, nettling\*, offense, pique, provoking, rage, resentment, sense of injury, vexation, wrath; CONCEPTS 29,410 —*Ant.* happiness, like, love, pleasure

**umpire** [n] *person who settles dispute* adjudicator, arbiter, arbitrator, assessor, compromiser, inspector, judge, justice, mediator, moderator, negotiator, peacemaker, proprietor, referee, referee, settler, ump\*; CONCEPTS 348,366,423

**unable** [adj] *not having talent, skill* can't cut it\*, can't hack it\*, can't make the grade\*, clumsy, helpless, hog-tied\*, impotent, impuisant, inadequate, incapable, incapacitated, incompetent, ineffectual, inefficacious, inefficient, inept, inoperative, no can do\*, no good\*, not able, not cut out for\*, not equal to\*, not up to\*, out of commission\*, powerless, sidelined\*, unfit, unfitted, unqualified, unskilled, weak; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* able, adequate, capable, competent, fit, qualified, skillful, talented

**unabridged** [adj] *not shortened* complete, entire, full-length, intact, total, unabbreviated, uncondensed, uncut, unexpurgated, unshortened, whole; CONCEPTS 267,531 —*Ant.* abridged, condensed, incomplete, part, partial, shortened, unfinished

**unacceptable** [adj] *not suitable or satisfactory* below par\*, damaged, disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful, exceptionable, half-baked\*, ill-favored, improper, inadmissible, insupportable, lousy\*, not up to snuff\*, objectionable, obnoxious, offensive, reject, repugnant, unappealing, undesirable, uninviting, unpleasant, unsatisfactory, unwanted, unwelcome, won't do\*; CONCEPTS 529,558 —*Ant.* acceptable, desirable, ok, satisfactory, suitable

**unaccompanied** [adj] *alone* abandoned, a cappella\*, apart, by oneself, deserted, detached, hermit, individual, isolate, isolated, lone, loner, odd, on one's own, removed, single, solitary, solo, stag, traveling light\*, unattended, unescorted; CONCEPTS 555,577 —*Ant.* accompanied, together

**unaccountable** [adj] *not explainable; mysterious* arcane, astonishing, baffling, extraordinary, impenetrable, incomprehensible, inexplicable, inscrutable, mystic, odd, peculiar, puzzling, strange, uncommon, unexplainable, unfaithomable, unheard-of, unintelligible, unknowable, unusual, unwonted; CONCEPTS 529,564 —*Ant.* accountable, comprehensible, explainable, responsible

**unaccustomed** [adj1] *not prepared, ready; new* ignorant, incompetent, inexperienced, newcome, not given to\*, not used to, novice, too green\*, unacquainted, unfamiliar with, uninformed, un instructed, unpracticed, unseasoned, unskilled, untaught, untrained, unused to, unversed in; CONCEPTS 527,678

—*Ant.* accustomed, prepared, ready  
**unaccustomed** [adj2] *new, strange* alien, altered, bizarre, different, eccentric, exceptional, exotic, foreign, imported, novel,

outlandish, out of the ordinary, quaint, remarkable, singular, special, surprising, uncommon, unconventional, uncustomary, unexpected, unfamiliar, unknown, unorthodox, unprecedented, unusual, unwonted, variant; CONCEPTS 547,564 —*Ant.* customary, normal, usual

**unadorned** [*adj*] *plain, simple* austere, bare, basic, modest, stark, stripped down, undecorated, unembellished; CONCEPTS 485,589

**unadulterated** [*adj*] *clean, pure; unmixed* immaculate, purified, refined, sanitary, spotless, stainless, sterile, sterilized, unblemished, uncontaminated, uncorrupted, undebased, undefiled, undiluted, unpolluted, unsoiled, unstained, unsullied, untainted, untarnished, untouched, wholesome; CONCEPT 621

**unadvised** [*adj*] *not smart; careless* brash, hasty, heedless, hot-headed, ignorant, ill-advised, imprudent, inadvisable, incautious, inconsiderate, indiscreet, injudicious, in the dark\*, rash, reckless, thoughtless, unaware, unconsidered, uninformed, unknowing, unsuspecting, unwarned, unwary, unwise; CONCEPTS 403,548 —*Ant.* advised, wise

**unaffected** [*adj*1] *honest, unsophisticated* artless, candid, direct, folksy\*, forthright, frank, genuine, guileless, homey\*, ingenuous, modest, naive, natural, plain, simple, sincere, single, spontaneous, straightforward, true, unartificial, unassuming, unpretentious, unschooled, unspoilt, unstudied, up front\*; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* refined, sophisticated, unnatural

**unaffected** [*adj*2] *unchanged, unmoved* aloof, callous, calm, casual, cold fish\*, cool, easy-going, hard-boiled\*, hard-hearted\*, impassive, impervious, laid-back\*, not influenced, proof, steady, thick-skinned\*, unaltered, unconcerned, unexcited, unimpressed, uninfluenced, unresponsive, unruffled, unstirred, untouched; CONCEPTS 542,548 —*Ant.* affected, changed, moved, unnatural

**unafraid** [*adj*] *fearless* assured, ballsy\*, bold, brassy, brave, cheeky, cocky, confident, courageous, daring, dashing, dauntless, gallant, game, gritty, gutsy, having nerves of steel\*, heroic, nervy, plucky, punky, sure, undaunted, unfearing, unfrightened, unscared, unshakable, valiant; CONCEPT 401

**unanimous** [*adj*] *in agreement; uncontested* accepted, accordant, agreed, agreeing, as one, assenting, collective, combined, common, communal, concerted, concordant, concurrent, consensual, consentient, consistent, consonant, harmonious, homogeneous, in complete accord, like-minded, of one mind, popular, public, shared, single, solid, undisputed, undivided, unified, united, universal, unquestioned, with one voice\*; CONCEPTS 8,267,563 —*Ant.* split

**unappetizing** [*adj*] *distasteful* flat, flavorless, gross, icky\*, insipid, savorless, stinky, tasteless, unappealing, unattractive, uninteresting, uninviting, unpalatable, unpleasant, unsavory, vapid, yucky\*; CONCEPTS 462,529 —*Ant.* appetizing, attractive, delicious, savory, tasty

**unapproachable** [*adj*1] *unfriendly* aloof, chilly\*, cold, cool, distant, frigid, hesitant, inaccessible, remote, reserved, standoffish, uncommunicative, unsociable, withdrawn;

CONCEPTS 404,555 —*Ant.* approachable, friendly

**unapproachable** [*adj*2] *difficult to get to* inaccessible, out of reach, out-of-the-way, remote, unattainable, unobtainable, unreachable; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* approachable, easy

**unarmed** [*adj*] *disarmed* exposed, hands tied\*, helpless, indefensible, like a sitting duck\*, naked\*, open, powerless, unguarded, unprotected, unshielded, vulnerable, weaponless, wide open\*; CONCEPTS 555,576

**unasked** [*adj*] *voluntary* arrogant, gratuitous, impudent, not asked, of one's own accord, overbearing, presumptuous, spontaneous, supererogatory, unbidden, uncalled-for, undemanded, undesired, uninvited, unprompted, unrequested, unsought, unwanted, unwelcome, voluntarily, willing, without prompting; CONCEPTS 401,558 —*Ant.* asked, invited, involuntary, solicited

**unassuming** [*adj*] *shy* backward, bashful, diffident, humble, lowly, meek, modest, mousy\*, plain, prim, quiet, reserved, retiring, self-effacing, simple, unambitious, unassertive, unobtrusive, unostentatious, unpretending, unpretentious; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* bold, brave, confident, presumptuous

**unattached** [*adj*] *disconnected, free* apart, at liberty, autonomous, available, detached, fancy-free\*, footloose\*, independent, off the hook\*, on one's own\*, separate, single, unaffiliated, uncommitted, unconnected, uninvolved, unmarried; CONCEPTS 267,401,482,542

**unattractive** [*adj*] *ugly* bad-looking, beastly, deformed, disfigured, disgusting, frightful, gross, grotesque, hideous, homely, horrid, monstrous, not much to look at\*, plain, repelling, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, unalluring, unappealing, unsightly; CONCEPT 579

**unauthorized** [*adj*] *not sanctioned, permitted* crooked\*, dirty\*, illegal, illegitimate, no-no\*, off base\*, out of bounds\*, out of line\*, over the line\*, pirated, shady\*, unapproved, unconstitutional, under the table\*, unjustified, unlawful, unofficial, unsanctioned, unwarranted, wildcat\*, wrongful; CONCEPTS 319,548 —*Ant.* allowable, authorized, official, permitted

**unavailing** [*adj*] *futile* barren, empty, exhausted, fruitless, idle, impractical, ineffective, ineffectual, in vain, on a treadmill\*, save one's breath\*, to no avail\*, to no effect\*, to no purpose\*, trifling, trivial, unproductive, unprofitable, unsuccessful, useless, vain, valueless, worthless; CONCEPTS 528,548,560

**unavoidable** [*adj*] *bound to happen* certain, compulsory, fated, impending, ineluctable, ineludible, inescapable, inavoidable, inevitable, inexorable, locked up\*, necessary, obligatory, open and shut\*, set, sure, unescapable; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* avoidable, escapable

**unaware** [*adj*] *ignorant* blind, careless, caught napping\*, daydreaming, deaf, deaf to\*, doped\*, forgetful, heedless, in a daze\*, inattentive, incognizant, inconversant, insensible, mooning, negligent, nescient, not all there\*, not cognizant, oblivious, out cold\*, out of it\*, out to lunch\*, spacey\*, unacquainted, unconcerned, unconscious, unenlightened, unfamiliar, uninformed, uninstructed, unknowing, unmindful,

unsuspecting, unwitting; CONCEPT 402

—*Ant.* aware, cognizant, informed, knowing, suspicious

**unawares** [adv] *without warning; suddenly* aback, abruptly, accidentally, by accident, by mistake, by surprise, carelessly, ignorantly, inadvertently, mistakenly, off guard, short, sudden, surprisingly, unconsciously, unexpectedly, unintentionally, unknowingly, unprepared, unready, unwittingly, CONCEPTS 544, 548, 799 —*Ant.* consciously, knowingly

**unbalanced** [adj1] *not even, stable* asymmetric, asymmetrical, disproportionate, irregular, lopsided, not balanced, off-balance, shaky, top-heavy, treacherous, unequal, uneven, unstable, unsteady, unsymmetrical, wobbly; CONCEPT 480 —*Ant.* balanced, even, fair, just, sound, stable

**unbalanced** [adj2] *crazy; mentally disturbed* batty\*, daft, demented, deranged, eccentric, erratic, flaky\*, freaky\*, insane, irrational, kinky\*, kooky\*, lunatic, mad, nobody home\*, non compos mentis\*, not all there\*, nutty\*, out to lunch\*, psychotic, touched, troubled, unglued\*, unhinged\*, unscrewed\*, unsound, unstable; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* balanced, sane, well

**unbearable** [adj] *very bad; too much* a bit much\*, enough, heavy-handed\*, inadmissible, insufferable, insupportable, intolerable, last straw\*, oppressive, unacceptable, unendurable, unsurpassable; CONCEPTS 537, 571 —*Ant.* acceptable, bearable, good, tolerable

**unbecoming** [adj] *improper, unsuitable* awkward, clumsy, discreditable, gauche, ill-suited, inappropriate, inapt, incongruous, indecent, indecorous, indelicate, inept, maladroit, mala-propos, offensive, rough, salacious, tacky\*, tasteless, unattractive, unbecoming, uncomely, undue, unfair, unfit, unfitting, unflattering, ungodly, unhandsome, unlovely, unseasonable, unseemly, unsightly, unsuited, untimely, untoward, unworthy; CONCEPTS 558, 579, 589 —*Ant.* acceptable, becoming, fitting, proper, seemly, suitable

**unbelievable** [adj] *beyond the imagination* astonishing, beyond belief, cockamamie\*, cockeyed\*, doubtful, dubious, far-fetched, fishy\*, flaky\*, flimsy\*, for the birds\*, full of holes\*, harebrained\*, implausible, impossible, improbable, incogitable, inconceivable, incredible, kooky\*, lamebrained\*, open to doubt, outlandish, past belief, phony, preposterous, questionable, reaching, scatterbrained\*, screwy\*, staggering, suspect, thick\*, thin\*, too much\*, unconvincing, unimaginable, unsubstantial, unthinkable, weak, won't hold water\*, won't wash\*; CONCEPTS 529, 548 —*Ant.* believable, credible, plausible, real

**unbelieving** [adj] *skeptical* agnostic, cynical, disbelieving, distrustful, doubtful, doubting, dubious, freethinking, leery, mistrustful, nonbelieving, not born yesterday\*, questioning, show-me\*, suspicious, unconvinced; CONCEPT 403

**unbending** [adj] *rigid, tough* aloof, crisp, distant, do or die\*, dug in\*, firm, formal, hard as nails\*, hard-line\*, hold one's ground\*, hold the fort\*, hold the line\*, incomplicant, inelastic,

inexorable, inflexible, intractable, locked in\*, obdurate, obstinate, relentless, reserved, resolute, set in stone\*, severe, single-minded, standing one's ground\*, standing pat\*, sticking to one's guns\*, stiff, strict, stubborn, uncompromising, unflexible, unrelenting, unswayable, unyielding, uptight; CONCEPTS 401, 534, 604 —*Ant.* bending, flexible, pliable, pliant, relaxed, soft

**unbiased** [adj] *not prejudiced* aloof, cold, disinterested, dispassionate, equal, equitable, even-handed, fair, honest, impartial, just, neutral, nondiscriminatory, nonpartisan, objective, on the fence\*, open-minded, straight, unbigoted, uncolored, uninterested, unprejudiced; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* biased, fair, just, prejudiced, subjective

**unblemished** [adj] *not flawed* chaste, clean, decent, faultless, flawless, immaculate, intact, modest, perfect, pure, sound, spotless, stainless, undamaged, undefiled, unflawed, unhurt, unimpaird, uninjured, unmarked, unmarried, unspotted, unstained, unsullied, untarnished, whole; CONCEPTS 485, 621 —*Ant.* blemished, flawed, imperfect

**unbreakable** [adj] *strong, tough* adamantine, armored, brass-bound, durable, everlasting, firm, incorruptible, indestructible, infrangible, invulnerable, lasting, nonbreakable, perdurable, resistant, rugged, shatterproof, solid, tight, toughened, unshakable, unyielding; CONCEPT 488 —*Ant.* breakable, delicate, fragile, weak

**unbridled** [adj] *unrestrained* berserk, chaotic, crazed, crazy, enthusiastic, hysterical, madcap, noisy, rabid, riotous, turbulent, unchecked, unconstrained, uncontrolled, uncurbed, undisciplined, ungovernable, unmanageable, violent, wild; CONCEPT 401

**unbroken** [v] *continuous, whole* ceaseless, constant, deep, endless, entire, even, fast, incessant, intact, perfect, perpetual, profound, progressive, regular, solid, sound, successive, total, undisturbed, unimpaired, uninterrupted, unremitting, unruffled, untroubled; CONCEPTS 482, 485, 798 —*Ant.* broken, discontinuous, inconstant, intermittent, partial

**unburden** [adj] *get rid of* clear, confess, confide, disburden, discharge, disclose, disencumber, dispose of, divulge, dump, ease, empty, get off one's chest\*, lay bare\*, let hair down\*, lighten, lose, out with it\*, own, relieve, relinquish, reveal, shake, shake off\*, tell all\*, throw off, unbosom, unload; CONCEPTS 60, 211, 244 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**uncalled-for** [adj] *unnecessary* accidental, avoidable, fortuitous, futile, inappropriate, inessential, needless, nonessential, not required, optional, unessential, uninvited, unneeded, unrequired, unwanted, unwarranted, unwelcome, useless; CONCEPT 546

**uncanny** [adj] *very strange, unusual* astonishing, astounding, creepy, devilish, eerie, exceptional, extraordinary, fantastic, ghostly, ghoulish, incredible, inexplicable, inspired, magical, miraculous, mysterious, mystifying, preternatural, prodigious, queer, remarkable, scary, secret, singular, spooky, superhuman, supernatural, supernormal, supranatural, unearthly, unheard-of, unnatural, weird; CONCEPTS 537, 564 —*Ant.* common, earthly, natural, usual

**uncaring** [*adj*] *indifferent aloof, blasé, callous, cold, cool, detached, disinterested, dispassionate, heartless, impervious, listless, nonchalant, passionless, unaroused, unconcerned, unemotional, uninvolved, unmoved, unsympathetic; CONCEPTS 403,542*

**unceasing** [*adj*] *incessant ceaseless, constant, continual, continuous, day-and-night\*, endless, eternal, everlasting, lasting, never-ending, nonstop, permanent, perpetual, persistent, relentless, round-the-clock\*, steady, unending, uninterrupted, unyielding; CONCEPTS 534,798*

**uncertain** [*adj*] *doubtful, changeable ambiguous, ambivalent, chancy, conjectural, dubious, erratic, fitful, hanging by a thread\*, hazy, hesitant, iffy\*, incalculable, inconstant, indefinite, indeterminate, indistinct, insecure, irregular, irresolute, on thin ice\*, precarious, questionable, risky, speculative, touch and go\*, unclear, unconfirmed, undecided, undetermined, unfixed, unforeseeable, unpredictable, unreliable, unresolved, unsettled, unsure, up for grabs\*, up in the air\*, vacillating, vague, variable, wavering; CONCEPTS 529,534,535 —Ant. certain, clear, definite, determined, foreseeable, secure, sure, unchanging*

**uncertainty** [*n*] *doubt, changeableness ambiguity, ambivalence, anxiety, bewilderment, concern, confusion, conjecture, contingency, dilemma, disquiet, distrust, doubtfulness, dubiety, guesswork, hesitancy, hesitation, incertitude, inconclusiveness, indecision, irresolution, lack of confidence, misgiving, mistrust, mystification, oscillation, perplexity, puzzle, puzzlement, qualm, quandary, query, questionableness, reserve, scruple, skepticism, suspicion, trouble, uneasiness, unpredictability, vagueness, wonder, worry; CONCEPTS 388, 410,696 —Ant. certainty, definiteness, security, sureness*

**unchangeable** [*adj*] *constant, steadfast changeless, continuing, firm, fixed, immovable, immutable, inalterable, inevitable, inflexible, invariable, irreversible, permanent, resolute, stable, strong, unalterable, unmodifiable, unmovable; CONCEPT 534 —Ant. changeable, changing, inconstant, intermittent, temporary*

**unchanging** [*adj*] *constant, permanent abiding, changeless, consistent, continuing, enduring, equitable, eternal, even, fixed, immutable, imperishable, invariable, lasting, perpetual, rigid, same, stable, static, unchanged, unfading, unailing, unfluctuating, uniform, unvarying; CONCEPTS 534,551,649 —Ant. changeable, changing, inconstant, intermittent, temporary*

**uncharted** [*adj*] *unknown alien, concealed, distant, exotic, faraway, far-off, foreign, hidden, little known, remote, undiscovered, unexplored, unheard-of, unidentified, unmapped, unnamed; CONCEPT 576*

**uncivil** [*adj*] *rude abrupt, bad-mannered, barbaric, blunt, boorish, coarse, curt, discourteous, gross, gruff, ill-mannered, impolite, inconsiderate, insulting, mannerless, uncivilized, uncouth, uncultured, unfriendly, ungentlemanly, unmannerly, unpolished, unrefined, vulgar; CONCEPTS 267,401*

**uncivilized** [*adj*] *wild, uncultured barbarian, barbaric, barbarous, boorish, brutish, churlish,*

*coarse, crass, crude, discourteous, disrespectful, gross, ill-bred, impertinent, impolite, loutish, mannerless, outrageous, philistine, primitive, rude, rugged, savage, unconscionable, uncontrolled, uncouth, uncultivated, uneducated, ungodly, unholy, unmannered, unpolished, unrefined, unsophisticated, vulgar, wicked; CONCEPT 401 —Ant. civilized, cultured, domesticated, polished, refined, sophisticated*

**unclean** [*adj*] *dirty bedraggled, befouled, besmirched, black, blurred, common, contaminated, corrupt, decayed, defiled, desecrated, dusty, evil, feculent, fetid, filthy, foul, grimy, impure, messy, muddy, nasty, polluted, profaned, putrescent, putrid, rancid, rank, rotten, sloppy, slovenly, smeared, smudged, soiled, sooty, sordid, spotted, squalid, stable, stable, stale, stinking, sullied, tainted, tarnished, unhealthful, vile; CONCEPT 621 —Ant. clean, hygienic, uncontaminated, unpoluted*

**uncomfortable** [*adj*1] *painful, rough afflictive, agonizing, annoying, awkward, bitter, cramped, difficult, disagreeable, distressing, dolorous, excruciating, galling, grievous, hard, harsh, ill-fitting, incommodious, irritating, thorny, torturing, troublesome, vexatious, wearisome; CONCEPTS 529,537,583 —Ant. comfortable, easy, painless*

**uncomfortable** [*adj*2] *distressed, upset aching, angry, anguished, annoyed, awkward, chafed, cheerless, comfortless, confused, discomfited, discomposed, disquieted, disturbed, embarrassed, exhausted, fatigued, galled, harsh, hurt, ill at ease, in pain, miserable, nervous, pained, restless, self-conscious, smarting, sore, stiff, strained, suffering, tired, troubled, uneasy, vexed, weary, worn, wracked, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —Ant. comfortable, content, happy*

**uncommitted** [*adj*] *free; not involved cut loose\*, don't care\*, fence-sitting\*, floating, free-spirited, laid-back\*, middle ground\*, middle of the road\*, neutral, nonaligned, nonpartisan, on the fence\*, restrained, unaffiliated, unattached, uninvolved, unpledged; CONCEPTS 403,542 —Ant. aligned, attached, committed, involved, united*

**uncommon** [*adj*1] *very different aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, arcane, bizarre, curious, eccentric, egregious, exceptional, exotic, extraordinary, extreme, fantastic, few, freakish, infrequent, irregular, nondescript, nonpartisan, novel, odd, original, out of the ordinary, out of the way\*, outré, peculiar, prodigious, queer, rare, remarkable, scarce, seldom, singular, sporadic, startling, strange, surprising, unaccustomed, unconventional, uncustomary, unfamiliar, unheard of, unique, unorthodox, unusual, weird; CONCEPT 564 —Ant. common, familiar, normal, regular, usual*

**uncommon** [*adj*2] *wonderful, exceptional distinctive, extraordinary, incomparable, inimitable, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, rare, remarkable, singular, special, superior, unimaginable, unique, unparalleled, unprecedented, unthinkable, unwonted; CONCEPT 574 —Ant. bad, imperfect, poor*

**uncommonly** [*adv*] *infrequently exceptionally, extra, extremely, hardly ever, in few instances, irregularly, not often, now and then, occasion-*

ally, oddly, on occasion, particularly, peculiarly, rarely, remarkably, scarcely ever, seldom, sporadically, strangely, unusually, very;

CONCEPT 541 —*Ant.* commonly, frequently  
**uncommunicative** [*adj*] *shy, silent* aloof, buttoned up\*, clammed up\*, close, close-mouthed\*, curt, distant, dried up\*, evasive, guarded, hush-hush\*, offish\*, on the QT\*, quiet, reserved, reticent, retiring, secretive, short, standoffish, taciturn, tight-lipped\*, unapproachable, unresponsive, unsociable; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* communicative, confident, extroverted, responsive

**uncomplicated** [*adj*] *easy* apparent, basic, child's play\*, cinch, clear, easily done, effortless, elementary, evident, manageable, no bother\*, no problem\*, no sweat\*, not burdensome, not difficult, nothing to it\*, no trouble, obvious, painless, piece of cake\*, simple, simple as ABC\*, snap, straightforward, uninvolved; CONCEPT 565

**uncompromising** [*adj*] *stubborn* brick-wall\*, decided, determined, firm, hard-core\*, hard-line\*, inexorable, inflexible, intransigent, locked, obdurate, obstinate, pigheaded\*, reluctant, resolute, rigid, set in stone\*, single-minded, steadfast, stiff-necked\*, strict, strong, tough, unbending; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* compromising, cooperative, flexible, open, willing

**unconcerned** [*adj*] *carefree; apathetic* aloof, blind, blithe, callous, careless, cold, cool, deaf, detached, dispassionate, distant, easy, fearless, forgetful, hardened, hard-hearted, heedless, impassive, inattentive, incurious, indifferent, insensible, insensitive, insouciant, lackadaisical, lukewarm, negligent, neutral, nonchalant, oblivious, phlegmatic, relaxed, reserved, self-centered, serene, stony, supine, unbothered, uninterested, uninvolved, unmoved, unperturbed, unruffled, unsympathetic, untroubled, unworried; CONCEPTS 403, 542 —*Ant.* caring, concerned, curious, interested

**unconditional** [*adj*] *absolute, total* actual, all out, assured, categorical, certain, clear, complete, decisive, definite, determinate, downright, entire, explicit, final, flat out, full, genuine, indubitable, no catch\*, no fine print\*, no holds barred\*, no ifs ands or buts\*, no kicker\*, no strings\*, open, out-and-out\*, outright, plenary, positive, straight out, thorough, thoroughgoing, unconstrained, unequivocal, unlimited, unmistakable, unmitigated, unqualified, unquestionable, unreserved, unrestricted, utter, whole, wide; CONCEPTS 531, 535, 544 —*Ant.* conditional, incomplete, limited, qualified, unfinished

**unconscionable** [*adj*] *immoral, immoderate* amoral, barbarous, conscienceless, criminal, dishonest, excessive, exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, inordinate, knavish, outrageous, preposterous, sneaky, too much\*, uncivilized, undue, unethical, unfair, ungodly, unholy, unjust, unprincipled, unreasonable, unscrupulous, wanton, wicked; CONCEPTS 545, 569 —*Ant.* decent, good, moral, principled

**unconscious** [*adj*1] *not awake; out* cold benumbed, blacked out\*, bombed\*, cold\*, comatose, dead to the world\*, drowsy, entranced, feeling no pain\*, flattened\*, inanimate, in a

trance, inert, insensate, insensible, knocked\*, lethargic, numb, on the canvas\*, out, out like a light\*, palsied, paralyzed, passed out\*, put away\*, raving, senseless, stunned, stupefied, swooning, torpid, tranced, zonked\*; CONCEPTS 314, 539 —*Ant.* awake, aware, conscious

**unconscious** [*adj*2] *ignorant; automatic* accidental, gut\*, inadvertent, inattentive, inherent, innate, instinctive, involuntary, latent, lost, reflex, repressed, subconscious, subliminal, suppressed, unaware, uncalculated, unde-liberate, unheeding, unintended, unintentional, unmindful, unpremeditated, unrealized, unwitting; CONCEPTS 542, 544 —*Ant.* aware, conscious, decided, intended, intentional, knowing

**unconstitutional** [*adj*] *illegal* against the law, banned, criminal, felonious, forbidden, illegitimate, illicit, lawless, not legal, outlawed, prohibited, prosecutable, unauthorized, unlawful, violating, wrongful; CONCEPTS 319, 545

**uncontrollable** [*adj*] *wild; carried away* beside oneself, disorderly, excited, fractious, frantic, freaked, furious, headstrong, indocile, indomitable, insuppressible, insurgent, intractable, irrepressible, irresistible, lawless, like a loose cannon\*, mad, obdurate, obstinate, recalcitrant, strong, stubborn, uncontainable, undisciplinable, undisciplined, ungovernable, unmanageable, unrestrainable, unruly, violent; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* controllable, controlled, manageable, mild, moderate

**unconventional** [*adj*] *very different; odd* anarchistic, atypical, avant-garde, beat, bizarre, crazy, eccentric, far-out\*, freakish, freaky, free and easy\*, idiosyncratic, individual, individualistic, informal, irregular, kinky\*, kooky\*, nonconformist, oddball\*, offbeat, off the beaten track\*, off the wall\*, original, out in left field\*, out of the ordinary, unceremonious, uncommon, uncustomary, unique, unorthodox, unusual, way-out\*, weirdo\*; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* conventional, formal, normal, standard, usual

**uncoordinated** [*adj*] *awkward, clumsy* all thumbs\*, bumbling, bungling, butterfingere\*, gawkish, gawky, graceless, heavy-handed, klutzy\*, like a bull in a china shop\*, lumbering, not agile, stumbling, unadept, ungainly, ungraceful, unhandy, unskillful; CONCEPTS 401, 402, 584

**uncouth** [*adj*] *clumsy, uncultivated* awkward, barbaric, boorish, cheap, clownish, coarse, crass, crude, discourteous, disgracious, gawky, graceless, gross, heavy-handed, ill-bred, ill-mannered, impertinent, impolite, inelegant, loud, loud-mouthed, loutish, oafish, raunchy, raw, rough, rude, rustic, strange, tacky\*, uncalled-for\*, uncivil, uncivilized, ungainly, ungentle, ungentlemanly, unpolished, unrefined, unseemly, vulgar; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* agile, couth, cultivated, polished, refined, sophisticated

**uncover** [*v*] *reveal, disclose* bare, betray, break, bring to light\*, crack, denude, dig up\*, discover, display, divulge, expose, give away, hit upon, lay bare, lay open, leak, make known, open, open up, show, strike, strip, stumble on, subject, tap, tell, tip one's hand\*, uncloth, unearth, unmask, unveil,



unwrap; CONCEPTS 60,183,261 —*Ant.* conceal, cover, hide, suppress

**uncovered** [*adj*] *exposed* bare, brought to light\*, caught, disclosed, discovered, divulged, dug up\*, found out, laid bare\*, made public, naked, nude, on display, on view, revealed, shown, solved, stripped, unconcealed, unmasked, unprotected, unveiled, visible, vulnerable, weakened; CONCEPT 576

**uncritical** [*adj*] *casual, unfussy* careless, cursory, easily pleased, imperceptive, imprecise, imprudent, inaccurate, indiscriminate, offhand, perfunctory, shallow, slipshod, superficial, undiscerning, undiscriminating, unexact, uninformed, unperceptive, unselective, unthinking; CONCEPT 542 —*Ant.* critical, discriminating, formal, fussy, important

**undaunted** [*adj*] *brave, bold* audacious, coming on strong\*, courageous, dauntless, fearless, fire-eating\*, gallant, icy\*, indomitable, intrepid, not discouraged, not put off\*, resolute, spunky, steadfast, unafraid, unalarmed, unapprehensive, undeterred, undiscouraged, undismayed, unflinching, unflinching, unshrinking, valiant, valorous; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* cowardly, shrinking

**undecided** [*adj*] *not sure, not definite* ambivalent, betwixt and between\*, blowing hot and cold\*, borderline, debatable, dithering\*, doubtful, dubious, equivocal, hemming and hawing\*, hesitant, iffy\*, indecisive, indefinite, in the middle\*, irresolute, moot, of two minds\*, on the fence\*, open, pending, pending, running hot and cold\*, tentative, torn, uncertain, unclear, uncommitted, undetermined, unfinished, unsettled, unsure, up in the air\*, vague, waffling, wavering, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPTS 403,529 —*Ant.* certain, decided, definite, determined, settled, sure, undoubted

**undeniable** [*adj*] *definite, proven* actual, beyond doubt, beyond question, binding, certain, clear, compulsory, evident, for sure\*, inarguable, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, manifest, necessary, no ifs and or buts\*, obligatory, obvious, open and shut\*, patent, positive, real, sound, sure, sure thing\*, true, unanswerable, unassailable, undoubted, unquestionable; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* contestable, disputable, doubted, indefinite, unproven

**undependable** [*adj*] *irresponsible* bum, capricious, careless, changeable, dubious, erratic, fickle, fly-by-night\*, inconsistent, inconstant, indefinite, indeterminate, loose\*, no bargain\*, no-good\*, treacherous, trick, tricky, trustless, unassured, uncertain, unpredictable, unreliable, unsafe, unsound, unstable, unsure, untrustworthy, variable; CONCEPTS 401,535 —*Ant.* dependable, reliable, responsible, trustworthy

**under** [*adv*1/*prep*1] *below* beneath, bottom, concealed by, covered by, down, downward, held down, inferior, lower, nether, on the bottom, on the nether side, on the underside, pinned, pressed down, supporting, to the bottom, underneath; CONCEPTS 586,735,793 —*Ant.* above, higher, more, over, up, upward

**under** [*adv*2/*prep*2] *secondary* amenable, belonging, collateral, consequent, corollary, dependent, directed, following, governed,

included, inferior, in the power of, junior, lesser, low, lower, obedient, obeying, reporting, sub, subject, subjugated, subordinate, subsequent, subservient, subsidiary, substract, subsumed; CONCEPTS 560,575,577 —*Ant.* major, primary

**undercover** [*adj*] *secret, spy* clandestine, concealed, confidential, covert, creep, furtive, hidden, hole-and-corner\*, hush-hush\*, incognito\*, intelligence, on the QT\*, private, stealth, stealthy, sub-rosa\*, surreptitious, underground, underhand, underneath, under wraps\*; CONCEPTS 544,576 —*Ant.* known, open, public

**undercurrent** [*n*] *drift, pull* atmosphere, aura, crosscurrent, direction, eddy, feeling, flavor, hint, inclination, indication, insinuation, intimation, murmur, overtone, propensity, riptide, sense, suggestion, tendency, tenor, tinge, trace, trend, underflow, undertone, undertow, vibes\*, vibrations; CONCEPTS 673,738

**underdog** [*n*] *unlikely winner in a contest or struggle* bottom dog, dark horse, longshot, out-of-towner; CONCEPTS 366,423 —*Ant.* favorite

**underestimate** [*v*] *minimize; rate too low* belittle, deprecate, depreciate, disesteem, disparage, make light of\*, miscalculate, miscarry, not do justice\*, put down\*, sell short\*, slight, think too little of\*, underrate, undervalue; CONCEPTS 12,54,764 —*Ant.* exaggerate, maximize, overestimate

**undergo** [*v*] *be subjected to* abide, bear, bear up, bow, defer, encounter, endure, experience, feel, go through, have, know, meet with, put up with, see, share, stand, submit to, suffer, support, sustain, tolerate, weather, withstand, yield; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* commit, do, execute

**underground** [*adj*1] *below the surface* below ground, buried, covered, in the recesses, subterranean, subterrestrial, sunken, underfoot; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* aboveground, ground, sky

**underground** [*adj*2] *secret, subversive* alternative, avant-garde, clandestine, concealed, covert, experimental, hidden, hush-hush\*, on the QT\*, on the sly\*, private, radical, resistant, resistive, revolutionary, surreptitious, unbowed, unconventional, undercover, under wraps\*, unusual; CONCEPTS 564,576 —*Ant.* authorized, condoned, known, legal, public

**underhand** [*adj*] *deceitful* clandestine, concealed, crafty, crooked, cunning, deceptive, devious, dirty-dealing\*, dishonest, dishonorable, double-crossing\*, duplicitous, fraudulent, furtive, guileful, hush-hush\*, indirect, insidious, oblique, on the QT\*, on the quiet\*, secret, secretive, shady, shifty, slippery\*, sly\*, sneaking, sneaky, stealthy, sub-rosa, surreptitious, treacherous, tricky, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, undercover, underhanded, under wraps\*, unethical, unfair, unjust, unscrupulous, wily; CONCEPTS 401,544 —*Ant.* aboveboard, forthright, frank, honest

**underline** [*v*] *emphasize; mark* accentuate, bracket, call attention to, caption, check off, draw attention to, feature, give emphasis, highlight, indicate, interlineate, italicize, play up, point to, point up, rule, stress, underscore; CONCEPTS 49,79

**underling** [*n*] *subordinate* aide, assistant, attendant, deputy, flunky\*, gofer\*, helper, inferior,

lackey\*, minion, peon, scrub\*, second, second fiddle\*, second stringer\*, serf, servant, slave; CONCEPTS 348,423

**underlying** [adj] *fundamental, latent* basal, basic, bottom, bottom-line\*, cardinal, concealed, critical, crucial, elemental, elementary, essential, hidden, indispensable, intrinsic, lurking, necessary, needful, nitty-gritty\*, nub, primary, prime, primitive, radical, root, substratal, veiled, vital; CONCEPTS 546,549 —*Ant.* secondary

**undermine** [v] *weaken* attenuate, blunt, clip one's wings\*, corrode, cripple, debilitate, dig, dig out\*, disable, eat away\*, enfeeble, erode, excavate, foil, frustrate, hollow out, hurt, impair, knock the bottom out of\*, mine, poke full of holes\*, ruin, sabotage, sandbag\*, sap, soften, subvert, threaten, thwart, torpedo\*, tunnel, undercut, wear, whittle away, wreck; CONCEPTS 14,240 —*Ant.* strengthen

**underneath** [adv/prep] *below* beneath, bottom, covered, lower, neath, nether, under; CONCEPTS 586,735 —*Ant.* above, over, up

**underprivileged** [adj] *poor* badly off\*, depressed, deprived, destitute, disadvantaged, down and out\*, handicapped, hapless, hard up\*, have-not\*, ill-fated, ill-starred, impoverished, indigent, in dire straits, in need, in want, needy, unfortunate, unlucky; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* privileged, rich, wealthy

**underscore** [v] *underline, emphasize* accent, accentuate, call attention to, caption, draw attention to, feature, give emphasis, highlight, indicate, italicize, mark, point to, stress; CONCEPTS 49,79

**understand** [v1] *appreciate, comprehend* accept, apprehend, be aware, be conscious of, be with it\*, catch, catch on, conceive, deduce, discern, distinguish, explain, fathom, figure out, find out, follow, get\*, get the hang of\*, get the idea\*, get the picture\*, get the point\*, grasp, have knowledge of, identify with, infer, interpret, ken\*, know, learn, make out\*, make sense of, master, note, penetrate, perceive, possess, read, realize, recognize, register, savvy\*, see, seize, sense, sympathize, take in\*, take meaning, tolerate; CONCEPT 15 —*Ant.* misinterpret, misunderstand

**understand** [v2] *think, believe* accept, assume, be informed, concede, conceive, conclude, conjecture, consider, count on, deduce, expect, fancy, feel for, gather, guess, hear, imagine, infer, learn, presume, reckon, suppose, surmise, suspect, take for granted, take it; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* disbelieve, mistake

**understanding** [adj] *accepting, tolerant* compassionate, considerate, discerning, empathetic, forbearing, forgiving, generous, kind, kindly, patient, perceptive, responsive, sensitive, sympathetic; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* intolerant, unaccepting

**understanding** [n1] *comprehension, appreciation* acumen, apperception, apprehension, assimilation, awareness, decipherment, discernment, discrimination, grasp, grip, insight, intellect, intelligence, intuition, judgment, ken, knowing, knowledge, mastery, penetration, perception, perceptiveness, perceptivity, percipience, perspicacity, prehension, realization, reason, recognition, savvy, sense, sharpness,

wit; CONCEPT 409 —*Ant.* misinterpretation, misunderstanding

**understanding** [n2] *belief* acceptance, conception, conclusion, estimation, idea, import, impression, inkling, intentment, interpretation, judgment, knowledge, meaning, message, notion, opinion, perception, purport, sense, significance, signficancy, signification, sympathy, view, viewpoint; CONCEPTS 682,689 —*Ant.* disbelief, mistake

**understanding** [n3] *informal agreement* accord, common view, concord, deal, handshake\*, harmony, meeting of minds\*, pact; CONCEPT 684 —*Ant.* disagreement

**understood** [adj] *assumed, implicit* accepted, appreciated, axiomatic, down pat\*, implied, inferential, inferred, known, on to\*, pat, presumed, roger\*, tacit, taken for granted, undeclared, unexpressed, unsaid, unspoken, unstated, wise to, wordless; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* explained, explicit, spoken, written

**understudy** [n] *substitute* alternate, backup, double, fill-in, pinch hitter\*, replacement, reserve, stand-by, stand-in, sub\*, successor; CONCEPTS 423,712

**undertake** [v] *attempt, engage in* address oneself, agree, answer for, bargain, begin, commence, commit, commit oneself, contract, covenant, devote, embark, endeavor, enter upon, fall into, go about, go for, go in for, go into, guarantee, have a hand in\*, have a try, hazard, initiate, launch, make a run at\*, move, offer, pitch in, pledge, promise, set about, set in motion, set out, shoulder, stake, stipulate, tackle, take on, take the plunge\*, take upon oneself, try, try out, venture, volunteer; CONCEPTS 87,100 —*Ant.* abstain, forego, forget

**undertaker** [n] *funeral director* embalmer, grave digger, mortician; CONCEPT 304

**undertaking** [n] *endeavor, attempt* adventure, affair, business, deal, effort, engagement, enterprise, essay, experiment, game, happening, hassle, hazard, job, move, operation, outfit, play, project, proposition, pursuit, shop, striving, struggle, task, thing\*, trial, try, venture, what one is into\*, work; CONCEPTS 87,324,349,362 —*Ant.* abstention

**undertone** [n] *suggestion, whisper* association, atmosphere, buzz, connotation, feeling, flavor, hint, hum, implication, low tone, mumble, murmur, mutter, overtone, rumor, tinge, touch, trace, undercurrent; CONCEPTS 65,682

**underwater** [adj] *under the water's surface* immersed, subaquatic, subaqueous, submarine, submerged, sunken, undersea; CONCEPTS 467,514,603

**underwear** [n] *clothing worn under outerwear* bikini, boxers\*, boxer shorts, bra, briefs, BVDs\*, corset, drawers\*, intimate things, jockeys, jockey shorts, lingerie, long johns, panties, shorts, skivvies\*, smallclothes, underclothes, underclothing, undergarment, underpants, undershirt, underthings, undies; CONCEPT 451

**underweight** [adj] *thin* angular, anorectic, bony, gangly, malnourished, puny, scrawny, shadow, skeleton\*, skin and bones\*, skinny, starved, stringbean\*, undernourished, undersized; CONCEPT 491 —*Ant.* chubby, fat, overweight, plump, thick

**underworld** [*n*] *criminal activity, element* abyss, Cosa Nostra, criminals, felonry, gangland, gangsters, Mafia, mob\*, organized crime, racket\*, riffraff\*, syndicate; CONCEPTS 412,645

**underwrite** [*v*] *endorse, insure* accede, agree to, angel\*, approve, back, bankroll\*, collateral, consent, countersign, endow, finance, float, fund, guarantee, help, initial, okay\*, pay, provide, provide financing, sanction, seal, secure, sign, sponsor, stake, subscribe, subsidize, support; CONCEPTS 50,88,110,341

—*Ant.* disapprove, invalidate, refuse, reject  
**undesirable** [*adj*] *offensive, unacceptable* abominable, annoying, bothersome, defective, disagreeable, disliked, displeasing, distasteful, dreaded, icky, inadmissible, incommodious, inconvenient, inexpedient, insufferable, loathed, loathsome, objectionable, obnoxious, outcast, out of place, rejected, repellent, repugnant, scorned, shunned, to be avoided, troublesome, unattractive, unlikable, unpleasing, unpopular, unsatisfactory, unsavory, unsought, unsuitable, unwanted, unwelcome, unwished for, useless; CONCEPTS 529,570 —*Ant.* acceptable, appealing, desirable, pleasing, savory

**undeveloped** [*adj*] *immature* abortive, backward, behindhand, embryonic, half-baked, ignored, inchoate, incipient, inexperienced, latent, potential, primitive, primordial, unactualized, underdeveloped, unevolved, unprogressive, untaught, untrained; CONCEPTS 485,578,797 —*Ant.* adult, developed, grown, mature

**undisciplined** [*adj*] *uncontrolled* defiant, disorderly, headstrong, inconsistent, insubordinate, lacking self-control, mischievous, naughty, noncompliant, ungoverned, unrestrained, unruly, untrained, wayward; CONCEPT 401

**undisputed/undisputable** [*adj*] *positive, accepted* acknowledged, admitted, arbitrary, assured, authoritative, beyond question, certain, conclusive, decided, dogmatic, final, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, not disputed, recognized, sure, tyrannous, unchallenged, uncontested, undeniable, undoubted, unequivocal, unerring, unquestioned; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* disputable, disputed, doubtful, dubious, negative, uncertain, unsure

**undistinguished** [*adj*] *ordinary* average, characterless, common, commonplace, dull, everyday, fair, garden-variety\*, generic, mean, mediocre, modest, no great shakes\*, normal, nothing special, nothing to write home about\*, pedestrian, plain, prosaic, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, second-rate, so-so\*, typical, uneventful, unexceptional, unexciting, uninspired, unmemorable, unnoteworthy, unremarkable, usual; CONCEPTS 530,575

**undivided** [*adj*] *whole* absorbed, circumspect, collective, combined, complete, concentrated, concerted, continued, deliberate, detailed, diligent, engrossed, entire, exclusive, fast, fixed, full, intense, intent, joined, lock stock and barrel\*, minute, rigid, scrupulous, single, solid, steady, thorough, unanimous, unbroken, uncut, undistracted, unflagging, united, unswerving, vigilant, wholehearted; CONCEPTS 482,531 —*Ant.* divided, partial, separate

**undo** [*v*] *open* disengage, disentangle, free, loose, loosen, release, unbind, unblock, unbutton, unclose, unfasten, unfix, unlock, unloose, unloosen, unravel, unfix, unstop, untie, unwrap; CONCEPT 135 —*Ant.* close, do, fasten

**undo** [*v*2] *nullify, invalidate* abate, abolish, abrogate, annihilate, annul, break, bring down, bring to naught\*, cancel, cramp\*, craze, crimp\*, decimate, defeat, demolish, destroy, have\*, impoverish, injure, make waves\*, mar, negate, neutralize, offset, outfox, outmaneuver, outsmart, overreach, overthrow, overturn, quash, queer\*, raze, reverse, ruin, screw up\*, shatter, skin\*, smash, spoil, stymie\*, subvert, unbuild, undermine, unsettle, upset, vitiate, wipe out\*, wrack, wreck; CONCEPTS 7,19,121,252 —*Ant.* approve, permit, validate

**undoing** [*n*] *destruction, misfortune* accident, adversity, affliction, bad luck, bad omen, bane, blight, blow, blunder, calamity, casualty, catastrophe, collapse, curse, defeat, destroyer, difficulty, disgrace, doom, downward, error, failure, fault, faux pas, flaw, fumble, grief, humiliation, last straw\*, misadventure, miscalculation, mishance, mishap, misstep, omission, overthrow, overturn, reversal, reverse, ruin, ruination, shame, slip, smash, stumble, subversion, trial, trip, trouble, visitation, weakness, wreck; CONCEPTS 230,674,679 —*Ant.* building, creation, doing, good fortune

**undoubtedly** [*adv*] *certainly* assuredly, beyond question, beyond shadow of a doubt\*, definitely, doubtless, easily, indeed, of course, really, surely, truly, undeniably, unmistakably, unquestionably, well, without doubt; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* doubtfully, indefinite, questionably

**undress** [*v*] *take off clothes* denude, disarray, dismantle, disrobe, divest oneself, doff, get off, get out of, husk, peel, shed, shock, slip off, slip out of, strip, unattire, uncloak, unclothe, unmask; CONCEPTS 211,453 —*Ant.* clothe, dress

**undue** [*adj*] *excessive, unnecessary* disproportionate, exceeding, exorbitant, extravagant, extreme, forbidden, illegal, ill-timed, immoderate, improper, inappropriate, inapt, indecorous, inept, inordinate, intemperate, needless, overmuch, sinister, too great, too much, unapt, uncalled-for, unconscionable, underhanded, undeserved, unfair, unfitting, unjust, unjustifiable, unjustified, unmeasurable, unreasonable, unseasonable, unseemly, unsuitable, untimely, unwarrantable, unwarranted; CONCEPTS 546,558,569 —*Ant.* moderate, reasonable, sensible  
**undulate** [*v*] *rise and fall* billow, flow, heave, oscillate, ripple, roll, surge, swell, swing, wave, wobble; CONCEPT 146

**unduly** [*adv*] *excessively* disproportionately, ever, extravagantly, extremely, illegally, immensely, immoderately, improperly, indecorously, inordinately, out of proportion, over, overfull, overly, overmuch, too, underhandedly, unfairly, unjustifiably, unjustly, unnecessarily, unreasonably; CONCEPTS 544,546,569 —*Ant.* moderately, reasonably, sensibly

**undying** [*adj*] *never-ending* constant, continuing, deathless, eternal, everlasting, immortal, imperishable, indestructible, inextinguishable, infinite, interminable, perennial, permanent, perpetual, persistent, unceasing, undiminished,

- unended, unending, unfading; CONCEPT 798  
—*Ant.* ending, impermanent, mortal
- unearned** [*adj*] *undeserved* not deserved, not earned, not merited, not warranted, unmerited, unwarranted; CONCEPTS 545, 548, 558
- unearth** [*v*] *dig up* ascertain, bring to light\*, catch on\*, delve, determine, discover, disinter, dredge up, excavate, exhibit, exhume, expose, ferret, find, find out, hear, hit upon, learn, reveal, root, see, see the light, show, spark, spotlight\*, strike, stumble on, turn up, *unbury*, uncover, uproot; CONCEPTS 178, 183 —*Ant.* bury
- unearthly** [*adj*] *supernatural*; *very strange* abnormal, absurd, appalling, demonic, devilish, eerie, ethereal, extraordinary, fiendish, frightening, funereal, ghastly, ghostly, ghoulish, hair-raising, haunted, heavenly, hyperphysical, miraculous, nightmarish, not of this world, phantom, preternatural, ridiculous, scary, sepulchral, spectral, spooky\*, sublime, superhuman, uncanny, ungodly, unholy, unreasonable, weird; CONCEPTS 536, 564, 582 —*Ant.* earthly, natural, physical
- uneasy** [*adj*] *awkward, uncomfortable* afraid, agitated, alarmed, all nerves\*, anguished, anxious, apprehensive, bothered, constrained, discomposed, dismayed, disquieted, disturbed, edgy, fearful, fidgety, fretful, harassed, ill at ease, impatient, insecure, in turmoil, irascible, irritable, jittery, jumpy, nervous, on edge, on the qui vive, palpitant, peevish, perplexed, perturbed, precarious, restive, restless, shaken, shaky, strained, suspicious, tense, tormented, troubled, unquiet, unsettled, unstable, upset, vexed, worried, wrung; CONCEPTS 403, 548, 690 —*Ant.* comfortable, composed, easy-going, laid-back
- uneducated** [*adj*] *lacking knowledge* benighted, empty-headed, ignorant, ignorant, illiterate, inerudite, know-nothing\*, lowbrow\*, uncultivated, uncultured, uneducated, unlearned, unlettered, unread, unrefined, un-schooled, untaught, untutored; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* educated, intelligent, learned, lettered, taught
- unemotional** [*adj*] *not responsive* along for the ride\*, apathetic, blah\*, callous, chill\*, cold, coldhearted\*, cool, deadpan, dispassionate, emotionless, flat, frigid, glacial, going with the flow\*, hard-boiled\*, hard-hearted\*, heartless, impassive, indifferent, insensitive, laid-back\*, listless, marble\*, obdurate, passionless, phlegmatic, quiet, reserved, reticent, rolling with the punches\*, thick-skinned\*, uncompassionate, undemonstrative, unexcitable, unfeeling, unimpressive, unresponsive, unsympathetic; CONCEPTS 401, 403 —*Ant.* caring, emotional, excitable, feeling, responsive
- unemployed** [*adj*] *without a job* at liberty\*, between jobs\*, closed down\*, disengaged, down, fired, free, idle, inactive, jobless, laid off, leisured, loafing\*, on layoff, on the bench\*, on the dole\*, on the shelf\*, out of action\*, out of a job, out of work, resting, unapplied, underemployed, unengaged, unexercised, unoccupied, unused, without gainful employment, workless; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* employed, occupied
- unending** [*adj*] *continuing* amaranthine, ceaseless, constant, continual, continuous, endless,
- eternal, everlasting, immortal, incessant, infinite, interminable, never-ending, perpetual, steady, unceasing, uninterrupted, unremitting; CONCEPTS 482, 798 —*Ant.* completed, discontinuous, ending, finished, intermittent, transient
- unequal** [*adj*] *different* differing, disparate, dissimilar, distant, divergent, diverse, incommensurate, like night and day\*, mismatched, not uniform, odd, poles apart\*, unlike, unequal, unbalanced, unlike, unmatched, unsimilar, variable, various, varying, weird\*; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* equal, identical, matched, same, similar
- unequal** [*adj*] *not balanced*; *lopsided* asymmetrical, disproportionate, ill-matched, inequitable, irregular, nonsymmetrical, off-balance, one-sided, overbalanced, unbalanced, uneven, unproportionate, unsymmetrical; CONCEPT 480 —*Ant.* balanced, equal, even, level, same
- unequaled** [*adj*] *supreme, pre-eminent* alone, beyond compare, incomparable, inimitable, matchless, nonpareil, only, paramount, peerless, second to none\*, surpassing, towering, transcendent, ultimate, unique, unmatched, unparagoned, unparalleled, unrivaled, unsurpassed, without equal; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* inferior, minor, second-rate
- unequivocal** [*adj*] *definite, positive* absolute, apparent, categorical, certain, clear, clear-cut, decided, decisive, direct, distinct, downright, evident, explicit, flat out\*, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, manifest, no catch\*, no fine print\*, no holds barred\*, no ifs ands or buts\*, no strings attached\*, obvious, open and shut\*, palpable, patent, plain, straight, straightforward, straight out, unambiguous, uncontestable, undeniable, undisputable, univocal, unmistakable, unquestionable; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* ambiguous, equivocal, indefinite, obscured, uncertain, unsure, vague
- unerring** [*adj*] *accurate* certain, errorless, exact, faultless, impeccable, inerrable, inerrant, infallible, invariable, just, perfect, reliable, sure, true, trustworthy, unailing; CONCEPTS 535, 574 —*Ant.* erring, imperfect, inaccurate, mistaken
- unessential** [*adj*] *unnecessary* avoidable, beside the point\*, dispensable, expendable, futile, inessential, irrelevant, needless, nonessential, optional, uncalled-for, unimportant, unneeded, unrequired, useless, worthless; CONCEPT 546
- unethical** [*adj*] *dishonest, immoral* cheating, corrupt, crooked, dirty\*, dirty-dealing\*, dishonorable, disreputable, double-crossing\*, fake, fishy\*, flimflam\*, fly-by-night\*, illegal, improper, mercenary, scam\*, shady\*, sharp\*, slick\*, slippery\*, sneaky\*, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, underhand, unfair, unprincipled, unprofessional, unscrupulous, wrong; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* ethical, good, honest, moral, right, upright
- uneven** [*adj*] *not smooth or balanced* asperous, asymmetrical, broken, bumpy, changeable, craggy, differing, discrepant, disparate, disproportionate, fitful, fluctuating, harsh, ill-matched, intermittent, irregular, jagged, jerky, leftover, lopsided, nonsymmetrical, notched, not flat, not level, not parallel, odd, off-balance, one-sided, overbalanced, patchy, remaining, rough,

rugged, scabrous, scraggy, serrate, spasmodic, spotty, unbalanced, unequal, unfair, unlevel, unsmooth, unsteady, unsymmetrical, variable; CONCEPTS 480,566,606 —*Ant.* balanced, continuous, even, level, smooth

**uneventful** [*adj*] *monotonous, dull* boring, common, commonplace, humdrum, inconclusive, indecisive, ordinary, prosaic, quiet, routine, tedious, unexceptional, unexciting, uneventful, uninteresting, unmemorable, unnoteworthy, unremarkable, unvaried; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* eventful, exciting, extraordinary, memorable

**unexceptional** [*adj*] *ordinary* average, characterless, common, commonplace, conventional, dull, everyday, fair, garden-variety\*, insignificant, mediocre, modest, no great shakes\*, normal, nothing special, nothing to write home about\*, pedestrian, plain, prosaic, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, second-rate, so-so\*, typical, undistinguished, uneventful, unexciting, unimpressive, uninspired, unmemorable, unnoteworthy, unremarkable, usual; CONCEPT 530

**unexciting** [*adj*] *dull* big yawn\*, blah, boring, common, dead, dreary, familiar, ho hum\*, humdrum\*, long-winded, monotonous, ordinary, plain, prosaic, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, uneventful, unimaginative, uninspiring, uninteresting, usual, usual thing; CONCEPTS 529,530

**unexpected** [*adj*] *surprising* abrupt, accidental, amazing, astonishing, chance, electrifying, eye-opening\*, fortuitous, from left field\*, impetuous, impulsive, instantaneous, not bargained for\*, not in the cards\*, out of the blue\*, payback, prodigious, staggering, startling, stunning, sudden, swift, unanticipated, unforeseen, unheralded, unlooked-for, unpredictable, unpredicted, wonderful; CONCEPTS 544,548 —*Ant.* expected

**unfailing** [*adj*] *certain, unchanging* absolute, assiduous, bottomless, boundless, ceaseless, come-through\*, consistent, constant, continual, continuing, continuous, counted on, delivering, dependable, diligent, dyed-in-the-wool\*, endless, eternal, faithful, inexhaustible, infallible, invariable, loyal, never-failing, persistent, reliable, rock solid\*, same, solid, staunch, steadfast, straight, sure, surefire, there\*, tried-and-true\*, true, trustworthy, unflagging, unlimited, unrelenting; CONCEPTS 534,535,538

—*Ant.* failing, impermanent, uncertain, unsure  
**unfair** [*adj*] *prejudiced, wrongful* arbitrary, bad, base, biased, bigoted, blameworthy, cheating, criminal, crooked, cruel, culpable, discreditable, discriminatory, dishonest, dishonorable, foul, grievous, illegal, immoral, improper, inequitable, inexcusable, iniquitous, injurious, low, mean, one-sided, partial, partisan, petty, shameful, shameless, uncalled-for, undue, unethical, unjust, unjustifiable, unlawful, unprincipled, unreasonable, unrightful, unscrupulous, unsporting, unwarranted, vicious, vile, wicked, wrong; CONCEPTS 544,545,548 —*Ant.* fair, honest, just, unprejudiced

**unfaithful** [*adj*] *disloyal, adulterous* adulterine, cheating, deceitful, double-crossing\*, faithless, false, false-hearted, fickle, foresworn, inconstant, incontinent, moonlighting\*, not true to, of bad faith, perfidious, philandering, recreant, shifty\*, snaky\*, sneaking, traitorous, treacher-

ous, treasonable, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, unchaste, unreliable, untrue, untrustworthy, wicked; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* faithful, loyal, trustworthy

**unfaltering** [*adj*] *steadfast* abiding, bent on, bound, bound and determined\*, dead set on\*, enduring, firm, going all the way\*, indefatigable, meaning business\*, mulish\*, never-failing, persevering, pigheaded, resolute, set, steady, stiff-necked\*, stubborn, sure, tireless, unflagging, unflagging, unflappable, unflinching, unqualified, unquestioning, unswerving, untiring, unwavering, wholehearted; CONCEPTS 403,535,538 —*Ant.* faltering, unsettled, unstable, unsteady

**unfamiliar** [*adj*1] *different, strange* alien, anomalous, bizarre, curious, exotic, extraordinary, fantastic, foreign, little known, new, novel, obscure, original, outlandish, out-of-the-way\*, peculiar, recondite, remarkable, remote, unaccustomed, uncommon, unexpected, unexplored, uninvestigated, unknown, unusual; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* familiar, known, usual  
**unfamiliar** [*adj*2] *inexperienced; not knowing* about ignorant, incognizant, inconvertant, not associated, not versed in, oblivious, out of contact, unaccustomed, unacquainted, unaware, unconvertant, uninformed, uninitiated, uninstructed, unknowing, unknown, unpracticed, unskilled, unversed, unwitting; CONCEPTS 402,678 —*Ant.* experienced, familiar, knowing, versed

**unfathomable** [*adj*1] *bottomless* abysmal, boundless, deep, eternal, immeasurable, infinite, soundless, unending, unmeasured, unplumbed; CONCEPTS 482,777 —*Ant.* comprehensible, explainable, explicable, fathomable

**unfathomable** [*adj*2] *hard to believe; difficult to understand* abstruse, baffling, clear as mud\*, deep, enigmatic, esoteric, heavy, impenetrable, incognizable, incomprehensible, indecipherable, inexplicable, obscure, profound, too deep\*, uncomprehensible, ungraspable, unintelligible, unknowable; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* believable, comprehensible, fathomable

**unfavorable** [*adj*] *very bad* adverse, antagonistic, calamitous, contrary, damaging, destructive, disadvantageous, discommodious, hostile, ill, ill-advised, improper, inadvisable, inauspicious, inconvenient, inexpedient, infelicitous, inimical, inopportune, late, low, malapropos, negative, objectionable, ominous, opposed, poor, regrettable, tardy, threatening, troublesome, unfit, unfortunate, unfriendly, unlucky, unpromising, unpropitious, unseasonable, unseemly, unsuited, untimely, untoward, wrong; CONCEPTS 529,571 —*Ant.* favorable, friendly, good, nice

**unfeeling** [*adj*] *hard-hearted, numb* anesthetized, apathetic, asleep, benumbed, brutal, callous, cantankerous, churlish, cold, cold-blooded, cold fish\*, cold-hearted, crotchety, cruel, deadened, exacting, feelingless, hard, hardened, heartless, icy, inanimate, inhuman, insensate, insensible, insensitive, iron-hearted, merciless, obdurate, pitiless, ruthless, sensationless, senseless, severe, stony, surly, thick-skinned\*, tough, unamiable, uncaring, uncompassionate, uncordial, unemotional, unkind, unsympathetic; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* caring, concerned, feeling, loving, sensitive

**unfinished** [*adj*] *not completed* amateurish, bare, crude, cut short, dabbling, defective, deficient, dilettante, faulty, formless, found wanting, fragmentary, half-baked\*, half-done\*, immature, imperfect, incomplete, in the making, in the rough\*, lacking, natural, not done, plain, raw, rough, roughhewn, shapeless, sketchy, tentative, unaccomplished, unadorned, unassembled, uncompleted, unconcluded, under construction, undeveloped, undone, unexecuted, unfashioned, unfulfilled, unperfected, unpolished, unrefined, wanting; CONCEPT 485 —*Ant.* completed, finished, polished, refined, whole

**unfit** [*adj*] *not appropriate or suited* below par\*, can't make the grade\*, debilitated, decrepit, discordant, down, dragging, feeble, flimsy, ill-adapted, ill-equipped, ill-suited, improper, inadequate, inapplicable, inappropriate, incompatible, incongruous, incorrect, ineffective, inexpedient, infelicitous, inharmonious, laid low\*, mistaken, not fit, out of element\*, out of place, out of shape, poorly, rocky\*, unbecoming, uncongenial, uncool, unhealthy, unlikely, unmeet, unpromising, unsuitable, unsuited, useless, valueless; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* appropriate, fit, suitable

**unfit** [*adj*2] *not ready* amateur, awkward, blundering, bungling, bush league\*, butter-fingered\*, clumsy, debilitated, disqualified, feeble, heavy-handed, ill-equipped, impotent, inadequate, incapable, incapacitated, incompetent, ineffective, inefficient, ineligible, inept, inexperienced, inexpert, maladjusted, maladroit, no good\*, not cut out for\*, not equal to, not up to\*, unable, unapt, unfit, unhandy, unpracticed, unprepared, unproficient, unqualified, unskilled, unskillful, untrained, useless, weak; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* able, fit, qualified, ready, willing

**unflinching** [*adj*] *persistent* active, assiduous, constant, diligent, dynamic, energetic, fixed, indefatigable, inexhaustible, persevering, staunch, steady, tireless, unceasing, undeviating, unflinching, unflinching, unrelenting, unremitting, unretiring, untiring, unwearied; CONCEPTS 538, 798 —*Ant.* changing, inconstant, variable, wavering

**unflappable** [*adj*] *cool and calm* collected, composed, deliberate, dispassioned, easy, impassive, imperturbable, level-headed, nonchalant, relaxed, self-possessed, unruffled; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* disconcerted, nervous, upset, worried

**unfold** [*v*] *spread out* disentangle, display, expand, extend, fan, fan out, flatten, loosen, open, outspread, outstretch, reel out, release, shake out, spread, straighten, stretch out, unbind, uncoil, uncrease, uncurl, undo, unfurl, unravel, unroll, untwist, unwind, unwrap; CONCEPT 201 —*Ant.* fold, wrap

**unfold** [*v*2] *make known* announce, clarify, clear up, decipher, describe, disclose, discover, display, divulge, dope out, elucidate, explain, explicate, expose, figure out, illustrate, present, publish, resolve, reveal, show, solve, uncover, unravel; CONCEPTS 55, 261 —*Ant.* conceal, hide, withhold

**unfold** [*v*3] *develop* bear fruit, demonstrate, elaborate, evidence, evince, evolve, expand, grow, manifest, mature; CONCEPT 704 —*Ant.* block, check, stagnate, stop

**unforeseeable** [*adj*] *unpredictable* capricious, chance, chancy, changeable, fluky\*, from left field\*, incalculable, random, uncertain, unexpected, unknowable; CONCEPT 534

**unforeseen** [*adj*] *surprising* abrupt, accidental, from left field\*, not bargained for\*, out of the blue\*, startling, sudden, surprise, unanticipated, uncalculated, unexpected, unlooked-for; CONCEPTS 544, 548 —*Ant.* expected, foreseen, predictable, predicted

**unforgettable** [*adj*] *memorable* catchy, distinguished, enduring, eventful, exceptional, extraordinary, famous, great, historic, illustrious, important, lasting, meaningful, monumental, notable, noteworthy, not to be forgotten, remarkable, rememberable, remembered, significant, super; CONCEPTS 529, 548

**unforgivable** [*adj*] *inexcusable* blameworthy, contemptible, deplorable, disgraceful, indefensible, inexcusable, not forgivable, outrageous, reprehensible, shameful, unallowable, unconscionable, unjustifiable, unpardonable, unpermissible, untenable, wrong; CONCEPTS 545, 570

**unfortunate** [*adj*] *unlucky, bad* adverse, afflicted, broken, burdened, calamitous, cursed, damaging, deplorable, desperate, destitute, disastrous, doomed, forsaken, hapless, hopeless, ill-fated, ill-starred, in a bad way\*, inappropriate, infelicitous, inopportune, jinxed, lamentable, luckless, out of luck\*, pained, poor, regrettable, ruined, ruinous, shattered, star-crossed\*, stricken, troubled, unbecoming, unfavorable, unhappy, unpropitious, unprosperous, unsuccessful, unsuitable, untoward, wretched; CONCEPTS 334, 548, 570 —*Ant.* fortunate, good, happy, lucky, timely

**unfounded** [*adj*] *not based on fact* baseless, bottomless, deceptive, fabricated, fallacious, false, foundationless, gratuitous, groundless, idle, illogical, mendacious, misleading, off-base, spurious, trumped up\*, uncalled for, unjustified, unproven, unreal, unsubstantiated, untrue, untruthful, unwarranted, vain, without basis, without foundation; CONCEPTS 267, 582 —*Ant.* founded, justified, proven, substantiated, supported

**unfriendly** [*adj*] *nasty, hostile* acrimonious, against, alien, aloof, antagonistic, antisocial, censorious, chilly, cold, combative, competitive, conflicting, contrary, disaffected, disagreeable, distant, estranged, grouchy, grudging, gruff, hateful, ill-disposed, inauspicious, inhospitable, inimical, malicious, malignant, misanthropic, not on speaking terms\*, opposed, opposite, quarrelsome, sour, spiteful, surly, uncharitable, uncongenial, unfavorable, unneighborly, unpropitious, unsovable, vengeful, warlike; CONCEPTS 401, 548 —*Ant.* approachable, friendly, kind, nice, sociable

**ungodly** [*adj*1] *not accepting a religious doctrine*; impious atheistic, blasphemous, corrupt, depraved, godless, improper, indecent, indecorous, indelicate, irreligious, malevolent, profane, rough, sinful, unbecoming, unhallowed, unholy, unseemly, vile, wicked; CONCEPTS 542, 545 —*Ant.* clean, godly, moral, pious, religious

**ungodly** [*adj*2] *outrageous* atrocious, barbarous, dreadful, horrendous, horrid, intolerable, nasty,

shocking, unbelievable, uncivilized, unconscionable, unearthly, unreasonable, unseemly; CONCEPTS 529,548,570 —*Ant.* reasonable, sensible

**ungrateful** [*adj*] *not appreciative* careless, demanding, dissatisfied, faultfinding, forgetful, grasping, grumbling, heedless, ingrate, insensible, oblivious, self-centered, selfish, thankless, unappreciative, unmindful, unnatural, unthankful; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* appreciative, grateful, thankful

**unguarded** [*adj*] *thoughtless; unwary* accessible, artless, candid, careless, casual, direct, foolhardy, frank, headlong, heedless, honest, ill-considered, impolitic, imprudent, impulsive, incautious, indiscreet, ingenuous, naïve, offhand, rash, spontaneous, straightforward, unalert, uncircumspect, unconscious, undiplomatic, unpremeditated, unreflective, unthinking, unvigilant, unwatchful, unwise, vulnerable, weak; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, thoughtful

**unhappy** [*adj*1] *sad* bleak, bleeding\*, blue\*, bummed out\*, cheerless, crestfallen, dejected, depressed, despondent, destroyed, disconsolate, dismal, dispirited, down\*, down and out\*, downbeat, downcast, down in the mouth\*, dragged, dreary, gloomy, grim, heavy-hearted, hurting, in a blue funk\*, in pain, in the dumps\*, let-down\*, long-faced, low, melancholy, mirthless, miserable, mournful, oppressive, put away\*, ripped\*, saddened, sorrowful, sorry, teary, troubled; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* cheerful, glad, happy, joyous

**unhappy** [*adj*2] *unfortunate, unlucky* afflicted, cursed, hapless, ill-fated, ill-starred, luckless, misfortunate, troubled, untoward, wretched; CONCEPT 548 —*Ant.* fortunate, happy, lucky, timely

**unharmd** [*adj*] *unhurt* all right, free from danger, in one piece\*, intact, not hurt, okay\*, out of danger, out of harm's way\*, protected, safe, safe and sound\*, sound, undamaged, uninjured, unscarred, unscathed, unscratched, untouched; CONCEPTS 314,587

**unhealthy** [*adj*1] *sick* ailing, below par, debilitated, delicate, diseased, down, dragging, feeble, frail, ill, in a decline, infirm, in ill health, in poor health, invalid, laid low\*, out of action\*, out of shape, peaked, poorly, run-down, shaky, sickly, unsound, unwell, weak; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* healthy, strong, well

**unhealthy** [*adj*2] *very bad in effect on well-being* baneful, chancy, corrupt, corrupting, dangerous, degenerate, degrading, deleterious, demoralizing, detrimental, harmful, hazardous, insalubrious, jeopardous, morbid, nefarious, negative, noisome, noxious, perilous, perverse, poisonous, risky, rotten, treacherous, undesirable, unhealthful, unsanitary, unsound, unwholesome, villainous, virulent, wicked; CONCEPTS 537,571 —*Ant.* good, healthy

**unheard-of** [*adj*] *unique, obscure* exceptional, inconceivable, little-known, nameless, new, novel, outlandish, preposterous, rare, shocking, singular, unbelievable, undiscovered, unfamiliar, unknown, unlikely, unprecedented, unrenowned, unsung, unusual; CONCEPTS 564,576 —*Ant.* familiar, normal, usual

**unhinged** [*adj*] *demented* bananas\*, batty\*, berserk, bonkers\*, confused, crazed, crazy\*, deranged, disturbed, insane, loopy\*, lunatic, mad, maniac, manic, mental\*, out of one's mind, out to lunch\*, touched\*, unbalanced; CONCEPTS 314,403 —*Ant.* sane, stable

**unholy** [*adj*1] *sacrilegious* base, blameful, corrupt, culpable, depraved, dishonest, evil, godless, guilty, heinous, immoral, impious, iniquitous, irreligious, irreverent, irreverential, profane, sinful, ungodly, unhallowed, unsanctified, vile, wicked; CONCEPTS 542,548 —*Ant.* godly, holy, pious, religious

**unholy** [*adj*2] *outrageous* appalling, awful, barbarous, dreadful, horrendous, shocking, uncivilized, unearthly, ungodly, unnatural, unreasonable; CONCEPT 537 —*Ant.* reasonable, sensible

**unidentified** [*adj*] *secret* anonymous, mysterious, nameless, not known, pseudonymous, unclassified, unfamiliar, unknown, unmarked, unnamed, unrecognized, unrevealed; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* identified, known, public

**unification** [*n*] *joining together* affinity, alliance, amalgamation, coalescence, coalition, combination, concurrence, confederation, connection, consolidation, coupling, federation, fusion, hookup, interlocking, linkage, melding, merger, merging, union, uniting; CONCEPTS 230,388 —*Ant.* division, segregation, separation

**unified** [*adj*] *united* affiliated, allied, banded, collective, combined, consolidated, cooperative, incorporated, joined up, leagued, linked, one, pooled, tied in, together, undivided; CONCEPTS 563,577

**uniform** [*adj*1] *consistent* compatible, consonant, constant, equable, even, fated, fateful, fixed, habitual, homogeneous, immutable, incorrigible, inflexible, invariable, irreversible, level, methodical, monolithic, normal, of a piece\*, ordered, orderly, ossified, plumb, regular, reliable, rigid, smooth, stable, static, steady, straight, symmetrical, systematic, true, unalterable, unbroken, unchanging, undeviating, undiversified, unfluctuating, unmodifiable, unvarying, well-balanced, well-proportioned; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* changing, different, divergent, inconsistent, varied

**uniform** [*adj*2] *alike* agnate, akin, analogous, comparable, consistent, consonant, correspondent, ditto\*, double, equal, identical, like, mated, monotonous, parallel, same, same difference\*, selfsame, similar, treadmill\*, undifferentiated, unvaried; CONCEPTS 487, 573 —*Ant.* deviating, different, dissimilar, divergent, unlike, unlike

**uniform** [*n*] *coordinated outfit* attire, costume, dress, garb, gown, habit, khaki\*, livery, monkey suit\*, OD\*, olive drab\*, regalia, regimentals, robe, stripes\*, suit; CONCEPT 451

**unify** [*v*] *unite* affiliate, ally, associate, band, become one, bring together, combine, connect, consolidate, cooperate, couple, gather together, hook up with, join, join forces, link, marry, merge, pool, pull together, stick together, wed; CONCEPTS 113,193

**unimaginable** [*adj*] *mind-boggling* beyond wildest dreams\*, doubtful, exceptional, extraordinary, fantastic, impossible, improbable,

inapprehensible, incogitable, incomprehensible, inconceivable, incredible, indescribable, ineffable, not understandable, rare, singular, unbelievable, uncommon, unheard-of, unique, unknowable, unordinary, unthinkable; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* believable, describable, imaginable

**unimaginative** [adj] *dull, predictable* banal, barren, bromidic, common, commonplace, derivative, dime a dozen\*, dry, dull as dishwater\*, flat, hackneyed, ho hum\*, lifeless, matter-of-fact, ordinary, pabulum, pedestrian, prosaic, routine, square\*, tame, tedious, trite, uncreative, uninspired, unoriginal, unromantic, usual, vanilla\*, well-worn, zero\*; CONCEPTS 542,547, 548 —*Ant.* creative, imaginative, original

**unimportant** [adj] *of no real worth, value* beside the point\*, casual, frivolous, frothy, immaterial, inconsequential, inconsiderable, indifferent, insignificant, irrelevant, little, low-ranking, meaningless, minor, minute, negligible, nonessential, nothing\*, nugatory, null, of no account, of no consequence, paltry, petty, picayune, second-rate\*, shoestring\*, slight, trifling, trivial, unnecessary, useless, worthless, zero\*, zilch\*, zip\*; CONCEPT 575 —*Ant.* big, important, relevant, serious, useful, worthwhile

**uninformed** [adj] *unaware* blind, caught napping\*, daydreaming, deaf, ignorant, inattentive, in the dark\*, negligent, not informed, not told, oblivious, out of it\*, out to lunch\*, unbrieffed, unconscious, uneducated, unenlightened, un instructed, unknowing, unschooled; CONCEPT 402

**uninhibited** [adj] *free and easy; without restraint* audacious, candid, cut loose\*, expansive, fancy-free\*, footloose\*, frank, free, hanging out\*, informal, instinctive, liberated, natural, no holds barred\*, off the cuff\*, open, relaxed, spontaneous, unbridled, unchecked, unconstrained, uncontrolled, uncurbed, ungoverned, unhampered, unrepressed, unreserved, unrestrained, unrestricted, unself-conscious, unsuppressed; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* careful, inhibited, modest, shy

**uninspired** [adj] *dull, unoriginal* bromidic, commonplace, corny\*, everyday, heavy-handed, humdrum, indifferent, old hat\*, ordinary, phoned in\*, ponderous, prosaic, stale, sterile, stock, uncreative, unexciting, unimaginative, unimpressed, uninspiring, uninteresting, uninventive, unmoved, yawn\*; CONCEPTS 542,547,548 —*Ant.* creative, inspired, original

**unintelligent** [adj] *stupid* brainless, deficient, dense, doltish, dumb, empty-headed\*, foolish, half-witted\*, idiotic, imbecilic, inane, meaningless, mentally deficient, mentally handicapped, mindless, moronic, not intelligent, pointless, senseless, simple, simplified, slow, thick-headed\*, unthinking, witless; CONCEPTS 402,548

**unintelligible** [adj] *not understandable* ambiguous, equivocal, fathomless, Greek\*, illegible, impenetrable, inarticulate, incognizable, incoherent, incomprehensible, indecipherable, indistinct, inexplicit, jumbled, meaningless, muddled, obscure, opaque, tenebrous, uncertain, unclear, unexplicit, unfathomable, ungraspable, unknowable, unreadable, vague; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* comprehensible, intelligible, meaningful, understandable

**unintentional/unintended** [adj] *not planned* accidental, aimless, casual, chance, erratic, extemporaneous, fortuitous, haphazard, inadvertent, involuntary, purposeless, random, unconscious, undesigned, undevised, unexpected, unforeseen, unintended, unplanned, unpremeditated, unthinking, unthought, unwitting; CONCEPTS 401,548 —*Ant.* definite, deliberate, intended, intentional, planned

**uninterested** [adj] *oblivious* to aloof, apathetic, blasé, bored, bored stiff\*, casual, could care less\*, detached, disinterested, distant, going through motions\*, hard-hearted\*, impassive, incurious, indifferent, listless, remote, thick-skinned\*, turned off\*, unconcerned, uncurious, uninvolved, unresponsive, weary, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* caring, concerned, enthusiastic, feeling, interested

**uninteresting** [adj] *boring, uneventful* arid, banal, big yawn\*, bromidic, common, commonplace, depressing, dismal, drab, dreary, dry, dull, dusty\*, fatiguing, flat, ho hum\*, humdrum, insipid, irksome, jejune, monotonous, nothing\*, nowhere\*, pedestrian, prosaic, prosy, soporific, stale, stupid, tedious, tired, tiresome, trite, unenjoyable, unentertaining, unexciting, uninspiring, wearisome; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* eventful, exciting, interesting

**uninterrupted** [adj] *continuing; unbroken* ceaseless, consecutive, constant, continual, continuous, direct, endless, interminable, nonstop, peaceful, perpetual, steady, straight, straightforward, sustained, through, unceasing, undisturbed, unending, unremitting; CONCEPTS 482,798 —*Ant.* broken, discontinuous, intermittent, interrupted

**uninvited** [adj] *unwanted* blackballed\*, excluded, inadmissible, left out in the cold\*, not in the picture\*, not wanted, rejected, shut out, unasked, undesired, unpopular, unsolicited, unwelcome; CONCEPTS 529,555,570

**uninviting** [adj] *disagreeable, not pleasant* awful, bad, disgusting, displeasing, distasteful, nasty, nauseating, offensive, repulsive, rotten, sickening, sour, unappealing, unappetizing, unpalatable, unpleasant; CONCEPTS 537,548

**union** [n1] *merger, joining* abutment, accord, agglutination, agreement, amalgam, amalgamation, blend, centralization, coadunation, combination, coming together, commixture, compound, concatenation, conciliation, concord, concurrence, confluence, congregation, conjunction, consolidation, correlation, coupling, fusion, harmony, hookup, incorporation, intercourse, joint, junction, juncture, meeting, melding, merging, mixture, seam, symbiosis, synthesis, tie-in, tie-up, unanimity, unification, union, uniting, unity; CONCEPTS 113,664,714 —*Ant.* division, divorce, separation

**union** [n2] *group with shared interest, cause* alliance, association, brotherhood, club, coalition, confederacy, confederation, congress, employees, federation, guild, labor union, league, local, order, sisterhood, society, sodality, syndicate, trade union; CONCEPTS 325, 381 —*Ant.* management

**unique** [adj] *alone, singular* different, exclusive, individual, lone, one, one and only\*, onliest\*, only, particular, rare, separate, single,



solitary, solo, sui generis, uncommon, unexampled; CONCEPTS 564,577 —*Ant.* common, commonplace, normal, usual

**unique** [*adj*2] *one-of-a-kind; without equal* anomalous, best, exceptional, extraordinary, far-off\*, incomparable, inimitable, matchless, most, nonpareil, novel, only, peerless, primo\*, rare, singular, something else\*, special, stand-out, strange, uncommon, unequaled, unexampled, unimaginable, unmatched, unparagoned, unparalleled, unprecedented, unreal, unrivaled, utmost, weird\*; CONCEPTS 564,574 —*Ant.* like, similar, standard, trite

**unison** [*n*] *harmony* accord, accordance, agreement, alliance, community, concert, concord, concordance, conjunction, consent, consonance, cooperation, federation, league, reciprocity, sympathy, unanimity, union, unity; CONCEPT 664 —*Ant.* discord, disharmony

**unit** [*n*1] *whole* assemblage, assembly, bunch, complement, crew, crowd, detachment, entirety, entity, gang, group, mob, one, outfit, ring, section, system, total, totality; CONCEPTS 432,837 —*Ant.* part, piece

**unit** [*n*2] *part* arm, block, component, constituent, detachment, detail, digit, element, factor, feature, fraction, ingredient, integer, item, joint, layer, length, link, member, module, piece, portion, section, segment, square, wing; CONCEPT 834 —*Ant.* whole

**unite** [*v*] *combine; join together* affiliate, ally, amalgamate, associate, band, band together, become one, blend, close ranks\*, coadjute, coalesce, commingle, concur, confederate, conjoin, connect, consolidate, cooperate, couple, embody, fuse, gather together, hang together\*, harden, hook up with, incorporate, intertwine, join, join forces, keep together, league, link, marry, meet, merge, mix, pool, pull together, relate, solidify, stay together, stick together, strengthen, throw in with\*, unify, wed; CONCEPTS 113,193 —*Ant.* divide, separate

**united** [*adj*] *combined; in agreement* affiliated, agreed, allied, amalgamated, assembled, associated, banded, coadunate, cognate, collective, concerted, concordant, confederated, congruent, conjoint, conjugate, conjunctive, consolidated, cooperative, corporate, federal, homogeneous, hooked up\*, in accord, in cahoots\*, incorporated, integrated, joined up, leagued, like-minded\*, lined up\*, linked, of one mind, of the same opinion, one, plugged in\*, pooled, tied in, unanimous, undivided, unified, unitary; CONCEPTS 563,577 —*Ant.* divided, separated

**unity** [*n*] *wholeness* accord, agreement, alliance, coadunation, combination, concord, concurrence, confederation, consensus, consent, consonance, entity, federation, harmony, homogeneity, homogeneousness, identity, individuality, indivisibility, integral, integrality, integrity, interconnection, oneness, peace, rapport, sameness, singleness, singularity, soleness, solidarity, synthesis, totality, unanimity, undividedness, unification, uniformity, union, unison; CONCEPTS 664,714,837 —*Ant.* partiality

**universal** [*adj*] *worldwide, entire* accepted, all, all-embracing, all-inclusive, all-over, astronomical, broad, catholic, celestial, common, comprehensive, cosmic, cosmopolitan, customary,

diffuse, ecumenical, empyrean, extensive, general, generic, global, multinational, mundane, omnipresent, planetary, prevalent, regular, stellar, sweeping, terrestrial, total, ubiquitous, undisputed, unlimited, unrestricted, usual, whole, widespread, worldly; CONCEPTS 536,772

—*Ant.* confined, local, partial, particular

**universe** [*n*] *everything in creation* cosmos, everything, macrocosm, natural world, nature, world; CONCEPTS 370,511 —*Ant.* locality

**unjust** [*adj*] *not fair* below the belt\*, biased, fixed\*, inequitable, influenced, low-down\*, one-sided, partial, partisan, prejudiced, shabby\*, underhand, undeserved, unfair, unforgivable, unjustified, unmerited, unrighteous, wrong, wrongful; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* equitable, fair, just, unbiased, unprejudiced

**unjustifiable** [*adj*] *unwarranted* baseless, foundationless, groundless, indefensible, inexcusable, uncalled-for, unconscionable, unforgivable, unfounded, ungrounded, unjust, unjustified, unmerited, unparadigmatic, wrong; CONCEPTS 545,548,558

**unkempt** [*adj*] *shabby, sloppy* bedraggled, coarse, crude, dilapidated, dirty, disarranged, disarrayed, disheveled, disordered, grubby\*, grungy\*, messed up, messy, mused up\*, neglected, rough, rumpled, scruffy, shaggy, slipshod, slovenly, tousled, unclean, uncombed, unfastidious, unroomed, unimproved, unneat, unpolished, untidy, vulgar; CONCEPTS 485,621 —*Ant.* kempt, neat, tidy, trim

**unkind** [*adj*] *not nice* barbarous, brutal, cold-blooded, coldhearted, cruel, hard-hearted, harsh, hateful, heartless, inconsiderate, inhuman, inhumane, insensitive, malevolent, malicious, malignant, mean, nasty, sadistic, savage, spiteful, thoughtless, uncaring, uncharitable, unfeeling, unfriendly, unsympathetic; CONCEPT 401

—*Ant.* considerate, friendly, giving, kind, nice  
**unknowing** [*adj*] *unaware* blank, blind, caught napping\*, daydreaming, deaf, ignorant, inattentive, in the dark\*, negligent, not informed, not knowing, not told, oblivious, out of it\*, out to lunch\*, unbriefed, unconscious, uneducated, unenlightened, uninformed, un instructed, unschooled; CONCEPT 402

**unknown** [*adj*] *obscure, mysterious* alien, anonymous, concealed, dark, desolate, distant, exotic, far, faraway, far-off, foreign, hidden, humble, incog\*, incognito, little known, nameless, new, remote, secret, so-and-so\*, strange, such-and-such\*, unapprehended, unascertained, uncelebrated, uncharted, undiscovered, undistinguished, unexplained, unexplored, unfamiliar, unheard-of, unidentified, unnamed, unnoted, unperceived, unrecognized, unrenowned, unrevealed, unsung, untold, X\*; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* familiar, identified, known

**unlawful** [*adj*] *against the law* actionable, banned, bootleg\*, criminal, flagitious, forbidden, illegal, illegitimate, illicit, improper, iniquitous, lawless, nefarious, outlawed, prohibited, taboo, unauthorized, under-the-counter\*, unlicensed, wrongful; CONCEPT 319 —*Ant.* authorized, lawful, legal, right

**unlike** [*adj*] *different* apples and oranges\*, clashing, conflicting, contradictory, contrary, contrasted, discordant, disharmonious, disparate,

dissimilar, dissonant, distant, distinct, divergent, diverse, far cry from\*, heterogeneous, hostile, incompatible, incongruous, inconsistent, mismatched, not alike, offbeat, opposed, opposite, poles apart\*, separate, unlike, unequal, unrelated, variant, various, weird; CONCEPT 564

—*Ant.* alike, like, related, same, similar

**unlikely** [*adj*] *not probable* absurd, contrary, doubtful, dubious, faint, implausible, improbable, inconceivable, incredible, not likely, out of the ordinary, outside chance, questionable, rare, remote, slight, strange, unbelievable, unconvincing, unheard-of, unimaginable, untoward; CONCEPT 552 —*Ant.* imaginable, likely, probably

**unlimited** [*adj*] *extensive, complete* absolute, all-encompassing, all-out\*, boundless, countless, endless, full, full-blown\*, full-out\*, full-scale, great, illimitable, immeasurable, immense, incalculable, incomprehensible, indefinite, infinite, interminable, limitless, measureless, no end of\*, no end to\*, no strings\*, numberless, total, totalitarian, unbounded, unconditional, unconfined, unconstrained, unfathomed, unfettered, universal, unqualified, unrestrained, unrestricted, untold, vast, wide open; CONCEPT 772 —*Ant.* bounded, incomplete, limited, restricted

**unload** [*v*] *take off; empty* break bulk, cast, clear out, disburden, discharge, discommode, disencumber, disgorge, dump, get rid of, jettison, lighten, off-load, relieve, remove, rid, slough, take a load off, unburden, unlade, unpack, void; CONCEPTS 180,211 —*Ant.* fill, load, put on

**unlock** [*v*] *open; solve* break in, crack, decipher, free, jimmy, liberate, open the door\*, pop, release, set free, unbolt, unbutton, uncork, undo, unfasten, unhook, unlatch, unravel, unseal, unshut; CONCEPTS 135,250,469

**unlucky** [*adj*] *unfortunate, doomed* afflicted, bad break\*, behind eight ball\*, black, calamitous, cataclysmic, catastrophic, cursed, dire, disastrous, down on luck\*, hapless, hard luck, ill-fated, ill-starred, inauspicious, luckless, miserable, ominous, out of luck, star-crossed\*, tough luck, tragic, unfavorable, unhappy, unsuccessful, untimely, untoward; CONCEPTS 529,548 —*Ant.* fortunate, happy, lucky

**unmanageable** [*adj*] *unruly, wild* awkward, berserk, chaotic, crazy, disobedient, disorderly, hysterical, lawless, madcap, nuts, out of control, outrageous, riotous, rowdy, turbulent, unbridled, uncontrollable, uncontrolled, undisCIPLINED, unmanageable, unrestrained, violent; CONCEPT 401

**unmarried** [*adj*] *not presently wed* bachelor, eligible, husbandless, single, sole, spouseless, unattached, uncoupled, unwed, unwedded, widowed, wifeless; CONCEPT 555 —*Ant.* married, wed

**unmask** [*v*] *reveal* acknowledge, admit, announce, bare, bring out into the open\*, bring to light\*, come out with, confess, disclose, display, divulge, exhibit, expose, leak, let cat out of the bag\*, make known, make public, show, tell, unclothe, uncover, unearth, unveil; CONCEPTS 60,138

**unmerciful** [*adj*] *cruel* bestial, bloodthirsty, brutal, coldhearted, hard, heartless, hurtful, implacable, inhumane, merciless, monstrous,

pitiless, relentless, remorseless, ruthless, tyrannous, uncaring, unfeeling, unpitiful, unrelenting, unsparing, vengeful, vindictive; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* generous, kind, merciful, nice

**unmistakable** [*adj*] *certain, definite* apparent, clear, conspicuous, decided, distinct, evident, explicit, for certain, glaring, indisputable, manifest, no ifs ands or buts\*, obvious, open and shut\*, palpable, patent, plain, positive, pronounced, self-explanatory, straightforward, sure, transparent, unambiguous, unequivocal, univocal; CONCEPT 535 —*Ant.* doubtful, indefinite, indistinct, mistakable, uncertain, unsure

**unmitigated** [*adj*] *absolute, pure* arrant, austere, clear-cut, complete, consummate, damned, downright, gross, intense, oppressive, out-and-out\*, outright, perfect, persistent, rank, relentless, rigid, severe, sheer, simple, straight-out\*, thorough, thoroughgoing, unabated, unabridged, unadulterated, unalleviated, unbending, unbroken, undiluted, unmixed, unqualified, unrelieved, utter; CONCEPTS 531,535,569 —*Ant.* imperfect, mixed

**unmotivated** [*adj*] *uninspired* apathetic, dull, everyday, humdrum, indifferent, lazy, old hat\*, ordinary, prosaic, stale, unambitious, uncreative, unexciting, unimaginative, uninspiring, uninteresting, unmoved; CONCEPTS 542,547,548

**unnatural** [*adj*] *not regular; artificial* aberrant, abnormal, affected, anomalous, assumed, bizarre, concocted, contrary, contrived, ersatz\*, extraordinary, fabricated, factitious, false, feigned, forced, freakish, freaky, imitation, incredible, insincere, irregular, labored, made-up\*, make-believe\*, odd, outlandish, outrageous, perverse, perverted, phony, preposterous, pseudo\*, put-on\*, queer, staged, stiff, stilted\*, strained, strange, studied, supernatural, synthetic, theatrical, unaccountable, uncanny, unforming, unorthodox, unusual; CONCEPTS 564,582 —*Ant.* acceptable, genuine, natural, real

**unnecessary** [*adj*] *not required* accidental, additional, avoidable, beside the point\*, casual, causeless, chance, dispensable, excess, exorbitant, expendable, extraneous, extrinsic, fortuitous, futile, gratuitous, haphazard, inessential, irrelevant, lavish, needless, noncompulsory, nonessential, optional, prodigal, profuse, random, redundant, supererogatory, superfluous, surplus, uncalled-for, uncritical, undesirable, unessential, unneeded, unrequired, useless, wanton, worthless; CONCEPT 546 —*Ant.* indispensable, necessary, needed, required

**unnerve** [*v*] *upset, intimidate* agitate, bewilder, bowl over\*, buffalo\*, chill\*, confound, daunt, demoralize, disarm, discombobulate, disconcert, discourage, dishearten, dismay, dispirit, distract, enervate, enfeeble, floor\*, fluster, frighten, get to\*, give a turn\*, needle\*, perturb, psych out\*, rattle, ride, sap\*, shake, spook, throw, throw off\*, uncalm, undermine, unhinge, unsettle, weaken; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —*Ant.* encourage, nerve, steel, strengthen

**unnoticed** [*adj*] *ignored* disregarded, glossed over, hidden, inconspicuous, neglected, overlooked, passed by, pushed aside, secret, unconsidered, undiscovered, unheeded, unobserved, unobtrusive, unperceived, unrecognized,

unremarked, unremembered, unrespected, unseen, winked at; CONCEPT 529 —*Ant.* noted, noticed, seen

**unobtrusive** [*adj*] *keeping a low profile* humble, inconspicuous, low-key, low-profile, meek, modest, quiet, reserved, restrained, retiring, self-effacing, soft-pedaled\*, subdued, tasteful, unassuming, unnoticeable, unostentatious, unpretentious; CONCEPTS 401, 548 —*Ant.* flaunting, noticeable, obtrusive

**unorganized** [*adj*] *disorderly, disorganized* all over the place\*, chaotic, cluttered, confused, dislocated, disordered, jumbled, messed up, messy, mixed up, scattered, scrambled, sloppy, unarranged, unempt, unsystematic, untidy; CONCEPTS 485, 535

**unorthodox** [*adj*] *abnormal; other than accepted* beatnik\*, crazy\*, different, dissident, eccentric, far-out, flaky\*, heretical, heterodox, irregular, kinky\*, nonconformist, off the beaten path\*, schismatic, sectarian, unconventional, uncustomary, unusual, unwonted, way-out\*, weird\*; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* conventional, normal, orthodox, standard

**unpaid** [*adj*1] *free, voluntary* contributed, donated, due, freewilled, gratuitous, honorary, undemanded, unrewarded, unsalaried, volunteer; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* paid

**unpaid** [*adj*2] *not settled; taken without remuneration* delinquent, due, in arrears, mature, not discharged, outstanding, overdue, owing, past due, payable, undefrayed, unliquidated, unsettled; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* paid, settled

**unparalleled** [*adj*] *superlative all-time\**, alone, beyond compare, champ\*, champion, consummate, exceptional, greatest, incomparable, matchless, most, nonpareil, only, peerless, rare, single, singular, solid gold\*, ten\*, tops\*, unequalled, unique, unmatched, unprecedented, unrivaled, unsurpassed, winner, without equal, world-class\*; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* inferior, lower, second-rate, surpassable

**unpleasant** [*adj*] *bad* abhorrent, bad news\*, bad scene\*, disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful, fierce, grody\*, gross, hard-time\*, icky\*, irksome, lousy, nasty, objectionable, obnoxious, poisonous, repulsive, rotten, sour, troublesome, unacceptable, unattractive, uncool\*, undesirable, unhappy, unlikable, unlovely, unpalatable, yucky\*; CONCEPTS 529, 570 —*Ant.* agreeable, delightful, good, great, pleasant, pleasing, wonderful

**unpopular** [*adj*] *not liked or sought after* abhorred, avoided, creepy\*, despised, detested, disesteemed, disfavored, disliked, drip\*, dump\*<sup>2</sup>, execrated, gross\*, loathed, loser\*, lousy, nerdy\*, obnoxious, ostracized, out, out of favor, rejected, scorned, shunned, unaccepted, unattractive, uncared for, undesirable, unloved, unvalued, unwanted, unwelcome, weird, wimpy\*; CONCEPTS 529, 555 —*Ant.* delightful, desirable, fashionable, liked, popular, wanted

**unprecedented** [*adj*] *exceptional, original* aberrant, abnormal, anomalous, bizarre, eccentric, exotic, extraordinary, fantastic, freakish, idiosyncratic, marvelous, miraculous, modern, new, newfangled, novel, odd, outlandish, out-of-the-way\*, outré, preternatural, prodigious, remarkable, signal, singular, sui generis,

uncommon, unexampled, unheard-of, unique, unparalleled, unrivaled, unusual; CONCEPTS 549, 564, 574 —*Ant.* known, unexceptional, unremarkable, usual

**unpredictable** [*adj*] *changeable* capricious, chance, chancy, dicey\*, doubtful, erratic, fickle, fluctuating, fluky\*, from left field\*, hanging by a thread\*, iffy\*, incalculable, inconstant, random, touch and go\*, touchy, uncertain, unforeseeable, unreliable, unstable, up for grabs\*, variable, whimsical; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* constant, predictable, unchanging, unvarying

**unprejudiced** [*adj*] *fair* balanced, dispassionate, equal, equitable, even-handed, fair-minded, impartial, just, liberal, nondiscriminatory, nonpartisan, objective, open-minded, straight, unbiased, unbogoted, uncolored, uninfluenced; CONCEPTS 319, 401, 542 —*Ant.* biased, prejudiced, unfair, unjust

**unprepared** [*adj*] *not ready* ad-lib\*, caught off guard\*, ill-considered, impromptu, improvised, napping, not prepared, offhand, off the cuff\*, off the top of one's head\*, played by ear\*, spontaneous, surprised, taken off guard\*, unaware, unexpected, unplanned, unready, unrehearsed, unschooled, unskilled, untrained, vulnerable, winged\*; CONCEPT 267

**unpretentious** [*adj*] *simple, honest* discreet, down, down home\*, easy-going, folksy\*, free-spirited, homey\*, humble, inelaborate, laid-back\*, lowly, modest, plain, prosaic, straightforward, unaffected, unambitious, unassuming, unbeatified, uncomplex, unembellished, unimposing, unobtrusive, unostentatious, unpresumptuous, unspoiled, up front; CONCEPTS 401, 404 —*Ant.* affected, dishonest, flaunting, pretending, pretentious

**unprincipled** [*adj*] *corrupt* abandoned, amoral, bent\*, cheating, conscienceless, crooked, deceitful, devious, dirty-dealing\*, dishonest, dissolute, double-crossing\*, double-dealing\*, immoral, licentious, mercenary, praetorian, profligate, reprobate, shady, sly, stop-at-nothing\*, tricky, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, unconscionable, underhand, unethical, unprofessional, unscrupulous, venal, wanton; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* ethical, moral, principled

**unproductive** [*adj*] *idle, nonproductive* barren, empty, fruitless, futile, ineffective, infertile, pointless, sterile, trivial, unprofitable, useless, worthless; CONCEPTS 267, 560

**unprofessional** [*adj*] *not done well or skillfully* amateur, amateurish, ignorant, improper, inadequate, incompetent, inefficient, inexperienced, inexpert, lax, negligent, nonexpert, unethical, unfitting, unsuitable, untrained, unworthy; CONCEPTS 527, 538 —*Ant.* experienced, expert, professional, skilled

**unprotected** [*adj*] *defenseless* caught, endangered, exposed, helpless, indefensible, in the line of fire\*, like a sitting duck\*, naked\*, open, out on a limb\*, powerless, pregnable, unarmed, unguarded, unsafe, vulnerable, weak, wide open\*; CONCEPTS 555, 576

**unqualified** [*adj*1] *not prepared, incompetent* amateur, bush, bush-league\*, disqualified, ill-equipped, inadequate, incapable, ineligible, inexperienced, not equal to, not up to\*, unequipped, unfit, unfitted, unprepared,

unskilled; CONCEPT 527 —*Ant.* competent, prepared, qualified, ready

**unqualified** [*adj*2] *outright, absolute* abiding, blasted, blessed, categorical, certain, clear, complete, confounded, consummate, downright, enduring, entire, explicit, express, firm, flat out\*, infernal, never-failing, no catch\*, no ifs ands or buts\*, out-and-out\*, perfect, positive, rank, sheer, simple, steadfast, steady, sure, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, unadulterated, unalloyed, unconditional, unflinching, unlimited, unmitigated, unreserved, unrestrained, unrestricted, utter, wholehearted, without reservation; CONCEPTS 531, 535 —*Ant.* conditional, indefinite, temporary, tentative

**unquestionable** [*adj*] *definite; beyond doubt* absolute, accurate, authentic, bona fide\*, certain, clear, cold, conclusive, dependable, down pat\*, downright, established, faultless, flat\*, flawless, for certain, genuine, incontestable, incontrovertible, indisputable, indubitable, irrefutable, manifest, no ifs ands or buts\*, obvious, pat, patent, perfect, positive, real, reliable, self-evident, superior, sure, sure-enough, true, undeniable, undisputable, undoubted, unequivocal, unimpeachable, unmistakable, veritable, well-founded, well-grounded; CONCEPTS 529, 535 —*Ant.* doubtful, indefinite, questionable, uncertain, unsure

**unreadable** [*adj*] *illegible* cacographic, crabbed, difficult to read, hard to make out\*, incomprehensible, indecipherable, scrawled, scribbled, unclear, undecipherable; CONCEPTS 535, 576

**unreal** [*adj*] *fake, make-believe; hypothetical* aerial, artificial, chimerical, delusive, dream-like, fabled, fabulous, false, fanciful, fictitious, figmental, hallucinatory, ideal, illusory, imaginary, imagined, immaterial, impalpable, insincere, insubstantial, intangible, invented, legendary, misleading, mock, mythical, nebulous, nonexistent, notional, ostensible, phantasmagoric\*, pretended, reachy, romantic, seeming, sham\*, storybook\*, suppositious, supposititious, theoretical, unbelievable, unsubstantial, visionary; CONCEPT 582 —*Ant.* authentic, genuine, real

**unrealistic** [*adj*] *not believable or practical* blue sky\*, floating, gone\*, half-baked\*, impossible, impracticable, impractical, improbable, ivory-tower\*, nonrealistic, nonsensical, not applicable, not sensible, on cloud nine\*, quixotic, reachy, romantic, silly, starry-eyed, theoretical, unreal, unworkable; CONCEPTS 552, 560 —*Ant.* believable, practical, pragmatic, realistic, reasonable, sensible

**unreasonable** [*adj*1] *not logical or sensible* absurd, all wet\*, arbitrary, biased, capricious, contradictory, erratic, fallacious, far-fetched, foolish, full of hot air\*, headstrong, illogical, incoherent, incongruous, inconsequential, inconsistent, invalid, irrational, loose, mad, nonsensical, off the wall\*, opinionated, preposterous, quirky, reasonless, senseless, silly, stupid, thoughtless, unreasoned, vacant, wrong; CONCEPTS 401, 548 —*Ant.* logical, practical, pragmatic, realistic, reasonable, sensible

**unreasonable** [*adj*2] *extravagant; beyond normal limits* absonant, arbitrary, costing an arm

and a leg\*, dear, excessive, exorbitant, extortionate, extreme, far-out\*, illegitimate, immoderate, improper, inordinate, intemperate, out of bounds\*, overkill\*, overmuch, peremptory, posh, pricey\*, senseless, steep\*, stiff\*, too great, too much, too-too\*, uncalled-for\*, unconscionable, undue, unfair, unjust, unjustifiable, unlawful, unrightful, unwarrantable, unwarranted, up to here\*, way out\*, wrongful; CONCEPTS 334, 762, 771 —*Ant.* cheap, economical, low, plain, reasonable

**unrehearsed** [*adj*] *spontaneous* ad-lib\*, extemporaneous, from the hip\*, impromptu, improvised, impulsive, not rehearsed, off the cuff\*, off the top of one's head\*, spur of the moment, unpracticed, unprepared; CONCEPTS 401, 542, 548

**unrelated** [*adj*] *independent; different* beside the point\*, dissimilar, extraneous, inapplicable, inappropriate, irrelevant, mismatched, nongermane, not germane, not kin, not kindred, not related, separate, unassociated, unattached, unconnected, unlike; CONCEPTS 563, 564 —*Ant.* dependent, related, relevant

**unrelenting** [*adj*] *merciless* bound, bound and determined, brick-wall\*, ceaseless, constant, continual, continuous, cruel, dead set on\*, endless, grim, hanging tough\*, hard-headed\*, implacable, incessant, inexorable, intransigent, iron-fisted, mortal, perpetual, persistent, pitiless, relentless, remorseless, rigid, ruthless, set, steady, stern, stiff, stiff-necked\*, tenacious, tough, unabated, unbending, unbroken, unflinching, unremitting, unsparring, unwavering, unyielding; CONCEPTS 401, 548, 798 —*Ant.* compassionate, flexible, merciful, relenting, sympathetic

**unreliable** [*adj*] *not trustworthy, not true* capricious, deceitful, deceptive, delusive, disreputable, dubious, erroneous, fake, fallible, false, fickle, fly-by-night\*, furtive, hallucinatory, hollow, implausible, inaccurate, inconstant, irresponsible, makeshift, meretricious, mistaken, pretended, pseudo\*, questionable, sham, shifty, specious, treacherous, tricky, uncertain, unconvincing, un dependable, underhand, underhanded, unfaithful, unsound, unstable, unsure, untrue, untrustworthy, vacillating, wavering, weak; CONCEPTS 542, 552, 587 —*Ant.* honest, reliable, responsible, true, trustworthy

**unresolved** [*adj*] *uncertain; not settled* betwixt and between\*, changing, doubtful, faltering, hesitant, hesitating, hot and cold\*, incomplete, indecisive, irresolute, moot, open to question\*, pending, problematical, pussyfooting\*, unanswered, un concluded, undecided, undetermined, unfinished, unsettled, unsolved, up in the air\*, vacillating, vague, waffling; CONCEPTS 529, 534 —*Ant.* certain, definite, resolved, settled, solved, sure

**unrest** [*n*] *state of agitation; disturbance* altercation, anarchy, annoyance, anxiety, bickering, bother, chagrin, change, confusion, contention, controversy, crisis, debate, disaffection, discontent, discord, disease, disquiet, dissatisfaction, dissension, distress, dither\*, ennuï, grief, insurrection, irritation, malaise, moodiness, mortification, perplexity, perturbation, protest, quarrel, rebellion, restlessness, sedition, sorrow, strife,

tension, tizzy\*, trouble, tumult, turmoil, unease, uneasiness, uproar, upset, vexation, worry; CONCEPTS 410,674 —*Ant.* calm, harmony, peace, rest

**unrestricted** [*adj*] *free* able, allowed, at liberty, free-spirited, independent, lax, liberal, liberated, on one's own\*, open, relaxed, unbounded, uncommitted, unconditional, unconstrained, unlimited, unregulated; CONCEPTS 401,542

**unrivaled** [*adj*] *peerless* best, beyond compare, champion, excellent, faultless, greatest, incomparable, matchless, outstanding, perfect, second to none\*, super, superior, supreme, tops\*, unequalled, unmatched, unparalleled, unsurpassed, without equal; CONCEPT 574

**unruly** [*adj*] *disobedient* assertive, bawdy, disorderly, drunken, forward, fractious, headstrong, heedless, impervious, impetuous, imprudent, impulsive, incorrigible, inexorable, insubordinate, intemperate, intractable, lawless, mean, mutinous, obstreperous, opinionated, ornery, out of control, out of line\*, perverse, quarrelsome, rash, rebellious, recalcitrant, reckless, refractory, restive, riotous, rowdy, turbulent, uncontrollable, unmanageable, unmanageable, unyielding, violent, wayward, wild, willful; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* compliant, obedient, yielding

**unsafe** [*adj*] *dangerous* alarming, chancy, erratic, explosive, fearsome, hanging by a thread\*, hazardous, insecure, on a limb\*, on thin ice\*, perilous, precarious, risky, shaky, slippery, threatening, ticklish\*, touch and go\*, touchy\*, treacherous, uncertain, undependable, unreliable, unsmooth, unstable, untrustworthy; CONCEPT 587 —*Ant.* harmless, protected, safe, secure

**unsaid** [*adj*] *not expressed or partially expressed* implicit, implied, inferred, left to the imagination\*, silenced, tacit, undeclared, understood, unexpressed, unspoken, unstated, unuttered, unvoiced, wordless; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* expressed, said, stated

**unsanitary** [*adj*] *dirty, unclean* contaminated, dusty, filthy, foul, grimy, messy, muddy, polluted, rancid, rank, rotten, sloppy, soiled, stained, stinking, sullied, tarnished, unhealthful, unhealthy, unhygienic; CONCEPT 621

**unsatisfactory** [*adj*] *insufficient, inadequate* amiss, bad, damaged, deficient, disappointing, disconcerting, displeasing, disquieting, distressing, disturbing, for the birds\*, junky\*, lame, mediocre, no good, not good enough, not up to par\*, offensive, poor, regrettable, rotten, schlocky\*, second, thin, unacceptable, undesirable, unsuitable, unwelcome, unworthy, upsetting, vexing, weak, wrong; CONCEPTS 529,558, 570 —*Ant.* acceptable, adequate, ok, satisfactory, sufficient

**unsavory** [*adj*] *revolting, sickening* acid, bitter, bland, disagreeable, distasteful, dull, flavorless, gross\*, icky\*, insipid, lousy, nasty, nauseating, no good\*, objectionable, obnoxious, offensive, rancid, rank, raunchy\*, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, rough, sad, shady, sharp, shifty, sour, stinking, tart, tasteless, tough, unappetizing, unpalatable, unpleasant, wrong; CONCEPTS 462,571 —*Ant.* appetizing, attractive, savory

**unscathed** [*adj*] *not hurt* in one piece\*, safe,

sound, unharmed, unhurt, uninjured, unmarked, unscarred, unscratched, untouched, whole; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* harmed, hurt, injured

**unscrupulous** [*adj*] *immoral* arrant, base, casuistic, conscienceless, corrupt, crafty, crooked, deceitful, degraded, degrading, disgraceful, dishonest, dishonorable, exploitative, illegal, improper, low-down\*, mercenary, perfidious, petty, questionable, recreant, ruthless, scandalous, scheming, selfish, self-seeking, shady, shameless, shifty, sinister, slippery, sly, two-faced\*, unconscientious, unconscionable, underhand, underhanded, unethical, unfair, unprincipled, unworthy, venal, wicked, wrongful; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* ethical, good, moral, principled, scrupulous

**unseemly** [*adj*] *improper; in bad taste* cheap, coarse, crude, discreditable, disreputable, inappropriate, inapt, incorrect, indecent, indecorous, indelicate, inelegant, inept, in poor taste, malapropos, malodorous, out of keeping, out of place, poor, raffish, rough, rowdy, rude, ruffian, tawdry, unapt, unbecoming, unbecoming, undignified, ungodly, unrefined, unsuitable, untoward, vulgar, wrong; CONCEPTS 401,558 —*Ant.* appropriate, due, fitting, proper, seemly, suited

**unseen** [*adj*] *hidden* concealed, curtained, dark, imaginary, imagined, impalpable, impenetrable, imperceptible, inconspicuous, invisible, lurking, not in sight, obscure, occult, out of sight, shrouded, undetected, undiscovered, unnoticed, unobserved, unobtrusive, unperceived, unsuspected, veiled; CONCEPT 576 —*Ant.* open, seen, visible

**unselfish** [*adj*] *kind, giving* altruistic, benevolent, charitable, chivalrous, denying, devoted, disinterested, extroverted, generous, helpful, humanitarian, incorruptible, indulgent, liberal, loving, magnanimous, noble, open-handed, self-effacing, self-forgetting, selfless, self-sacrificing; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* greedy, selfish, uncharitable

**unsettle** [*v*] *bother, upset* agitate, confuse, dement, derange, disarrange, disarray, discompose, discompose, disconcert, disorder, disorganize, displace, disquiet, disrupt, disturb, down, flurry, fluster, fuddle, get to\*, jumble, needle, perturb, psych out\*, put off, rattle, ruffle, rummage, sicken, spook, throw, throw off\*, trouble, turn, unbalance, unhinge\*, unnerve; CONCEPTS 7,19,242 —*Ant.* balance, compose, order, settle

**unsettled** [*adj*1] *bothered, upset* active, agitated, antsy\*, anxious, busy, changeable, changeful, changing, complex, complicated, confused, disorderly, disturbed, explosive, fidgety, fluid, flustered, inconstant, insecure, kinetic, mobile, mutable, on edge\*, perilous, perturbed, precarious, rattled, restive, restless, shaken, shaky, shifting, shook up\*, tense, thrown, ticklish, troubled, unbalanced, uncertain, uneasy, unnerved, unpeaceful, unpredictable, unquiet, unrestful, unstable, unsteady, variable, wavering, wobbling; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* calmed, content, happy, settled

**unsettled** [*adj*2] *not decided, taken care of* betwixt and between\*, clouded\*, debatable, doubtful, dubious, dubitable, due, immature, in arrears, moot, open, outstanding, overdue,

owing, payable, pendent, pending, problematic, uncertain, unclear, undecided, undetermined, unfixed, unpaid, unresolved, up for grabs\*, waffling; CONCEPTS 334,535 —**Ant.** certain, decided, definite, settled, sure

**unsightly** [adj] *not pretty* deformed, disagreeable, drab, dull, hideous, homely, horrid, lackluster, repulsive, revolting, ugly, unattractive, unpleasant, unprepossessing, unshapely; CONCEPT 579 —**Ant.** beautiful, nice, pleasing, pretty, sightly

**unskilled** [adj] *untrained* awkward, green\*, inadequate, incompetent, inept, inexperienced, inexpert, inproficient, not up to\*, raw\*, unable, undeveloped, uneducated, unequipped, unhandy, unqualified, unschooled, untalented; CONCEPT 527

**unsociable** [adj] *unfriendly* aloof, antagonistic, brooding, cold, cool, distant, easy-going, hostile, inaccessible, inhospitable, introverted, laid-back\*, nongregarious, recessive, reclusive, reserved, retiring, secretive, sensitive, shy, standoffish\*, stuck-up\*, timid, unapproachable, unbending, uncommunicative, uncongential, unforthcoming, unneighborly, unsocial, uppity\*, withdrawn; CONCEPTS 401,555 —**Ant.** approachable, friendly, nice, sociable, social

**unsolicited** [adj] *unasked for* free, free-willed, gratis\*, gratuitous, offered, spontaneous, un-called-for\*, undesirable, undesired, unforced, uninvited, unrequested, unsought, unwelcome, voluntary, volunteered; CONCEPT 538 —**Ant.** asked, invited, requested, solicited

**unsophisticated** [adj] *natural, simple* artless, authentic, basic-league\*, callow, childlike, clean, cornball\*, corny\*, crude, folksy, genuine, green\*, guileless, homey\*, inexperienced, ingenuous, innocent, kid\*, naive, plain, pure, raw, rookie, straightforward, unadulterated, unaffected, unartificial, uncomplicated, uninvolved, unrefined, unschooled, unstudied, untutored, unworldly, wide-eyed\*; CONCEPTS 401,548,562 —**Ant.** cultured, experienced, refined, sophisticated, upper-class, worldly

**unsound** [adj] *not well; flimsy* ailing, crazed, dangerous, decrepit, defective, delicate, demented, deranged, diseased, erroneous, fallacious, false, faulty, flawed, fragile, frail, ill, illogical, inaccurate, incongruous, incorrect, infirm, in poor health, insane, insecure, insubstantial, invalid, lunatic, mad, not solid, rickety, shaky, specious, tottering, unbacked, unbalanced, unhealthy, unhinged, unreliable, unsafe, unstable, unsteady, unsubstantial, unwell, weak, wobbly; CONCEPTS 314,403,587 —**Ant.** safe, sound, stable, strong, well

**unspeakable** [adj] *very bad; beyond description* abominable, alarming, appalling, atrocious, awful, beastly, beyond words, calamitous, detestable, dire, disgusting, dreadful, evil, excruciate, fearful, frightening, frightful, heinous, horrible, horrid, incommunicable, inconceivable, indefinable, indescribable, ineffable, inexpressible, inhuman, loathsome, monstrous, nameless, obnoxious, odious, offensive, outrageous, overwhelming, premature, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, shocking, unbelievable, unimaginable, unutterable; CONCEPTS 548,571 —**Ant.** good, nice

**unspoiled** [adj] *fresh* clean, clear, crisp, just out\*, latest, natural, new, original, pristine, pure, recent, refreshing, sparkling, uncontaminated, unpolluted, unprocessed, untainted, untouched, whole, young; CONCEPTS 537,578,797

**unstable/unsteady** [adj] *doubtful, weak* ambiguous, borderline, capricious, changeable, dizzy, dubious, erratic, fickle, fitful, fluctuating, giddy, inconsistent, inconstant, insecure, irrational, lubricious, mercurial, mobile, movable, moving, mutable, not fixed, precarious, rickety, risky, rocky, sensitive, shaky, shifty, slippery, suspect, teetering, temperamental, ticklish, tricky, uncertain, unpredictable, unsettled, unsteady, untrustworthy, vacillating, variable, volatile, wavering, weaving, wiggly, wobbly; CONCEPTS 488,534,542 —**Ant.** stable, steady, strong

**unsubstantiated** [adj] *questionable, unproven* arguable, controversial, debatable, disputable, doubtful, dubious, dubitable, fishy\*, hard to believe, iffy\*, indefinite, open to doubt, open to question, suspect, suspicious, uncertain, unconfirmed, uncorroborated, unsupported; CONCEPTS 529,535

**unsuccessful** [adj] *failing* abortive, defeated, disastrous, doomed, failed, foiled, fruitless, futile, ill-fated, ineffective, ineffectual, losing, thwarted, unlucky, useless, vain; CONCEPTS 485,489

**unsuitable** [adj] *not proper, inappropriate* clashing, disagreeable, discordant, discrepant, disparate, disproportionate, dissident, dissonant, ill-suited, improper, inadequate, inadmissible, inapposite, inapt, incompatible, incongruous, inconsistent, ineligible, infelicitous, inharmonious, interfering, irrelevant, jarring, malapropos, out of character\*, out of keeping, out of place, senseless, unacceptable, unbecoming, unbefitting, uncalled-for, undue, unfit, unfitting, unmatched, unseasonable, unseemly, unsuited; CONCEPT 558 —**Ant.** appropriate, proper, suitable

**unsung** [adj] *uncelebrated* anonymous, disregarded, forgotten, nameless, neglected, overlooked, unacknowledged, unacknowledged, undistinguished, unfamed, unglorified, unhailed, unhonored, unknown, unnamed, unrecognized, unrenowned; CONCEPTS 267,576

**unsure** [adj] *doubtful, insecure* betwixt and between\*, borderline, distrustful, dubious, fluctuant, fly-by-night\*, hesitant, iffy\*, in a quandary, indecisive, indeterminate, irresolute, lacking, mistrustful, open, problematic, rootless, shaky, skeptical, suspicious, touch and go\*, unassured, uncertain, unclear, unconfident, unconvinced, undecided, undependable, unreliable, unstable, untrustworthy, untrusty, up for grabs\*, vacillating, wavering, weak, wimpy\*, wobbly; CONCEPT 535 —**Ant.** certain, definite, secure, sure, undoubted

**unsurpassed** [adj] *supreme* absolute, best, culminating, excellent, final, first, foremost, greatest, highest, incomparable, leading, matchless, paramount, peerless, perfect, prevailing, superior, top, ultimate, unequaled, unmatched, unparalleled, unrivaled; CONCEPTS 568,574

**unsuspecting** [adj] *gullible* confiding, credulous, easy, inexperienced, ingenuous, innocent,

naive, off guard\*, simple, swallowing, taken in\*, trustful, trusting, unconscious, undoubting, unsuspecting, unwarned, unwary; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* conscious, expecting, knowing, realizing, suspecting

**unsympathetic** [*adj*] *without agreement in feeling* aloof, antipathetic, apathetic, aversive, callous, cold, cold-blooded, cool, cruel, disinterested, frigid, halfhearted, hard, harsh, heartless, icy, indifferent, insensitive, lukewarm\*, mean, nasty, obdurate, repellent, repugnant, stony, tough, uncompassionate, unconcerned, uncongential, unemotional, unfeeling, unkind, unmoved, unpitying, unpleasant, unresponsive; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* kind, merciful, sympathetic

**untamed** [*adj*] *wild* barbarian, barbaric, barbarous, feral, ferocious, fierce, native, overgrown, overrun, rampant, savage, uncivilized, uncontrollable, uncultivated, undomesticated, uninhabited, unmanageable, vicious; CONCEPTS 406,583

**untangle** [*v*] *straighten out* clear up, disembroil, disencumber, disentangle, explain, extricate, put in order, solve, unravel, unscramble, unsnarl, untwist, unweave; CONCEPT 126 —*Ant.* tangle, twist

**unthinkable** [*adj*] *incredible, unusual* absurd, beyond belief, beyond possibility, exceptional, extraordinary, illogical, implausible, impossible, improbable, incogitable, inconceivable, insupportable, outlandish, out of the question\*, preposterous, rare, singular, unbelievable, uncommon, unimaginable, unique, unlikely, unordinary, unreasonable; CONCEPTS 564,582 —*Ant.* believable, conceivable, credible

**unthinking** [*adj*] *careless* blundering, brutish, feckless, foolish, heedless, impulsive, inadvertent, inconsiderate, indelicate, insensitive, instinctive, mechanical, napping, negligent, oblivious, outrageous, rash, rude, selfish, senseless, tactless, thoughtless, uncaring, unconscious, undiplomatic, unheeding, unintended, unmeant, unmindful, unpremeditated, unreasoning, unactful, unwise, vacant, witless; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* careful, cautious, thoughtful

**untidy** [*adj*] *dirty, disorderly* bedraggled, careless, chaotic, cluttered, disarranged, disarrayed, disheveled, dowdy\*, frowzy\*, in disorder, jumbled, littered, mess, messy, mixed up\*, muddled, rumpled, slapdash\*, slipshod\*, sloppy, slovenly, snarled, tacky\*, tangled, topsy-turvy, tousled, uncombed, unfastidious, unkempt, unneat, unorderly, unsettled, upset; CONCEPTS 589,621 —*Ant.* clean, neat, orderly, tidy

**until** [*prep*] *just before as far as, before, before the coming, continuously, down to, in advance of, in expectation, prior to, till, to, up till, up to*; CONCEPT 820

**untimely** [*adj*] *inappropriate* a bit previous\*, abortive, anachronistic, awkward, badly timed, bright and early\*, disagreeable, early, early bird\*, early on, ill-timed, improper, inauspicious, inconvenient, inexpedient, inopportune, intrusive, malapropos, mistimed, out-of-date, overearly, overseen, premature, previous, soon, too early, too late, undue, unfavorable, unfit, unfortunate, unlucky, unpropitious, unseasonable, unseemly, unsuitable, unsuited, wrong;

CONCEPTS 548,799 —*Ant.* appropriate, opportune, timely

**untiring** [*adj*] *determined, persevering* constant, continued, continuing, dedicated, devoted, dogged, eager beaver\*, fireball\*, firm, go-go\*, grind\*, hyper\*, incessant, indefatigable, indomitable, inexhaustible, jumping, patient, perky, persistent, pertinacious, plodding, plugging, resolute, staunch, steady, strong, tenacious, tireless, unceasing, undeterred, unailing, unflinching, unflagging, unflinching, unremitting, unstinted, unswerving, unwavering, unwearied; CONCEPT 538 —*Ant.* failing, irresolute, tiring, unpersevering

**untold** [*adj*] *very many; enormous* beyond measure, countless, gigantic, hidden, huge, immense, incalculable, indescribable, inexpressible, innumerable, innumerous, mammoth, manifold, many, measureless, mighty, monstrous, multiple, multitudinous, myriad, numberless, private, prodigious, staggering, suppressed, titanic, uncountable, uncounted, undreamed of, unexpressed, unimaginable, unknown, unnumberable, unnumbered, unspeakable, unthinkable, vast; CONCEPTS 529,762,781 —*Ant.* few, little, small, tiny

**untouched** [*adj*] *whole; not spoiled* clear, entire, flawless, fresh, good, immaculate, incorrupt, indifferent, in good condition, intact, out of danger, perfect, pure, safe and sound\*, sanitary, secure, shipshape, sound, spotless, unaffected, unblemished, unbroken, unconcerned, undamaged, unharmed, unhurt, unimpressed, uninjured, unmarred, unmoved, unscathed, unstained, unstirred, untried, virgin, virginal, without a scratch; CONCEPTS 403,485,621 —*Ant.* affected, partial, spoiled, touched

**untoward** [*adj*] *troublesome* adverse, annoying, awkward, contrary, disastrous, disturbing, fractious, hapless, ill-starred, inauspicious, inconvenient, indocile, inimical, inopportune, intractable, irritating, luckless, misfortunate, perverse, recalcitrant, refractory, star-crossed, undisciplined, unfavorable, unfortunate, un-governable, unhappy, unlucky, unmanageable, unpliant, unpropitious, unruly, untimely, unyielding, vexatious, wild; CONCEPTS 542,548,570 —*Ant.* auspicious, happy, lucky

**untoward** [*adj*] *improper; not suitable* improper, inappropriate, indecent, indecorous, indelicate, malodorous, out of place\*, rough\*, unbecoming, uncouth, unfitting, ungodly\*, unseemly; CONCEPTS 401,558 —*Ant.* acceptable, proper, suitable

**untroubled** [*adj*] *calm, peaceful* composed, cool, halcyon, hushed, placid, quiet, serene, steady, still, tranquil, unagitated, unconcerned, undisturbed, unflappable, unflustered, unperturbed, unruffled, unstirred, unworried; CONCEPTS 403,548,594 —*Ant.* anxious, disturbed, troubled, unnerved

**untrue** [*adj*] *dishonest* apocryphal, cheating, counterfactual, deceitful, deceptive, delusive, deviant, disloyal, dissembling, distorted, erroneous, faithless, fallacious, false, fictitious, forsworn, hollow, imprecise, inaccurate, inconstant, incorrect, inexact, lying, meretricious, misleading, mistaken, off\*, out of line\*,

perfidious, perjured, prevaricating, recreant, sham\*, specious, spurious, traitorous, treacherous, two-faced\*, unfaithful, unloyal, unound, untrustworthy, untruthful, wide, wrong;

**CONCEPTS 267,545** —*Ant.* faithful, honest, true  
**untrustworthy** [*adj*] *not dependable, unfaithful* capricious, conniving, crooked, deceitful, devious, dishonest, disloyal, dubious, fair-weather\*, faithless, false, fickle, fink\*, fly-by-night\*, guileful, irresponsible, questionable, shady, sharp, shifty\*, slippery, sneaky, treacherous, tricky, trustless, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, unassured, undependable, unreliable, unsafe, unsure, untrue, untrusty; **CONCEPTS 401,542,545** —*Ant.* dependable, faithful, honest, reliable, trustworthy

**untruthful** [*adj*] *dishonest* bluffing, cheating, corrupt, crooked, deceitful, deceiving, deceptive, disreputable, double-crossing, double-dealing, false, fraudulent, lying, misleading, shady, shifty, sneaking, sneaky, tricky, two-faced\*, two-timing\*, underhanded, untrustworthy; **CONCEPT 267**

**unusual** [*adj*] *different* abnormal, amazing, astonishing, atypical, awe-inspiring, awesome, bizarre, conspicuous, curious, distinguished, eminent, exceptional, extraordinary, far-out\*, inconceivable, incredible, memorable, noteworthy, odd, out of the ordinary\*, outstanding, phenomenal, prodigious, prominent, queer, rare, refreshing, remarkable, significant, singular, something else\*, special, strange, surprising, uncommon, unconventional, unexpected, unfamiliar, unique, unparalleled, unwonted, weird\*; **CONCEPT 564** —*Ant.* common, familiar, normal, regular, standard, usual

**unusually** [*adv*] *extremely* almighty\*, awful\*, awfully, curiously, especially, extra, extraordinarily, mighty, oddly, peculiarly, plenty, powerful, rarely, real, really, remarkably, right, so, so much, strangely, surprisingly, terribly, terrifically, too much, uncommon, uncommonly, very; **CONCEPTS 544,569** —*Ant.* normally, usually

**unvarnished** [*adj*] *plain, honest* bare, candid, clean, folksy\*, for real\*, frank, genuine, homey\*, naked, open, open and shut\*, pure, pure and simple\*, simple, sincere, stark, straight, straightforward, unadorned, un concealed, undisguised, undissembled, unembellished, vanilla\*; **CONCEPTS 267,582** —*Ant.* dishonest, falsified

**unveil** [*v*] *reveal* bare, betray, bring to light\*, come out, disclose, discover, display, divulge, expose, give away, lay bare\*, lay open\*, let it all hang out\*, make known, make public, open, open up, show, spring, tell, tip one's hand\*, unbosom, uncover; **CONCEPTS 60,138** —*Ant.* conceal, hide, veil

**unwarranted** [*adj*] *not reasonable or right* baseless, bottomless, foundationless, gratuitous, groundless, indefensible, inexcusable, uncalled-for, unconscionable, undue, unfair, unfounded, ungrounded, unjust, unjustifiable, unjustified, unprovoked, unreasonable, unwarrantable, wrong; **CONCEPTS 545,548,558** —*Ant.* called-for, justifiable, reasonable, warranted

**unwary** [*adj*] *thoughtless, heedless* brash, careless, credulous, hasty, ignorant, ill-advised,

impetuous, imprudent, incautious, inconsiderate, indiscreet, negligent, rash, reckless, unadvised, unalert, uncircumspect, unguarded, unprepared, unsuspecting, unsuspecting, unvigilant, unwatchful; **CONCEPTS 401,403** —*Ant.* cautious, heeding, mindful, thoughtful, wary

**unwavering** [*adj*] *consistent, unchanging* abiding, brick-wall\*, dead set on\*, dedicated, determined, enduring, firm, fixed, intense, never-failing, pat, regular, resolute, set, set in stone\*, single-minded, solid, staunch, steadfast, steady, sure, undeviating, unflinching, unflagging, unflappable, unqualified, unshakable, unshaken, unswerving, untiring; **CONCEPTS 488,535,542** —*Ant.* changeable, changing, inconsistent, varying, wavering

**unwelcome** [*adj*] *not wanted, desired* black-balled\*, disagreeable, displeasing, distasteful, exceptional, excess baggage\*, excluded, ill-favored, inadmissible, left out in cold\*, lousy, not in the picture\*, objectionable, obnoxious, rejected, repellent, shut out, thankless, unacceptable, unasked, undesirable, uninvited, unpleasant, unpopular, unsought, unwanted, unwished-for; **CONCEPTS 529,555,570** —*Ant.* desirable, wanted, welcome

**unwell** [*adj*] *sick* ailing, bedridden, broken down, debilitated, diseased, feeble, feverish, frail, hospitalized, ill, impaired, incurable, infected, infirm, in poor health, invalid, laid-up, nauseated, not feeling well, run down, sick as a dog\*, sickly, suffering, under medication, under the weather\*, unhealthy, weak; **CONCEPT 314**

**unwieldy** [*adj*] *awkward, bulky* burdensome, clumsy, cumbersome, cumbrous, encumbering, gross, hefty, inconvenient, lumbering, massive, onerous, ponderous, uncontrollable, ungainly, unhandy, unmanageable, weighty; **CONCEPTS 562,781** —*Ant.* convenient, handy

**unwilling** [*adj*] *not in the mood* afraid, against, against the grain\*, averse, backward, begrudging, compelled, contrary, demurring, disinclined, disobliging, evasive, forced, grudging, hesitating, indisposed, indocile, involuntary, laggard, loath, malcontent, opposed, recalcitrant, refractory, reluctant, remiss, resistant, shrinking, shy, slack, slow, unaccommodating, uncheerful, uncooperative, uneager, unenthusiastic, uninclined, unobliging, unready, unwishful, wayward; **CONCEPTS 401,542** —*Ant.* prepared, ready, willing

**unwind** [*v1*] *undo, untangle* disentangle, free, loose, loosen, ravel, separate, slacken, unbend, uncoil, unfurl, unravel, unreel, unroll, untwine, untwist, unwrap; **CONCEPT 158** —*Ant.* tangle, twist, wind

**unwind** [*v2*] *relax* calm down\*, ease off\*, loosen up\*, quiet down\*, quieten, recline, rest, sit back\*, slow down\*, take a break\*, take it easy\*, wind down\*; **CONCEPT 210** —*Ant.* agitate, prepare, ready

**unwise** [*adj*] *stupid, irresponsible* childish, foolhardy, foolish, ill-advised, ill-considered, immature, impolitic, improvident, imprudent, inadvisable, inane, inappropriate, indiscreet, inept, injudicious, misguided, naive, rash, reckless, senseless, short-sighted, silly, thoughtless, undesirable, unfortunate, unintelligent,



unsound, witless; CONCEPTS 401,402,548  
 —**Ant.** responsible, sagacious, thoughtful, wise  
**unwitting** [adj] *without fully realizing* accidental, aimless, chance, comatose, forgetful, haphazard, ignorant, inadvertent, incognizant, inconversant, innocent, involuntary, numb, oblivious, senseless, unacquainted, unaware, unconscious, undesigned, unfamiliar, uninformed, un instructed, unintended, unintentional, unknowing, unmeant, unmindful, unplanned, unsuspecting, unthinking; CONCEPTS 401,544,548  
 —**Ant.** conscious, intentional, realizing, witting  
**unworldly** [adj1] *spiritual* abstract, astral, celestial, daydreaming, dreamy, ethereal, extraterrestrial, fantastic, incorporeal, metaphysical, nonmaterialistic, otherworldly, religious, supersensory, transcendental, unearthly, unreal, visionary; CONCEPTS 536,582  
 —**Ant.** earthly, material, worldly  
**unworldly** [adj2] *not sophisticated; inexperienced* artless, babe in woods\*, clean, corn-fed\*, country, folksy\*, green\*, idealistic, ingenuous, innocent, naive, natural, raw\*, simple, trusting, unaffected, unartificial, uncool, un schooled, unsophisticated, un studied, wide-eyed\*; CONCEPTS 401,555,589 —**Ant.** cultured, experienced, refined, sophisticated  
**unworthy** [adj] *not of value* base, beneath, blamable, contemptible, degrading, disgraceful, dishonorable, disreputable, good-for-nothing, ignoble, improper, inappropriate, ineligible, inexcusable, no-account\*, no-good\*, not deserving, not fit, not good enough, nothing, not worth, offensive, out of place\*, recreant, reprehensible, shameful, unbecoming, unfitting, undeserving, unfit, unmerited, unseemly, unsuitable, valueless, vile, wretched, wrong; CONCEPTS 404,558,571 —**Ant.** honorable, useful, valuable, worthwhile, worthy  
**unwritten** [adj] *understood* accepted, conventional, customary, oral, spoken, tacit, traditional, unformulated, unrecorded, unaid, verbal, vocal, word-of-mouth; CONCEPTS 267,533 —**Ant.** explained, explicated, stated, written  
**unyielding** [adj] *steadfast, resolute* adamant, dead set on\*, determined, firm, fixed, hard, hard-core\*, hardheaded, hard-line\*, hard-nosed\*, headstrong\*, immalleable, immovable, implacable, impliable, inexorable, inflexible, intractable, locked in, merciless, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, pertinacious, pigheaded\*, refractory, relentless, rigid, ruthless, single-minded, solid, staunch, stiff, stiff-necked, stubborn, tough, unbending, uncompliant, uncompromising, unmovable, unrelenting, unswayable, unwavering; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** flexible, irresolute, surrendering, yielding  
**up-and-coming** [adj] *rising* ambitious, climbing, coming on strong\*, determined, eager, enterprising, get up and go\*, go-getter\*, high-reaching, hungry, promising, soaring, striving, succeeding; CONCEPTS 326,542  
**upbeat** [adj] *cheerful* buoyant, cheery, encouraging, favorable, fond, happy, heartening, hopeful, optimistic, positive, promising, rosy, sanguine; CONCEPTS 403,572 —**Ant.** depressed, down, sad  
**upbraid** [v] *scold* admonish, berate, blame, castigate, censure, chasten, chastise, chew out\*,

chide, criticize, give a talking-to\*, jump on\*, lay down the law\*, lecture, light into\*, put down, rake over the coals\*, ream, reprimand, reproach, take to task\*, tell off\*; CONCEPT 44  
**update** [v] *bring up to date* amend, modernize, refresh, refurbish, rejuvenate, renew, renovate, restore, revise; CONCEPT 244 —**Ant.** antique, make old  
**upgrade** [v] *improve* advance, better, boost, elevate, enhance, increase, lift, make better, make strides, move up, progress, promote, raise; CONCEPTS 244,700  
**upheaval** [n] *major change* about-face\*, alteration, cataclysm, catastrophe, clamor, commotion, convulsion, disaster, disorder, disruption, disturbance, eruption, explosion, ferment, flip-flop\*, new ball-game\*, new deal\*, outbreak, outburst, outcry, overthrow, revolution, shakeout\*, stirring, switch, tremor, tremor, tumult, turmoil, turnaround, upturn; CONCEPT 230 —**Ant.** stagnation  
**uphill** [adj1] *going up* acclivous, ascending, climbing, mounting, rising, skyward, sloping upward, toward summit, up, uprising; CONCEPT 581 —**Ant.** downhill  
**uphill** [adj2] *difficult, laborious* arduous, effortful, exhausting, grueling, hard, labored, operose, punishing, rugged, strenuous, taxing, toilsome, tough, wearisome; CONCEPTS 538,565 —**Ant.** downhill, easy, facile  
**uphold** [v] *maintain, support* advocate, aid, assist, back, back up, bolster, boost, brace, buoy up, buttress, carry, champion, confirm, countenance, defend, elevate, encourage, endorse, help, hoist, hold to, hold up one's end\*, justify, pick up, promote, prop, raise, rear, second, shore up, side with, stand by, stick by, stick up for\*, sustain, take up, upbear, uplift, upraise, uprear, vindicate; CONCEPT 110 —**Ant.** weaken  
**upkeep** [n] *maintenance* budget, conservation, costs, expenditure, expenses, keep, outlay, overhead, preservation, price, repair, running, subsistence, support, sustenance, sustentation; CONCEPTS 117,344 —**Ant.** neglect, negligence  
**uplift** [v] *elevate, inspire* boost, brighten, bring up, cheer, elate, excite, exhilarate, improve, lift up\*, perk up\*, raise spirits; CONCEPTS 7,22  
**upper** [adj1] *above* high, higher, loftier, more elevated, overhead, top, topmost, uppermost, upward; CONCEPT 583 —**Ant.** below, lower, under  
**upper** [adj2] *superior* beautiful, elevated, elite, eminent, greater, important, more important; CONCEPT 555 —**Ant.** inferior, junior, lower  
**upper hand** [n] *advantage* benefit, break, control, dominance, edge, favor, gain, help, improvement, leverage, rule, superiority, supremacy; CONCEPT 574  
**uppermost** [adj1] *top* apical, culminating, highest, loftiest, most elevated, topmost, upmost; CONCEPT 583 —**Ant.** bottom, lower, lowest  
**uppermost** [adj2] *most important; chief* best, big, boss, dominant, executive, foremost, greatest, high-up\*, leading, main, paramount, predominant, preeminent, primary, principal, supreme, the most\*, tops\*, winner, world-class\*; CONCEPTS 568,632 —**Ant.** lowest, trivial  
**uppity** [adj] *arrogant* audacious, bossy, braggart, cavalier, cheeky, cocky, conceited,

egotistic, haughty, high and mighty\*, high falutin\*, know-it-all\*, overbearing, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, puffed up\*, self-important, smug, snobbish, snooty\*, snotty\*, stuck up\*, superior, vain; CONCEPTS 401, 404

**upright** [adj1] *straight-up* cocked, end on, end up, erect, on end, perpendicular, plumb, raised, sheer, standing, stand-up, steep, straight, up-ended, upstanding, upward, vertical; CONCEPTS 581, 583 —*Ant.* fallen, lying, prone

**upright** [adj2] *honorable, honest* aboveboard, blameless, circumspect, conscientious, correct, equitable, ethical, exemplary, fair, faithful, good, high-minded, impartial, incorruptible, just, kosher\*, legit\*, moral, noble, principled, punctilious, pure, right, righteous, square, straight, straightforward, true, true-blue\*, trust-worthy, unimpeachable, up front\*, virtuous; CONCEPTS 404, 545 —*Ant.* dishonest, dishonorable, disreputable, unrespected

**uprising** [n] *disturbance* insurgence, insurrection, mutiny, outbreak, rebellion, revolt, revolution, riot, upheaval; CONCEPTS 106, 674 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**uproar** [n] *commotion, pandemonium* ado, babble, babel, bedlam, bickering, big scene\*, brawl, broil\*, bustle, chaos, clamor, clangor, clatter, confusion, din, disorder, flap\*, fracas\*, free-for-all\*, furor, fuss, hassle, jangle, mayhem, melee, noise, outcry, racket, riot, rough-house\*, row, ruction, shivaree\*, stink\*, stir, strife, to-do\*, turbulence, turmoil, violence; CONCEPTS 46, 65, 106, 674 —*Ant.* calm, peace

**uproot** [v] *destroy; rip out of a place* abate, abolish, annihilate, blot out, demolish, deracinate, dig up, displace, do away with\*, eliminate, eradicate, excavate, exile, exterminate, extirpate, extract, move, overthrow, overturn, pull up, remove, root out, tear up, weed, weed out, wipe out; CONCEPTS 147, 178, 211, 252 —*Ant.* plant, settle, sow

**upset** [adj] *disturbed, bothered* agitated, all torn up\*, amazed, ansy\*, apprehensive, blue\*, broken up\*, bummed out\*, capsized, chaotic, come apart\*, confused, disconcerted, dismayed, disordered, disquieted, distressed, dragged\*, frantic, grieved, hurt, ill, in disarray, jittery, jumpy, low, muddled, overturned, overwrought, psyched out\*, rattled, ruffled\*, shocked, shook up\*, sick, spilled, thrown, tipped over, toppled, troubled, tumbled, unglued\*, unsettled, unzipped\*, upside-down, worried; CONCEPTS 403, 485, 570 —*Ant.* happy, undisturbed, unworried

**upset** [n] *problem* agitation, bother, complaint, defeat, destruction, disorder, disquiet, distress, disturbance, free-for-all\*, goulash\*, hassle, illness, malady, overthrow, queasiness, reverse, reversion, screw-up\*, shake-up\*, shock, sickness, stew\*, subversion, surprise, tizzy\*, trouble, turmoil, worry; CONCEPT 674 —*Ant.* calm, happiness, peace, solution

**upset** [v1] *disorder; knock over* capsize, change, derange, disarray, disorganize, disturb, invert, jumble, keel over, mess up\*, mix up, muddle, overset, overturn, pitch, put out of order, reverse, rummage, spill, spoil, subvert, tilt, tip over, topple, tumble, turn, turn inside-out\*, turn topsy-turvy\*, turn upside-down\*,

unsettle, upend, upturn; CONCEPTS 147, 208, 213 —*Ant.* hold, order, place, straighten

**upset** [v2] *bother, trouble* adjy\*, afflict, agitate, ail, bewilder, bug\*, confound, cramp, craze, debilitate, derange, discombobulate\*, discompose, disconcert, dismay, disquiet, distract, distress, disturb, egg on\*, fire up\*, flip\*, flip out\*, floor\*, flurry, fluster, get to\*, give a hard time\*, grieve, incapacitate, indispose, key up\*, lay up, make a scene\*, make waves\*, perturb, pick on\*, pother, psych\*, rattle, rock the boat\*, ruffle, sicken, spook, stir up, throw off balance\*, turn, turn on, unhinge\*, unnerve, unsettle; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —*Ant.* delight, make happy, please

**upset** [v3] *defeat* beat, be victorious, conquer, get the better of\*, outplay, overcome, overpower, overthrow, overturn, topple, triumph over, win; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* fail, lose

**upshot** [n] *end result* aftermath, aftermath, burden, climax, completion, conclusion, consequence, core, culmination, denouement, development, effect, end, ending, event, eventuality, finale, finish, gist, issue, meaning, meat\*, outcome, payoff, pith\*, purport, result, sense, sequel, substance, termination, thrust; CONCEPTS 230, 682 —*Ant.* cause, origin, source

**upside-down** [adj] *overturned, inverted* backward, bottom-side-up, bottom up, confused, disordered, downside-up\*, haywire\*, helter-skelter\*, in chaos, in disarray, jumbled, mixed-up, on head, reversed, tangled, topsy-turvy\*, upended, wrong-side-up, wrong way; CONCEPT 583 —*Ant.* right-side-up

**upstanding** [adj] *honorable* ethical, good, honest, incorruptible, moral, principled, straightforward, true, trustworthy, upright; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* bad, corrupted, dishonorable, disreputable

**upstart** [n] *newly rich* name-dropper, nouveau riche, parvenue, social climber, status seeker; CONCEPT 347

**uptight** [adj] *nervous* anxious, apprehensive, cautious, concerned, conventional, edgy, nervy, old-fashioned, on edge\*, on the defensive\*, restive, strict, tense, troubled, uneasy, withdrawn, worried; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* calm, collected, cool

**up-to-date** [adj] *current, modern* abreast, advanced, à la mode\*, all the rage\*, au courant, avant-garde, brand-new, contemporary, cutting edge\*, dashing, expedient, faddish\*, fashionable, fitting, hot\*, in, in fashion, in-things\*, in vogue, modernistic, modish, neoteric, new, newest, newfangled, now\*, opportune, popular, red-hot\*, state-of-the-art\*, stylish, suitable, timely, today\*, trendy, up\*, up-to-the-minute, with it\*; CONCEPTS 578, 589, 797, 799 —*Ant.* old, outdated, out-of-date, past

**urban** [adj] *city* burghal, central, citified, civic, civil, downtown, inner-city, metropolitan, municipal, nonrural, oppidan, popular, public, town, village; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* country, rural, suburban

**urbane** [adj] *civilized* affable, balanced, bland, civil, cosmopolitan, courteous, cultivated, cultured, debonair, elegant, genteel, gracious, manly, metropolitan, obliging, poised, polished, polite, refined, smooth, sophisticated, suave,

well-bred, well-mannered; CONCEPT 401  
**—Ant.** uncivilized, uncouth, unsophisticated  
**urchin** [*n*] *mischievous youngster* brat\*, cub, dickens\*, gamin, imp, juvenile delinquent, punk\*, pup\*, ragamuffin, waif; CONCEPT 423  
**urge** [*n*] *very strong desire* appetite, appetition, compulsion, craving, drive, druthers, fancy, fire in belly\*, goad, impetus, impulse, incentive, itch\*, longing, lust, motive, passion, pressure, stimulant, stimulus, sweet tooth\*, weakness, wish, yearning, yen; CONCEPTS 20,532  
**—Ant.** dislike, hate  
**urge** [*v*] *beg, push for, encourage* adjure, advance, advise, advocate, appeal to, ask, attract, beseech, champion, charge, commend, compel, conjure, counsel, countenance, drive, egg on\*, endorse, entreat, exhort, favor, fire up\*, force, further, goad, hasten, impel, implore, incite, induce, influence, insist on, inspire, instigate, maneuver, move, plead, press, promote, prompt, propel, propose, push, put up to\*, rationalize, recommend, request, sanction, solicit, speak for, spur, stimulate, support, tempt, wheedle; CONCEPTS 68,75 **—Ant.** discourage, dissuade  
**urgent** [*adj*] *needing immediate attention* burning\*, called-for, capital, chief, clamant, clamorous, compelling, critical, crucial, crying\*, demanded, demanding, driving, essential, exigent, foremost, heavy\*, hurry-up, immediate, impelling, imperative, important, importunate, indispensable, insistent, instant, leading, life and death\*, momentous, necessary, paramount, persuasive, pressing, primary, principal, required, salient, serious, top-priority, touch and go\*, touchy\*, vital, wanted, weighty\*; CONCEPT 548  
**—Ant.** moderate, unimportant, unnecessary  
**usable** [*adj*] *available, working* accessible, adaptable, advantageous, applicable, at disposal, at hand, beneficial, consumable, convenient, current, employable, exhaustible, expendable, exploitable, fit, functional, good, helpful, in order, instrumental, open, operative, practicable, practical, profitable, ready, running, serviceable, subservient, unused, useful, utile, utilizable, valid, valuable, wiely; CONCEPTS 560,576  
**—Ant.** unusable, useless  
**usage** [*n*] *habit, custom* acceptance, control, convention, currency, form, formula, habitude, handling, management, matter of course, method, mode, operation, practice, praxis, procedure, regime, regulation, rote, routine, rule, running, tradition, treatment, trick, use, way, wont; CONCEPTS 6,658  
**use** [*n*] *application; employment* account, adoption, advantage, appliance, applicability, appropriateness, avail, benefit, call, capitalization, cause, convenience, custom, end, exercise, exercising, exertion, fitness, good, habit, handling, help, helpfulness, mileage, mobilization, necessity, need, object, occasion, operation, point, practice, profit, purpose, reason, relevance, service, serviceability, treatment, usability, usage, usefulness, utility, value, way, wear and tear\*, wont, worth; CONCEPTS 225,658,709  
**use** [*v*] *work with; consume* accept, adopt, apply, avail oneself of, bestow, bring into play\*, bring to bear\*, capitalize, control, do with, draw on, employ, exercise, exert, exhaust, expend, exploit, find a use, govern, handle,

make do with\*, make the most of\*, make use, manage, manipulate, operate, play on, ply, practice, press into service\*, put forth\*, put into action, put to use, put to work, regulate, relate, run, run through, set in motion, spend, take advantage of\*, turn to account, utilize, waste, wield, work; CONCEPTS 169,225 **—Ant.** abstain, leave alone  
**used** [*adj*] *secondhand* hand-me-down, nearly new, not new, passed down, pre-owned, recycled, worn; CONCEPTS 334,567,574  
**used to** [*adj*] *familiar with* acclimated, accustomed, at home with\*, common, commonplace, customary, everyday, knowing, known, old hat\*, ordinary, plain, recognizable, routine, well-known; CONCEPTS 530,547  
**useful** [*adj*] *beneficial, valuable* advantageous, all-purpose, applied, appropriate, brave, commodious, convenient, effective, favorable, fit, fruitful, functional, good, handy, helpful, instrumental, meet, of assistance, of service, of use, practicable, practical, pragmatic, profitable, proper, propitious, purposive, salutary, serviceable, subsidiary, suitable, suited, toward, utile; CONCEPT **—Ant.** unusable, unvaluable, useless, worthless  
**useless** [*adj*] *not working; not valuable* abortive, bootless, counterproductive, disadvantageous, dysfunctional, expendable, feckless, fruitless, futile, good-for-nothing\*, hopeless, idle, impracticable, impractical, incompetent, ineffective, ineffectual, inept, inoperative, inutile, meaningless, no good, nonfunctional, of no use, pointless, profitless, purposeless, scrap, stupid\*, unavailable, unavailing, unfunctional, unproductive, unprofitable, unpurposed, unusable, unworkable, vain, valueless, waste, weak, worthless; CONCEPT 560 **—Ant.** helpful, usable, useful, valuable, working, worthwhile  
**user-friendly** [*adj*] *easily operated* accessible, adaptable, convenient, easy to use, feasible, foolproof, handy, manageable, practical, simple, straightforward, uncomplicated, useful, wiely; CONCEPTS 560,576  
**usher** [*n*] *person who guides others to place* attendant, conductor, doorkeeper, doorknocker, escort, guide, herald, lead, leader, page, pilot, precursor; CONCEPT 352  
**usher** [*v*] *guide* bring in, conduct, direct, escort, herald, inaugurate, initiate, institute, introduce, launch, lead, marshal, open the door, originate, pave the way\*, pilot, precede, preface, receive, set up, show around, show in, show out, steer; CONCEPTS 187,221  
**usual** [*adj*] *common, typical* accepted, accustomed, average, chronic, commonplace, constant, conventional, current, customary, cut-and-dried\*, everyday, expected, familiar, fixed, frequent, garden variety\*, general, grind, habitual, mainstream, matter-of-course, natural, normal, ordinary, plain, plastic, prevailing, prevalent, quotidian, regular, rife, routine, run-of-the-mill\*, so-so\*, standard, stock, typical, unremarkable, vanilla\*, white-bread\*, wonted, workaday; CONCEPTS 530,547 **—Ant.** abnormal, atypical, irregular, uncommon, unusual  
**usually** [*adv*] *for the most part* as a rule, as is the custom, as is usual, as usual, by and large,

commonly, consistently, customarily, frequently, generally, habitually, in the main, mainly, more often than not, mostly, most often, normally, now and again, now and then, occasionally, once and again, on the whole, ordinarily, regularly, routinely, sometimes; CONCEPTS 530,541 —*Ant.* exceptionally, unusually

**usurp** [v] *take over* accroach, annex, appropriate, arrogate, assume, barge in\*, butt in\*, clap hands on\*, commandeer, cut out, displace, elbow in\*, get hands on\*, grab, grab hold of, highjack\*, infringe upon, lay hold of, muscle in\*, preempt, seize, squeeze in, supplant, swipe, take, work in, worm in\*, wrest; CONCEPTS 142, 384 —*Ant.* give in, relinquish, surrender

**utensil** [n] *tool, usually for eating* apparatus, appliance, contrivance, convenience, device, equipment, fork, gadget, implement, instrument, knife, silverware, spoon, tableware, ware; CONCEPTS 493,499

**utilitarian** [adj] *practical* commonsensical, down-to-earth, effective, efficient, functional, hard, hardheaded, matter-of-fact, nuts and bolts\*, pragmatic, pragmatical, realistic, sensible, serviceable, unidealistic, unromantic, useful; CONCEPT 560 —*Ant.* impractical, unnecessary

**utility** [n] *serviceableness* account, adequacy, advantage, advantageousness, applicability, appropriateness, avail, benefit, convenience, efficacy, efficiency, expediency, favor, fitness, function, point, practicality, productiveness, profit, relevance, service, serviceability, use, usefulness; CONCEPT 658

**utilize** [v] *make use of* advance, apply, appropriate, avail oneself of, bestow, employ, exercise, exploit, forward, further, handle, have recourse to, profit by, promote, put to use, resort to, take advantage of, turn to account, use; CONCEPT 225

**utmost** [adj] *extreme, maximum* absolute, all-out\*, chief, complete, entire, exhaustive, farthest, final, full, furthest, greatest, highest, last, last straw\*, maximal, most, most distant, outermost, out of bounds\*, outside, paramount, plenary, preeminent, remotest, sheer, supreme, thorough, thoroughgoing, too much\*, too-too\*, top, topmost, total, ultimate, ultra\*, unconditional, undiminished, unlimited, unmitigated, unqualified, unreserved, uttermost, whole, worst case\*; CONCEPTS 531, 574,772 —*Ant.* middle, moderate

**utopia** [n] *ideal place and life* Arcadia, bliss, dreamland, dreamworld, Eden, Elysian Fields\*, Erewhon\*, fairyland, Garden of Eden, heaven, land of milk and honey\*, never-never land\*, paradise, perfection, pie in the sky\*, promised land\*, seventh heaven\*, Shangri-La\*, wonderland; CONCEPTS 370,689 —*Ant.* hell

**utopian** [adj] *imaginary, ideal* abstract, airy, ambitious, arcadian, chimerical, dream, fanciful, fantasy, grandiose, hopeful, idealist, idealistic, ideological, illusory, impossible, impractical, lofty, otherworldly, perfect, pie-in-the-sky\*, pretentious, quixotic, romantic, transcendental, unfeasible, visionary; CONCEPTS 572,574,582 —*Ant.* real

**utter** [adj] *outright, absolute* all-fired\*, arrant, blasted\*, blessed\*, blooming\*, complete,

confounded, consummate, downright, entire, flat-out\*, infernal, out-and-out\*, perfect, pure, sheer, stark, straight-out\*, thorough, thoroughgoing, total, unmitigated, unqualified; CONCEPTS 531,535 —*Ant.* incomplete, uncertain

**utter** [v] *say, reveal* affirm, air, announce, articulate, assert, asseverate, blurt, bring out, chime, chin\*, come out with\*, declaim, declare, deliver, disclose, divulge, ejaculate, enunciate, exclaim, express, give words to\*, go, jaw\*, lip\*, make known, modulate, mouth\*, mutter, proclaim, promulgate, pronounce, publish, put into words, recite, shout, speak, spiel\*, state, talk, throw out, verbalize, vocalize, voice, whisper; CONCEPTS 47,55 —*Ant.* conceal, hide

**utterance** [n] *revelation* announcement, articulation, assertion, asseveration, declaration, delivery, discourse, ejaculation, expression, opinion, oration, peroration, pronouncement, rant, recitation, remark, reply, response, saying, sentence, speaking, speech, spiel, statement, talk, vent, verbalization, vocalization, vociferation, voice, word, words; CONCEPTS 47,278 —*Ant.* silence

**utterly** [adv] *completely* absolutely, all, all in all, altogether, entirely, exactly, extremely, fully, in toto, just, perfectly, plumb\*, purely, quite, thoroughly, totally, to the core\*, to the nth degree\*, well, wholly; CONCEPT 531 —*Ant.* incompletely, uncertain

**utmost** [adj] *extreme* farthest, final, furthest, furthest, last, outermost, outmost, remotest, utmost; CONCEPTS 585,778 —*Ant.* middle, moderate

**U-turn** [n] *about-face* backtracking, change of heart, change of mind, change of plan, eating one's words\*, one-eighty\*, retraction, reversal, sea change, turnaround, U-ey\*, volte-face; CONCEPTS 201,213

## V

**vacancy** [n] *opening* abstraction, blankness, desertedness, emptiness, gap, job, lack, opportunity, position, post, room, situation, space, vacuity, vacuousness, vacuum, void, voidness; CONCEPTS 513,516,693 —*Ant.* fill, overflow

**vacant** [adj1] *empty; unoccupied* abandoned, available, bare, clear, deserted, devoid, disengaged, free, idle, not in use, stark, tenantless, to let, unemployed, unengaged, unfilled, uninhabited, unlined in, untaken, untenanted, unused, void, without contents; CONCEPTS 481,560,740, 774 —*Ant.* full, occupied, overflowing

**vacant** [adj2] *absent-minded; expressionless* abstracted, blank, daydreaming, deadpan, dreaming, dreamy, empty-headed\*, foolish, idle, inane, incurious, inexpressive, silly, stupid, thoughtless, unexpressive, unintelligent, unthinking, vacuous, vapid, witless; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* aware, cognizant, comprehending

**vacate** [v] *leave empty* abandon, abrogate, annul, clear, depart, discharge, dissolve, empty, evacuate, give up, go away, leave, move out, move out of, part with, quash, quit, relinquish, renounce, rescind, retract, reverse, revoke, void, withdraw; CONCEPTS 195,234 —*Ant.* fill, occupy, overflow

**vacation** [*n*] *planned time spent not working* break, breathing space\*, day of rest, few days off\*, fiesta, furlough, holiday, intermission, layoff, leave, leave of absence, liberty, long weekend\*, R and R\*, recess, recreation, respite, rest, sabbatical, spell, time off, two weeks with pay\*; CONCEPTS 363,807 —*Ant.* work

**vaccinate** [*v*] *give a shot to treat or prevent disease* immunize, inject, inoculate, mitigate, prevent, protect, treat, variolate; CONCEPT 310

**vaccination** [*n*] *immunization* inoculation, shot\*; CONCEPT 307

**vacillate** [*v*] *go back and forth* alternate, be indecisive, be irresolute, change, change mind, dither, fence-straddle\*, fluctuate, hedge, hem and haw\*, hesitate, hover, oscillate, pause, pussyfoot around\*, reel, rock, run hot and cold\*, seesaw\*, shilly-shally\*, stagger, straddle, sway, swing, waffle, waver, whiffle\*, yo-yo\*; CONCEPT 13 —*Ant.* remain, stay

**vacuous** [*adj*] *empty; unintelligent* airheaded\*, birdbrained\*, blank, drained, dull, dumb, emptied, foolish, half-baked\*, inane, lamebrained\*, minus\*, shallow, silly\*, stupid, superficial, uncomprehending, unreasoning, vacant, void; CONCEPT 402 —*Ant.* aware, filled, full, intelligent

**vacuum** [*n*] *emptiness* exhaustion, free space, gap, nothingness, rarefaction, space, vacancy, void; CONCEPTS 513,740 —*Ant.* fullness

**vagabond** [*adj*] *unsettled; vagrant* aimless, destitute, down-and-out\*, drifting, errant, fancy-free\*, fly-by-night\*, footloose\*, idle, itinerant, itinerate, journeying, mendicant, migratory, moving, nomadic, perambulating, perambulatory, peripatetic, prodigal, rambling, roaming, rootless, roving, sauntering, shifting, shiftless, straggling, stray, strolling, transient, travelling, unsettled, wandering, wayfaring, wayward; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* inhabiting, settled

**vagabond** [*n*] *person who leads an unsettled life; traveler* explorer, gypsy, haji, pathfinder, pilgrim, pioneer, rambler, rover, tourist, trail-blazer, trekker, wanderer, wayfarer; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* inhabitant

**vagary** [*n*] *caprice* crocheted, fancy, fool notion\*, humor, idea, impulse, inconsistency, inconstancy, notion, quirk, whim, whimsy; CONCEPTS 13,410

**vagrant** [*n*] *person with no permanent home and often with no means of support* drifter, floater, homeless person, itinerant, rolling stone\*, street person, transient, wanderer; CONCEPT 423

**vague** [*adj*] *not definite or clear* ambiguous, amorphous, amphibological, bewildering, bleary, blurred, cloudy, dark, dim, doubtful, dreamlike, dubious, enigmatic, equivocal, faint, fuzzy, generalized, hazy, ill-defined, impalpable, imprecise, indefinite, indeterminate, indistinct, inexplicable, lax, loose, misunderstood, muddy, nebulous, obscure, perplexing, problematic, puzzling, questionable, shadowy, superficial, tenebrous, uncertain, unclear, undetermined, unexplicit, unintelligible, unknown, unsettled, unspecified, unsure; CONCEPTS 267,485,529 —*Ant.* certain, clear, definite, sure

**vain** [*adj*1] *egotistical* arrogant, big-headed\*, boastful, cocky\*, conceited, egocentric,

egoistic, haughty, high-and-mighty\*, inflated, narcissistic, ostentatious, overweening, pleased with oneself\*, proud, puffed up\*, self-important, stuck-up\*, swaggering\*, swollen-headed\*, vainglorious; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* modest, shy

**vain** [*adj*2] *fruitless, useless* abortive, barren, bootless, delusive, delusory, empty, frivolous, fruitless, going nowhere\*, hollow, idle, inefficacious, insignificant, in vicious circle\*, misleading, not a prayer\*, no-win\*, nugatory, on a treadmill\*, otiose, paltry, petty, pointless, profitless, puny, senseless, shuck, slight, sterile, time-wasting, trifling, trivial, unavailing, unimportant, unnotable, unproductive, unprofitable, valueless, void, worthless; CONCEPTS 552,575 —*Ant.* possible

**vainglorious** [*adj*] *boastful, proud* arrogant, blowing one's own horn\*, boasting, bragging, cavalier, cocky\*, conceited, egotistic, egotistical, haughty, high-and-mighty\*, high-handed\*, huffy\*, overbearing, pompous, presumptuous, pretentious, puffed up\*, self-important, snobbish, snooty\*, strutting, stuck-up\*, swaggering, vain; CONCEPTS 401,542

**vainglory** [*n*] *pride* arrogance, big-headedness\*, boastfulness, bragging, cockiness\*, conceit, condescension, egoism, egotism, haughtiness, huff, overconfidence, patronage, presumption, pretension, self-importance, smugness, snobbery, strutting, swagger, swelled head\*, vanity; CONCEPT 633

**valedictory** [*adj*] *farewell* departing, final, goodbye, last, parting, terminal; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* welcoming

**valetudinarian** [*n*] *hypochondriac* morbid person, neurotic, obsessive person, valetudinary; CONCEPT 316

**valiant** [*adj*] *brave* adventurous, assertive, audacious, bold, chivalrous, courageous, dauntless, fearless, fire-eating\*, gallant, game, grand, great, gritty\*, gutsy\*, gutty\*, heroic, high-spirited, indomitable, intrepid, lion-hearted, magnanimous, nery\*, noble, plucky\*, powerful, puissant, redoubtable, self-reliant, spunky\*, stalwart, steadfast, stout, stouthearted, strong-willed, unafraid, undaunted, undismayed, valorous, venture-some, venturous, vigorous, worthy; CONCEPTS 401,404,538 —*Ant.* afraid, cowardly

**valid** [*adj*] *right, genuine* accurate, attested, authentic, authoritative, binding, bona fide, cogent, compelling, conclusive, confirmed, convincing, credible, determinative, efficacious, efficient, good, in force, irrefutable, just, kosher\*, lawful, legal, legit\*, legitimate, logical, official, original, persuasive, potent, powerful, proven, pure, solid, sound, stringent, strong, substantial, telling, tested, true, trust-worthy, ultimate, unadulterated, unanswerable, uncorrupted, weighty, well-founded, well-grounded; CONCEPTS 319,545,582 —*Ant.* invalid, unacceptable, unreal, unsound, wrong

**validate** [*v*] *ascertain the truth, authenticity of something* approve, authenticate, authorize, bear out, certify, confirm, constitute, corroborate, endorse, give stamp of approval\*, give the go-ahead\*, give the green light\*, give the nod\*, John Hancock\*, justify, legalize, legitimize,

- make binding\*, make legal\*, make stick\*, okay\*, ratify, rubber-stamp\*, sanction, set seal on\*, sign off on\*, substantiate, verify; CONCEPTS 50,88,317 —*Ant.* refuse, reject, veto
- validity** [*n*] *genuineness, lawfulness* authority, cogency, effectiveness, efficacy, force, foundation, gravity, grounds, legality, legitimacy, persuasiveness, point, potency, power, punch, right, soundness, strength, substance, validity, weight; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* invalidity
- valley** [*n*] *hollow in the land* basin, bottom, canyon, channel, coulee, dale, dell, depression, dingle, glen, gorge, lowland, notch, plain, swale, trough, vale; CONCEPTS 509,513
- valor** [*n*] *bravery* backbone\*, boldness, courage, dash\*, defiance, derring-do\*, determination, fearlessness, fight, firmness, fortitude, gallantry, grit\*, guts\*, hardihood, heart, heroism, indomitableness, intestinal fortitude\*, intrepidity, invincibility, mettle, moxie\*, nerve, pluck, prowess, resolution, sand\*, spirit, spunk, starch\*, stomach\*, tenacity, valiance, valiancy; CONCEPTS 411,633 —*Ant.* cowardice
- valorous** [*adj*] *courageous* adventuresome, adventurous, bold, brave, chivalrous, daredevil, daring, dauntless, fearless, gallant, game, gritty\*, gutsy\*, heroic, lionhearted, nifty, plucky\*, Spartan, stalwart, stouthearted, strong, tough, unafraid, undaunted, valiant, venturous; CONCEPTS 401,404
- valuable** [*adj*] *very important; priceless* admired, appreciated, beneficial, cherished, collectible, costly, dear, esteemed, estimable, expensive, heirloom, held dear, helpful, high-priced, hot\*, hot property\*, important, in demand, inestimable, invaluable, of value, precious, prized, profitable, relevant, respected, scarce, serviceable, treasured, useful, valued, worthwhile, worthy; CONCEPTS 334,560 —*Ant.* unimportant, useless, valueless, worthless
- valuable** [*n*] *prized possession* advantage, antique, asset, benefit, collectible, commodity, heirloom, nugget\*, plum\*, treasure; CONCEPT 446 —*Ant.* garbage, trash
- value** [*n*1] *financial worth* amount, appraisal, assessment, charge, cost, equivalent, expense, market price, monetary worth, price, profit, rate; CONCEPTS 335,336
- value** [*n*2] *advantage, worth* account, bearing, benefit, caliber, condition, connotation, consequence, content, denotation, desirability, distinction, drift, eminence, esteem, estimation, excellence, finish, force, goodness, grade, help, implication, import, importance, interpretation, mark, marketability, meaning, merit, power, preference, profit, purpose, quality, regard, repute, sense, serviceableness, significance, state, stature, substance, superiority, use, usefulness, utility, valuation; CONCEPTS 346,658,668,682 —*Ant.* detriment, disadvantage
- valued** [*adj*] *costly; treasured* admired, appreciated, beloved, cherished, dear, esteemed, expensive, fancy, highly regarded, high-priced, loved, precious, priceless, prized, respected, valuable; CONCEPTS 334,555,567
- values** [*n*] *principles* attitude, beliefs, character, code, conduct, conscience, ethics, ideals, integrity, morals, mores, scruples, sense of duty, sense of honor, standards; CONCEPTS 645,689
- valve** [*n*] *on-and-off device* cock, faucet, flap, gate, hydrant, lid, pipe, plug, shutoff, spigot, stopper, tap; CONCEPTS 445,464,499
- vandal** [*n*] *person who defiles property* defacer, despoiler, destroyer, hoodlum, looter, mischief-maker, pillager, pirate, plunderer, ravager, thief; CONCEPT 412
- vandalism** [*n*] *destruction* defacing, graffiti, mischief, ravaging, ruin, sacking, smashing, trashing, wreckage, wrecking; CONCEPTS 230,252
- vandalize** [*v*] *destroy* annihilate, damage, deface, demolish, despoil, disfigure, impair, mar, ravage, ravish, raze, ruin, smash, spray paint, trash\*, wreck; CONCEPTS 246,252
- vanilla** [*adj*] *simple, unadorned* austere, clean, elementary, folksy, homely, humble, inelaborate, modest, plain, pure and simple\*, rustic, uncluttered, uncomplicated, undecorated, unelaborate, unembellished, unornamented, unostentatious, unpretentious, your basic; CONCEPTS 562,589
- vanish** [*v*] *disappear* become invisible, be lost, clear, dematerialize, die, die out, dissolve, evaporate, evaporate, exit, fade, fade away, go away, melt; CONCEPT 105 —*Ant.* appear, arrive, come
- vanity** [*n*] *conceit, egotism* affectation, airs, arrogance, big-headedness\*, conceitedness, display, ego trip\*, narcissism, ostentation, pretension, pride, self-admiration, self-love, self-worship, show\*, showing off\*, smugness, vainglory; CONCEPT 410 —*Ant.* modesty
- vanquish** [*v*] *defeat soundly* bear down, beat, conquer, crush, humble, overcome, overpower, overturn, overwhelm, put down, quell, reduce, repress, rout, subdue, subjugate, subvert, surmount, trample, triumph over; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* fail, lose, surrender
- vapid** [*adj*] *flat, dull* bland, boring, colorless, dead\*, driving, flat tire\*, flavorless, inane, innocuous, insipid, jejune, least, lifeless, limp, milk-and-water\*, milquetoast\*, nothing, nowhere, stale, tame, tasteless, tedious, tiresome, unimaginative, uninspiring, uninteresting, unpalatable, vacant, vacuous, watery, weak, wishy-washy\*, zero\*; CONCEPTS 529,537,575 —*Ant.* lively, pungent, sharp, spicy, strong
- vapor** [*n*] *fumes, mist* breath, condensation, dampness, dew, effluvia, exhalation, fog, gas, haze, miasma, moisture, reek, smog, smoke, steam; CONCEPTS 437,524
- variable** [*adj*] *changing, changeable* capricious, changeful, fickle, fitful, flexible, fluctuating, fluid, iffy\*, inconstant, irregular, mercurial, mobile, mutable, protean, shifting, shifty, slippery\*, spasmodic, temperamental, ticklish, uncertain, unequable, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, vacillating, volatile, waffling, wavering, yo-yo\*; CONCEPT 534 —*Ant.* invariable, unchangeable, unchanging, unvarying
- variance** [*n*] *difference* about-face\*, argument, change, conflict, contention, deviation, difference of opinion, different strokes\*, discord, disagreement, discord, discrepancy, dissension, dissent, dissidence, disunity, divergence, diversity, division, flip-flop\*, fluctuation, incongruity, inconsistency, mid-course correction\*,

mutation, separation, severing, strife, sundering, switch, transmogrification, unharmoniousness, variation, variety; CONCEPTS 388,665,697  
—*Ant.* agreement

**variant** [*adj*] *different* alternative, derived, differing, divergent, exceptional, modified, various, varying; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* agreeing, same, similar

**variant** [*n*] *derived form* alternative, branch, development, exception, irregularity, modification, result, spinoff, variation, version; CONCEPT 665 —*Ant.* base, root

**variation** [*n*] *difference; alternative* aberration, abnormality, adaptation, alteration, bend, break, change, contradistinction, contrast, curve, deflection, departure, departure from the norm\*, deviation, digression, discrepancy, disparity, displacement, dissimilarity, dissimilitude, distinction, divergence, diversification, diversity, exception, fluctuation, inequality, innovation, modification, mutation, novelty, shift, swerve, turn, unconformity, variety; CONCEPTS 665,697 —*Ant.* agreement, root, similarity, source

**varied** [*adj*] *different* assorted, conglomerate, discrete, diverse, heterogeneous, indiscriminate, miscellaneous, mixed, motley, multifarious, separate, sundry, various; CONCEPT 564 —*Ant.* like, same, similar, unvaried

**variegated** [*adj*] *diversified; varicolored* assorted, changeable, checkered, diverse, kaleidoscopic, mixed, motley, mottled, multicolor, multicolored, particolored, patched, spotted, streaked, striped, varied, versicolor; CONCEPTS 564,618,772

**variety** [*n*1] *difference* array, assortment, change, collection, combo\*, conglomeration, cross section, departure, discrepancy, disparate-ness, divergency, diversification, diversity, fluctuation, heterogeneity, incongruity, intermixture, many-sidedness, medley, mélange, miscellany, mishmash, mixed bag\*, mixture, modification, multifariousness, multiplicity, potpourri, range, shift, soup, stew, variance, variation; CONCEPTS 432,665 —*Ant.* uniformity

**variety** [*n*2] *type, sort* assortment, brand, breed, category, character, class, classification, description, division, family, genus, grade, ilk, kidney, kind, make, nature, order, quality, race, rank, species, strain, stripe, tribe; CONCEPT 378

**various** [*adj*] *miscellaneous, differing* all manner of\*, assorted, changeable, changing, different, discrete, disparate, distinct, distinctive, diverse, diversified, heterogeneous, individual, legion, manifold, many, many-sided, multifarious, multitudinal, multitudinous, numerous, omnifarious, peculiar, populous, separate, several, sundry, unlike, unequal, unlike, variant, varied, variegated; CONCEPTS 564,771 —*Ant.* individual, same, similar, uniform

**varnish** [*v*] *add a layer to; embellish* adorn, coat, cover, decorate, enamel, finish, gild, glaze, gloss, japan, lacquer, luster, paint, polish, shellac, surface, veneer, wash, wax; CONCEPTS 172,177 —*Ant.* strip

**vary** [*v*] *change* alter, alternate, assort, be unlike, blow hot and cold\*, convert, depart, deviate, differ, digress, disagree, displace, dissent, divaricate, diverge, diversify, divide, fluctuate, hem and haw\*, inflect, interchange, modify,

mutate, part, permutate, range, separate, shilly-shally\*, swerve, take turns, transform, turn, variegate, yo-yo\*; CONCEPT 697 —*Ant.* remain, stay

**varying** [*adj*] *variable* alternating, changeable, changing, deviating, differing, flexible, fluctuating, inconstant, irregular, shifting, uncertain, unstable, unsteady, vacillating, volatile, waffling, wavering; CONCEPT 534

**vast** [*adj*] *very large; wide in range* all-inclusive, ample, astronomical, big, boundless, broad, capacious, colossal, comprehensive, detailed, endless, enormous, eternal, expanded, extensive, far-flung, far-reaching, forever, giant, gigantic, great, huge, illimitable, immeasurable, immense, infinite, limitless, mammoth, massive, measureless, monstrous, monumental, never-ending, prodigious, prolonged, spacious, spread-out, stretched-out, sweeping, titanic, tremendous, unbounded, unlimited, voluminous, widespread; CONCEPTS 772,773,781

—*Ant.* bounded, limited, little, narrow, small  
**vault** [*n*] *depository* basement, box, can, catacomb, cavern, cellar, crib\*, crypt, dungeon, grave, mausoleum, pit, repository, safe, safe-deposit box, sepulcher, strong room, tomb; CONCEPT 494

**vault** [*v*] *jump over; span* arch, ascend, bend, bounce, bound, bow, clear, curve, hop, hurdle, leap, mount, negotiate, over, overleap, rise, soar, spring, surmount; CONCEPTS 194,752

**veer** [*v*] *change direction* angle off, avert, bear, be deflected, bend, change, change course, curve, cut, deflect, depart, deviate, digress, dip, divagate, diverge, divert, drift, get around, make a left\*, make a right\*, pivot, sheer, shift, skew, skid, swerve, swing, swivel, tack, train off, turn, twist, volte-face\*, wheel, whirl; CONCEPTS 148,150,213 —*Ant.* go direct, stay

**vegetable** [*n*] *edible part of plant* edible, green, greens, herb, herbaceous plant, legume, produce, root, salad, truck, yellow; CONCEPT 431

**vegetate** [*v*] *be very passive* be inert, decay, deteriorate, exist, go to pot\*, go to seed\*, hibernate, idle, languish, loaf\*, pass time, stagnate, weaken; CONCEPTS 210,698 —*Ant.* activate, carry out, do

**vegetate** [*v*2] *grow, sprout* bloom, blossom, bud, burgeon, germinate, shoot, spring, swell; CONCEPTS 253,257 —*Ant.* die, go to seed

**vehement** [*adj*] *passionate, opinionated* angry, ardent, concentrated, delirious, desperate, eager, earnest, emphatic, enthusiastic, exquisite, fervent, fervid, fierce, fiery, forceful, forcible, frantic, furious, hearty, heated, hopped up\*, hot\*, hyper\*, impassioned, impetuous, inflamed, intense, lively, on the make\*, potent, powerful, pronounced, rabid, strong, terrible, vicious, violent, wild, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* apathetic, indifferent, unpassionate

**vehicle** [*n*1] *machine used for transportation* agent, automobile, bicycle, boat, buggy, bus, cab, car, carrier, chariot, conveyance, crate\*, jalopy\*, jeep, mechanism, motorcycle, taxi, transport, truck, van, vector, wagon, wheels; CONCEPT 503

**vehicle** [*n*2] *means of attaining end* agency, agent, apparatus, channel, expedient, implement, instrument, instrumentality, intermediary,

means of expression, mechanism, medium, ministry, organ, tool, vector, way, ways and means\*; CONCEPTS 6,277,278,694,712

—*Ant.* end, goal

**veil** [*n*] *disguise* blind, cloak, coloring, cover, curtain, facade, false front, film, front, guise, mantilla, mask, screen, shade, shroud, veiling; CONCEPTS 451,673

**veil** [*v*] *hide* beard\*, blanket, camouflage, cloak, conceal, cover, cover up, curtain\*, dim, disguise, drape, enclose, enfold, enshroud, envelop, finesse, invest, launder, mantle, mask, obscure, put up a front\*, screen, secrete, shield, shroud, stonewall\*, whitewash\*, wrap; CONCEPT 172 —*Ant.* reveal

**veiled** [*adj*] *disguised* camouflaged, cloaked, concealed, covered, hidden, hooded, invisible, masked, screened, secret, shielded, shrouded, undercover, unexposed, unrecognizable, unrevealed; CONCEPTS 547,576,619

**vein** [*n*1] *mood, tone* attitude, bent, character, characteristic, complexion, dash, disposition, faculty, fashion, fettle, hint, humor, line, manner, mind, mode, nature, note, spice, spirit, strain, streak, style, suggestion, suspicion, tang, temper, temperament, tenor, tinge, touch, trace, turn, wave, way; CONCEPTS 411,673,682

**vein** [*n*2] *blood vessel* capillary, course, current, duct, follicle, hair, lode, nerve, seam, stratum, streak, stripe, thread, venation; CONCEPT 393

**velocity** [*n*] *speed* acceleration, celerity, dispatch, expedition, fleetness, gait, haste, headway, hurry, impetus, momentum, pace, quickness, rapidity, rapidness, rate, swiftness, tempo; CONCEPTS 755,792

**venal** [*adj*] *bribeable, corruptible* amoral, bent\*, buyable, conscienceless, corrupt, crooked, dishonest, double-dealing, immoral, mercenary, on the take\*, padded\*, purchasable, unethical, unprincipled, unprofessional, unscrupulous; CONCEPT 545

**vendetta** [*n*] *feud* argument, bad blood\*, bickering, conflict, disagreement, discord, dispute, dissension, falling out\*, family feud, fight, fracas, grudge, hostility, quarrel, revenge, rivalry, row, squabble, strife; CONCEPTS 46,106,388

**vendor** [*n*] *person who sells wares* businessperson, dealer, hawk, huckster\*, merchant, outcrier, peddler, pitcher, traveler, traveling salesperson; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* customer

**veneer** [*n*] *pretense, front* appearance, coating, cover, covering, disguise, exterior, facade, face, finish, gloss, guise, layer, leaf, mask, overlay, semblance, show, surface, window dressing\*; CONCEPTS 633,673,716 —*Ant.* reality

**veneer** [*v*] *cover, overlay* blanch, coat, extenuate, face, finish, gloss, palliate, plate, shellac, sugarcoat, surface, varnish, whiten, whitewash; CONCEPT 172 —*Ant.* strip, uncover

**venerable** [*adj*] *respected* admirable, aged, august, dignified, esteemed, estimable, experienced, grand, grave, honorable, honored, imposing, patriarchal, noble, patriarchal, philosophical, revered, revered, reverend, sacred, sage, sedate, serious, stately, venerated, wise, worshipful, worshipped; CONCEPT 574 —*Ant.* unrespected

**venerate** [*v*] *revere* admire, adore, apotheosize, appreciate, be in awe of, cherish, deify, esteem,

exalt, hallow, hold in awe, honor, idolize, look up to\*, love, put on a pedestal\*, regard, respect, reverence, think highly of, treasure, value, worship; CONCEPTS 10,32

**vengeance** [*n*] *retaliation for another's act* avengement, avenging, counterblow, evening of score\*, eye for an eye\*, getting even\*, repayment, reprisal, requital, retribution, return, revenge, settling of score\*, tit for tat\*, vengefulness, wrath; CONCEPTS 29,384

—*Ant.* forgiveness, pardon

**vengeful** [*adj*] *retaliating; hating* antagonistic, avenging, hostile, implacable, inimical, punitive, rancorous, relentless, retaliatory, revengeful, spiteful, unforgiving, vindictive; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* condoning, forgiving, liking, pardoning

**venial** [*adj*] *pardonable* allowable, all right, defensible, excusable, explainable, forgivable, justifiable, minor, not serious\*, not too bad\*, okay, permissible, slight, tolerable, trivial, understandable; CONCEPT 558

**venom** [*n*] *poison; hating* acidity, acrimony, anger, bane, bitterness, contagion, gall, grudge, hate, hatred, ill will, infection, malevolence, malice, maliciousness, malignity, rancor, spite, spitefulness, spleen, taint, toxin, virulence, virus; CONCEPTS 29,399

**venomous** [*adj*] *poisonous; hateful* accidentally on purpose\*, antagonistic, baleful, baneful, catty\*, cussed\*, deadly, destructive, dirty, evil, hostile, lethal, malefic, malevolent, malicious, malign, malignant, mean, mephitic, noxious, ornery\*, rancorous, savage, spiteful, toxic, toxicant, vicious, vindictive, viperish, viperous, virulent, waspish; CONCEPTS 537,542 —*Ant.* kind, praising, unpoisonous

**vent** [*n*] *outlet* aperture, avenue, chimney, drain, duct, exit, flue, hole, opening, orifice, pipe, split, spout, ventilator; CONCEPTS 440, 464 —*Ant.* closure, door

**vent** [*v*] *let out; express* air, assert, come out with, declare, discharge, drive out, emit, empty, give, give off, give out, issue, loose, pour out, provide escape, put, release, state, take out on\*, throw off\*, unleash, utter, ventilate, verbalize, voice; CONCEPTS 49,51,179

**ventilate** [*v*] *air out; make known* advertise, air, bring into the open, bring up, broach, broadcast, circulate, debate, deliberate, discourse, discuss, examine, express, free, give, go into, introduce, moot, publish, put, scrutinize, sift, state, take up, talk about, talk of, talk over, thresh out, vent, verbalize; CONCEPTS 51,60 —*Ant.* close

**venture** [*n*] *gamble, attempt* adventure, baby\*, chance, deal, endeavor, enterprise, essay, experiment, exploit, feat\*, hazard, header, investment, jeopardy, peril, pet project\*, project, proposition, pursuit, risk, setup\*, shot\*, spec\*, speculation, stab\*, stake, test, thing\*, trial, undertaking, wager; CONCEPTS 87,675

**venture** [*v*] *take a chance* advance, assay, attempt, bet, brave, challenge, chance, dare, dare say\*, defy, endanger, essay, experiment, expose, feel, front\*, gamble, get down\*, go out on a limb\*, grope, have a fling at\*, hazard, imperil, jeopardize, lay open, make a stab at\*, make bold, operate, play for, play the market\*, presume, put in jeopardy\*, put up\*, risk,



- speculate, stake, stick one's neck out\*, take a crack at\*, take a flyer\*, take a plunge\*, try, try out, volunteer, wager; CONCEPTS 87,330,363
- venturesome** [adj] *courageous* adventurous, aggressive, audacious, bold, brave, daredevil, daring, enterprising, fearless, foolhardy, gutsy, intrepid, overbold, plucky, pushy, rash, reckless, resourceful, risky, spirited, spunky, stalwart, stout, sturdy, temerarious, venturesome; CONCEPTS 401,548 —**Ant.** afraid, cowardly
- veracious** [adj] *true* accurate, credible, dependable, direct, ethical, factual, faithful, frank, genuine, high-principled, honest, just, kosher\*, legit\*, like it is\*, on the level\*, on the line\*, on the up and up\*, open, reliable, right, righteous, straight-arrow\*, straightforward, strict, true-blue\*, trustworthy, truthful, undeceptive, up front\*, valid, veridical; CONCEPTS 267,545,582 —**Ant.** false, untrue
- veracity** [n] *truth* accuracy, actuality, authenticity, candor, correctness, credibility, exactitude, exactness, fact, fairness, fidelity, frankness, genuineness, gospel\*, honest-to-god truth\*, honesty, honor, impartiality, integrity, like it is\*, openness, precision, probity, reality, real McCoy\*, rectitude, rightness, sincerity, straight stuff\*, trueness, truism, trustworthiness, truthfulness, uprightness, verisimilitude, verity, word\*; CONCEPTS 278,645 —**Ant.** falsehood, falsity
- verbal** [adj] *spoken* exact, expressed, lingual, literal, oral, rhetorical, said, stated, told, unwritten, verbatim, word-for-word\*, word-of-mouth\*; CONCEPT 267
- verbalize** [v] *speak* articulate, blab\*, break silence, chat, communicate, converse, enunciate, express, gab\*, make known, mouth, mumble, open one's mouth, pronounce, put into words, rap\*, say, shout, sound, state, talk, tell, utter, vocalize, voice, whisper, yak\*, yammer; CONCEPTS 47,266
- verbatim** [adj] *exactly* accurately, direct, directly, literally, literatim, precisely, sic, to the letter\*, word-for-word\*; CONCEPTS 267, 535 —**Ant.** different
- verbiage** [n] *repetition, wordiness* circumlocution, expansiveness, floridity, long-windedness, loquacity, periphrase, periphrasis, pleonasm, prolixity, redundancy, tautology, verbosity; CONCEPTS 278,695 —**Ant.** conciseness
- verbose** [adj] *wordy, long-winded* bombastic, circumlocutory, diffuse, flowery, full of air\*, fustian, gabby\*, garrulous, grandiloquent, involved, loquacious, magniloquent, palaverous, periphrastic, pleonastic, prolix, redundant, repeating, repetitious, repetitive, rhetorical, talkative, talky\*, tautological, tautologous, tedious, tortuous, windy\*, yacking\*; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** concise, succinct
- verbosity** [n] *wordiness* garrulous, logorrhea, long-windedness, loquaciousness, loquacity, prolixity, talkativeness, verbiage, verbosity; CONCEPT 267
- verdant** [adj] *green, blooming* flourishing, fresh, grassy, leafy, lush, verdurous; CONCEPTS 485,618 —**Ant.** dying
- verdict** [n] *law judgment* adjudication, answer, arbitrament, award, conclusion, decision, decree, deduction, determination, finding, opinion, ruling, sentence; CONCEPT 318
- Ant.** accusation
- verge** [n] *extremity, limit* border, borderline, boundary, brim, brink, edge, extreme, fringe, hem, lip, margin, point, rim, selvaie, skirt, terminus, threshold; CONCEPT 484 —**Ant.** middle
- verge** [v] *come near* abut, adjoin, approach, be on the edge\*, border, bound, brink on, butt on\*, communicate, edge, end, fringe, gravitate toward, hem, incline, join, lean, line, march, margin, neighbor, outline, rim, skirt, surround, tend, touch, trench, trend; CONCEPTS 657,749 —**Ant.** retreat
- verification** [n] *proof* affidavit, attestation, authentication, averment, certification, confirmation, credentials, deposition, documents, endorsement, evidence, facts, information, record, scoop\*, seal, signature, stamp, substantiation, testament, testimony; CONCEPT 274
- verify** [v] *confirm, validate* add up\*, attest, authenticate, bear out, certify, check, check out, check up, check up on\*, corroborate, debunk, demonstrate, document, double-check, establish, eye\*, eyeball\*, find out, hold up, justify, make certain, make sure, pan out\*, peg\*, prove, settle, size\*, size up\*, stand up\*, substantiate, support, test, try; CONCEPTS 291, 317 —**Ant.** discredit, disprove, invalidate
- verisimilitude** [n] *authenticity* color, credibility, genuineness, likeliness, likeness, plausibility, realism, resemblance, semblance, show, similarity, virtual reality; CONCEPT 725 —**Ant.** falseness, impossibility
- veritable** [adj] *authentic* actual, bona fide, factual, for real\*, genuine, indubitable, kosher\*, legit\*, real, true, undoubted, unquestionable, very; CONCEPT 582 —**Ant.** fake, false, unreal
- vernacular** [adj] *native, colloquial* common, dialectal, domesticated, idiomatic, indigenous, informal, ingrained, inherent, local, natural, ordinary, plebian, popular, vulgar; CONCEPTS 267,549
- vernacular** [n] *native language* argot, cant, dialect, idiom, jargon, jive talk\*, language, lingo\*, lingua franca, native tongue, parlance, patois, patter, phraseology, slang, speech, street talk\*, tongue; CONCEPT 276
- versatile** [adj] *adjustable, flexible* able, accomplished, adaptable, adroit, all-around, all-purpose, ambidextrous, conversant, dexterous, elastic, facile, functional, gifted, handy, ingenious, many-sided, mobile, multifaceted, plastic, pliable, protean, putty-like\*, ready, resourceful, skilled, skillful, talented, variable, varied; CONCEPTS 527,542 —**Ant.** inflexible, limited, unadjustable
- verse** [n] *written composition* ballad, epic, jingle, lay, lyric, ode, poem, poesy, poetry, rhyme, rune, song, sonnet, stanza; CONCEPT 282
- versed** [adj] *experienced, informed* abreast, accomplished, acquainted, au courant\*, au fait\*, competent, conversant, familiar, in the know\*, knowledgeable, learned, practical, practiced, proficient, qualified, savvy, seasoned, skilled, trained, tuned in\*, up\*, up on\*, versant, veteran, well-informed; CONCEPTS 402,403,527 —**Ant.** green, immature, inexperienced

**version** [*n*] *account of a happening* adaptation, chronicle, clarification, condensation, construction, exercise, form, history, interpretation, narrative, paraphrase, portrayal, reading, redaction, rendering, rendition, report, restatement, rewording, side, simplification, sketch, statement, story, tale, transcription, translation, variant; CONCEPT 282

**vertex** [*n*] *top acme, apex, apogee, cap, cope, crest, crown, culmination, extremity, fastigium, height, peak, pinnacle, roof, summit, tip, upper extremity, zenith*; CONCEPT 836 —*Ant.* bottom, nadir

**vertical** [*adj*] *upright* bolt upright, cocked, erect, on end, perpendicular, plumb, sheer, steep, straight-up, up-and-down, upward; CONCEPTS 581, 583 —*Ant.* horizontal, prone

**vertigo** [*n*] *dizziness* disequilibrium, giddiness, lightheadedness, loss of balance, loss of equilibrium, shakiness, spinning head, unsteadiness, wobbliness, wooziness; CONCEPTS 314, 480

**verve** [*n*] *energy, enthusiasm* activity, ardor, dash, drive, élan, endurance, fire, force, forcefulness, get-up-and-go\*, go, gumption, gusto, hardihood, intensity, juice, liveliness, moxie\*, passion, pep, pizzazz, pluck, power, punch, sparkle, spirit, spunk, stamina, steam, strength, toughness, vigor, vim, virility, vitality, zeal, zest, zing, zip\*; CONCEPT 411

**very** [*adj*] *real, exact* actual, appropriate, authentic, bare, bona fide, correct, especial, express, genuine, ideal, identical, indubitable, mere, model, perfect, plain, precise, pure, right, same, selfsame, sheer, simple, special, sure-enough, true, undoubted, unqualified, unquestionable, veritable, very same; CONCEPTS 535, 557 —*Ant.* inexact

**very** [*adv*] *much, really; to a high degree* absolutely, acutely, amply, astonishingly, awfully, certainly, considerably, dearly, decidedly, deeply, eminently, emphatically, exaggeratedly, exceedingly, excessively, extensively, extraordinarily, extremely, greatly, highly, incredibly, indispensably, largely, notably, noticeably, particularly, positively, powerfully, pressingly, pretty, prodigiously, profoundly, remarkably, substantially, superlatively, surpassingly, surprisingly, terribly, truly, uncommonly, unusually, vastly, wonderfully; CONCEPTS 544, 569, 772 —*Ant.* little

**vessel** [*n*1] *ship* barge, bark, bateau, boat, bottom, bucket\*, can\*, craft, liner, ocean liner, steamer, tanker, tub\*; CONCEPT 506

**vessel** [*n*2] *container, bowl* basin, kettle, pitcher, pot, receptacle, urn, utensil; CONCEPT 494

**vest** [*v*] *authorize, entrust* belong, bestow, confer, consign, empower, endow, furnish, invest, lodge, pertain, place, put in the hands of\*, settle; CONCEPTS 50, 88 —*Ant.* disapprove

**vestibule** [*n*] *small room for arrivals* antechamber, anteroom, doorway, entrance, entrance hall, entry, entryway, foyer, gateway, hall, hallway, lobby, narthex, porch, portal, portico; CONCEPT 448

**vestige** [*n*] *sign, indication* evidence, glimmer, hint, memento, print, relic, remainder, remains, remnant, residue, scrap, shadow, suspicion, token, trace, track; CONCEPTS 260, 284, 673

**veteran** [*adj*] *experienced, seasoned* adept,

battle-scarred\*, been around\*, disciplined, exercised, expert, from way back\*, hardened, inured, knows one's stuff\*, long-serving, long-time, not born yesterday\*, of the old school\*, old, old-time, practical, practiced, pro\*, proficient, skilled, sophisticated, steady, trained, up to speed\*, versed, vet\*, weathered, wise, wise to ways\*, worldly; CONCEPTS 402, 527, 678 —*Ant.* amateur, green, inexperienced

**veteran** [*n*] *person with much experience; particularly in war* expert, GI\*, old guard\*, old hand\*, old pro\*, old salt\*, old soldier\*, old-timer\*, pro, shellback\*, sourdough\*, trouper, vet\*, warhorse\*; CONCEPTS 358 —*Ant.* rookie

**veto** [*n*] *refusal of permission* ban, blackball\*, declination, denial, embargo, interdict, interdiction, negative, nonconsent, prohibition; CONCEPTS 81, 121, 298, 685 —*Ant.* allowance, approval, ok, permission, ratification, sanction

**veto** [*v*] *refuse permission* ban, blackball\*, burn, cut, decline, defeat, deny, disallow, disapprove, discountenance, forbid, give thumbs down\*, interdict, kill, negate, negative, nix\*, not go for\*, pass, pass by, pass on, prohibit, put down, refuse, reject, rule out\*, shoot down\*, throw away\*, throw out\*\*, thumbs down\*, turn down; CONCEPTS 50, 81, 88, 121, 298 —*Ant.* allow, approve, ok, permit, ratify, sanction

**vex** [*v*] *distress, bother* abrade, afflict, aggravate, agitate, anger, annoy, be at, chafe, depress, displease, disquiet, disturb, eat\*, embarrass, exasperate, fret, gall\*, get in one's hair\*, get under one's skin\*, give a bad time\*, give a hard time\*, grate on\*, harass, harry, hassle, infuriate, irk, irritate, molest, needle, nettle, offend, peeve, perplex, pester, pique, plague, provoke, put out\*, rasp, ride, rile, tease, tick off\*, torment, trouble, turn off\*, upset, worry; CONCEPTS 7, 19 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help, please, soothe

**vexatious** [*adj*] *distressing, bothersome* afflicting, aggravating, annoying, burdensome, disagreeable, disappointing, disturbing, exasperating, irksome, irritating, mean, nagging, pesky\*, provoking, teasing, tormenting, troublesome, troublous, trying, ugly, unpleasant, upsetting, wicked, worrisome, worrying; CONCEPTS 529, 537 —*Ant.* aiding, assisting, helpful, pleasing, soothing

**via** [*prep*] *by way of* along, as a means, by, by dint of, by means of, by this route, by virtue of, on the way, over, per, through, through the medium of, through this medium, with; CONCEPT 544

**viable** [*adj*] *reasonable, practicable* applicable, doable, feasible, operable, possible, usable, within possibility, workable; CONCEPTS 552, 560 —*Ant.* impossible, unachievable, unpractical, unreasonable

**vibrant** [*adj*1] *alive, colorful* active, animated, dynamic, electrifying, energetic, lively, peppy, responsive, sensitive, sound, sparkling, spirited, vigorous, virile, vital, vivacious, vivid, zesty\*, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 401, 618 —*Ant.* colorless, dull, pale

**vibrant** [*adj*2] *throbbing* aquiver, consonant, oscillating, palpitating, pulsating, pulsing, quaking, quivering, resonant, resounding, reverberant, ringing, sonorant, sonorous, trembling; CONCEPT 584 —*Ant.* quiet

**vibrate** [*v*] *shake, quiver* beat, echo, fluctuate, flutter, jar, oscillate, palpitate, pulsate, pulse, quake, resonate, resound, reverberate, ripple, shiver, sway, swing, throb, tremble, tremor, undulate, wave, waver; CONCEPTS 152,748  
—*Ant.* be still

**vibration** [*n*] *shaking, quivering* beating, fluctuation, judder, oscillation, pulsation, pulse, quake, quiver, resonance, reverberation, shake, shimmy, throb, throbbing, trembling, tremor, vacillation, wave, wavering; CONCEPTS 152,748  
—*Ant.* stillness

**vicarious** [*adj*] *done or felt for, or on behalf of, another by proxy, commissioned, delegated, deputed, empathetic, eventual, imagined, indirect, pretended, secondary, substituted, substitutional, surrogate, sympathetic*; CONCEPTS 401,538

**vice** [*n*] *bad habit; sin* carnality, corruption, debasement, debauchery, decay, degeneracy, depravity, evil, evildoing, ill, immorality, indecency, iniquity, lechery, lewdness, libidinousness, licentiousness, looseness, lubricity, lust, maleficence, malignance, offense, perversion, profligacy, rot, sensuality, squalor, transgression, trespass, venality, wickedness, wrong; CONCEPTS 372,645  
—*Ant.* good point, propriety, virtue

**vice** [*n*] *weakness* blemish, defect, demerit, failing, fault, flaw, foible, frailty, imperfection, mar, shortcoming, weak point; CONCEPTS 411,657,666 —*Ant.* good point, strength

**vice versa** [*adv*] *contrary, oppositely* about-face\*, again, contra, contrariwise\*, conversely, far from it\*, in reverse, on the contrary, the other way around\*, turn about; CONCEPTS 544,564

**vicinity** [*n*] *local area* around\*, ballpark\*, district, environment, environs, hood, locality, nearness, neck of the woods\*, neighborhood, precinct, pretty near\*, propinquity, proximity, prurieux, range, region, surroundings, territory, turf\*, vicinage; CONCEPTS 198,747 —*Ant.* faraway

**vicious** [*adj*] *corrupt, wrong* abandoned, abhorrent, atrocious, bad, barbarous, base, contaminated, cruel, dangerous, debased, degenerate, degraded, demoralized, depraved, diabolical, faulty, ferocious, fiendish, flagitious, foul, heinous, immoral, impious, impure, indecent, infamous, iniquitous, insubordinate, lewd, libidinous, licentious, miscraent, monstrous, nefarious, perverse, profligate, putrid, reprehensible, reprobate, rotten, savage, sinful, unprincipled, untamed, vile, villainous, violent, wicked, wild, worthless; CONCEPTS 401,545,571 —*Ant.* gentle, good, nice, right

**vicious** [*adj*] *nasty, hateful* backbiting\*, beastly, bloodthirsty, brutal, cruel, cussed\*, defamatory, spiteful, dirty\*, evil, fierce, frightful, furious, horrid, intense, lousy\*, malevolent, malicious, malign, mean, murderous, ornery\*, poisonous, rancorous, rough, savage, slanderous, spiteful, tough, vehement, venomous, vindictive, violent, wicked; CONCEPTS 267,401,542 —*Ant.* friendly, kind, nice, pleasant

**vicissitude** [*n*] *change* about-face\*, alteration, alternation, diversity, flip-flop\*, fluctuation, innovation, mid-course correction\*, mutability,

mutation, novelty, permutaion, progression, reversal, revolution, shift, sport, switch, switchover, transposition, turnaround, uncertainty, ups and downs\*, variation, variety; CONCEPT 697 —*Ant.* stability, stagnation

**victim** [*n*] *someone or something sacrificed, preyed upon* babe in woods\*, butt, casualty, clown, dupe, easy make\*, easy mark\*, fatality, fool, gambit, gopher\*, gudgeon\*, gull, hireling, hunted, immolation, injured party, innocent, mark, martyr, patsy, pawn, pigeon\*, prey, pushover\*, quarry, sacrifice, scapegoat, sitting duck\*, suffering target\*, soft touch\*, stooge\*, sucker\*, sitter, underdog, wretch; CONCEPTS 423,659 —*Ant.* criminal, culprit

**victimize** [*v*] *cheat, fool* bamboozle\*, burn\*, chisel\*, clip\*, con, con, con, deceive, defraud, discriminate against, dupe, exploit, fleece, flimflam\*, gull, have it in for\*, hoax, hoodwink, immolate, persecute, pick on, pigeon\*, prey on, rope in\*, screw\*, set up\*, snow\*, stack the deck\*, stiff\*, sting\*, sucker\*, swindle, take advantage of, trick, use; CONCEPTS 14,59,192 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help, protect

**victor** [*n*] *person who wins* champ, champion, conquering hero\*, conqueror, defeater, first\*, gold medalist, greatest, hero, king, medalist, prizewinner, queen, subjugator, title holder, top\*, top dog\* —*Ant.* loser

**Victorian** [*adj*] *prudish* conservative, conventional, demure, genteel, griggish\*, prim, prissy\*, proper, puritanical, respectable, rigid, smug, square, starchy\*, stiff\*, straitlaced, stuffy, uptight\*; CONCEPT 401

**victorious** [*adj*] *successful, winning* arrived, champion, conquering, on top, prizewinning, triumphant, vanquishing; CONCEPT 528 —*Ant.* failing, losing, unsuccessful

**victory** [*n*] *win, success* achievement, advantage, ascendancy, bull's-eye\*, clean sweep\*, conquest, control, defeat, defeating, destruction, dominion, feather in cap\*, gain, grand slam\*, hit, hole in one\*, killing\*, laurels, mission accomplished\*, overthrow, prize, subjugation, superiority, supremacy, sweep, the gold\*, triumph, upper hand\*, upset, winning; CONCEPTS 95,671,706,832 —*Ant.* defeat, failure, forfeit, loss

**virtuals** [*n*] *food supplies* aliment, bread, chow\*, comestibles, eatables, eats, edibles, fare, feed, foodstuff, goodies\*, groceries\*, grub, larder, meal, nourishment, provender, provisions, rations, refreshments, snack, supplies, viands, vittles; CONCEPTS 457,460,461

**video** [*n/adj*] *related to the televised image* broadcast, canned\*, music video, prerecorded, program, promotional film, recorded, taped, telegenic, television, TV; CONCEPTS 277,293

**videocassette** [*n*] *magnetic tape on which video image is recorded* cartridge, flick\*, movie, recording, rental, vid\*, videotape; CONCEPTS 277,293,464

**vie** [*v*] *compete* be rivals, buck, challenge, contend, contest, counter, go for\*, go for broke\*, go for the gold\*, go for the jugular\*, jockey for position\*, match, oppose, pit, play, play off, push, rival, scramble for, strive, struggle, sweat; CONCEPTS 92,363

**view** [*n*] *something that is seen* appearance, aspect, composition, contour, design, field of vision, glimpse, illustration, landscape, look, opening, outline, outlook, panorama, perspective, picture, prospect, range of vision, representation, scene, seascape, show, sight, spectacle, stretch, tableau, vision, vista, way; CONCEPT 628

**view** [*n*2] *examination* analysis, audit, check, contemplation, display, eyeball\*, flash\*, gander\*, inspection, lamp\*, look, look-see, perustration, review, scan, scrutiny, sight, slant, squint\*, survey, viewing; CONCEPTS 24, 103

**view** [*n*3] *belief attitude, close-up, concept, conception, consideration, conviction, deduction, eye\*, feeling, impression, inference, judgment, judgment call\*, mind, notion, opinion, persuasion, point of view, say-so\*, sentiment, slant\*, thought, twist, two cents' worth\*, value judgment\**, way of thinking; CONCEPT 689

**view** [*v*] *look at* beam, behold, canvass, check out\*, check over, consider, contemplate, decry, dig\*, discern, distinguish, eagle eye\*, espy, examine, explore, eye\*, feast eyes on\*, flash\*, gaze, get a load of\*, inspect, lay eyes on, mark, notice, observe, perceive, pipe\*, read, regard, rubberneck\*, scan, scope, scrutinize, see, set eyes on, spot, spy, stare, survey, take in\*, watch, witness; CONCEPTS 623, 626 —*Ant.* ignore

**view** [*v*2] *believe* account, consider, deem, judge, look on, reckon, regard, think about; CONCEPT 12 —*Ant.* disbelieve, mistrust

**viewpoint** [*n*] *way of thinking* angle, aspect, attitude, direction, estimation, eye\*, frame of reference, ground, light, long view, outlook, perspective, point of observation, point of view, position, posture, respect, side, slant, stance, stand, standpoint, twist, two cents' worth\*, vantage point, view; CONCEPT 689

**vigil** [*n*] *watch* attention, awareness, duty, eagle eye\*, guard, lookout, monitoring, nightwatch, notice, observance, observation, patrol, stake-out, surveillance, vigilance, watchfulness; CONCEPTS 134, 623

**vigilance** [*n*] *carefulness* acuity, alertness, attention, attentiveness, caution, circumspection, diligence, lookout, observance, surveillance, vigil, watch, watchfulness; CONCEPTS 644, 657 —*Ant.* carelessness, impulsiveness, indiscretion, negligence

**vigilant** [*adj*] *careful, watchful* acute, agog, alert, anxious, attentive, aware, cautious, circumspect, guarded, keen, looking for, looking to, observant, on alert, on guard, on the ball\*, on the job\*, on the lookout, on the qui vive, on toes\*, open-eyed\*, sharp, sleepless, unsleeping, waiting on, wakeful, wary, wide-awake, with eyes peeled\*, with weather eye open\*; CONCEPTS 401, 542, 576 —*Ant.* careless, impulsive, inattentive, indiscreet, negligent

**vigor** [*n*] *power, energy* ability, action, activity, agility, alertness, bang\*, birr, bounce, capability, capacity, dash, drive, dynamism, endurance, enterprise, exercise, fire, force, get-up-and-go\*, go\*, hardness, healthiness, intensity, juice\*, kick\*, liveliness, lustiness, might, motion, moxie\*, muscle\*, nimbleness, pep\*, pith, potency, puissance, punch\*, push, quickness, snap\*, sock, soundness, starch\*, steam\*, strength, tuck\*, urgency, vehemence, vim,

vitality, well-being, zing\*, zip\*; CONCEPTS 316, 411, 732 —*Ant.* enervation, idleness, inactivity, lethargy, weakness

**vigorous** [*adj*] *energetic, powerful* active, athletic, ball of fire\*, bouncing, brisk, dashing, driving, dynamic, effective, efficient, enterprising, exuberant, flourishing, forceful, forcible, hale, hard-driving, hardy, healthy, hearty, intense, lively, lusty, mettlesome, peppy, persuasive, potent, red-blooded\*, robust, rugged, snappy, sound, spanking, spirited, steamroller\*, strapping, strenuous, strong, strong as an ox\*, sturdy, take-charge\*, take-over\*, tough, vital, zealous, zippy\*; CONCEPTS 314, 404, 489 —*Ant.* enervated, idle, impotent, inactive, lethargic, weak

**vile** [*adj*] *offensive, horrible* abandoned, abject, appalling, bad, base, coarse, contemptible, corrupt, debased, degenerate, depraved, despicable, dirty, disgraceful, disgusting, evil, filthy, foul, horrid, humiliating, ignoble, immoral, impure, iniquitous, loathsome, low, mean, miserable, nasty, nauseating, nefarious, noxious, perverted, repellent, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, shocking, sickening, sinful, sleazy\*, stinking\*, ugly, vicious, vulgar, wicked, worthless, wretched; CONCEPTS 529, 545, 571 —*Ant.* gentle, kind, nice

**vilify** [*v*] *criticize very harshly* abuse, asperse, assail, attack, bad-mouth\*, berate, blister, call down\*, calumniate, censure, curse, cuss\*, damn, debase, decry, defame, denigrate, denounce, dig\*, disparage, dress down\*, dump on\*, give a black eye\*, jinx, knock\*, libel, malign, mistreat, mudsling\*, pan\*, put a whammy on\*, put down\*, rag on\*, rap\*, revile, rip up\*, roast\*, run down, scorch, skin alive\*, slam\*, slander, slur, smear\*, speak ill of, tear down\*, tear into\*, traduce, vituperate, voodoo\*; CONCEPTS 44, 52 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**villa** [*n*] *country estate* chateau, country house, large house, manor, mansion, summer house, vacation home; CONCEPTS 439, 516

**village** [*n*] *small town* center, crossroads, hamlet, suburb; CONCEPT 507

**villain** [*n*] *evil person* antihero, blackguard\*, brute, caitiff, creep\*, criminal, devil, enfant terrible\*, evildoer, heel, libertine, lowlife\*, malefactor, mischief-maker\*, miscreant, offender, profligate, rapscallion, rascal, reprobate, scoundrel, sinner, wretch; CONCEPT 412 —*Ant.* hero, heroine

**villainous** [*adj*] *criminal* atrocious, bad, corrupt, crooked, cruel, culpable, deplorable, depraved, diabolical, dirty, evil, felonious, hateful, ignoble, illegal, illicit, immoral, iniquitous, knavish, lawless, low, mean, nefarious, peccant, reprehensible, scandalous, shady\*, sinful, unlawful, vile, wicked; CONCEPT 545

**vindicate** [*v*] *prove one's innocence* absolve, acquit, advocate, argue, assert, bear out, claim, clear, confute, contend, corroborate, defend, disculpate, disprove, do justice to, establish, exculpate, excuse, exonerate, extenuate, free, free from blame, guard, justify, maintain, plead for, protect, prove, rationalize, refute, rehabilitate, second, shield, substantiate, support, uphold, warrant, whitewash\*; CONCEPTS 49, 57, 317 —*Ant.* accuse, blame, convict, punish, sentence

**vindictive** [*adj*] *hateful, revengeful* avenging, cruel, grim, grudging, implacable, malicious, malignant, merciless, rancorous, relentless, resentful, retaliatory, ruthless, spiteful, unforgiving, unrelenting, vengeful, venomous, wreakful; CONCEPTS 401,542 —**Ant.** forgiving, helpful, kind, nice

**vintage** [*adj*] *superior* best, choice, classic, classical, excellent, mature, old, prime, rare, ripe, select, selected, venerable; CONCEPTS 574, 578,797 —**Ant.** inferior, minor, unimportant

**vintage** [*n*] *crop, especially of wine* collection, epoch, era, generation, grapes, harvest, origin, wine, year; CONCEPT 429

**violate** [*v1*] *break a law, agreement* breach, contaminate, contravene, defy, disobey, disregard, disrupt, encroach, err, infract, infringe, meddle, offend, oppose, outrage, profane, resist, sacrilege, sin, tamper with, trample on, transgress, trespass, withstand; CONCEPTS 101,192 —**Ant.** obey, observe

**violate** [*v2*] *rape, defile* abuse, assault, befool, debauch, defile, desecrate, force, invade, outrage, pollute, profane, ravish, spoil; CONCEPTS 246,375

**violation** [*n1*] *breach; breaking of the law* abuse, break, breaking, contravention, encroachment, illegality, infraction, infringement, misbehavior, misdemeanor, negligence, nonobservance, offense, rupture, transgressing, transgression, trespass, trespassing, violating, wrong; CONCEPTS 101,192 —**Ant.** obedience, observance

**violation** [*n2*] *rape, defilement* assault, blasphemy, debasement, defacement, defacing, degradation, desecration, destruction, devastation, dishonor, invasion, mistreatment, outrage, pollution, profanation, rapine, ravishment, ruin, sacrilege, spoliation; CONCEPTS 246,252,375

**violence** [*n*] *extreme force, intensity* abandon, acuteness, assault, attack, bestiality, bloodshed, blowup, brutality, brute force, clash, coercion, compulsion, confusion, constraint, cruelty, destructiveness, disorder, disturbance, duress, ferocity, fervor, fierceness, fighting, flap, foul play, frenzy, fury, fuss, harshness, murderousness, onslaught, passion, power, raging, rampage, roughness, ruckus, rumble, savagery, severity, sharpness, storm, storminess, struggle, terrorism, tumult, turbulence, uproar, vehemence, wildness; CONCEPTS 29,641,669,675 —**Ant.** passivity, peace, peacefulness

**violent** [*adj1*] *destructive* agitated, aroused, berserk, bloodthirsty, brutal, coercive, crazy, cruel, demonic, desperate, distraught, disturbed, enraged, fierce, fiery, forceful, forcible, frantic, fuming, furious, great, headstrong, homicidal, hotheaded\*, hysterical, impassioned, impetuous, inflamed, intemperate, mad, maddened, maniacal, mighty, murderous, passionate, potent, powerful, raging, riotous, rough, savage, strong, uncontrollable, ungovernable, unrestrained, urgent, vehement, vicious, wild; CONCEPTS 401,540,544 —**Ant.** gentle, passive, peaceful

**violent** [*adj2*] *severe, extreme* acute, agonizing, biting, blustery, coercive, concentrated, devastating, excruciating, exquisite, forceful, forcible, gale force\*, great, harsh, immoderate,

inordinate, intense, mighty, outrageous, painful, potent, powerful, raging, rough, ruinous, sharp, strong, tempestuous, terrible, tumultuous/tumultuous, turbulent, wild; CONCEPTS 525, 569 —**Ant.** calm, gentle, mild, moderate

**VIP** [*n*] *very important person* big cheese\*, big enchilada\*, big kahuna\*, big name, celebrity, dignity, famous person, heavyweight\*, high muckamuck, luminary, mogul, notable, personality, public figure, star, superstar, top banana\*, worthy; CONCEPT 416 —**Ant.** nobody, nonentity

**viperous** [*adj*] *malicious, venomous* bad-natured, baleful, bitter, evil, evil-minded, green-eyed\*, jealous, malevolent, mean, nasty, ornery, poisonous, rancorous, resentful, spiteful, vengeful, vicious, vindictive, wicked; CONCEPTS 267,401,542

**virginity** [*n*] *celibacy, chastity* abstinence, chasteness, cleanness, continence, honor, immaculacy, innocence, integrity, maidenhood, purity, restraint, sinlessness, spotlessness, virtue; CONCEPT 633

**virgin/virginal** [*adj*] *brand-new, unused* first, fresh, idle, immaculate, initial, innocent, intact, modest, natural, new, original, primeval, pristine, pure, spotless, uncorrupted, undefiled, undisturbed, unmarred, unspoiled, unsullied, untapped, untested, untouched, untried, vestal; CONCEPTS 372,560,578,797 —**Ant.** defiled, sullied, used

**virile** [*adj*] *potent, powerful* driving, energetic, forceful, generative, lusty, macho\*, procreative, red-blooded\*, reproductive, robust, sound, strong, vibrant, vigorous, vital; CONCEPTS 372, 401,404 —**Ant.** effeminate, impotent, unmanly

**virility** [*n*] *masculinity* forceful, machismo, macho\*, maleness, manhood, manliness, muscularity, potency, power, ruggedness, strength, vigor; CONCEPTS 371,372,408,648

**virtual** [*adj*] *in essence* basic, constructive, essential, fundamental, implicit, implied, in all but name\*, in conduct, indirect, in effect, in practice, potential, practical, pragmatic, tacit, unacknowledged; CONCEPTS 487,537,544,573 —**Ant.** actual, authentic, real

**virtually** [*adv*] *for all practical purposes* around, as good as, basically, effectually, essentially, for all intents and purposes\*, fundamentally, give or take a little\*, guesstimate\*, implicitly, in all but name\*, in effect, in essence, in substance, in the ballpark\*, in the neighborhood\*, morally, nearly, not absolutely, not actually, practically, something like\*, upwards of\*; CONCEPTS 487,544,573

**virtue** [*n*] *honor, integrity* advantage, asset, character, charity, chastity, consideration, credit, ethic, ethicality, ethicalness, excellence, faith, faithfulness, fineness, fortitude, generosity, goodness, good point\*, high-mindedness, hope, ideal, incorruptibility, innocence, justice, kindness, love, merit, morality, plus\*, probity, prudence, purity, quality, rectitude, respectability, righteousness, temper, temperance, trustworthiness, uprightness, value, worth, worthiness; CONCEPTS 411,645 —**Ant.** dishonor, evil, immorality, vice

**virtuoso** [*n*] *person who is an expert* ace, adept, artist, artiste, authority, big league\*, brain\*, celebrity, champ\*, champion, crackerjack\*,

- dilettante, egghead, genius, hotshot\*, hot stuff\*, intelligent, magician, musician, natural\*, no slouch\*, old hand\*, old pro\*, performer, pro\*, prodigy, professional, pundit, sharp\*, star, superstar, whiz\*, wizard; CONCEPTS 348,352,416 —*Ant.* amateur, greenhorn, rookie
- virtuous** [adj] *good, ethical; innocent* blameless, celibate, chaste, clean-living, effective, effectual, efficient, excellent, exemplary, faithful, guiltless, high-principled, honest, honorable, incorruptible, inculpable, in the clear\*, irreprehensible, kosher\*, legit\*, moral, moralistic, noble, on the level\*, on the up and up\*, praiseworthy, principled, pure, regular, righteous, right-minded, spotless, straight, true-blue\*, unsullied, untainted, untarnished, up front\*, upright, wholesome, without reproach, worthy; CONCEPTS 401,545 —*Ant.* bad, sinful, unethical, vile, wicked
- virulent** [adj1] *poisonous, lethal* baneful, deadly, destructive, fatal, harmful, infective, injurious, malign, malignant, mephitic, pernicious, poison, septic, toxic, toxicant, unhealthy, unwholesome, venomous; CONCEPTS 537,571 —*Ant.* harmless, healthy, nonpoisonous
- virulent** [adj2] *hostile* acrimonious, antagonistic, bitter, cutting, hateful, malevolent, malicious, rancorous, resentful, scathing, sharp, spiteful, splenetic, stabbing, unfriendly, venomous, vicious, vindictive, vitriolic; CONCEPTS 267, 542 —*Ant.* gentle, kind, nice
- virus** [n] *bacterium, bug* ailment, bacillus, disease, germ, illness, infection, microbe, microorganism, pathogen, sickness; CONCEPT 306
- visceral** [adj] *instinctive* accustomed, automatic, congenital, habitual, inborn, ingrained, inherent, innate, instinctual, intrinsic, intuitional, intuitive, knee-jerk\*, natural, reflex, rooted, second-nature\*; CONCEPT 544
- viscous** [adj] *sticky, gummy* adhesive, clammy, gelatinous, gluey\*, glutinous, gooey\*, mucilaginous, ropy, slimy, stiff, syrupy, tenacious, thick, tough, viscid; CONCEPT 606 —*Ant.* unsticky, watery
- visible** [adj] *apparent, seable* arresting, big as life\*, bold, clear, conspicuous, detectable, discernible, discoverable, distinguishable, evident, inescapable, in sight, in view, macroscopic, manifest, marked, not hidden, noticeable, observable, obtrusive, obvious, ocular, open, out in the open\*, outstanding, palpable, patent, perceivable, perceptible, plain, pointed, pronounced, revealed, salient, seen, signal, striking, to be seen, unconcealed, under one's nose\*, unhidden, unmistakable, viewable, visual; CONCEPTS 529,576,619 —*Ant.* concealed, hidden, invisible, obscured, unseeable
- vision** [n1] *ability to perceive with eyes* eyes\*, eyesight, faculty, optics, perceiving, perception, range of view, seeing, sight, view; CONCEPT 629 —*Ant.* blindness, sightlessness
- vision** [n2] *mental image, concept* angle, aspect, astuteness, breadth of view, castles in the air\*, conception, daydream, discernment, divination, dream, facet, fancy, fantasy, farsightedness, foreknowledge, foresight, head trip\*, idea, ideal, ideality, imagination, insight, intuition, keenness, mental picture, muse, nightmare, outlook, penetration, perspective, phantasm,
- pie in the sky\*, pipe dream\*, point of view, prescience, retrospect, slant, standpoint, trip, understanding, view; CONCEPTS 529,532,689
- vision** [n3] *apparition* apocalypse, chimera, delusion, ecstasy, fantasy, ghost, hallucination, haunt, illusion, mirage, nightmare, oracle, phantasm, phantom, phenomenon, presence, prophecy, revelation, specter, spirit, spook, trance, warlock, wraith; CONCEPTS 370,529 —*Ant.* actuality, fact, reality
- vision** [n4] *very beautiful thing or person* angel\*, dazzler, dream, eyeeful\*, feast for the eyes\*, perfect picture\*, picture, sight, sight for sore eyes\*, spectacle, stunner\*; CONCEPTS 424,529
- visionary** [adj] *idealized, romantic* abstracted, ambitious, astral, chimerical, daydreaming, delusory, dreaming, dreamy, exalted, fanciful, fantastic, grandiose, ideal, idealist, idealistic, illusory, imaginary, impractical, in the clouds\*, introspective, lofty, musing, noble, otherworldly, pretentious, prophetic, quixotic, radical, speculative, starry-eyed\*, unreal, unrealistic, unworkable, unworldly, utopian; CONCEPTS 529,560,582 —*Ant.* practical, real, realistic, unromantic
- visionary** [n] *person who dreams, is idealistic* castle-builder\*, daydreamer, Don Quixote\*, dreamer, enthusiast, idealist, mystic, prophet, romancer, romantic, seer, stargazer, theorist, utopian, zealot; CONCEPT 361 —*Ant.* realist
- visit** [n] *social call upon another* appointment, call, evening, holiday, interview, sojourn, stay, stop, stopover, talk, tarriance, vacation, visitation, weekend; CONCEPTS 226,227
- visit** [v1] *be a guest of* call, call on, chat, come around, come by, converse, crash, drop by, drop in, drop over, dwell, frequent, go over to\*, go to see\*, hit, inspect, look around, look in on, look up, pay a call\*, pay a visit to, play, pop in\*, reside, see, sojourn, stay at, stay with, step in, stop by\*, stop off\*, swing by\*, take in, talk, tarry, tour; CONCEPTS 226,227
- visit** [v2] *bother, haunt* afflict, assail, attack, avenge, befall, bring down on, descend upon, force upon, impose, inflict, pain, punish, smite, trouble, wreak, wreck; CONCEPTS 7,14,19
- visitor** [n] *person temporarily in a foreign location* caller, company, foreigner, guest, habitué, inspector, invitee, out-of-towner, transient, visitant; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* host
- vista** [n] *view field of vision, glimpse, landscape, look, outline, panorama, perspective, scene, scenery, seascape, sight, vision*; CONCEPT 628
- visual** [adj] *able to be seen with eyes* beheld, discernible, imaged, observable, observed, ocular, optic, optical, perceptible, seeable, seen, viewable, viewed, visible, visual; CONCEPTS 485,576,619
- visualize** [v] *make a picture of in the mind* anticipate, apprehend, bring to mind, call to mind, call up, conceive of, conjure up, create, divine, dream up, envisage, envision, fancy, feature, foresee, get the picture\*, image, imagine, object, picture, reflect, see, see in the mind's eye\*, think, view, vision; CONCEPTS 17,34
- vital** [adj1] *essential* basic, bottom-line\*, cardinal, coal-and-ice\*, constitutive, critical, crucial,

decisive, fundamental, heavy\*, imperative, important, indispensable, integral, key, life-or-death\*, meaningful, meat-and-potatoes\*, name, name-of-the-game\*, necessary, needed, nitty-gritty\*, prerequisite, required, requisite, significant, underlined, urgent; CONCEPTS 546,567 —*Ant.* inessential, insignificant, trivial, unimportant

**vital** [*adj*2] *lively* animated, dynamic, energetic, forceful, lusty, red-blooded, spirited, strenuous, vibrant, vigorous, vivacious, zestful; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* dull, sluggish

**vital** [*adj*3] *alive* animate, animated, breathing, generative, invigorative, life-giving, live, living, quickening; CONCEPT 539 —*Ant.* dead

**vitality** [*n*] *energy, spirit* animation, ardor, audacity, bang, being, bloom, bounce, clout, continuity, drive, endurance, existence, exuberance, fervor, force, get-up-and-go\*, go, guts\*, intensity, life, liveliness, lustiness, pep, pizzazz\*, power, pulse, punch, robustness, snap, sparkle, spunk\*, stamina, starch\*, steam, strength, stuff\*, venturesomeness, verve, vigor, vim, vivaciousness, vivacity, zest, zing\*, zip\*; CONCEPTS 407,411,633 —*Ant.* apathy, lethargy

**vitiate** [*v*] *cancel* abate, abolish, abrogate, annihilate, annul, delete, deny, invalidate, negate, nullify, quash, recant, revoke, undermine, undo; CONCEPTS 121,317 —*Ant.* schedule, set up

**vitiate** [*v*2] *hurt, corrupt* blemish, blight, brutalize, contaminate, damage, debase, debauch, defile, deprave, deteriorate, devalue, harm, impair, injure, mar, pervert, pollute, prejudice, spoil, sully, taint, tarnish, violate, warp, water down, weaken; CONCEPTS 246,250 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help, protect, save

**vitriol** [*n*] *bitterness* acrimony, contempt, disdain, hatefulness, hostility, malevolence, maliciousness, nastiness, sarcasm, venom, virulence; CONCEPTS 410,633

**vittles** [*n*] *food* chow\*, comestibles, eatables, eats, edibles, fare, foodstuff, goodies\*, groceries\*, grub, larder, meal, nourishment, provender, provisions, refreshments, snack, viands, victuals; CONCEPTS 457,460,461

**vituperate** [*v*] *criticize harshly* abuse, accuse, asperse, bark at\*, bawl out\*, berate, blame, calumniate, castigate, censure, chew out\*, condemn, curse, denounce, find fault, growl, insult, lambaste\*, lash, malign, rail, rate, reproach, revile, rip into\*, run down\*, scold, smear, tear into\*, tongue-lash\*, traduce, upbraid, vilify, yell at\*; CONCEPTS 44,52,54 —*Ant.* compliment, praise

**vituperation** [*n*] *verbal attack* bad-mouthing\*, berating, blame, castigation, censure, criticism, defamation, insults, libel, obloquy, reprimand, reproach, scolding, slander, tirade, upbraiding, verbal abuse; CONCEPT 54

**vivacious** [*adj*] *lively, spirited* active, alert, animate, animated, bouncy, brash, breezy, bubbling, cheerful, ebullient, effervescent, exuberant, frolicsome, full of life\*, gay, happy, high-spirited, jolly, jumping, keen, lighthearted, merry, playful, rocking, scintillating, sparkling, sportive, sprightly, swinging, upbeat, vibrant, vital, zesty; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* boring, dispirited, dull, unattractive, unhappy

**vivid** [*adj*] *intense, powerful* active, animated, bright, brilliant, clear, colorful, definite, distinct, dramatic, dynamic, eloquent, energetic, expressive, flamboyant, gay, glowing, graphic, highly colored, lifelike, lively, lucid, meaningful, memorable, picturesque, realistic, resplendent, rich, sharp, shining, spirited, stirring, striking, strong, telling, theatrical, true-to-life, vigorous; CONCEPTS 537,569,618 —*Ant.* dull, weak

**vixen** [*n*] *foxy person* cat, dragon, harpy, harridan, hellcat, she-devil, shrew, termagant, virago, witch, Xanthippe; CONCEPT 412

**vocabulary** [*n*] *language of a person or people* cant, dictionary, glossary, jargon, lexicon, palaver, phraseology, terminology, thesaurus, wordbook, word-hoard\*, words, word-stock\*; CONCEPTS 276,280

**vocal** [*adj*1] *spoken* articulate, articulated, choral, expressed, intonated, lyric, modulated, operatic, oral, phonetic, phonic, pronounced, put into words\*, said, singing, sonant, sung, uttered, verbal, viva voce, vocalic, vocalized, voiced, vowel; CONCEPTS 267,594 —*Ant.* written

**vocal** [*adj*2] *extroverted about opinion* articulate, blunt, clamorous, eloquent, expressive, facile, fluent, forthright, frank, free, free-spoken, glib, noisy, outspoken, plainspoken, round, smooth-spoken, stentorian, strident, venting, vociferous; CONCEPTS 267,404

—*Ant.* introverted, modest, quiet, shy

**vocalize** [*v*] *put into words or song* belt out\*, canary\*, chant, chirp, communicate, convey, croon, emit, enunciate, express, give out\*, groan, impart, let out\*, moan, pronounce, say, shout, sing, sound, speak, talk, utter, vent, verbalize, voice, warble, yodel; CONCEPT 77

**vocation** [*n*] *life's work* art, business, calling, career, craft, do\*, dodge\*, duty, employment, field, game, handicraft, job, lifework, line\*, line of business\*, métier, mission, nine-to-five\*, occupation, office, post, profession, pursuit, racket\*, role, thing\*, trade, undertaking; CONCEPTS 349,360 —*Ant.* entertainment, fun, pastime

**vociferous** [*adj*] *loud, insistent* boisterous, clamant, clamorous, distracting, loud-mouthed, noisy, obstreperous, ranting, shouting, shrill, strident, uproarious, vehement, vociferant; CONCEPTS 267,592,594 —*Ant.* quiet, silent

**vogue** [*adj*] *fashionable* faddy\*, in\*, latest, mod\*, modish, now, popular, prevalent, rage\*, state-of-the-art\*, trendy, up-to-the-minute\*, with it\*; CONCEPT 589 —*Ant.* out, unfashionable, unpopular, unstylish

**vogue** [*n*] *fashion; current practice* chic, craze\*, currency, custom, dernier cri, fad\*, fashionableness, favor, in thing\*, last word\*, latest, mode, popularity, practice, prevalence, rage\*, style, stylishness, thing\*, trend, usage, use, way; CONCEPT 655 —*Ant.* disuse, out

**voice** [*n*1] *expression, language* articulation, call, cry, delivery, exclamation, inflection, intonation, modulation, murmur, mutter, roar, shout, song, sound, speech, statement, tone, tongue, utterance, vent, vocalization, vociferation, words, yell; CONCEPTS 77,276

**voice** [*n*2] *opinion* approval, choice, decision, expression, option, part, participation, preference, representation, right of free speech, say,

say-so\*, suffrage, vent, view, vote, vox populi, will, wish; CONCEPTS 278,376

**voice** [v] *express opinion; put into words* air, announce, articulate, assert, come out with\*, cry, declare, deliver, divulge, emphasize, enunciate, give expression, give utterance, inflect, intonate, modulate, present, proclaim, pronounce, put, recount, say, sound, speak, talk, tell, utter, vent, verbalize, vocalize; CONCEPTS 49,51 —**Ant.** be quiet

**void** [adj1] *empty* abandoned, bare, barren, bereft, clear, deprived, destitute, devoid, drained, emptied, free, lacking, scant, short, shy, tenantless, unfilled, unoccupied, vacant, vacuous, without; CONCEPTS 481,583,740,774 —**Ant.** filled, full, occupied

**void** [adj2] *nullified, meaningless* avoided, bad, dead, forceless, fruitless, ineffective, ineffectual, inoperative, invalid, negated, not viable, nugatory, null, null and void, set aside, sterile, unconfirmed, unenforceable, unfruitful, unratified, unsanctioned, unsuccessful, useless, vain, voided, worthless; CONCEPT 560 —**Ant.** full, meaningful, valid

**void** [n] *emptiness, want* blank, blankness, cavity, gap, hole, hollow, lack, nihilism, nothingness, nullity, opening, space, vacuum, vacancy; CONCEPTS 513,646,709 —**Ant.** fullness

**void** [v1] *get rid of; empty* clear, deplete, discharge, dispose, drain, dump, eject, eliminate, emit, evacuate, flow, give off, go, pour, relieve, remove, throw out, vacate; CONCEPTS 179,180 —**Ant.** keep

**void** [v2] *nullify, cancel* abnegate, abrogate, annul, black out\*, bleep\*, blue pencil\*, clean up, cut, declare null and void\*, discharge, dissolve, drop\*, gut\*, invalidate, launder, rescind, sanitize, sterilize, take out, trim, vacate; CONCEPTS 50,88,121,211 —**Ant.** allow, permit, sanction, validate

**volatile** [adj] *explosive, changeable* airy, buoyant, capricious, effervescent, elastic, elusive, ephemeral, erratic, expansive, fickle, fleeting, flighty, flippant, frivolous, fugacious, fugitive, gaseous, gay, giddy, impermanent, imponderable, inconsistent, inconstant, light, lively, lubricious, mercurial, momentary, playful, resilient, short-lived, sprightly, subtle, temperamental, ticklish, transient, transitory, unsettled, unstable, unsteady, up-and-down, vaporous, variable, whimsical; CONCEPTS 401,534 —**Ant.** calm, firm, stable, steadfast

**volition** [n] *free will* accord, choice, choosing, conation, desire, determination, discretion, election, option, preference, purpose, resolution, selection, will, willingness, wish; CONCEPTS 20,41

**volley** [n] *barrage* battery, bombardment, burst, cannonade, crossfire, enfilade, firing, fusillade, gunfire, hail, round, salvo, shelling, shower, storm; CONCEPT 320

**voluble** [adj] *talkative* articulate, bigmouthed\*, chattering, chatty\*, fluent, full of hot air\*, gabby, garrulous, long-winded\*, loquacious, mouthy\*, multiloquent, prolix, rambling, running on\*, slick\*, smooth\*, talky, verbal, windy\*, wordy; CONCEPT 267

**volume** [n1] *capacity, measure of capacity* aggregate, amount, body, bulk, compass, content, contents, cubic measure, dimensions,

extent, figure, mass, number, object, quantity, size, total; CONCEPTS 719,740,794

**volume** [n2] *loudness of a sound* amplification, degree, intensity, power, sonority, strength; CONCEPTS 65,792

**volume** [n3] *book* album, edition, publication, tome, treatise, version; CONCEPT 280

**voluminous** [adj] *big, vast* abundant, ample, billowing, bulky, capacious, cavernous, comprehensive, convoluted, copious, covering, expansive, extensive, full, great, large, legion, many, massive, multifarious, multitudinous, numerous, prolific, roomy, several, simple, spacious, sundry, swelling, various; CONCEPTS 773,781 —**Ant.** little, slight, small, tiny

**voluntarily** [adv] *of one's own free will* at one's discretion, by choice, by preference, deliberately, freely, intentionally, of one's own accord\*, on one's own, on one's own initiative\*, optionally, spontaneously, willingly, with all one's heart\*, without being asked, without prompting; CONCEPTS 538,544 —**Ant.** forced, involuntarily, obligatory

**voluntary** [adj] *willing* autonomous, chosen, deliberate, designful, discretionary, elected, free, freely, free-willed, gratuitous, honorary, independent, intended, intentional, opted, optional, spontaneous, unasked, unbidden, uncompelled, unconstrained, unforced, unpaid, unprescribed, volitional, volunteer, willed, willful, wised, witting; CONCEPTS 538,544 —**Ant.** forced, involuntary, obligatory, unwilling

**volunteer** [v] *offer to do something* advance, bring forward, chip in\*, come forward, do on one's own volition\*, enlist, go in\*, let oneself in for\*, offer services, present, proffer, propose, put at one's disposal\*, put forward, sign up, speak up, stand up, step forward, submit oneself, suggest, take bull by the horns\*, take initiative\*, take the plunge\*, take upon oneself\*, tender; CONCEPTS 66,67 —**Ant.** compel, force, obligate

**voluptuous** [adj] *given to sensual pleasure; pleasurable to the senses* appealing, attractive, delightful, desirable, enticing, erotic, fleshly, hedonist, hedonistic, indulgent, lubricious, luxurious, pleasing, salacious, self-indulgent, sensuous, sexy, sybaritic, wanton; CONCEPTS 372,485 —**Ant.** flat, underdeveloped

**vomit** [v] *disgorge* be seasick\*, be sick, bring up\*, dry heave\*, eject, emit, expel, gag\*, heave\*, hurl\*, puke\*, regurgitate, retch, ruminate, spew, spit up, throw up, upchuck\*; CONCEPTS 179,185,308

**voodoo** [n] *black magic* abracadabra\*, alchemy, black art, charm, conjuring, devilry, divination, enchantment, evil eye, hocus-pocus\*, hoodoo, jinx, mumbo jumbo\*, necromancy, obeah, obi, sorcery, spell, witchcraft, witchery, wizardry; CONCEPTS 370,689

**voracious** [adj] *very hungry, greedy* avid, covetous, devouring, dog-hungry\*, edacious, empty, gluttonous, gorging, grasping, gross, insatiable, omnivorous, piggy\*, prodigious, rapacious, ravening, ravenous, sating, starved, starved to death\*, starving, uncontrolled, unquenchable; CONCEPTS 20,401 —**Ant.** quenched, satisfied

**vote** [n] *decision or right to decide representation*



aye\*, ballot, choice, franchise, majority, nay\*, plebiscite, poll, referendum, secret ballot, show of hands\*, suffrage, tally, ticket, will, wish, yea\*, yes or no\*; CONCEPTS 300,376

**vote** [v] *decide on representation* ballot, cast ballot, cast vote, choose, confer, declare, determine, effect, elect, enact, enfranchise, establish, go to the polls\*, grant, judge, opt, pronounce, propose, put in office\*, recommend, return, second, suggest; CONCEPTS 41,300 —*Ant.* abstain

**vouch** [v] *give assurance* act as a witness, affirm, answer for, assert, asseverate, assure, attest to, avert, avow, back, bear testimony, be responsible for, certify, confirm, contend, corroborate, cosign, declare, get behind\*, give an affidavit, guarantee, maintain, okay\*, predicate, profess, prove, put forth, rubber-stamp\*, say so\*, sign for, sponsor, stand up for\*, substantiate, support, swear to, swear up and down\*, testify, uphold, verify, vow, warrant, witness; CONCEPTS 49,71,317 —*Ant.* deny, disavow, refute, reject, renounce

**voucher** [n] *receipt* certificate, check, chit, coupon, credential, debenture, IOU\*, note, notice, proof of purchase, release, sales slip, slip, stub, ticket, token; CONCEPTS 271,332

**vow** [n] *promise* affiancement, assertion, asseveration, oath, pledge, profession, troth, word of honor; CONCEPTS 278,689 —*Ant.* breach, break

**vow** [v] *make a solemn promise* affirm, assure, consecrate, covenant, cross one's heart\*, declare, dedicate, devote, give word of honor\*, pledge, plight, promise, swear, swear up and down\*, testify, undertake solemnly\*, vouch, warrant; CONCEPTS 71,297 —*Ant.* disavow

**voyage** [n] *journey, often by water* boating, crossing, cruise, excursion, hop, jaunt, junket, overnight, passage, sail, swing, tour, travel, travels, trek, trip, weekend; CONCEPTS 155, 224

**vulgar** [adj1] *rude, offensive* base, blue\*, boorish, cheap, coarse, common, contemptible, crude, dirty, disgusting, dishonorable, filthy, fractious, gross\*, hard-core\*, ignoble, impolite, improper, indecent, indecorous, indelicate, inferior, low, malicious, nasty, naughty, obscene, odious, off-color, profane, raw, repulsive, ribald, risqué, rough, scatological, slippery, smutty, sneaking, soft-core\*, sordid, suggestive, tasteless, tawdry, uncouth, unmannerly, unrefined, unworthy, villainous, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 267,372,545 —*Ant.* decent, inoffensive, nice, polite, refined

**vulgar** [adj2] *common, general* colloquial, conversational, dime a dozen\*, everyday, familiar, garden variety\*, low, native, ordinary, plastic, plebeian, popular, public, run-of-the-mill\*, unrefined, vernacular; CONCEPT 530 —*Ant.* aesthetic, artistic, fashionable

**vulnerable** [adj] *open to attack* accessible, assailable, defenseless, exposed, liable, naked, on the line\*, on the spot\*, out on a limb\*, ready, sensitive, sitting duck\*, sucker\*, susceptible, tender, thin-skinned\*, unguarded, unprotected, unsafe, weak, wide open\*; CONCEPTS 403,587 —*Ant.* closed, guarded, protected, safe, secure

## W

**wacky** [adj] *acting crazy* absurd, balmy, crazed, crazy, daft, demented, deranged, eccentric, erratic, foolish, hare-brained, insane, irrational, loony\*, lunatic, mad, nuts\*, nutty\*, odd, preposterous, screwy\*, silly, unpredictable, wild, zany\*; CONCEPTS 401,403 —*Ant.* calm, collected

**wad** [n] *ball of something* back, block, boodle, bunch, bundle, chunk, clump, cushion, fortune, gathering, heap, hunk, lining, lump, mass, mint, nugget, packet, pad, pile, plug, pot, ream, roll, slew, stuff, tuft, wadding; CONCEPTS 432,436

**waddle** [v] *walk like a duck* rock, shuffle, sway, toddle, totter, wiggle, wobble; CONCEPT 151

**wade** [v] *plod, often through water* attack, attempt, bathe, drudge, fall to, ford, get feet wet\*, get stuck in\*, go for, initiate, jump in, labor, launch, light into, paddle, pitch in, set about, set to, splash, start, stumble, tackle, tear into\*, toil, trek, walk, work through; CONCEPTS 87,151

**waffle** [v] *waver* change, change one's mind, equivocate, flip-flop\*, vacillate, yo-yo\*; CONCEPT 46

**waft** [v] *carry* bear, be carried, blow, convey, drift, float, ride, transmit, transport; CONCEPTS 147,217

**wag** [n] *person who is very funny* a million laughs\*, card\*, clown, comedian, comic, cutup\*, droll\*, farceur\*, funny person, funster\*, humorist, jester\*, joker, jokester, kibitzer\*, kidder, life of the party\*, madcap\*, prankster, punster, quipster, show-off\*, trickster, wisecracker, wit, zany; CONCEPTS 416,423

**wag** [v] *wiggle back and forth* beat, bob, fish-tail\*, flutter, lash, move side to side, nod, oscillate, quiver, rock, shake, shimmy, stir, sway, swing, switch, twitch, vibrate, waggle, wave; CONCEPTS 150,152

**wage** [v] *carry on* carry out, conduct, do, engage in, fulfill, make, practice, proceed with, prosecute, pursue, undertake; CONCEPTS 91,100 —*Ant.* cease, halt, stop

**wager** [n] *money or something gambled* action, ante\*, bet, challenge, chunk, fifty-fifty\*, fighting chance\*, flyer\*, gamble, handle, hazard, hedge, hunch, long shot\*, odds on\*, outside chance\*, parlay, play, pledge, plunge, pot\*, risk, stake, toss-up, venture; CONCEPTS 329, 363,364

**wager** [v] *bet money or something else in a gamble* adventure, chance, gamble, game, hazard, hedge, hustle, lay, lay a wager, parlay, play, play the market\*, pledge, plunge, put on\*, put on the line\*, put up, risk, set\*, shoot\*, shoot the works\*, spec\*, speculate, stake, take action, venture; CONCEPTS 28,363

**wage/wages** [n] *earnings for work* allowance, bacon\*, bacon and eggs\*, bread\*, compensation, cut, emolument, fee, hire, pay, payment, price, receipts, recompense, remuneration, return, returns, reward, salary, share, stipend, sugar\*, take\*, take-home\*; CONCEPT 344

**waggish** [adj] *playful* amusing, blithe, bubbly, cheerful, clowning, comical, frolicsome, funny, gamesome, gay, humorous, jaunty, jesting, jocular, jocund, joking, jolly, joyous, kittenish,

lighthearted, lively, merry, mirthful, snappy, spirited, teasing, whimsical, witty; CONCEPTS 401,542

**waggle** [*v*] *shake* bobble, flourish, flutter, jerk, jiggle, joggle, quiver, twitch, wag, wave, wiggle; CONCEPT 150

**waif** [*n*] *lost or unclaimed person or thing* castaway, dogie, drop\*, fetch\*, flossam, foundling, homeless one, jetsam, orphan, ragamuffin, stray, urchin; CONCEPT 423

**wail** [*v*] *cry loudly* bawl, bay, bemoan, bewail, carry on\*, complain, cry the blues\*, deplore, fuss, grieve, howl, jowl, keen, kick, lament, moan, mourn, repine, sob, squall, ululate, weep, whimper, whine; CONCEPTS 77,185  
—*Ant.* whimper

**wait** [*n*] *pause, delay* down, downtime\*, halt, hold\*, hold-up, interim, interval, on hold\*, rest, stay, time wasted\*; CONCEPT 807 —*Ant.* act, continuation, doing

**wait** [*v*] *pause, rest* abide, anticipate, await, carry on\*, bide one's time\*, cool it\*, dally, delay, expect, fill time, foresee, hang\*, hang around\*, hang onto your hat\*, hang out, hold back, hold everything\*, hold on, hold the phone\*, hole up\*, keep shirt on\*, lie in wait\*, lie low\*, linger, look for, look forward to, mark time\*, put on hold\*, remain, save it\*, sit tight\*, sit up for\*, stall, stand by, stay, stay up for, stick around\*, sweat it\*, tarry, watch; CONCEPTS 210,681 —*Ant.* carry out, do, forge, forward, go, go ahead

**wait on** [*v*] *serve* arrange, attend, care for, deal, deliver, help, minister, nurse, portion, ready, set, tend; CONCEPTS 136,324

**waitperson** [*n*] *server* attendant, butler, carhop, host, hostess, maître d', maître d'hôtel, servant, steward, stewardess, waiter, waitress; CONCEPT 348

**waive** [*v*] *give up; let go* abandon, allow, cede, defer, delay, disclaim, disown, dispense with, forgo, grant, hand over, hold off, hold up, leave, neglect, postpone, prorogue, put off, refrain from, reject, relinquish, remit, remove, renege, renounce, reserve, resign, set aside, shelve, stay, surrender, suspend, table, turn over, yield; CONCEPTS 121,234,317 —*Ant.* claim

**waiver** [*n*] *giving up; letting go* abandonment, abdication, disclaimer, foregoing, postponement, refusal, rejection, relinquishment, remission, renunciation, reservation, resignation, setting aside, surrender, tabling; CONCEPTS 121,318,685 —*Ant.* accept, claim, face

**wake** [*n1*] *formal observance of a body before funeral* deathwatch, funeral service, last rites, obsequies, rites, vigil, watch; CONCEPTS 367,377

**wake** [*n2*] *trail behind something* aftermath, backwash, furrow, path, track, train, wash, wave; CONCEPTS 753,824

**wakeful** [*adj*] *alert, restless* alive, astir, attentive, careful, heedful, insomniac, insomniuous, observant, on guard, on the alert, on the lookout, on the qui vive, sleepless, unsleeping, vigilant, waking, wary, watchful, wide-awake; CONCEPTS 539,542 —*Ant.* sleepy, unaware

**wake/waken** [*v1*] *stop sleeping* arise, awake, awaken, be roused, bestir, bring to life\*, call, come to, get out of bed\*, get up, nudge, open one's eyes\*, prod, rise, rise and shine\*, roll out,

rouse, shake, stir, stretch, tumble out\*, turn out, wake up; CONCEPT 105 —*Ant.* nap, sleep

**wake/waken** [*v2*] *excite, stimulate* activate, enliven, arouse, awaken, challenge, enliven, fire, fire up\*, freshen, galvanize, grasp, jazz up\*, key up\*, kindle, notice, pep up\*, provoke, quicken, rally, renew, rouse, see, steam up\*, stir up, switch on\*, understand, whet, zip up\*; CONCEPTS 7,14,22 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade

**walk** [*n1*] *brief travel on foot* airing, carriage, circuit, constitutional, gait, hike, jaunt, march, pace, parade, perambulation, peregrination, promenade, ramble, saunter, schlepp\*, step, stretch, stride, stroll, tour, trapease, tramp, tread, turn; CONCEPTS 149,224

**walk** [*n2*] *pathway* aisle, alley, avenue, boardwalk, boulevard, bricks, bypath, byway, catwalk, cloister, course, court, crossing, esplanade, footpath, gangway, lane, mall, passage, path, pavement, pier, platform, promenade, road, sidewalk, street, track, trail; CONCEPT 501

**walk** [*n3*] *discipline* area, arena, bailiwick, calling, career, course, domain, dominion, field, line, metier, profession, province, sphere, terrain, territory, trade, vocation; CONCEPT 349

**walk** [*v*] *move along on foot* advance, amble, ambulate, canter, escort, exercise, file, foot, go, go on foot\*, hike, hit the road\*, hoof it, knock about\*, lead, leg\*, locomote, lumber, march, meander, pace, pad, parade, patrol, perambulate, plod, prance, promenade, race, roam, rove, run, saunter, scuff, shamble, shuffle, slog, stalk, step, stride, stroll, strut, stump, take a walk, toddle, tour, trapease, tramp, travel on foot, traverse, tread, trek, troop, trudge, wander, wend one's way\*; CONCEPT 149 —*Ant.* run

**wall** [*n*] *obstruction, divider* bank, bar, barricade, barrier, block, blockade, bulwark, curb, dam, embankment, enclosure, facade, fence, fortification, hindrance, hurdle, impediment, levee, limitation, palisade, panel, paneling, parapet, partition, rampart, restriction, retainer, road-block, screen, side, stockade, stop, surface; CONCEPTS 440,666

**wallop** [*n*] *strong hit* bash, belt, blow, bop, bump, clash, collision, crash, haymaker\*, impact, jar, jolt, kick, percussion, punch, shock, slam, slug, smack, smash, thump, thwack\*, whack; CONCEPT 189

**wallop** [*v1*] *beat, hit* bam, bash, batter, belt, blast, boff, bop, buffet, bushwhack\*, clobber\*, drub\*, hide, lambaste\*, paste, pelt, plant one\*, pound, pummel, punch, slam, slog, slug, smack, smash, sock, strike, swat, take out, tan\*, thrash, thump, whack, wham, whomp, zap\*; CONCEPT 189

**wallop** [*v2*] *defeat soundly* beat, best, clobber\*, crush\*, drub\*, lambaste\*, lick\*, rout, shellac\*, thrash\*, trim\*, trounce, vanquish, whip\*; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* fail, lose, surrender

**wallow** [*v1*] *slosh around in* bathe in, be immersed, blunder, flounder, get stuck, immerse, lie, loll, lurch, move around in, reel, roll, roll about, roll around in, splash around, sprawl, stagger, stumble, sway, toss, totter, tumble, wade, welter; CONCEPTS 149,201

**wallow** [*v2*] *become very involved in* bask, delight, enjoy, glory, grovel, humor, indulge

- oneself, luxuriate, pamper, relish, revel, roll, rollick, spoil, take pleasure; CONCEPT 384
- wan** [adj] *colorless, weak* anemic, ashen, ashy, bilious, blanched, bleached, bloodless, cadaverous, dim, discolored, faint, feeble, forceless, ghastly, haggard, ineffective, ineffectual, livid, pale, pallid, pasty, peaked, sickly, washed-out, waxen, white, worn; CONCEPTS 314,618 —**Ant.** colorful, flushed, strong
- wand** [n] *rod* baton, caduceus, scepter, sprig, staff, stick, twig; CONCEPTS 470,499
- wander** [v1] *move about aimlessly* aberrate, amble, circumambulate, circumlocute, circumnate, cruise, deviate, diverge, drift, float, follow one's nose\*, gad\*, gallivant\*, globe-trot, hike, hopscootch\*, jaunt, maunder, meander, peregrinate, ramble, range, roam, roll, rove, saunter, straggle, stray, stroll, take to the road\*, trail, traipse, tramp, trek, vagabond, walk the tracks\*; CONCEPTS 151,224 —**Ant.** stay
- wander** [v2] *digress; get lost* babble, depart, deviate, divagate, diverge, err, get off the track\*, get sidetracked\*, go astray\*, go off on a tangent\*, lose one's way, lose train of thought\*, ramble, rave, shift, stray, swerve, talk nonsense\*, veer; CONCEPTS 101,266,665 —**Ant.** go direct, stay
- wanderer** [n] *person who travels aimlessly* adventurer, beachcomber, bum, drifter, explorer, floater, gad\*, gadabout, gallowanter, globe-trotter, gypsy, itinerant, meanderer, nomad, pilgrim, rambler, ranger, roamer, rolling stone\*, rover, straggler, stray, stroller, traveler, vagabond, vagrant, voyager; CONCEPT 423
- wane** [v] *diminish, lessen* abate, atrophy, decline, decrease, die away, die down, die out, dim, draw to a close\*, drop, dwindle, ease off, ebb, fade, fade away, fail, fall, fall short, let up, moderate, peter out\*, relent, shrink, sink, slacken, slack off, subside, taper off, waste away, weaken, wind down\*, wither; CONCEPTS 698,776 —**Ant.** grow, increase, raise, rise
- want** [n1] *desire* appetite, craving, demand, fancy, hankering, hunger, longing, necessity, need, requirement, thirst, wish, yearning, yen; CONCEPT 20 —**Ant.** disinterest, dislike, hate
- want** [n2] *lack, need* absence, dearth, default, defect, deficiency, destitution, exigency, exiguousness, famine, impecuniousness, impoverishment, inadequacy, indigence, insufficiency, meagerness, neediness, paucity, pauperism, penury, poorness, poverty, privation, scantiness, scarcity, shortage, skimpiness; CONCEPTS 646,709 —**Ant.** abundance, plenty
- want** [v1] *desire* ache, aspire, be greedy, choose, could do with\*, covet, crave, desiderate, fancy, feel a need, hanker\*, have ambition, have an urge for\*, have a passion for\*, have a yen for\*, have eyes for\*, hunger, incline toward\*, itch for\*, long, lust, need, pine, prefer, require, spoil for\*, thirst, wish, yearn; CONCEPT 20 —**Ant.** despise, dislike, hate
- want** [v2] *lack, need* be deficient, be deprived of, be found wanting, be insufficient, be poor, be short of, be without, call for, demand, fall short in, have need of, miss, require, stand in need of, starve; CONCEPT 646 —**Ant.** have
- wanting** [adj] *lacking, inadequate* absent, away, bankrupt, bereft, burned out\*, cooked\*, cut off, defective, deficient, deprived, destitute, devoid, disappointing, empty, failing, faulty, gone, half-baked\*, imperfect, incomplete, in default, inferior, less, minus, missing, needed, not good enough, not up to par\*, omitted, out of gas\*, patchy, poor, scant, scanty, scarce, short, shy, sketchy, substandard, too little too late\*, unfulfilled, unsound; CONCEPTS 531,546,560 —**Ant.** adequate, perfect, satisfactory, sufficient
- wanton** [adj1] *extravagant, lustful* abandoned, fast\*, lax, lewd, libertine, libidinous, licentious, outrageous, profligate, promiscuous, shameless, speedy\*, unprincipled, unscrupulous, wayward, X-rated\*; CONCEPTS 372,401,545 —**Ant.** clean, decent, moral, righteous
- wanton** [adj2] *cruel, malicious* accidentally on purpose\*, arbitrary, contrary, double-crossing\*, evil, gratuitous, groundless, inconsiderate, malevolent, mean, merciless, motiveless, needless, ornery, perverse, senseless, spiteful, unasked, uncalled-for\*, unfair, unjust, unjustifiable, unjustified, unprovoked, vicious, wayward, wicked, willful; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** gentle, kind, nice
- wanton** [adj3] *careless* capricious, changeable, devil-may-care\*, extravagant, fanciful, fickle, fitful, fluctuating, free, frivolous, heedless, hot and cold\*, immoderate, inconstant, intemperate, lavish, outrageous, prodigal, profuse, rash, reckless, spendthrift, spoiled, thrifless, unfettered, unreserved, unrestrained, up and down\*, variable, volatile, wasteful, whimsical, wild; CONCEPTS 534,542 —**Ant.** careful, observant, thoughtful, wise
- wanton** [n] *profligate person* debauchee, libertine, rake; CONCEPTS 412,415,419
- war** [n] *armed conflict* battle, bloodshed, cold war, combat, conflict, contention, contest, enmity, fighting, hostilities, hostility, police action, strife, strike, struggle, warfare; CONCEPT 320 —**Ant.** ceasefire, peace
- war** [v] *fight, battle* attack, attempt, bombard, campaign against, challenge, clash, combat, contend, contest, differ, disagree, endeavor, engage in combat, go to war, kill, make war, march against, meet, murder, oppugn, shell, shoot, strive, struggle, take on, take the field against, take up arms, tug, wage war; CONCEPTS 106,320 —**Ant.** agree, ceasefire, make peace
- ward** [n1] *district* area, canton, department, diocese, division, parish, precinct, quarter, territory, zone; CONCEPTS 508,513
- ward** [n2] *custody; person in one's custody* adopted child, care, charge, child, client, dependent, foster child, godchild, guardianship, keeping, minor, orphan, pensioner, protection, protégé, protégée, pupil, safekeeping, trust; CONCEPTS 414,691
- warden** [n] *person who guards and manages* administrator, bodyguard, caretaker, curator, custodian, deacon, dogcatcher, gamekeeper, governor, guard, guardian, jailer/jailor, janitor, keeper, officer, overseer, prison head, ranger, skipper, superintendent, watchdog, watch-keeper; CONCEPT 347 —**Ant.** prisoner
- wardrobe** [n] *clothes or furniture for storing clothes* apparel, attire, buffet, bureau, chest, chiffonier, closet, clothing, commode, costumes,

cupboard, drapes\*, dresser, dry goods, duds\*, ensembles, garments, locker, outfits, rags\*, suits, threads\*, toggery, togs, trousseau, trunk, vestments, weeds\*; CONCEPTS 443,451

**ward/ward off** [v] *defend, guard* avert, avoid, beat off, block, check, deflect, deter, divert, fend, foil, forestall, frustrate, halt, hold off, interrupt, keep at arm's length\*, keep at bay\*, keep off, obviate, parry, preclude, prevent, rebuff, rebut, repel, repulse, rule out, stave off, stop, stymie\*, thwart, turn, turn aside, turn away; CONCEPTS 96,134 —*Ant.* lay bare, make vulnerable, open

**warehouse** [n] *storage place* barn, bin, depository, depot, distribution center, establishment, repository, shed, stash house, stockpile, stockroom, store, storehouse; CONCEPTS 439,449

**wares** [n] *merchandise for sale* articles, commodities, goods, line, lines, manufactures, material, produce, product, products, range, seconds, stock, stuff, vendibles; CONCEPT 338

**warfare** [n] *armed conflict* armed struggle, arms, battle, blows, campaigning, clash, combat, competition, contest, counterinsurgency, discord, emulation, fighting, hostilities, military operation, passage of arms, rivalry, strategy, strife, striving, struggle, tug-of-war\*, war; CONCEPT 320 —*Ant.* harmony, peace

**wariness** [n] *caution* alertness, attention, care, carefulness, deliberation, discretion, guardedness, heed, heedfulness, prudence, vigilance, watchfulness; CONCEPT 410

**warlike** [adj] *hostile, battling* aggressive, attacking, bellicose, belligerent, bloodthirsty, combative, contending, contentious, contrary, fighting, gladiatorial, hawkish, inimical, martial, militant, militaristic, military, offensive, pugnacious, quarrelsome, ructious, soldierly, truculent, unfriendly, warmongering, warring; CONCEPTS 401,548 —*Ant.* harmonizing, peaceful

**warlock** [n] *sorcerer, wizard* astrologer, augurer, clairvoyant, conjurer, diviner, enchanter, fortune-teller, magician, medium, necromancer, occultist, seer, soothsayer, thaumaturge, witch; CONCEPT 361

**warm** [adj1] *moderately hot* balmy, broiling, clement, close, flushed, glowing, heated, hot, lukewarm, melting, mild, perspiring, pleasant, roasting, scorching, sizzling, snug, summery, sunny, sweating, sweaty, sweltering, temperate, tepid, thermal, toasty, warmish; CONCEPT 605 —*Ant.* cold, cool

**warm** [adj2] *friendly, kind* affable, affectionate, amiable, amorous, ardent, cheerful, compassionate, cordial, empathetic, fervent, genial, gracious, happy, heartfelt, hearty, hospitable, kindhearted, kindly, loving, pleasant, responsive, sincere, softhearted, sympathetic, tender, warmhearted, wholehearted; CONCEPTS 267,401,404 —*Ant.* aloof, cold, cool, uncaring, unfeeling, unfriendly, unkind

**warm** [adj3] *enthusiastic* amorous, angry, animated, ardent, earnest, effusive, emotional, excitable, excited, fervent, fervid, glowing, gung-ho\*, heated, hot\*, intense, irascible, keen, lively, nutty\*, passionate, spirited, stormy, vehement, vigorous, violent, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,542 —*Ant.* cool, indifferent, unenthusiastic, uninterested

**warm** [v] *heat up* bake, chafe, cook, fix, heat, melt, microwave, prepare, put on the fire, thaw, toast, warm over, warm up; CONCEPTS 170,255 —*Ant.* chill, cool, freeze

**warmhearted** [adj] *compassionate, kindly* all heart, benevolent, charitable, cordial, friendly, generous, genial, gentle, good-hearted, good-natured, gracious, hearty, kind, kindhearted, merciful, neighborly, pleasant, polite, soft-hearted, sympathetic, tenderhearted, thoughtful, warm; CONCEPTS 401,403,404,542

**warmonger** [n] *militarist* combatant, fighter, hawk\*, jingoist, militant; CONCEPTS 358,359

**warn** [v] *give notice of possible occurrence* acquaint, address, admonish, advise, advocate, alert, apprise, caution, clue, clue in\*, counsel, cry wolf\*, deprecate, direct, dissuade, enjoin, exhort, fill in, forbid, forearm, forearm, give fair warning, give the high sign\*, give warning, guide, hint, inform, instruct, lay it out\*, make aware, notify, order, post, predict, prepare, prescribe, prompt, put on guard, recommend, remind, remonstrate, reprove, signal, suggest, summon, tell, threaten, tip, tip off\*, urge, wise up\*; CONCEPT 78

**warning** [adj] *cautionary* admonishing, admonitory, cautioning, exemplary, exhortatory, monitorial, monitory, ominous, premonitory, threatening; CONCEPT 267

**warning** [n] *notice of possible occurrence* admonition, advice, alarm, alert, augury, caution, caveat, distress signal, example, exhortation, fore, foretold, forewarning, guidance, handwriting on wall\*, heads up\*, hint, indication, information, injunction, intimation, lesson, look out\*, Mayday\*, notification, omen, portent, prediction, premonition, presage, recommendation, sign, signal, SOS\*, suggestion, threat, tip, tip-off\*, token, watch-it\*, wink, word, word to the wise\*; CONCEPTS 78,274

**warp** [v] *bend, distort* bastardize\*, brutalize, color, contort, corrupt, crook, curve, debase, debauch, deform, deprave, deviate, misrepresent, misshape, pervert, swerve, torture, turn, twist, vitiate, wind; CONCEPTS 63,137,213,250 —*Ant.* straighten

**warrant** [n] *authorization* accreditation, assurance, authentication, authority, basis, carte blanche, certificate, commission, credential, credentials, ducat, earnest, foundation, go-ahead\*, green light\*, guarantee, license, official document, okay\*, pass, passport, pawn, permission, permit, pledge, right, sanction, security, shingle\*, sticker, subpoena, summons, tag, testimonial, ticket, token, verification, warranty, word; CONCEPTS 376, 685 —*Ant.* breach, break

**warrant** [v] *guarantee, justify, authorize* affirm, answer for, approve, argue, assert, assure, attest, avouch, back, bear out, call for, certify, claim, commission, contend, declare, defend, delegate, demand, empower, endorse, ensure, entitle, excuse, explain, give grounds for, guaranty, insure, license, maintain, necessitate, permit, pledge, privilege, promise, require, sanction, secure, sponsor, stand behind, state, stipulate, swear, take an oath\*, undertake, underwrite, uphold, vindicate, vouch for, vow; CONCEPTS 50,57,71,88

**warranty** [*n*] *promise* assurance, bail, bond, certificate, contract, covenant, guarantee, guaranty, pledge, security, surety, written promise; CONCEPTS 684,685 —**Ant.** breach, break

**warrior** [*n*] *person who fights in combat* battler, champion, combatant, conscript, enlisted person, fighter, fighting person, GI\*, hero, serviceperson, soldier, trooper; CONCEPT 358

**wary** [*adj*] *careful, cautious* alert, attentive, cagey, calculating, canny, chary, circumspect, considerate, discreet, distrustful, doubting, frugal, gingerly, guarded, handling with kid gloves\*, heedful, keeping on one's toes\*, leery, on guard, on the lookout\*, on the qui vive, provident, prudent, safe, saving, sly, sparing, suspicious, thinking twice\*, thrifty, un wasteful, vigilant, walking on eggs\*, watchful, watching one's step\*, watching out, wide-awake; CONCEPTS 401,403 —**Ant.** careless, foolish, heedless, incautious, indiscreet, rash, reckless

**wash** [*n1*] *laundry, bath* ablation, bathe, cleaning, cleansing, dirty clothes, laundering, rinse, scrub, shampoo, shower, washing; CONCEPTS 451,514

**wash** [*n2*] *wave; water movement* ebb and flow, eddy, flow, gush, heave, lapping, murmur, roll, rush, spurt, surge, surging, sweep, swell, swirl, swishing, undulation; CONCEPT 748

**wash** [*n3*] *coloring* coat, coating, film, layer, overlay, rinse, stain, suffusion, swab; CONCEPT 475

**wash** [*v1*] *bathe, clean* bath, brush up, bubble, cleanse, clean up, dip, do the dishes\*, do the laundry\*, douse, drench, float, freshen up\*, fresh up\*, hose, imbue, immerse, lap, launder, lave, moisten, rinse, scour, scrub, shampoo, shine, shower, slosh, soak, soap, sponge, starch, swab, take a bath\*, take a shower\*, tub, wash up\*, wet, wipe; CONCEPT 165 —**Ant.** dirty

**wash** [*v2*] *be convincing* be acceptable, bear scrutiny, be plausible, be reasonable, carry weight, convince, endure, hold up, hold water\*, stand up\*, stick\*; CONCEPT 676

**washed-out** [*adj*] *faded* bleached, colorless, discolored, drained, drawn, dull, etiolated, fatigued, lusterless, not shiny, pale, pallid, run-down, showporn, tattered, threadbare, tired, worn; CONCEPTS 560,617,618

**washed-up** [*adj*] *finished* broken down, come to an end, concluded, done, done for, done with, ended, over and done\*, over the hill\*, shot\*, through, useless; CONCEPTS 528,531

**wassail** [*n*] *celebration* bash\*, blast\*, blowout\*, carousal, ceremony, festival, festivity, frolic, gala, hoopla, hullabaloo\*, joviality, jubilee, merriment, merrymaking, party, revelry, shindig\*, spree, wingding\*; CONCEPT 377

**wassail** [*v*] *celebrate, toast* applaud, carouse, drink glasses, drink to, extol, feast, get drunk, honor, jubilate, let loose\*, live it up\*, make merry, party, pledge, raise one's glass to\*, revel, salute; CONCEPT 377

**waste** [*n1*] *spending, use without thought* decay, desolation, destruction, devastation, dilapidation, dissipation, disuse, exhaustion, expenditure, extravagance, fritter\*, havoc, improvidence, lavishness, loss, lost opportunity\*, misapplication, misuse, overdoing, prodigality, ravage, ruin, squander, squandering, unthrif-

ness, wastage, wastefulness; CONCEPTS 156,252 —**Ant.** hoarding, saving

**waste** [*n2*] *land that is uncultivated* badlands, barren, bog, brush, brushland, bush, desert, dust bowl, fen, jungle, marsh, marshland, moor, quagmire, solitude, swamp, tundra, void, wasteland, wild, wilderness, wilds; CONCEPT 509 —**Ant.** development

**waste** [*n3*] *garbage, refuse* debris, dreck, dregs, dross, excess, hogwash\*, junk, leavings, leftovers, litter, offal, offscourings, rubbish, rubble, ruins, rummage, scrap, slop, sweepings, swill, trash; CONCEPT 260 —**Ant.** possessions

**waste** [*v1*] *spend or use without thought; dwindle* atrophy, be of no avail\*, blow, burn up, consume, corrode, crumble, debilitate, decay, decline, decrease, deplete, disable, disappear, dissipate, divert, drain, droop, eat away, ebb, emaciate, empty, enfeeble, exhaust, fade, fritter away\*, frivol away\*, gamble away, gnaw, go to waste, lavish, lose, misapply, misemploy, misuse, perish, pour down the drain\*, run dry, run through\*, sap, sink, splurge, squander, thin, throw away, trifle away, undermine, waste, wear, wear out, wilt, wither; CONCEPT 156 —**Ant.** hoard, save

**waste** [*v2*] *ruin, destroy* depredate, desecrate, desolate, despoil, devastate, devour, lay waste, pillage, rape, ravage, raze, reduce, sack, spoil, spoliage, wreak havoc; CONCEPT 252 —**Ant.** build, create, preserve

**wasted** [*adj1*] *emaciated* anorexic, atrophied, attenuated, bony, famished, gaunt, haggard, lank, lean, scrawny, shrivelled, skeletal, skin-and-bones\*, skinny, starved, thin, underfed, undernourished, withered; CONCEPTS 490,491

**wasted** [*adj2*] *high on drugs* baked\*, bombed\*, boozed up\*, buzzed\*, doped, drugged, drunk, feeling no pain\*, flying\*, fried, inebriated, intoxicated, loaded, on a trip\*, plastered, ripped\*, sloshed\*, smashed\*, spaced out\*, stewed\*, stoned\*, strung out\*, tanked\*, tipsy, totaled\*, tripping\*; CONCEPT 314

**wasteful** [*adj*] *not economical* careless, cavalier, destructive, dissipative, extravagant, immoderate, improvident, incontinent, lavish, liberal, overdone, overgenerous, pound-foolish\*, prodigal, profligate, profuse, reckless, ruinous, spendthrift, squandering, thriftless, un-economical, unthrifty, wanton, wild; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** economical, thrifty, un wasteful

**watch** [*n1*] *clock* worn on body analog watch, chronometer, digital watch, pocket watch, stopwatch, ticker\*, timepiece, timer, wristwatch; CONCEPT 463

**watch** [*n2*] *lookout* alertness, attention, awareness, duty, eagle eye\*, eye\*, gander, guard, hawk, heed, inspection, notice, observance, observation, patrol, picket, scrutiny, sentinel, sentry, supervision, surveillance, tab, tout, vigil, vigilance, watchfulness, weather eye\*; CONCEPTS 134,623

**watch** [*v1*] *look at* attend, case, check out, concentrate, contemplate, eagle-eye\*, examine, eye\*, eyeball\*, focus, follow, gaze, get a load of\*, give the once over\*, have a look-see\*, inspect, keep an eye on\*, keep tabs on\*, listen, look, mark, mind, note, observe, pay attention, peer, pipe\*, regard, rubberneck\*, scan, scope,

scrutinize, see, spy, stare, take in, take notice, view, wait; CONCEPT 623 —*Ant.* ignore, overlook, pass by

**watch** [v2] *guard, protect* attend, be on alert\*, be on the lookout\*, be vigilant\*, be wary, be watchful, care for, keep, keep eyes open\*, keep eyes peeled\*, keep watch over, look after, look out, mind, oversee, patrol, pick up on, police, ride shotgun for\*, superintend, take care of, take heed\*, tend, wait; CONCEPTS 134,623 —*Ant.* harm, hurt, neglect

**watchful** [adj] *on the lookout* alert, all ears\*, attentive, careful, cautious, chary, circumspect, glued\*, guarded, heedful, hooked\*, keen, not missing a trick\*, observant, on guard, on one's toes\*, on the ball\*, on the job\*, on the qui vive, on the watch, open-eyed, prepared, ready, see after, see to, suspicious, unsleeping, vigilant, wakeful, wary, wide-awake, with eyes peeled\*; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* inattentive, negligent

**watchkeeper** [n] *person who guards, is on lookout* caretaker, curator, custodian, detective, flagger, guard, keeper, lookout, observer, patrol, picket, police officer, ranger, scout, security guard, security officer, sentinel, sentry, signaller, spotter, spy, ward, warden, watch, watcher; CONCEPT 348

**water** [n] *pure liquid hydrogen and oxygen* Adam's ale\*, aqua, aqua pura\*, drink, H<sub>2</sub>O, rain, rainwater, saliva, tears; CONCEPT 467

**water** [v] *dampen; put water in* baptize, bathe, damp, dilute, doctor, douse, drench, drool, flood, hose, imbue, inundate, irrigate, moisten, saturate, soak, sodden, souse, spatter, spray, sprinkle, steep, thin, wash, weaken, wet; CONCEPT 256 —*Ant.* dehydrate, dry

**waterfall** [n] *cascade* cataract, chute, fall, rapids, shoot, weir; CONCEPTS 514,787

**waterlogged** [adj] *saturated* dank, drenched, dripping, drowned, soaked, soaking, sodden, soggy, sopping, soppy, souseed, wet, wringing-wet; CONCEPT 603

**waterloo** [n] *final defeat, total defeat* annihilation, beating, collapse, conquest, crushing defeat, drubbing\*, failure, fall, licking, massacre, overthrow, rout, shellacking\*, slaughter, thrashing, trashing, trouncing, vanquishment, waxing, whipping, whitewashing; CONCEPT 95

**watery** [adj] *liquid, diluted* adulterated, anemic, aqueous, bloodless, colorless, damp, dilute, doused, flavorless, fluid, humid, insipid, marshy, moist, pale, runny, serous, sodden, soggy, tasteless, thin, washed, watered-down, waterlike, water-logged, weak, wet; CONCEPTS 485,603,618 —*Ant.* concentrated, dehydrated, dry, solid

**wave** [n] *sea surf, current* bending, billow, breaker, coil, comber, convolution, corkscrew, crest, crush, curl, curlicue, drift, flood, foam, ground swell, gush, heave, influx, loop, movement, outbreak, rash, ridge, ripple, rippling, rocking, roll, roller, rush, scroll, sign, signal, stream, surge, sweep, swell, tendency, tide, tube, twirl, twist, undulation, unevenness, uprising, upsurge, whitecap, winding; CONCEPTS 147,436,514

**wave** [v] *move back and forth; gesture* beckon, billow, brandish, coil, curl, direct, falter, flap, flourish, flow, fluctuate, flutter, fly, gesticulate,

indicate, motion, move to and fro, oscillate, palpitate, pulsate, pulse, quaver, quiver, reel, ripple, seesaw, shake, sign, signal, stir, stream, surge, sway, swell, swing, swirl, swish, switch, tremble, twirl, twist, undulate, vacillate, vibrate, wag, waddle, waver, whirl, wield, wigwag\*, wobble; CONCEPTS 74,147,149

**waver** [v] *shift back and forth; be indecisive* be irresolute, be unable to decide\*, blow hot and cold\*, change, deliberate, dilly-dally\*, dither, falter, flicker, fluctuate, halt, hedge, hem and haw\*, hesitate, oscillate, palter, pause, pussy-foot around\*, quiver, reel, run hot and cold\*, seesaw\*, shake, stagger, sway, teeter, totter, tremble, trim, undulate, vacillate, vary, waffle, wave, weave, whiffle, wobble, yo-yo\*; CONCEPTS 18,147,410

**wax** [v] *become large, fuller* augment, become, build, come, develop, dilate, enlarge, expand, fill out, get bigger, get to, grow, grow full, heighten, increase, magnify, mount, multiply, rise, run, swell, turn, upsurge; CONCEPTS 704,780 —*Ant.* shrink

**way** [n1] *method, technique* action, approach, contrivance, course, course of action, custom, design, expedient, fashion, form, groove\*, habit, habitude, hang-up\*, hook\*, idea, instrument, kick, manner, means, measure, mode, modus, move, outline, plan, plot, policy, practice, procedure, process, scheme, shot, step, stroke, style, system, tack, thing\*, usage, use, vehicle, wise, wont; CONCEPT 6

**way** [n2] *direction, route* access, admission, admittance, advance, alternative, approach, artery, avenue, bearing, boulevard, byway, channel, course, distance, door, drag\*, elbow-room, entrance, entr e, entry, extent, forward motion, gate, gateway, headway, highway, ingress, journey, lane, length, line, march, movement, opening, orbit, passage, path, pathway, progress, progression, ride, road, room, row, space, stone's throw\*, street, stretch, tendency, thataway\*, thoroughfare, track, trail, trend, walk; CONCEPTS 501,738,739

**way** [n3] *characteristic, habit* aspect, behavior, circumstance, condition, conduct, consuetude, custom, detail, fashion, feature, fettle, form, gait, groove, guise, hook, idiosyncrasy, kick\*, manner, nature, particular, personality, point, practice, praxis, respect, sense, shape, shot, situation, state, status, style, thing\*, tone, trait, trick, usage, use, wont; CONCEPT 411

**wayfarer** [n] *traveler* adventurer, barnstormer\*, bum\*, drifter, excursionist, explorer, gad-about\*, globe-trotter, gypsy, hiker, hitchhiker, hobo, itinerant, journeyer, nomad, peddler, pilgrim, rambler, roamer, rover, trekker, vagabond, vagrant, walker, wanderer; CONCEPTS 348,423

**wayfaring** [adj] *traveling* drifting, gadabout, globe-trotting, itinerant, itinerate, jet-setting\*, journeying, nomadic, perambulant, perambulatory, peripatetic, rambling, roving, rubbernecking\*, vagabond, vagrant, voyaging, walking, wandering; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* unmoving

**waylay** [v] *intercept, ambush* accost, ambushcade, assail, attack, box\*, bushwhack\*, catch, hold up, jump, lay for\*, lie in wait, lurk, pounce on, prowl, set upon, skulk, slink, surprise, swoop

down on\*; CONCEPTS 86,121 —*Ant.* allow, forward

**wayward** [*adj*] *contrary, unmanageable* aberrant, arbitrary, balky, capricious, changeable, contumacious, cross-grained, delinquent, disobedient, disorderly, errant, erratic, fickle, flighty, fractious, froward, headstrong, immoral, inconstant, incorrigible, insubordinate, intractable, mulish, obdurate, obstinate, ornery\*, perverse, rebellious, recalcitrant, refractory, restive, self-indulgent, self-willed, stubborn, uncompliant, undependable, ungovernable, unpredictable, unruly, unstable, variable, whimsical, willful; CONCEPT 401

—*Ant.* controllable, manageable, obedient

**weak** [*adj*1] *not strong* anemic, debilitated, decrepit, delicate, effete, enervated, exhausted, faint, feeble, flaccid, flimsy, forceless, fragile, frail, hesitant, impuissant, infirm, insubstantial, irresolute, lackadaisical\*, languid, languorous, limp, makeshift, out of gas\*, powerless, prostrate, puny, rickety, rocky\*, rotten, senile, shaky, sickly, sluggish, spent, spindly, supine, tender, torpid, uncertain, undependable, unsound, unsteady, unsubstantial, wasted, wavering, weakened, weakly, wobbly; CONCEPTS 314,488,489 —*Ant.* firm, potent, strong

**weak** [*adj*2] *cowardly* faint-hearted, fluctuant, frightened, hesitant, impotent, indecisive, ineffectual, infirm, insecure, irresolute, laid-back\*, nerveless, nervous, palsied, powerless, shaky, soft, spineless, tender, timorous, uncertain, undependable, unreliable, unstable, unsure, vacillating, wavering, weak-kneed\*, wimpy\*, wishy-washy\*, wobbly, zero\*; CONCEPTS 402,403,542 —*Ant.* bold, brave, confident

**weak** [*adj*3] *faint, soft* bated, dim, distant, dull, feeble, gentle, imperceptible, inaudible, indistinct, low, muffled, pale, poor, quiet, reedy, slight, small, stifled, thin, unaccented, unstressed, whispered; CONCEPT 594 —*Ant.* loud, noisy, potent, strong

**weak** [*adj*4] *deficient, feeble* faulty, flabby, flimsy, forceless, green\*, handicapped, hollow, immature, implausible, impotent, improbable, inadequate, incompetent, incomplete, inconceivable, inconclusive, incredible, ineffective, ineffectual, inept, invalid, lacking, lame, limited, pathetic, poor, raw, shaky, shallow, slight, slim, small, spineless, standard, thick, thin, unbelievable, unconvincing, unprepared, unqualified, unsatisfactory, unsubstantial, unsure, untrained, wanting; CONCEPTS 537,558,570 —*Ant.* able, capable, fit, sufficient

**weak** [*adj*5] *exposed, vulnerable* accessible, assailable, defenseless, helpless, indefensible, unguarded, unprotected, unsafe, untenable, wide-open\*, woundable; CONCEPTS 576,587 —*Ant.* guarded, protected, safe, secure

**weak** [*adj*6] *watered-down* dilute, diluted, insipid, milk-and-water\*, runny, tasteless, thin, washy, waterish, watery, wishy-washy\*; CONCEPTS 462,485 —*Ant.* concentrated, strong, thick

**weaken** [*v*] *reduce the strength of* abate, adulterate, break up, cripple, crumble, cut, debase, debilitate, decline, decrease, depress, devitalize, dilute, diminish, droop, dwindle, ease up, enervate, exhaust, fade, fail, faint, flag, give way,

halt, impair, impoverish, invalidate, languish, lessen, limp, lose, lose spirit, lower, minimize, mitigate, moderate, reduce, relapse, relax, sap, slow down, soften, temper, thin, thin out, tire, totter, tremble, undermine, vitiate, wane, water down, wilt; CONCEPTS 240,698 —*Ant.* build up, strengthen

**weaking** [*n*] *person who has no strength* baby, chicken\*, chicken heart\*, coward, cream puff\*, crybaby, dotard, invertebrate, jellyfish\*, misfit, pushover, wimp\*, yellow belly\*; CONCEPTS 412,423 —*Ant.* strongman

**weak-minded** [*adj*] *indecisive* astraddle, changeable, hemming and hawing\*, hesitant, hesitating, indeterminate, irresolute, on the fence\*, spineless, tentative, uncertain, undecided, undetermined, waffling, wavering, weak-kneed\*, wishy-washy\*, without guts\*, yellow-bellied\*; CONCEPTS 534,535

**weakness** [*n*] *defect, proneness* Achilles heel\*, appetite\*, blemish, chink in armor\*, debility, decrepitude, deficiency, delicacy, enervation, failing, faintness, fault, feebleness, flaw, fondness, fragility, frailty, gap, impairment, imperfection, impotence, inclination, inconstancy, indecision, infirmity, instability, invalidity, irresolution, lack, languor, lapse, liking, passion, penchant, powerlessness, predilection, proclivity, prostration, senility, shortcoming, soft spot\*, sore point\*, taste\*, vice, vitiation, vulnerability; CONCEPTS 411,674,732 —*Ant.* strength, strong point

**wealth** [*n*] *money, resources* abundance, affluence, assets, belongings, bounty, cache, capital, cash, clover\*, commodities, copiousness, cornucopia, dough\*, estate, fortune, funds, gold, goods, hoard, holdings, lap of luxury\*, long green\*, lucre, luxuriance, luxury, means, opulence, pelf, plenitude, plenty, possessions, profusion, property, prosperity, prosperousness, revenue, riches, richness, security, stocks and bonds, store, substance, substantiality, treasure, velvet\*, worth; CONCEPTS 340,710 —*Ant.* lack, need, poverty, want

**wealthy** [*adj*] *rich; having a lot of money* affluent, booming, comfortable, having it made\*, independent, in the money\*, loaded, made of money\*, moneyed, of independent means, opulent, pecunious, prosperous, rolling in it\*, substantial, upscale, well-heeled\*, well-off\*, well-to-do\*; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* deprived, lacking, needy, poor, poverty-stricken, wanting

**weapon** [*n*] *arm, armament* ammunition, anlace, arbalest, archery, arrow, assegai, atlatl, ax, axe, backsword, ballista, banderilla, barong, bat, baton, battle-ax, bayonet, bazooka, billy club, blackjack, blade, blowgun, bludgeon, bomb, boomerang, bow and arrow, bowie knife, brass knuckles, cannon, catapult, cleaver, club, crossbow, cudgel, cutlass, dagger, dart, dirk, firearm, flamethrower, gun, harpoon, hatchet, howitzer, hunting knife, knife, lance, machete, machine gun, missile, musket, nerve gas, nuclear bomb, nunchaku, pistol, revolver, rifle, saber, scythe, shotgun, slingshot, spear, spike, stiletto, switchblade, sword, tear gas; CONCEPT 500

**wear** [*n*] *use, corrosion* abrasion, attrition, damage, depreciation, deterioration, dilapidation,

diminution, disappearance, employment, erosion, friction, impairment, inroads, loss, mileage, service, usefulness, utility, waste, wear and tear; CONCEPTS 658,698

**wear** [v1] *be clothed in array, attire, bear, be dressed in, carry, clothe oneself, cover, display, don, draw on, dress in, effect, exhibit, fit out, get into, get on, harness, have on, put on, show, slip on, sport, suit up\**; turn out\*, wrap; CONCEPTS 167,453 —*Ant.* disrobe, take off

**wear** [v2] *corrode, use abrade, become threadbare, become worn, be worthless, chafe, consume, crumble, cut down, decay, decline, decrease, deteriorate, diminish, drain, dwindle, erode, exhaust, fade, fatigue, fray, gall, go to seed\*, graze, grind, impair, jade, overuse, overwork, rub, scrape, scrape off, scuff, shrink, tax, tire, use up, wash away, waste, wear out, wear thin, weary, weather*; CONCEPTS 156,225,240, 698 —*Ant.* freshen, rebuild, refresh

**wear** [v3] *bother, undermine annoy, drain, enervate, exasperate, exhaust, fatigue, get the better of, harass, irk, pester, reduce, tax, vex, weaken, wear down, weary*; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* cheer, delight, please

**wear** [v4] *endure bear up, be durable, hold up, last, remain, stand, stand up*; CONCEPT 23 —*Ant.* refuse, reject

**weary** [adj] *tired all in\*, beat\*, bone-tired\*, bored, burned out\*, bushed, dead\*, dead tired\*, discontented, disgusted, dog-tired\*, done in\*, drained, drooping, drowsy, enervated, exhausted, fagged, fatigued, fed up, flagging, had it\*, impatient, indifferent, jaded, knocked out, out of gas\*, overworked, pooped\*, punchy\*, ready to drop\*, sick, sick and tired\*, sleepy, spent\*, taxed, wearied, wearing, wiped out\*, worn out, zonked\**; CONCEPTS 314,403,485 —*Ant.* activated, energetic, fresh, lively, untired

**weary** [v] *make tired annoy, bore, burden, cause ennui, cloy, debilitate, depress, disgust, dishearten, distress, drain, droop, drowse, enervate, enfeeble, exasperate, exhaust, fade, fag, fail, fall off, fatigue, flag, glut, grow tired, harass, have had enough\*, irk, jade, leave one cold\*, lose interest, make discontented, nauseate, oppress, overwork, pain, plague, sap, sicken, sink, strain, take it out of\*, tax, tire, tire out, try the patience of\*, tucker out\*, vex, weaken, wear down, wear out, weigh*; CONCEPTS 13,250,303 —*Ant.* activate, energize, enliven

**weasel** [n] *sneak betrayer, blabbermouth\*, canary\*, deceiver, deep throat\*, double-crosser, fink\*, informant, informer, narc\*, nark\*, rat\*, sneak, snitch, snitcher, source, squealer\*, stoolie\*, stool pigeon\*, tattler, tattletale, tipster\*, turncoat, whistle-blower*; CONCEPTS 348,354,423

**weasel** [v] *avoid, evade balk, beat around the bush\*, circumvent, cop out, dance around an issue\*, dodge, duck, elude, equivocate, eschew, flee, get around, give the runaround\*, hedge, hem and haw\*, lay low\*, pussyfoot, put off, renege, shirk, shuck, sidestep, slip out, sneak away\*, tap dance\*, waffle\*, welsh, worm one's way out of\**; CONCEPTS 30,102

**weather** [n] *atmospheric conditions climate, clime, elements*; CONCEPTS 522,524

**weather** [v] *endure acclimate, bear the brunt of\*, bear up against\*, become toughened, brave, come through, expose, get through, grow hardened, grow strong, harden, make it, overcome, pull through, resist, ride out\*, rise above\*, season, stand, stick it out\*, suffer, surmount, survive, toughen, withstand*; CONCEPTS 23,35,202 —*Ant.* refuse, reject

**weatherperson** [n] *meteorologist climatologist, storm chaser, weathercaster, weather-forecaster, weatherman/woman*; CONCEPTS 60,292

**weave** [v] *blend, unite; contrive braid, build, careen, complete, complicate, compose, construct, create, criss-cross, crochet, cue, entwine, fabricate, fold, fuse, incorporate, interfold, interlace, interlink, intermingle, intertwine, introduce, knit, knot, loop, lurch, make, make up, manufacture, mat, merge, mesh, move in and out, net, piece together, plait, ply, put together, reticulate, sew, snake, spin, splice, twine, twist, twist and turn, whip through, wind, wreath, writhe, zigzag*; CONCEPTS 147, 158 —*Ant.* divide, separate

**web** [n] *netting cobweb, complexity, entanglement, fabric, fiber, filigree, gossamer, interconnection, interlacing, involvement, labyrinth, lacework, lattice, mat, matting, maze, mesh, meshwork, morass, net, network, plait, reticulation, screen, skein, snarl, tangle, texture, tissue, toil, trellis, warp, weave, webbing, weft, wicker, woof*; CONCEPTS 260,473

**wed** [v1] *marry become husband and wife, be married, couple, espouse, get hitched\*, get married, join, lead to the altar, make one\*, receive in marriage, say I do\*, take in marriage, tie\*, tie the knot\*, unite*; CONCEPT 297 —*Ant.* divorce

**wed** [v2] *join, unite ally, associate, blend, coalesce, cojoin, combine, commingle, connect, couple, dedicate, fuse, interweave, link, marry, merge, relate, unify, yoke*; CONCEPTS 113,193 —*Ant.* divide, separate

**wedding** [n] *marriage rite bells\*, bridal, espousal, hook, marriage, marriage ceremony, matrimony, nuptial rite, nuptials, spousal, union, wedlock*; CONCEPT 297 —*Ant.* divorce

**wedge** [n] *solid piece, often triangular block, chuck, chunk, cleat, cotter, cusp, keystone, lump, prong, quoin, shim, spire, taper*; CONCEPTS 471,499 —*Ant.* whole

**wedlock** [n] *marriage alliance, association, conjugality, connubiality, coupling, espousal, holy matrimony, mating, matrimony, nuptials, spousal, union, wedded bliss\*, wedding*; CONCEPTS 297,388

**wee** [adj] *very small, tiny bitsy\*, bitty, diminutive, infinitesimal, insignificant, itty-bitsy\*, itty-bitty\*, Lilliputian, little, microscopic, miniature, minuscular, minuscule, minute, negligible, pee-wee\*, petite, pint-sized\*, pocket-size\*, puny, slight, teensy\*, teensyweensy\*, teeny\**; CONCEPTS 762,773,789

**weep** [v] *cry bawl, bemoan, bewail, blubber\*, boohoo\*, break down\*, burst into tears\*, complain, deplore, drip, grieve, howl, keen, lament, let go\*, let it out\*, mewl, moan, mourn, shed tears, snivel, sob, squall, ululate, wail, whimper, yowl*; CONCEPTS 49,185

**weigh** [v1] *measure heaviness counterbalance, have a weight of, heft, measure, put in the*



balance, put on the scale, scale, tip the scales at; CONCEPT 103

**weigh** [v2] *consider, contemplate* analyze, appraise, balance, brainstorm\*, deliberate, estimate, evaluate, examine, excogitate, give thought to, hash over\*, meditate, mind, mull over, perpend, ponder, rate, reflect upon, rehash, sort out, study, sweat\*, think about, think out, think over, track; CONCEPT 24 —*Ant.* ignore, neglect

**weigh** [v3] *have influence* be heavy, be important, be influential, be something, burden, carry weight, charge, count, cumber, cut, cut some ice, import, impress, lade, matter, mean, militate, press, pull, register, saddle, show, signify, stack up against\*,, tax, tell; CONCEPTS 7,19,22

**weigh down** [v] *depress* bear down, burden, cumber, get down, hold down, oppress, overburden, overload, press, press down, prey on, pull down, sadden, task, trouble, weight, weigh upon, worry; CONCEPTS 7,19 —*Ant.* cheer, delight, please

**weight** [n1] *heaviness* adiposity, avoidupois, ballast, burden, density, G-factor\*, gravity, gross, heft, heftiness, load, mass, measurement, net, ponderosity, ponderousness, poundage, pressure, substance, tonnage; CONCEPT 795

**weight** [n2] *something used to measure heaviness* anchor, ballast, bob, counterbalance, counterpoise, counterweight, mass, pendulum, plumb, plumb bob, poundage, pressure, rock, sandbag, sinker, stone; CONCEPTS 290,470

**weight** [n3] *importance* access, authority, clout, connection, consequence, consideration, credit, effectiveness, efficacy, emphasis, forcefulness, forcibleness, impact, import, influence, magnitude, moment, momentousness, persuasiveness, pith, potency, power, powerfulness, prestige, pull, significance, signification, substance, sway, value, weightiness; CONCEPTS 668,682 —*Ant.* triviality, unimportance

**weight** [n4] *burden* albatross\*, ball and chain\*, charge, cumber, cumbrance, deadweight\*, duty, encumbrance, excess baggage\*, load, millstone\*, onus, oppression, pressure, responsibility, strain, task, tax; CONCEPTS 532,674,679,690 —*Ant.* advantage, benefit, pleasure, solution

**weighty** [adj1] *heavy* burdensome, cumbersome, cumbrous, dense, fat, fleshy, hefty, massive, obese, overweight, ponderous, porcine, portly, stout; CONCEPT 491 —*Ant.* light, small, thin, unsubstantial

**weighty** [adj2] *serious, important* big, big deal\*, consequential, considerable, critical, crucial, earnest, forcible, grave, heavy\*, heavy-weight, life and death\*, material, meaningful, momentous, no-nonsense\*, portentous, sedate, severe, significant, sober, solemn, somber, staid, substantial, underlined; CONCEPTS 548,568 —*Ant.* inconsequential, trivial, unimportant, unsubstantial

**weighty** [adj3] *troublesome, difficult* back-breaking, burdensome, crushing, demanding, exacting, exigent, grievous, onerous, oppressive, superincumbent, taxing, tough, worrisome, worrying; CONCEPTS 538,565 —*Ant.* easy, facile, solvable

**weird** [adj] *odd, bizarre* awe-inspiring, awful, creepy\*, curious, dreadful, eccentric, eerie\*,

far-out\*, fearful, flaky\*, freaky\*, funky\*, ghastly, ghostly, grotesque, haunting, horrific, inscrutable, kinky\*, kooky\*, magical, mysterious, occult, oddball\*, ominous, outlandish, peculiar, preternatural, queer, secret, singular, spooky\*, strange, supernal, supernatural, uncanny, uncouth, unearthly, unnatural; CONCEPTS 564,570 —*Ant.* normal, regular, usual

**weirdo** [n] *freak, oddball* case\*, character, crackpot\*, eccentric, flake\*, fruitcake\*, geek\*, misfit, nutcase, odd bird\*, screwball\*, strange bird\*; CONCEPT 423

**welcome** [adj] *gladly received* acceptable, accepted, agreeable, appreciated, cherished, congenial, contenting, cordial, delightful, desirable, desired, esteemed, favorable, genial, good, grateful, gratifying, honored, invited, nice, pleasant, pleasing, pleasurable, refreshing, satisfying, sympathetic, wanted; CONCEPTS 555,572 —*Ant.* displeasing, unacceptable, unwelcome

**welcome** [n] *greeting* acceptance, entertainment, entrée, friendliness, handshake, hello, hospitality, howdy\*, key to the city\*, ovation, reception, red carpet\*, rumble\*, salutation, salute, tumble\*; CONCEPT 278 —*Ant.* goodbye

**welcome** [v] *receive gladly* accept, embrace gladly, accost, admit, bid welcome, embrace, entertain, flag\*, greet, hail, hug, meet, offer hospitality, receive, roll out red carpet\*, salute, show in, take in, tumble\*, usher in; CONCEPTS 266,384 —*Ant.* reject, turn away

**weld** [v] *bind, connect* bond, braze, cement, combine, fix, fuse, join, link, solder, unite; CONCEPT 193 —*Ant.* disconnect, separate

**welfare/well-being** [n] *health and prosperity* abundance, advantage, benefit, contentment, ease, easy street\*, euphoria, felicity, good, good fortune, happiness, interest, luck, profit, progress, satisfaction, success, thriving; CONCEPTS 316,693,706

**well** [adj1] *healthy* able-bodied, alive and kicking\*, blooming, bright-eyed\*, bushy-tailed\*, chipper\*, fine, fit, flourishing, fresh, great, hale, hardy, hearty, husky, in good health, in the pink\*, right, right as rain\*, robust, sane, solid as a rock\*, sound, strong, strong as an ox\*, together, trim, up to par\*, vigorous, whole, wholesome, wrapped tight\*; CONCEPT 314 —*Ant.* diseased, ill, sick, unhealthy

**well** [adj2] *lucky, fortunate* advisable, agreeable, bright, comfortable, fine, fitting, flourishing, good, happy, pleasing, profitable, proper, prosperous, providential, prudent, right, satisfactory, thriving, useful; CONCEPTS 548,572 —*Ant.* unfortunate, unhappy, unlucky

**well** [adv1] *happily, pleasantly; capably* ably, accurately, adeptly, adequately, admirably, agreeably, attentively, capitally, carefully, closely, commendably, competently, completely, conscientiously, correctly, effectively, efficiently, excellently, expertly, famously, favorably, fully, in a satisfactory manner, irreproachably, nicely, proficiently, profoundly, properly, rightly, satisfactorily, skillfully, smoothly, soundly, splendidly, strongly, successfully, suitably, thoroughly, with skill; CONCEPTS 527,528,544 —*Ant.* badly, incapably, unpleasantly

**well** [*adv*2] *sufficiently* abundantly, adequately, amply, appropriately, becomingly, by a wide margin, completely, considerably, easily, effortlessly, entirely, extremely, far, fittingly, freely, fully, greatly, heartily, highly, luxuriantly, plentifully, properly, quite, rather, readily, right, satisfactorily, smoothly, somewhat, substantially, suitably, thoroughly, very much, wholly; CONCEPTS 558,772 —*Ant.* badly, insufficiently

**well** [*n*] *water hole* abyss, bore, chasm, depression, derivation, fount, fountain, fountainhead, geyser, hole, inception, mine, mouth, origin, pit, pool, repository, reservoir, root, shaft, source, spa, spout, spring, springs, watering place, wellspring; CONCEPTS 509,513,514

**well-balanced** [*adj*] *sensible; equal* all there\*, astute, aware, cognizant, discriminating, graceful, having all one's marbles\*, informed, intelligent, knowing, level-headed, logical, mentally stable, practical, proportional, prudent, rational, reasonable, sane, sound, symmetrical, together, well-thought-out, wise; CONCEPTS 402,542

**well-bred** [*adj*] *mannerly* aristocratic, blue-blooded\*, civil, considerate, courteous, courtly, cultivated, cultured, gallant, genteel, gentle, noble, patrician, polished, polite, refined, taught, trained, upper-crust\*, urbane, well-behaved, well-mannered; CONCEPTS 334,401 —*Ant.* ignoble, unmannered, unrefined, unsophisticated

**well-defined** [*adj*] *clear* apparent, audible, clear-cut, comprehensible, distinct, explicit, graspable, intelligible, legible, lucent, lucid, obvious, plain, precise, sharp, spelled out\*, straightforward, transparent, unambiguous, unblurred, understandable, well-marked; CONCEPTS 402,562

**well-known** [*adj*] *familiar, famous* acclaimed, big, big name\*, celeb\*, celebrated, common, conspicuous, eminent, illustrious, important, infamous, in the limelight\*, in the public eye\*, known, large, leading, name, notable, noted, notorious, outstanding, popular, prominent, public, recognized, renowned, reputable, somebody, splashy, star, superstar, VIP\*, widely known, WK\*; CONCEPT 568 —*Ant.* unfamiliar, unknown

**well-off** [*adj*] *successful, wealthy* affluent, comfortable, easy, flourishing, flush, fortunate, loaded, lucky, moneyed, prosperous, rich, snug, substantial, thriving, well, well-to-do; CONCEPT 334 —*Ant.* destitute, failing, poor, unsuccessful

**well-preserved** [*adj*] *well-kept* boyish, childish, fresh, full of life, girlish, tender, unspoiled, young; CONCEPTS 542,578,797

**well-to-do** [*adj*] *well-off* affluent, comfortable, flourishing, loaded, moneyed, prosperous, rich, rolling in it\*, set for life\*, snug, successful, wealthy; CONCEPT 334

**welsh** [*v*] *renege, swindle* bamboozle, beat around the bush\*, bilk, cheat, con, cop out, deceive, defraud, dodge, duck, dupe, fleece\*, flimflam, fool, gull\*, hoodwink, pull a fast one\*, rip off\*, sandbag, scam, shaft, slip out, stiff\*, sting\*, take for a ride\*, take to the cleaners\*, trick, weasel\*, worm one's way out of\*; CONCEPTS 59,139,192

**welt** [*n*] *red mark* bruise, contusion, injury, mouse, ridge, scar, streak, stripe, wale, weal, wheal, wound; CONCEPT 309

**wet** [*adj*] *damp, moist* aqueous, clammy, dank, dewy, drenched, dripping, drizzling, foggy, humid, misty, moistened, muggy, pouring, raining, rainy, saturate, saturated, showery, slimy, slippery, slushy, snowy, soaked, soaking, sodden, soggy, sopping, soppy, soured, stormy, teary, teeming, water-logged, watery, wringing-wet; CONCEPT 603 —*Ant.* dehydrated, dry

**wet** [*n*] *dampness, moisture* clamminess, condensation, damp, drizzle, humidity, liquid, rain, rains, water, wetness; CONCEPT 607 —*Ant.* dehydration, dryness

**wet** [*v*] *cause to become damp, moist* bathe, damp, dampen, deluge, dip, douse, drench, drown, hose, humidify, imbue, irrigate, moisten, rinse, saturate, soak, sop, souse, splash, spray, sprinkle, steep, wash, water; CONCEPTS 161,256 —*Ant.* dehydrate, dry

**whack** [*n*1/*v*] *hit* bang, bash, bat, beat, belt, biff, box, buffet, clobber, clout, crack, cuff, ding\*, lambaste\*, nail, rap, slap, slug, smack, smash, sock, strike, thrash, thump, thwack\*, wallop, wham\*; CONCEPT 189

**whack** [*n*2] *try, attempt* bash, crack, fling, go, pop, shot, slap, stab, turn, whirl; CONCEPT 87

**whammy** [*n*] *spell* abracadabra\*, charm, conjuration, curse, double whammy\*, evil eye, hex, hexing, hocus-pocus\*, jinx, magic, mumbo-jumbo\*, triple whammy\*,oodoo; CONCEPTS 370,673,689

**wharf** [*n*] *boat storage* berth, breakwater, dock, jetty, landing, landing stage, levee, pier, quay, slip; CONCEPT 439

**wheedle** [*v*] *talk into* banter, blandish, butter up\*, cajole, charm, coax, con, court, draw, entice, finagle, flatter, inveigle, kowtow\*, lay it on\*, oil\*, persuade, seduce, snow\*, soap\*, soften up\*, soft-soap\*, spread it on\*, sweeten up\*, sweet-talk\*, work on\*, worm\*; CONCEPT 68

**wheel** [*n*] *circle, revolution* caster, circuit, circulation, circumvolution, cycle, disk, drum, gyration, gyre, hoop, pivot, pulley, ratchet, ring, roll, roller, rotation, round, spin, trolley, turn, twirl, whirl; CONCEPTS 436,464,502

**wheel** [*v*] *turn, rotate* circle, gyrate, orbit, pirouette, pivot, reel, revolve, roll, spin, swing, swivel, trundle, twirl, whirl; CONCEPT 147

**wheeze** [*v*] *breathe roughly, heavily* buzz, catch one's breath, cough, gasp, hiss, murmur, pant, puff, rasp, sibilate, snore, whisper, whistle; CONCEPTS 163,308

**when** [*conj*] *though* albeit, although, at, at the same time, during, howbeit, immediately upon, just after, just as, meanwhile, much as, whereas, while; CONCEPT 799

**where** [*n*] *place* location, locus, point, position, site, situation, spot, station; CONCEPT 198

**where/wherever** [*adv*] *at which point* anywhere, everywhere, in whatever place, in which, to what end, to which, whereabouts, whither; CONCEPT 583

**whet** [*v*1] *make sharp* edge, file, finish, grind, hone, sharpen, strop; CONCEPTS 137,250 —*Ant.* blunt, dull

**whet** [*v*2] *arouse, excite* animate, awaken, challenge, enhance, incite, increase, kindle, pique, provoke, quicken, rally, rouse, stimulate,

- stir, wake, waken; CONCEPTS 7,11,22 —*Ant.* blunt, dampen, dishearten
- whiff** [*n*] *smell of an odor* aroma, blast, breath, dash, draught, flatus, fume, gust, hint, inhalation, odor, puff, scent, shade, smack, sniff, snuff, soupçon, trace, trifle, waft; CONCEPTS 599,601,602
- while** [*conj*1] *as long as* although, at the same time, during, during the time, in the time, throughout the time, whilst; CONCEPT 799
- while** [*conj*2] *even though* albeit, although, howbeit, much as, though, when, whereas; CONCEPT 544
- while** [*n*] *time interval* bit, instant, interim, meantime, moment, occasion, period, space, spell, stretch, time; CONCEPTS 807,822
- whim** [*n*] *sudden idea* caprice, conceit, craze, desire, disposition, dream, fad, fancy, fantasy, freak, humor, impulse, inclination, notion, passing thought, quirk, sport, thought, urge, vagary, vision, whimsy; CONCEPTS 529,661 —*Ant.* plan
- whimper** [*v*] *cry softly* bleat, blubber, complain, fuss, mewl, moan, object, pule, snivel, sob, weep, whine; CONCEPTS 77,185 —*Ant.* bawl
- whimsical** [*adj*] *playful, fanciful* amusing, arbitrary, capricious, chancy, chimerical, comical, curious, dicey, droll, eccentric, erratic, fantastic, flaky\*, freakish, funny, kinky\*, mischievous, odd, peculiar, quaint, queer\*, quizzical, singular, uncertain, unpredictable, unusual, waggish, wayward, weird\*; CONCEPTS 401,548 —*Ant.* behaving, reasonable, sensible
- whine** [*n*] *complaint, cry* gripe, grouse, grumble, moan, plaintive cry, sob, wail, whimper; CONCEPTS 54,77 —*Ant.* happiness, pleasure
- whine** [*v*] *complain, cry* bellyache, carp, drone, fuss, gripe, grouse, grumble, howl, kick, mewl, moan, murmur, pule, repine, snivel, sob, wail, whimper, yowl; CONCEPTS 54,77
- whip** [*n*] *length of material for hitting* bat, belt, birch, bullwhip, cane, cat-o'-nine-tails, crop, goad, horsewhip, knout, lash, prod, push, rawhide, rod, ruler, scourge, strap, switch, thong; CONCEPT 499
- whip** [*v*1] *hit repeatedly* bash, beat, birch, bludgeon, cane, castigate, chastise, cudgel, drub, ferule, flagellate, flog, hide, larrup\*, lash, lather\*, punish, scourge, spank, strap, strike, switch, tan, thrash, trash, wallop, whale, whomp\*; CONCEPT 189
- whip** [*v*2] *defeat soundly* beat, best, blast,lobber, conquer, drub, hammer\*, kill\*, lambaste, lick\*, mop up\*, outdo, overcome, overpower, overrun, overwhelm, put away\*, rout, run circles around\*, settle, steamroller\*, subdue, take apart\*, thrash, top, trim\*, trounce, vanquish, wallop, wax\*, whomp\*, worst\*; CONCEPT 95 —*Ant.* lose, surrender
- whip** [*v*3] *dash, dart* avert, deflect, dive, divert, flash, flit, fly, jerk, pivot, pull, rush, seize, sheer, shoot, snatch, surge, turn, turn, veer, wheel, whirl, whisk; CONCEPTS 150,152
- whip** [*v*4] *agitate, stir up* beat, blend, mix, whisk, work up; CONCEPTS 152,170
- whipping** [*n*] *beating* caning, flogging, licking, pasting, pounding, pummeling, punishment, spanking, tanning, thrashing, trouncing, walloping; CONCEPT 123
- whipping boy** [*n*] *scapegoat* dupe, fall guy\*, goat\*, mark\*, patsy\*, sacrifice, sucker, target, victim; CONCEPT 412
- whip up** [*v*] *incite, excite* abet, agitate, arouse, compel, disturb, drive, foment, goad, hound, inflame, instigate, kindle, prick, prod, provoke, push, raise, set, set on, spur, start, stir, stir up, urge, work up; CONCEPTS 14,221 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade
- whirl** [*n*1] *spin, revolution* circle, circuit, circulation, circumvolution, flurry, gyration, gyre, pirouette, reel, roll, rotation, round, surge, swirl, turn, twirl, twist, wheel, whirl, whirlpool; CONCEPTS 152,738
- whirl** [*n*2] *commotion, confusion* ado\*, agitation, bustle, clatter, daze, dither, ferment, flurry, fluster, flutter, furor, fuss, hubbub\*, hurly-burly\*, hurry, merry-go-round\*, moil, pother, round, ruction, rush, series, spin, stir, storm, succession, tempest, tumult, turbulence, uproar, whirlwind; CONCEPTS 230,388 —*Ant.* calm, peace
- whirl** [*n*3] *attempt* bash, crack, fling, go, pop, shot, slap, stab, try, whack\*; CONCEPT 87
- whirl** [*v*] *spin around* circle, eddy, gyrate, gyre, pirouette, pivot, purl, reel, revolve, roll, rotate, swirl, swoosh, turn, turn around, twirl, twist, wheel, whir; CONCEPT 152 —*Ant.* straighten
- whirlpool** [*n*] *spinning water* eddy, maelstrom, stir, undercurrent, undertow, vortex, whirl; CONCEPT 514
- whirlwind** [*adj*] *very fast* cyclonic, hasty, headlong, hurricane, impetuous, impulsive, lightning, quick, rapid, rash, short, speedy, swift, tornado; CONCEPTS 588,798 —*Ant.* slow
- whisk** [*v*] *brush quickly; hasten* barrel, bullet, dart, dash, flick, flit, flutter, fly, hurry, race, rush, shoot, speed, sweep, tear, whip, whiz, wipe, zip; CONCEPT 152
- whisper** [*n*1] *rumor; information expressed in soft voice* buzz\*, confidence, disclosure, divulgence, gossip, hint, hum, hushed tone, innuendo, insinuation, low voice, mumble, murmur, mutter, report, secret, secret message, sigh, sighing, surruration, undertone, word; CONCEPTS 274,278
- whisper** [*n*2] *trace, suggestion* breath, dash, fraction, hint, shade, shadow, soupçon, suspicion, tinge, touch, whiff; CONCEPTS 529,673,831 —*Ant.* information
- whisper** [*v*] *speak softly* breathe, buzz\*, confide, gossip, hint, hiss, insinuate, intimate, mumble, murmur, mutter, say softly, say under one's breath\*, sibilate, sigh, speak confidentially, spread rumor, surrurate, talk into someone's ear\*, talk low, tell, tell a secret; CONCEPTS 60,266 —*Ant.* shout
- whistle** [*v*] *make sharp, shrill sound* blare, blast, fife, flute, hiss, pipe, shriek, signal, skirl, sound, toot, tootle, trill, warble, wheeze, whine, whiz\*; CONCEPTS 65,77
- whit** [*n*] *very tiny bit* atom, crumb, dash, drop, fragment, grain, hoot\*, iota, jot, little, mite, modicum, particle, piece, pinch, scrap, shred, speck, trace; CONCEPTS 831,835 —*Ant.* lot
- white** [*adj*] *extremely pale; lacking color* achromatic, achromic, alabaster, ashen, blanched, bleached, bloodless, chalky, clear, fair, frosted, ghastly, hoary, immaculate, ivory, light, milky, neutral, pallid, pasty, pearly,

silver, silvery, snowy, transparent, wan, waxen; CONCEPT 618 —**Ant.** black, dark, dirty

**white-collar** [*adj*] *non-manual* clerical, executive, office, professional, salaried; CONCEPT 348

**whiten** [*v*] *make or become extremely pale* blanch, bleach, blench, chalk, decolor, decolorize, dull, etiolate, fade, frost, grizzle, lighten, pale, silver, turn pale, white, whitewash; CONCEPT 250 —**Ant.** blacken, darken, dirty

**whitewash** [*v*] *cover up the truth* blanch, camouflage, conceal, exonerate, extenuate, gloss over, launder\*, liberate, make light of\*, paint, palliate, sugarcoat\*, suppress, varnish, veneer, vindicate, white, whiten; CONCEPTS 49,63 —**Ant.** expose, reveal, tell truth

**whittle** [*v*] *cut away at; reduce* carve, chip, consume, decrease, diminish, eat away, erode, fashion, form, hew, lessen, model, mold, pare, sculpt, shape, shave, trim, undermine, wear away; CONCEPTS 176,184,236,247 —**Ant.** build, increase

**whiz** [*n*] *very intelligent person* adept, expert, genius, gifted person, marvel, pro\*, prodigy, professional, star, virtuoso, wonder; CONCEPT 416 —**Ant.** ignoramus, imbecile

**whiz** [*v*] *move quickly* by bullet, buzz, dart, flit, fly, hiss, hum, hurry, hurtle, race, speed, swish, whirl, whirl, whisk, whoosh\*, zip; CONCEPT 150 —**Ant.** decelerate

**whole** [*adj*1] *entire, complete* accomplished, aggregate, all, choate, completed, concentrated, conclusive, consummate, every, exclusive, exhaustive, fixed, fulfilled, full, full-length, gross, inclusive, in one piece, integral, outright, perfect, plenary, rounded, total, unabbreviated, unabridged, uncut, undivided, unexpurgated, unqualified, utter; CONCEPT 531 —**Ant.** fractional, incomplete, part, partial

**whole** [*adj*2] *unbroken, perfect* complete, completed, developed, flawless, flawless, good, in good order\*, in one piece\*, intact, inviolate, mature, mint, plenary, preserved, replete, safe, ship-shape, solid, sound, thorough, together, undamaged, unharmed, unhurt, unimpaired, uninjured, unmarried, unmutilated, unscathed, untouched, without a scratch; CONCEPTS 485,574 —**Ant.** broken, deficient, imperfect, insufficient, partial

**whole** [*adj*3] *healthy* able-bodied, better, cured, fit, hale, healed, hearty, in fine fettle, in good health, recovered, right, robust, sane, sound, strong, well, wholesome; CONCEPT 314 —**Ant.** hurt, impaired, sick, unhealthy

**whole** [*n*] *total made up of parts* aggregate, aggregation, all, amount, assemblage, assembly, being, big picture, body, bulk, coherence, collectivity, combination, complex, ensemble, entirety, entity, everything, fullness, gross, hook line and sinker\*, integral, jackpot\*, linkage, lock stock and barrel\*, lot, lump, oneness, organism, organization, piece, quantity, quantum, result, sum, summation, sum total\*, supply, system, the works\*, totality, unit, unity, whole ball of wax\*, whole enchilada\*, whole nine yards\*, whole shebang\*; CONCEPT 432 —**Ant.** part

**wholehearted/whole-hearted** [*adj*] *enthusiastic, sincere* abiding, ardent, authentic, bona fide, candid, committed, complete, dedicated, determined, devoted, earnest, emphatic, endur-

ing, fervent, frank, genuine, heartfelt, hearty, impassioned, never-failing, passionate, real, serious, steadfast, steady, sure, true, unflinching, unfeigned, unqualified, unquestioning, unreserved, unstinting, unwavering, warm, zealous; CONCEPTS 542,548,582 —**Ant.** disinterested, halfhearted, insincere, unenthusiastic

**wholesale** [*adj*] *all-inclusive* broad, bulk, complete, comprehensive, extensive, far-reaching, general, in bulk, indiscriminate, in quantity, in the mass, large-scale, mass, overall, quantitative, sweeping, total, wide-ranging, widespread; CONCEPTS 771,772 —**Ant.** part, partial, retail

**wholesome** [*adj*] *healthy, decent* all there, beneficial, clean, edifying, ethical, exemplary, fit, good, hale, healthful, health-giving, helpful, honorable, hygienic, in fine feather\*, innocent, in the pink\*, invigorating, moral, nice, normal, nourishing, nutritious, nutritive, pure, respectable, restorative, right, righteous, safe, salubrious, salutary, sane, sanitary, sound, strengthening, together, virtuous, well, worthy; CONCEPTS 314,462,537,545 —**Ant.** bad, impure, indecent, unhealthy, unwholesome

**wholly** [*adv*1] *completely, entirely* all, all in all\*, all the way\*, altogether, comprehensively, from A to Z\*, fully, heart and soul\*, in every respect\*, in toto, one-hundred percent\*, outright, perfectly, quite, roundly, thoroughly, top to bottom\*, totally, utterly, well; CONCEPTS 531,772 —**Ant.** incompletely, partially, partly

**wholly** [*adv*2] *exclusively* individually, just, only, purely, solely, specifically, without exception; CONCEPT 557 —**Ant.** inclusively

**whoop** [*n/v*] *hurrah* bellow, boo, cheer, cry, cry out, holler, hoot, howl, jeer, scream, shout, shriek, squawk, yell; CONCEPT 77

**whopping** [*adj*] *enormous* big, colossal, extraordinary, gargantuan, giant, gigantic, great, huge, immense, large, mammoth, massive, mighty, monstrous, mountainous, prodigious, tremendous; CONCEPTS 773,781 —**Ant.** little, small, teeny, tiny

**whore** [*n*] *prostitute* call girl, escort, fallen woman, harlot, hooker\*, hustler, lady of the evening\*, pro\*, slut, streetwalker, strumpet, tramp, working girl\*; CONCEPT 412

**whorehouse** [*n*] *brothel* bagnio, bawdy house\*, bordello, call house\*, cathouse\*, den of iniquity\*, house of assignation, house of ill fame\*, house of ill repute, house of prostitution, house with red doors\*, massage parlor, red-light district; CONCEPT 449

**whorl** [*n*] *spiral* coil, corkscrew, curl, eddy, helix, swirl, twirl, twist, vortex, whirlpool; CONCEPT 436

**wicked** [*adj*1] *corrupt, bad* abandoned, abominable, amoral, arch, atrocious, bad news\*, base, contemptible, debased, degenerate, depraved, devilish, dissolute, egregious, evil, fiendish, flagitious, foul, gross, guilty, heartless, heinous, immoral, impious, impish, incorrigible, indecent, iniquitous, irreligious, low-down, mean, mischievous, nasty, naughty, nefarious, profane, reprobate, rotten, scandalous, shameful, shameless, sinful, unethical, unprincipled, unrighteous, vicious, vile, villainous, wayward, worthless; CONCEPTS 401,545 —**Ant.** decent, good, moral, nice

**wicked** [*adj*2] *destructive, troublesome* acute, agonizing, awful, barbarous, bothersome, chancy, crashing, dangerous, difficult, distressing, dreadful, fearful, fierce, galling, harmful, hazardous, injurious, intense, mean, mighty, offensive, outrageous, painful, perilous, pesky, risky, severe, terrible, treacherous, troublesome, trying, ugly, uncivilized, unconscionable, ungodly, unhealthy, unholy, unpleasant, unsound, vexatious; CONCEPTS 537,565,571 —**Ant.** aiding, assisting, helpful, useful, worthwhile

**wicked** [*adj*3] *expert* able, adept, adroit, au fait, capable, clever, competent, deft, good, masterly, mighty, outstanding, powerful, pretty, qualified, skillful, strong; CONCEPT 527 —**Ant.** amateur

**wide** [*adj*1] *expansive, roomy* advanced, all-inclusive, ample, baggy, broad, capacious, catholic, commodious, comprehensive, deep, dilated, distended, encyclopedic, expanded, extensive, far-ranging, far-reaching, full, general, immense, inclusive, large, large-scale, liberal, loose, open, outspread, outstretched, progressive, radical, scopic, spacious, splay, squat, sweeping, tolerant, universal, vast, voluminous; CONCEPTS 772,773,796 —**Ant.** cramped, narrow, restricted

**wide** [*adj*2] *off-course* astray, away, distant, far, far-off, inaccurate, off, off-target, off the mark, remote; CONCEPTS 581,583 —**Ant.** on-course, straight

**wide-awake** [*adj*] *alert* active, all ears\*, attentive, bright, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed\*, fast on the draw\*, heads up\*, intelligent, lively, on guard\*, on one's toes\*, on the ball\*, on the job\*, on the lookout\*, psyched up\*, quick, ready, sharp, spirited, vigilant, watchful, wired\*; CONCEPTS 402,403

**widen** [*v*] *open up* add to, augment, broaden, dilate, distend, enlarge, expand, extend, grow, grow larger, increase, multiply, open, open out, open wide, ream, spread, spread out, stretch, swell, unfold; CONCEPTS 236,245,780 —**Ant.** cramp, narrow, restrict

**widespread** [*adj*] *extensive* across the board\*, all over the place\*, boundless, broad, common, comprehensive, current, diffuse, epidemic, far-flung, far-reaching, general, on a large scale, outspread, overall, pandemic, pervasive, popular, prevailing, prevalent, public, rampant, regnant, rife, ruling, sweeping, universal, unlimited, unrestricted, wall-to-wall\*, wholesale; CONCEPTS 530,536,772 —**Ant.** concentrated, limited, local, narrow

**widget** [*n*] *gadget* apparatus, appliance, contraption, contrivance, device, doodad\*, doohickey\*, gizmo\*, invention, object, thing\*, thingamabob\*, thingamajig\*, tool, whatchamacallit\*; CONCEPTS 463,499

**width** [*n*] *breadth, wideness* of some amount amplitude, area, broadness, compass, cross measure, diameter, distance across, expanse, extent, girth, measure, range, reach, scope, span, squatness, stretch, thickness; CONCEPTS 760,788,792 —**Ant.** height, tallness

**wield** [*v*] *control, use* apply, brandish, command, conduct, employ, exercise, exert, flourish, handle, have, have at one's disposal, hold, maintain, make use of, manage, maneuver, manipulate, operate, ply, possess, put to use,

shake, swing, throw, utilize, wave, work; CONCEPTS 94,147,225

**wife** [*n*] *married woman* bride, companion, consort, helpmate, mate, monogamist, other half\*, partner, roommate, spouse; CONCEPTS 414,415 —**Ant.** husband

**wig** [*n*] *hairpiece* false hair, hair extension, hair implant, hair weaving, periwig, peruke, postiche, rug\*, toupee; CONCEPT 392

**wiggle** [*n/v*] *shake back and forth* jerk, jiggle, shimmy, squirm, twist, twitch, wag, waggle, wave, worm, wriggle, writhe, zigzag; CONCEPTS 80,150,152

**wild** [*adj*1] *untamed* agrarian, barbarian, barbaric, barbarous, dense, desert, deserted, desolate, escaped, feral, ferocious, fierce, free, indigenous, lush, luxuriant, native, natural, neglected, overgrown, overrun, primitive, rampant, rude, savage, unbroken, uncivilized, uncultivated, undomesticated, uninhabited, untouched, vicious, waste; CONCEPTS 406,583 —**Ant.** civilized, controlled, delicate, gentle, manageable, tame

**wild** [*adj*2] *disorderly, rowdy* avid, berserk, boisterous, chaotic, crazed, crazy, eager, enthusiastic, extravagant, flighty, foolhardy, foolish, giddy, hysterical, impetuous, impracticable, imprudent, incautious, irrational, lawless, licentious, mad, madcap, noisy, nuts, outrageous, preposterous, profligate, rabid, rash, raving, reckless, riotous, rough, self-willed, turbulent, unbridled, uncontrolled, undisciplined, unfettered, ungovernable, unmanageable, unrestrained, unruly, uproarious, violent, wayward; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** behaved, controllable, manageable, orderly

**wild** [*adj*3] *intense, stormy* blustering, blustery, choppy, disturbed, furious, howling, inclement, raging, rough, storming, tempestuous, turbulent, violent; CONCEPTS 525,569 —**Ant.** calm, mild, moderate

**wilderness/wilds** [*n*] *uninhabited area* back country, back of beyond\*, badland, barrens, boondocks, bush, desert, forest, hinterland, jungle, middle of nowhere\*, outback, primeval forest, sticks\*, waste, wasteland, wild; CONCEPT 517 —**Ant.** city, metropolis

**wile** [*n*] *cunning* angle, artfulness, artifice, cheating, chicane, chicanery, con\*, contrivance, craft, craftiness, deceit, deception, device, dishonesty, dissimulation, dodge, feint, flimflam\*, fraud, gambit, game, gimmick, guile, hoax, horseplay, imposition, little game\*, lure, maneuver, monkey business\*, monkeyshines\*, plot, ploy, racket\*, ruse, scam\*, scheming, setup\*, shenanigans\*, skullduggery\*, slant, slyness, stratagem, stunt, subterfuge, switch, trick, trickery, twist; CONCEPTS 59,63 —**Ant.** naivety, stupidity

**will** [*n*1] *personal choice* aim, appetite, attitude, character, conviction, craving, decision, decisiveness, decree, design, desire, determination, discipline, discretion, disposition, fancy, feeling, hankering, heart's desire\*, inclination, intention, liking, longing, mind, option, passion, pining, pleasure, power, preference, prerogative, purpose, resolution, resolve, self-control, self-discipline, self-restraint, temperament, urge, velleity, volition, willfulness,

willpower, wish, wishes, yearning; CONCEPTS 20,411,659

**will** [n2] *last wishes*; *command* bequest, bestowal, declaration, decree, device, directions, dispensation, disposition, estate, heritage, inheritance, insistence, instructions, legacy, order, property, testament; CONCEPT 318

**will** [v1] *cause* authorize, bid, bring about, command, decide on, decree, demand, determine, direct, effect, enjoin, exert, insist, intend, ordain, order, request, resolve; CONCEPT 242

**will** [v2] *choose* be inclined, crave, desire, elect, have a mind to\*, incline, like, opt, please, prefer, see fit\*, want, wish; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* neglect, pass

**will** [v3] *give, bequeath to another* bequest, confer, cut off, devise, disinherit, disinherit, leave, legate, pass on, probate, transfer; CONCEPTS 108,317 —*Ant.* keep, receive

**willful** [adj1] *stubborn, obstinate* adamant, bullheaded, contumacious, determined, dogged, fractious, froward, headstrong, inflexible, intractable, intransigent, mulish, obdurate, persistent, pertinacious, perverse, pigheaded, refractory, resolved, self-willed, stiff-necked, uncompromising, unyielding; CONCEPTS 401, 542 —*Ant.* flexible, willing, yielding

**willful** [adj2] *voluntary* conscious, contemplated, deliberate, designed, intended, intentional, planned, premeditated, purposeful, studied, unforced, volitional, willed, willing, witting; CONCEPTS 401,535 —*Ant.* involuntary, unwilling

**willing** [adj] *agreeable, ready* accommodating, active, amenable, cheerful, compliant, consenting, content, deliberate, desirous, disposed, eager, energetic, enthusiastic, fair, favorable, feeling, forward, game, go along with, happy, in accord with, inclined, in favor, intentional, in the mood, like-minded, obedient, one, pleased, predisposed, prepared, prompt, prone, reliable, responsible, tractable, unasked, unbidden, unforced, voluntary, well-disposed, willful, witting, zealous; CONCEPTS 401,403,576 —*Ant.* disagreeable, unprepared, unwilling

**willowy** [adj] *graceful, slender* adroit, agile, dainty, delicate, elastic, elegant, flowing, limber, lithe, lithesome, nimble, pliant, shapely, skinny, springy, svelte, thin, trim; CONCEPTS 579,584,589

**willpower** [n] *personal determination* discipline, drive, firmness, fixity, force, grit, resolution, resolve, self-control, self-discipline, self-government, self-restraint, single-mindedness, strength, will; CONCEPT 411

**wilt** [v] *sag, fail* become limp, break down, cave in, collapse, diminish, droop, drop, dry up, dwindle, ebb, fade, faint, flag, give out, languish, melt, mummify, shrivel, sink, succumb, wane, waste, waste away, weaken, wither, wizen; CONCEPTS 181,427,469,699 —*Ant.* bloom, rise

**wily** [adj] *crafty, clever* arch, artful, astute, cagey, crazy like a fox\*, crooked, cunning, deceitful, deceptive, deep, designing, foxy, greasy\*, guileful, insidious, intriguing, knowing, sagacious, scheming, sharp, shifty, shrewd, slick\*, slippery\*, sly, smooth, sneaky, street-wise, tricky, underhanded; CONCEPTS 401,545

**wimp** [n] *weaking* baby, caitiff, chicken\*, chicken heart\*, chicken liver\*, coward, cream puff\*, crybaby, daisy\*, featherweight\*, fraidy-cat\*, jellyfish\*, lily liver, loser, milkspop, momma's boy\*, namby-pamby, pansy, panty-waist\*, puppy\*, pushover, scaredy-cat\*, schlemiel\*, sissy, wuss\*, wussy\*, yellow belly\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**win** [n] *victory* accomplishment, achievement, conquest, gain, gold\*, gold star\*, kill\*, killing\*, pay dirt\*, score, slam, success, sweep, triumph; CONCEPTS 95,141,832 —*Ant.* failure, forfeit, loss

**win** [v1] *finish first; succeed* achieve, beat, be first, be victorious, carry the day\*, come in first, conquer, edge, finish in front\*, finish off, gain, gain victory, overcome, overwhelm, prevail, run circles around\*, shut out\*, sink\*, take the prize, triumph, upset, walk away with\*, walk off with\*; CONCEPTS 95,141,363 —*Ant.* fail, forfeit, lose

**win** [v2] *achieve, obtain* accomplish, acquire, annex, approach, attain, bag\*, bring in, catch, collect, come away with\*, derive, earn, effect, gain, get, harvest, have, make, net, pick up, procure, rack up\*, reach, realize, receive, score, secure; CONCEPTS 120,706 —*Ant.* fail

**win/win over** [v3] *influence, persuade* allure, argue into, attract, bring around, carry, charm, convert, convince, disarm, draw, get, induce, overcome, prevail upon, prompt, slay, sway, talk into, wow\*; CONCEPTS 11,68 —*Ant.* disenchant, turn off

**wince** [v] *draw back* back off, blanch, blench, cower, cringe, dodge, duck, flinch, grimace, jib, make a face\*, quail, recoil, shrink, shy, start, swerve, turn; CONCEPTS 154,185

**wind** [n1] *air currents* air, blast, blow, breath, breeze, chinook, cyclone, draft, draught, flurry, flutter, gale, gust, mistral, puff, tempest, typhoon, wafting, whiff, whirlwind, whisk, zephyr; CONCEPT 524

**wind** [n2] *warning, report* babble, clue, cue, gossip, hint, hot air\*, idle talk, inkling, intimation, notice, rumor, suggestion, talk, tidings, whisper; CONCEPT 278

**wind** [v] *blend, turn* coil, convolute, corkscrew, cover, crook, curl, curve, deviate, distort, encircle, enclose, entwine, envelop, fold, furl, loop, meander, ramble, reel, roll, screw, slither, snake, spiral, swerve, twine, twist, weave, wrap, wreath, wriggle, zigzag; CONCEPTS 201,738 —*Ant.* straighten

**windbag** [n] *bigmouth, chatterer* bag of wind\*, big talker\*, blabberer, blowhard\*, boaster, braggart, bragger, gasbag\*, gascon\*, jabberer, know-it-all, motor-mouth\*; CONCEPTS 412,423

**winded** [adj] *out of breath* breathless, gasping, huffing and puffing\*, panting, puffing; CONCEPT 163

**windfall** [n] *jackpot, profit* bonanza, bonus, find, fortune, gift from the gods\*, godsend, gravy\*, lucky find, money from heaven\*, pennies from heaven\*, stroke of luck; CONCEPTS 337,679

**winding** [adj] *bending, turning* ambiguous, anfractuous, circuitous, convoluted, crooked, curving, devious, flexuous, gyrating, indirect, intricate, involved, labyrinthine, mazy,

meandering, roundabout, serpentine, sinuous, snaky, spiraling, tortuous, twisting, wriggly, zigzag; CONCEPT 581 —**Ant.** straight, unbent

**wind up** [v] *finish* be through with, bring to a close, clean up\*, close, close down, come to the end, complete, conclude, determine, do, end, end up\*, finalize, finish up, halt, liquidate, settle, terminate, tie up loose ends\*, wrap up\*; CONCEPT 234 —**Ant.** begin, commence, open, start

**windy** [adj1] *breezy* airy, blowing, blowy, blustering, blustery, boisterous, brisk, drafty, fresh, gusty, raw, squally, stormy, tempestuous, wild, windswept; CONCEPT 525 —**Ant.** calm

**windy** [adj2] *talkative; boastful* bombastic, diffuse, empty, garrulous, inflated, lengthy, long-winded, loquacious, meandering, palaverous, pompous, prolix, rambling, redundant, turgid, verbose, wordy; CONCEPT 267 —**Ant.** uncommunicative, unresponsive

**wing** [n1] *organ, device of flight* aileron, airfoil, appendage, feather, pennon, pinion; CONCEPTS 399,502

**wing** [n2] *section; extension* addition, adjunct, annex, arm, block, branch, bulge, circle, clique, coterie, detachment, division, ell, expansion, faction, group, part, projection, prolongation, protrusion, protuberance, segment, set, side, unit; CONCEPTS 440,441,824,835 —**Ant.** base, headquarters

**wing it** [v] *improvise* ad-lib, concoct, devise, do offhand, do off the top of your head\*, fake it, improv\*, invent, make do\*, make up, play it by ear\*, speak off the cuff\*, throw together\*; CONCEPTS 173,266

**wink** [n1/v] *flutter, flick* bat, blink, flash, gleam, glimmer, glitter, nictate, nictitate, sparkle, squinch, squint, twinkle; CONCEPTS 185,624

**wink** [n2] *moment flash\**, instant, jiffy\*, minute, second, shake\*, split second\*, twinkle\*, twinkling\*; CONCEPTS 808,821

**winner** [n] *someone or something that succeeds* champ, champion, conquering hero, conqueror, first, hero, medalist, medalwinner, number one\*, prizewinner, title-holder, top dog\*, vanquisher, victor; CONCEPTS 366,416 —**Ant.** failure, loser

**winning/winsome** [adj1] *attractive, charming* acceptable, adorable, agreeable, alluring, amiable, bewitching, captivating, cute, delectable, delightful, disarming, enchanting, endearing, engaging, fascinating, fetching, gratifying, lovable, lovely, pleasing, prepossessing, sweet, taking; CONCEPTS 401,404 —**Ant.** disenchanting, ugly, unappealing, unattractive

**winning** [adj2] *triumphant* champion, conquering, leading, successful, victorious; CONCEPTS 528,632 —**Ant.** failing, forfeiting, losing

**wino** [n] *drunk* alcoholic, boozier\*, bum\*, carouser\*, dipsomaniac, drinker, drunkard, guzzler\*, hobo, inebriate, lush\*, sot\*, sponge\*; CONCEPT 423

**winsome** [adj] *charming* absorbing, alluring, appealing, attractive, captivating, charismatic, cute, dainty, delicate, delightful, desirable, elegant, enamoring, engaging, enthralling, eye-catching, fascinating, glamorous, inviting, irresistible, lovable, pleasant, pleasing, pretty, rapturous, ravishing, seducing, seductive, sweet, tantalizing, titillating, winning; CONCEPT 404

**winter** [n] *cold season of the year* chill, cold, frost, Jack Frost\*, wintertide, wintertime; CONCEPT 814

**winter** [adj] *cold, snowy* biting, bleak, brumal, chilly, cutting, desolate, dismal, freezing, frigid, frosty, frozen, harsh, hibernal, hiemal, icebox\*, icy, raw, snappy, three-dog night\*; CONCEPTS 525,605 —**Ant.** hot, summery

**wipe** [v] *brush, swab* clean, clean off, clear, dry, dust, erase, mop, obliterate, remove, rub, sponge, take away, towel, wash; CONCEPT 165

**wipeout** [n] *fall* collapse, crash, destruction, dive, downfall, drop, spill, tumble, yard sale\*; CONCEPTS 116,230,674,699

**wipe out** [v] *destroy; get rid of* abate, abolish, annihilate, black out, blot out, cancel, decimate, delete, efface, eliminate, eradicate, erase, expunge, exterminate, extinguish, extirpate, kill, massacre, obliterate, remove, root out, slaughter, slay, uproot, X-out\*; CONCEPT 252 —**Ant.** build, create

**wiry** [adj] *thin and strong* agile, athletic, bristly, fibrous, lean, light, limber, muscular, ropy, sinewy, stiff, strapping, stringy, supple, tough; CONCEPTS 490,491 —**Ant.** small, tiny

**wisdom** [n] *insight, common sense* acumen, astuteness, balance, brains\*, caution, circumspection, clear thinking, comprehension, discernment, discrimination, enlightenment, erudition, experience, foresight, good judgment, gumption\*, horse sense\*, information, intelligence, judgment, judiciousness, knowledge, learning, pansophy, penetration, perspicacity, poise, practicality, prudence, reason, sagacity, sageness, sanity, sapience, savoir faire, savvy\*, shrewdness, solidity, sophistication, stability, understanding; CONCEPT 409 —**Ant.** ignorance, stupidity

**wise** [adj] *intelligent, reasonable* astute, aware, calculating, careful, clever, cogitative, contemplative, crafty, cunning, discerning, discreet, educated, enlightened, erudite, experienced, foresighted, grasping, informed, insightful, intuitive, judicious, keen, knowing, knowledgeable, perceptive, perspicacious, politic, prudent, rational, reflective, sagacious, sage, sane, sapient, scholarly, sensible, sensing, sharp, shrewd, smart, sophic, sound, tactful, taught, thoughtful, understanding, wary, well-informed, witty; CONCEPT 402 —**Ant.** foolish, ignorant, stupid, unintelligent, unreasonable, unwise

**wisecrack** [n] *joke* antic, caper, clowning, dig, escapade, farce, frolic, gag, lark, laugh, mischief, monkeyshine\*, one-liner\*, parody, prank, put-on, quip, remark, retort, rib, shenanigan\*, smart crack\*, stunt, trick, witticism, yarn, zinger\*; CONCEPT 273

**wise guy** [n] *smart-aleck; gangster* bigmouth\*, criminal, crook, hood, hoodlum, know-it-all\*, Mafioso\*, member of the family, mobster, smart ass\*, smarty-pants\*, wiseacre, wiseass, wisenheimer; CONCEPT 412

**wish** [n] *desire* ambition, aspiration, choice, disposition, hankering, hope, hunger, inclination, intention, invocation, itch, liking, longing, pleasure, prayer, preference, request, thirst, urge, want, whim, will, yearning, yen; CONCEPTS 20,709 —**Ant.** dislike, hate, hatred

**wish** [v] *desire* aspire, beg, choose, command, covet, crave, desiderate, elect, entreat, envy, expect, fancy, hanker\*, hope, hunger, invoke, itch, like, long, look forward to\*, need, order, please, pray for, prefer, request, set one's heart on\*, sigh for, solicit, spoil for\*, thirst, want, will, yearn, yen; CONCEPT 20 —**Ant.** dislike, hate

**wishful** [adj] *desirous* acquisitive, ambitious, aspiring, craving, daydreaming, desiring, greedy, hankering, hopeful, itchy\*, keen, longful, longing, lustful, wishing, yearning; CONCEPTS 403, 529

**wishy-washy** [adj] *bland, dull* banal, characterless, cowardly, enervated, feeble, flat, flavorless, indecisive, ineffective, ineffectual, insipid, irresolute, jejune, languid, listless, mediocre, namby-pamby\*, sapless, spiritless, tasteless, thin, vacillating, vapid, watered-down, watery, wavering, weak, weak-kneed\*; CONCEPT 404 —**Ant.** dynamic, exciting, interesting, lively

**wisp** [n] *strand* bit, lock, piece, shock, shred, snippet, string, thread, tuft, twist; CONCEPTS 392, 831

**wistful** [adj] *daydreaming, longing* contemplative, desirous, disconsolate, dreaming, dreamy, forlorn, hopeless, meditative, melancholy, mournful, musing, nostalgic, pensive, plaintive, reflective, sad, thoughtful, wishful, yearning; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** uncaring

**wit** [n1] *humor* aphorism, badinage, banter, bon mot, burlesque, drollery, facetiousness, fun, gag, jest, jocularity, joke, lark, levity, pleasantry, practical joke, prank, pun, quip, railery, repartee, sally, satire, trick, whimsicality, wisecrack, wittiness, wordplay; CONCEPTS 59, 273, 411 —**Ant.** seriousness

**wit** [n2] *person who is very funny* a million laughs\*, banterer, card, comedian, comic, cutup\*, epigrammatist, farceur, funster, gag person, humorist, jester, joker, jokesmith, jokester, life of the party\*, madcap, punster, quipster, trickster, wag, wisecracker; CONCEPTS 352, 416

**witch** [n] *person who casts spells over others* conjurer, enchanter, magician, necromancer, occultist, sorcerer; CONCEPTS 361, 412, 415

**witchcraft** [n] *spell-casting, magic* abracadabra\*, bewitchment, black art, black magic, charisma, conjuring, divination, enchantment, hocus-pocus\*, hoodoo\*, incantation, jinx, magnetism, mumbo jumbo\*, necromancy, occult, occultism, sorcery, spell, thaumaturgy, voodoo, voodooism, whammy\*, witchery, witching, wizardry; CONCEPTS 367, 370, 689

**witch doctor** [n] *shaman* healer, medicine man, priest, sorcerer, wizard; CONCEPT 361

**withdraw** [v1] *remove something or someone from situation* abjure, absent oneself, back out, bail out, blow, book, bow out, check out, depart, detach, disengage, draw away, draw back, drop out, ease out, eliminate, exfiltrate, exit, extract, fall back, get away, get lost, get off, give ground, give way, go, keep aloof, keep apart, leave, make oneself scarce\*, phase out, pull back, pull out, quail, quit, recede, recoil, retire, retreat, run along, secede, seclude oneself, shrink, switch, take a hike\*, take away, take leave, take off, take out, vacate; CONCEPTS 195, 211 —**Ant.** remain, stay

**withdraw** [v2] *retract; declare void* abjure, abolish, abrogate, annul, ban, bar, call off, disavow, disclaim, dissolve, forswear, invalidate, nullify, quash, recall, recant, renege, renig, repress, repudiate, rescind, retire, reverse, revoke, stamp out, suppress, take back, unsay; CONCEPTS 50, 88, 121, 697 —**Ant.** advance, allow, permit

**withdrawal** [n] *removal; retraction* abandonment, abdication, abjuration, alienation, departure, disavowal, disclaimer, disengagement, egress, egression, exit, exiting, exodus, extraction, marooning, palinode, recall, recantation, relinquishment, repudiation, rescission, resignation, retirement, retreat, revocation, revulsion, secession; CONCEPTS 195, 211, 685 —**Ant.** remainder, stay

**withdrawn** [adj1] *unsociable* aloof, aseptic, casual, cool, detached, disinterested, distant, incurious, indifferent, introverted, nongregarious, offish, quiet, reclusive, remote, reserved, restrained, retired, retiring, retreated, shrinking, shy, silent, solitary, standoffish, taciturn, timorous, uncommunicative, uncompanionable, unconcerned, uncurious, undemonstrative, unforthcoming, uninterested; CONCEPT 401 —**Ant.** extroverted, friendly, outgoing, sociable

**withdrawn** [adj2] *hidden, remote* cloistered, departed, isolated, out-of-the-way, private, recluse, removed, retreated, secluded, solitary, taken out; CONCEPT 583 —**Ant.** known, seen, visible

**wither** [v] *droop, decline* atrophy, become stale, blast, blight, collapse, constrict, contract, decay, deflate, desiccate, deteriorate, die, disintegrate, dry, dry up, fade, fold, languish, perish, shrink, shrivel, wane, waste, waste away, wilt, withen; CONCEPTS 427, 698 —**Ant.** bloom, grow

**withhold** [v] *keep back* abstain, bridle, check, clam up\*, conceal, constrain, curb, deduct, deny, detain, disallow, dummy up\*, hide, hold, hold back, hold down, hold out, hold out on, inhibit, keep, keep secret, keep to oneself\*, keep under one's hat\*, keep under wraps\*, kill, refrain, refuse, repress, reserve, resist, restrain, retain, sit on, spike, stop oneself, suppress; CONCEPTS 35, 121, 188 —**Ant.** let go, release

**within** [adv] *inside* in, in a period, indoors, inner, in reach, interior, inward, not beyond, not outside, not over; CONCEPTS 586, 772 —**Ant.** outside

**with it** [adj] *cognizant; stylish* alive, apprehensive, au courant, awake, aware, chic, conscious, cool\*, familiar, groovy\*, hep to\*, hip to\*, in, in fashion, informed, in on, in the know, in vogue, knowing, knowledgeable, latest, mod\*, now\*, observant, on to\*, perceptive, plugged in, savvy, switched on\*, trendy, tuned in\*, turned on\*, up on\*, versed, wise to\*; CONCEPTS 402, 579, 589

**without** [adv] *outside* after, beyond, externally, left out, on the outside, out, outdoors, out-of-doors, outwardly, past; CONCEPTS 586, 772 —**Ant.** inside

**withstand** [v] *endure, bear* brace, buckle, combat, confront, contest, cope, cross, defy, dispute, duel, face, fight, fly in the face of\*, grapple with, hang on\*, hang tough\*, hold off\*,



hold one's ground\*, hold out\*, oppose, prevail against, put up struggle\*, put up with\*, remain firm, repel, resist, ride out\*, sit and take it\*, stand, stand fast\*, stand firm\*, stand one's ground\*, stand up against\*, stand up to\*, stick\*, stick fast\*, suffer, take, take it\*, take on, thwart, tolerate, traverse, violate, weather, win out; CONCEPTS 23,96 —**Ant.** surrender, yield

**witless** [adj] *foolish* absurd, asinine, bird-brained\*, brainless, cockamammy\*, crazy, daffy\*, doltish\*, dotty\*, dumb, feeble-minded\*, half-baked\*, half-witted\*, harebrained\*, idiotic, ill-advised, irrational, jerky\*, kooky\*, loony\*, ludicrous, lunatic, mad, mindless, moronic, nonsensical, nutty\*, ridiculous, senseless, silly, stupid, unintelligent, unwise, wacky\*, zany\*; CONCEPTS 401,542,544

**witness** [n] *person who observes an event* attestant, attestor, beholder, bystander, corroborator, deponent, eyewitness, gawker, looker-on, observer, onlooker, proof, rubber-necker\*, signatory, signer, spectator, testifier, testimony, viewer, watcher; CONCEPTS 355,423 —**Ant.** participant

**witness** [v1] *observe* attend, be a witness, behold, be on hand\*, be on the scene\*, be present, eyeball\*, flash on\*, get a load of\*, look on, mark, note, notice, perceive, pick up on, pipe\*, read, see, sight, spot, spy, take in, view, watch; CONCEPT 626 —**Ant.** participate

**witness** [v2] *testify*; *authenticate* affirm, announce, argue, attest, bear out, bear witness, be a witness, bespeak, betoken, certify, confirm, corroborate, countersign, depone, depose, endorse, give evidence, give testimony, indicate, say under oath, sign, stand for, subscribe, vouch for; CONCEPTS 49,50,88,317 —**Ant.** deny, refute

**witty** [adj] *funny and clever* amusing, bright, brilliant, campy\*, crazy\*, diverting, droll, entertaining, epigrammatic, facetious, fanciful, gay, humorous, ingenious, intelligent, jocular, jocular, joshing, keen, lively, original, penetrating, piercing, piquant, quick-witted, ridiculous, scintillating, screaming\*, slapstick, sparkling, waggish, whimsical; CONCEPTS 267,542 —**Ant.** serious, unamusing, unfunny

**wit/wits** [n3] *judgment, intelligence* acumen, acuteness, astucity, astuteness, awareness, balance, brainpower, brains\*, cleverness, common sense, comprehension, depth of perception, discernment, discrimination, esprit, grasp, ingenuity, insight, keenness, lucidity, marbles\*, mentality, mind, perception, perspicacity, practicality, prudence, rationality, reason, sagaciousness, sagacity, sageness, saneness, sanity, sapience, sense, shrewdness, soundness, understanding, wisdom; CONCEPT 409 —**Ant.** ignorance, stupidity

**wizard** [n1] *person who can perform magic* astrologer, augurer, clairvoyant, conjurer, diviner, enchanter, fortuneteller, hypnotist, magician, magus, medium, necromancer, occultist, palmist, seer, shaman, soothsayer, sorcerer, thaumaturge, warlock, witch; CONCEPT 361

**wizard** [n2] *person who is highly skilled* ace\*, adept, artist, authority, crackerjack\*, expert, genius, hot shot\*, pro\*, prodigy, professional, proficient, shark\*, star, virtuoso, whiz\*, whiz

kid\*, wiz\*; CONCEPTS 348,423 —**Ant.** amateur, rookie

**wizened** [adj] *dried, shriveled* up diminished, gnarled, lean, macerated, mummified, old, reduced, shrunk, shrunken, wilted, withered, worn, wrinkled; CONCEPTS 485,603 —**Ant.** moist, smooth, unwrinkled

**wobble** [v] *stagger, quake* be unsteady, careen, falter, flounder, lurch, oscillate, quiver, reel, rock, roll, seesaw, shake, shimmy, stumble, sway, swing, teeter, totter, tremble, vacillate, vibrate, waver, weave, wiggle; CONCEPTS 150,152

**wobbly** [adj] *shaky* fluctuant, insecure, precarious, rattletrap, rickety, rocky, teetering, tottering, unbalanced, uneven, unsafe, unstable, unsteady, unsure, vacillating, wavering, wavy, weak, wiggling; CONCEPT 488 —**Ant.** stable, steady, unshaky

**woe** [n] *suffering* adversity, affliction, agony, anguish, bemoaning, blues\*, burden, calamity, care, cataclysm, catastrophe, curse, dejection, deploring, depression, disaster, distress, dole, drag, gloom, grief, grieving, hardship, headache\*, heartache\*, heartbreak, lamentation, melancholy, misadventure, misery, misfortune, pain, rain\*, regret, rue, sadness, sorrow, tragedy, trial, tribulation, trouble, unhappiness, wretchedness; CONCEPTS 410,532,690,728 —**Ant.** happiness, joy

**woebegone** [adj] *depressed, troubled* black, bleak, blue\*, bummed out\*, chapfallen, cheerless, crestfallen, dejected, despondent, disconsolate, dismal, dispirited, doleful, down, downcast, downhearted, down-in-the-mouth\*, dreary, forlorn, gloomy, grief-stricken, grim, hangdog\*, hurting, in pain\*, long-faced\*, low, lugubrious, melancholy, miserable, mournful, sad, shot down\*, sorrowful, unhappy, woeful, wretched; CONCEPT 403 —**Ant.** enthused, excited, happy, untroubled

**woeful** [adj] *terrible, sad* afflicted, agonized, anguished, appalling, awful, bad, calamitous, catastrophic, cruel, deplorable, disappointing, disastrous, disconsolate, disgraceful, distressing, doleful, dreadful, feeble, gloomy, grieving, grievous, grim, heartbreaking, heartrending, heartsick, hopeless, inadequate, lamentable, lousy\*, mean, miserable, mournful, paltry, pathetic, piteous, pitiable, pitiful, plaintive, poor, racked, rotten, shocking, sorrowful, sorry, tortured, tragic, unfortunate, unhappy, wretched; CONCEPTS 548,571 —**Ant.** glad, happy, joyful

**wolf** [v] *consume sloppily and fast* bolt, cram, devour, gobble, gorge, gulp, guzzle, ingurgitate, pack, slop, slosh, stuff, swallow; CONCEPT 169 —**Ant.** nibble

**woman** [n] *female human* aunt, daughter, gentlewoman, girl, girlfriend, grandmother, matron, mother, Ms./Miss/Mrs., niece, she, spouse, wife; CONCEPTS 414,415 —**Ant.** man

**womanizer** [n] *philanderer* Casanova, Don Juan, gigolo, heartbreaker, ladies' man, lady-killer, lecher, libertine, lothario, lover, lover-boy\*, rake, Romeo, seducer, skirt chaser, stud\*, wolf\*; CONCEPT 423

**womanly** [adj] *feminine* female, girlish, lady-like, maidenly, matronly, motherly, womanish; CONCEPTS 371,372,408,648

**wonder** [*n1*] *amazement* admiration, astonishment, awe, bewilderment, concern, confusion, consternation, curiosity, doubt, fascination, fear, incredulity, jar, jolt, marveling, perplexity, perturbation, puzzlement, reverence, shock, skepticism, start, stupefaction, stupor, surprise, suspicion, uncertainty, wondering, wonderment; CONCEPTS 410,532,690 —*Ant.* expectation

**wonder** [*n2*] *something that is amazing* act of God\*, curiosity, cynosure, freak, marvel, miracle, nonpareil, oddity, phenomenon, portent, prodigy, rara avis, rarity, sensation, sight, spectacle, stunner\*, wonderment; CONCEPTS 529,687

**wonder** [*v1*] *doubt*; *ponder* ask oneself, be curious, be inquisitive, conjecture, disbelieve, inquire, meditate, puzzle, query, question, speculate, think; CONCEPTS 17,21 —*Ant.* believe, know

**wonder** [*v2*] *be amazed* admire, be astonished, be awestruck, be confounded, be dumbstruck, be fascinated, be flabbergasted, be startled, be taken aback, boggle, gape, gawk, look aghast, marvel, stare; CONCEPT 34 —*Ant.* anticipate, expect

**wonderful** [*adj*] *great, extraordinary* admirable, amazing, astonishing, astounding, awe-inspiring, awesome, brilliant, cool\*, divine\*, dynamite\*, enjoyable, excellent, fabulous, fantastic, fine, groovy\*, incredible, magnificent, marvelous, miraculous, outstanding, peachy\*, phenomenal, pleasing, prime, remarkable, sensational, something else\*, staggering, startling, strange, stupendous, super, superb, surprising, swell, terrific, too much\*, tremendous, unheard-of, wondrous; CONCEPTS 529,574 —*Ant.* bad, lousy, poor, rotten

**wonderment** [*n*] *astonishment* amazement, astoundment, awe, bewilderment, curiosity, fascination, marvel, shock, stunner, surprise, wonder; CONCEPTS 230,410

**wonk** [*n*] *excessive studier* bookworm, brain\*, dweeb\*, geek\*, greasy grind\*, grind\*, grub\*, nerd, poindexter, swotter\*; CONCEPT 350

**wont** [*adj*] *in the habit of* accustomed, given, inclined, used, used to; CONCEPT 547

**woo** [*v*] *seek as romantic partner* address, aim for, beg, bill and coo\*, butter up\*, caress, charm, chase, court, cultivate, curry favor\*, date, entreat, go steady, importune, keep company, make advances, make love, press one's suit with\*, propose, pursue, run after, rush, seek in marriage\*, seek the hand of\*, set one's cap for\*, solicit, spark\*, spoon\*; CONCEPTS 297,375,384 —*Ant.* ignore

**wooden** [*adj1*] *made of timber* board, clapboard, frame, ligneous, log, peg, plant, slab, timber, timbered, woody; CONCEPT 485

**wooden** [*adj2*] *stiff, inflexible* awkward, bumbling, clumsy, gauche, gawky, graceless, heavy, heavy-handed, inelegant, inept, maladroit, obstinate, ponderous, rigid, stilted, unbending, ungainly, ungraceful, unhandy, unyielding, weighty; CONCEPTS 488,542 —*Ant.* bending, flexible, pliable

**wood/woods** [*n*] *forest* copse, grove, lumber, thicket, timber, timberland, trees, weald, woodland; CONCEPTS 430,509,517

**woozy** [*adj*] *dizzy* befuddled, bemused, bewildered, confused, dazed, dazzled, dumbfounded, faint, gaga\*, giddy, groggy\*, hazy, light-headed, muddled, off balance\*, punch-drunk\*, punchy\*, puzzled, queasy, reeling, seeing stars\*, shaky, slap-happy\*, staggered, staggering, tipsy, unsteady, weak in the knees\*, weak-kneed\*, wobbly; CONCEPTS 314,480

**word** [*n1*] *discussion* chat, chitchat\*, colloquy, confab\*, confabulation, consultation, conversation, discussion, talk, tête-à-tête; CONCEPT 56 —*Ant.* silence

**word** [*n2*] *statement* account, adage, advice, announcement, bulletin, byword, comment, communication, communiqué, declaration, directive, discourse, dispatch, expression, gossip, hearsay, information, intelligence, intimation, introduction, message, news, notice, pronouncement, proverb, remark, report, rumble, rumor, saw, saying, scuttlebutt, speech, talk, tidings, utterance; CONCEPTS 274,278

**word** [*n3*] *unit of language* concept, designation, expression, idiom, lexeme, locution, morpheme, name, phrase, sound, term, usage, utterance, vocable; CONCEPT 275

**word** [*n4*] *command* behest, bidding, charge, commandment, decree, dictate, edict, go-ahead\*, green light\*, injunction, mandate, order, signal, ukase, will; CONCEPT 685 —*Ant.* question

**word** [*n5*] *promise* affirmation, assertion, assurance, commitment, declaration, engagement, guarantee, oath, parole, pledge, plight, solemn oath\*, solemn word\*, vow, warrant, word of honor; CONCEPTS 71,278, 689 —*Ant.* breach, break

**word** [*n6*] *password* countersign, slogan, watchword; CONCEPTS 684,685

**wording** [*n*] *way of expressing a thought* choice of words, diction, language, locution, manner, mode, parlance, phraseology, phrasing, style, terminology, turn of phrase, wordage, words; CONCEPTS 278,682

**wordy** [*adj*] *talkative* bombastic, chatty\*, diffuse, discursive, flatulent, gabby\*, garrulous, inflated, lengthy, long-winded, loquacious, palaverous, pleonastic, prolix, rambling, redundant, rhetorical, tedious, turgid, verbose, voluble, windy\*; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* concise, untalkative

**work** [*n1*] *labor, chore* assignment, attempt, commission, daily grind\*, drudge, drudgery, effort, elbow grease\*, endeavor, exertion, functioning, grind, grindstone\*, industry, job, toil, muscle, obligation, pains\*, performance, production, push, salt mines\*, servitude, slogging, stint, stress, striving, struggle, sweat\*, task, toil, travail, trial, trouble, undertaking; CONCEPTS 87,362,677 —*Ant.* entertainment, fun, pastime

**work** [*n2*] *business, occupation* activity, art, calling, commitment, contract, craft, do\*, duty, employment, endeavor, gig\*, grind\*, industry, job, line, line of business, livelihood, métier, nine-to-five\*, obligation, office, practice, profession, pursuit, racket\*, responsibility, skill, slot\*, specialization, stint, swindle, task, thing\*, trade, vocation, walk; CONCEPTS 349,351,360 —*Ant.* entertainment, fun, pastime

**work** [*n*3] *achievement* act, application, article, composition, creation, deed, end product, function, handicraft, handiwork, oeuvre, opus, output, performance, piece, product, production; CONCEPTS 260,706 —*Ant.* failure, loss

**work** [*v*1] *be employed; exert oneself* apply oneself, be gainfully employed, buckle down\*, carry on, dig, do a job, do business, drive, drudge, earn a living\*, freelance, have a job, hold a job, hustle\*, knuckle down\*, labor, manage, manufacture, toil, moonlight\*, nine-to-five it\*, peg away\*, plug away\*, ply, punch a clock\*, pursue, report, scratch, slave, slog\*, specialize, strain, strive, sweat\*, take on, toil, try; CONCEPTS 100,351 —*Ant.* idle, laze, relax, rest

**work** [*v*2] *manipulate, operate* accomplish, achieve, act, behave, bring about, carry out, cause, contrive, control, create, direct, drive, effect, execute, force, function, go, handle, implement, manage, maneuver, move, perform, ply, progress, react, run, serve, take, tick, use, wield; CONCEPTS 94,117,199,204

**work** [*v*3] *cultivate, form* care for, dig, dress, farm, fashion, handle, knead, labor, make, manipulate, mold, process, shape, tend, till; CONCEPTS 173,184,257 —*Ant.* destroy

**workable** [*adj*] *feasible* applicable, breeze\*, cinch\*, doable, duck soup\*, easy, easy as pie\*, exploitable, functional, no sweat\*, piece of cake\*, possible, practicable, practical, simple as ABC\*, snap, usable, useful, viable, working; CONCEPTS 538,552,560 —*Ant.* impractical, unfeasible, unworkable

**worker** [*n*] *person who is employed* artisan, blue collar\*, breadwinner, company person, craftsperson, employee, hand, help, laborer, nine-to-five\*, operative, peasant, proletarian, serf, slave, stiff, toiler, trader, tradesperson, wage earner, white collar\*, working person, working stiff\*; CONCEPT 348 —*Ant.* unemployed

**working** [*adj*] *active, occupied* alive, busy, dynamic, effective, employed, engaged, functioning, going, hot\*, in a job, in force, in full swing, in gear, in process, laboring, live, moving, on fire\*, on the job, on track\*, operative, practical, running, useful, viable; CONCEPTS 538,560 —*Ant.* idle, inoperative, passive, unoccupied, unworking

**workmanship** [*n*] *craftsmanship* artisanship, artistry, artwork, craft, design, expertise, handicraft, handiwork, know-how\*, skill, skillfulness, technique; CONCEPTS 259,409,630

**workout** [*n*] *exercise, practice* conditioning, constitutional, drill, rehearsal, routine, session, test, training, tryout, warm-up, work; CONCEPTS 290,363 —*Ant.* inactivity

**work out** [*v*] *solve; satisfy* accomplish, achieve, arrange, attain, be effective, bring off, clear, come out, come to terms\*, complete, compromise, construct, contrive, develop, devise, elaborate, evolve, figure out, find out, finish, fix, form, formulate, get something done\*, go, go well, handle, happen, manipulate, pan out\*, plan, prosper, pull off\*, put together, reach agreement, resolve, result, succeed, swing\*, turn out, up, win; CONCEPTS 706,713

**work up** [*v*] *stimulate* agitate, animate, arouse, breed, cause, develop, engender, excite,

generate, get up, hatch, improve, incite, induce, inflame, instigate, move, muster up, occasion, produce, rouse, spur, stir up; CONCEPTS 14,242 —*Ant.* discourage, dissuade

**world** [*n*1] *planet, globe* cosmos, creation, earth, heavenly body, macrocosm, microcosm, nature, sphere, star, terrene, universe; CONCEPTS 511,770

**world** [*n*2] *class of existing beings* class, division, everybody, everyone, group, humanity, humankind, human race, race, realm; CONCEPTS 378,391

**world** [*n*3] *person's environment, experience* ambience, area, atmosphere, business, domain, field, life, matters, memory, province, pursuits, realm, sphere, system; CONCEPT 678

**worldly** [*adj*1] *material, nonreligious* carnal, earthy, earthy, fleshy, human, lay, materialistic, mundane, natural, physical, practical, profane, secular, subliminary, telluric, temporal, terrene, terrestrial, ungodly; CONCEPTS 536,582 —*Ant.* immaterial, otherworldly, religious

**worldly** [*adj*2] *sophisticated, materialistic* avaricious, been around, blasé, callous, cool\*, cosmopolitan, covetous, disenchanted, grasping, greedy, hardened, knowing, opportunistic, power-loving, practical, self-centered, selfish, unprincipled, uptown\*, urbane, worldly wise; CONCEPT 401 —*Ant.* low, unrefined, unsophisticated

**worldwide** [*adj*] *general* catholic, common, comprehensive, cosmic, ecumenical, extensive, global, international, multinational, omnipresent, pandemic, planetary, ubiquitous, universal; CONCEPT 536 —*Ant.* limited, local

**worn/worn-out** [*adj*] *used, tired* beat, burned out\*, bushed\*, busted\*, clichéd, consumed, depleted, destroyed, deteriorated, drained, drawn, effete, exhausted, fatigued, frayed, gone, hackneyed, had it\*, haggard, jaded, kaput\*, knocked out\*, old, out of gas\*, overused, overworked, pinched, played out\*, pooped\*, ragged, ruined, shabby, shot, spent, stale, tattered, the worse for wear\*, threadbare, timeworn, tired out, totaled\*, used up, useless, wearied, weary, well-worn, wiped out, worn down, wrung out\*; CONCEPTS 485,560 —*Ant.* fresh, new, unused

**worried** [*adj*] *anxious, troubled* afraid, apprehensive, beside oneself, bothered, clutched, concerned, distracted, distraught, distressed, disturbed, fearful, fretful, frightened, hung up\*, ill at ease, nervous, on edge\*, on pins and needles\*, overwrought, perturbed, solicitous, tense, tormented, uneasy, upset, uptight, worried stiff\*; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* calm, untroubled, unworried

**worrisome** [*adj*] *troublesome* agonizing, alarming, annoying, anxious, apprehensive, bothersome, burdensome, disquieting, disturbing, inconvenient, irksome, irritating, nervous, taxing, tiresome, trying, uneasy, unnerving, upsetting, vexing, wearisome, worrying; CONCEPTS 529,565

**worry** [*n*] *anxiety, trouble* anguish, annoyance, apprehension, bad news\*, care, concern, disquiet, distress, disturbance, doubt, fear, headache\*, heartache\*, irritation, misery, misgiving, nag\*, pain\*, perplexity, pest,

plague, presentiment, problem, torment, torture, trial, uncertainty, uneasiness, vexation, woe, worryment; CONCEPTS 532,690 —**Ant.** calmness, reassurance

**worry** [*v*] *be or make anxious, troubled* afflict, aggravate, agonize, ail, annoy, attack, bedevil, beleaguer, beset, bite one's nails\*, bother, brood, bug\*, chafe, concern oneself, depress, despair, disquiet, distress, disturb, dun, feel uneasy, fret, gnaw at, goad, go for\*, harass, harry, hassle, have qualms, hector, importune, irritate, needle, oppress, persecute, perturb, pester, plague, stew\*, sweat out\*, take on, tantalize, tear, tease, test, torment, torture, trouble, try, unsettle, upset, vex, wince, writhe, worry; CONCEPTS 7,14,19,410 —**Ant.** reassure

**worsen** [*v*] *diminish, decay* aggravate, corrode, damage, decline, degenerate, depress, descend, deteriorate, disintegrate, exacerbate, fall off, get worse, go downhill\*, impair, lower, retrograde, retrogress, rot, sink; CONCEPTS 240,698 —**Ant.** improve, increase

**worship** [*n*] *honoring, glorification* adoration, adulation, awe, beatification, benediction, chapel, church service, deification, devotion, exaltation, genuflection, glory, homage, honor, idolatry, idolization, invocation, laudation, love, offering, praise, prayer, prostration, regard, respect, reverence, rite, ritual, service, supplication, veneration, vespers; CONCEPTS 69

**worship** [*v*] *honor, glorify* admire, adore, adulate, bow down to, canonize, celebrate, chant, deify, dote on, esteem, exalt, extol, idolize, laud, love, magnify, offer prayers to, pay homage to, praise, pray to, put on a pedestal\*, respect, revere, reverence, sanctify, sing, sing praises to\*, venerate; CONCEPTS 69, 367 —**Ant.** dishonor, disrespect, hate

**worth** [*n*] *value, estimation associated with something* account, aid, assistance, avail, benefit, caliber, class, consequence, cost, credit, desirability, dignity, equivalence, excellence, goodness, help, importance, mark, meaningfulness, merit, moment, note, perfection, price, quality, rate, significance, stature, use, usefulness, utility, valuation, virtue, weight, worthiness; CONCEPTS 335,346 —**Ant.** worthlessness

**worthless** [*adj*] *of no use; without value* abandoned, abject, barren, base, bogus, cheap, contemptible, counterproductive, despicable, empty, futile, good-for-nothing\*, ignoble, inconsequential, ineffective, ineffectual, inferior, insignificant, inutile, meaningless, mediocre, miserable, no-account\*, no-good\*, nothing, nugatory, paltry, pointless, poor, profitless, sterile, trashy, trifling, trivial, unavailing, unessential, unimportant, unproductive, unprofitable, unusable, useless, valueless, waste, wretched; CONCEPTS 560,570,575 —**Ant.** valuable, worthwhile, worthy

**worthwhile** [*adj*] *helpful* advantageous, beneficial, constructive, estimable, excellent, gainful, good, important, invaluable, justifiable, lucrative, meritorious, money-making, paying, priceless, productive, profitable, remunerative, rewarding, serviceable, useful, valuable, worthy; CONCEPTS 560,567,572 —**Ant.** unhelpful, valueless, worthless

**worthy** [*adj*] *honorable, respectable* A-1\*,

aces\*, admirable, best, blameless, choice, commendable, creditable, decent, dependable, deserving, desirable, divine, estimable, ethical, excellent, exemplary, first-class\*, first-rate\*, good, honest, incorrupt, invaluable, laudable, meritorious, model, moral, noble, pleasing, praiseworthy, precious, priceless, pure, reliable, reputable, righteous, right-minded, salt of the earth\*, satisfying, sterling, top-drawer\*, top-notch\*, true, trustworthy, upright, valuable, virtuous, winning, worthwhile; CONCEPTS 545,567,572 —**Ant.** dishonorable, disreputable, unrespected, unworthy

**would-be** [*adj*] *aspiring* ambitious, budding, eager, enterprising, hopeful, keen, potential, promising, prospective, striving, wannabe\*, wishful; CONCEPT 403

**wound** [*n*] *injury* anguish, bruise, cut, damage, distress, gash, grief, harm, heartbreak, hurt, insult, laceration, lesion, pain, pang, shock, slash, torment, torture, trauma; CONCEPT 309

**wound** [*v*] *cause bodily damage* bruise, carve, clip\*, contuse, cut, damage, ding\*, gash, harm, hit, hurt, injure, irritate, lacerate, nick, open up, ouch\*, pierce, rough up\*, scrape, scratch, slash, slice, stick, total\*; CONCEPTS 137,246,313 —**Ant.** aid, cure, heal, help

**wound** [*v*] *cause mental hurt* bother, cut to the quick\*, distress, disturb, do in\*, dump on\*, get\*, grieve, hurt, hurt one's feelings, mortify, offend, outrage, pain, put down\*, shake up\*, sting, traumatize, trouble, upset; CONCEPTS 7,14,19 —**Ant.** appease, help

**wow** [*v*] *amuse, delight* bowl over\*, break one up\*, charm, cheer, crack up\*, entertain, go over big\*, kill\*, knock dead\*, knock someone's socks off\*, make laugh, make roll in the aisles\*, slay\*, tickle, tickle pink\*, tickle to death\*; CONCEPTS 7,9,22,292,384

**wrangle** [*n*] *fight, argument* altercation, battle royal\*, bickering, blow-off\*, blowup\*, brannigan\*, brawl, brouhaha\*, clash, contest, controversy, disagreement, dispute, exchange, falling-out\*, flap\*, fracas, hassle, knock-down drag-out\*, quarrel, row, ruckus\*, ruction, rumble, rumpus, scene, set-to\*, squabble, tiff; CONCEPTS 46,106 —**Ant.** agreement, peace

**wrangle** [*v*] *fight, argue* altercation, bicker, brawl, bump heads\*, contend, cross swords\*, disagree, dispute, fall out\*, hassle, have at it\*, have words\*, lock horns\*, pick a bone\*, put up a fight, quarrel, quibble, row, scrap, spat, squabble, take on, tangle, tiff; CONCEPTS 46, 106 —**Ant.** agree, give in

**wrap** [*n*] *clothing that is worn over for warmth* blanket, cape, cloak, coat, cover, fur, jacket, mantle, shawl, stole; CONCEPT 451

**wrap** [*v*] *surround with a covering* absorb, bandage, bind, bundle, bundle up, camouflage, cloak, clothe, cover, drape, encase, encircle, enclose, unfold, envelop, fold, gift-wrap\*, hide, immerse, invest, mask, muffle, pack, package, protect, roll up, sheathe, shelter, shroud, swaddle, swathe, twine, veil, wind; CONCEPT 172 —**Ant.** uncover, unwrap

**wrap up** [*v*] *finish* bring to a close, close, complete, conclude, determine, end, halt, polish off, terminate, wind up; CONCEPT 234 —**Ant.** begin, introduce, start

**wrath** [*n*] *extreme anger* acrimony, asperity, boiling point\*, connoption\*, dander, displeasure, exasperation, flare-up, fury, hate, hateful-ness, huff, indignation, ire, irritation, mad, madness, offense, passion, rage, resentment, rise, stew\*, storm, temper, vengeance; CONCEPTS 29,410 —*Ant.* happiness, love

**wrathful** [*adj*] *very angry* beside oneself, displeased, enraged, furious, heated, incensed, indignant, infuriated, irate, ireful, mad, on the warpath\*, raging, storming; CONCEPT 403 —*Ant.* happy, pleased

**wreak** [*v*] *force, cause* bring about, carry out, create, effect, execute, exercise, force upon, inflict, unleash, vent, visit, work, wreck; CONCEPT 242

**wreath** [*n*] *circular decoration* band, bay, bouquet, chaplet, circlet, coronal, coronet, crown, festoon, garland, laurel, lei, loop, ring, ringlet; CONCEPTS 259,260,429

**wreck** [*n*] *severe damage or severely damaged goods* collapse, crash, crate, debacle, debris, derelict, destruction, devastation, disruption, fender bender\*, heap\*, hulk\*, jalopy\*, junk\*, junker\*, litter, mess, pile-up\*, rear-ender\*, relic, ruin, ruins, shipwreck, smashup\*, total\*, waste, wreckage; CONCEPTS 260,674 —*Ant.* creation

**wreck** [*v*] *ruin, destroy* bash, batter, beach, break, capsize, crack up\*, crash, cripple, dash, decimate, demolish, devastate, dilapidate, disable, do in\*, efface, founder, impair, injure, mangle, mar, mess up\*, pile up\*, put out of commission\*, ravage, raze, run aground, sabotage, scuttle, shatter, shipwreck, sink, smash, smash up, spoil, strand, subvert, take apart, take out, tear up, torpedo\*, total\*, trash\*, undermine, vandalize, wrack\*, wrack up\*; CONCEPT 252 —*Ant.* build, create, repair

**wrench** [*v*] *jerk, force* violently bend, coerce, compel, contort, dislocate, dislodge, distort, drag, exact, extract, pervert, pinch, pull, rend, rip, screw, sprain, squeeze, strain, tear, tug, tweak, twist, wrest, wring, yank; CONCEPT 80

**wrestle** [*v*] *struggle physically or mentally with something* battle, combat, contend, endeavor, essay, exert, fight, grapple, grunt, scuffle, strain, strive, tangle, tussle, work; CONCEPTS 17,191,208

**wretched** [*adj*] *terrible, very bad* abject, afflicted, base, bummed, calamitous, cheap, contemptible, dejected, deplorable, depressed, despicable, disconsolate, distressed, dolorous, down, down-and-out\*, downcast, faulty, flimsy, forlorn, gloomy, hapless, hopeless, hurting, inferior, in the pits\*, low, low-down\*, mean, melancholy, miserable, paltry, pathetic, pitiable, pitiful, poor, shabby, shameful, sordid, sorrowful, sorry, spiritless, tragic, unfortunate, unhappy, vile, weak, woebegone, woeful, worthless; CONCEPTS 403,571 —*Ant.* good, nice

**wriggle** [*v*] *maneuver out of; wiggle* convulse, crawl, dodge, extricate oneself, glide, jerk, jiggle, ooze, skew, slink, slip, snake, sneak, squirm, turn, twist, twitch, wag, waggle, worm, writhe, zigzag; CONCEPTS 30,149

**wring** [*v*] *twist, contort* choke, coerce, compress, draw out, exact, extort, extract, force, gouge, hurt, pain, pinch, pry, push, screw, shake down,

squeeze, strain, strangle, throttle, turn, wrench, wrest; CONCEPTS 142,206,208 —*Ant.* untwist

**wrinkle** [*n*] *crinkle, fold* contraction, corrugation, crease, crow's-foot\*, crumple, depression, furrow, gather, line, pleat, plica, pucker, ridge, rimple, rumple, tuck; CONCEPTS 418,513 —*Ant.* smoothness

**wrinkle** [*v*] *crinkle, fold* compress, corrugate, crease, crimp, crisp, crumple, furrow, gather, line, prune up, pucker, purse, rimple, ruck, rumple, screw up, scrunch, seam, shrivel, twist; CONCEPTS 185,201 —*Ant.* smooth, straighten, unfold

**writ** [*n*] *court order* command, decree, document, habeas corpus, mandate, paper, prescript, process, replevin, subpoena, summons, warrant; CONCEPT 318

**write** [*v*] *put language down on paper* address, author, autograph, bang out\*, chalk\*, commit, communicate, comp\*, compose, copy, correspond, create, dash off\*, draft, draw up\*, drop a line\*, drop a note\*, engross, formulate, ghost, indite, ink, inscribe, jot down, knock off\*, knock out\*, letter, note, note down\*, pen, pencil, print, push a pencil\*, put in writing, record, reproduce, rewrite, scrawl, scribble, scribe, scriven, set down, set forth, sign, take down, tell, transcribe, turn out, typewrite, write down, write up; CONCEPTS 79,203 —*Ant.* read

**write off** [*v*] *devalue; forget* about cancel, cross out, decay, depreciate, disregard, downgrade, give up, lower, mark down, shelve, take a loss on, underrate, undervalue; CONCEPT 54 —*Ant.* figure

**writer** [*n*] *person who composes with language* author, biographer, columnist, contributor, correspondent, critic, dramatist, editor, essayist, freelancer, ghostwriter, journalist, newspaper person, novelist, person of letters, poet, reporter, screenwriter, scribbler, scribe, scripter, stenographer, stringer, wordsmith; CONCEPTS 348,356 —*Ant.* reader

**writhe** [*v*] *contort; toss back and forth* agonize, bend, distort, jerk, recoil, squirm, struggle, suffer, thrash, thresh, twist, wiggle, wince, worm, wriggle; CONCEPTS 80,150 —*Ant.* be still

**writing** [*n*1] *printing on paper* autograph, calligraphy, chirography, cuneiform, hand, handwriting, hieroglyphics, longhand, manuscript, print, scrawl, scribble, script, shorthand; CONCEPTS 79,284

**writing** [*n*2] *printed composition* article, belles-lettres, book, discourse, dissertation, document, editorial, essay, letter, literature, manuscript, novel, ode, opus, pamphlet, paper, piece, play, poem, prose, publication, record, review, signature, theme, thesis, tract, treatise, work; CONCEPT 271

**wrong** [*adj*1] *incorrect* amiss, askew, astray, at fault, awry, bad, counterfeit, defective, erratic, erring, erroneous, fallacious, false, faulty, fluffed, goofed\*, inaccurate, in error, inexact, miscalculated, misconstrued, misfigured, misguided, mishandled, mistaken, not precise, not right, not working, off-target\*, on the wrong track\*, out, out of commission\*, out of line\*, out of order\*, perverse, rotten\*, sophisticated, specious, spurious, ungrounded,

unsatisfactory, unsound, unsubstantial, untrue, wide; CONCEPTS 571,582 —*Ant.* correct, right

**wrong** [adj2] *immoral, dishonest* amoral, bad, base, blamable, blameworthy, blasphemous, censurable, corrupt, criminal, crooked, debauched, depraved, dishonorable, dissipated, dissolute, evil, felonious, illegal, illicit, indecent, iniquitous, naughty, profane, profligate, reprehensible, reprobate, risqué, sacrilegious, salacious, shady, sinful, smutty, unethical, unfair, ungodly, unholy, unjust, unlawful, unrighteous, vicious, wanton, wicked, wrongful; CONCEPT 545 —*Ant.* decent, good, honest, moral

**wrong** [adj3] *inappropriate, not suitable* amiss, awkward, bad, disproportionate, funny, gauche, ill-advised, improper, inapt, incongruous, incorrect, indecorous, infelicitous, malapropos, misplaced, not done\*, off-balance, rotten\*, unacceptable, unbecoming, unconventional, undesirable, unfit, unfitting, unhappy, unsatisfactory, unseemly, unsuitable; CONCEPT 558 —*Ant.* acceptable, appropriate, correct, ok, suitable

**wrong** [adj4] *reverse, opposite* back, inside, inverse, obverse; CONCEPT 586

**wrong** [adv] *astray* afield, amiss, askew, badly, erroneously, inaccurately, incorrectly, mistakenly, unfavorably, wrongly; CONCEPTS 544,548

**wrong** [n] *offense, sin* abuse, bad deed, bias, blunder, crime, cruelty, damage, delinquency, discourtesy, error, evil, faux pas, favor, foul play, grievance, harm, hurt, immorality, imposition, indecency, inequity, inhumanity, iniquity, injury, injustice, insult, libel, malevolence, miscarriage, misdeed, misdemeanor, misdoing, mistake, oppression, persecution, prejudice, sinfulness, slander, slight, spite, tort, transgression, trespass, turpitude, unfairness, vice, villainy, violation, wickedness, wrongdoing; CONCEPT 645 —*Ant.* goodness, kindness, right, virtue

**wrong** [v] *hurt, mistreat* another abuse, aggrieve, cheat, damage, defame, discredit, dishonor, harm, hurt, ill-treat, impose upon, injure, malign, maltreat, misrepresent, mistreat, offend, oppress, outrage, persecute, take advantage of; CONCEPTS 7,19,246,313 —*Ant.* aid, assist, help, sympathize

**wrongful** [adj] *evil, illegal* blameworthy, criminal, dishonest, dishonorable, felonious, illegitimate, illicit, immoral, improper, lawless, reprehensible, unethical, unfair, unjust, unlawful, wicked; CONCEPTS 319,545 —*Ant.* ethical, fair, good, just, legal, rightful

**wry** [adj] *sarcastic, distorted* askew, aslant, awry, contorted, crooked, cynical, deformed, droll, dry, ironic, mocking, sardonic, twisted, uneven, warped; CONCEPTS 267,581 —*Ant.* straight, straightforward

## X

**Xanadu** [n] *utopia* Arcadia, dreamland, dream-world, Eden, heaven, land of milk and honey\*, never-never land\*, paradise, promised land\*, Shangri-La\*, wonderland; CONCEPTS 370,689

**xerophagy** [n] *fasting* hunger strike, keeping fast, Lenten fast, strict fast, without food, xerophagia; CONCEPT 169

**Xerox** [v] *copy* carbon, clone, counterfeit, ditto, duplicate, forge, mimeograph, photocopy, photostat, replicate, reprint, reproduce, trace; CONCEPT 171

**Xmas** [n] *Christmas* Christmastide, Christmas-time, festive season, Nativity, Noel, Yule, Yuletide; CONCEPT 802

**X-rated** [adj] *pornographic* adult, bawdy, dirty, erotic, fleshy, hard-core, immoral, indecent, lascivious, lewd, obscene, off-color, offensive, porn\*, porno\*, raunchy, sensual, sexual, sexy, smutty\*, steamy\*; CONCEPTS 267,372,545

**X ray** [n] *picture of inside* a body actinism, cathode rays, cephalogram, fluoroscope, radioactivity, radiograph, refractometry, Roentgen rays, ultraviolet rays; CONCEPT 311

## Y

**yacht** [n] *pleasure boat* cabin cruiser, cruiser, ketch, racer, sailboat, sailing boat, sloop, yawl; CONCEPT 506

**yak/yap** [n/v] *talk a lot* babble, blather, chat, chatter, clack, confabulate, gab, gossip, jabber, jaw\*, prate, prattle, run on\*, tattle, yammer; CONCEPTS 51,266

**yammer** [v] *whine* bellyache, carp, complain, fuss, gripe, grumble, howl, moan, repine, wail, whimper, yowl; CONCEPTS 54,77

**yank** [v] *pull hard and fast* draw, evulse, extract, hitch, jerk, lug, snap, snatch, tear, tug, twitch, vellicate, wrench; CONCEPT 206 —*Ant.* push

**yap** [v1] *bark* bay, woof, yelp; CONCEPT 64

**yap** [v2] *chatter* babble, blather, chit-chat, gab, gibber, go on, gossip, jabber, jaw, prate, prattle, ramble, run off at the mouth\*, talk a lot, twaddle; CONCEPT 266

**yard** [n] *grassy area around a structure* backyard, barnyard, clearing, close, corral, court, courtyard, enclosure, fold, garden, grass, lawn, lot, patch, patio, playground, quadrangle, terrace; CONCEPT 509

**yardstick** [n] *gauge* barometer, basis, benchmark, criterion, example, guide, guideline, indicator, mark, measure, meter, model, norm, rule, sample, scale, standard, tape measure, test; CONCEPTS 647,680,688,792

**yarn** [n1] *fiber for knitting* cotton fiber, flaxen thread, fleecy, spun wool, thread, twist, wool; CONCEPT 473

**yarn** [n2] *story, often long and made-up* adventure, alibi, anecdote, fable, fabrication, fairy tale, lie, line, narrative, potboiler\*, prose, sea story\*, song\*, song and dance\*, string\*, tale, tall story\*, tall tale; CONCEPT 282

**yawn** [v] *open mouth wide, usually sign of fatigue* catch flies\*, divide, doze, drowse, expand, gap, gape, give, nap, part, sleep, snooze, spread, yaw, yawp\*; CONCEPTS 163, 185

**yearly** [adj] *every twelve months* annual, annually, once a year, per annum, perennial, regularly, year by year, yearlong; CONCEPTS 541,823

**yearn** [v] *desire strongly* ache, be desirous of, be eager for, be passionate, chafe, covet, crave, dream, hanker, have a crush on\*, have a yen for, hunger, itch, languish, long, lust, pine, set

one's heart on\*, thirst, want, wish for; CONCEPT 20 —*Ant.* dislike, hate

**yearning** [*n*] *desire* ache, ambition, appetite, aspiration, craving, craze, eagerness, fancy, fascination, hankering\*, hunger, infatuation, liking, longing, love, need, passion, thirst, urge, want; CONCEPTS 20,709

**years** [*n*] *age; old age* agedness, caducity, dotage, elderliness, generation, lifespan, lifetime, oldness, senescence, senility; CONCEPT 715 —*Ant.* youth

**yell** [*n/v*] *loud communication* bawl, bellow, call, cheer, complain, cry, holler\*, hoot, howl, lament, roar, scream, screech, shout, shriek, shrill, squawk, squeal, ululate, vociferate, wail, weep, whoop, yap, yelp, yip; CONCEPTS 47,595 —*Ant.* whisper

**yellow** [*adj1*] *cowardly* chicken\*, craven, deceitful, gutless, lily-livered\*, low, offensive, pusillanimous, sneaking, treacherous, tricky, unethical, unprincipled; CONCEPTS 267,401 —*Ant.* bold, brave, confident

**yellow** [*n/adj2*] *sunny color* amber, bisque, blond, buff, chrome, cream, gold, ivory, lemon, saffron, sand, tawny; CONCEPTS 618,622

**yelp** [*n/v*] *short, high cry* bark, hoot, howl, screech, yap, yip, yowl; CONCEPT 64

**yen** [*n*] *strong want* craving, desire, hankering, hunger, itch, longing, lust, passion, thirst, urge, yearning; CONCEPTS 20,709 —*Ant.* dislike, hate, hatred

**yes** [*adv*] *agreed* affirmative, all right\*, amen, aye\*, beyond a doubt, by all means, certainly, definitely, even so, exactly, fine, gladly, good, good enough, granted, indubitably, just so, most assuredly, naturally, of course, okay\*, positively, precisely, surely, sure thing\*, true, undoubtedly, unquestionably, very well, willingly, without fail, yea\*, yep\*; CONCEPTS 535,572 —*Ant.* disagreed

**yes-person** [*n*] *sycophant* apple-polisher\*, backscratcher\*, backslapper\*, bootlicker\*, brownnoser\*, doormat\*, fan, fawner, flatterer, flunky\*, groupie\*, hanger-on\*, lackey, minion, puppet, toady; CONCEPT 423

**yesterday** [*n*] *the day before today* bygone, foretime, lang syne\*, last day, not long ago, past, recently, the other day\*; CONCEPT 815 —*Ant.* tomorrow

**yet** [*adv1*] *up until now* as yet, earlier, hitherto, prior to, so far, still, thus far, till, until now, up to now; CONCEPT 820

**yet** [*adv2*] *in spite of* after all, although, at any rate, but, despite, even though, howbeit, however, nevertheless, nonetheless, notwithstanding, on the other hand, still, still and all, though, withal; CONCEPT 544

**yet** [*adv3*] *in addition* additionally, along, also, as well, besides, further, furthermore, likewise, more, moreover, over and above\*, still, still further, to boot\*, too; CONCEPT 548

**yet** [*adv4*] *in the future* after a while, at some future time, beyond this, even, eventually, finally, in due course, in the course of time, someday, sometime, sooner or later, still, ultimately; CONCEPT 799

**yield** [*n*] *production of labor* crop, earnings, harvest, income, output, outturn, produce, profit, return, revenue, takings, turnout; CONCEPT 260

**yield** [*v1*] *produce* accrue, admit, afford, allow, beam, bear, blossom, bring forth, bring in, discharge, earn, furnish, generate, give, give off, hold out, net, offer, pay, proffer, provide, return, sell for, supply, tender, turn out; CONCEPT 205 —*Ant.* disallow, withhold

**yield** [*v2*] *give in, surrender* abandon, abdicate, admit defeat, back down, bend, bow, break, buy, call it quits\*, capitulate, cave in, cede, collapse, come to terms\*, crumple, defer, fold, fold up, give oneself over, give up, give way\*, go, hand over, knuckle, knuckle under\*, lay down arms\*, leave, let go\*, part with, relax, relent, relinquish, resign, sag, submit, succumb, suffer defeat, throw in the towel\*; CONCEPTS 14,18,35 —*Ant.* deny, oppose, prevent, refuse, reject

**yield** [*v3*] *grant, allow* accede, accept, acknowledge, acquiesce, admit, agree, assent, bow, break, comply, concede, concur, consent, defer, fail, fit in, go along with\*, go with the flow\*, permit, play the game\*, surrender, toe the line\*, toe the mark\*, waive; CONCEPT 8 —*Ant.* counter, disallow, disapprove, veto

**yielding** [*adj1*] *accommodating* acquiescent, biddable, compliant, docile, easy, flexible, humble, nonresistant, obedient, passive, pliable, pliant, putty in one's hands, resigned, submissive, tractable; CONCEPTS 401,404 —*Ant.* obstinate, resistant, unflexible

**yielding** [*adj2*] *soft, flexible* elastic, malleable, mushy, pappy, plastic, pliable, pulpy, quaggy, resilient, spongy, springy, squishy, supple, tractable, tractile, unresisting; CONCEPTS 488, 606 —*Ant.* hard, rigid, solid, unflexible

**yoke** [*n*] *bondage, bond* burden, chain, coupling, enslavement, helotry, knot, ligament, ligature, link, nexus, oppression, peonage, serfdom, service, servility, servitude, slavery, tie; CONCEPTS 513,677

**yoke** [*v*] *bond together; join* associate, attach, bracket, buckle, combine, conjoin, conjugate, connect, couple, fasten, fix, harness, hitch, link, secure, splice, strap, tack, tie, unite, wed; CONCEPTS 85,160 —*Ant.* disconnect, disjoin

**yokel** [*n*] *person who is mired in local custom* backwoods person, boor\*, country cousin\*, country person, hayseed\*, peasant, rustic; CONCEPT 413

**yonder** [*adv*] *faraway* away, beyond, distant, farther, further, remote, yon; CONCEPTS 586, 778 —*Ant.* close, near, nearby

**young** [*adj*] *immature* adolescent, blooming, blossoming, boyish, boylike, budding, burgeoning, callow, childish, childlike, crude, developing, early, fledgling, fresh, girlish, girllike, green\*, growing, half-grown, ignorant, inexperienced, infant, inferior, junior, juvenile, little, modern, new, newborn, newish, not aged, pubescent, puerile, punk, raw, recent, tender, tenderfoot\*, undeveloped, undisciplined, unfinished, unflledged, unlearned, unpracticed, unripe, unseasoned, untried, unversed, vernal, youthful; CONCEPTS 578,678,715,797 —*Ant.* mature, old, older

**young** [*n*] *animate beings that are not mature* babies, baby, brood, family, infants, issue, litter, little ones\*, offspring, progeny; CONCEPTS 394,414,424 —*Ant.* parent

**youngster/youth** [*n*] *person before the age of maturity* boy, chick\*, cub\*, fledgling, girl, junior, juvenile, juvenile delinquent\*, kid\*, lad, lass, pup, pupil, student, teenager, young person; CONCEPTS 414,424 —*Ant.* adult

**youth** [*n*] *early period in life of animate being* adolescence, awkward age, bloom, boyhood, childhood, girlhood, greenness, ignorance, immaturity, inexperience, innocence, juvenescence, minority, prime, puberty, salad days\*, springtide, springtime of life, teens, tender age\*, youthfulness; CONCEPT 817 —*Ant.* adulthood, maturity

**youthful** [*adj*] *immature* active, adolescent, boyish, budding, buoyant, callow, childlike, childlike, enthusiastic, fresh, full of life, girlish, green\*, inexperienced, infant, juvenile, keen, pubescent, puerile, tender, underage, vernal, vigorous, young; CONCEPTS 542,578,797 —*Ant.* experienced, mature, old

**yowl** [*n/v*] *long, loud animate sound* bawl, bay, caterwaul, cry, holler\*, howl, mewl, scream, screech, squall, squeal, ululate, wail, whine, yell, yelp, yip; CONCEPT 77

**yucky** [*adj*] *disgusting* abominable, awful, beastly, crappy\*, creepy, cruddy\*, crummy\*, detestable, distasteful, foul, funky\*, grody\*, gross, gruesome, hideous, icky\*, loathsome, lousy, nasty, nauseating, odious, offensive, raunchy, repugnant, repulsive, revolting, rotten, scuzzy\*, sickening, skanky\*, sleazy\*, stinking, vile, vulgar, yecchy\*; CONCEPTS 485,548

**yummy** [*adj*] *delicious* ambrosial, appetizing, choice, delectable, delightful, divine, enticing, fit for a king\*, good, heavenly, juicy, luscious, mouthwatering, nectarous, out of this world\*, palatable, piquant, pleasant, rich, rapid, savory, scrumptious, spicy, succulent, super, sweet, tasteful, tasty, tempting, toothsome; CONCEPTS 572,613

**yuppie** [*n/adj*] *young upwardly mobile professional* button-down, clone, conspicuous consumer, suit, three-piecer, urban professional, white-collar worker; CONCEPT 348

## Z

**zany** [*adj*] *crazy, funny* camp\*, campy\*, clownish, comical, dumb, eccentric, fool, foolish, goofy, hare-brained\*, humorous, joshing, kooky\*, loony\*, madcap\*, nutty\*, sappy\*, wacky\*, witty; CONCEPT 267 —*Ant.* serious

**zany** [*n*] *person who is wildly funny* buffoon, card\*, clown, comedian, comic, cutup\*, farceur, funny person, gag person, humorist, idiot, jester, joker, madcap\*, moron, nut\*, practical joker, prankster, screwball\*, show-off, simpleton\*, wag\*, wisecracker\*; CONCEPTS 352,423

**zap** [*v*] *destroy* exterminate, kill, kill off, slaughter, terminate; CONCEPT 252

**zeal** [*n*] *enthusiasm* alacrity, ardor, bustle, determination, devotion, diligence, dispatch, drive, eagerness, earnestness, enterprise, fanaticism, fervor, fierceness, fire, gusto, hustle, inclination, initiative, intensity, intentness, keenness, mania, passion, perseverance, push, readiness,

sincerity, spirit, stick-to-itiveness\*, urgency, vehemence, verve, warmth, what-it-takes\*, yen, zest; CONCEPTS 32,410,411 —*Ant.* apathy, indifference, lethargy

**zealot** [*n*] *enthusiast* activist, diehard, extremist, fanatic, fiend, maniac, militant, nut, radical, ultra\*, young Turk; CONCEPT 423 —*Ant.* moderate

**zealous** [*adj*] *enthusiastic* afire, antsy\*, ardent, avid, burning, coming on strong\*, dedicated, devoted, eager, earnest, fanatic, fanatical, fervent, fervid, fireball\*, fired, frenetic, gung-ho\*, hot\*, impassioned, itchy\*, keen, obsessed, passionate, possessed, pushy\*, rabid, ripe, self-starting, spirited, wild-eyed\*; CONCEPTS 326,401,404 —*Ant.* apathetic, indifferent, lethargic, unenthusiastic

**zenith** [*n*] *top* acme, altitude, apex, apogee, cap, capper, capstone, climax, crest, crown, culmination, elevation, eminence, height, high noon\*, high point, meridian, payoff\*, peak, pinnacle, roof, summit, tiptop\*, topper\*, vertex; CONCEPTS 706,832,836 —*Ant.* bottom, nadir

**zero** [*n*] *nothing* aught, blank, bottom, cipher, insignificance, love\*, lowest point, nada\*, nadir, naught, nil\*, nix\*, nobody\*, nonentity, nought, nullity, oblivion, ought, rock bottom\*, scratch, shutout, void, zilch\*, zip\*, zot\*; CONCEPTS 407,784 —*Ant.* anything, being, something, thing

**zero hour** [*n*] *vital moment* appointed hour\*, climax, contingency, countdown, crisis, crossroad, D-day\*, emergency, exigency, jumping-off point\*, juncture, moment of truth\*, pinch, strait, target, the time\*, turning point\*; CONCEPTS 668,815,832

**zest** [*n1*] *taste, flavor* bite, body, charm, flavoring, ginger, guts\*, interest, kick\*, nip, piquancy, punch\*, pungency, relish, salt, savor, seasoning, smack\*, snap\*, spice, tang, zap\*, zip\*; CONCEPT 614 —*Ant.* blandness, dullness

**zest** [*n2*] *energy, gusto* appetite, ardor, bliss, bounce, cheer, delectation, delight, eagerness, ecstasy, elation, enjoyment, enthusiasm, fervor, guts\*, happiness, keenness, moxie\*, passion, pep\*, pleasure, relish\*, satisfaction, zeal, zing\*; CONCEPTS 410,411 —*Ant.* apathy, indifference, laziness, lethargy

**zigzag** [*adj*] *moving side to side* askew, awry, bent, crinkled, crooked, devious, diagonal, erratic, fluctuating, inclined, indirect, irregular, jagged, meandering, oblique, oscillating, rambling, serrated, sinuous, sloping, snaking, tortuous, transverse, twisted, twisting, undulating, waggling, winding; CONCEPT 581 —*Ant.* straight

**zilch** [*n*] *nothing* blank, diddly-squat\*, goose egg\*, hill of beans\*, insignificance, nada\*, naught, not anything, nothingness, nought, void, zero, zip, zippo\*; CONCEPTS 407,707

**zing** [*n*] *liveliness* brio, dash, drive, élan, energy, enthusiasm, get-up-and-go\*, go, gusto, life, oomph\*, pep, pizzazz, punch, sparkle, spirit, verve, vigor, vim, vitality, zest, zip; CONCEPTS 411,633

**zip** [*n*] *enthusiasm, energy* brio, drive, get-up-and-go\*, go\*, gusto, life, liveliness, oomph\*, pep, pizzazz\*, punch, sparkle, spirit, verve, vigor, vim, vitality, zest, zing\*; CONCEPTS 411,



633 —*Ant.* apathy, enervation, idleness, laziness, lethargy

**zip** [*v*] *move about quickly* bustle, dash, flash, fly, hasten, hurry, run, rush, shoot, speed, tear, waltz, whisk, whiz, zoom; CONCEPT 150

—*Ant.* decelerate, slow

**zippy** [*adj*] *energetic* active, animated, ball of fire\*, brisk, chipper, dashing, dynamic, enterprising, full of energy, full of life, full of pep, high-powered, kinetic, lively, peppy, potent, powerful, snappy, speedy, spirited, sprightly, spry, strong, tireless, untiring, vigorous, vital, vivacious, zestful, zingy\*; CONCEPTS 404, 542

**zit** [*n*] *pimple* abscess, acne, blackhead, blemish, bump, carbuncle, excrescence, goober\*, goop-head\*, papula, papule, pustule, whitehead; CONCEPT 306

**zone** [*n*] *district* area, band, belt, circuit, ground, realm, region, section, sector, segment, sphere, territory, tract; CONCEPTS 508, 513

**zonked** [*adj*] *drunk, intoxicated; stunned* amazed, astonished, bashed, boozed up\*, buzzed\*, crocked\*, dazed, dumbfounded, feeling no pain\*, flying\*, groggy, high\*, inebriated, juiced\*, laced\*, liquored up\*, lit\*, plastered\*, seeing double\*, sloshed\*, stewed\*, stoned\*, tanked\*, three sheets to the wind\*, thunder-struck, tipsy, totaled\*, under the influence, under the table\*, wasted\*; CONCEPTS 314, 545

**zoom** [*v*] *move very quickly* buzz, dart, dash, dive, flash, fly, hum, hurtle, outstrip, rip, rocket, rush, shoot, shoot up, skyrocket, speed, streak, surge, tear, whirl, whiz, zip\*; CONCEPT 150

—*Ant.* decelerate, slow

# ROGET'S 21ST CENTURY CONCEPT INDEX

## HOW TO USE THE CONCEPT INDEX

Simply put, a thesaurus is a collection of words grouped according to idea. Appearing in the A to Z listings of *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus, Second Edition* are about 20,000 words and 500,000 synonyms to choose from. This selection alone would seem generous enough to satisfy the lexicographer's expectation of what a thesaurus should contain. But a wealth of new alternatives is created when we begin to think about the higher connections that can be made between words and ideas in the language. This is the purpose of *Roget's 21st Century's* Concept Index.

The Concept Index not only helps writers and thinkers to *organize* their ideas but leads them from those very ideas to the words that can best express them. It is a semantic hierarchy of the most common concepts we use in American English as it is spoken and written today.

There are 837 concepts classified according to their subject and usage, and grouped under ten general

categories of interest: Actions, Fields of Human Activity, Objects, Qualities, States, and Weights and Measures.

All of *Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus's* 20,000 main entries are cross-referenced to related concepts. For example, when you look up the entry for "knowledgeable" in the A to Z listing, it is referenced to concept #402. Turning in the index to concept #402, "attribute of intelligence," you will see over 50 other main entries that are also related to this concept:

### MAIN ENTRY

**with synonym list as it appears in the A to Z listing**

**knowledgeable** [*adj*] *aware, educated* abreast, acquainted, alert, appreciative, apprised, au courant, au fait, brainy\*, bright, brilliant, clever, cognizant, conscious, conversant, discerning, erudite, experienced, familiar, informed, insightful, intelligent, in the know, knowing, learned, lettered, omniscient, perceptive, plugged in\*, posted, prescient, privy, quick-witted, sagacious, sage, savvy, scholarly, sensible, sharp, smart, sophic, sophisticated, tuned-in\*, understanding, versed, well-informed, well-rounded, wise, with-it; **CONCEPT 402** —*Ant.* ignorant, unaware, uneducated, uninformed

## CONCEPT

with collection of main entry words referenced to it in the index

**402 attribute of intelligence:** able, abstruse, accident-prone, acute, alert, analytic/analytical, apt, astute, aware, bewildered, blind, brilliant, canny, cerebral, clairvoyant, clever, cognizant, common-sense, comprehensible, considered, conversant, cunning, deducible, delirious, designedly, dim, dizzy, down-to-earth, dumb, eagle-eyed, efficient, empty, empty-headed, erudite, expert, far-sighted, feeble-minded, frivolous, gullible, hazy, idiotic, illiterate, impressionable, incomprehensible, ineligible, inexperienced, ingenious, inquisitive, insipid, intelligent, inventive, judicious, knowing, learned, logical, lucid, mindful, moronic, not born yesterday, observant, omniscient, penetrating, perceptive, philosophical/philosophic, privy, proficient, psychic, quick-witted, rational, reasonable, sagacious, sane, savvy, scholarly, seasoned, sensible, shallow, shrewd, skillful, slow, soft, studious, subtle, thick, thoughtless, unaware, uneducated, uninformed, unknowing, vacant, versed, veteran, weak, well-balanced, well-defined, wide-awake, with-it

Any of these main entry words appearing together as attributes of intelligence in the Concept Index—from “able” to “ingenious” to “perceptive” to “with-it”—may be the perfect word you are looking for. Or, intrigued by the associations the word “veteran” brings to mind, you could return to the A to Z listing to explore its synonyms:

**veteran** [*adj*] *experienced, seasoned* adept, battle-scarred\*, been around\*, disciplined, exercised, expert, from way back\*, hardened, inured, knows one’s stuff\*, long-serving, long-time, not born yesterday\*, of the old school\*, old, old-time, practical, practiced, pro\*, proficient, skilled, sophisticated, steady, trained, up to speed\*, versed, vet\*, weathered, wise, wise to ways\*, worldly; CONCEPTS 402,527,678  
—*Ant.* amateur, green, inexperienced

Even further possibilities exist, when you realize that “veteran” is referenced to two additional concepts: #527, the quality of “ability” and #678, the state of “experience.” Many main entries are referenced to as many as three or four different concepts.

Simple to use, the Concept Index becomes invaluable in the effort to turn an idea into a specific word. By linking together the main entries that share similar concepts, the index makes possible creative semantic connections between words in our language, stimulating thought and broadening vocabulary. Whether you begin by browsing through the Concept Index for ideas, you will find that *Roget’s 21st Century Thesaurus, Second Edition* goes beyond traditional thesauri and synonymfinders to offer thousands of word choices through access to its unique Concept Index.

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## ACTIONS

### CLASS OF

- 1 **action:** act, activity, doings, spurt, tour de force
- 2 **event:** affair, be, eventuate, fact, locomotion, move, occasion, pass, proceeding
- 3 **occurrence:** development, occurrence, recur, transpire
- 4 **occurrence with one participant:** act, behave, chance, come, deed, fall out, go, happening, occur, result, rise
- 5 **occurrence with two participants:** boundary, limit, obstruct, restraint, test
- 6 **series of related actions:** channel, disposition, esplanade, instrument, manner, mechanism, methodology, modus operandi, pattern, procedure, routine, rut, technique, usage, way

### COGNITIVE

- 7 **affect:** abandon, acerbate, affront, agitate, alarm, allay, allure, annoy, appall/appal, appease, arouse, assuage, awaken, baffle, beckon, befuddle, beleaguer, beset, bewitch, bombard, bother, bring down, bug, buoy (up), captivate, chagrin, cheer, clear, comfort, compose, console, cow, cross, crush, dash, debase, deception, deflate, degrade, demean, deprecate, depress, disaffect, disarm, discomfort, discompose, discountenance, dishearten, disoblige, displease, distress, divert, double-cross, draw, electrify, embarrass, embolden, enamor, encourage, encroach, energize, enrage, enthrall, excitement, estrange, exasperate, exercise, fail, faze, flurry, fortify, fret, fulfill, galling, get, govern, gratify, grip, harass, hary, henpeck, horrify, hurt, inflame, inspire, interest, intrigue, irk, jar, kindle, lighten, lull, matter, miff, molest, mortify, nag, nerve, nonaggression, offend, outrage, pain, peeve, perk up, perturb, petrify, pick at/pick on, placate, please, pressure, prod, puncture, quell, rack, rattle, reach, reduce, register, repay, revolt, rile, rub the wrong way, sadden, satisfy, scare, send, shake, shatter, slight, smooth, soothe, spook, startle, strain, stress, sugarcoat, sweeten, tantalize, tease, terrify, threaten, tickle, torment, touch, transport, try, turn off, two-time, unnerve, uplift, vex, wake/waken, weigh, whet, wound, wrong
- 8 **agree:** accede, acceptance, accord, acknowledgment, acquiescence, align, avowal, bear, cohere, compromise, consent, contract, draft, enlist, give in/ give up, go along/go along with, grant, negotiate, unanimous, yield
- 9 **amuse:** divert, humor, wow
- 10 **approve:** acquiesce, advocate, applaud, approbation, blessing, concur, countenance, deference, envy, exalt, excuse, favor, go to bat for, idolize, nod, overlook, pity, prize, recognition, regard, revere/reverence, sanctify, support, venerate
- 11 **attract:** grip, intrigue, kid around, mesmerize, ravish, send, take, tease, titillate, turn on, win/win over
- 12 **believe:** accept, acknowledge, appreciation, authenticate, bear, bleed, convert, count on/count upon, deem, eat up, esteem, extrapolate, forgive, glory, imagine, lean, misjudge, opine, postulate, presume, rate, regard, sanctify, suppose, think, underestimate, view
- 13 **change conception:** ache, awakening, catharsis, conform, crack, fit, flip out, give, go back on, oscillate, recharge, resuscitate, revert, sway, tire, vagary, weary
- 14 **compel:** abet, alarm, badger, bewilder, bind, brainwash, brutality, bully, butt in, coercion, conjure, constraint, corrupt, debauch, demoralize, discourage, dispel, domineer, embitter, enrage, entrance, fan, foist, force, frighten, get back at, grate, harass, hassle, horrify, humiliate, impel, imposition, incite, inculcate, induce, inflame, instill, intimidate, inveigle, jinx, kindle, lumber, manipulate, mesmerize, molest, nauseate, nettle, oblige, oppress, panic, pervert, pique, poison, predispose, press, prey on, push, put out, ride, scourge, sell/sell out, shame, sour, spook, stimulate, sway, task, terrorize, transfix, unnerve, visit, wake/waken, work up, wound, yield
- 15 **comprehend:** appreciate, apprehend, catch, conceive, decode, deduction, determine, dig, discern, distinguish, draw, extrapolate, fathom, figure, gather, grasp, have someone's number, identify with, inure, make, misapprehend, mistake, outwit/outsmart, perceive, recognize, see, take, tell, understand
- 16 **confuse:** confound, daze, decoy, disconcert, distract, floor, foul up, hassle, jumble, muddle, nonplus, obscure, perplex, puzzle, snarl, throw
- 17 **consider:** absorb, balance, bleed, buckle down, commune, contemplate, cram, deliberate, devote, dream up, dwell on/ dwell upon, entertain, envisage/envision, eye, fantasize, focus, grieve, heed, hindsight, marvel, meditate, muse, picture, puzzle, reflect, reminisce, revolve, think, treat, visualize, wrestle
- 18 **decide:** abnegation, adopt, appraisal, call off, circumscribe, classify, convict, credit, define, destiny, disapprove, dispose of, evaluate, figure, go along/go along with, ground, have someone's number, impose, intend, make out, moderate, plant, provide, referee, resolve, set, solve, stipulate, turn down, waver, yield
- 19 **depress:** abandon, acerbate, afflict, aggravate, agonize, alienate, annoy, appall/ appal, arouse, awaken, baffle, befuddle, beleaguer, beset, bias, bore, bring down, bug, chafe, chill, complicate, cow, cross, crush, dash, debase, deception, deflate,

- demean, deprecate, disappoint, discomfit, discommode, disconcert, disgust, dismay, disparage, disquiet, disturb, double-cross, draw, embarrass, embroil, enrage, entice, estrange, exasperate, exercise, faze, flurry, freak, frustrate, galling, govern, grieve, harass, harry, hoodwink, hound, impress, instigate, irk, jar, lower, matter, miff, molest, move, needle, occupy, oppress, pain, peeve, perturb, petrify, pick at/pick on, plague, pressure, prod, puncture, quicken, rangle, reach, register, repay, revolt, rile, ruffle, scar, seduction, shame, sink, slur, stagger, strain, strike, take down, taunt, terrify, threaten, torture, trouble, turn, two-time, unnerve, upset, visit, weigh, worry, wrong
- 20 desire:** addiction, advance(s), aim, ambition, appetite, aspire, behest, care, crave, crush, curiosity, dependence/dependency, drool, envy, expect, fancy, fascination, free will, goad, hanker after/hanker for, hope, hungry, inclination, insatiable, itch, languish, leaning, libido, liking, longing, malnutrition, mind, moon, motivation, need, notion, one-track mind, penchant, pipe dream, pleasure, predisposition, preference, propensity, purpose, relish, sigh, substance abuse, temptation, urge, voracious, will, yearn, yen
- 21 doubt:** begrudge, controvert, despair, disapprove, disbelieve, discountenance, dissent, doubt, fume, hesitate, Lovelorn, mind, mistrust, objection, oppugn, question, reject, repudiate, rue, scruple, skepticism, suspect, wonder
- 22 elated:** affect, alleviate, appeal, appeasement, arrest, attract, awe, bedazzle, bemuse, brighten, buoy (up), charm, clear, compose, console, defuse, depressant, divert, elevate, enamor, encourage, endear, enliven, enthrall, enticement, excite, fascinate, fortify, galvanize, gladden, gratify, hearten, inflame, inspire, interest, invigorate, lighten, matter, move, nonaggression, pacify, perk up, placate, pressure, prod, quell, rally, reassure, register, rouse, satisfy, settle, solace, still, strike, sugarcoat, tantalize, temper, tickle, touch, transport, wake/waken, whet
- 23 endure:** abide, accommodate, bear, bear with, bow, brook, come through, cope, digest, face the music, go through, hang tough, keep at, linger, make out, mind, pay, receive, remain, resistance, stand/stand for, stomach, subsist, support, sustain, take, tolerate, wear, withstand
- 24 examine:** analysis, assay, assessment, canvass, chew, compare, consider, debate, deduce, deliberate, dissect, enquire, evaluate, experiment, go over, inquiry, meditation, ponder, reflect, resolve, ruminative, scrutiny, soul-searching, speculation, view, weigh
- 25 exclude:** abnegation, blackball, boycott, deactivate, disallow, disinherit, exception, exclusion, omission, ostracism, oust, pass, pass over, recant, rule out, shut off/shut out, take back
- 26 expect:** anticipate, assume, bargain for, count, count on/count upon, depend, foresee, lean, mean, plan, predispose, propose, rely, think
- 27 fear:** apprehension, cold feet, dismay, horror, panic, terror, trepidation
- 28 guess:** accounting, bet, call, deem, estimate, forecast, implication, presume, projection, speculation, surmise, wager
- 29 hate:** abhor, abominate, aggression, anger, antagonism, atrocity, bad blood, blow up, burn, deplore, detest, disdain, disinclination, disrespect, dissent, enmity, execrate, frown, fury, horror, incivility, inhumanity, lament/lamentation, loathe, malice, odium, outrage, pique, rancor, resent, revulsion, seethe, spite, umbrage, venom, wrath
- 30 ignore:** abjure, blink, brush aside/brush off, cold shoulder, discount, disobey, disregard, eliminate, eschew, except, exclude, fence, forsake, get off someone's back, goof off, lose, lovesick, negligence, parry, pass by, rebuff, reject, relegate, renunciation, repudiate, run-around, shirk, skip, skulk, sneer, snub, weasel, wriggle
- 31 learn:** absorb, ascertain, decipher, determine, discover, edification, get, hear, master, pick up, research, study, turn up
- 32 love:** acceptance, admiration, adoration, adulation, affection, amour, appreciate, approval, attention, bask, bewitched, canonize, charity, consideration, constancy, delight in, dig, discrimination, dote on/dote upon, enamored, enjoy, esteem, exult, fall for, fascinated, favor, flame, fond, get a kick out of, gratitude, idolize, leaning, like, mad, mercy, passion, predilection, prize, rapture, respect, revere/reverence, savor, taste, thrill, treasure, venerate, zeal
- 33 mental event:** learn, shock, think
- 34 mental perception:** ascertain, behold, burn, empathize, gnaw, grope, learn, note, observe, pity, seethe, sense, sorrow, visualize, wonder
- 35 mental preparation:** abide, adjust, brainstorm, center, comply, conceive, convert, crawl, deign, design, dismiss, face, get over, habituate, look out, melt, plan, prepare, quail, reform, rehabilitate, relent, resist, season, sink, steel, stoop, succumb, sweat, train, withhold, yield
- 36 plan:** arrange, base, book, budget, chart, concoct, conspire, contrive, coordinate, delineate, devise, dream up, fabricate, finesse, formulate, hatch, intrigue, lay, machinate, manufacture, organize, parlay, plot, project, purpose, rough out, shape, synchronize
- 37 reason:** analyze, clear up, construe, criticize, decipher, do, equate, figure, gauge, induction, judgment, make, overview, premise, rank, reckon, speculate, survey
- 38 recognize:** acknowledge, come across, conjure up, cut, detection, differentiate, discriminate, elude, familiarize, feel, inure, mark, pinpoint, recognition, remark, salute/salutation, spot, stereotype

- 39 relate:** ascribe, association, class, classify, compare, contrast, equate, implication, pigeonhole
- 40 remember:** block out, flashback, hindsight, mind, recollect, remembrance, reminisce, retrospect, think
- 41 select:** aim, allot, appoint, assign, cast, choose, designate, elect, excerpt, finger, name, nominate, opt, prefer, relegate, turn, vote
- 42 surprise:** alarm, appall/appal, astound, backfire, bedazzle, bewilder, confound, dazzle, dumbfound, electrify, frighten, overwhelm, petrify, shock, startle, stun/stupefy, terrify
- 43 think:** count, devise, envisage/envision, imagine, occur, picture, see, thought

### COMMUNICATIVE

- 44 accuse:** affront, bastardize, betrayal, blow up, charge, condemnation, denounce, forswear, groan, heckle, humble, impeach, impute, indict, invective, malign, persecute, rant, reprimand, reprove, scold, tax, tirade, vilify, vituperate
- 45 answer:** acknowledge, decline, disclaimer, give in/give up, reaction, repartee, respond, return
- 46 argue:** ado, altercation, argument, battle, bicker, cause celebre, conflict, confrontation, contend, contest, contradiction, controversy, demur, dicker, difference, disagree, dispute, dissent, divide, double standard, expostulate, falling out, fight, friction, haggle, hue and cry, imbroglia, misunderstanding, object, protest, quibble, rebut, rift, row, run-in, sass, squabble, tiff, vendetta, wrangle
- 47 articulate:** catcall, delivery, elocution, exclaim, hail, holler, mumble, pipe, put, slur, speech, talk, utterance, yell
- 48 ask:** accost, apology, application, approach, beg, canvass, charter, consult, crave, cross-examine, desire, enquiry, examine, grill, implore, inquire, interrogate, investigate, invitation, invocation, pester, plead, pray, propose, pump, quest, quiz, requisition, seek, survey
- 49 assert:** accredit, adduce, advocate, affirmation, allege, announcement, attest, bemoan, bluster, brag, bring out, come clean, crow, declaim, declare, deny, drum into, emphasize, exclaim, exult, gloat, gloss, gush, impute, insist, justify, level, maintain, mockery, overrate, play down, plead, point out, proclaim, promote, pronounce, punctuate, push, rave, retract, rumor, speak out/speak up, state, stress, support, swear, testify, testimony, underscore, vindicate, vouch, whitewash, witness
- 50 authorize:** accede, accredit, acknowledgment, affirm, appoint, approve, assign, back, bar, bless, certify, chicken out, concession, constitute, countenance, crown, dedicate, delegation, disown, enable, endorse, enjoin, entrust, exempt, forgive, induct, invest, lay, let off, make, negate, nominate, notarize, okay, order, overrule, permission, place, prohibit, recall, release, repeal, revoke, spare, subscribe, validate, veto, warrant, witness
- 51 comment:** accost, add, annotate, babble, bemoan, bravado, broach, congratulate, couch, declaim, deliver, editorial, express, fumigate, greeting, hearsay, interrupt, jaw, observation, pontificate, ramble, rave, report, say, state, throw out, vent, voice, yak/yap
- 52 criticize:** abuse, admonition, aspersion, assault, bad-mouth, baste, beef, berate, browbeat, castigate, chasten, chew out, come down on, complaint, condemnation, correct, criticism, critique, cut, damn, debase, denigrate, denunciation, deprecate, deride, detract, diatribe, disparage, dress down, flak, fulminate, gainsay, gird, gripe, grouch, hiss, humiliate, impugn, invective, jaw, knock, lament, lay into, malign, mortify, mug, nag, offense, pick at/pick on, protest, rail, rap, reflection, reprimand, reprove, revile, row, sarcasm, scorn, sit-in, sneer, storm, swear, tell off, upbraid, vituperate
- 53 demand:** adjure, beckon, behest, bidding, call, charge, command, crave, cross-examine, debrief, demand, direct, enjoin, exact, extortion, grease, importune, inflict, instruct, necessitate, order, petition, query, request, requisition, solicit, squeeze, supplicate, take on
- 54 deny:** abjure, abuse, affront, attack, backstab, bad-mouth, belie, blacken, blemish, confront, curse, darn, defamation, defile, demur, denigrate, detract, dig, disclaim, discountenance, disgrace, disown, disparagement, downplay, explode, flout, fulminate, gainsay, gird, invective, jeer, lament, lecture, malign, minimize, mouth, needle, oppose, protest, put down, put-down, rebuff, refute, remonstrate, renunciation, run down, satirize, scold, show up, sit-in, slander, smear, snap, snub, squeal, sully, swearing, taunt, tirade, turn, underestimate, vituperation, write off, yammer
- 55 describe:** articulate, blab, delineate, mean, narration, paraphrase, portray, recount, signify, state, sum up, translate, unfold, utter
- 56 discuss:** argue, belabor, communicate, conference, debate, deliberation, dialogue/dialog, gossip, intercede, jabber, negotiate, powwow, reason, repartee, symposium, treat, word
- 57 explain:** account for, admit, apprise, cite, clarify, come clean, concede, confirm, corroborate, defense, demonstrate, dilate, elucidate, enlighten, evidence, expand, explicate, gloss, illustrate, itemize, let on, palliate, plea, prove, recite, simplify, speak out/speak up, spell out, translator, warrant
- 58 fabricate:** aspersion, belie, disprove, profane



- 59 fool:** adulate, artifice, bamboozle, beguile, blow up, brownnose, cajole, cheat, circumvent, con, corner, cross, deceive, decoy, defraud, dirty tricks, dishonesty, dissimulate, dodge, double-cross, double-dealing, dupe, elude, ensnare, entrap, excuse, fake, fence, finesse, flatterer, fleece, forge, fraud, fudge, game, gimmick, grift, hanky-panky, hoax, hocus-pocus, impersonate, imposture, invent, kid, make believe, masquerade, mince, mock, outwit/outsmart, palliate, parlay, play dirty, ploy, posture, pretend, pretext, renege, ruse, scam, sham, shirk, sidestep, skulk, sport, string along, take, trap, trickery, welsh, wit
- 60 inform:** acknowledge, address, advertise, allow, allusion, apprise, bare, betrayal, blab, breathe, briefing, broadcast, chronicle, clue, come out with, confession, convey, debunk, define, detail, dictate, divulge, expose, feature, furnish, give, gossip, hint, intimate, issue, lecture, newscaster, orate, out of the closet, pass, post, proclaim, promulgate, publication, publish, release, reveal, show up, speak, spill, squeal, talk, tip, uncover, unveil, weatherperson, whisper
- 61 instruct:** bar, educate, prescribe
- 62 label:** attach, call, define, dub, identify, name, style, term, title
- 63 lie:** backbiting, bunk, casuistry, default, distort, duplicity, equivocate, evasion, exaggeration, fabrication, falsify, fib, fudge, gloss, humbug, invent, juggle, misinform, misrepresent/misquote, misstatement, obscure, pad, perjury, play down, pretend, prevaricate, profess, sell/sell out, simulate, slant, twist, white-wash, wile
- 64 noise, animal:** bark, call, chirp, peep, squawk, squeal, yelp
- 65 noisemaking:** bang, blast, boom, cadence, chime, clash, click, clump, crash, crinkle, drum, gurgle, honk, hullabaloo, hush, intonation, jar, measure, muffle, mute, peal, pitch, quiet, rattle, resonate, reverberate, roll, rustle, sizzle, squeak, stillness, swing, tempo, thud/thump, tick, toll, tranquility, tune/tune up, uproar, whistle
- 66 offer:** allude, lay, pose, proffer, put, volunteer
- 67 offer to give:** amends, apology, bidding, concession, extend, offer, present, put, volunteer
- 68 persuade:** advance, argument, bend, budge, carry, coerce, convince, discourage, draw, drum up, elicit, entice, forward, goad, hammer away/hammer into, induce, influence, invite, lobby, motivate, negotiation, pitch, prevail upon/prevail on, prompt, reason, spur, sway, urge, win/win over
- 69 praise:** accent, acclamation, accredit, adulation, apotheosis, applause, benediction, bless, champion, citation, commend, compliment, congratulations, credit, dedicate, deify, elevate, endorse, eulogize, exalt, extol, flatter, flattery, glorify, homage, laud,

- lionize, obsequy, plaudits, puff, salute, thanks, tribute, worship
- 70 predict:** announce, astrology, augury, divination, forecast, foresee, foretell, oracle, presage, project, prophesy
- 71 promise:** assurance, avow, commitment, ensure, go back/go back on, oath, portend, vouch, warrant, word
- 72 read:** leaf, narrate, peruse, read, recitation, refer, skim
- 73 refer:** attach, drive at, intend, mention, point out
- 74 signal:** beckon, call, flag, gesture/gesticulate, harbinging, indicate, nod, page, sign, spell, symbolize, wave
- 75 suggest:** advice, advocate, ask, come up with, connote, drum into, exhort, fish for, get at, guide, imply, insinuate, moralize, move, nomination, pontificate, preach, propose, recommend, urge
- 76 thank:** appreciate
- 77 vocalize:** accent, bark, bellow, cackle, chant, chortle, clamor, cry, drone, giggle, growl, guffaw, harmonize, howl, laugh/laughter, locution, mumble, mutter, parrot, roar, shout, shut up, snap, snicker/snigger/sniggle, squawk, stutter, voice, whimper, whistle, yammer, yowl
- 78 warn:** admonish, alert, caution, caveat, defy, enjoin, exhortation, foreboding, foretell, page, remind, warning
- 79 write:** abstract, annotate, brand, compile, correspond, cover, dot, draw, edit, endorse, engraving, extract, fleck, graffiti, inscribe, line, mark, page, picture, point, punctuate, quote, revise, rough out, scratch, scribble, sign, stamp, trace, type, underscore, writing

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**GENERAL**

- 80 act abstractly:** freak, lurch, wiggle, writhe
- 81 act over an area:** decree, tour, veto
- 82 admit:** accede, acquiesce, allow, concur, grant
- 83 allow:** absolve, acquit, admit, approve, capitulate, contribute, enable, excuse, get off someone's back, have, let, liberate, overlook, permission, pity, reception, suffer, tolerate
- 84 arrange:** adjust, antedate, arrangement, center, codify, collocate, concentrate, coordinate, dispose, distribute, divide, graduate, index, line, muddle, organization, organized, pile, program, rank, remodel, synchronize, tabulate, type
- 85 attach:** adhere, adjoin, anchor, append, batten, bond, chain, clasp, cohere, engage, fix, hitch, knot, lock, nail, peg, screw, secure, stick, tag, tether, yoke
- 86 attack:** aggression, assail, beat up, blast, blind-side, bomb, brutality, charge, come at, *coup d'état*, embroil, encroach, fire, foray, go for, infest, insurrection, invasion, lay into, mug, occupation, offensive, onslaught, overrun, pillage, pounce, raid, ravage, rush, sortie, subvert, waylay

- 87 attempt:** acid test, angle for, apply, bother, campaign, commit, counterbalance, dabble, defy, dip into, drill, drudge, elbow grease, emulate, engage, essay, exert, experiment, function, go, hammer away/hammer into, hush, keep at, labor, monkey, overdo, persevere, plod, presume, purpose, putter, risk, seek, slog, strain, struggle, tackle, take a crack at, tinker, try, undertake, venture, whack, work
- 88 authorize:** accede, accredit, acknowledgment, affirm, appoint, approve, assign, avowal, ban, bear out, blessing, charter, commission, consent, contract, countermand, decree, delegate, detail, empower, enact, enforce, entitle, establish, fire, grant, inflict, invoke, let, license, name, nod, nomination, nullify, ordain, override, pardon, permit, prescribe, ratify, receive, relieve, reprieve, sanction, station, underwrite, vest, void, withdraw, witness
- 89 borrow:** lease, mooch, rent
- 90 capture:** abducted, apprehend, arrest, besiege, catch, commandeer, conquer, *coup d'état*, enslave, entangle, expropriate, foray, grab, hijack, hog, incarcerate, nab, net, occupy, pull in, seizure, shanghai, snare, tackle, trap
- 91 carry out:** accomplish, actualize, assure, clone, complete, conclude, discharge, duplicate, effect, execute, fill, finish, follow through, get the lead out, handle, implement, make out, meet, obey, offender, perfect, perpetrate, practice, prosecute, realize, render, resonate, rush, specialize, wage
- 92 compete:** bout, contend, contest, pit, rival, take on, vie
- 93 contract:** catch, incur, waterloo
- 94 control:** aegis, contain, deal/deal with, deregulate, discipline, domineer, manage, monopolize, order about, overlook, preside, regulate, ride, steer, wield, work
- 95 defeat:** beat, confute, conquest, crush, discomfit, edge, finish, landslide, outdo, overpower, overtake, overwhelm, prostrate, quash, reduce, smash, subjugate, surmount, top, trim, trounce, vanquish, wallop, win
- 96 defend:** beard, bulwark, counteract, cover, ensure, fend off, fight back/fight off, par-pet, repulse, resistance, save, secure, ward/ward off, withstand
- 97 demonstrate:** advertising, demonstrate, evidence, give, imply
- 98 divide:** allocate, bestow, cleave, disconnect, disrupt, distribute, divvy up, fragment, mete, partition, portion, quarter, ration, sever, slice, split
- 99 enable:** allow, implement, qualify
- 100 engage in:** address, apply, dig in, elbow grease, exist, fare, fight, go about, go into, grub, labor, participate, plunge, practice, reiterate, share, step in, take, trouble, undertake, work
- 101 err:** Achilles' heel, boo-boo, botch, butcher, err, fault, flounder, frailty, gaffe, goof, impropriety, indiscretion, malpractice, mishandle/mismanage, miss, mistake, neglect, oversight, sin, slip up, stray, transgression, trip, violation, wander
- 102 escape:** abscond, avoidance, break, bypass, close call, disappear, dodge, elude, evade, extricate, flight, fly, get out, lose, pussy foot, sidestep, skirt, weasel
- 103 examine:** adjudication, analyze, audit, autopsy, check, confirm, decompose, dig, evaluation, explore, go into, go through, graduate, inspect, investigate, judgment, mapmaker, nose, overview, peruse, pore, probe, quest, reconnaissance, review, scan, scrutinize, sift, spy, surveillance, test, try on/try out, weigh
- 104 exchange:** alternate, barter, reciprocate, replace, substitute, swap/swop, transpose
- 105 existential change:** age, awaken, begin, date, disappear, dissipate, dissolve, fade, go, languish, originate, perish, run out, succumb, wake/waken
- 106 fight:** act up, altercation, bout, brawl, clamor, combat, confrontation, contention, contravene, donnybrook, engage, faction, feud, fight back/fight off, fracas, free-for-all, fuss, hassle, mayhem, misunderstanding, opposition, racket, rebellion, resistance, revolution, riot, row, run-in, scuffle, skirmish, spat, struggle, tussle, uproar, war, wrangle
- 107 fuel:** charge, fill, supply
- 108 give:** administer, allocate, allow, atone, bequeath, cast, commend, compensate, consign, contribute, defray, delivery, devote, disseminate, donate, emit, entrust, furnish, give away, hand over, kick in, mete, pass off, provide, render, reward, sacrifice, show, transfer, will
- 109 group:** aggregate, amass, blend, cluster, collection, compilation, compound, confluence, consolidate, cull, flock, gather, herd, pick, rake, recruit, round up, store
- 110 help:** abet, alleviate, assistance, baby, bail out, benefit, boost, care, coddle, contribute, cooperate, cover, cultivation, defend, doctor, ease, encourage, facilitate, fawn, foster, further, go straight, guide, indulge, intervene, keep, lavish, lift, mind, nurse, oblige, patronize, play ball, promote, provide, reform, serve, shore, simplify, speed, sponsor, synchronize, support, sympathize, temper, toady, underwrite, uphold
- 111 imitate:** ape, mimic, mock, parallel, pattern, repeat, sham, takeoff, take off
- 112 involve:** attack, confuse, cooperate, count, embody, encapsulate, encompass, entangle, figure in, include, interpolate, overdo, synchronize, task, teamwork
- 113 join:** accompany, adhere, affiliate, alloy, annex, append, articulation, assembly, band, butt, close, cohere, compound, converge, desegregate, embody, fasten, fuse, get together, hitch, integrate, intersect, intertwine/interweave, knit, lace, meeting, merge, mix, piece, reunion, synthesis, unify, unite, wed

- 114 join socially:** affiliate, assemble, attach, band, bump into, call, chaperon, collusion, congregate, consultation, convention, convocation, dalliance, dally/dally with, desegregate, enter, fraternize, group, hang about/hang around/hang out, huddle, intermingle, intertwine/interweave, league, matriculate, mix, session, take
- 115 lend:** defray, fund, invest, loan, rent, trust
- 116 lose:** deliver, forfeit, leak, misplace, sacrifice, wipeout
- 117 manage:** adjust, administration, carry on, compose, control, deal/deal with, direct, dispose, drill, face, farm, fend for, get by, guide, handling, lead, management, monitor, operate, order about, overlook, oversight, preside, regulate, reign, run, save, subjugate, supervision, treatment, work
- 118 manifest:** agree, connote, embody, evince, exude, indicate, point, promise, radiate
- 119 modify an event:** abide, advent, birth, cessation, closure, come out, coming, complement, conception, conclusion, dawn, develop, disposal, end, end up, entrance, expire, finish, give in/give up, halt, lapse, matriculate, pass, pull out, quit, relinquish, resign, result, resurrection, revival, secede, standstill, stop, suspend, terminate, termination
- 120 obtain:** acquire, amass, capitalize, gain, get at, land, lay up/lay by, possess, pull in, reap, recruit, repossess, save, strike, win
- 121 prevent:** abolish, abort, abstain, adjournment, arrest, avert, avoidance, balk, banish, birth control, bog down, break, censor, check, circumvent, close, constrain, contravene, counter, cross, cut short, deactivate, defeat, deferment/deferall, deprivation, deter, discontinue, dispossess, dissolve, drop out, exclude, foil, forbid, freeze, gag, hesitate, hinder, hold back/hold off, impede, incapacitate, intercept, interference, invalidate, keep, keep one's cool, localize, muffle, negate, neutralize, nullify, obviate, omit, override/override, parry, pigeonhole, preempt, privation, prohibit, proscribe, pull up, put off, quell, refrain, remove, repress, respite, retard, rule out, run-around, scratch, seclude, shut, shut off/shut out, slowpoke, squash, stall, stem, still, stymie, suppress, table, thwart, turn off, veto, void, waiver, withdraw, withhold
- 122 punish:** avenge, chastise, correction, evict, expel, pay, scourge, sentence
- 123 punishment:** blackmail, damage(s), dressing-down, fine, lesson, rap, reproach, sanction, whipping
- 124 receive:** accept, acquire, bring in, come in for, find, have, make, profit, reap, recoup, retrieve, take
- 125 record:** enroll, enumerate, list, register, score, tally, transcribe
- 126 rectify:** accommodate, appease, arbitrate, atone, avenge, compensate, correct, counteract, cover, debug, edit, equalize, fix, iron out, mediate, mend, overhaul, placate, quiet, recoup, redeem, reform, remedy, restore, retribution, revision, satisfy, square, suit, temper, tune/tune up, untangle
- 127 release:** acquittal, clear, delivery, disentangle, dismissal, exculpate, exonerate, free, loose/loosen, redeem, relinquish, save
- 128 replace:** change, follow, supplant
- 129 reserve:** allocate, assignment, claim, come by, deserve, earmark, engage, entitle, intend, put away/put aside/put by, spare, subscribe
- 130 restrict:** bar, bind, bound, brake, circumscribe, cocoon, constrain, constrict, control, curb, dam, defer, deferment/deferall, desensitize, embargo, enjoin, expatriate, expulsion, fetters, forbear, gag, grind, hamper, handicap, hem/hem in, hobble, hold back/hold off, impair, imposition, inhibit, keep one's cool, localize, moderate, obligate, ostracism, prohibit, rein, restrain, retard, shackle, slowdown, squelch, strangle, subdue, suspend, tie/tie up
- 131 return:** deliver, hand over, recall, regain, requite, retrieve, return
- 132 reward:** award, confer, reward
- 133 rule:** abdicate, command, deposition, displace, enforcement, impose, rule, supremacy
- 134 save:** cocoon, conserve, deposit, guard, lay up/lay by, maintenance, patrol, preserve, put away/put aside/put by, rescue, salvation, shelter, spare, ward/ward off, watch
- 135 separate:** abstract, appropriate, assign, classification, dedicate, dichotomy, disconnect, disentangle, dismantle, disperse, dissociate, division, fragment, garner, hoard, loneliness, part, quarantine, secession, seclusion, segregation, separation, split up, sunder, unlock
- 136 serve:** accommodate, board, cart, obey, pamper, provide, spoon-feed, wait on
- 137 shape change:** beat, bruise, chip, cleave, compact, crinkle, depreciation, disfigure, distort, divide, edge, enlarge, file, fragment, hack, lacerate, mow, nick, pierce, puncture, roll, scar, sculpture, sharpen, shear, shrink, skew, slice, stiffen, taper/taper off, thin, truncate, whet, wound
- 138 show:** advertising, circulate, point, represent, symbolize, trot out, unveil
- 139 steal:** abduct, abduction, appropriation, bilk, burglary, confiscate, divest, embezzle, extort, filch, flimflam, heist, hijacker, kidnap, larceny, loot, milk, pilfer, pinch, plagiarism, plunder, pocket, ransack, rip off, rip-off, sack, shoplift, snitch, swindle, take, unmask, welsch
- 140 supply:** appoint, deal, dish out, dispense, distribute, divide, dole out, feed, fuel, glut, infuse, keep, larder, maintain, nourish, nurture, provide, publish, ration, render, rig, serve, stockpile, support, sustain
- 141 surpass:** abound, better, cap, eclipse, excel, get ahead, hack it, lick, outdistance, outflank, outweigh, pass, prevail, supersede, surpass, tower, triumph, win
- 142 take:** acquire, arrogate, assumption, burn,

compass, cull, deprivation, disarm, dispossess, drain, educe, exact, exfoliate, extract, harvest, leach, molt, peel, pocket, privation, ransack, sap, usurp, wring

- 143 transfer abstractly:** afford, bring, consign, conveyance, delegation, recall, relay, relegate, turn over

## MOTION

- 144 be moved:** earthquake, flop, lap  
**145 change of place:** flicker, motion, onrush, pop, sway, swing, swivel, tremor  
**146 flow:** run, seep, surge, teem, trickle  
**147 move:** bob, careen, circulate, contort, curl, dandle, descend, dislocate, displace, drift, entwine, fidget, flourish, haul, loop, oscillate, paddle, pivot, pulsate/pulse, revolve, rock, rotate, skirt, topple, transport, tumble, twine, uproot, waft, waver, wheel, wield  
**148 move mechanically:** aviation, carriage, cart, fly, mobilize, operate, park, rocket, skyrocket, takeoff, veer  
**149 move oneself:** ascend, bend, flap, flounce, gait, gambol, go for, hike, lope, mount, mountaineering, negotiate, pad, patter, quail, rock, round, stamp, stir, stride, stump, tilt, tread, tumble, wallow, wriggle  
**150 move oneself quickly:** barge in/barge into, bolt, bustle, coast, dart, decamp, flash, flinch, flutter, gallop, glide, hurry, hustle, jiggle, make off, plunge, prance, rebound, ricochet, run, scamper, scramble, shake, shudder, skedaddle, skip, slide, slither, speed, sprint, storm, swerve, tear, twirl, wag, whiz, wobble, zip, zoom  
**151 move oneself slowly:** amble, creep, dalliance, decline, dilly-dally, hobble, knock about/knock around, laggard, linger, lumber, meander, plod, prowl, ramble, reel, saunter, slink/slither, sneak, steal, stroll, tarry, tramp, waddle, wander  
**152 move quickly:** advance, agitate, capsize, course, dispatch, ejaculate, flicker, flutter, jerk, jostle, lurch, plunge, quake, rattle, shake, shoot, skate, skim, slip, speed, stampede, tear, tremble, vibrate, wag, whirl, wiggle, wobble  
**153 move slowly:** dangle, lag, reel  
**154 position oneself:** arise, cant, get down, get up, huddle, kneel, list, lounge, nestle, perch, pose, recline, rest, seat, slouch, wince  
**155 travelling:** lift, procession, transit, voyage

## PHYSICAL

- 156 abuse:** consumption, corrode, dissipate, enervate, exploit, force, fritter, lose, milk, mishandle/mismanage, misuse, pervert, riddle, sap, squander, throw away, wear  
**157 anatomical change:** distend, neuter  
**158 arrange:** agitation, collate, crease, dispose, group, lay, located, mix up, order, position, rank, ruffle, separate, snarl, split up, stack, straighten, weave

- 159 arrive:** admission, alight, appearance, arrival, billow, butt in, come in, cross, disembark, embark, enter, foray, get back, get on, go ahead, immigrate, influx, intrude, invasion, lance, light, lunge, penetrate, pierce, progress, reach, return, stalk, trespass, turn up  
**160 attach:** adhere, adjoin, anchor, append, batten, bond, chain, clasp, cohere, engage, fix, hitch, latch, moor, paste, pin, seal, shut, tack, tape, tie, yoke  
**161 bathe:** ablation, decontaminate, wet  
**162 beautify:** accessorize, adornment, decorate, doll up, emblazon, face-lift, fix up, furbish, ornament, shave, trim  
**163 breathe:** breath, draw, expire, heave, inhale, puff, suffocate, yawn  
**164 catch:** intercept, tackle  
**165 clean:** ablation, bath, brush, clarify, cleanse, decontaminate, distill, do up, expurgate, flush, gut, lather, mop, purification, rake, refinement, scour, scrub, sweep, wipe  
**166 climb:** arise, ascension, mount, scale, surface  
**167 clothe:** array, disrobe, dress, garb, ornament, primp, sport, stuff, try on/try out, wear  
**168 construct:** build, dismantle, establish, forge, found, make, pave, put up, rear, remodel, revamp, ultramodern  
**169 consume:** absorption, chew, contract, crunch, deplete, diet, dig in, dispatch, draft, eat, exhaust, feast, finish, glut, gobble, gormandize, graze, guzzle, ingest, nibble, nosh, peck, polish off, prey on, quaff, sip, stuff, take, tear down, wolf, xerophagy  
**170 cook:** agitation, barbecue, beat, brew, butcher, churn, distill, flavor, fry, honeyed, knead, microwave, pickle, preserve, season, sizzle, sweeten, warm, whip  
**171 copy:** ape, duplicate, emulate, forge, imitate, mimic, multiply, parrot, pretend, reconstruct, reiterate, reproduce, simulate, take after, Xerox  
**172 cover:** blanket, camouflage, disguise, drape, dust, enshroud, face, funeral, glaze, inter, laminate, line, masquerade, muzzle, oil, paint, paper, pervade, sheet, smother, spread, varnish, veneer, wrap  
**173 create:** bear, brainstorm, coin, compose, concoct, construct, design, engineer, establishment, fashion, film, form, formulate, generate, hatch, institute, make, materialize, mold, piece, procreate, regenerate, reproduction, wing it, work  
**174 create art:** chart, depict, draw, engraving, illustrate, imprint, mount, paint, picture, portray, pottery, printer, sculpture, stamp, trace  
**175 create with effort:** beat, mold  
**176 cut:** amputate, ax/axe, bisect, chisel, cleave, crop, cut up, dent, dissect, engrave, etch, fell, hack, lacerate, mangle, molt, mutilate, notch, peel, pink, scar, scratch, shave, shred, slash, slit, trim, whittle  
**177 decorate:** accessorize, adornment, decoration, embellishment, embroider, enrich,

- furnish, modernize, paper, renovate, trim, varnish
- 178 dig:** bore, claw, dredge, excavate, exhume, hollow, mine, plow, root, tunnel, uproot
- 179 discharge:** blast, blow up, burst, come from, detonate, drain, drop, ejaculate, ejection, emanation, emit, eruption, excrete, expel, explosion, exude, flare, flow, gag, give off/give out, gush, impregnate, infiltrate, infuse, inundate, jet, leak, mushroom, oyster, outflow, overrun, penetrate, permeate, pour, project, scatter, seep, shoot, spew, spit, spout, sprinkle, squirt, surge, teem, torrent, vent, vomit
- 180 dispose:** boot, chuck, disposal, dispose of, do away with, elimination, kick out, rejection, scrap, throw away, void
- 181 drop:** alight, crash, decline, descent, dive, droop, duck, fall, flop, fumble, go under, keel over, light, percolate, plumb, plunge, sag, settle, sink, slump, stoop, submerge, suspend, thud/thump, tumble, wilt
- 182 equip:** arm, do up, fit, gear, rig, stockpile
- 183 find:** come across, detection, discovery, find, learn, meet, pinpoint, repossess, strike, track/track down, uncover, unearth
- 184 form:** arch, bloat, carve, constitute, crumple, curve, form, model, pat, sculpture, twist, work
- 185 gesture:** bawl, beat, bite, blink, chew, disgorge, dribble, drool, expire, grimace, guffaw, hemorrhage, kink, laugh/laughter, lick, necking, perspire, puff, pulsate/pulse, purse, scowl, slobber, smirk, sob, spit, sweat, tear/tears, twitch, wail, whimper, wink, yawn
- 186 grind:** abrade, corrode, crunch, frazzle, granulate, mill, powder, rasp, scrape
- 187 guide:** aviation, conduct, direct, drive, ferry, inject, lay, level, marshal, navigate, point, round, row, show, sled, steer, transport, usher
- 188 hide:** ambush, bury, camouflage, conceal, cover, cover-up, cringe, disguise, dissimulate, embed, ensconce, envelop, isolation, lurk, masquerade, palliate, screen, seclusion, sequester, shrink, shut off/shut out, sneak, withhold
- 189 hit:** applaud, bang, baste, batter, beat, blind-side, boot, buffet, bunt, chip, clash, clip, clout, collide, concussion, crash, cuff, deflect, drive, flail, glance, hammer, jab, jostle, knock, lick, nail, peck, plaudits, pound, punch, rap, scourge, slap, smack, sock, strike, swipe, tap, thud/thump, tip, whack, whip
- 190 hold:** anchor, clog, cradle, dandle, embrace, grab, hug, nuzzle, prop, retard, shore, support, sustain, tangle
- 191 hold forcefully:** apprehend, cage, clasp, clinch, confinement, constriction, cramp, detain, embrace, enslave, fetters, grasp, gripe, hold, incarcerate, overpower, press, shackle, snatch, strangle, throttle, wrestle
- 192 illegal behavior:** backstab, bleed, break, bribe, buy, conspire, contravene, delinquency, disobey, extortion, felony, foul, graft, hara-kiri, holdup, imposture, infringe, intrigue, kickback, larceny, loot, misconduct, misdeed/misdemeanor, offense, pick, piracy, poach, rape, rip off, rip-off, robbery, sexual assault, shenanigans, smear campaign, speculation, stick up, take, theft, treason, victimize, violation
- 193 join physically:** link, merge, mingle, piece, splice, tuck, unite, weld, yoke
- 194 jump:** bounce, clear, dive, gallop, hop, lunge, plunge, rear, recoil, skip, start, vault
- 195 leave:** abandon, back, blow, bolt, break, break out, cringe, dart, depart, desert, deviate, digress, disappearance, distance, draw back, ebb, embark, exit, fall back, flee, fly, get along, get out, goodbye, go out, jilt, light out, maroon, parting, push off/push on, quit, recoil, renunciation, resign, retire, run, scam, segregation, shake off, shrink, strike out, takeoff, threads, trousers, vacate, withdrawal
- 196 lift:** boost, elevate, heave, pry, rear
- 197 measure:** balance, survey
- 198 move living quarters:** anyplace, approach, battlefield, colonization, defect, depart, destination, element, empire, evict, exile, expel, jurisdiction, locale/locality, lookout, move, neighborhood, outdoors, point, post, province, region, rendezvous, seat, site, soil, spot, stop, terminal, turn, where
- 199 perform:** fan, work
- 200 physical action:** application, bash, drop, hold, plunk, slug
- 201 position:** aim, bow, cant, cock, deposit, dip, disseminate, entwine, hang, insert, installation, intersperse, jut, lay, lie, located, loop, occlude, pile, place, point, post, put, recline, seat, set, slant, slouch, sprawl, squat, station, stoop, tip, train, turn, twist, wallow, wrinkle
- 202 prepare physically:** acclimate, accustom, braid, brush up, bundle, coat, disguise, domesticate, dress, embattle, fine-tune, fix up, fortify, gear, gild, gloss, grease, habituate, knit, make up, modulate, overhaul, pad, plaster, polish, prepare, preserve, primp, reform, refrigerate, regenerate, rejuvenate, renovate, round, set, shine, smear, square, strain, toughen, training, weather
- 203 print:** edit, printer, write
- 204 process:** gnash, work
- 205 produce:** agriculture, fabrication, forge, generate, horticulture, make, mint, print, production, turn out, yield
- 206 pull:** drag, extract, lug, pluck, schlep, strain, tow, twist, wrench, yank
- 207 pursue:** chase, dragnet, hound, shadow, tag, trace, track/track down, trail
- 208 push:** advance, back, barge in/barge into, billow, blow up, bulge, burst, compress, crowd, crush, depress, drive, extrude, force, indent, insinuate, jam, jolt, knead, mash, mob, notch, poke, prod, protrude, pump, repel, roll, shove, slam, squish, tax, tip, trample, wrestle, wring

## CAUSES

- 209 put in container:** box, enclose, flood, glut, inject, interpolate, load, plug, ram, stow, surfeit
- 210 relax:** asleep, dalliance, dawdle, dilly-dally, kick back, loiter, lounge, nap, putter, relaxation, rest, slack/slacken, stay, trifle, unwind, wait
- 211 remove:** abstract, blot, break off, cancel, clear, cut out, denude, deportation, disarmament, distill, doff, drain, eliminate, eradicate, evict, except, excerpt, excoriate, expulsion, extirpate, extraction, gut, leach, oust, pry, relegate, replace, shed, skin, subtract, top, unburden, unload, void, withdrawal
- 212 repair:** adjust, debug, fine-tune, overhaul, remedy, restore, tinker, troubleshooter
- 213 reposition:** bank, bump, crinkle, crouch, curve, descend, dislocate, displace, drag, invert, reverse, sidetrack, squirm, turn, veer, warp
- 214 rip:** claw, lacerate, snag, tear
- 215 rub:** bite, burnish, creak, erase, file, friction, glaze, grate, polish, smear
- 216 search:** comb, dig, explore, forage, grope, hunt, investigation, nose, plumb, prospect, quest, ransack, rummage, scout, snoop, track/track down
- 217 send:** banish, carry, channel, consign, convey, delivery, deportation, dismiss, dispatch, distribute, download, extradite, forward, mail, pass, pipe, remit, route, sled, take, transmit, waft
- 218 sew:** baste, embroidery, line, sew, tack, tuck
- 219 squeeze:** choke, clinch, constriction, crush, enfold, pinch, pulp, rumple, squash
- 220 stab:** claw, gore, impale, lacerate, perforate, prick, puncture, spike, stick, tap, transfix
- 221 start:** actuate, emanate, embark on, engender, establish, fall to, found, impel, inaugurate, initiate, inspire, installation, instill, introduce, kindle, lead, mobilize, open, pioneer, preface, provoke, recharge, renew, resurgence, resuscitate, revive, set up, take on, turn on, whip up
- 222 throw:** buck, chuck, dash, disseminate, eject, extrude, fling, heave, intersperse, launch, lob, pelt, powder, propagate, scatter, sling, splatter, toss
- 223 transfer of an object:** download, send, transaction, transfer
- 224 travel:** accompany, cover, cruise, double back, embark, expedition, explore, flight, gad, hike, journey, knock about/knock around, migrate, mountaineering, navigation, odyssey, passage, pilgrimage, range, roam, safari, shuttle, takeoff, tour, tramp, trip, voyage, wander
- 225 use:** apply, bolt, broach, consumption, devour, drain, eat, employment, exercise, exhaust, exploit, fatigue, gormandize, maneuver, milk, partake, polish off, run, squander, telephone, wear, wield
- 226 use living quarters:** abide, cohabit, exist, hang about/hang around/hang out, live, lodge, reside, situate, stay, visit
- 227 visit:** call, drop in, see, stay, tour

### ABSTRACT

- 228 affect:** change, evoke
- 229 event that causes another:** account, cause, precipitous/precipitate
- 230 state of causation:** abortion, Achilles' heel, aftermath, anticlimax, astonishment, backlash, bang, bereavement, blessing, blot, boo-boo, boom, break, by-product, cease-fire, change, check, coincidence, collision, complication, congestion, consternation, corollary, decay, decomposition, degeneracy, descent, deterioration, disappointment, disaster area, disposal, dissipation, effect, ending, error, eventuality, flap, flurry, frenzy, fulfillment, gaffe, glitch, gridlock, hubbub, humbug, imperfection, impression, impurity, infection, issue, jitters, lather, malarky, miscarriage, mix-up, muddle, nonsense, outcome, payoff, piffle, portent, price, product, racket, rash, resolution, rigmarole, scare, settlement, shortfall, snafu, stain, stigma, stir, taint, tempest, to-do, tomfoolery, trip, truce, turmoil, twaddle, unification, upshot, whirl, wonderment
- 231 to be:** alienate, antagonize, awaken, calm, compound, energize, materialize, sterilize, threaten
- 232 to change:** adapt, alter, assimilate, break even, change, conversion, co-opt, distort, double back, expurgate, fit, invert, neutralize, overturn, shift, tamper, translate, turn
- 233 to change abstractly:** demote, intensify, mitigate
- 234 to change an event:** abbreviate, acceleration, actuate, approach, bed, break off, build, cease, commence, conclude, continue, cut in, cut short, determine, discontinue, dispose of, dissolve, enter, floor it, graduate, hurry, invalidate, knock off, leave, lift, nip, pause, preclude, put off, quell, quit, remit, retire, revoke, ruin, scrub, slow, stall, terminate, turn out, waive, wrap up
- 235 to change cognitively:** agree, concede, lay
- 236 to change number or quantity:** abbreviate, abstract, add, advance, alleviate, amplify, blow up, build, bump, compress, contract, cut, deduct, deflate, digest, discount, downsize, encapsulate, epitomize, evolve, extend, fatten, imbue, inflate, lengthen, lop, magnify, narrow, prune, reduce, shorten, step up, supplement, take, truncate, widen
- 237 to change or affect an event:** delay, protract, stop, weigh
- 238 to change state of being:** dispatch, do for
- 239 to continue:** abide, broaden, come, drag on/drag out, drawl, dwell on/ dwell upon, elongate, extend, go, hammer away/hammer into, hold, lengthen, perpetuate, persist, protract, remain, scam, take up
- 240 to diminish:** abate, aggravate, alloy, blot, break, cheapen, compromise, corrupt, cut, debase, debilitate, decline, decrease, depress, disarrange, doctor, downplay, emas-

culate, fatigue, impair, let up, minimize, moderate, muffle, pale, pick-me-up, provocation, reduce, retard, sap, slash, stimulus, tax, undermine, wear, worsen

- 241 to function:** animate, cause, start  
**242 to happen:** accelerate, breathe, copy, ensue, eventuate, expedite, facilitate, follow, incite, induce, influence, instigate, intervene, motivate, muddle, oblige, occur, pass, prod, prompt, put, result, stimulate, unsettle, work up, wreak  
**243 to have:** accent, give, transfer  
**244 to improve:** advance, ameliorate, assuage, augmentation, benefit, betterment, brighten, brush up, confirm, cultivate, dignify, enrich, garnish, lighten, mend, pad, perk up, quench, raise, relieve, revise, rouse, strengthen, touch up, update, upgrade  
**245 to increase quantity:** accumulate, addition, aggrandize, amplify, augmentation, boost, build up, deepen, double, enlarge, evolve, extend, fatten, imbue, inflate, lengthen, magnify, reinforce, supplement, widen  
**246 to injure:** abuse, ail, batter, beat, bruise, cost, crush, debilitate, deface, deform, desecrate, devastate, disagree, disfigure, expose, fragment, gripe, handicap, hurt, incapacitate, jeopardize, lacerate, maim, mar, mistreat, mutilate, outrage, paralyze, poison, pummel, repay, ruin, sabotage, scar, shatter, shoot, smart, snap, spoil, stress, taint, torture, turn, violate, vitiate, wrong  
**247 to reduce quantity:** abbreviate, abstract, commute, condense, curtail, cut back, deflate, digest, downsize, epitomize, lessen, minimize, narrow, prune, shorten, summarize, trim, whittle

**PHYSICAL**

- 248 to break:** collide, crash, dash  
**249 to burn:** arson, conflagration, flame, glow, incinerate, kindle, light, scorch, singe, smolder  
**250 to change physically:** awake, blacken, bleach, brighten, buttress, color, confirm, consolidate, crimp, cross, daub, deepen, dehydrate, dilute, disarrange, disfigure, disorganize, disturb, douse, dye, edge, emasculate, exhaust, fatigue, ferment, flatten, fog, geld, harden, hone, intensify, lay, light, liquefy, loose/loosen, melt, neat, numb, pacify, petrify, prostrate, quicken, redden, roll, rumple, set, shadow, shrivel, slow, soften, sour, stain, stiffen, strengthen, sully, temper, thin, tighten, tint, turn, vitiate, weary, whiten  
**251 to create:** bear, breed, concoct, construct, engineer, fabricate, form, hatch, mint, originate, procreate, regenerate, spawn  
**252 to destroy:** ablate, abolition, annul, batter, bomb, bring down, burst, butcher, clobber, come unglued, consumption, coup de grâce, crumple, cut down, decimate, deforestation, demolition, desecrate, desolate, devastate, dismantle, dispatch, do away with, do in,

- end, endanger, eradicate, erosion, execute, expunge, exterminate, extinguish, finish, genocide, hara-kiri, homicide, jeopardize, kill, knock off, liquidate, mangle, massacre, murder, obliterate, paralyze, pillage, poison, prostrate, pulverize, put away, put out, quench, raze, ruin, sack, shiver, slaughter, smash, stamp out, subdue, suppress, undo, vandalism, violation, wipe out, wreck  
**253 to grow:** cultivate, farm, flower, raise, till, vegetate  
**254 to make dirty:** adulterate, clutter, mess up, smudge, stain, tarnish  
**255 to make hot or cold:** air, chill, freeze, heat, melt, numb, refrigerate, shrivel, warm  
**256 to make wet:** absorb, dampen, dip, drench, drool, dunk, extinguish, marinate, oil, permeate, saturate, souse, splash, spray, squirt, submerge

**FIELDS OF HUMAN ACTIVITY**

**AGRICULTURE**

- 257 action:** agriculture, bury, cross, cultivation, deforestation, erosion, gather, harvest, preservation, reap, round up, sprout, till, work  
**258 organization:** cowboy, grange, ranch

**THE ARTS**

- 259 art object:** antique, canvas, coat, composition, decal, depiction, dye, embroidery, etching, figure, glaze, illustration, insignia, landscape, logo, medium, monument, pattern, piece, pigment, portrait, print, pyramid, silhouette, statue, workmanship, wreath  
**260 created object:** alloy, apparatus, ash(es), brew, by-product, capsule, change, cinder, composition, concoction, creation, debris, derivative, dip, dregs, dung, enamel, excrement, fake, fertilizer, flotsam, folder, froth, fuzz, garland, glass, grit, half-breed, hodgepodge, huddle, imitation, invention, junk, lather, litter, mess, mix/mixture, oddity, offshoot, outgrowth, pack, paper, patchwork, placebo, potpourri, quantum leap, remainder, replica, rest, scum, sewage, slime, smashup, spin-off, surplus, trash, waste, work, wreck, yield  
**261 exhibition:** appear, boast, declassify, demonstration, display, exhibit, exhibitionism, exposure, flaunt, glitz, impress, loom, mark, parade, peep/peer, point out, posture, present, produce, reflect, render, show, showpiece, simplify, sport, strut, typify, unfold  
**262 musical instrument:** accompaniment, baton, compact disc, harmony, measure, melody, note, requiem, song, strain  
**263 performance:** anthem, ballet, burlesque, chant, comedy, concert, dramatization, event, farce, lampoon, medium, movie, musical, hall, part, piece, premiere, preview, recital, rendition, role, scene, script, setting, skit, takeoff, theater/theatre

- 264 performance part:** act, encore, ovation, prelude, refrain, scene, stunt, tune  
**265 photograph:** observe, portray, proof

## COMMUNICATIONS

- 266 communication:** address, ad-lib, arrogant, babble, beam, bid, call, censor, chatter, colloquy, communicate, contact, converse, de-brief, discourse, drivelt, e-mail, exult, gab, give, improvise, interact, interplay, intrude, magnify, monologue, patter, punctuate, quiet, reach, recant, recitation, recount, rehearse, render, say, shoot the breeze, silence, speak, stammer, talk, telephone, tête-à-tête, transpire, wander, whisper, yak/yap
- 267 communicative quality:** abusive, acid, acrid, ad-lib, amusing, articulate, behind one's back, bitter, blunt, bombastic, brief, brusque, captious, censorious, classified, closemouthed, communicative, confidential, convincing, crisp, crude, curt, cynical, defamatory, demonstrative, derogatory, destructive, direct, dirty, discursive, disjointed, doctrinaire, droll, effusive, embittered, encyclopedic, et cetera, even, expansive, explicit, expressive, extemporaneous/extemporary, fallacious, falsely, fault-finding, fictitious, filthy, firsthand, flutulent, florid, fluent, forcible, forensic, foul, frank, fresh, funny, gabby, genuine, glowing, graphic, grouchy, gruff, hackneyed, hard-line, hateful, heated, hollow, honorable, hypercritical, idle, illustrative, imperious, implied, impromptu, imprudent, incisive, indescribable, ineffable, inexplicable, informative, inoffensive, insistent, instructive, ironic/ironical, jocular/jocose/jocund, keen, laudatory, legendary, lengthy, lip service, literally, long-winded, loose, lurid, malicious, matter-of-fact, meaningful, mendacious, misleading, mouthy, musty, mythical/mythological, nameless, natural, noncommittal, obnoxious, offensive, off the cuff, oily, openhearted, opinionated, oracular, ornery, overblown, parting, penetrating, persuasive, plain, poignant, pompous, pornographic, priceless, privileged, profane, prosaic, pulp, quick-witted, racy, redolent, rhetorical, rich, rough, rude, sarcastic, satirical/satiric, scathing, secretive, sensational, sharp, sharp-tongued, sidesplitting, silent, sincere, smut, snappy, spicy, square, stilted, straightforward, succinct, summary, symptomatic, talkative, telltale, threadbare, tongue-in-cheek, tongue-tied, trenchant, truculent, truly, trustworthy/trusty, unabridged, unattached, uncommunicative, uninhibited, unsaid, untruthful, unwritten, valedictory, verbal, verbose, vernacular, viperous, vocal, voluble, warm, windy, wordy, X-rated, zany
- 268 description:** appellation, denotation, exposition, formula, hermeneutical, hyperbole, illustration, label, moniker, news, nom de plume, notes, ode, paraphrase, plan, poetry, profile, pseudonym, sobriquet, translation
- 269 devices used for:** alarm, calculator, copy, distress signal, fax, foghorn, photocopy, software, telephone, transcript
- 270 document, part:** addendum, amendment, article, body, clause, condition, epilogue, extract, foreword, item, leaf, margin, passage, prologue, provision/proviso, sheet, sound bite, stipulation, supplement, tag, text
- 271 document, physical object:** act, agreement, analysis, annal(s), annual, article, bill, book, card, catalog/catalogue, chronicle, commitment, composition, constitution, convention, credentials, critique, deed, digest, direction(s), dispatch, docket, documentary, draft, enclosure, epistle, essay, exposition, fiction, form, guarantee, history, injunction, ledger, life, log, manifesto, material, memorandum/memo, missive, narrative, note/notes, notice, opus, pamphlet, paper/papers, pass, patent, petition, placard, poker, poster, proclamation, pronouncement, prose, reading, record, release, résumé, schedule, script, sign, survey, theme, ticket, timetable, voucher, writing
- 272 document quality:** readable, summary, terse
- 273 humorous tale:** banter, crack, joke, lampoon, parody, pun, spoof, take off, trick, wit
- 274 information:** ace in the hole, advice, analysis, announcement, back door, broadcast, buzz, calendar, cautionary tale, charge, clue, commitment, confession, construction, cybernetics, data bank, definition, digital library, direction(s), dirt, dope, excerpt, explanation, fact, freeware, grounds, guidance, guideline, hint, illumination, intelligence, key, lead, lesson, lore, material, minutiae, news, notification, on-line, plug, pointer, prognosis, prompt, proof, publicity, quotation/quote, rebuttal, recommendation, rejoinder, resolution, rumor, science, scuttlebutt, sign, sound bite, story, tidings, tip/tipoff, tutelage, warning, word
- 275 integral language parts:** adjective, antonym, bad form, barbarism, byword, catchword, cliché, euphemism, figure of speech, grammar, jargon, neologism, parlance, proverb, term, word
- 276 language:** adage, alphabet, code, dialect, expression, grammar, lingo, patter, speech, style, tongue, vocabulary, voice
- 277 media:** advertisement, correspondence, desktop publishing, infomercial, memorandum/memo, pen, prattle, rejoinder, rumor, sass, scuttlebutt, small talk, spiel, terminology, tripe, video, videocassette
- 278 object used in:** address, alert, anathema, aphorism, assertion, axiom, back talk, banter, bunk, cant, cause celebre, chatter, cliché, comment, commonplace, congratulations, contention, controversy, criticism, cue, decision, defense, derision, dialogue/dialog, dictum, dirt, dispatch, dispute,



dissidence, divination, double standard, double-talk, dressing-down, edict, eloquence, epigram, epitaph, eulogy, exaggeration, fabrication, falsity, feedback, figure of speech, fulmination, gibberish, goodbye, grace, grievance, groan, harangue, hiss, hocus-pocus, honor, impropriety, indignity, instruction, invective, invocation, issue, lament/lamentation, lecture, letter, line, litany, maxim, memorandum/memo, mis-sive, monologue, motif, motto, negation, notice, obscenity, observation, offer, oracle, order, overtone, password, phrase, platform, plea, pledge, praise, prediction, proclamation, profession, promise, propaganda, proverb, pun, put-down, quotation/quote, rebuke, reference, regards, reminder, reply, reprimand, response, return, rhyme, rubbish, sarcasm, scandal, shadow, slander, slur, story, swearing, talk, testimony, theme, tirade, translation, tribute, utterance, veracity, voice, welcome, wind, wording

- 279 organization:** bandwidth, media, newspaper, radio, television
- 280 publication:** advertisement, anthology, authority, bible, biography, brochure, cartoon, catalog/catalogue, dictionary, edition, fiction, guidebook, issue, journalism, lexicon, magazine, memoir, newspaper, organ, paper, press, reference, review, satire, text, thesaurus, treatise, volume
- 281 record:** annal(s), calendar, itinerary, program, register, roster
- 282 story:** account, anecdote, chronicle, epic, fib, folklore, lore, mystery, mythology, narrative, old wives' tale, phenomenology, poem, report, scenario, tale, version, yarn
- 283 summary:** abbreviation, abstract, annotation, breakdown, caption, citation, condensation, diagnosis, directory, heading, inventory, moral, profile, prospectus, résumé, review, rundown, schedule, summary, synopsis, tally, title
- 284 symbol:** arms, autograph, beep, capital, charm, code, cue, device, emblem, ensign, flag, flourish, graffiti, handwriting, herald, imprint, indication, John Hancock, landmark, letter, logo, notation, numeral, script, sign, spot, stripe, tag, tick, trademark, type, writing

**EDUCATION**

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- 285 educate:** address, breed, catechize, domesticate, form, ground, inculcate, initiate, instruct, lesson, orator, preach, school, speech, teach, train, tutelage, tutor
- 286 education level:** class, level, rating
- 287 objects used in:** academia, college, dissertation, education, lesson, preschool, teaching, text, thesis, tuition
- 288 organization:** academia, alma mater, college, faculty, institute/institution, school
- 289 place of:** academy, class, preschool, school
- 290 test:** acid test, audition, dissection, examination, experiment, index, inquiry,

investigation, probe, reconnaissance, trial, workout

- 291 testing:** fiddle, pace, survey, trial, try on/try out, verify

**ENTERTAINMENT**

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- 292 action:** act, amuse, antic, arrange, bill, cruise, diversion, emote, enactment, featuring, game, hype, interpret, overplay, parody, play, pretend, produce, publicize, regale, rehearse, revel, score, spotlight, takeoff, tape, translator, travesty, weatherperson
- 293 object:** absentmindedness, balloon, broadcast, butt, circus, disco, drama, elegy, farce, firecracker, humor, medium, movie, news, picture, red herring, sequel, sight, telecast, theater/theatre, videocassette
- 294 organization:** band, chorus, ensemble, gallery, orchestra

**FAMILY**

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- 295 child raising:** au pair, baby-sit, bring up, coddle, cultivate, form, mind, nanny, nurse, nurture, raise, spoon-feed, tend
- 296 family:** aristocracy, blood, bridegroom, clan, consanguinity, descendant, doll, family, folk, genealogy, house, issue, kindred, line, mate, origin, people, progeny, relation, strain, tribe
- 297 marriage:** annul, betroth, couple, desertion, elope, engagement, estrange, jilt, marry, mate, nuptials, parting, propose, separate, sever, vow, wedding, woo

**GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS**

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- 298 government action:** abdicate, abolition, administer, amnesty, cease-fire, command, depose, dethrone, dominate, enforce, exile, filibuster, override/override, reign, run in, second, tax, veto
- 299 government organization:** administration, cabinet, capitol, confederacy, cop, court, democracy, dictatorship, empire, government, jury, police/police officer, regime, sovereignty, tyranny
- 300 political action:** amnesty, arbitration, campaign, crusade, demonstration, drive, elect, endorse, mutiny, nomination, pocket, poll, reaction, revolt, riot, sedition, vote
- 301 political organization:** alliance, caucus, communism, delegation, fascism, party, side, tyranny

**HEALTH**

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- 302 birth:** bear, breed, conception, spring
- 303 change in:** ache, come down with, fit, mend, recover, remission, swoon, weary
- 304 death:** abort, curtains, decrease, die, end, expire, mortician, pass away, perish, undertaker
- 305 deathplace:** boneyard, crypt, graveyard, monument, tomb

- 306 disease:** abscess, AIDS, bacteria, bug, canker, complaint, contagion, cyst, disease, epidemic, growth, impurity, infection, inflammation, microbe, pest, pimple, rash, sickness, swelling, syndrome, virus, zit
- 307 drug:** acid, analgesic, anesthetic/anaesthetic, antibiotic, antiseptic, balm, cocaine, contraceptive, dope, hashish, heroin, LSD, medicine/medication, nostrum, painkiller, pick-me-up, poison, potion, remedy, stimulant, tablet, toxin, vaccination
- 308 event:** abort, ache, cardiac arrest, contract, cough, crick, gag, heal, massage, palpitate, pass out, rubdown, seizure, spew, suffer, take, tic, wheeze
- 309 injury:** abrasion, affliction, blister, boo boo, concussion, corrosion, damage, detriment, disadvantage, fracture, harm, inflammation, laceration, prick, rip, rust, shock, swelling, wound
- 310 medical action:** alter, autopsy, castrate, diagnose, doctor, dress, ease, heal, inoculation, massage, operation, post-mortem, remedy, therapy, transplant, treatment, vaccinate
- 311 medical instruments:** bandage, elixir, injection, lotion, moisturizer, ointment, prescription, salve, X ray
- 312 medical organization:** asylum, delivery room, headquarters, laboratory, madhouse, nursing home, office
- 313 pain:** ache, anesthesia/anaesthesia, distress, harassment, hurt, pinch, strain, suffer, torture, wrong
- 314 quality of:** able-bodied, ailing, bad, benign, burning, clean, congenital, convalescent, curable, delicate, diseased, dizzy, done in, drunk, epidemic, faint, fit, full-blooded, genetic, gory, groggy, hale, healthy, high, ill, incapacitated, inebriated, infirm, invalid, lame, light-headed, lusty, mental, nauseating, neurotic, out cold, paralytic, pestilent/pestilential, pooped, poorly, queer, robust, rugged, run-down, salutary, senile, sickly, slaphappy, solvent, sound, spent, stoned, sturdy, terminal, tough, tucked out, unfeeling, unhealthy, unsound, vertigo, wan, weak, well, wholesome, zoned
- 315 sleep:** anesthesia/anaesthesia, awake, doze, hibernate, languor, lethargy, nightmare, quiet, sleep, slumber, snore, stupor
- 316 state of:** ache, ailment, beat, complaint, cough, dementia, dislocation, epidemic, fatigue, form, hangover, health, hygiene, immunity, insanity, madness, maternity, nausea, pain, pestilence, shape, substance abuse, syndrome, trim, tumor, welfare/well-being

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## LEGAL

- 317 legal action:** absolve, acquittal, adjudicate, adoption, annulment, apprehension, arrest, bequeath, bring, charge, collar, condemn,

convict, counsel, cross-examine, decree, detain, disinherit, enforce, evidence, exculpate, extradite, impeach, incarcerate, indictment, insure, judge, legalize, lift, moderate, nail, outlaw, override/overrule, pass, pick up, plead, prohibit, prosecute, put away, rap, represent, rescind, sentence, sortie, sue, transport, try, verify, vitiate, waive, witness

- 318 objects used in legal practice:** acquittal, affidavit, bail, bench, bill, brief, case, code, court, decree, deposition, dictate, enactment, evidence, injunction, institute, jury, lawsuit, libel, mandate, ordinance, paper/papers, passage, plea, precept, principle, repeal, ruling, statute, subpoena, terms, testimonial, tribunal, waiver, writ
- 319 quality of law:** administrative, authoritative, canonical, constitutional, democratic, egalitarian, forensic, high-handed, illegitimate, inadmissible, just, lawful, legal, legitimate, on the level, punitive, unconstitutional, unprejudiced, wrongful

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## MILITARY

- 320 military action:** action, barrage, blow up, conflict, *coup d'état*, deploy, deposition, dethrone, disarm, draft, engage, enlist, explosion, incursion, induction, invade, maneuver, occupation, offensive, overthrow, rebellion, revolt, salute, station, volley, warfare
- 321 object used by military:** armory, battery, citadel, draft, fort/fortress, magazine, rampart, service
- 322 organization:** ally, artillery, brigade, corps, detachment, enemy, flotilla, legion, navy, platoon, troop/troops

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## MONETARY AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

- 323 association:** board, conglomerate, federation, grocery store, mall, market/ mart, patronage, syndicate, trust
- 324 business action:** advertise, annexation, appointment, aviation, commercialize, conclave, consultation, convention, cut a deal, dealings, depression, discharge, drudge, exchange, farm, fold, hold, incorporate, malpractice, manufacture/manufacturing, mediate, meet, merge, monopolize, patronage, pioneer, position, practice, project, promotion, publicize, push, sale, second, service, shake up, sit, specialize, stock, table, traffic, transaction, undertaking, wait on
- 325 business organization:** agency, association, bar, bureau, bureaucracy, cartel, commerce, concern, corporation, department store, dispensation, establishment, field, house, labor, management, outfit, personnel, red tape, ring, staff, syndicate, union
- 326 business quality:** accomplished, businesslike, careful, diligent, eager, enterprising, greedy, methodical/methodic, ordered, painstaking, persistent, practical, proper,

- rapacious, relentless, tenacious, up-and-coming, zealous
- 327 buying:** buy, lavish, order, pay, purchase, shop, shower, spree, take, traffic, truck
- 328 cost:** appraisal, expense
- 329 fee:** amount, bill, charge, damage(s), duty, expense, levy, overhead, price, rent, stake, tab, tax, wager
- 330 financial action:** assess, bank, bet, bidding, bring, budget, cash, deduct, deficit spending, depress, devalue, discount, economize, endorse, frugality, hock, invest, levy, mutual fund, pawn, pinch, profit, return, save, scrimp, skimp, speculation, stint, trade, transact, truck, venture
- 331 financial document:** account, book, entente, return, statement
- 332 financial object:** account, arrears, asset(s), bail, balance sheet, bill, budget, cheap, equity, insurance, investment, liability, lucre, mortgage, order, patronage, pay, pension, principal, quotation/quote, revenue, stock, treasure, voucher
- 333 financial organization:** bank, grocery store, market/mart, stock market
- 334 financial quality:** affluent, bankrupt, broke, charitable, close, commercial, costly, dear, destitute, disadvantageous, down-and-out, economic, exorbitant, extravagant, financial, fiscal, free, gainful, ghetto, good, gratis, high, impecunious, improvident, indigent, insolvent, invaluable, liberal, low, marketable, miserly, monetary, moneymaking, narrow, net, on the house, outstanding, owing, paltry, patrician, pecuniary, penurious, poor, poverty-stricken, priceless, prodigal, profligate, prosperous, rich, second-rate/ second-class, self-sufficient, sleazy, sparing, squalid, stingy, substantial, tawdry, thriving, underprivileged, unpaid, unsettled, valuable, wealthy, well-bred, well-off, well-to-do
- 335 financial state:** afford, avarice, boom, circumstances, cutback, deficit, devalue, economy, fail, frugality, inadequacy, inflation, living, need, owe, panic, pile, poverty, recession, savings, slum, squalor, thrift, value, worth
- 336 financial value state:** cost, downturn, value
- 337 gift:** acquisition, alms, atonement, balm, bequest, bonus, booty, charity, comfort, compensation, courtesy, diploma, dividend, donation, endowment, find, fruit, gain, good, gratuity, heirloom, indulgence, laurels, loot, medal, memorabilia, offering, plum, present, prize, recognition, reparation, scholarship, spoils, token, trophy, windfall
- 338 merchandise:** bargain, commodity, contraband, freight, hardware, haul, line, product, truck, wares, yield
- 339 monetary container:** bag, purse, till, treasury
- 340 money:** ace in the hole, affluence, appropriation, asset(s), bread, change, chips, contribution, deposit, donation, endowment, finances, fund, income, investment, loot,

- maintenance, mint, offering, pay, pile, recompense, reserve, resources, riches, support, wealth
- 341 money giving:** advance, buy, disburse, endow, finance, fund, lavish, misappropriate, patronize, play, recompense, reimburse, remunerate, requisite, satisfy, shell out, sponsor, subscribe, support, underwrite
- 342 money taking:** bill, bleed, collect, extortion, fleece, squeeze
- 343 ownership part:** hold, possession, proprietor
- 344 payment:** advance, bounty, commission, consideration, deal, deficit spending, disbursement, dividend, draft, earnings, expenditure, fee, gain, grant, gross, installment, kickback, pay, pension, perquisite, premium, proceeds, purse, ransom, receipts, redress, reparation, revenue, safety net, satisfaction, stake, subsidy, take, upkeep, wage/wages
- 345 selling:** auction, charge, market, peddle, sell, trade, truck
- 346 value state:** appreciation, decline, import, mark, value, worth

**PROFESSIONS**

- 347 business manager:** administrator, best shot, bureaucrat, capitalist, chief, conductor, director, emir, employer, entrepreneur, executive, financier, founder, hawker, huckster, investor, leader, manager, merchant, mover and shaker, officer, overseer, pacesetter, peasant, prime minister, professional, ringleader, shopkeeper, storekeeper, superior, taskmaster, upstart, warden
- 348 businessperson:** abettor, adjutant, adviser/ advisor, aid/aide, announcer, apprentice, archaeologist, assistant, astronaut, auditor, authority, baker, barber, bearon, broker, businessperson, buyer, caretaker, cartoonist, chair, chef, client, colleague, computer geek, conservator, consumer, correspondent, court, creator, curator, customer, dabbler, desk jockey, developer, devil's advocate, drudge, employee, envoy, espionage, explorer, fellow, flier, flyer, fortune-teller, freshman, gatekeeper, go-between, gourmet, guard, guru, hacker, hand, hawker, helper, hooker, huckster, inferior, informant/informer, inspector, interviewer, investigator, janitor, labor, liaison, machine, maverick, messenger, miser, moderator, monitor, navigator, newsman/woman, opposition, page, patron, peddler, picket, pioneer, poet, practitioner, prodigal, protégé, rat, referee, representative, reviewer, rival, sailor, scout, seaman/ woman, seller, serf, shopper, slave, snitch, speaker, spokesperson, spy, subordinate, tailor, tightwad, traveler, underling, virtuoso, wayfarer, wizard, yuppie
- 349 discipline:** affair, anthropology, archaeology, arithmetic, astronomy, botany, bulletin board, chat room, communications, cyberspace, department, domain, ergonomics,

geography, journalism, line, logic, matter, occupation, passion, philosopher, poetry, press, province, pursuit, research, school, scientist, specialty, stage, territory, undertaking, walk, work

- 350 educator:** academic, adviser/advisor, alumnus/alumna, coach, conductor, cretin, disciplinarian, egghead, faculty, freshman, graduate, half-wit, intellectual, learner, martinet, mastermind, monitor, practitioner, professor, rookie, savant, school, swami, trainer, work
- 351 employment:** ax/axe, can, commission, discharge, dismissal, elevate, employ, engage, gross, hire, job, labor, lay off, livelihood, make, occupation, oust, picket, promote, raise, relieve, resignation, retire, sack, spot, strike, work
- 352 entertainer:** acrobat, actress, aficionado, ballet dancer, character, comic, creator, director, fan, fledgling, freak, groupie, hero/heroine, humorist, inventor, luminary, magician, minion, name, originator, participant, personage/personality, player, protagonist, star, troubadour, virtuoso, zany
- 353 financier:** accountant, bean counter, broker, investor, spendthrift
- 354 government officer:** administrator, ambassador, authoritarian, autocracy, bureaucrat, consul, delegate, despot, diplomat, emir, empress, establishment, exile, fascist, figurehead, front runner, informant/informer, intermediary, leader, liaison, magistrate, master, mogul, mouthpiece, officer, oppressor, pacifist, patrol, personage/personality, police/police officer, prime minister, representative, snitch, spokesperson, tyrant, weasel
- 355 legal practitioner:** attorney, beneficiary, counsel, heir, judge, lawyer, officer, proponent, witness
- 356 media person:** commentator, journalist, newsman/woman, reporter, writer
- 357 medical practitioner:** analyst, druggist, nurse, patient, physician, researcher, therapist
- 358 military person:** combatant, conqueror, fighter, gladiator, lookout, militant, patrol, recruit, scout, seaman/woman, truant, warmonger, warrior
- 359 politician:** advocate, anarchist, apostle, arbitrator, bigot, conservative, diehard, dissident, extremist, firebrand, hostage, idealist, militant, mouthpiece, nonconformist, patron, picket, proponent, racist, reactionary, refugee, sectarian, warmonger
- 360 profession:** business, career, employment, hacker, labor, line, mission, place, science, trade, walk, work
- 361 religious person:** acolyte, angel, atheist, chaplain, conformist, creator, deacon, doubter, dreamer, evangelism, father, genie, inventor, loner, minister, monk, pagan, pastor, priest, saint, skeptic, visionary, witch, wizard
- 362 task:** affair, bee, chore, concern, duty, enterprise, exercise, function, groove,

labor, office, picnic, project, realm, role, scientist, stint, toil, work

## RECREATION

- 363 action:** acrobatics, aerobics/aerobic, athletics, boating, boxing, championship, coach, contest, dance, defeat, diversion, event, fish, gamble, game, hike, hunt, lay, lottery, match, meeting, oppose, pit, race, recreation, rehearse, rivalry, shuffle, speculation, stake, tournament, turn, venture, wager, workout
- 364 objects used in:** amusement, bicycle, equipment, game, hobby, lap, point, raffle, round, standoff, wager
- 365 organization:** conference, league, squad, team
- 366 participants:** abolitionist, aficionado, aspirant, aviator, coach, contestant, dark horse, entrant, fan, fighter, follower, geek, groupie, jock, master, moderator, observer, opposition, pedestrian, player, referee, sailor, star, underdog, winner

## RELIGIOUS

- 367 action:** anoint, baptism, bless, burial, canonize, communion, dedicate, defect, deity, enshrine, excommunicate, inter, penance, prayer, purification, wake, worship
- 368 objects used in:** abbey, bible, casket, cemetery, cloister, convent, denomination, faith, holiness, litany, monastery, necropolis, pulpit, requiem, sanctuary, service, synagogue, temple
- 369 organization:** church, congregation, Jewish, priesthood
- 370 supernatural:** abracadabra, angel, black magic, deep space, demon, divinity, elf, fairy, galaxy, ghoul, god, hell, hex, incantation, inferno, Lucifer, monster, paradise, phantom, poltergeist, purgatory, Satan, shade, Shangri-la, specter, spirit, utopia, voodoo, witchcraft, Xanadu

## SEX AND REPRODUCTION

- 371 attribute of gender:** female, femininity/feminine, he-man, macho, male, masculinity/masculine, womanly
- 372 attribute of sexuality:** AC-DC, amatory, androgynous, bisexual, celibate, close, erotic, femininity/feminine, fertility, gay, horny, kinky, lecherous, libidinous, loose, loving, masculinity/masculine, naughty, passion, peccadillo, pornography, promiscuous, prurient, raunchy, salacious, sensual, sexual, smut, spicy, sultry, thought-provoking, vice, virgin/virginal, virility, vulgar, womanly, X-rated
- 373 birth:** bear, breed, conception, spring
- 374 child bearing:** beget, delivery, generate, get, labor, procreate, propagate, spawn
- 375 sex act:** affair, assignment, caress, cohabit, copulate, couple, dalliance, dally/dally with,

deflower, fertilize, flirtation, foreplay, fornication, impregnate, kiss, love affair, mate, necking, paw, proposition, ravish, seduce, sexual assault, smooch, violate, woo

## SOCIAL INTERACTIONS

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- 376 authority:** aegis, agent, ascendancy/ascendency, carte blanche, chair, chief, civil rights, clearance, command, control, custody, domination, duty, empire, green card, impunity, jurisdiction, leadership, office, permission, power, privilege, reign, rule, supremacy, title, voice, warrant
- 377 celebration:** acclamation, banquet, carnival, commemoration, entertain, fanfare, festival, fete, gaiety, have a ball, keep, observe, pageant, parade, rally, revelry, sacrament, spree, wassail
- 378 class:** branch, breed, category, classification, denomination, division, estate, folks, genre/genus, grade, kind, mob, mold, nobility, position, rabble, rating, sort, stock, tier, variety, world
- 379 community:** colony, country, hoi polloi, people, public, society
- 380 ethnic group:** nationality, race, tribe
- 381 organization:** affiliate, agency, assembly, brigade, combination, committee, crew, department, foundation, guild, institute/institution, league, movement, partnership, ring, society, union
- 382 part of a group:** chapter, plurality, sect
- 383 party:** affair, blowout, entertainment, gala, orgy, reception, show business, tear
- 384 social action:** abuse, advance(s), amends, appeal, associate, betray, blackball, booking, break the ice, carouse, cohabit, come upon, compel, conduct, cool, court, cultivate, disaffect, disgrace, disorganize, encounter, engagement, entertain, escapade, estrange, faux pas, fete, flirt, flock, fornication, fraternize, frisk, get a kick out of, go together/go with, hanky-panky, hold, host, induct, infringe, interfere, interrupt, invitation, jilt, know, lose, make up, mask, mediate, meet, mingle, mishandle/mismanage, network, oblige, observe, overture, part, pass, patronize, pick up, poke, powwow, prank, program, prostrate, pursue, rampage, reception, reconcile, regale, rendezvous, reprisal, respond, retribution, revelry, riot, romp, seat, second, separate, share, show business, sit, snoop, socialize, spree, squire, step in, stunt, tantrum, throw over, toy, trespass, truckle, usurp, wallow, woo
- 385 social change:** breakup, give in/give up, succumb
- 386 social event:** adventure, ball, bells and whistles, binge, bustle, caricature, ceremony, clown, conference, debut, dissipation, entertainment, exhibition, exposition, feature, fiesta, frolic, function, gathering, inauguration, memorial, merriment/merrymaking, occasion, parade, rally, rite, rumpus, sacrament

- 387 social organization:** association, brotherhood, clan, clique, congregation, crowd, fraternity, entourage, fellowship, gang, high society, league, order, society
- 388 social state:** abasement, affirmative action, association, awkwardness, behind, belonging, bond, breach, breeding, calm, care, celebrity, censorship, circumstances, class, coherence, companionship, complicity, concord, conjunction, consanguinity, contact, cooperation, courtesy, credit, culture, degree, détente, dignity, diplomacy, disagreement, disfavor, disharmony, disorder, dissolution, disturbance, duty, echelon, eminence, entertainment, entry, estate, excitement, falling-out, familiarity, fellowship, fidelity, foreplay, friendship, fun, fuss, genre/genus, get along, glory, height, hit it off, hospitality, hubbub, humiliation, immunity, infidelity, intrigue, juncture, laissez-faire, lather, level, liberty, luxury, marriage, men's movement, mortification, mutiny, nepotism, nobility, nonviolence, notoriety, odium, opprobrium, partnership, piffle, place, pleasure, polygamy, popularity, predicament, prestige, rage, rapport, rate, relationship, reproach, reputation, ruckus, rupture, seclusion, servitude, shame, situation, society, sophistication, split, standing, state, status, stillness, stink, support, sympathy, taste, terms, tomfoolery, uncertainty, variance, whirl

## LIFE FORMS

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### BEINGS

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- 389 beings:** being, cell, creature, egg, individual, organism, soul
- 390 former beings:** body, carcass/carcase, corpse
- 391 group of beings:** band, group, world
- 392 limb or appendage of:** ankle, back, beak, branch, butt/buttocks, chest, derriere, duff, extremity, fanny, finger, flesh, freckle, hair, head, leg, lip, microorganism, mouth, posterior, rump, skin, tail, trunk, wig, wisp
- 393 organ:** abdomen, bacteria, blood, bowels, dentures, false teeth, heart, mind, muscle, seed, spine, tummy, vein

### BEINGS, ANIMAL

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- 394 animal:** adult, beast, buck, cat, chicken, cock, cur, father, frog, goat, half-breed, horse, hybrid, litter, mongrel, monster, parasite, pig, stock, young
- 395 bird:** bird, chicken
- 396 fish:** aquarium, aquatic
- 397 group of animals:** drove, herd, insect, pack, stock, team
- 398 insect:** bee, grub, pest
- 399 limb or appendage of:** bill, coat, feather, fur, manure, mop, pelt, scale, trunk, wing
- 400 mammal:** cat, dog, father, goat, hound, mother, pig

## GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

**401 attribute of behavior:** abstemious, accident-prone, acid, acrimonious, adamant, affable, affectionate, agreeable, aimless, aloof, amuck, animated, anxious, arbitrary, ardent, arrogant, ascetic, attentive, austere, avid, backhanded, bad, barbarian, barbarous, beaming, belligerent, big, blindly, boisterous, bossy, brassy, brazen, brusque, cagey, calm, capricious, casual, cavalier, cheeky, chill, chummy, clumsy, cocky/cocksure, combative, comic/comical, compassionate, complaisant, compulsive, conciliatory, considerate, contemptuous, contrary, convivial, cordial, corrupt, courageous, courtly, cowardly, crabby/crabbed, cranky, craven, crutchy, cruel, cunning, daring, dauntless, debonair, decent, decided, defensive, defiant, deliberately, delightful, delirious, demure, detached, diffident, disagreeable, disarming, discreet, disgruntled, disinterested, disobedient, disorderly, disputatious, disruptive, dissolute, distraught, divisive, doctrinaire, dolorous, doting, double-dealing, draconian, eager, easy, edgy, effervescent, emotionless, envious, equable, evasive, even-tempered, excitable, exuberant, faithful, fake, false, fanatical, favorably, fearful, feigned, ferocious, fervent/fervid, fickle, fiery, finicky, flamboyant, flighty, flirtatious, foolhardy, foolishly, forceful, forward, fractious, freely, fretful, frivolous, fussy, gamely, genteel, glacial, gluttonous, goody-goody, graceless, grandiose, gritty, gruff, gung ho, halfhearted, hardhearted, haram-scarum, headstrong, hearty, helpless, high and mighty, high-handed, high-strung, holier-than-thou, hot, huffy, humble, hypocritical, idle, ill-mannered, ill-natured, ill-tempered, impatient, impertinent, impolite, importunate, impudent, inactive, inconsiderate, ingratiating, inhuman/inhumane, innocuous, insidious, insubordinate, intractable/intransigent, introverted, invidious, irreconcilable, irreverent, jaded, jaunty, jazzed-up, jovial, jumpy, keen, kittenish, lax, lecherous, lethargic, liberal, lifeless, light-headed, litigious, lofty, loquacious, loud, loving, Machiavellian, maladroit, malicious, mannered, martial, mean, meat-eating, menacing, merciful, mercurial, militant, mischievous, miserly, mousy, munificent, naive, nasty, naughty, neglectful, neighborly, nervy, nomadic, noncompliant, nonconformist, nosy, obedient, obliging, obsequious, obtrusive, offhand, on edge, on purpose, orderly, ostentatious, overbearing, overwrought, parsimonious, passionate, peevish, pent-up, peppy, peripatetic, permissive, pert, petulant, philosophical/philosophic, phobic, pitiless, plaintive, playful, plucky, politic, pompous, pragmatic, precipitous/precipitate, predatory, presumptuous, prickly, prissy, profane, prompt, propitious, provident,

prudish, puerile, pumped, puritanical, quarrelsome, quick-tempered, racy, raffish, rash, ready, rebellious, reckless, regardful, relentless, remiss, remorseless, renegade, repugnant, resigned, responsible, restless, restrained, retiring, revolutionary, rocky, rollicking, rootin'-tootin', rousing, rude, runaway, ruthless, safe, sanctimonious, sassy, savage, scintillating, secluded, self-conscious, self-righteous, sentimental, serpentine, severe, shameful, sheepish, shifty, short-sighted, shy, simple, sincere, skittish, slippery, sluggish, small, smooth, snappy, snide, snooty, sober, soft, solid, sophomoric, spineless, spontaneous, sporting/sportive, sprightly, square, staid, starchy, staunch, stealthy, stiff, stinging, stoic/stoical, stony, strained, strait-laced, strenuous, stringent, stuck-up, suave, submissive, subversive, supercilious, supine, surly, sympathetic, tactful, tame, tearful, tempestuous, tender, tense, thankful, theatrical, thieving/thievish, thoughtful, tight, tipsy, touchy, traitorous, treasonous, truculent, true-blue, turbulent, two-faced, unaffected, unasked, unattached, unbridled, uncivilized, uncontrollable, uncouth, undependable, underhand, unemotional, unfriendly, unguarded, unintentional/unintended, unkind, unmerciful, unprejudiced, unreasonable, unrelenting, unruly, unseemly, unsettled, unsophisticated, unsympathetic, untoward, unwary, unwise, unworldly, uppity, urbane, vainglorious, valorous, vengeful, vibrant, vicious, vigilant, violent, virile, vital, volatile, wacky, wanton, warm, wary, watchful, wayward, well-bred, wicked, willful, wily, winning/winsome, witless, yellow, zany, zealous

**402 attribute of intelligence:** able, abstruse, accident-prone, acute, alert, analytic/analytical, apt, astute, aware, bewildered, blind, brilliant, canny, cerebral, clairvoyant, clever, cognizant, common-sense, comprehensible, considered, conversant, cunning, deducible, delirious, designedly, dim, dizzy, down-to-earth, dumb, eagle-eyed, efficient, empty, empty-headed, erudite, expert, farsighted, feebleminded, frivolous, gullible, hazy, idiotic, illiterate, impressionable, incomprehensible, ineligible, inexperienced, ingenious, inquisitive, insipid, intelligent, inventive, judicious, knowing, learned, logical, lucid, mindful, moronic, not born yesterday, observant, omniscient, penetrating, perceptive, philosophical/philosophic, privy, proficient, psychic, quick-witted, rational, reasonable, sagacious, sane, savvy, scholarly, seasoned, sensible, shallow, shrewd, skillful, slow, soft, studious, subtle, thick, thoughtless, unaware, uneducated, uninformed, unknowing, vacant, versed, veteran, weak, well-balanced, well-defined, wide-awake, with-it

**403 attribute of mentality:** aback, absconder, absent-minded, absorbing, accustomed,

- affected, afraid, aghast, alert, amatory, angry, apathetic, apprehensive, assumed, attentive, averse, bad, beaten, believable, berserk, bewildered, bigoted, bleak, blue, breathless, broad-minded, brokenhearted, burning, captive, cautious, cheerful, chipper, clairvoyant, compassionate, concerned, confused, contemplative, contented, crabby/crabbed, crazy, cross, curious, daffy, dearly, dejected, delirious, depressed, desolate, desperately, disaffected, disbelieving, disconcerted, discontented/discouraging, disenchanting, disgusted, disillusioned, disinterested, dispirited, dissident, distressed, doleful, dotty, down, downcast, dumbfounded, elated, emotional, enamored, enraged, excited, exultant, fed up, firm, flushed, forgetful, forlorn, frenetic, frightened, fulfilled, furious, glad, gleeful, glum, grateful, grief-stricken, gut, half-baked, happily, hard, hard-boiled, harried, headstrong, heartsick, high, hopeful, huffy, hysterical, ill-tempered, impassioned, inattentive, inconsolable, indifferent, indiscriminate, insane, insecure, intent, interested, intoxicated, irate, irresolute, jaundiced, jovial, joyful/joyous, jubilant, keen, languid, lethargic, livid, lonesome, loony, low, lukewarm, mad, malleable, manic/maniacal, mental, mindful, mirthful, mixed-up, morbid, mournful, narrow-minded, nerveless, neurotic, new age, normal, numb, nuts/nutty, objectivity, observant, obsessed, off-guard, one-sided, on the fence, opposed/opposing, overjoyed, partial, pensive, pent-up, petrified, phlegmatic, platonic, pooped, predisposed, prepared, profound, provincial, psyched, psychological, pumped, punch-drunk, puzzled, rabid, radical, rapacious, realistic, regretful, restless, rigid, rueful, salacious, sanguine, saturnine, sectarian, self-assured, sensitive, sick, skeptical, small-minded, solicitous, sore, sorry, sound, spellbound, steady, strong, stupefied, sulky, susceptible, tearful, tender, testy, thirsty, thoughtless, tired, torn, tough, ugly, unbalanced, uncaring, uncommitted, undecided, unemotional, unfeeling, uninterested, unsound, untroubled, upbeat, versed, wacky, wary, weary, wide-awake, wishful, woebegone, wrathful, wretched
- 404 attribute of personality:** aboveboard, adventurous, airy, amenable, approachable, arrogant, assertive, assured, august, bashful, belonging to, big-hearted, blasé, blithe, boastful, boorish, brash, buoyant, callous, captious, catty, charming, cheeky, childlike, chilly, churlish, clear, clinical, cocky/cocksure, co-dependent, colorful, combative, confident, cool, coy, culpable, cute, dainty, dastardly, dedicated, delicate, demonic/demoniac/demoniacal, dependent, despicable, determined, dewy-eyed, die-hard, dignified, dispassionate, distant, dynamic, easygoing, egocentric, egotistic/egoistic, embittered, endearing, engaging, even-tempered, exalted, exemplary, feckless, finicky, flatulent, forbearing, forward, free, frigid, gallant, garrulous, generous, genteel, glacial, good, good-humored, good-natured, gregarious, gutless, halcyon, happy-go-lucky, hardhearted, hard-nosed/hardheaded, hell-bent, high and mighty, high-strung, hyperactive, icy, ill-natured, immovable, imperturbable, individual, indulgent, infamous, inherent, innocent, insouciant, intrinsic, inveterate, irresponsible, jazzed-up, kindhearted, kosher, laid-back, latent, liberal, likable, loutish, low, loyal, magnetic, matronly, meritorious, mincing, miserly, mulish, native, nice, nonchalant, obedient, obsequious, odd/oddball, officious, openhearted, open-minded, opprobrious, ossified, outspoken, particular, peculiar, perfidious, persistent, personable, philanthropic, pig-headed, predictable, prim, proper, pushy, quick-tempered, recluse/reclusive, reserved, rotten, saintly, Satanic, selective, self-assured, self-centered, self-confident, self-conscious, self-satisfied, self-sufficient, shabby, shifty, slothful, snotty, spick-and-span, spotless, spunky, squeamish, staid, standoffish, stoic/stoical, stubborn, suave, sweet, thick-skinned, trustworthy/trusty, unapproachable, unpretentious, unsuspecting, uppity, vain, valorous, virile, vocal, winning, wishy-washy, zealous, zippy
- 405 essential property of life forms:** allergy, body, dotage, hygiene, sense, sensitivity
- 406 essential quality of life forms:** adult, animal, awake, barefoot, blank, breathless, brunette/brunet, buxom, corpulent, curvaceous, deadpan, drowsy, exhausted, expecting, fair, fleshy, full, glassy, hairless, high, hungry, inborn/inbred, innate, intestinal/intestine, intrinsic, light, lumbering, predatory, primitive, promising, ravenous, rich, sensory, smooth, starving/starved, thin-skinned, tipsy, untamed, wild
- 407 existential state:** be, casualty, endangered, exist, fettle, gone, loss, matter, nature, nothing/nothingness, outlast, presence, spirit, subsist, threaten, zero, zilch
- 408 gender:** female, femininity/feminine, he-man, macho, male, masculinity/masculine
- 409 intelligence:** acquaintance, anticipation, apprehension, attention, bent, capacity, clarity, cognizance/cognition, comprehension, consciousness, creativity, darkness, depth, education, empathy, erudition, expertise/expertness, familiarity, feeling, foresight, genius, grasp, head, ignorance, imagination, innocence, intellect, interpretation, invention, ken, know-how, learning, literacy, mentality, misconception, nirvana, observation, perception, proficiency, sagacity, sanity, scholarship, sensibility, skill, soul, understanding, wit/wits, workmanship
- 410 mentality:** abhorrence, absentmindedness, abstraction, ache, aggravation, agonize, alarm, allergy, amazement, angst, anticipa-

tion, apathy, assurance, attention, attrition, awe, bathos, behalf, belonging, bitterness, boast, bosom, breast, buoyancy/buoyance, capitulation, care, censure, cheer, clemency, cogitation, comfort, complex, compulsion, conception, confusion, consideration, constancy, content, contrition, corollary, credit, curiosity, darkness, decision, deference, delight, delirium, dementia, dependence/dependency, design, despair, difficulty, disaffection, discipline, discomfiture, discontent, discrimination, disinclination, disorder, disquiet, distraction, disturbance, dolor, dumps, ecstasy, elation, emotion, enjoyment, envy, esprit de corps, exaltation, excitement, exhilaration, expectation, exultation, fat city, felicity, firmness, fog, forbearance, foresight, forgetfulness, frame of mind, free will, fret, frustration, funk, fury, glee, gratification, grief, happiness, heart, heartbreak, heaven, hoopla, huff, humanity, humor, idiocy, impulse, indignity, insight, introspection, jealous, joy, kick, lament/lamentation, letdown, levity, madness, mania, melancholy, merriment/merrymaking, mirth, monotony, mope, mortification, mourning, nausea, neglect, nervous breakdown, neurosis, objection, observance, obsession, optimism, outlook, panic, paroxysm, pathos, penance, perception, pessimism, pity, Pollyanna, pout, pre-cognition, premonition, presence, psyche, push, qualm, rage, rapture, red herring, rejoice, repent, repose, resent, resignation, resolution, restlessness, ruckus, sadness, satisfaction, security, self-satisfaction, sensibility, sentiment, servitude, simmer, slump, solace, sorrow, soul-searching, status quo, strain, stress, surprise, sympathy, telepathy, temperament, tension, tolerance, torpor, trance, triumph, umbrage, unrest, vanity, waver, wonder, worry, zeal, zest

**411 personality:** aggression, arrogance, artifice, atrocity, audacity, bearing, best, bravery, buoyancy/buoyance, calm, character, charisma, charm, compliance, confidence, courage, dash, dedication, determination, disposition, distinction, effrontery, egoism/egotism, empathy, endurance, enterprise, esprit de corps, eye, fettle, fight, foible, fortitude, gall, generosity, gentility, go, good will/goodwill, grit, gusto, hauteur, heroism, hubris, identity, ilk, individuality, inhibition, innocence, kind, laziness, longevity, magnetism, manner, martyrdom, mettle, might, monstrosity, morale, motivation, mystique, nerve, obedience, oomph, patience, penchant, perseverance, pizzazz, point, potency, presence of mind, prima donna, proclivity, property, psyche, qualify, reputation, savor, self-respect/self-esteem, shortcoming, soul, spirit, spunk, stamina, staying power, taste, temper, tenacity, thing, trick, twist, valor, verve, vigor, vitality, weakness, willpower, zeal, zing, zip

## HUMANS

- 412 bad person:** accessory, accuser, adversary, aggressor, alarmist, antagonist, ass, assassin, authoritarian, barbarian, bigmouth, bottom feeder, bum, burglar, cad, captive, charlatan, clod, cold fish, conspirator, criminal, crook, culprit, deadbeat, delinquent, demon, derelict, desperado, devil, dirty old man, dolt, do-nothing, dope, dregs, drone, dumbbell, dunce, enemy, espionage, exile, failure, fall guy, femme fatale, fighter, firebrand, fool, fugitive, gangster, glutton, good-for-nothing, gossip, grump, hellion, hobo, hot dog, hypocrite, imbecile, impostor, incubus, insurgent, intruder, Judas, killer, klutz, know-it-all, lawbreaker, lemon, loafer, loser, lummoX, mad person, maniac, menace, misanthrope, miser, mole, mountebank, naysayer, ne'er-do-well, nuisance, nut, ogre, organized crime, parasite, pawn, pessimist, pill, placebo, prodigal, prostitute, psychopath, quack, rascal, renegade, rogue, ruffian, sap, scamp, schlemiel, Scrooge, shirked, shyster, simpleton, skinflint, sleazebag, sneak, sourpuss, spy, swinder, tattletale/tattler, thug, tool, traitor, troll, truant, tyrant, vandal, wanton, whipping boy, wimp, witch
- 413 community group member:** aborigine, denizen, émigré, foreigner, hick, immigrant, innovator, migrant, newcomer, outsider, pioneer, proletariat, refugee, rustic, subject, yokel
- 414 family member:** ancestor, antecedent(s), baby, brother, conservationist, descendant, father, fiancé/fiancée, forefather, guardian, heir, he-man, hybrid, issue, kid, kindred, man, newborn, occupant, orphan, paramedic, partner, progeny, relative, scion, senior, spitting image, successor, sweetheart, trustee, ward, young, youngster/youth
- 415 female:** bachelor, broad, dated, dish, girlfriend, Jezebel, nymph, sister, wife, woman
- 416 good person:** ace, benefactor, do-gooder, dreamer, expert, hero/heroine, idealist, intellectual, missionary, peacemaker, pet, prodigy, pundit, victor, visionary, whiz, wit
- 417 group of people:** anybody, army, attendance, band, board, cadre, circle, class, clique, company, contingent, corps, crew, crush, elite, entourage, everybody/everyone, federation, flesh, force, gathering, horde, huddle, humanity, legion, member, mob, mortality, muster, pack, people, personnel, practice, rabble, set, squad, swarm, throng, troop/troops, turnout
- 418 limb or appendage:** ankle, bosom, braid, bristle, can, coiffure, elbow, pore, wrinkle
- 419 male:** bachelor, boyfriend, brother, father, groom, he-man, husband, lad, man, wanton
- 420 organ:** backbone, bone, heart, spine, tummy, vein
- 421 racial group member:** kin, relation, tribe
- 422 royalty:** crown, noble, potentate



- 423 social group member:** accuser, addict, adventurer, alarmist, alien, alter ego, apprentice, aristocrat, aspirant, associate, augur, bachelor, beau, beginner, beloved, beneficiary, best-seller, bigot, birds of a feather, black sheep, boor, boyfriend, brownnose, buddy, buffoon, bum, busybody, butterfingers, captive, celebrity, character, chum, civilian, clod, cohort, colleague, comic, company, comrade, conformist, conquest, consort, correspondent, coward, cretin, cynic, daredevil, date, dear, deserter, devil's advocate, diehard, disciple, dissident, do-gooder, dolt, donor, do-nothing, dope, doubting Thomas, driver, drunk/drun kard, dullard, dummy, dupe, elitist, emissary, entrant, epicurean, escort, exile, exponent, extremist, eyewitness, fan, favorite, fiancé/fiancée, figure, fink, flame, follower, fop, fortune-teller, freak, fuddy-duddy, gigolo, go-between, gourmet, grouch, guardian, guide, half-wit, hangeron, helper, herald, hippie, homeboy, humanitarian, iconoclast, idol, informant/informer, intimate, intruder, jester, joker, killjoy, know-it-all, layperson, liaison, loner, lout, lover, machine, marionette, mate, mediator, mind reader, misfit, mother, namby-pamby, name-dropper, negotiator, neophyte, noble, nobody/nonentity, notable, nouveau riche, nut, oddity/oddball, odds-on-favorite, on-looker, outcast, pagan, pantywaist, pariah, partisan, passenger, patron, peer, personage/personality, philanderer, pill, plebeian, prey, proletariat, prophet, protagonist, pundit, pushover, ragamuffin, recluse, rival, second, seer, sidekick, sissy, slacker, snoop, somebody, sourpuss, spendthrift, sponsor, square, stick-in-the-mud, stranger, subordinate, suitor, support/supporter, sweetheart, target, tattletale/tattler, tenant, tool, trainee, trustee, umpire, underling, urchin, vagabond, veteran, visitor, waif, wayfarer, weirdo, windbag, witness, womanizer, yes-person, zany
- 424 traits:** adolescent, babe, beauty, boy, child, colossus, debutante, doll, elder, fetus, freak, girl, grown-up, invalid, kid, midget, mossback, neophyte, nymph, old-timer, pip-squeak, senior, toddler, tyro, young, youngster/youth

## PLANTS

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- 425 flower:** bloom, bouquet, flower
- 426 fruit:** berry, produce
- 427 growth or death of:** bloom, bud, germinate, growth, wilt, wither
- 428 part:** bark, branch, cereal, flavoring, foliage, grain, juice, limb, nut, pod, scion, shell, stalk, trunk
- 429 plant:** algae, bramble, bush, crop, fossil, grass, harvest, hybrid, organism, produce, wreath
- 430 tree:** timber, wood/woods
- 431 vegetable:** produce

## OBJECTS

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### ARTICLES, PHYSICAL

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- 432 group of:** accrual, admixture, aggregate, anthology, armada, arsenal, assortment, bale, battery, blend, bolt, bundle, canon, cavalcade, clot, clump, clutter, column, compilation, composite, concentration, concourse, conglomeration, crush, deposit, drove, everything, flock, fusion, gridlock, hash, herd, host, jumble, knot, load, lump, mass, mélange, mishmash, mix/mixture, mob, mound, multitude, navy, odds and ends, pack, pair, party, pile, potpourri, queue, residue, scads, score/scores, set, stew, stuff, surge, through, tuft, variety, whole
- 433 object:** anything, entity, individual, matter, something, tableware, thing
- 434 part of:** aspect, carcass/carcase, cubicle, pigeonhole
- 435 place:** asylum, base, center, depot, haunt, heaven, inferno, mecca, repository, store-room
- 436 shape:** angle, arch, bead, bulb, check, coil, contortion, convolution, crescent, curve, dogleg, effigy, globe, kink, labyrinth, line, loop, mold, orbit, rainbow, ring, rod, round, sphere, streak, wave, whorl

### ATMOSPHERE

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- 437 air:** billow, breath, bubble, draft, effervescence, fumes, puff, vapor

### BUILDINGS, POSSESSIONS

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- 438 arena:** aquarium, bazaar, coliseum, field, hall, mecca, stage
- 439 building:** abbey, architecture, armory, asylum, bakery, bar, booth, cathedral, club, construction, court, department store, dock, edifice, emergency room, factory, food court, fort/fortress, framework, garrison, greasy spoon, hacienda, hangout, headquarters, hotel, inn, institute/institution, jetty, laboratory, mansion, mental hospital, monastery, mosque, museum, nursing home, office, pavilion, penitentiary, plant, prison, rampart, repository, ruins, sanctuary, shrine, skyscraper, stockade, storeroom, structure, temple, theater/theatre, treasury, warehouse, wharf
- 440 building part:** aisle, annex, attic, balcony, bay, bleachers, buttress, ceiling, chimney, closet, concourse, corridor, den, dome, egress, entry, fireplace, flue, gallery, gazebo, hall, locker, nook, passage/passageway, platform, post, recess, stack, step, threshold, vent, wing
- 441 business place:** agency, boutique, bureau, foyer, lobby, shop, store, wing
- 442 foundation:** backbone, basis, bottom, cornerstone, foot, groundwork, kiosk, nitty-gritty, rock, seat, support
- 443 furniture:** altar, banister, bench, booth,

bunk, cabinet, chair, couch, crib, davenport, dresser, furnishings, futon, jetty, lectern, partition, perch, platform, pulpit, rail/railing, screen, secretary, stand, wardrobe

- 444 furniture accessory:** bedding, candlestick, chandelier, cushion
- 445 furniture part:** button, gate, knob, ledge, picket, post, screen, shelf, step, tap, valve
- 446 personal item:** adornment, amulet, beads, best-seller, briefcase, cache, cargo, charm, contraceptive, disguise, effects, equipment, favorite, gem, glasses, handbag, jewelry, knickknack, luggage, marionette, memorabilia, necklace, novelty, object d'art, odds-on-favorite, paraphernalia, pledge, possession, pride, puppet, purse, resources, ring, souvenir, stuff, supplies, sustenance, thing/things, trappings, trifle, valuable
- 447 recreation area:** cabaret, hangout, landmark
- 448 room:** alcove, attic, bath, bedroom, boutique, cellar, den, enclosure, foyer, gin mill, hall, lavatory, loft, outhouse, parlor, restaurant, saloon, shop, stage, store, tenement, theater/theatre, vestibule
- 449 workplace:** bakery, bazaar, brothel, business, café, canteen, church, conservatory, dairy, depot, dive, dungeon, emporium, exchange, farm, flophouse, gallery, hangout, hotel, jail, landfill, madhouse, market/mart, mine, museum, office, outlet, plant, port, pub, reformatory, saloon, store, tavern, warehouse, whorehouse

## CLOTHING

- 450 accessory:** bag, belt, buckle, collar, pocket-book, purse, satchel
- 451 clothing:** apparel, array, bathing suit, cape, clothes/clothing, costume, dress, dungarees, falsies, frock, garment, girdle, gown, hat, jacket, negligee, nylons, pajamas, pants, quilt, scarf, skirt, suit, swimsuit, thing/things, trappings, underwear, veil, wash, wrap
- 452 part:** collar, crown, pocket, strand, tiara
- 453 state of dress:** bareness, nudity, try on/try out, wear

## FOOD AND DRINK

- 454 beverage:** alcohol, coffee, drink, potable
- 455 beverage, alcoholic:** beer, liquor
- 456 change in:** curdle, turn
- 457 food:** appetizer, bite, brew, bun, casserole, condiment, cracker, diet, doughnut, feed, frosting, grub, helping, hors d'oeuvre, left-over, macaroni, meat, nosh, nurture, nutrition, pastry, produce, refreshment, seasoning, stew, subsistence, support, sweet, treat, vittles
- 458 food part:** morsel, nip, taste, tidbit
- 459 meal:** banquet, bite, buffet, diet, fare, picnic, repast, spread, table
- 460 produced from animal:** comfort food, feed, food, frosting, grub, hero, macaroni, sandwich, submarine, vittles
- 461 produced from plant:** condiment, dough-

nut, loaf, pastry, produce, stew, sweet

**462 quality of:** acerbity, baked, done, edible, mellow, nourishing, perishable, rare, ripe, salty, short, stale, strong, sweet, unappetizing, weak, wholesome

## MACHINES

- 463 machine:** accordion, apparatus, artificial intelligence, brake, camera, clock, contraption, dashboard, device, doodad, droid, engine, fire alarm, foghorn, gadget, gizmo, installation, jet, machinery, model, personal computer, printer, smoke detector, stove, television, watch, widget
- 464 machine part:** anchor, axle, cog, engine, gear, motor, pivot, tap, vent, wheel

## MATTER, CONDITIONS OF

- 465 gas:** fart, jet, miasma
- 466 gel:** balm, clot, dip, liniment, ointment, paste, salve, sunscreen
- 467 liquid:** alcohol, cream, drool, enamel, essence, fluid, fuel, gush, juice, matter, moisture, ooze, petroleum, precipitation, shower, spit, surge, tear/tears, water
- 468 liquid part:** cream, froth
- 469 physical change:** ablate, bubble, cloud, coagulation, color, congeal, contraction, crumble, darken, decompose, degenerate, die, disintegrate, dissolution, distend, eat, evaporate, exhaust, fester, flake, flatten, flush, foul, give, go out, growth, heat, languish, metamorphosis, ossify, putrefy, redden, rot, settle, solidify, stiffen, thaw, tighten, turn, wilt
- 470 solid:** band, barricade, baton, blockade, brace, cake, clot, clump, dam, fossil, glob, hunk, ice, lump, mirror, night stick, obstruction, partition, pole, prop, rod, wand, weight
- 471 solid part:** arm, back, beam, bolt, button, chute, corner, flap, hinge, hunk, knot, ligature, lump, node/nodule, nugget, patch, powder, protuberance, rung, slab, splinter, strap, support, wedge

## MATTER, DIVISIONS OF

- 472 chemical:** alkali, ammonia, antiseptic
- 473 fabric:** apparel, bedding, canvas, cloth, flag, mesh, napkin, pad/padding, quilt, screen, yarn
- 474 gem:** rock, stone
- 475 material:** appointment, blanket, cast, cloak, coating, glue, lace, lasso, line, pad/padding, page, paper, pipe, plate, pole, rope, slip, strand, strap, tab, tack, tape, toxin, twine, wash
- 476 metallic:** alloy, badge, chain, iron, metal, ornament
- 477 mineral:** rock, stone
- 478 natural element:** allergen, bonfire, cell, embers, film, flame, rock, substance
- 479 wood:** beam, cane, fence, girder, paddle,

picket, pole, rack, rail/railing, splinter, stake, timber

### MATTER, QUALITIES OF

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- 480 balance:** asymmetrical, dizzy, inequitable, odd, proportionate/proportional, slaphappy, symmetrical, unequal, vertigo, woozy
- 481 capacity:** brimming/brimful, compact, crowded, full, spacious, teeming, void
- 482 continuity:** broken, continuous, disconnected, disjointed, durable, endless, episodic, fitful, indelible, lengthy, never-ending, numberless, ongoing, perfect, sequential, solid, spasmodic, through, timeless, unbroken, unending, uninterrupted
- 483 density:** airtight, close, concentrated, cramped, dense, fraught, hollow, impermeable, petrified, solid, teeming, tight
- 484 exteriority:** adjunct, annex, bound/bounds, brink, casing, circumference, confines, cover, cushion, exterior, extremity, fringe, horizon, husk, lip, membrane, outer, outside, perimeter, pod, rim, sheet, skin, surface, verge
- 485 physical:** abhorrent, acid, adulterated, aesthetic/esthetic, alimentary, atomic, bad, bare, bearded, bedridden, blank, blunt, broken, burning, chintzy, combustible, corrugated, cozy, crumbly, curable, decayed, deformed, desolate, dilapidated, diluted/dilute, dirty, disheveled, disorderly, disrepair, done in, drawn, ducky, effervescent, erect, expectant, exposed, flamm, fat, fatty, fireproof, flaccid, flammable, foamy, formless, fragile, free, frothy, gaping, ghetto, gnarled, good, grimy, gruesome, hardy, immature, impalpable, impotent, inconspicuous, incurable, infirm, insubstantial, invisible, knurled, leafy, lifeless, livable, loose, magnificent, mangy, material, mean, mild, misshapen, moth-eaten, muscular, nasty, neat, noxious, oblique, obvious, on-the-blink, open-and-shut, orderly, pacific, palpable, paltry, pathetic, pendulous/pendent, perishable, physical, pitiful, plain, premature, prickly, prolific, prostrate, pure, quizzical, rambling, rank, rocky, rough, run-down, savage, scraggly, seedy, shabby, shaggy, shoddy, slack, slimy, slovenly, snug, somber, speckled, splendid, squalid, stark, stony, surface, symmetrical, tacky, tense, thorny, tidy, topsy-turvy, tousled, tumescent, unblemished, uncomfortable, unfinished, unorganized, untouched, vague, visual, watery, weary, wizened, worn/worn-out
- 486 shape:** angular, beaten, billowy, checkered, concave, conical/conic, crescent, curly, deformed, elliptical, flat, gnarled, kinky, misshapen, obtuse, round, shapeless, spiral, straight
- 487 similarity:** akin, analogous, closely, comparable, comparative, different, equivalent, homogenous, interchangeable, like-minded, related, same, similar, tantamount, uniform,

virtually

- 488 stability:** adhesive, brittle, choppy, ductile, fast, firmly, flexible, immobile, insecure, lissom, motionless, moving, ramshackle, rickety, secure, shaky, soft, solvent, stable, steady, supple, taut, tractable, unstable/unsteady, weak, wooden, yielding
- 489 strength:** able-bodied, athletic, breakable, durable, feeble, flimsy, frail, full-blooded, full-bodied, hardy, impregnable, indomitable, invincible, leathery, mighty, potent, powerless, resilient, rocky, stalwart, strapping, sturdy, tenuous, tough, unsuccessful, weak
- 490 structure:** airtight, amorphous, baggy, beaten, blind, cavernous, clean-cut, cleft, conglomerate, crooked, curved, delicate, detached, ductile, emaciated, flabby, flush, gaping, hollow, irregular, level, oblique, pointed, rude, scrawny, sheer, slender/slim, spare, stout, sunken, trim, wiry
- 491 weight:** anorexic, beaten, cadaverous, chunky, dainty, emaciated, fat, fleshy, gargantuan, giant, haggard, hefty, lean, lightweight, meager, overweight, ponderous, portly, rangy, roly-poly, round, skinny, slender/slim, spare, stocky, stubby, tenuous, thin, trim, underweight, weighty, wiry

### TOOLS

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- 492 cleaner:** antiseptic, deodorant, polish
- 493 cooking:** barbecue, china, pan, scoop, utensil
- 494 container:** bag, barrel, basket, bowl, briefcase, cabinet, can, carton, cask, cell, chest, coffin, crate, decanter, envelope, frying pan, hamper, jug, kettle, luggage, mug, package, pan, pitcher, pot, pouch, receptacle, trunk, vessel
- 495 cutting:** blade, dagger, knife
- 496 equipment:** harness, kit, pack, plant, tackle, trappings
- 497 grasping:** bond, catch, curb, manacle
- 498 part:** ammunition, hook, pivot, round, shot
- 499 tool:** accordion, ax/axe, brace, brush, chain, clamp, conduit, contraption, dagger, device, doodad, drill, fastener, gadgetry, hardware, instrument, knife, lock, night stick, paddle, pipe, ruler, tableware, valve, wedge, widget
- 500 weapon:** A-bomb, armament(s), arrow, atom bomb, battery, bullet, catapult, defense, explosive, firearm, gun, missile, nuclear weapon, ordnance, rocket

### TRANSPORTATION

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- 501 object used for:** access, approach, artery, boulevard, career, circuit, conduit, course, detour, drain, esplanade, flume, heading, intersection, line, passage/passageway, road, street, trail, turnpike, way
- 502 part, vehicle:** anchor, fender, portal, wheel, wing
- 503 vehicle:** camper, conveyance, motorcade, transport
- 504 vehicle, air:** aircraft, armada, blimp,

- dirigible, helicopter, shuttle, UFO  
**505 vehicle, land:** ambulance, bicycle, car, cherry-picker, dolly, excavator, model, traffic, truck  
**506 vehicle, water:** armada, boat, craft, fleet, sailboat, yacht

## THE PLANET

### GEOGRAPHY

- 507 city:** capital, metropolis, town, village  
**508 geographic division:** area, county, desert, dynasty, kingdom, outskirts, quarter, sector, suburb, territory, tract, zone  
**509 land:** abyss, avalanche, bank, bay, bed, bluff, campus, cape, cavern, cliff, compost, cove, crevice/crevasse, dirt, downgrade, dune, elevation, estuary, expanse, field, fossil, garden, glacier, gorge, green, ground, gulf, harbor, hillock, inlet, knoll, landscape, lawn, lot, marshy, menagerie, mine, moat, mound, mountainous, nature, outlook, park, patio, pit, plateau, plaza, porch, prairie, projection, property, quagmire, ravine, ridge, savanna, shelf, soil, stack, table, trench, tundra, valley, well, wood/woods, yard  
**510 nation:** country, home, land, nationality, soil, state  
**511 planet:** cosmos, Earth, galaxy, moon, planet, sphere, world  
**512 region:** capital, commonwealth, quarter, region, settlement, suburb  
**513 section:** acreage, across-the-board, alcove, barrier, bed, berth, border, brink, cavity, chasm, clearance, cleavage, corner, county, crack, crevice/crevasse, deadline, depression, ditch, enclosure, expanse, fracture, furrow, green, gulch, gully, hem, hole, interstice, leak, limit, margin, menagerie, mouth, nook, opening, outlet, parcel, pass, patio, playground, plot, porch, precinct, projection, puncture, recess, repair, rift, rupture, scratch, side, slack, slot, subdivision, threshold, tract, trough, vacancy, valley, ward, wrinkle, zone  
**514 water:** abyss, aqueduct, basin, beach, blackball, brook, cape, channel, condensation, creek, deep, estuary, fountain, gulf, heading, inlet, lake, oasis, pond, promontory, reservoir, sea, spray, strait, tide, wash, wave, whirlpool

### HABITATS

- 515 habitat:** abode, ecosystem, environmentalist, habitat/habitation, harbor, home, land, nest, paradise, premises, refuge, settlement, tent  
**516 habitat, human:** accommodations, apartment, barracks, cabin, castle, condominium, convent, domesticity, dungeon, element, encampment, estate, grange, hacienda, home, house, housing, hut, jail, lodging, madhouse, monastery, neighborhood, old country, palace, prison, reservation, resort,

- sanctuary, shanty, suite, vacancy, villa  
**517 habitat, rural:** barn, burrow, conservatory, desert, farm, forest, grange, jungle, sanctuary, wilderness/wilds, wood/woods  
**518 state of:** domain, eco-rich, occupancy, presence

### NATURAL RESOURCES

- 519 electricity:** beam, spark  
**520 energy:** electricity, fuel, nuclear energy, petroleum, power  
**521 expression of energy:** blast, bonfire, chill, concussion, discharge, fire, flash, noise, thunder  
**522 natural event:** eclipse, meteorology, weather  
**523 resources:** fuel, resource, rock, substance

### WEATHER

- 524 object connected with:** avalanche, breeze, climate, cold, dew, film, flurry, frost, gust, haze, hurricane, meteorology, moisture, puff, thunder, weather, wind  
**525 quality of:** breezy, clear, close, crisp, dismal, fair, fiercely, fine, furious, gloomy, hazy, humid, intimidating, misty, oppressive, raw, rugged, soft, stormy, sultry, temperate, thick, tranquil, turbulent, wild, wintry  
**526 type of:** blizzard, cloud, drizzle, fog, hail, mist, puff, rain, shower, tempest, torrent, tremor

## QUALITIES

### ABSTRACT

- 527 ability:** able, accountable, adroit, all-around, artistic, barren, commendable, deft, dilettante, easy as pie, efficient, executive, expert, feeble, good, handy, inapt, incapacitated, inefficient, inexperienced, masterful, nimble, powerful, practical, proficient, raw, rusty, short, talented, unaccustomed, unprofessional, unskilled, versed, veteran, well, wicked  
**528 achievement:** able, achievable, ace, attainable, complete, crack, done, efficacious, fine, flourishing, fruitful, futile, great, operable, potential, professional, prosperous, swimmingly, triumphant, victorious, washed-up, winning  
**529 cognitive:** academic, affective, afterthought, alternative, anathema, attractive, bad, balm, bearable, beta, boring, breast, burdensome, cheering, comforting, comic/comical, complex, conceivable, considering, crazy, deducible, déjà vu, deplorable, derivable, detestable, difficult, disputable, dissatisfactory, doleful, dream, dull, elusive, engrossing, enigmatic/enigmatical, entertaining, esoteric, exalted, exhilarating, eye-catching, fanciful, far-fetched, favored, fearful,

- figment, flat, forerunner, foul, frightful/frightening, funny, ghoulish, golden, grating, hair-raising, half-baked, harbinger, hare-brained, haunting, heady, heartrending, hellish, hilarious, hopeless, horrible/horrendous/horrid, hypnotic, idea, idealistic, illogical, illusory/illusive, imaginable, imaginative, impenetrable, inadvisable, inconceivable, incredulous, indicator, inner, innovative, inside, inspiration, insufferable, interesting, intolerable, inviting, irksome, irrefutable, itch, jocular/jocose/jocund, knotty, known, leery, left-wing, liking, loathsome, loose, luminous, mad, make-believe, manifest, marvelous, maudlin, measurable, memory, miraculous, mistaken, monotonous, mutinous, mystic/mystical, nauseating, nemesis, new age, nondescript, note, notion, observable, obvious, on paper, opaque, open-and-shut, otherworldly, palatable, panorama, pedagogic, perceptible, pesky, phenomenon, pick, piquant, pitiful, plaintive, pointless, ponderous, portentous, preference, premonition, presage, problematic, provocative, pure, putative, questionable, radical, ravishing, readable, rebellious, recondite, remembrance, reminiscent, reputed, revolting, rich, right, rosy, sad, scary, scintillating, scrumptious, secular, selection, self-evident/self-explanatory, shock, sidesplitting, signal, slight, smidgen, somber, sorry, soupçon, spectacular, speculative, stimulating, strain, subject, suggestion, surmise, suspect, suspicious, tactile, tame, taste, tedious, tempting, theorem, theory, thick, thinkable, thought-provoking, tinge, token, touch, trace, troublesome, unaccountable, unbelievable, uncomfortable, understood, unexciting, unfavorable, ungodly, uninteresting, unlucky, unpleasant, unquestionable, unsatisfactory, unwelcome, vivid, vile, vision, whim, wishful, wonderful, worrisome
- 530 commonality:** accidental, antiquated, au courant, banal, common, commonplace, current, customary, dogmatically, everyday, familiar, frequently, generally, habitual, infrequent, less, mainly, much, natural, occasional, off and on, old school, once in a while, ordinary, popular, prevalent, public, rarely, routine, stereotyped, time-honored, trite, ubiquitous, unexceptional, used to, usually, widespread
- 531 completeness:** absolutely, all-out, altogether, bodily, clean, completely, conscientious, dead, deficient, demonstrative, downright, entirely, exhaustive, final, fulfilled, full-scale, halfway, incomplete, intact, intensive, out-and-out, over, partial, partly, perfectly, plenary, pretty, principally, pure, quite, right, round, sheer, sketchy, solid, superficially, sweeping, thorough/thoroughgoing, through, total, unabridged, undivided, unmitigated, utmost, utterly, washed-up, wholly
- 532 concerned with:** about, angst, appertain, apropos, barrier, bear on/bear upon, behalf, belong, bug, business, care, catch-22, charge, concept, consideration, craze, difficulty, disputation, distraction, duel, encumbrance, fancy, feeling, focus, guilt, hang-up, horror, interest, keynote/keystone, millstone, notice, object, obstruction, pain, part, passion, pertain, place, priority, province, qualm, question, regard, reverie, scruple, suspicion, temptation, touch, toward/towards, urge, weight, wonder, worry
- 533 conformity:** acceptable, admissible, classic, formal, mediocre, middle-of-the-road, old school, orthodox, proper, so-so, time-honored, typical, unwritten
- 534 constancy:** adjustable, arbitrary, changeable, consistent, continual, firmly, fluid, formative, grim, hesitant, immutable, incessant, inconstant, indecisive, indomitable, insistent, intractable/intransigent, inveterate, irregular, monotonous, relentless, same, slippery, spotty, staunch, steady, unbending, uncertain, unchanging, unforeseeable, unpredictable, unstable/unsteady, varying, wanton, weak-minded
- 535 definiteness:** absolute, accurate, ad hoc, airtight, apparent, assured, canonical, certain, clean, clean-cut, clear-cut, close, conclusive, conscious, dead-on, decided, decisive, deep-seated, definitely, demonstrable, desultory, discernible, disorderly, distinct, doubtless, easily, emphatic, equivocal, especial, evident, exact, experimental, express, factual, fail-safe, finally, fixed, foolproof, for sure, gross, haphazard, hard-core, hit-or-miss, impeccable, implied, incalculable, indecisive, indefinite, indisputable, indubitably, infallible, intangible, ironclad, irresolute, legible, main, markedly, moot, necessarily, obviously, only, outright, palpable, peremptory, plain, positive, precarious, precisely, pure, random, really, right, rigorous, secure, set, sharp, simply, sound, straight, strict, strong, surely, tentative, thorough/thoroughgoing, tried, tried-and-true, truly, trustworthy/trusty, unavoidable, uncertain, undeniable, undisputed/undisputable, unequivocal, unfailing, unmistakable, unorganized, unquestionable, unsettled, unsure, utter, very, weak-minded, yes
- 536 domain:** absolute, administrative, agricultural, athletic, autocratic, bridal, captive, chemical, civic, classical, commanding, communal, constituent, democratic, domestic, earthly, economic, egalitarian, fleshy, free, God-fearing, homegrown, homespun, industrial, internal, itinerant, local, marine/maritime, military, municipal, native, nautical/ naval, oceanic, personal, psychological, religious, sovereign, spiritual, technical, theatrical, totalitarian, universal, urban, worldly, worldwide
- 537 effects:** advantageous, aphrodisiac, awry, baleful, beastly, bitter, bracing, burning, charismatic, combustible, consequent, corrective, costly, curative, deadly, deep, deleterious, desperate, destructive, dire, disadvantageous, disastrous, divisive,

- doomed, drastic, dreadful, ecumenical, effective, efficacious, emergent, epidemic, expressive, faint, fateful, favorably, fecund, fierce, flat, fooled, forcible, for kicks, formidable, foul, frightful/frightening, fruitless, funereal, furious, gentle, ghostly, gold mine, gory, grave, grievous, gross, harmful, harsh, healthful/healthy, heartrending, helpful, highly, horrible/horrendous/horrid, hypnotic, ill-fated/ill-starred, imposing, inconclusive, ineffective/ineffectual, influential, injurious, insufferable, intoxicating, inviting, juicy, lethal, lucky, macabre, magic/magical, malign, menacing, mild, morbid, moving, nasty, neutral, noisome, noticeable, noxious, oppressive, painful, pallid, penetrating, pernicious, pesky, pestilent/pestilential, pleasing/pleasurable, poison/poisonous, prepossessing, profitable, provocative, remedial, rugged, safe, sedative, sensuous, sick, slow, soporific, spectral, star-crossed, strong, tangy, therapeutic, touching, trenchant, unbearable, uncomfortable, unholly, unspoiled, venomous, virtual, vivid, wholesome, wicked
- 538 efforts:** amateurish, applied, automated, backbreaking, conscientious, difficult, employed, go-ahead, heavy, idle, industrious, jobless, laborious, light, mechanize, murderous, onerous, persistent, rugged, scrupulous, serious, slack, softly, strenuous, studious, thorough/thoroughgoing, tireless, together, torpid, unemployed, unflinching, unpaid, unsolicited, uphill, vicarious, voluntary, workable, working
- 539 existential:** alive, animate, conscious, dead, deceased, departed, drowsy, extant, fallen, immaterial, inanimate, late, live, lost, missing, nil, obsolete, out cold, present, sleepy, soporific, unconscious, vital, wakeful
- 540 forcefulness:** almighty, blatant, brute, desperate, dynamic, electric/electrical, fiercely, high-powered, insistent, invulnerable, mightily, potent, powerfully, stiff, violent
- 541 frequency:** annual, casual, daily, nightly, occasional, off and on, on and off, periodic, rarely, scarce, seldom, sporadic, usually, yearly
- 542 inclination:** abrupt, acquisitive, addicted, adventurous, aggressive, agreeable, all-around, aloof, amicable, anxious, arbitrary, assiduous, avaricious, beastly, big-hearted, brisk, careful, careless, characteristic, cheap, co-dependent, cold-blooded, conducive, conflicting, conspicuous, contentious, corporal, correct, cost-effective, creditable, decent, deep, deliberately, delicately, dependable, designing, detestable, devout, dewy-eyed, die-hard, dilatory, dim, dirty, disinclined, disposed, distrustful, dog-eat-dog, dogmatic, doubtful, downtrodden, dutiful, eager, eagle-eyed, earthy, economical, effusive, emotional, energetic, engrossed, enthusiastic, equal, errant, evasive, even-handed, exaggerated, execrable, exotic, explosive, fail-safe, fairly, farcical, fastidious, feisty, ferocious, fervent/fervid, firm, flexible, fly-by-night, foolish, footloose, forced, frantic, frenzied, frisky, funereal, gallant, generous, genuine, given to, go-ahead, godly, gracious, grasping, greedy, guarded, gullible, gutless, hair-raising, happily, happy-go-lucky, hard-boiled, hard-core, hard-nosed/hardheaded, harum-scarum, headlong, heartwarming, hell-bent, hesitant, hooked, hostile, humane, hurtful, hysterical, ignoble, imaginative, impartial, impatient, impetuous, improper, imprudent, inadvertent, inattentive, inclined, indifferent, indiscreet, indisposed, indulgent, inert, infant/infantile, ingenuous, innocent, inquiring, insidious, insincere, intent, intractable/intransigent, inventive, irate, jealous, joyful/joyous, judicious, kind-hearted, kinky, lackluster, largesse, left-wing, levelheaded, liable, lifeless, lighthearted, litigious, lively, loath, loving, low-key, magnanimous, malicious, materialistic, mawkish, melodramatic, merciless, methodical/methodic, mindful, naive, narrow-minded, neglectful, nerveless, neutral, nonchalant, noncompliant, nonpartisan, objective, objectivity, obnoxious, obtrusive, odd/oddball, off-guard, one-sided, open, openhearted, opposed/opposing, opprobrious, ossified, overrated, pacific, parental, partial, partisan, passive, peaceful, penitent, perceptive, perfunctory, perverse, philanthropic, plastic, pleasant, pompous, poor, practical, precipitous/precipitate, predictable, premeditated, presumptuous, productive, prolific, prostrate, proud, pugnacious, purposeful, querulous, raging, raunchy, ready, rebellious, reliable, resigned, responsive, restless, revolutionary, romantic, sadistic, sanctioned, sappy, scheming, scurrilous, sedentary, selective, self-righteous, self-satisfied, sentimental, seriously, set, short-sighted, simple, slapdash, sly, small-minded, smug, sober, solemn, sour, spirited, spiteful, sporty, spunky, staunch, steady, stimulating, straight, strict, subjective, susceptible, sweet, tame, temperate, tenacious, tenderhearted, tepid, thick-skinned, thoughtless, together, torn, touchy, tractable, true, truthful, unbiased, uncommitted, unconcerned, uncritical, unfeeling, ungodly, unimaginative, unprejudiced, unrehearsed, unrestricted, unstable/unsteady, untoward, unwavering, unyielding, up-and-coming, vehement, venomous, vicious, vindictive, voucher, wanton, weak, well-balanced, well-preserved, wholehearted/whole-hearted, witless, wooden, zippy
- 543 is an attribute of:** appear, belong, quality, seem, trivia
- 544 manner:** abominable, advisedly, although, anyway, backhanded, blah, breezy, brutal, busily, busy, by hand, camp, catchy, circumspect, covert, cumbersome, deluxe, dreary, eat high on the hog, ergo, foolish, for, forthwith, freely, frequently, gradually, grim, hastily, helter-skelter, however, ill-

advised, immoderate, impolitic, incautious, indelicate, individually, instant, instinctive, intently, irregularly, just, kindly, largely, less, little, low-key, luxuriate, madly, manual, mechanical, methodical/methodic, mightily, misspent, monotonous, moreover, most, motorized, mutually, naturally, nevertheless, objectively, one by one, otherwise, over, parenthetical, pell-mell, perfunctory, personally, poorly, possibly, powerfully, primarily, progressive, providing/provided, purely, purposely, rampant, rather, recurrent, regular, reliable, ritzy, seriously, simply, softly, somehow, straight, subtle, superficially, swimmingly, though, thus, too, ulterior, unconditional, undercover, unduly, unfair, unusually, venomous, via, violent, virtually, voluntarily, well, wrong, yet

**545 morality:** abandoned, answerable, astray, bad, bawdy, blasphemous, broad, coarse, conscientious, corrupt, crooked, cunning, damned, dastardly, decadent, demonic/demoniac/demoniacal, devilish, dirty, dissipated, drunk, elevated, equitable, errant, evil, faithless, faultless, fickle, filthy, fleshly, frightful, God-fearing, gross, guiltless, heathen, high-minded, honest, hood, hooligan, ill, illicit, immodest, impious, impure, indecent, indelicate, infamous, inhuman/inhumane, irreligious, insincere, irreproachable, justifiable, lawful, lewd, libidinous, loose, Machiavellian, miscreant, nasty, nefarious, off-color, perverted, pornographic, prejudicial, profane, promiscuous, rakish, raw, reprobate, responsible, righteous, risqué, rotten, satanic, scurrilous, secret, shady, shameless, sinful, sordid, soused, suggestive, true-blue, unconstitutional, unethical, unfaithful, unforgivable, unjust, unprincipled, untrue, unwarranted, upstanding, venal, vicious, vile, vulgar, wholesome, wily, wrong, zonked

**546 necessity:** absent, auxiliary, bereft, capital, collateral, compulsory, deciding, dire, dispensable, enough, expendable, extraneous, fresh, gratuitous, inadequate, indebted, insatiable, integral, introductory, main, marketable, necessary, nonessential, piddler, prerequisite, providing/provided, radical, required/requisite, shy, starving/starved, superfluous, uncalled for, undue, unessential, vital, wanting

**547 normality:** aberrant, accepted, addictive, amazing, astonishing, average, characteristic, common, curious, customary, eccentric, exorbitant, familiar, formal, generally, habitual, incongruous, lowly, maladjusted, mediocre, middle, mind-blowing, mind-boggling, modest, natural, normal, ordinary, plain, prosaic, regular, run-of-the-mill, spacey/spacy, temperate, unaccustomed, uninspired, used to, veiled

**548 occurrence:** abhorrent, accursed, asinine, atrocious, behind one's back, ceremonious, chronological, coincident, consequent,

covertly, cumulative, dangerous, dark, desultory, dire, disastrous, dismal, dramatic, ducky, dullsville, embarrassing, empirical/empiric, enjoyable, eventful, excruciating, exigent, express, feeble-minded, forbidden, forcibly, fortuitous, furious, futile, ghoulish, grateful, grievous, hairy, half-baked, happily, hazardous, heavy, heinous, historical, hit-or-miss, hopeful, humdrum, ill-advised, ill-fated/ill-starred, ill-timed, impending, inauspicious, inconclusive, incurable, informal, ironic/ironical, intimidating, joyful/joyous, juicy, lass, limit, low-key, madcap, magic/magical, memorable, meritorious, meteoric, mirthful, misleading, mostly, murderous, nearing, nefarious, nerve-racking, oafish, offensive, oncoming, oppressive, over, overblown, partisan, penal, perilous, pernicious, pleasant, pointless, predetermined, premeditated, pressing, privileged, propitious, prosperous, random, realistic, regrettable, ridiculous, risky, rollicking, rosy, ruinous, safe, secretive, self-evident/self-explanatory, sequential, simple-minded, sinful, slow, somewhat, speedy, staggering, star-crossed, stupid, surprising, swell, tacit, tardy, tender, terminal, then, threatening, through, tight, tolerable, topsy-turvy, tragic, trying, tumultuous/tumultuous, ugly, unaffected, unavailing, unbelievable, uneasy, unexpected, unforeseen, unfortunate, ungodly, unholy, unimaginative, unintelligent, unintentional/unintended, uninviting, unlucky, unreasonable, unsophisticated, untimely, untroubled, unwise, urgent, warlike, well, wholehearted/whole-hearted, wrong, yet

**549 original:** aboriginal, automated, bastard, born, built-in, colonial, constitutional, deep-seated, domestic, ethereal, exotic, extrinsic, from, hereditary, humble, illegitimate, imported, inborn/inbred, ingrained, inherited, intimate, lowly, medieval, mortal, mystic/mystical, noble, patrician, plebeian, premature, primary/prime, provincial, radical, rudimentary, secular, thoroughbred, unprecedented, vernacular

**550 peculiarity:** ablate, aggressive, ashamed, authoritative, born, clement, contemptible, conventional, craven, dead, dreadful, forbidding, forgetful, gingerly, hokey, laughable, on guard, punctual, shamefaced

**551 permanency:** abiding, carved in stone, endless, fixed, fly-by-night, fugitive, invulnerable, lasting, long-standing, passing, perpetual, stationary, temporary, unchanging

**552 probability:** absurd, accidentally, alleged, apparently, chance, clearly, contingent, credible, dicey, doubtless, earthy, eventual, far-fetched, feasible, fluky, fortuitous, groundless, hypothetical, iffy, illusory/illusive, immune, impossible, impractical/impracticable, inclined, incredible, insurmountable, invalid, liable, logical, maybe, obviously, off, optional, out, perhaps, possible, potential, presumably, probably,

prospective, ridiculous, slender/slim, so-called, specious, starry-eyed, tenable, unlikely, unreliable, viable, workable

- 553 repetition:** again, away, repeatedly, repetitious
- 554 restrictiveness:** absolute, autonomous, binding, bounded, captive, concentrated, confined, dye-in-the-wool, exclusively, exempt, fixed, independent, ironclad, narrow, numbered, obliged, off-limits, permissible, prohibitive, qualified, self-reliant
- 555 social:** accommodating, amorous, aristocratic, bigoted, brotherly, busy, civilian, clannish, commemorative, compatible, conjugal, cooperative, dear, degrading, difficult, disadvantageous, disgraceful, elite, engaged, familiar, friendless, frisky, homeless, hot, inelegant, intimate, lonesome, matrimonial, meddlesome, noble, palsy-walsy, popular, prestigious, recluse/reclusive, single, solitary, thoughtful, top-level, unapproachable, uninvited, unpopular, unsociable, unworldly, valued, welcome
- 556 specialization:** alone, express, finicky, respective
- 557 specificity:** accurate, ad hoc, approximate, catholic, closely, definite, detailed, exactly, fine, just, limited, literally, minute, nice, particularly, peculiar, photographic, precisely, punctilious, right, rough, sectional, simply, skin-deep, special, specific, strict, superficial, thorough/thoroughgoing, topical, wholly
- 558 suitability:** absurd, accepted, accordingly, adequately, agreeable, ample, applicable, apropos, awkward, befitting, conformable, correct, cut out for, decorous, discordant, done, down-to-earth, duly, enough, exorbitant, extreme, favorably, felicitous, fit, fitting, full-grown/full-fledged, germane, granted, ill-suited, improper, inadvisable, inappropriate, incongruous, ineligible, inopportune, justifiable, lame, livable, nice, okay, on the level, passable, perfect, prehistoric, previous, reasonable, relevant, rightful, satisfactory, seemly, sound, suitable, tailor-made, timely, unasked, undue, unsatisfactory, unsuitable, unwarranted, venial, well, wrong
- 559 transmission:** infectious, roundabout
- 560 usefulness:** acting, barren, convenient, dead, defunct, derelict, desirable, dilapidated, drained, effete, employed, excessive, expedient, faded, faulty, fitted, fruitful, functional, futility, good, helpful, idle, impaired, inactive, ineffective/ineffectual, infallible, instead, interim, irrelevant, live, lost, make-shift, neither here nor there, obsolete, old, on the blink, operational, outmoded, practical, prepared, productive, purposeless, ready, ripe, salubrious, serviceable, spent, starry-eyed, subservient, substitute, superfluous, surplus, trial, under, unrealistic, useful, user-friendly, vacant, viable, virgin/virginal, void, washed-out,

working, worn/worn-out, worthwhile

## COMPARATIVE

- 561 compared with:** contrast, touch
- 562 complexity:** abstruse, backward, baroque, blank, clarion, complex, crude, elaborate, exaggerated, folksy, high-flown, involved, pell-mell, simply, tortuous, ultra, unwieldy, well-defined
- 563 correspondence:** accordant, allied, applicable, commensurate, concerning, conformable, congruous, consonant, corporate, euphonious, kindred, moderate, proportionate/proportional, relative, truant, unanimous, united, unrelated
- 564 difference:** against, altered, ambivalent, assorted, avant-garde, bizarre, converse, deviant, diametric/diametrical, differently, discrepant, disparate, dissimilar, distinct, divergent, eccentric, especially, extraordinary, flaky, funny, heterogeneous, inconsistent, inverse, manifold, mixed, motley, multiple/multifarious, new, odd/oddball, opposed/opposing, other, peculiar, plural, preternatural, queer, remote, rival, separate, single, sole, spacey/spacy, specific, strange, suspicious, unaccustomed, uncommon, underground, unequal, unheard-of, unlike, unorthodox, unrelated, unusual, varied, various, weird
- 565 difficulty:** agonizing, awkward, defective, delicate, easily, easy as pie, facile, grueling, heavy, insurmountable, laborious, mortally, nerve-racking, onerous, prickly, rugged, seriously, sticky, tall, thorny, tight, treacherous, trying, uphill, wicked, worrisome
- 566 equivalence:** alike, approximately, balanced, comparable, coordinate, disproportionate, equal, even, indistinguishable, matching, model, nearly, regular, uneven
- 567 importance:** above, below, beneficial, bush-league, chiefly, climactic/climacteric, component, costly, dogmatic, essential, exclusive, fundamental, high, immediate, inferior, life-and-death, majestic, meaningful, noteworthy, operative, pregnant, primary/prime, reputable, second-rate/second-class, special, telling, towering, used, worthwhile, worthy
- 568 importance, extreme:** acclaimed, basic, beloved, better, big league, bright, burning, cardinal, chief, considerable, crucial, dire, dominant, eminent, fabled, fatal, favored, first, glorious, great, head, high-class, illustrious, influential, key, legendary, master, monumental, notable, noteworthy, outstanding, paramount, pivotal, predominant, premier, prestigious, principal, renowned, serious, signal, sovereign, star, supreme, unsurpassed, urgent, weighty, well-known
- 569 intensity:** acute, awfully, badly, blatant, concentrated, desperate, drastic, exquisite, extreme, greatly, heavy, highly, insanely, mightily, notably, powerfully, profound, severe, sharp, stark, stringent, substantially,



terrific, ultra, undue, unmitigated, very, vivid, wild

- 570 negative:** adverse, amiss, awful, bad, baneful, beside oneself, conflicting, cruel, damned, degenerate, delinquent, derogatory, detrimental, direful, egregious, erroneous, fallacious, faulty, filthy, grisly, hellish, ill, inadequate, incendiary, incorrigible, infamous, inordinate, lame, miserable, misspent, nerd, objectionable, poor, rancid, ruinous, run-down, slipshod, tasteless, threatening, trumped up, unforgivable, ungodly, unsatisfactory, unwelcome, weak, worthless
- 571 negative, extreme:** abject, accursed, astounding, awful, bad, crappy, cursed, nasty, outrageous, perverse, regrettable, repugnant, rotten, shocking, sick, sickly, sordid, terrible, ugly, unfavorable, unsavory, unworthy, vile, wicked, wretched, wrong
- 572 positive:** admirable, agreeable, all right, angelic, auspicious, beloved, benign, better, comfort, commendable, cool, delicious, estimable, exemplary, fabulous, fantastic, far-out, favorable, for kicks, fortunately, good, groovy, high-class, idyllic, innocuous, intriguing, lucky, majestic, merry, mind-blowing, mind-boggling, nice, noble, pleasant, pleasing/pleasurable, prodigious, propitious, proud, rewarding, salubrious, terrific, toothsome, utopian, well, worthy, yummy
- 573 similarity:** akin, analogous, closely, comparable, conformable, equal, faithful, identical, like, like-minded, related, same, similar, tantamount, uniform, virtually
- 574 superiority:** absolute, admirable, advantage, all right, all-time, below par, cardinal, chief, chosen, classic/classical, commanding, crack, definitive, delicate, dependent, dignified, distinguished, dominant, elite, enviable, especially, exceptional, exquisite, fine, first-class/first-rate, flat-out, glorious, golden, great, high-powered, ideal, imperative, imperious, imposing, incomparable, infallible, inimitable, irresistible, laudable, less, low, lush, luxurious, major, matchless, menial, model, optimal, outstanding, peerless, perfectly, phenomenal, poorly, praiseworthy, preeminent, premium, primary/prime, privileged, prodigious, rare, renowned, ritzy, royal, sacred, secondary, second-rate/second-class, senior, signal, spectacular, stately, striking, stupendous, substandard, super, superior, supreme, tasteful, top-level, top-notch, transcendent/ transcendental, ultimate, unequaled, unique, unparalleled, unrivaled, upper hand, utopian, vintage, wonderful
- 575 unimportance:** beside the point, expendable, hand-me-down, inconsequential/inconsiderable, irrelevant, lightweight, meaningless, middle-of-the-road, minute, needless, neither here nor there, nonessential, peripheral, picayune, puny, second, side, small, small-time, so-so, subordinate, subsidiary, tenuous, trivial, undistinguished,

unimportant, vapid, worthless

## PHYSICAL

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- 576 accessibility:** accessible, approachable, arrant, bereft, broad, classified, closed, confidential, cryptic, defenseless, discernible, distant, engaged, enigmatic/enigmatical, exposed, far-flung, furtive, graphic, hush-hush, impenetrable, incognito, inner, inside, known, legible, manifest, mobile, nameless, observable, occult, off-course, off-limits, on call, optional, outward, passable, perceptible, plain, private, prohibited, public, ready, reserved, secret, strange, ulterior, unarmed, uncovered, underground, unheard-of, unknown, unreadable, unsung, user-friendly, vigilant, visual, willing
- 577 accompaniment:** abandoned, alone, also, attendant, concomitant, corporate, each, en route, et cetera, furthermore, including, joint, left, mutually, one, parenthetical, personally, related, separately, single-handed, singular, solely, solo, unaccompanied, unified, united
- 578 age:** adolescent, afresh, ancient, antiquarian, antique, big, childish, crude, doddering, elderly, fresh, full-grown/full-fledged, green, hoary, immemorial, infant/infantile, junior, late, medieval, mint, modish, new, novel, older, old-fashioned, originally, outdated/out-of-date, passé, quaint, refreshing, secondhand, stale, state-of-the-art, undeveloped, up-to-date, well-preserved, youthful
- 579 appearance:** adorable, aesthetic/esthetic, artistic, beautiful, comely, crisp, dapper, decorative, desirable, dressy, exquisite, eye-catching, fancy, fetching, flawless, glorious, good-looking, graceful, grunge, hideous, homely, irresistible, natty, ornate, plain, pretty, refreshing, resplendent, seductive, spiffy, striking, stylish, ugly, unbecoming, willowy, with-it
- 580 deformity:** acne, birthmark, blot, bug, contortion, distortion, flaw, freak, malformation, misstatement, mutant, scar
- 581 direction:** about, adrift, around, astern, at, awry, below, circuitous, crooked, crosswise/crossways, diagonal, direct, due, errant, forked, forward, horizontal, inward, left, off-center, outward, perpendicular, plumb, right, roundabout, sheer, sinuous, steep, thereabout, tortuous, upright, wide, wry, zigzag
- 582 genuineness:** abstract, actually, alias, apocryphal, apparently, arty, authentic, baseless, beta, bona fide, circumstantial, concrete, contrived, credible, deceptive, delusive, dreamy, ecclesiastical, empirical/empiric, enigmatic/enigmatical, ersatz, ethereal, factual, fallacious, fantastic, far-fetched, fictitious, foolproof, fraudulent, good, hard, historical, honest-to-God, illusory/illusive, imitative, indisputable, invisible, just, lifelike, made-up, magic/magical, magical-believe, matter-of-fact,

metaphysical, monstrous, mystic/mystical, mythical/mythological, nonexistent, open-hearted, ostensibly, paranormal, physical, positive, pretended, quack, quite, realistic, right, sincerely, specious, spurious, supernatural, synthetic, tangible, true, unearthly, unnatural, unthinkable, unvarnished, unworlthy, valid, veritable,

- wholehearted/whole-hearted, wrong
- 583 location:** aboard, abroad, absent, advance, agricultural, airy, ashore, astride, beached, center, civic, cloistered, diffuse, everywhere, external, forward, front, horizontal, insular, isolated, leafy, lonely, middle, off, off-center, off-course, out, outer, outlying, outward, overseas, penal, perpendicular, populous, precipitous, private, prone, quiet, recumbent, restful, roughly, rustic, sideways, single-handed, solo, stray, surface, through, topical, uncomfortable, untamed, uppermost, upside-down, void, where/wherever, wild, withdrawn
- 584 movement:** ambulatory, brisk, clumsy, fleet, fluent, frozen, gawky, graceless, immobile, indolent, itinerant, leisurely, lifeless, liquid, lithe, maladroit, migrant/migratory, motionless, moving, nomadic, oafish, passive, pendulous/pendent, portable, restless, roundabout, sedentary, slow, speedy, static, vibrant, winding
- 585 order:** advance, alphabetical, avant-garde, center, collective, consecutive, disjointed, first, fore, foremost, formerly, from scratch, hand-me-down, incipient, initial, internal, jumbled, last, latter, least, mean, methodical/methodic, neatly, older, onward/onwards, original, past, pell-mell, posterior, preliminary, preparatory, primary/prime, second, sequential, shipshape, subsequent, succeeding/successive, tidy, topsy-turvy, uttermost
- 586 relative placement:** abaft, abreast, adjoining, ahead, almost, alongside, amid/amidst, apart, around, askew, below, beside, bottom, close, contiguous, direct, downhill, en route, faraway, farthest, gone, handy, immediate, near, next, overhead, preceding, toward/towards, underneath, without, yonder
- 587 safety:** chancy, perilous, sacred, secure, unharmed, unsafe, vulnerable, weak
- 588 speed:** agile, expeditious, fast, gradual, hastily, headlong, instant, one by one, posthaste, precipitous/precipitate, quickly, rapidly, snappy, swift, swiftly/quickly, whirlwind
- 589 style:** adorable, baroque, becoming, black, bold, brassy, cheap, class, classy, contemporary, country, cultural, dashing, dowdy, eat high on the hog, exquisite, featureless, flamboyant, floral, flowery, formless, futuristic, garish, gay, glamorous, gorgeous, grand, graphic, hot, improvised, informal, innovative, kinky, loud, lush, luxurious, mean, meretricious, moldish, neat, new, obsolete, old-fashioned, orderly, ornamental, ostentatious, outdated/out-of-date, palatial, picturesque, plush, posh, prevalent, quaint,

refined, resplendent, rustic, scruffy, sharp, simple, sleazy, smart, snazzy, spiffy, spruce, stately, state-of-the-art, stylish, swank/swanky, tacky, tasteless, tousled, two-bit, unbecoming, unworldly, up-to-date, vogue

## SENSES

### ASPECTS OF PERCEPTION

**590 physical:** burn, hear, smell, touch

### AUDITORY

**591 attribute of hearing:** acoustic, deaf, distinct

**592 attribute of noise:** blatant, cacophonous, deafening, dissonant, grating, noisy, piercing, raucous, shrill, soft-spoken, strident, vociferous

**593 attribute of noisemaking:** dumb, mute

**594 attribute of sound:** acoustic, audible, brassy, clarion, deep, dissonant, dull, faint, gentle, gruff, high, hollow, inaudible, low, lyrical, mellow, melodious/melodic, mum, noiseless, noisy, off-key, quiet, raucous, rich, round, silent, soft-spoken, soundproof, subdued, tight-lipped, tuneful, vocal, weak

**595 audible object:** acknowledgment, air, anthem, arrangement, bang, blast, buzz, carol, clamor, clap, click, clump, crash, din, discord, ditty, echo, groan, gurgle, hiss, howl, inflection, jangle, melody, music, peal, psalm, report, rhythm, roar, rumplus, scream, shriek, song, strain, tick, yell

**596 hearing:** attend, commiserate, hear, mind, regard

**597 sound perception:** hearing

### OLFACTORY

**598 attribute of odor:** aromatic, fetid, gamy, malodorous, noisome, odorous, rancid, scented, smelly, stinking, sweet, tangy

**599 object that can be smelled:** aroma, breath, incense, perfume, smell, stink, whiff

**600 odor:** cologne, fumes, perfume, smell, stink, tang

**601 olfactory perception:** breathe, nose, smell, whiff

**602 smelling:** scent, sniff, whiff

### TACTILE

**603 attribute of dryness:** absorbent, balmy, damp, dry, fluid, juicy, misty, moldy, musty, parched, soaked soggy, thirsty, watery, wizened

**604 attribute of hardness:** adamant, downy, firm, flaccid, hard, impermeable, inflexible, limp, mushy, permeable, plastic, solid, supple, tender, unbending

**605 attribute of temperature:** ablaze, balmy, biting, boiling, brisk, burning, chilly, cold, cozy, febrile, fiery, frigid, frozen, heated,

icy, polar, sweltering, thermal, tropical, wintry

- 606 attribute of texture:** abrasive, beaten, breakable, bumpy, coarse, cozy, creamy, crumbly, crusty, delicate, diluted/dilute, elastic, fibrous, fine, fleecy, fluff, fuzzy, gelatinous, glossy, gossamer, gritty, irregular, knurled, leathery, lucid, mottled, mushy, oily, paper, permeable, porous, rough, sheer, sleek, slippery, soft, springy, tenacious, thick, threadbare, uneven, yielding
- 607 dryness:** drought, humidity, wet
- 608 tactile perception:** feeling, touch
- 609 tactile quality:** excruciating, numb
- 610 temperature:** cold, frost, heat, temperature
- 611 texture:** consistency, feel, finish, grain, nap, texture
- 612 touching:** brush, dab, finger, graze, handle, lick, meet, nestle, nuzzle, paw, reach, tickle, toothsome, yummy

## TASTING

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- 613 attribute of taste:** acerbic, acid, acrid, astringent, bitter, corrupt, delicious, done, edible, full-bodied, insipid, mouth-watering, peppery, poignant, racy, rich, salty, scrumptious, sour, succulent, tart, tasty, yummy
- 614 taste:** acidity, bitterness, savor, tang, zest
- 615 taste perception:** taste
- 616 tasting:** bite, sample, taste

## VISUAL

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- 617 attribute of brightness:** ablaze, bold, brilliant, colorful, dark, dim, drab, dusky, faded, glaring, glossy, incandescent, light, luminescent, lustrous, murky, obscure, radiant, scintillating, shady, sunny, washed-out
- 618 attribute of color:** amber, ashen, black, blond/blonde, blue, bright, brown, brunette/brunet, cadaverous, clear, colorful, crystal, dark, deep, dusky, fair, flushed, gay, glowing, gold/golden, gray/grey, hoary, jet, livid, milky, mottled, muddy, murky, opaque, pale, pallor, pasty, pearly, red, rosy, sable, sanguine, smoky, speckled, swarthy, translucent, variegated, vibrant, wan, white, yellow
- 619 attribute of vision:** appreciable, clear, conspicuous, disguised, fuzzy, glassy, impalpable, lucid, nearsighted, pronounced, visual
- 620 brightness:** dark, gleam, gloom, glow, lamp, light, murk, overshadow, polish, radiate, shadow, shimmer, splendor
- 621 clean:** grimy, hygienic, impeccable, mangy, neat, pure, sanitary, slimy, slovenly, spick-and-span, stagnant, straight, trim, unblemished, unkempt, untidy, untouched
- 622 color:** auburn, blush, color, decor, flush, glow, orange, pink, red, shadow, stripe, tinge, tone, yellow
- 623 looking:** attend, bear in mind, contemplate, dip into, face, fixate, gape, gaze, glare, glower, inspect, leer, lookout, mind, ogle, peek/peep, point, regard, scan, scrutinize,

skim, spy, stare, vigil, watch

- 624 occurrence of light:** beam, bolt, eclipse, flicker, glare, glimmer, glisten, glow, illuminate, lamp, light, ray, shimmer, spark, spotlight, wink
- 625 picture:** arms, caricature, chart, diagram, emblem, facsimile, flowchart, graphics, impression, layout, model, pattern, plaid, portrait, reproduction, scheme, sketch, tableau
- 626 seeing:** behold, eye, make out, meet, notice, perceive, remark, sight, view, witness
- 627 visibility change:** blur, dim, fog
- 628 visible object:** acknowledgment, aspect, beam, buoy, footprint, glare, halo, light, model, panorama, ray, scene, sparkle, track, vista
- 629 visual perception:** blindness, perspective, vision

## STATES

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### ABSTRACT

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- 630 ability:** artifice, awkwardness, can, capacity, dexterity, ease, eloquence, expertise/expertness, faculty, flair, hand, head, inclination, know-how, literacy, mastery, modus operandi, performance, power, proficiency, propensity, qualification, readiness, skill, technique, touch, turn
- 631 accessibility:** access, circulation, cover-up, seclusion, secret
- 632 be ahead:** ahead, front, winning
- 633 behavior:** abandon, abstinence, acrimony, act up, affection, alacrity, amenity, apathy, asperity, austerity, bad manners, barbarism, bearing, betrayal, bluster, bravery, carry on, cheek, chutzpah, cold shoulder, complaisance, condescension, conduct, cordiality, corruption, courage, cruelty, custom, debauchery, decency, deference, demeanor, desperation, diffidence, dirty tricks, disloyalty, disregard, dissidence, distance, eagerness, ebullience, effrontery, enthusiasm, equilibrium, excess, exuberance, faithfulness, falderal, flare-up, feint, firmness, flippancy, foolishness, formality, frivolity, fuss, geniality, grit, haughtiness, heroism, honor, hubris, humility, impatience, incivility, indiscretion, insubordination, kindness, lethargy, lifestyle, lunacy, manhood/womanhood, manners, misbehave, mischief, misdeed/misdemeanor, modesty, moxie, naïveté, nonconformity, obedience, observance, ostentation, pep, piety, polish, precaution, pretense, pride, prowess, purpose, radiance, react, readiness, rebellion, refusal, reserve, restraint, scene, self-control, shenanigans, simplicity, sloth, sophistication, steam, sympathy, technicality, temperance, treat, vainglory, veneer, vitality, zing, zip
- 634 commonality:** diffusion, ritual
- 635 completeness:** bulk, complement,

- deficiency, finality, integrity, whole
- 636 conformity:** adequacy, archetype, fidelity, par
- 637 constancy:** consistency, continuance, monotony
- 638 definiteness:** accuracy, certainty, correctness, finality, rigor, truth
- 639 exist in a condition:** blame, existence, status quo
- 640 extension:** addition, continuation
- 641 forcefulness:** clasp, dictatorship, force, impact, impulse, kick, momentum, power, propulsion, swamp, violence
- 642 made of:** compose, inclusion, manifestation
- 643 make up:** accompany, consist of, form, make up
- 644 mannerism:** air, attention(s), characterize, courtesy, earmark, epitomize, foible, habit, manner, mark, mien, mores, purpose, regard, vigilance
- 645 morality:** abandon, affirmative action, blasphemy, conscience, craft, decadence, delinquency, dirt, enormity, equality, ethics/ethic, excess, faithfulness, falsity, favoritism, good, good will/goodwill, guile, guise, honesty, ideals, imposture, infamy, infraction, iniquity, innocence, liability, loyalty, misbehavior, misconduct, misdeed/misdemeanor, morals, obscenity, outrage, principle/principles, profanity, responsibility, sacrilege, scandal, score, sin, treachery, trespass, trickery, turpitude, validity, veracity, virtue, wrong
- 646 necessity:** absence, call for, defect, demand, do without, enough, essential, exigency/exigence, go without, lack, must, obligate, paucity, provide, require, requirement/requisite, shortage, subsistence, void, want
- 647 normality:** aberration, anomaly, eccentricity, norm, rut, yardstick
- 648 origin:** ancestry, bottom, cradle, derivation, emanate, extraction, femininity/feminine, fountain, germ, hail, heredity, home, issue, masculinity/masculine, mortality, parent, root(s), sex, spring, stem, threshold
- 649 permanency:** constant, forever, perpetual, unchanging
- 650 probability:** absurdity, contingency, eventuality, likelihood, odds, possibility, probability, tend
- 651 range:** area, circulation, continuation, degree, dissemination, distance, expanse, gamut, jurisdiction, length, overrun, play, realm, run, scope, stretch, sweep
- 652 restrictiveness:** abbreviation, autonomy, block, bondage, constraint, exemption, prohibition, qualification
- 653 specialization:** alone, express, select
- 654 specificity:** accuracy, exactness, point, property, rigor
- 655 style:** appeal, artistry, clash, classicism, cut, dernier cri, elegance, fashion, frill, genre/genus, glitter, look, ostentation, pomp, rage, simplicity, splendor, taste, touch, vogue
- 656 suitability:** absurdity, agree, blend, correct-

- ness, expediency/expedience, propriety, serve, suit
- 657 tendency:** acrimony, alms, aptitude, cabin fever, charity, dedication, determination, diligence, discretion, disinclination, earnestness, enterprise, equity, fairness, fervor, fundraiser, generosity, guile, guts, hospitality, humility, hypocrisy, impatience, indifference, indulgence, inhibition, kindness, mind, monstrosity, neglect, nonconformity, philanthropy, posture, pretension, resignation, restlessness, sincerity, tenacity, thing, trend, truth, vice, vigilance
- 658 usefulness:** abend, agent, efficiency, expediency/expedience, help, malfunction, operation, purpose, serve, surplus, use, value, wear

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**COGNITIVE**


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- 659 goal:** aim, aspiration, dream, function, intent/intention, meaning, object, pleasure, prize, purpose, reason, sake, taste, will
- 660 plan:** angle, architecture, calculation, chart, collusion, concoction, contrivance, deceit, device, diet, disposition, draft, expediency/expedience, feint, form, freeware, game, groundwork, innovation, invention, layout, machination, manner, move, plot, program, purpose, scenario, scheme, strategem, tactics
- 661 reason:** alibi, asset, basis, blame, cause, essence, excuse, footing, goad, groundwork, idea, incentive, inspiration, keynote/keystone, meaning, motive, occasion, pretext, raison d'être, reason, sake, spring, stimulant, whim
- 662 request:** command, desire, edict, petition, prayer, proposition, recall, requisition, ultimatum

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**COMPARATIVE**


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- 663 complexity:** complexity, labyrinth, snarl
- 664 correspondence:** accord, approximate, clash, community, conformity, consonance, correspond, double, duplicate, flatter, go together/go with, harmony, jibe, look-alike, match, proportion, resemble, spitting image, sympathy, union, unity
- 665 difference:** aberration, assortment, contradict, contrast, converse, departure, deviation, difference, disagree, discrepancy, disparity, dissension, dissimilarity, distinction, divergence, eccentricity, flip side, gap, grade, innovation, mismatch, multiculturalism, novelty, oddity, opposition, rent, shade, variant, variety, wander
- 666 difficulty:** abomination, bottleneck, deficiency, disadvantage(s), drawback, entanglement, handicap, hitch, labyrinth, matter, muddle, obstruction, pressure, quagmire, restraint, rigor, shortcoming, snarl, stumbling block, tax, trouble, wall
- 667 equivalence:** alternate, balance, cancel, cohere, coincidence, copy, counterpart, ditto, equal, equate, equivalent, image,

- match, par, parity, sameness, tie, transcript
- 668 importance:** accent, bearing, berth, celebrity, cipher, core, cream, cutting edge, dignity, element, eminence, essence, fore-front/foreground, glory, gravity, height, honorary, immortality, key, magnitude, matter, name, nothingness, peak, pride, prominence, renown, sense, significance, situation, stardom, status, stuff, tedium, trifle, weight, zero hour
- 669 intensity:** violence
- 670 similarity:** affinity, analogy, consistency, equivalent, likeness, parity, reproduction, resemble, second, tune, twin
- 671 superiority:** ascendancy/ascendency, elegance, excel, hairsplitting, imperfection, jewel, marvel, paragon, pick, precedence, prodigy, seniority, victory

## OF BEING

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- 672 abstraction:** manifestation, oblivion
- 673 aura:** abracadabra, allure, appeal, aspect, attribute, background, blaze, charm, climate, dash, ease, environmentalist, feeling, glory, hex, look, milieu, mood, presence, romance, serenity, solitude, spice, splendor, surroundings, tone, undercurrent, vein, vestige, whisper
- 674 bad situation:** abend, accident, adversity, anarchy, apocalypse, backwash, bad scene, bane, bedlam, bind, blooper, bottleneck, bug, bumper, can of worms, cataclysm, catch, chaos, clog, cobweb, collision, commotion, conflict, contempt, crisis, crunch, damage, deadlock, debacle, decline, deficiency, detriment, difficulty, disadvantage(s), disaster, discomfiture, disorganization, disservice, disturbance, downfall, drag, drawback, duress, emergency, error, exigency/exigence, failing, famine, fiasco, fix, flash point, flip-flop, flotsam, friction, gadfly, hang-up, harm, havoc, hell, histrionics, holdup, hurdle, impasse, impropriety, inconvenience, infirmity, jalopy, jump, lapse, limitation, lose, madhouse, malfunction, maze, mire, misery, misfortune/mishap, mix-up, neglect, nightmare, obstacle, onus, ordeal, pall, pass, pell-mell, pickle, pitfall, plague, poison, press, problem, quagmire, question, restraint, reverse, ruin, scandal, scrape, shambles, showdown, smash, snare, spot, storm, strife, syndrome, tiff, to-do, trap, trouble, turmoil, undoing, uprising, upset, weight, wreck
- 675 danger:** act of God, bad trip, calamity, cataclysm, crashshoot, curse, dilemma, emergency, hardship, ill, mayhem, peril, risk, seriousness, threat, trouble, violence
- 676 effect:** amount, because, combustion, culmination, efficacy, magnetism, proceed, sex appeal, tell, wash
- 677 effort:** concentration, difficulty, direct, exertion, go, headache, industry, sweat, trouble, work, yoke
- 678 experience:** background, career, heritage, ignorance, lead (a life), live, mellow, naive, phenomenon, readiness, sustain, training, unfamiliar, veteran, world, young
- 679 fate:** accident, break, bumper, chaff, contingency, damnation, destiny, doom, downfall, duty, flip-flop, fortune, future, good, judgment, limbo, lot, misfortune/mishap, outlook, penalty, plague, predestination, setback, suspense, undoing, windfall
- 680 function:** application, bar, bolt, closure, cushion, deterrent, dump, operate, run, tie, yardstick
- 681 inaction:** abeyance, asleep, dalliance, dawdle, drag, forbear, hang, hesitation, inertia, linger, loiter, neglect, procrastinate, relief, repose, rest, sit tight, slack/slacken, wait
- 682 meaning:** ambiguity, content, cryptic, denote, drift, emphasis, fiber, imply, importance, matter, message, nature, point, purport, represent, sense, signify, stand for, strength, substance, symbolize, terminology, texture, thrust, typify, undertone, value, weigh, wording
- 683 name:** alias, appellation, designation, handle, nom de plume, pen name, sobriquet, term, title
- 684 of agreement:** accord, alliance, arrangement, bargain, charter, coherence, communion, compliance, concert, consensus, contract, covenant, debenture, give-and-take, negotiation, order, protocol, provision/proviso, stipulation, transaction, truce, warranty, word
- 685 of authorization:** absolution, Annie Oakley, authority, charter, consent, decree, determination, doorbell, enactment, enforcement, entry, friat, forgiveness, go-ahead, guarantee, leave, mandate, nod, pardon, passage, patent, permit, release, repeal, sanction, signal, treaty, waiver, warranty, word
- 686 of being an example:** archetype, classic, embodiment, example, exponent, ideal, instance, light, model, original, paragon, picture, prototype, representative, specimen, type
- 687 of being an influence:** bolt, effect, fetish, gush, instrument, leverage, muscle, persuasion, preponderance, rudiments, squeeze, wonder
- 688 of being a rule:** authority, ban, benchmark, code, convention, criterion, democracy, doctrine, edict, ethics/ethic, form, formula, gauge, ideology, keynote/keystone, line, model, norm, parameter, policy, precept, protocol, ritual, standard, tenet, tradition
- 689 of belief:** absolution, adjudication, ageism, allegiance, apartheid, apparition, assumed, atheism, attrition, ax to grind, belief, black magic, case, chauvinism, commonplace, concept, conclusion, conformity, connotation, consensus, conviction, creed, culture, deduction, delusion, denomination, dependence/dependency, determination, dictum, disbelief, dissent, dissonance, divinity, dogma, estimate, ethics/ethic, expectancy,

eye, faith, fallacy, fantasy, fatalism, feeling, foreboding, frame of mind, gospel, guess, honor, hunch, idea, ideology, illusion, impression, induction, instinct, intuition, leaning, logic, make-believe, millstone, mindset, misconception, misogynist, motive, necromancy, nihilism, notion, obsession, old wives' tale, opinion, oracle, patriotism, perspective, pessimism, piety, Pollyanna, preconception, prejudice, premonition, presentiment, pride, principle/principles, prophecy, purport, racism, reality, regard, religion, resolve, right, self-respect/self-esteem, self-satisfaction, sexism, Shangri-la, sign, slant, speculation, stance, standpoint, stock, substance, superstition, surmise, taste, theme, theory, trust, utopia, values, viewpoint, voodoo, witchcraft, Xanadu

- 690 of concern:** afraid, alarm, anxiety, apprehension, concern, craze, dismay, distraction, distress, encumbrance, feeling, foreboding, guilt, hang-up, horror, jitters, jumpy, misgiving, obsession, one-track mind, passion, petrified, puzzled, question, suspicion, terror, trouble, weight, wonder, worry
- 691 of law:** abomination, autocracy, détente, exemption, freedom, justice, laissez-faire, liberty, offense, peace, trespass, validity, ward
- 692 on a course:** career, ramble, tendency, traverse
- 693 opportunity:** big win, contingency, duck soup, fluke, handicap, hearing, juncture, leverage, merit, occasion, opening, outlet, plus, preference, profit, pushover, remedy, risk, serendipity, snap, strength, success, treat, vacancy, welfare/well-being
- 694 purpose:** application, help, role, vehicle
- 695 repetition:** boomerang, repeat, return, verbiage
- 696 situation:** case, condition, ecosystem, experience, landmark, medium, occurrence, position, state, uncertainty

#### OF CHANGE

- 697 abstract:** about-face, adapt, adjust, back down, backslide, deepen, departure, deviation, digression, diversify, flux, interchange, metamorphosis, mutation, oscillate, reconcile, refresh, retract, reverse, revolution, rotate, suit, tighten, transformation, transpose, turnabout, variation, vicissitude, withdraw
- 698 diminish:** abate, come down, cutback, decrease, depreciate, deterioration, drain, drop off, dwindle, entropy, evaporate, extenuate, fester, go, lapse, let up, mollify, plummet, recede, regress, relax, remission, revert, sag, sink, slack/slacken, stagnate, taper/taper off, wane, wear, worsen
- 699 fail:** abortion, blow over, comedown, decline, disappoint, downfall, error, failure, fault, flag, flounder, founder, go down, miscarriage, miss, neglect, overlook, slump, wilt
- 700 improve:** accession, advancement, boom,

clear up, correction, development, edification, embellish, energize, furbish, lift, mend, pick up, pull through, recoup, recuperate, repair, rise, upgrade

- 701 of state:** acclimate, aging, alternate, assimilate, become, change, come about, convert, co-opt, metamorphosis, state
- 702 of structure:** buckle, degenerate, flatten
- 703 organizational:** adjournment, expansionism, merger
- 704 progress:** advance, batten, breakthrough, bring off, click, coast, consummate, develop, evolution, expansion, fare, flower, fruition, gestation, get on, go ahead, grow, headway, jump, mellow, mushroom, passage, progress, push off/push on, score, thrive, wax
- 705 unchanged:** abeyance, limbo, quiet

#### OF NEED OR ACHIEVEMENT

- 706 achievement:** ability, accomplishment, action, arrive, attain, background, bloom, bring about, carry, climax, come at, come through, completion, conquest, consummation, craft, crown, degree, distinction, doing, drive, eager beaver, efficacy, execute, exercise, extreme, failure, find, flair, fruition, fulfillment, get, gift, go far, graduation, hairsplitting, hit, manage, milestone, orgasm, pass, perfection, pinnacle, prodigy, progress, prosper, pull off, rack up, record, smash, succeed, take, tour de force, triumph, welfare/well-being, work, zenith
- 707 lack:** nothing/nothingness, zilch
- 708 mutual possession:** communal, mutual
- 709 need:** addiction, alcoholism, call, claim, cupidity, default, dependence/dependency, desire, exigency/exigence, hankering, hunger, lack, libido, lust, must, penchant, predilection, preference, prize, requirement/requisite, slum, sustenance, thirst, void, wish, yen
- 710 possession:** abundance, asset(s), boast, buy, capital, clutches, custody, desolation, domain, due, effects, enjoyment, estate, finances, fund, gain, grasp, hoard, keep, lot, monopoly, occupancy, opulence, ownership, plunder, possession, prize, property, reservation, reserved, resources, return, savings, spoils, store, title, wealth
- 711 requirement:** depend, larder, provision/proviso, reservation, safekeeping, stockpile, understudy
- 712 resource:** amenity, bastion, comfort, edge, expediency/expedience, facility, guard, indulgence, mainstay, makeshift, mine, nurture, organ, plum, provision, redress, remedy, repertory, reservoir, resource, rock, safekeeping, shelter, solution, stopgap, substitute, support, vehicle
- 713 satisfaction:** afford, work out

**PHYSICAL**

- 714 accompaniment:** attend, chaperon, coincidence, escort, go, relation, solidarity, squire, union, unity
- 715 age:** antiquity, freshness, manhood/womanhood, novelty, years, young
- 716 appearance:** appear, beard, braid, color, countenance, dissemble, double, duplicate, expression, facade, facsimile, fax, front, grimace, guise, image, likeness, look-alike, mask, mug, pose, presence, pretext, represent, resemblance, rise, scowl, show, stand out, surface, symmetry, veneer
- 717 balance:** awkwardness, proportion, symmetry
- 718 beauty:** Afro, coiffure, elegance, fright, glory, hairstyle, pulchritude
- 719 capacity:** content, hold, volume
- 720 condition:** abhorrence, apoplexy, calm, comfort, corrosion, disgust, dissipation, disturbance, exhaustion, frazzle, maturity, pollutant, repose, satisfaction, smog, state, tangle
- 721 continuity:** alignment, concatenation, durability, length, sequence, spread, stretch
- 722 density:** consistency, firmness
- 723 essential:** austerity, corruption, fat, fitness, love handles, posture, tension
- 724 force:** combustion, push
- 725 genuineness:** actuality, certainty, credibility, fait accompli, falsity, funny money, make-believe, sure thing, validity, verisimilitude
- 726 hardness:** firmness, tension
- 727 order:** alignment, chain, concatenation, confusion, course, dislocation, distribution, form, grade, hierarchy, line, median, pattern, precede, precursor, procession, range, round, run, sequence, stage, streak, succeed, tier, train
- 728 pain:** ache, agony, anesthesia/anaesthesia, bad time, boo-boo, crick, distress, harm, heartbreak, injury, kink, misery, pain, pinch, repentance, spasm, strain, suffering, torture, trial, trouble, woe
- 729 safety:** buffer, fortification, precaution, safekeeping, security, shield
- 730 size:** brevity, caliber, dimensions/dimension, extent, greatness, magnitude, miniature, proportion(s), size
- 731 stability:** anchor, equilibrium, flexibility, spring, traction
- 732 strength:** brawn, feebleness, infirmity, might, power, staying power, tolerance, weakness
- 733 structure:** anatomy, composition, easel, fabric, frame, mesh, skeleton
- 734 weight:** buoyancy/buoyance, fatness, love handles, pressure

**SPATIAL**

- 735 below:** down, under, underneath
- 736 containment:** capacity, fill
- 737 depth:** deep, shallow
- 738 direction:** ascent, crook, current, decline, deviation, divergence, downgrade, grade,

- inclination, intersect, level, list, orbit, reverse, revolve, rotate, slant, swirl, tendency, trend, twist, way, wind
- 739 distance:** altitude, bearing/bearings, leeway, space, way
- 740 fill:** brim, cloy, cram, flood, hollow, packed, satiate, teem, vacuum, volume
- 741 height:** dominate, elevation, stature
- 742 inside:** contain, hold, twine
- 743 length:** extent, range
- 744 level:** gradation, layer, line, notch, plateau, row, scale, tier
- 745 limits, physical:** abutment, confines, deadline, end, extreme, frontier, limit, periphery, range, terminal
- 746 location:** absence, bearing/bearings, front, junction/juncture, look, middle, space, stretch
- 747 location, relative:** adjoin, butt, cross, face, near miss, precedence, project, vicinity
- 748 motion:** activity, convulsion, ejection, lassitude, onrush, restlessness, spin, still, swing, turn, vibration, wash
- 749 nearness:** abut, intersect, succeed, verge
- 750 on:** casing, top, traverse
- 751 outside:** band, skirt, stick out
- 752 over:** above, dominate, overlook, tower, vault
- 753 sequential:** line, wake
- 754 shape:** bag, curvature, entwine, fold, hollow, pucker, turn, twist
- 755 speed:** celerity, expedition, hurry, rapidity, velocity
- 756 spread:** balloon, branch off/branch out, bridge, latitude, reach, space, sweep
- 757 structure:** aperture, attitude, beef, build, condition, constitution, crease, even, figure, form, grade, makeup, plane, set, slope, stoop
- 758 surrounding:** circle, compass, edge, enclose, fence, gird, hem/hem in, pen, surround
- 759 touching:** meet, overlap
- 760 width:** breadth
- 761 within a group:** middle, range

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES****MATHEMATICS**

- 762 attribute of a number:** abounding, apiece, calculable, dual, flat-out, infinite, just about, less, limitless, many, maximum, minimum, multiple/multifarious, myriad, numberless, numeric/numerical, one, plentiful/plenty, plus, round, short, single, slight, steep, tiny, unreasonable, wee
- 763 change in number:** accrue, appreciation, discount, increment, jump, plummet, reach, slump
- 764 mathematic reasoning:** accounting, addition, arithmetic, balance, calculation, computation, count, estimate, gauge, measure, pace, reckon, score, subtract, tally, total, underestimate
- 765 numeric symbol:** digit, number

- 766 numeric value:** appraisal, couple, maximum, percentage, scant/scanty
- 767 quantity:** abundance, enough, greatness, paucity, plenty, preponderance, scant/scanty, superabundance
- 768 ratio:** quota, ratio
- 769 series:** array, range, set, string
- 770 system:** apparatus, board, bulletin board, business, channel, circuit, communications, cosmos, dispensation, finance, Internet, mail, method, network, post, routine, world

## QUANTIFIERS

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- 771 attribute of quantity:** about, affluent, altogether, below, better, bountiful, brimming/brimful, depleted, double, elephantine, excessive, exiguous, extravagant, extremely, flush, further, hardly, inadequate, just about, leftover, limited, lush, many, most, new, other, over, residual, rich, slender/slim, spent, supplementary, thin, unreasonable, wholesale
- 772 attribute of range:** abysmal, across-the-board, all-out, besides, blanket, bounded, broad, catholic, comprehensive, dead, deeply, diffuse, eclectic, encyclopedic, expansive, extensive, far-reaching, full-scale, general, global, inclusive, indiscriminate, international, lower, mixed, more, most, motley, multinational, multiple/multifarious, overall, pervasive, primarily, quite, rampant, relatively, slightly, substantially, sweeping, universal, utmost, very, wholesale, wide, within, without
- 773 attribute of size:** angular, baby, better, brief, burly, capsule, chubby, commodious, compendious, corpulent, cumbersome, elephantine, extensive, full, giant, grand, gross, hefty, hulking, immeasurable, imposing, incalculable, inflated, large, major, massive, midget, miniature, minuscule/minute, monstrous, narrow, pocket, prodigious, puny, roly-poly, scrawny, small, small-time, stocky, strapping, stunted, teeny/teensy, thin, titanic, vast, wee, wide
- 774 capacity:** brimming/brimful, compact, crowded, full, spacious, vacant, void
- 775 change of quantity:** accession, develop, grow, growth
- 776 decreasing:** attrition, cut, deduction, depreciate, diminution, drop off, fall, recede, sag, sink, taper/taper off, wane
- 777 depth:** abysmal, profound, skin-deep, unfathomable
- 778 distance:** about, away, contiguous, distant, far, far-flung, farthest, immediate, near, off, onward/onwards, yonder
- 779 height:** alpine, elongated, gigantic, lanky, long, midget, precipitous, short, squat, stubby, tall, towering
- 780 increasing:** accretion, accrue, amplification, bulge, enlarge, expansion, increase, inflate, leap, peak, reach, swell, widen

- 781 large:** abounding, aggregate, appreciable, colossal, considerable, excessive, extremely, fantastic, generous, gigantic, great, handsome, hulking, incalculable, inordinate, legion, massive, mighty, monstrous, multitudinous, numberless, opulent, plentiful/plenty, prodigious, redundant, stupendous, surplus, tremendous, unwieldy, voluminous, whopping
- 782 length:** extended, lengthy, short, tall
- 783 measurement:** degree, mark, proportion
- 784 number:** amount, estimate, number, pair, point, quotation/quote, sum, trio/triple, zero
- 785 portion:** among, asunder, fragmentary, half, sectional
- 786 quantity:** agglomeration, amount, avalanche, backlog, batch, bundle, cascade, cipher, deluge, duo, extravagance, figure, flow, gust, lot, mass, minimum, myriad, oodles, pile, plenty, surge, total, trio/triple, turnout
- 787 range:** bound/bounds, compass, expanse, gamut, length, scads, scope, superabundance, waterfall, width
- 788 relative:** cumulative, fairly, influx
- 789 small:** compendious, dinky, few, infinitesimal, less, little, marginal, measly, miniature, minimum, minuscule/minute, minute, nominal, outside, piddling, scant/scanty, scarcely, skimpy, teeny/teensy, trifling
- 790 unit of distance measure:** depth, foot, mile
- 791 unit of height measure:** altitude, height, mile
- 792 unit of measure:** acre, degree, dimensions/dimension, mass, measurement, proportions, size, volume, width
- 793 unit of scalar measure:** above, lesser, over, under
- 794 unit of volume measure:** capacity, volume
- 795 unit of weight measure:** ounce, weight
- 796 width:** broad, wide

## TIME

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- 797 attribute of age:** adolescent, afresh, ancient, antiquarian, antique, behind the times, callow, contemporary, dated, elder, embryonic, full-grown/full-fledged, green, immemorial, infant/infantile, junior, late, medieval, mint, modish, musty, newfangled, old, old-fashioned, originally, outdated/out-of-date, passé, quaint, ripe, senior, tender, up-to-date, young, youthful
- 798 attribute of duration:** ad infinitum, all-time, annual, brief, chronic, concise, constant, continuous, endless, eternal, evanescent, everlasting, fleeting, for keeps, immortal, indefinitely, interminable, laconic, lifelong, long, long-standing, momentary, never-ending, old, ongoing, perennial, perpetual, running, short, short-lived, steady, through, timeless, transient/transitory, unbroken, undying, unflagging, unremitting, whirlwind



- 799 attribute of time:** actual, afterward/afterwards, almost, antediluvian, at, behind the times, colonial, concurrent, dilatory, due, early, ever, extemporaneous/extemporary, felicitous, foremost, for keeps, forward, from scratch, gradually, hence, hurried, initial, instantly, irregular, just about, lastly, later, leisurely, meanwhile, narrowly, next, nocturnal, old-fashioned, once and for all, on the double, overdue, pell-mell, perpetual, posthaste, preceding, precipitous/precipitate, previous, primarily, primary/prime, primitive, pristine, promptly, quickly, rapidly, right, sharp, simultaneous, sudden, summarily, swiftly/swift, temporal, thereafter, ultimate, untimely, up-to-date, while, yet
- 800 date:** anniversary
- 801 day:** afternoon, anniversary, date, ephemeral, journal, morning, nightly, noon, time
- 802 definite period:** date, furlough, instant, midnight, noon, sabbatical, shift
- 803 division of:** day, second
- 804 duration:** brevity, continuation, endure, extent, halt, remain
- 805 frequency:** rapidity, sometimes
- 806 hour:** afternoon, morning, noon, time
- 807 indefinite period:** age, anytime, bout, breath, convenience, eon, era, future, hiatus, infinity, interlude, interruption, lapse, leisure, lull, millenium, moment, past, period, recess, respite, round, semester, space, spell, stint, suspension, tour, vacation, while
- 808 minute:** flash, jiffy, tick, wink
- 809 month:** almanac, gestation, moon, time
- 810 part of a day:** afternoon, dawn, daybreak, dusk, gloom, morning, nightfall, sunset, twilight
- 811 past or future:** following, past, previous, succeeding/successive
- 812 proximity:** immediate, now, succeeding/successive
- 813 relative order:** follow, succeed
- 814 season:** autumn, spring, winter
- 815 specific:** anniversary, date, daybreak, instance, point, yesterday, zero hour
- 816 stage of existence:** administration, childhood, day, generation, millenium, phase, stage, tenure
- 817 stage of life form:** adolescence, babyhood, cradle, landmark, lifetime, maternity, prime, spell, youth
- 818 temporal association:** anachronism, dispatch, eternity, following, haste, past, precedence, previous, rush, succeeding/successive
- 819 temporal object:** anytime, time
- 820 time relative to present:** abaft, after, ahead, amid/amidst, antecedent, back, beforehand, belated, bygone, coincident, current, destined, during, ensuing, eventual, fated, first, fore, former, forthwith, historical,

immediately, impending, infant/infantile, just, momentarily, nearing, newly, once, present, previous, prior, recent, shortly, soon, subsequent, succeeding/successive, ultimate, until, yet

- 821 unit of time measure:** day, minute, wink
- 822 within a time period:** epoch, interval, semester, spell, stretch, while
- 823 year:** almanac, annual, time, yearly

## WHOLENESS OR DIVISION

- 824 added part:** arm, auxiliary, complement, excess, extra, flap, frill, furthermore, new, outgrowth, ramification, sequel, spin-off, supplement, trim, wing
- 825 bottom part:** fringe, rest, seat, stub, tail
- 826 core part:** base, bottom, core, crux, essential, filling/filler, foundation, germ, hub, inner, internal, marrow, nerve center, nucleus, root, trunk
- 827 end part:** abutment, back, butt, point, rear, stub, tail
- 828 first part:** appetizer, hors d'oeuvre, introduction, nucleus, precursor, preliminary, spark
- 829 main part:** bells and whistle, bulk, chief, feature, focus, hulk, main, nerve center, plurality, root
- 830 middle part:** aisle, axle, center, filling/filler, inside, intermediate, joint, junction/ juncture, median, midst, pivot
- 831 minor part:** atom, breath, chip, component, dandruff, detail, drop, factor, fiber, fleck, glimmer, grit, iota, joint, ligature, modicum, morsel, nibble, node/module, patch, pinch, powder, scrap, sliver, soupçon, specimen, splinter, sprinkling, tinge, trace, whisper, wisp
- 832 of an event:** chapter, conclusion, dawn, end, finale, finish, germ, height, inception, interruption, leg, meridian, opening, origin, outbreak, particular, period, prelude, prevention, prime, snatch, standstill, stay, stop, suspension, term, threshold, turning point, twist, win, zero hour
- 833 of an order:** back, end, front, middle
- 834 part:** accessory, attribute, constituent, feature, piece, thing, trash, unit
- 835 portion:** accompaniment, adjunct, allotment, appendage, bit, branch, contents, deal, dollop, drop, excerpt, extract, factor, fraction, front, ingredient, interest, layer, little, majority, measure, morsel, pat, piece, precinct, quota, remainder, rest, scrap, sector, share, slab, stake, taste, whit, wing
- 836 top part:** acme, apex, brim, citadel, crescendo, crown, extremity, front, height, maximum, orgasm, pinnacle, point, rim, tip, vertex, zenith
- 837 whole:** all, entirety, gross, system, unit